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December 17, 2023

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.

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

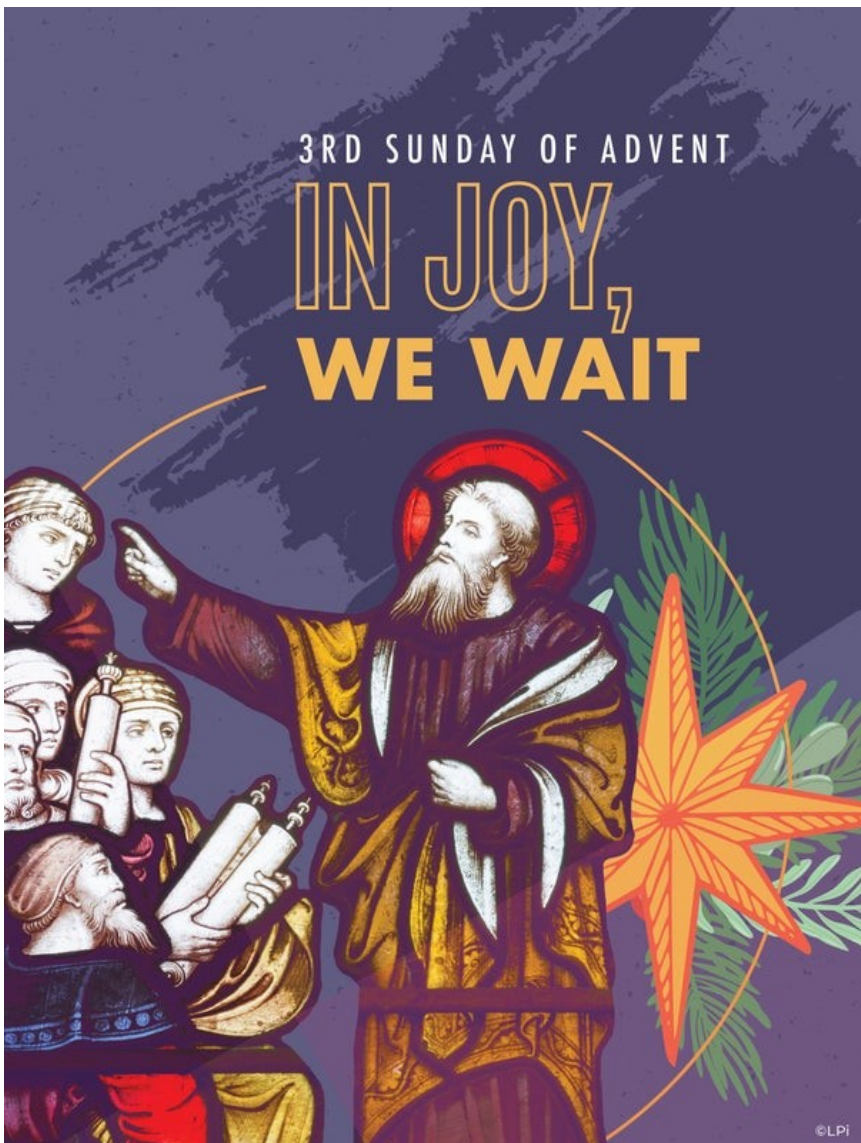
1st & 3rd Sunday by appointment

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 Parishioner,

Last Saturday a number of our children had donuts with Santa. It was kind of Santa to make time for us at St. Julie Parish. I want to thank Kelly Reed, Jill Papesch and Dave Davis for organizing our teenagers, in particular our Confirmation students, to make this event a success.

I regret not being able to visit Donuts with Santa. After greeting the *Following Christ* retreat at St. Peter's, I pick up a phone message on my voice mail and heard that our founding pastor Fr. Gonser was in UH Elyria Memorial Hospital. I had to wait my turn as he was first being evaluated by the physical therapy team and then interviewed by a doctor. Fr. Gonser was in good spirits. However, due to weakness in his legs, it looks like he will be going to a rehab facility for some therapy. Please keep him in your prayers. Fr. Gonser has often reminded his brother priests in Lorain County that he is our eldest brother.

As you may have noticed, St. Julie Parish has a new music director. Her name is Mary Pokrywka. Mary oversees choirs for the Sheffield-Sheffield Village School System for both the Middle School and High School. She previously served as a music director at St. Bernadette Parish. Besides bringing a lovely voice and keyboard skills, Mary is a very experienced choir director. She has a working knowledge of our Oregon Catholic Press hymnal called *Breaking Bread* and its digital expressions.

I am very grateful that Mary Pokrywka has accepted the position as Music Director at St. Julie Parish. She and her husband Rich, along with their three children, live in Sheffield Lake.

Today is the Third Sunday of Advent, also known as **Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday**. The readings highlight joy because we are more than halfway through Advent and the Lord is near. As Isaiah the prophet proclaims: *I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul*. St. Paul adds to this his exhortations: *Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus*.

