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November 28, 2021



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Deacons: Rev. Mr. John Rivera

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.

Weekday Masses at the Church

Monday-Friday.....8:30 a.m.

(Excluding Thursdays)

Holydays.....Consult the Bulletin

For updates check St. Julie's Website

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays.....4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

In the Church

PSR - PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Grades K - 8: 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.

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

BAPTISMS

Call or email the office.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made 6 months in
advance

NEW PARISHIONERS

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

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.*

From the Desk of Father George

Greetings Parishioners and friends of St. Julie's,

With Thanksgiving behind us, and leftovers disappearing from our refrigerators (or soon to begin taking on colors of green and yellow), the rush of Christmas planning and shopping has captured the attention and efforts of many. In these busy days, take time to remember the *Reason for the Season*

On this First Sunday of Advent - the beginning of a new church year - we are once again drawn into the mystery of waiting. While the association is often one of waiting for Christmas, the true waiting is discovered in meeting Jesus day-to-day and finally at the end of time, when He will come again. The weeks immediately prior to Christmas are mirrors of a lifetime and of history. Do we have the thrill and anticipation of discovering Jesus in the gnarled hands of an elderly person? Are we excited to meet Jesus in the face of an enemy? Will the choices of a lifetime ready us to meet Christ?

Re-focusing our attitude and thought takes time and energy. But most of all, it takes a prayerful desire to be filled with the Holy Spirit. As the lights upon the Advent Wreath grow brighter with every passing week, our love for God and one and other should grow ever more intense. Christmas giving and greeting is not about evening the score or being one up. Rather, it is about the internal joy of knowing what God has done and what God promises to do. Through Jesus' birth we are reminded of the depth of His love and offered our personal opportunity to say "Yes" once again. May our Advent be a time of boundless joy and hope!

Fr. George

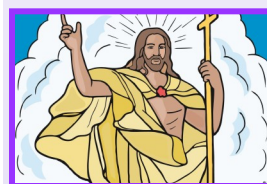


Beginning December 1st
Each evening, read 1 chapter of
The Book of Luke in the Bible.

There are 24 chapters.
On Christmas Eve, you will have
read the whole account of
Jesus's life and wake up on
Christmas Morning knowing

Who and Why we
Celebrate Christmas.

Kelly's
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"Then they will
see the Son of
Man coming in a
cloud with power
and great glory.
But when these
signs begin to happen, stand erect and
raise your heads because your redemption
is at hand."

- Lk 21:27-28

Parish News and Updates

- Planning Ahead...

- ◇ The Christmas Schedule

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| * Saturday - December 4 th | CRAFT SHOW and NO Confessions |
| * Sunday - December 5 th | Communal Penance Service at St. Peter's |
| * Tuesday - December 7 th | 7:00pm Vigil - The Immaculate Conception |
| * Wednesday - December 8 th | 9:00am & 7:00pm Immaculate Conception |
| * Saturday - December 11 th | STJBC Confessions 3:30 - 4:30 |
| * Saturday - December 18 th | STJBC Confessions 3:00 - 4:30 |
| * Monday - December 20 th | STJBC Confessions 6:00 - 8:00 |
| * Friday - December 24 th | 5:00pm Christmas Eve Vigil Mass
10:00pm Christmas Eve 'Midnight' Mass |
| * Saturday - December 25 th | 9:00 and 11:00 Christmas Day Mass |
| * | NO SUNDAY VIGIL MASS |
| * Sunday - December 26 th | 9:00 & 11:00 Sunday Mass |

The Obligation to attend Mass for Mary, Mother of God is dispensed.

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| * Friday - December 31 st | NO 5:00 Vigil - Mary, Mother of God |
| * Saturday - January 1 st | Mass will be offered at 9:00am in celebration of the New Year's Day
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God |
| * Saturday - January 1 st | 5:00 Sunday Vigil Mass |
| * Sunday - January 2 nd | 9:00 & 11:00 Sunday Mass |

Religious Education

PSR-Parish School of Religion, Pre K - 8th grades, 9:30-10:45 a.m.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Nov. 27	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Harry Sivec (Teresa Sivec)
Nov. 28	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Carl Kessler (Marian Kessler)
		11:00 a.m.	S. Julie Billiart Parishioners
Nov. 29	Monday	8:30 a.m.	Gerry Mayer (PrimeTimers)
		No Masses Thru Friday	
Dec. 4	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Charles Smick, Sr. (Chuck Smick)
Dec. 5	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Frank & Mary Minnich (Mark & Judy Selee)
		11:00 a.m.	St. Julie Billiart Parishioners



Saturday, December 4

A very happy birthday to Father George. May he be blessed with good health in the coming year.

