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January 8, 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.



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. - Mt 2:10-11a

Administrator: Rev. Robert Franco

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Rev. Dr. Ken DeLuca, Retired

PSR Principal: Kelly Reed

Music Director: Danny O'Brien

LITURGY SCHEDULE

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

(This Mass is Live Streamed & Recorded)

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

*Evening Masses on Monday, Wednesday,
and Friday beginning January 2*

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: 9:30 - 10:45 a.m. Sunday

Grade 8: 6:00 p.m. Sunday

(Check PSR website for Grade 8 dates)

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,

We celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord today. This event recorded in the gospel of Matthew is mysterious and prophetic. Part of the mystery flows from the main characters in the story: the Magi. Scholars debate where they came from. The tradition view is that the magi came from Persia (modern day Iran). More recent scholarship describes them as Nabatean royalty. This would put them just east of the Jordan River, much closer. Either way, their search for the Newborn King and response to Jesus when they found him are both inspiring and prophetic.

The inspiration comes by the fact that they persevered in seeking out this Newborn King. Their response was total. They did not hold back. They gave the best they had to a baby surrounded by most humble circumstances.

The Magi are prophetic in two ways. By their gifts they tell us who Jesus really is: King (symbolized by gold), God (symbolized by frankincense) and the Lamb of Sacrifice (symbolized myrrh, an aromatic resin used in burials.) Secondly, because they are not Jewish, the presence of the Magi tells us that Jesus Christ has come to save the whole world. St. Paul highlights this in our second reading when he says:

...the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

The presence of the Magi at Jesus' birth is that He has come for all of us.

One of my personal traditions at Christmas time is to write a poem. I was a bit late this year. So, as we draw to the close of the Christmas season, I wrote an Epiphany poem.

Epiphany

They were respected, bright, rich, free.
Needing nothing and yet empty.
And looking up and seeing a star,
New life beckoned them from afar.

Laying all aside, they set out
To seek what this was all about.
Their clues spoke of a newborn king.
Their hearts were drawn to the Real thing.

Presenting themselves to Herod the Great
They wondered, "Have we sealed our fate?"
But to Bethlehem, they were sent
To witness the great event.

Cont'd

What met the eye, did not impress.
Yet their hearts were moved to confess
That this One with His mother attest
"King! God! Sacrifice!" Most Blest.

With gladness they left their gifts there.
Gold, frankincense, myrrh - signs of care,
Love moved by faith in the Newborn King.
Purpose-filled life, His praises to sing!

May our lives proclaim our faith in the Newborn King.

In Christ,
Fr. Bob Franco

Help Wanted ~ Church Linens

Looking for one or two people who are willing to serve the parish by cleaning and pressing the linens we use each week. Right now, this would be a once a month need and involves washing a small load and pressing purificators (cloth napkins used to clean the chalice) and folding a few other small items. The total time commitment would be about 2 hours a month... and you can do this at home. We will show you what needs to be done and build a schedule. For more information or to help out, please contact Suzanne at Mass or email at sjbschedules@yahoo.com.

Gifts for Baby Jesus

Our gifts have been delivered to Birthright. Once again there were very thankful for all of the items they need to provide Layettes and every day services. Thanks to all who donated gifts and to those who donated hand made blankets. St Julie's Rosary and Respect Life groups thank you for our continued support of Birthright. Please continue to pray for all of God's unborn children.



Religious Education

PSR-Parish School of Religion

Sunday: Grades 1-7, 9:30-10:45 a.m.; Grade 8, 6:00 p.m.



the health of, and caregivers of:
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Frameli), Eugene Stellato (father of Lou
Stellato), Paula J. Lyons (sister of
Dennis Jufko), Kristin Cassidy
(daughter of Jim & Peg Nolan), Lola
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Mahoney, Terry Flanagan, Carol Polak,
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Dolores Rivera, JoAnne Bellomo, Carol
Straub, and the Regula family; for the
repose of the souls of Kelly Sath, niece
of Gary & Annamaria Pabian; for our
men & women in uniform; our police,
firefighters, doctors & nurses; for
vocations to the priesthood, diaconate
& religious life.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Jan. 7	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Emil Paul Galik (Richard & Elaine Galik)
Jan. 8	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	St. Julie Billiart Parishioners
		11:00 a.m.	Frank, Jr. & Jim Valenta (Agnes Valenta)
Jan. 9	Monday	5:30 p.m.	Poor Souls
Jan. 11	Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Living & Deceased Yuchnik Fam. (Straka Fam.)
Jan. 13	Friday	5:30 p.m.	Carl Kessler (Marian Kessler)
Jan. 14	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Charles Smick, Sr. & Nancy Erwin (Chuck Smick)
Jan. 15	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Mary Ann Zabloutney (Connie Lezniak)
		11:00 a.m.	St. Julie Billiart Parishioners

The Week Ahead

Sun. Donuts
PSR

Tues. L.E.A.F., 7:00 p.m.

