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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

St. Julie Billiart is a welcoming Roman Catholic community that deepens our personal relationship with Jesus Christ by worshipping together, reaching out to others and building up the Kingdom of God.



THE HOLY FAMILY

“For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.”

- Lk 2:30-31

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Pastor: Rev. Robert Franco

Parochial Vicar: Rev. Isidore Munishi

Deacons: Rev. Mr. John Rivera

Rev. Dr. Ken DeLuca, Retired

PSR Principal: Kelly Reed

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday.....5:00 p.m.

(This Mass is Live Streamed & Recorded)

Sunday..... 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

5:30 p.m. Evening Mass on

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

Holydays.....Consult the Bulletin

For updates check St. Julie's Website

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays.....3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

In the Church

PSR - PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Grades 1 - 8: 6:30 - 7:45 p.m. Sunday

(check PSR website for information)

RCIA & RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation
of Adults and Children)

BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Sunday by appointment

MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made 6 months
in advance

NEW PARISHIONERS

You are welcome to call the office
or register on line.

From the desk of Fr. Bob...

Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate Holy Family Sunday. We rejoice that Jesus Christ makes family life holy. We recall that most of Jesus' earthly life was lived in the family. It was a hidden, but holy existence. And this reminds us that we can live our hidden lives in a holy way in imitation of Christ. He makes both our home and family life a source of grace and holiness.

Earlier this month the Dicastery of the Doctrine of the Faith, with the approval of Pope Francis, published a document on blessings. Here is what our Diocese published about this document:

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, approved a recent document issued by the Vatican that has made it clear that anyone who has the intention of seeking God's help in living holy lives may request a blessing from the Church. Such people, including those who are in marriages not recognized by the Church and those in same-sex relationships, can be spontaneously blessed by the Church's ministers when they ask for God's strength and help in responding to His will. When people ask for a blessing from the Church, the Holy Father rightfully calls us to see it as a sign that they wish to do God's will and that they, like all of us, need God's help to do it. As the document states explicitly, this in no way changes Church teaching, including that marriage is reserved to one man and one woman.

Diocese of Cleveland Statement issued December 18, 2023.

I added the underline to the statement by the Diocese. Though this statement caused quite a splash with the media and has raised questions in the minds of many Catholics, this is not a change in church teaching. If you have questions regarding this document, please read it! I believe it can be accessed at our website. May the Lord make our families holy!

Updates: As was announced last weekend, the St. Julie-St. Peter Ukrainian Welcome Circle has a family! The Bryiovski family (parents and three children ages 8, 6 and 3) arrived on December 10, having been sponsored by a Ukrainian Full Gospel congregation. Because of our Welcome Circle they will be moving into the home our UWC has rented and prepared. More details will follow. Please pray for them as they get settled in Parma.

Book Study: Looking for something new in the New Year? Check out our book study on the Eucharist, beginning on Saturday, January 6 at St. Julie Parish. Details are in this bulletin.

Just about every year I write a Christmas Poem. Here it is. May Christ change us!

Christmas Changes

Is Christmas a really big deal?
Everything that we hear, see, feel
Changes at this time of the year.
Too much for some people, I fear.

We eat different kinds of food,
Take on a different type of mood.
We go to different places,
Meet lots of different faces.

Much of this is enjoyable,
Some is just unavoidable.
But why is all this commotion?
It is not a magic potion.

All of these outward expressions
Give us all pause for reflections.
All of this points to Jesus Christ
Who claimed history's greatest heist.

God became man, walked on the earth.
He came to bring all to new birth.
What was locked in much futility
Was redeemed by great humility.

What was aimless, and without hope,
Is given grace to more than cope.
Visible changes to house and time
Proclaim changes that make life rhyme.

Jesus Christ turns all upside down,
By doing so, removes our frown.
Right side up we move, trending
Heavenward, with all that's mending.

Peace to you and each of your loved ones. God's grace, pledged to us in so many ways, will assist us as we embrace this New Year!

In Christ,
Fr. Bob Franco

Eucharistic Ministers

You are invited to a new and seasoned Eucharistic Ministers 'in house' training and refresher at St. Julie Billiard. Revised guidelines and protocol been written and will be distributed and reviewed during this session. Opportunities to practice will also be available along with a Q&A session. Please mark your calendars for **Saturday, January 13, 1:00 p.m.**, in the church at St. Julies.