How can we grow in joy? We have some direction given in our gospel, which again presents us with St. John the Baptist. Perhaps in our day he would be a media sensation. After clearly denying that he was not the Christ, Elijah or the Prophet, **John the Baptist declares that he is *The Voice***. John is the voice not because he sings so well, but because his voice prepares the way for *The Word*, Jesus Christ, the Word made Flesh.

Joy is a by-product of listening to the voice John the Baptist and embracing the Word made Flesh, Jesus Christ. Later in this gospel, John calls himself the Bridegroom's friend. And John rejoices in that role. He proclaims that *He must increase and I must decrease*. These words highlight the path to joy. **The more that Christ can influence our lives, the greater our joy will be.**

(continued)

As we approach the coming Christmas Season, let us continue to seek out the Lord. As we celebrate the coming of Light that scatters the darkness of our world, let us seek to be polished mirrors who reflect the truth, love and wisdom of the Lord into our world that seems, at times, so confused and cold.

I have added confessions at St. Julie Parish the week before Christmas. There will be confession on Wednesday, December 20 from 3:00-4:00 p.m. and 7:00-8:00 p.m. This is in addition to the 3:30-4:30 p.m. time on Saturday, December 23.

Finally, please look over the Mass schedule for next weekend. As practicing Catholics, we are to celebrate both the 4th Sunday of Advent as well as Christmas. There are three usual Masses for the 4th Sunday of Advent: 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. on Sunday morning. Then, that Sunday afternoon (which is Christmas Eve), St. Julie will begin the Christmas Masses. Those Masses are: 5:00 and 10:00 p.m. On Monday, Christmas Day, Masses are at 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. All are welcome!

In Christ,
Fr. Bob Franco

Mass Schedule for Christmas and New Years

Christmas Mass Schedule

Confession - Wednesday, December 20,
3:00-4:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 23,
3:30-4:30 p.m.
Christmas Eve - Sunday, December 24
5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.
Christmas Day - Monday, December 25
9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
New Year's Day - Monday, January 1, 11:00 a.m.

Thank you

Just a note to express our heartfelt thanks for the monetary donations and gifts purchased for Christmas from the Giving Tree. This year we provided for seniors and families at Neighborhood Family Alliance, our local Community Care, Lorain County Children Services, as well as three local families. Good job St. Julies!!

Religious Education

PSR-Parish School of Religion

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



the health of, and caregivers of:
Fr. Gonser, Chuck Smick, Jeff Kohl, son of Mary Anne Schwarzwald, Emily Jirousek, granddaughter of Bob & Mary Ann Jirousek, Marian Kessler, Carter Evard, grandson of Jim & Joanne Carter, Christian Hoffman, nephew of Pat, Cathy Sliter, Daniel DeLaat, Tom Kubiak, Mae Preiss, mother of Sandy Zanick, Paul & Ana Kovacs, 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, and religious life.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Dec. 16	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Kay Galik (Richard & Elaine Galik)
Dec. 17	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	St. Julie Billiart Parishioners
		11:00 a.m.	Jim Purcell (Prayer Group Friends)
Dec. 18	Monday	5:30 p.m.	Margaret Treadwell (Dennis Aron)
Dec. 20	Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Linda LaLonde (Family)
Dec. 22	Friday	5:30 p.m.	Health of Steven (Ed & Marion Matuszak)
Dec. 23	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Kenneth Guerra (Richard & Elaine Galik)
Dec. 24	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	St. Julie Billiart Parishioners
		11:00 a.m.	Linda LaLonde (Family)
Christmas Eve		5:00 p.m.	Snyder & Walters Families (Family)
		10:00 p.m.	St. Julie Billiart Parishioners
Dec. 25	Monday	9:00 a.m.	Dennis Payne (Elaine Payne)
		11:00 a.m.	Phyllis Harstine (Robert Brooks)

The Week Ahead

- Mon.** Following Christ, 7:00-8:30
- Wed.** Rosary, 1:00, Church
- Sat.** Men's Breakfast, St. Julie's

Pen Pals - A Prison Ministry

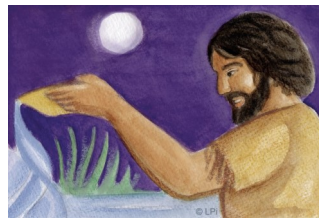
Pen pals are needed for correspondence with residents of Ohio correctional institutions. Many of these men and women are estranged from their families, depressed, and lonely. We write letters of encouragement and share prayer requests using "pen names" and the parish office as our mailing address. For more information, call George Scherma (440) 465-8944 or email Ted Lapponi

TedLapponi@gmail.com. Currently, we have seventeen residents waiting for pen pals. "For I was ... in prison and you visited me." Mt 25: 35-36.

Eucharistic Ministers Please Volunteer

We desperately need volunteers to do home Communion calls on Sundays. After the first of the year, we will be down to two volunteers. We take Communion to six very grateful people each week. Won't you volunteer for this very rewarding ministry?