Wed. Rosary, 1:00 p.m., Church

Sat. Women's Breakfast, St. Julie

Coming Events

Jan. 21 - Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Jan. 26 - Crockpot Dinner

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

The Nursing Home Ministry program could use some additional volunteers in the 2023. We distribute Communion each Sunday to three facilities and on Wednesday at North Ridge. If you are interested in serving once a month, please contact St. Peter's Parish Office at (440) 327-2201.

Women's Breakfast

Please join us for the St. Julie & St. Peter Women's Fellowship breakfast on **Saturday, January 14th at 8:30 a.m. in the church at St. Julie's**. Enjoy a delicious breakfast and the topic, "St. Francis Prayer for Peace", presented by Fr. Johnpaul Cafiero, OFM. So we have enough seating and food prepared, please **RSVP by January 9th** through website: <https://www.stpeternr.org/womens-ministry> or email Breakfast44039@gmail.com. If you do not have internet access, please call St. Peter's office at 440- 327-2201 and advise the secretary you are registering for the Women's breakfast and provide your name and phone number.

Confessions are at St. Julie's every Saturday, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Men's Breakfast

Please join us for the St. Julie and St. Peter Men's Fellowship breakfast on **Saturday, January 21st @ 8:20 a.m.** Breakfast will be served at St. Peter's in the Gym. Enjoy a hearty, hot breakfast and meet some new people and an old friend, Jesus. We know that you are probably busy on a Saturday so 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 Mike Jessup at sjspbreakfast@gmail.com by January 16th.

Parish Stewardship

Dec. 25 (Christmas):	\$8565
Sunday	\$975
Online Giving:	\$365
School Subsidy:	\$5
Capital Improvement:	\$225
Net Offertory:	\$10,135
Online Mass including 20 livestream:	153
In Person Mass Attendance:	489

Thank you for sharing your blessings.

Parish Stewardship

Jan. 1:	\$4956
Online Giving:	\$155
School Subsidy:	\$50
Capital Improvement:	\$95
Net Offertory:	\$5256
Special Donations:	\$10,000
Online Mass including 10 livestream:	38
In Person Mass Attendance:	328

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Minister Schedule

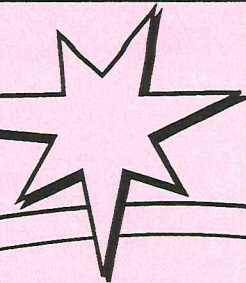
Date	Time	Sacristan	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	
Jan. 7 Rec	5:00 p.m.	Chris Vacca	Cindy Naprestek	Deacon John	Greg TM Dubecky
Jan. 8	9:00 a.m.	Suzanne Snyder	Kristine Krejsa	Tom Lamoda	Ray TM Sharron
	11:00 a.m.	Mike Yarosh	Barb Arguello	Denise Pastula	Joe TM Kotarsky
Jan. 14 Rec	5:00 p.m.	Beth Paoloni	Terry Flanagan	Deacon John	Jim TM Nolan
Jan. 15	9:00 a.m.	John Burghard	Donnie Schiffbauer	Laura Knoblauch	Ed TM Knoblauch
	11:00 a.m.	Suzanne Snyder	Amy Shealy	Leslie Rozman	Larry TM Rozman

The Catholic Cemeteries Association offers free, safe, and compassionate monthly Grief Support meetings in-person in six of our offices and virtually: For details, visit: <https://www.clecem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx>. For more information or questions, call Rhonda at 216-930-4866.

Married and Engaged Couples: A Natural Family Planning (NFP) class is an excellent tool to help couples get the practical help they need to understand and live out the truth and beauty of God's plan for married love. NFP is safe and healthy. It's nearly free. It's "green." And NFP is effective for achieving or postponing pregnancy. Many couples find that NFP helps them build a deeper and closer relationship to each other and to God since they are experiencing marriage as God intended. Classes are available in-person and also on-line - both live and self-paced. For information on upcoming classes or to learn more about NFP, call Bill and Jessica Davidson at 216-347-1041, or visit the Couple To Couple League website at ccli.org.



