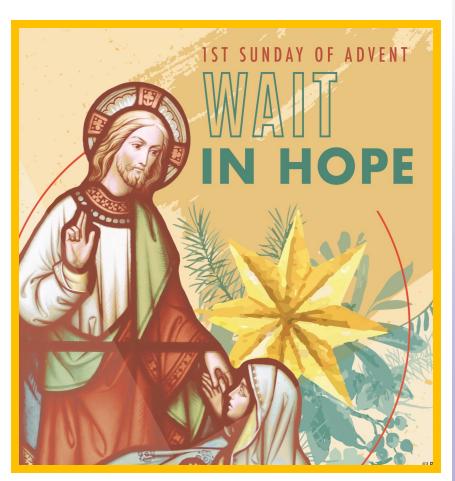


December 3, 2023

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

St. Julie Billiart is a welcoming Roman Catholic community that deepens our personal relationship with Jesus Christ by worshiping 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

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.

1st Sunday of Advent

From the desk of Fr. Bob...

Dear Parishioner,

The First Sunday of Advent begins a new Church Year and a season of preparation for the coming of the Lord. This First Sunday of Advent has as a special focus the second coming of the Lord. This will shift to preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. However, for this week, it is about being ready for the return of the Lord.

The "Return of the Lord" theme permeates all our readings. From Isaiah we hear the plea, Return for the sake of your servants. St. Paul, in our second reading tells the Corinthians to ...wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. And in the gospel, Jesus teaches us, You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work...Watch...May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.

Advent is a season of preparation. The external preparations (exterior and interior house decorating, gift shopping, holiday parties) are to be an expression of a more important preparation. We are to prepare our soul to welcome the Lord. This would include a good confession, a fresh embracing of our vocational duties, personal prayer, holy reading (like Sacred Scripture, the Catechism of the Catholic Church or other good reading), and charitable service. This kind of preparation helps us become more eager for Christ's coming.

In addressing his own flock in the fifth century, St. Augustine challenged the flock of his church saying something to the effect: You say that you want His return, but you are afraid that He will come. Do we really love him or are we afraid of his coming? Or do we love our sins more? Let us pray to love the Lord more than our sins!

Next week, besides our ordinary times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, St. Peter and St. Julie will be hosting the annual Advent Communal Penance Service. We will be doing this at a NEW TIME this year. The Penance Service will be at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 10 at St. Julie Church. It will be a great day to prepare for the coming of the Lord.

Besides this joint penance service between St. Peter and St. Julie Parishes, our grade school children will also be going to confession. The St. Peter PSR and Day School will be going this week on Monday evening and Wednesday morning. The St. Julie PSR program will be celebrating the sacrament of penance on Sunday, December 10 during the regularly scheduled PSR time. Let's ready the way of the Lord!

This Friday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. This is how God the Father prepared the way for his Son. By a singular grace, God created Mary without the stain of original sin. Immaculately conceived (through the redemption wrought by the death and rising of Jesus Christ-yes, I know it took place after Mary was conceived, but God can do that), Mary became the fit vessel, the Ark of the Covenant

so to speak, to bring Jesus into the world. Also, Mary as the Immaculate Conception, is the patroness of the United States.

Masses are on Thursday evening (at St. Peter's only) at 7:00 p.m. and then on Friday at: 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. at St. Julie's and 8:15 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. at St. Peter's. Choose your Mass and plan on being there!

In Christ, Fr. Bob Franco

Attention PrimeTimers

It's time to reserve your spot for our Annual Holiday Luncheon at Mahle's Restaurant located at 24945 Detroit Rd. In Westlake on Wednesday, December 20, at 11:30 a.m. Lunch is \$21 per person which includes your choice of entree (Turkey Croissant with Fries & Slaw, Eggplant Parmesan with Pasta, Breaded Pork Chop with Mashed Potatoes & Vegetable or Chicken Marsala with Mashed Potatoes & Vegetable), cake for dessert and gratuity. Please contact Sue Dybowski at 419-350-1164 or sadybowski2@gmail.com by Friday, December 15, to reserve your spot. Hope to see you there!

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.

"NEW" You can use: linktr.ee/ birthrightloraincounty for the Amazon wish list, donate button, and learning more information about everything Birthright does.

Take Note

If you have an article to put into the bulletin for December, please send it at least two weeks in advance because of the Christmas holidays. LPI, who publishes our bulletin, has changed all of the due dates for the bulletins in December.