"The priest is a man totally belonging to the Lord, because it is God himself who calls him and who establishes him in his apostolic service.

And precisely being totally of God, he is totally of mankind, for all people."

~Pope Benedict XVI



The Week Ahead

Sun.	No PSR
Mon.	The Letters of St. Paul, 7:00
Tues.	Choir Rehearsal
Wed.	Adoration to End Abortion, 12 Noon to 3:00, Church Rosary, 1:00 p.m., Church
Sat.	St. Julie's Craft Show, 9-4:00 Fr. George's Birthday
Sun.	PSR Mass Communal Penance Service, St. Peter's, 7:00 pm

Coming Events

December 7/8

Immaculate Conception

December 9

PrimeTimers Christmas Lunch

December 11

Donuts with Santa



the health of, and caregivers of:
Agnes Valenta, Bill Cusick, Ken DeLuca, Terry Flanagan, Carol Polak, Melissa Snyder, Barb Vrtachnik, Jean Rasmussen, Kathleen Sobczak, Dolores Rivera, Marian Juskiewicz, JoAnne Bellomo, Irene Kollin, Regula Family, Sondra Jirousek, Carol Straub; for the repose of the soul of Rev. Joseph Cappellitti, Senior Priest-Retired, for our men & women in uniform; for our police, firefighters, doctors & nurses; and for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life.

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Adoration to End Abortion: On Wednesday, December 1st, the U.S. Supreme Court will hear oral arguments in the case of *Dobbs v Jackson*. The case involves a Mississippi law that bans abortions after 15 weeks, and is considered an opportunity to revisit and possibly overturn the *Roe v Wade* decision that legalized abortion. At St. Julie Billiart, we will have a time of Eucharistic Adoration, in conjunction with nationwide prayer, for a favorable ruling from the Supreme Court that protects the lives of preborn children. The prayer

time will be on Wednesday December 1st from 12Noon to 3pm in the church. There will be a time of silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament from 12-1pm; the Rosary Group will lead prayers from 1-2pm; and then silent prayer time from 2-3pm. The best thing we can do for our Nation is to bring this situation before God and implore him to intervene. Please join this time of prayer for LIFE! For more information on the nationwide prayer effort, visit <https://catholicvote.org/dobbs>.

Minister Schedule

Date	Time	Sacristan	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	
Nov. 27 <i>rec</i>	5:00 p.m.	Chris Vacca	Terry Flanagan	Deacon John	Eileen <i>TM</i> McBriarty
Nov. 28	9:00 a.m.	John Burghard	Jessica Angelo	Laura Knoblauch	Ed <i>TM</i> Knoblauch
	11:00 a.m.	Mike Yarosh	Jim Cassidy	Mike Yarosh	Gene <i>TM</i> Morrison
Dec. 4 <i>rec</i>	5:00 p.m.	Suzanne Snyder	Sharon Debevec	Deacon John	Ted <i>TM</i> Lapponi
Dec. 5 PSR	9:00 a.m.	Suzanne Snyder	Amy Shealy	Laura Eland	Suzanne Snyder
				Barb Arguello	Donnie <i>TM</i> Schiffbauer
	11:00 a.m.	Mike Yarosh	Gloria Hearns	Joanne Carter	Jim <i>TM</i> Carter

Gifts for Baby Jesus

In our continuing support of Birthright of Lorain County, St Julie's Respect Life and Rosary groups are sponsoring our annual Gifts for Baby Jesus at the Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Masses. Birthright will help approximately 800 families this year. They depend on our support with not only our prayers, but our donations. **Please see the Flyer in the bulletin next week for gift suggestions you can bring to church Christmas weekend.**

NEW You can also purchase items for Birthright through Amazon for delivery directly to Birthright. You must email a request to Birthright for the "LINK" to their wish list. Be sure to tell them you were referred by St Julie's Respect Life Group. email your request for the link to:
birthrightloraincounty@gmail.com

Gentle Woman Fellowship First Friday, December 3

Meeting on First Friday at Saint Clarence Parish Center, 30106 Lorain Road, N. Olmsted, 44070. We will be attending St. Clarence's 8:30 Mass and rosary in the chapel or church. You must R.S.V.P. to Mary Hoover, at 330-636-1698 or Mary Tschanz, 440-235-6258 if you will be attending the Mass or gathering at about 9:30. During this time we will see the DVD, Signs from God, We will cancel our gathering when N. Olmsted Schools are closed.

