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December 10, 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

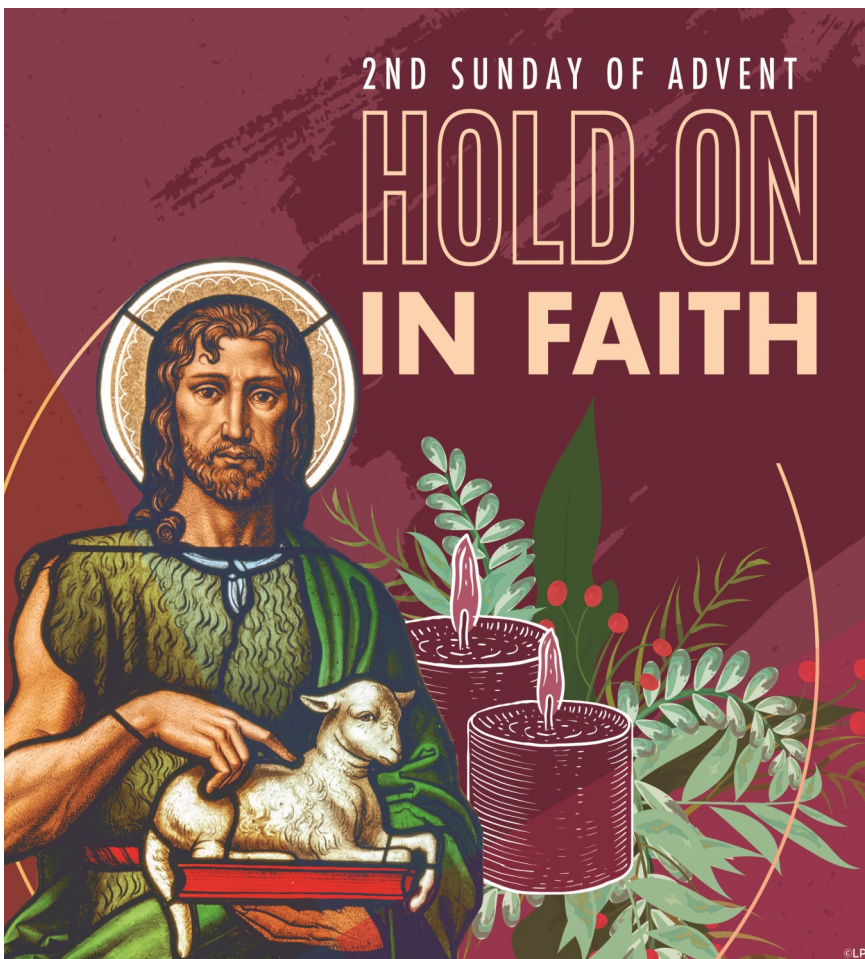
1st & 3rd Sunday by appointment

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,

Advent is the time to prepare for the coming of the Lord. And how is that preparation done? Well, according to the advertising barrage we experience at this time of the year, preparation means spending. The truth is that the word "spending" only captures the fact that an exchange of material goods is transacted. **The real preparation for this season comes, not through spending, but through giving.** The act of giving involves a decision of love to bless the other, whether that be God or other people.

I am grateful for the many people who give at this time of the year, materially or otherwise. I am grateful for those:

- who give of their time and talent to bless others at our Crock Pot Community Meal, in particular Joanne Pogros who organizes it every month.
- who helped out with the St. Julie's Christmas Craft Bazaar, especially Joe Kotarsky and the St. Julie Craft Bazaar team.
- generous donors of St. Julie Billiard Parish to the Retirement for Religious collection that will be taken up this weekend here throughout our nation.
- who bring the mercy of God to us through the Sacrament of Penance, which will be celebrated this Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. at St. Julie Parish.
- give of themselves to bring peace to the souls of sinners, especially my brother priests.

This is the season, not so much for spending but for giving.

Last Monday, Fr. Isidore and I visited PSR classes at St. Peter Parish after their Penance Service. In one of the younger grades I asked, "Whose birthday are we preparing for?" One little girl said, "Mine!" Her birthday is at the beginning of January. I congratulated her and told her that I too had a January birthday. However, seeing this as a teachable moment, I reminded the class that we are really preparing to celebrate the birthday of Jesus Christ, our true hope.

As we journey through this Advent Season, I encourage you to give yourself to the Lord. Some of this giving may be spending time in prayer. Some of this giving may be cheerfully attending your child's Christmas concert. Some of this giving may be expressed in supporting a local charity. Some of this giving may be expressed in supporting St. Julie Billiard Parish.

Our gospel reading from the beginning of the Gospel of Mark focuses on John the Baptist. His mission is described by quoting Isaiah the prophet: *Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.* Our first reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah elaborates what it means to *make straight*. It involves filling in valleys, leveling mountains, straightening crooked ways and

smoothing rugged land.

Isaiah reminds us that we are all "works in progress". When we recognize this about other people we will be more inclined to treat them with compassion. God is doing some construction in their lives: leveling pride, building up confidence, straightening out wayward manners. We need to treat others with understanding more than with judgement. We also need to acknowledge this for ourselves. God is at work in us. Besides having a measure of gentleness towards ourselves, we can recognize God's work in us and willingly cooperate with his transformative work.