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Thoughtful Moments

The Church is family

The Catholic Church is more than just a building or an organization. The Church is a family we join at Baptism and to which we belong

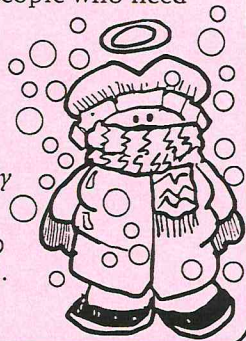
forever. Wherever our children go in their lives, they can always come home. Keep them close to the Church as they grow. Remind them often that every Catholic church is their home, and the parish is their family.



Kindness

In today's busy world, showing kindness to others can make a big impact. Remember how good it felt the last time someone showed you an unexpected kindness? Look for ways to show kindness, even when it's unexpected. You can make a difference with a simple act, like holding the door for the person behind you, taking a moment to talk to a lovely stranger, or offering up prayers for people who need them.

"Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels"
(Hebrews 13:2).



Build a Christ-centered home

A Christ-centered home is one in which, "Christ is the Head of this house, the unseen guest at every meal, the silent listener to every conversation." His presence is always felt. Knowing Jesus and following Him are key to living joyful, fulfilling lives in this world and being happy with Him in the next. As a family, make your top New Year's resolution to center your home on Christ.

Joy – Different than happiness, joy comes from understanding that our welfare lies in Jesus' hands

alone. Teach children to give all their concerns to Him. No circumstance can rob us of our joy if we truly believe we belong to Christ.

Grace – Our homes must be safe places filled with love. Family members

need to know that love, not perfection, is the point of the family and that mistakes aren't fatal.

Children will encounter hostility, judgment, antagonism, and criticism out in the world.

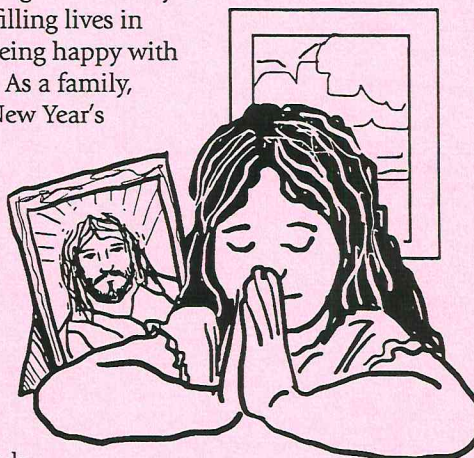
A Christian home should be a place of comfort, rest, and healing.

Service – Jesus will give us everything we need. Sometimes, he uses other people to deliver His gifts.

Christ-centered families place all that they have at His disposal and

pitch in with an attitude of service and selflessness.

Worship – Homes centered on Christ make Scripture, prayer, and God's will top priority. Nothing comes before Mass and Sacraments.

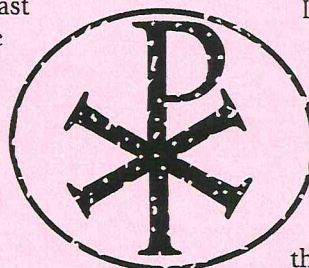


Why Do Catholics Do That?

"Christ" is not Jesus' last name. In fact, it is a title from the Greek *Christos*, meaning, "anointed one." It refers to an ancient Jewish tradition of anointing a new king with oil.

For Jesus, calling him, "Christ," affirms that His

Why do Catholics call Jesus "Christ"?



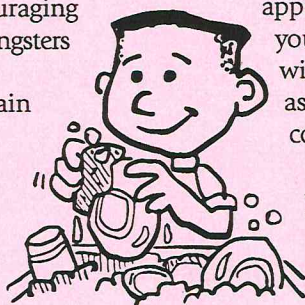
Lordship includes all of creation and points to His mission as the Savior and the promised Messiah of the Jews. By recognizing Him as "Christ," Christians affirm they're under His kingship and that they owe their final loyalty to Him.

Forming good habits

Forming responsible, independent children into responsible, independent adults involves encouraging good habits early. Try these tips to help your youngsters become thoughtful, independent, and wise:

Thoughtful: When the situation allows, explain in age-appropriate ways why you want your youngster to perform particular tasks, such as, "Eat your vegetables so the nutrients will help you grow healthy and strong." Giving them explanations can help them make thoughtful choices later.