St. Julie Billiart Parish Annual Craft Show

Saturday, December 4, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Admission: \$1 (Children 12 and under free)

Many Crafters and Vendors

Café Serving Lunch and Snacks

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Watching in Hope

Loving Father,
you have revealed yourself to us
and even now you call us to you.
You call us to:
wait
watch
look for signs.

You call us to hope.
Help us to remain in you.
Help us not to lose heart.
Keep our eyes toward heaven.
Make us ready for your coming.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, November 28, 2021 Promises Fulfilled



Today's readings: Jeremiah 33:14–16; Psalm 25:4–5, 8–9, 10, 14; 1 Thessalonians 3:12–4:2; Luke 21:25–28, 34–36. Advent, the start of the liturgical year, is a season of preparation for Christ's coming. The decorations that are out already may make it appear that Christmas has arrived. But without anticipation, our celebration cannot be full. In fact, the first two weeks of the season of Advent do not focus on the birth of Jesus at all, but on our hope for his coming at the end of time.

What is it that we hope for?

When we look around, we see that the world is not as it should be. There is illness, suffering, poverty, and injustice. People die. Grief and loss are real. Too often, death comes violently, leaving a different kind of pain in its wake.

Sometimes we think that this cannot be what our loving God intended for the world.

Indeed, God promises something different. Throughout Scripture and history, we know that God is a keeper of promises. It is in those promises that we hope. Jesus and the prophets describe perfect justice, the end of suffering and pain, peace among people, a new heaven and a new earth. The world portrayed in the readings cannot come without disruption. The old must fall away. What is not of God must fall away to make way for the completely new thing that God is doing.

Is there anything that must fall away for God's light to live fully in you?



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, November 29

The Advent Wreath

Set up an Advent wreath if you have not already. You will need four candles, three violet and one rose, and a base to hold them. Advent wreaths often incorporate evergreens. Decide when you will light the candles each day. At this time, the family might read the day's Gospel. Singing even the same simple song every day can create a lovely rhythm for the season. Many resources with daily Advent prayers for adults and children are available in print and online. A piece of purple fabric to place the wreath on will add to the environment. Nearby, consider placing a small statue or picture of Mary, on whom we meditate frequently during the season of Advent. *Today's readings: Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Matthew 8:5-11.*

Tuesday, November 30

St. Andrew

St. Andrew, one of Jesus' first disciples, was called while fishing in the Sea of Galilee. In today's Gospel, we hear that he and his brother, St. Peter, "immediately" left their old lives behind to follow Jesus, who called them to be "fishers of men." The Feast of St. Andrew is traditionally the first day of a beautiful devotion, the Christmas novena, a short prayer that is said fifteen times each day from this day until Christmas. *Today's readings: Romans 10:9-18; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Matthew 4:18-22.*

Wednesday, December 1

Miracles

Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee when he went up on the mountain and healed many, many people from the crowds who came to him. There, he also feeds thousands of people, multiplying the loaves and the fish. Isaiah foretold that the Lord "will wipe away the tears from all faces" on the mountain, a vision of the messianic kingdom. Jesus reveals that vision when he heals bodies and then offers a feast, an

abundant celebration made from humble things. When might we experience that kind of healing and celebration? *Today's readings: Isaiah 25:6-10a; Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Matthew 15:29-37.*

Thursday, December 2

A Solid Foundation

What does it mean to have a solid foundation? Imagine a beautiful sandcastle on the beach, and next to it a humble stack of rocks with a wide base. If a large wave comes unexpectedly, the sandcastle is gone. A few of the rocks might be washed into the water, but much of that structure will still stand. In our lives, the waves will come. Each one of us will face difficulties, big and small. But the more we center our lives on love of God and neighbor, the better we will withstand the currents. *Today's readings: Isaiah 26:1-6; Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Matthew 7:21, 24-27.*

Friday, December 3

St. Francis Xavier

St. Francis Xavier, the first Jesuit missionary, traveled extensively in Asia, devoting most of his life and mission to spreading the Gospel. His practice of engaging with the culture and language of the people whom he served was later developed into what we call inculturation of the faith. Honor St. Francis Xavier today by supporting the Church's mission work around the world. *Today's readings: Isaiah 29:17-24; Psalm 27:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Matthew 9:27-31.*





