Religious Education

PSR-Parish School of Religion

Sunday: Grades 1-8, 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Dec. 30	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Mary O'Malley (Jim & Peg Nolan)
Dec. 31	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	St. Julie Billiart Parishioners
		11:00 a.m.	Jeannie Frameli (James Frameli)
Jan. 1	Monday	11:00 a.m.	St. Julie Billiart Parishioners
Jan. 3	Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Dolores Snyder (Suzanne Snyder)
Jan. 5	Friday	5:30 p.m.	Ileen Sroka (Family & Friends)
Jan. 6	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Andy Vince (Keith & Agnes Klimkowicz)
Jan. 7	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	St. Julie Billiart Parishioners
		11:00 a.m.	Jim Purcell (Prayer Group Friends)

The Week Ahead

Mon. **Mary, The Holy Mother of God**

Happy New Year

Wed. Rosary, 1:00 Church

Sat. Book Study, 10-11:30

Coming Events

Woman's Breakfast
Eucharistic Training
Men's Breakfast

Women's Breakfast

Our next Women's Fellowship Breakfast will be on January 13th at St. Julie's from 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. Join us for a delicious breakfast and to hear from Deacon Ken DeLuca. To ensure enough seating and food is prepared, please RSVP by January 8th at our website: <https://www.stpeternr.org/womens-ministry>. If you prefer, you can call 440-327-2201 and we will get you registered.

Men's Breakfast

Please join us for the St. Julie & St. Peter Men's Fellowship breakfast on Saturday, January 20th at 8:20 a.m. Breakfast will be served at St. Peter's in the Gym. Open to men of any parish in the Diocese, come and enjoy a hearty, hot breakfast followed by a short video and discussion. We will end promptly at 9:45 am. So we have an idea of how much food to prepare please RSVP by sending an email to sjspbreakfast@gmail.com by January 15th.



When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:39-40

Book Study

The second of our book studies during this year of the Parish Eucharistic Revival begins January 6th and will run for 5 weeks at St. Julie's at 10:00 a.m. We will be reading the book *Real Presence - What Does It Mean and Why Does It Matter?* by Timothy P. O'Malley. Books will be available for \$15 each unless you prefer to order your own. For more details and to register, please visit our website at <https://www.stpeternr.org/eucharist-book-study-real-presence>. The reading plan will be provided at a later date.



the health of, and caregivers of: Connor Laska, grandson of Joyce & Marty Laska, Fr. Gonser, Alan Pavelschak, Chuck Smick, Jeff Kohl, son of Mary Anne Schwarzwaldler, Emily Jirousek, granddaughter of Bob & Mary Ann Jirousek, Lincoln Nye, Marian Kessler, Carter Evard, grandson of Jim & Joanne Carter, Christian Hoffman, nephew of Pat, Cathy Sliter, Daniel DeLaat, Mae Preiss, mother of Sandy Zanick, Dolores Rivera, Bob Jirousek, Fr. George, Debijo Lamb, June Kearney, Barb Vrtachnik, Jim Carter, Lola Cook, Mary Lee, Terry Flanagan, Carol Polak, Jean Rasmussen, Kathleen Sobczak, JoAnne Bellomo, and the Regula family; for our men & women in uniform; our firefighters, police, doctors & nurses; for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, & religious life.


**BLESSINGS
ON OUR
NEW YEAR**

Parish Stewardship


Dec. 24/25, Christmas:	\$14,781
Faith Direct: (Sun., Dec. 4 & 15)	\$4,155
School Subsidy:	\$205
Capital Improvement:	\$315
Net Offertory:	\$19,456
In Person Mass Attendance:	877

Thank you for sharing your Blessings.




Ministers Schedule

<u>Sat, Dec 30, 5:00 Rec</u>	<u>Sun, Dec. 31, 9:00</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>
S-Beth Paoloni	Not Filled	Mike Yarosh
L-Kelly Reed	Linda Vasiloff	Cindy Naprestek
EM-Jim Nolan	Tom Lamoda	Barb Arguello
Greg Dubecky	Ray Sharron	Mike Yarosh
Beth Paoloni 	Jim Livingston 	Joe Kotarsky 

<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
U-Nick Guerrieri	Hung Le	Gene Morrison
U- Not Filled	Not Filled	Not Filled

<u>Mon, Jan. 1, 11:00 am</u>	Mary, The Holy Mother of God
S- Not Filled	
L-Gloria Hearn	
EM-Mark LaLonde	
Ray Sharron	New Years Day
Deacon John 	

<u>Ushers</u>
U- Not Filled
U- Not Filled

<u>Sat, Jan. 6, 5:00 Rec</u>	<u>Sun, Jan. 7, 9:00</u>	<u>11:00</u>
S-Beth Paoloni	John Burghard	Mike Yarosh
L-Jane Herbcha	Amy Shealy	Lisa Palazzo
EM-Jim Livingston	Barb Arguello	Kristine Krejsa
Beth Paoloni	John Burghard	Mike Yarosh
Ted Lapponi 	Ray Sharron 	Joe Kotarsky 

<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
U-Hung Le	Nick Guerrieri	Gene Schwarzwald
U-Agnes Klimkowicz	Not Filled	Not Filled

Friends, when you see a vacancy here, dig deep inside yourself and see where you can help.