Religious Education

PSR-Parish School of Religion

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

Dec. 2	Saturday	5:00 p.m. Jose Guirnalda (Jael Frinzel)
Dec. 3	Sunday	9:00 a.m. Deceased of the Forthofer Family (Linda & Mik
		11:00 a.m. St. Julie Billiart Parishioners
Dec. 4	Monday	5:30 p.m. Special Intention of the Rasmussen Family
Dec. 6	Wednesday	5:30 p.m. Ileen Sroka (Family & Friends)
Dec. 8	Friday	9:00 a.m. St. Julie Billiart Parishioners
		7:00 p.m. Ileen Sroka (Friends & Family)
Dec. 9	Saturday	5:00 p.m. Charles Smick, Sr. (Chuck Smick)
Dec. 10	Sunday	9:00 a.m. Marty Mahoney (Bill & Kathy O'Malley)

11:00 a.m. St. Julie Billiart Parishioners

The Week Ahead

Sat. Christmas Craft Show, 9:00-4:00 p.m.

Sun. PSR Mass, 9:00 a.m.

Walking with Mom's in Need, Noon, Holy Family Rood

Mon. Following Christ, 7:00-8:30 Tues. Choir Practice, 7:00 p.m.

Wed. Rosary, 1:00, Church Walking With Mom's in

Need, 7:00 HFR

Thurs. K of C, 7:00 p.m.

Sun. Advent Penance Service, 3:00 p.m. at St. Julie's

Coming Events

Men's Breakfast Crockpot

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

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

Needed

The nursing home ministry is in need of individuals willing to bring communion to the nursing homes following Sunday Mass. Two of the facilities have one EM distributing to 35+ residents. It would be helpful to have a second volunteer. If you are interested in this rewarding ministry, please contact St. Peter Parish office (440)327-2201.

PRAY FOR ...

the health of, and caregivers of: Jeff Kohl, son of Mary Anne Schwarzwalder, 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 the repose of the soul of Bill Cernanec, brother of Rose Regula; for our men & women in uniform; our firefighters, police, doctors & nurses; for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life.

IRA Charitable Rollover

If you are 70 1/2 or older, you may be able to make a gift of a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA that will help us in our ministry and reduce your taxable income. Talk to your advisors and IRA administrator for more information and to be sure that your IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution gift is made directly from an IRA to a qualified charity such as St. Julie Billiart. Contact your Financial Advisor for information.



Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will

come. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'' - Mk 13:33, 37

Parish Stewardship	
Nov. 19:	\$3490
Faith Direct:	\$2205
School Subsidy:	\$30
Capital Improvement:	\$210
Net Offertory:	
In Person Mass Attendance: 349	

Thank you for sharing your Blessings.

Parish Stewardsh	nip
Nov. 26:	
Faith Direct:	\$0
School Subsidy:	\$10
Capital Improvement:	
Net Offertory:	
In Person Mass Attendance:	324

Thank you for sharing your Blessings.

	Ministers <i>S</i> chedu	le
Sat, Dec 2,5:00 Rec S-Suzanne Snyder L-Jessica Angelo EM-Ceil Morrison Suzanne Snyder Ted Lapponi	Sun, Dec. 3, 9:00 John Burghard Ken Allen Barb Arguello Tom Lamoda Jim Livingston	11:00 Not Filled Kristine Krejsa Chris Snyder Not Filled Larry Rozman
Ushers U-Nick Guerrieri U-Not Filled	<u>Ushers</u> Not Filled Not Filled	Ushers Not Filled Hung Lee
Fri. Dec. 8, 9:00am S-Jim Nolan L-Mark LaLonde EM-Jim Nolan Not Filled Not Filled	Feast of the Immaculate Conception	Fri. Dec. 8, 7:00pm Suzanne Snyder Gloria Hearns Kathleen McWeeny Suzanne Snyder Deacon John
Sat, Dec 9,5:00 Rec S-Beth Paoloni L-Terry Flanagan EM-Beth Paoloni Greg Dubecky Not Filled	Sun, Dec. 3, 9:00 Kathleen McWeeny Linda Vasiloff Ray Sharron Kathleen McWeeny Jim Livingston	11:00 Mike Yarosh Lisa Palazzo Joe Kotarsky Mike Yarosh Not Filled
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UKRAINIAN WELCOME CIRCLE UPDATE

We recently got news from the Prymachovs. They are safely out of Ukraine. Unfortunately, they will not be coming to the US.

While this is sad news for us, our focus is on the Prymachovs. They are safe in Europe rebuilding their lives. We are blessed to have been a part of that journey.

We have already reached out to the resources we previously used and a number of new resources to find another family to sponsor. We will keep you updated on our progress.

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: www.stpeternr.org/ukrainian-welcome-circle or submit your questions to welcomecircle23nr@gmail.com.

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

News & Events

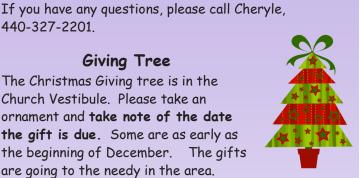
Rosary for the Holy Land

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.

Giving Tree

440-327-2201.

The Christmas Giving tree is in the Church Vestibule. Please take an ornament and take note of the date the gift is due. Some are as early as the beginning of December. The gifts are going to the needy in the area.