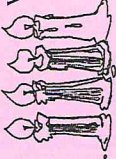
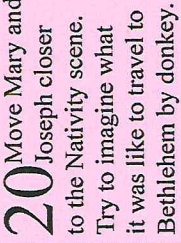





Saturday, December 4

Advent Music

Make a playlist of music that is focused on preparation with Advent songs found online. Consider more meditative instrumental music for the playlist as well. Listening to this music in the car or while making dinner can balance the excitement and bustle of December. As much joy as we have for the coming of Christ, we still wait in hope for something more, and music can help us be present to that reality. *Today's readings: Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Psalm 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8.*



2021 Family Advent calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Make and bless an Advent wreath. Light the first violet candle tonight and each night this week. 	29 Read about Elizabeth and Zechariah's special blessing in Luke 1:5-25. 	30 Ask a family member you have hurt in the past year for forgiveness. Offer it to one who hurt you. 	December 1 Set up your family Nativity scene, but leave out the Holy Family. 	2 Make cookies to bring to a nearby nursing home. 	3 Cut and paste Christmas cards into ornaments for this year's tree. 	4 Attend Confession as a family and go out for a treat afterward to celebrate forgiveness! 
5 Light two violet candles in the Advent wreath each night this week. Sing "O Come, O Come Emmanuel." 	6 Show love on St. Nicholas Day by filling an old shoe with treats and leaving it outside someone's door. 	7 Read about the angel's visit to Mary in Luke 1:26-38. Talk about ways we can also say "yes" to God. 	8 In honor of Mary's Immaculate Conception, attend Mass and pray a family Rosary tonight. 	9 Send Christmas cards to your pastor, priests, and religious or ordained ministers who are important to your family. 	10 Together, write your Christmas cards. Let older kids address the envelopes and younger ones seal them. 	11 Clean out your closets of unwanted clothes or toys in good condition. Donate them to a shelter or other charity.
12 Light two violet candles and the rose one for joy. See who can sing loudest at Mass today. 	13 Pick a Christmas card you've received this week and pray for the person who sent it. 	14 Place the Mary and Joseph figures of your Nativity set across the room from the scene. 	15 Write letters to Baby Jesus telling him that you look forward to his coming. Read them aloud on Christmas Eve. 	16 Put a lamp or electric candle in a window to welcome the Christ child. Light it each night until Christmas Day. 	17 <i>Family Movie Night:</i> Make some popcorn and watch a Christmas movie. 	18 Put up and decorate your family Christmas tree. Stand back and admire your work. 
19 Light all four candles in the wreath tonight and all week. 	20 Move Mary and Joseph closer to the Nativity scene. Try to imagine what it was like to travel to Bethlehem by donkey. 	21 Decorate a "Jesus Candle" with symbols of Jesus. Light it at Christmas dinner. 	22 Take a drive or walk around your home to look at the Christmas decorations or displays. 	23 Place Mary and Joseph in the Nativity scene. Add grass or straw to the manger to get it ready for the Baby. 	24 Gather some friends and neighbors and go Christmas caroling at a nursing home or homeless shelter. 	25 Put the Baby in the manger and read the story of Jesus' birth in Luke 2:1-20. 

St. Julie Billiart Parish Annual Craft Show

Saturday, December 4, 2021

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Admission: \$1 (Children 12 and under free)



Many New Crafters This Year including Baby Blankets and Baby Clothes; Handmade Pottery; Desserts - Brownies, Blondies, Cookies, Macaroons, DIY Cookie Kits; Aprons; Pillows; Table Runners; Soy Wax Bars, Bath Salts, Room Sprays; Children's Books; Metal Decorations; Homemade Bread; Handcrafted Pumpkin and Chocolate Treats; Soaps, Oils, Body Butter, Lip Balms; Sine Bottle Decor; Greeting Cards; Chocolate Covered Pretzels; Accessories; Bags; Books; Blankets; Gift Baskets; Crochet Gifts; Candy; Cards; Holiday Decorations; Honey and honey items; Jewelry; Kitchen Gifts; Prof. Photos Framed; Painted Gifts on ornaments, glass, and slate; Hand-Sewn Gifts; Stampin' Up; Silverplated Gifts; Teacup Candles; Totes; Wreaths; Wooden Art Gifts; and More!