Theology on the Rocks West For Adults 40 & Over
 Join us Monday, January 8 at **Copper Cup (Ironwood Café)** 688 Dover Center in Westlake. Join us and kick-off the New Year with *Deacon Dave Pecot*, Deacon at St. Basil the Great as he will speak to us about ***Finding God in the Ordinary!*** Cost is \$15 per person which includes light appetizers & refreshments. Cash Bar is also available. **Advance tickets highly recommended** as space is limited & this will sell out. **Register in advance:** www.theologyontherockswest.com. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Program begins at 7 p.m.



News & Events

UKRAINIAN WELCOME CIRCLE

St. Julie & St. Peter Ukrainian Welcome Circle

Donations: If you are able to support us financially, use one of the following options:

The envelopes at the doors of the church for cash or checks made payable to "St.

Julie & St. Peter UWC", FaithDirect or GoFundMe (Help



A Young Ukrainian Family to Start a New Life). Won't you consider sharing the GoFundMe on your personal social media sites?

More Info: Visit our web page at

www.stpeternr.org/ukrainian-welcome-circle

for more info or submit your questions to welcomecircle23nr@gmail.com. **Thank you** for your prayers, labor, monetary support and other donations.

Super Bowl Squares

The St. Julie and St. Peter Ukrainian Welcome Circle is happy to announce the release of our Super Bowl Squares for the game on February 11, 2024. Squares will be \$25 each and numbers will rotate each quarter with the winners of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd quarters along with the final score taking home \$250 each!

If you are interested or have any questions please contact Dean Morrison at (440-670-3479) or email me at morrison3827@gmail.com. Make checks payable to "St. Julie and St. Peter UWC". Send to Dean Morrison, 33483 Lyons Gate Run, Avon, Ohio 44011. We are hoping that everyone will share this with family and friends as it's so much fun when others play along too. Thank You in advance.

Rosary for the Holy Land

All St. Julie and St. Peter parishioners are invited to pray for an end to the war in the Holy Land and for peace in the world. It is our hope that the Rosary will be prayed continuously all day on Tuesdays. All 20 minute time slots will need to be filled. You can pray wherever you are: at home, at Church, or in your car. To select your time slot, go to the parish website and click the link that will take you to the sign up page or scan the QR Code. Choose your designated time and submit. Then all you need to do is pray the Rosary at that time each Tuesday. If you prefer, you can call 440-327-2201 to get registered. If you have any questions, please call Cheryle, 440-327-2201.



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Thoughtful Moments

St. Marguerite Bourgeoys

Born at Troyes, France in 1620, St. Marguerite desired early on to become a missionary. A friend introduced her to the mayor of Ville Marie (now Montreal, Canada) and, at his invitation, St. Marguerite traveled to Canada to teach the children of the colony. She was later joined by several women – all consecrated to God and devoted to teaching and Works of Mercy. In 1676, she gained approval for her order, the Congregation of Notre-Dame de Montreal.



Fishers of Men

Some of the first apostles were fishermen working in the Sea of Galilee. The fish there were known for their quality and commanded a high price. Next time you eat fresh fish, remember Peter and Simon, James and John, the hard-working fishermen who left their boats to follow Jesus.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come" (2 Corinthians 5:17).



Shape children's hearts with virtues

A key element of Catholic parenting is to shape the hearts of our children, not just manage their behavior. One way to shape a child's heart is to offer opportunities to grow in virtue:

Modesty: "Modesty protects the intimate center of a person. It means refusing to unveil what should remain hidden"

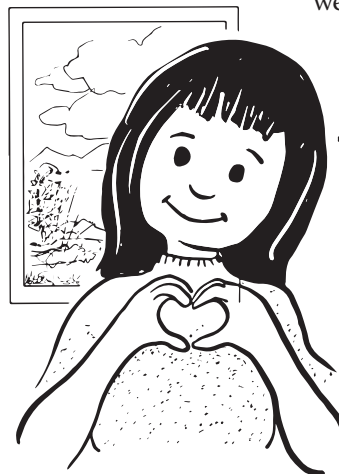
(*Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC), #2521). Modesty awakens in youngsters a respect for the human person. Teach them to dress, speak, and take in entertainment that is wholesome, uplifting, and respectful of themselves and others.

Faithfulness: When children see that their parents are faithful to one another, for example, they intuit that

faithfulness or fidelity means to act in a way that honors a commitment. Children may not always hear what we say, but they are influenced by what they see us do.

Meekness: Meekness is not timidity. It fuels self-control. St. Thomas Aquinas cautioned against expressing physical anger because it makes anger outsized. Guide and model how to use meekness to manage anger. Meekness will help prevent evil from ruling actions.

Charity: "If I...have not love, I gain nothing" (1 Corinthians 13:3). Charity is giving love without an expectation of receiving in return. Teach children to put others' needs first. They will find that as they grow in charity, they will be happier and more joy-filled.