Independent: Let children be part of keeping



the household running well. Set predictable routines and apportion chores to each person in the home. Encourage youngsters to take responsibility for their chores without having to be reminded. Make a checklist and assign the task of checking off daily duties when complete. Reward success with praise.

Wise: Wisdom often comes from experience. Make your home a place where it is safe to learn from mistakes. Encourage youngsters to come to you when they have erred. Explain what went wrong and work to identify steps to make it right. Help them learn from the experience.

Scripture LESSON

Matthew 5:1-12a, The pathway to happiness

When God created us, He put into our hearts the desire to be happy (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #1718). In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus pointed out the path for happiness and gave us a compass we can use to navigate our way. Our path to happiness lies in surrendering to God's will and trusting in Him.

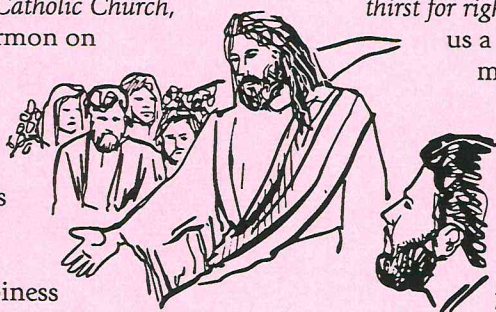
When Jesus said, "*Blessed are the poor in spirit, they who mourn*," He promised that when we turn to God in times of trial, we will be comforted and cared for. When He referred to "*the meek, the*

merciful, the pure of heart, the peacemakers, those who hunger and thirst for righteousness," He gave us a compass. We can measure our

behavior against these standards to see if we are on the right path to happiness.

What can a parent do? Read the Sermon on the

Mount with your children and help them compare their behavior against its standards. Teach them to see that Jesus gave us these guidelines to help us be happy on Earth and eventually get to Heaven.



Feasts & Celebrations

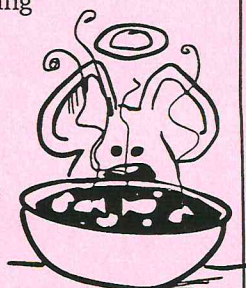
January 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (1821). An American, St. Elizabeth became Catholic after her husband died. She founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, a teaching order that established affordable schools.

January 9 - Baptism of the Lord (1st Century). Jesus began his public ministry by getting baptized by St. John the Baptist. Jesus was to be baptized to "*fulfill all righteousness*" (Matthew 3:15). This was also when God reveals Jesus as his "*beloved Son*" (Matthew 3:17).

January 17 - St. Anthony the Abbot

(356). St. Anthony the Abbot was born to a rich family around 250 A.D. in Egypt, yet he gave up his riches to live a life of simplicity in the desert. He is the founder of monasticism.

January 26 - Saints Timothy and Titus (1st century). Timothy was converted by St. Paul and became his trusted friend, joining him in apostolic work, especially at Corinth. Titus served the early Church as a peacemaker and as administrator to a community on Crete.



Parent TALK

My New Year's resolutions were not going well. I hadn't gotten to the gym, regularly attended daily Mass, cleaned the house daily, and still be patient,



loving, and kind! A few weeks after New Year's Day, I realized the rest of my family was struggling, too.

"How about," suggested my husband, "we each pick just one resolution on which to focus." "Something that's challenging, but doable," Kara chimed in.

"One is more doable than five," agreed my daughter, Tessa.

We each declared our resolutions: helping around the house, no TV during the week, no procrastinating, and going to Mass more often. I wrote our names next to our resolutions and taped the list to the refrigerator. Every week, we check in to see how our resolutions are going and offer encouragement when we struggle to keep them.

With God's grace, we are keeping our resolutions, one day at a time.

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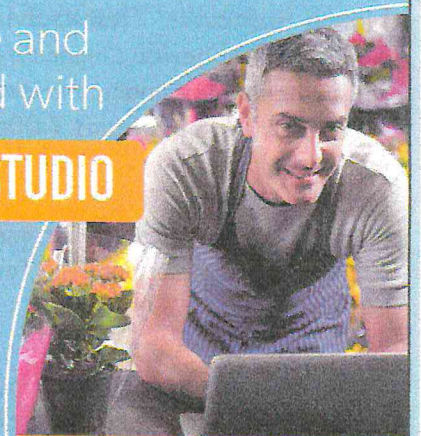
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