As we prepare for the coming of the Lord, may our giving open ourselves up more deeply to the Gift of Gifts, Jesus Christ.

In Christ,
Fr. Bob Franco

Mass Schedule for Christmas and New Years

Immaculate Conception

Friday, December 8, 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Communal Penance Service

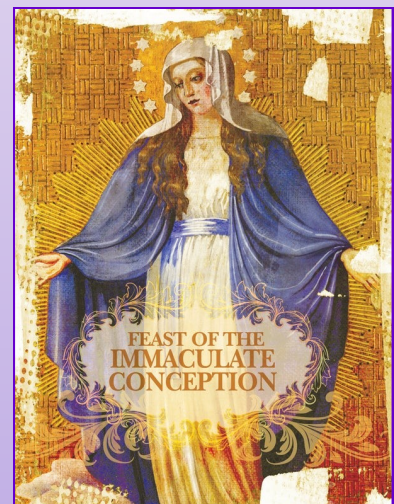
Sunday, December 10, 3:00 p.m.

Christmas Mass Schedule

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.



Religious Education

PSR-Parish School of Religion

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

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 Billiard Parishioners
Dec. 11	Monday	5:30 p.m. All Souls
Dec. 13	Wednesday	5:30 p.m. Harry McLaughlin (Loving Wife)
Dec. 15	Friday	5:30 p.m. Nick Arguello (Barb Arguello)
Dec. 16	Saturday	5:00 p.m. Kay Galik (Richard & Elaine Galik)
Dec. 17	Sunday	9:00 a.m. St. Julie Billiard 11:00 a.m. Jim Purcell (Prayer Group Friends)

The Week Ahead

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

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

Mass for Immaculate Conception

The Mass on Friday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m. will be recorded.

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?

2024 Calendars

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

Advent Booklets

There are Advent Booklets in the vestibule for you to take. If you would like to leave a donation please use the envelope in the box.

the health of, and caregivers of:
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.



John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of

repentance for the forgiveness of sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me."

- Mk 1:4, 6-7a

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.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the winners of our raffle baskets at the Saint Julie Christmas Craft Fair. Linda Przybysz won the Pots and Pans Basket and Chris Laforet won the Free Raffle Basket. Thank you to Barb Pavelschak for donating the baskets. We are all winners when we help our education ministry to flourish.

Parish Stewardship

Dec. 3:	\$6312
Faith Direct:	\$0
School Subsidy:	\$35
Capital Improvement:	\$15
Net Offertory:	\$6362

In Person Mass Attendance: 408

Thank you for sharing your Blessings.

Ministers Schedule

<u>Sat, Dec 9, 5:00</u> Rec	<u>Sun, Dec. 10, 9:00</u>	<u>11:00</u>
S-Beth Paoloni	Kathleen McWeeny	Mike Yarosh
L-Terry Flanagan	Linda Vasiloff	Lisa Palazzo
EM-Beth Paoloni	Ray Sharron	Joe Kotarsky
Greg Dubecky	Kathleen McWeeny	Mike Yarosh
<u>Not Filled</u>	Jim Livingston	<u>Not Filled</u>

<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
U-Nick Guerrieri	<u>Not Filled</u>	Gene Morrison
U-Sue Dybowski	Hung Lee	Gene Schwarzwald

<u>Sat, Dec 16, 5:00</u> Rec	<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 Laponi	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>

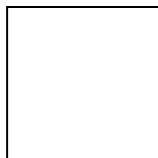
UKRAINIAN WELCOME CIRCLE UPDATE

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. 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, 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 sjspbreakfast@gmail.com by December 11th.

Book Study

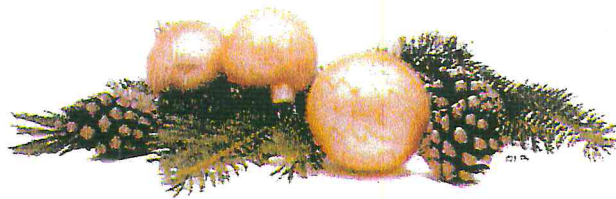
The second of our book studies during this year of the Parish Eucharistic Revival begins January 6th and will run for 5 weeks. It will be held at St. Julie's at 10:00 a.m. We will be reading the book *Real Presence - What Does It Mean and Why Does It Matter?* by Timothy P. O'Malley. We have books available 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.

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!



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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Name of Donor _____

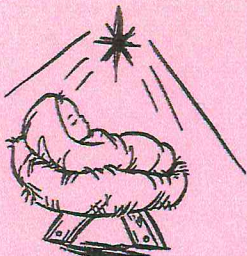
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If you've donated for flowers on Faith Direct and would like a loved one remembered, check here:



[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

Baby Wash/Shampoo

Hooded Towels / Wash Cloths

Bottles (4 - 8 oz)

Fleece Baby Blankets

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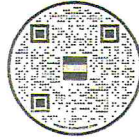


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