Why Do Catholics Do That ?

Why do Catholics have infants baptized?

As a Sacrament, Baptism conveys grace and the "washing away" of sin and the "rebirth" of the baptized as a child of God. It starts us on the surest path to salvation: "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will



be condemned" (Mark 16:16).

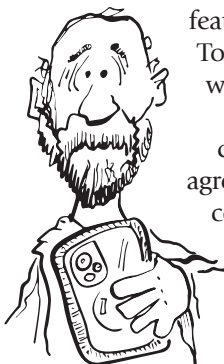
Catholic parents, desiring the best for their children, baptize them as infants, believing it will give them the best chance of true joy in this life and eternal life in the next.

If the saints had social media, what would they post?

Is there a “holy” way to use social media? Consider these suggestions from the saints:

To friend or unfriend? St. Teresa of Ávila cautioned that parents “be very careful whom they allow to mix with their children when young.” Although socially outgoing and fun-loving, she didn’t try to be liked by everyone, but sought the close friendships with those who encouraged her in holiness.

“Kind comments, only.” St. Philip Neri advised someone who gossiped to pluck a chicken and scatter the feathers in the wind. Those far-flung



feathers were like rumors – impossible to take back. Today, he would warn us to be careful what we post; who knows how many will see it.

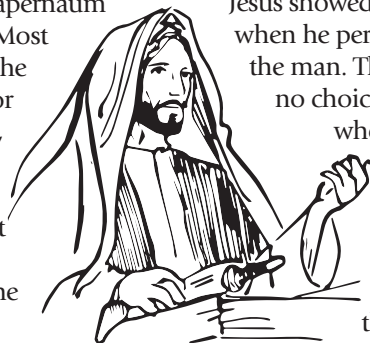
Disagree, but charitably: St. Thomas Aquinas debated often and won admiration, if not agreement, from his adversaries for his respectful conduct. “We must love [those who agree and disagree]...for they help us in the finding of [the truth].” For those in online debates, he would advise all to respond with charity and humility while still seeking the Truth.

Scripture LESSON

Mark 1:21-28, Jesus is no ordinary teacher

In this Gospel reading, we read that Jesus entered the synagogue at Capernaum with His apostles to teach. Most teachers would draw from the writings of other scholars for authority, and would begin, “Thus says the Lord...” but Jesus said, “I tell you...” As God, He already knew what the Scriptures meant without leaning on someone else’s teaching.

Jesus taught as one who had the authority of God and that astonished His listeners. Even the unclean spirits who were torturing a man at the synagogue recognized Jesus as “the Holy One of Israel.” Clearly, this was



no ordinary teacher!

Jesus showed His authority again when he performed an exorcism on the man. The unclean spirits had no choice but to obey Him when he commanded them to depart, despite their reluctance.

What can a parent do? Jesus shows us that God’s power and love are greater than any evil. Teach children that they can talk to Jesus about anything that happens, good or bad. At the same time, stress that Jesus is God and deserves to be worshipped and obeyed.

Parent TALK

Our busyness was crowding out family time. Between homework, practices, and playdates, we hardly ever had family dinner or attended Mass together.



One Sunday when my daughter expected to skip Mass for a soccer tournament, I realized we needed a reboot.

That Saturday night we gathered around the table. I lit a candle and announced that Family Day had begun. I said that God wants us to keep Sunday holy, so Family Day starts at sundown on Saturday and goes through Sunday.

Now Sunday morning begins with church music while we dress for Mass. There are muffins or coffee cake made the night before so we can enjoy them and still observe the Communion fast. Then we attend Mass together and have a meal afterwards.

Then, whatever we do during the day, we do together. After dinner we blow out the “Sunday Candle” and feel ready to face the week.

Feasts & Celebrations

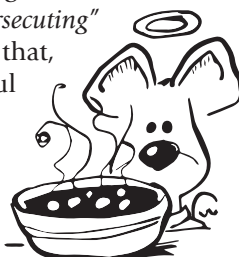
January 3 – Feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus. “...At the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth” (Philippians 2:10). Today, a deep bow of the head at the Name is an accepted form of respect.

January 7 – Epiphany of Our Lord. Epiphany is Greek for “manifestation.” When they honored the infant Jesus, the three wise men bore witness to the fulfillment of God’s promise of a savior.

January 21 – St. Agnes (304). St.

Agnes consecrated herself to God. Reportedly she was betrayed for being a Christian by a suitor whom she refused to marry. She maintained her faith and was executed as a result.

January 25 – The Conversion of St. Paul. Formally called “Saul” he persecuted the Christians until Jesus appeared to him on the road to Damascus, saying, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting” (Acts 9:5). After that, Saul became Paul and traveled around the known world, preaching the Faith.



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