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.
- Jn 1:6-8



Gifts for Baby Jesus

In support of Birthright of Lorain County please see the Flyer in the bulletin for gift suggestions. Bring to church Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. You can use: linktr.ee/birthrightloraincounty for the Amazon wish list, donate button, and learning more information about everything Birthright does.

2024 Calendars

You can pick up a calendar for 2024 in the vestibule complements of the Bogner Family Funeral Home.



John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie."
- Jn 1:26-27

Parish Stewardship

Dec. 10:	.....	\$5887
Faith Direct:	.....	\$0
School Subsidy:	.....	\$50
Capital Improvement:	.....	\$690
Net Offertory:	.....	\$6627
In Person Mass Attendance:	.....	314
<i>Thank you for sharing your Blessings.</i>		

Ministers Schedule

<u>Sat, Dec 16, 5:00 Rec</u>	<u>Sun, Dec. 17, 9:00</u>	<u>11:00</u>
S- <u>Not Filled</u>	<u>Not Filled</u>	<u>Not Filled</u>
L-Kelly Reed	Barb Arguello	<u>Not Filled</u>
EM-Agnes Kl.	Gretchen Bulan	Leslie Rozman
<u>Not Filled</u>	Tom Lamoda	<u>Not Filled</u>
Ted Lapponi	Jim Livingston	Larry Rozman

<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
U-Hung Lee	<u>Not Filled</u>	<u>Not Filled</u>
U-Agnes Klimkowicz	Nick Guerrieri	<u>Not Filled</u>

<u>Sat, Dec 23, 5:00 Rec</u>	<u>Sun, Dec. 24, 9:00</u>	<u>11:00</u>
S-Beth Paoloni	Kathleen McWeeny	Beth Paoloni
L-Cindy Naprestek	Amy Shealy	<u>Not Filled</u>
EM-Ceil Morrison	Tom Lamoda	Barb Arguello
Beth Paoloni	Kathleen McWeeny	Beth Paoloni
<u>Not Filled</u>	Jim Livingston	<u>Not Filled</u>

<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
U-Nick Guerrieri	Jim Gaffney	Gene Schwarzwaldner
U-Sue Dybowski	<u>Not Filled</u>	Hung Lee

<u>Sun, Dec 24, 5:00 Rec</u>	<u>10:00 p.m.</u>	
S-Suzanne Snyder	John Burghard	<u>Christmas</u> <u>Eve</u>
L-Gloria Hearnis	Kelly Reed	
EM-Agnes Klimkowicz	John Burghard	
Denise Pastula	Jim Livingston	
Suzanne Snyder	Suzanne Snyder	
<u>Not Filled</u>	<u>Not Filled</u>	
Deacon John	<u>Not Filled</u>	
Ted Lapponi		

<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	
U- <u>Not Filled</u>	<u>Not Filled</u>	
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<u>Mon, Dec 25, 9:00</u>	<u>Sun, Dec. 25, 11:00</u>	
S-Kathleen McWeeny	Beth Paoloni	<u>Christmas</u> <u>Day</u>
L-Cindy Naprestek	Mark LaLonde	
EM-Tom Lamoda	Beth Paoloni	
Ray Sharron	<u>Not Filled</u>	
Kathleen McWeeny	Chris Snyder	
<u>Not Filled</u>		
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<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
U-Jim Gaffney	Sue Dybowski	<u>Not Filled</u>
U- <u>Not Filled</u>	<u>Not Filled</u>	<u>Not Filled</u>



News & Events

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 the parish office to get registered. If you have any questions, please call Cheryle, 440-327-2201.



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.

Book Study

The second of our book studies during this year of the Parish Eucharistic Revival begins Saturday, January 6th and will run for 5 weeks. It will be held 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. We have books 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.

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.



GoFundMe

Thank you for your prayers, labor, monetary support and other donations.



Remember Loved Ones at Christmas (Living or Deceased)

Names of loved ones will be printed in the Christmas bulletin.

Please Print.

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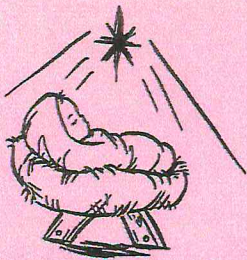
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If you've donated for flowers on Faith Direct and would like a loved one remembered, check here:



[Return to the rectory by Noon on Monday, December 18](#)



Gifts for Baby Jesus in Support of Birthright of Lorain County

In our continuing support of Birthright of Lorain County, St. Julie's Respect Life and Rosary groups will sponsor our annual "Gifts for Baby Jesus" at all masses Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Birthright uses these items to make up layette sets that are given to mothers to take their babies home from the hospital. These mothers have decided to give their babies the greatest gift of all, Life! We like these items to be new.

Requested items include:

Diapers (all size)

Wipes / Ointment

Outfits (Boy/Girl 3-18 Mth)

Formula

Onsies (3-18 Mth)

Receiving Blankets

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Hooded Towels / Wash Cloths

Bottles (4 - 8 oz)

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