Men's Breakfast

Please join us for the St Julie & St Peter Men's Fellowship breakfast on Saturday, December 16th at 8:20 a.m. Breakfast will be served at St. Julie's in the Church. 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 a.m. So we have an idea of how much food to prepare please RSVP by sending an email to sispbreakfast@gmail.com by December 11th.

Over 24,000 Lives Saved! 40 Days for Life Fall Campaign Final Results: Praise God! The results of the recently completed 2023 Fall Campaign are truly aweinspiring! First, 681 cities held fall campaigns making this the largest Campaign ever! Three more abortion workers were converted and quit the abortion industry! Two more abortion facilities closed! Finally, and most important, 505 babies' lives were spared from abortion. The cumulative results since 40 Days for Life started in 2007 are: 24,165 babies spared from abortion; 254 workers converted; 147 abortion facilities closed; and over 1 million people have participated! You can hear about all these exciting results and more by watching the 40 Days for Life "Stand Up For Freedom" webcast at: https://youtu.be/frdWBEDwj3E. Thank you and God bless you for your prayers for His littlest children!



Remember Loved Ones at Christmas (Living or Deceased)

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

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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
Baby Wash/Shampoo
Hooded Towels / Wash Cloths
Bottles (4 - 8 oz)
Fleece Baby Blankets

** December 24 & December 25

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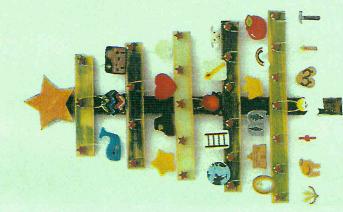
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The Jesse Tree comes from **Isaiah**11:1: "A shoot shall come out of the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots." Jesse was the father of King David. We adorn a Jesse Tree with illustrated ornaments that represent the people, prophesies, and events leading up to the birth of Jesus.

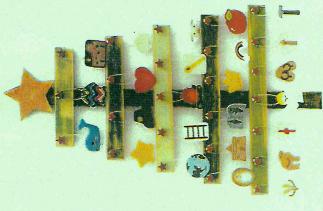
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Making a Jesse Tree can help set our hearts on the true meaning of Christmas. This historical Christmas tradition dates back to the Middle Ages and acts as an Advent activity to remind both children and adults of the events leading up to Jesus' birth.

If you would like to put an ornament on the Jessee Tree at the beginning of Mass, or read a short verse about the ornament, please sign up in the vestibule. Moms and Dads, older brothers and sisters, or anyone else, can read a verse or add ornaments.

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2023 Family Advent Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Inursaay	Friday	saruraay
Buy or make an Advent wreath and bless it. Light the violet candle every night this week.	4 Assign "Advent Angels." Draw names at random and encourage good works in secret.	Set out the empty Nativity scene. Add characters gradually throughout Advent. Save Baby Jesus for last.	St. Nicholas of Myra Encourage everyone to perform an act of kindness in honor of today's generous saint.	Buy gifts for children in need. Consult your parish office for suggestions.	S The Immaculate Conception of Mary On this Holy Day of Obligation, attend Mass together. Pray for the United States of America.	Decorate a Jesse tree and discuss its meaning. Learn more at www.usccb.org.
Light two violet candles nightly this week. Sing "O Come, O Come Emmanuel."	Call or email your parish office and ask how your family can help with upcoming preparations for Christmas.	12 Cur Lady of Guadalupe Put a vase of flowers before a statue of Mary and sing "Hail, Holy Queen" to celebrate.	At dinner, ask each person to share one way God blessed him or her that day.	Before bedtime, perform an examination of conscience using the Ten Commandments and the Beattudes (Matthew 5:3-11).	Contact Catholic Relief Services (877-HELP-CRS or www. catholicrelief.org). Ask how you can help.	Seek God's mercy in Confession as a family to greet the Savior with clean souls.
Light two violet candles and one rose one for joy. Have a small treat to celebrate. Base of the control of th	18 Place a candle in the window to welcome Baby Jesus. Light it nightly until Christmas.	Encourage everyone to practice patience today.	Tonight, offer extra prayers for the troops who will spend Christmas overseas and for their families.	Share favorite Christmas family memories over hot chocolate and cookies.	Ask everyone to make a small sacrifice, just for God, just for today.	The King is coming! Tidy up the house and prepare to welcome Him.
Reveal Advent angels! Read about the good news the angel shared in Luke 1:26-38.	25 Rejoice! After Mass today, place Baby Jesus in the manger and sing, 'Hark the Herald Angels Sing!"	first enr. first enr. And Jos Bethlei was n firstborn se	days a decree went out felment, when Quirinius vept too went up from Galem, because he was of the oith child. While they wer	"In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn" (Luke 2:1-7).	all the world should be e all went to be enrolled, et weth to Judea, to the city id, to be enrolled with Mer to have her child, and him in a manger, because 1:1-7).	rrolled. This was the ch to his own town. of David that is called try, his betrothed, who she gave birth to her there was no place for

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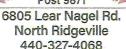


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