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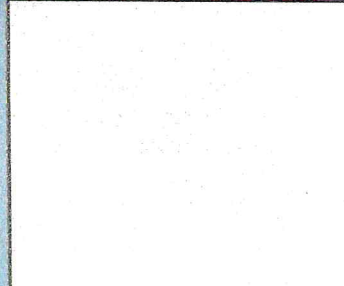
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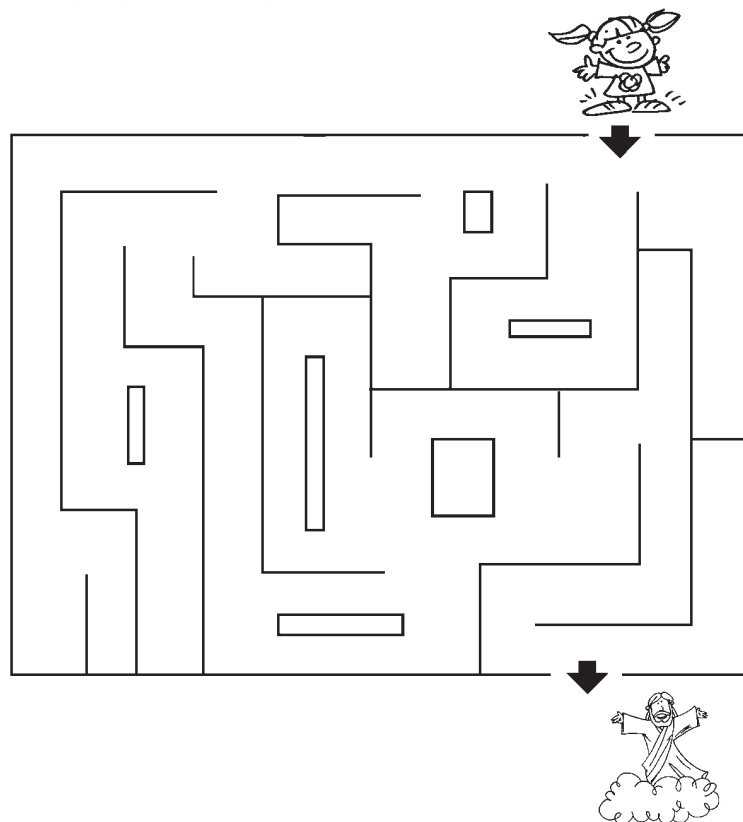
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MISSION

Write down one thing that scares you. Tell God about it, and ask him to help you to be brave.

GROWING WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE B

COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.





GOSPEL

One day Jesus will come back to take us home to live with him in heaven. So when scary things happen around us, we do not need to be afraid. We can stand up tall, because we know heaven will be so much better than this world.



PRAYER

Dear God, when I am afraid, help me to be brave and trust in you. I know heaven will be wonderful.

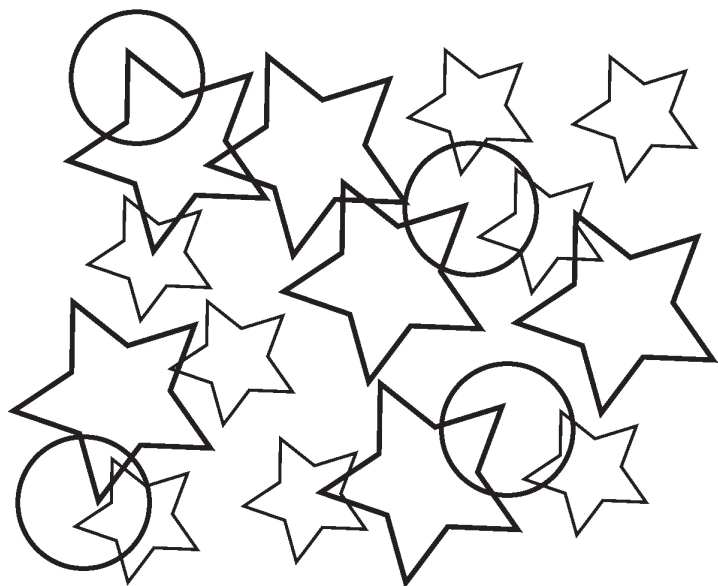


DRAW

Draw a picture of Jesus coming back in the clouds, ready to take you to heaven.

PUZZLE

Jesus is the star of life. How many stars can you count?



MISSION

I will pray every morning that my family sees and stays on God's path.

GROWING WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE B

COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.





GOSPEL

When you are baptized, God gives you grace to help obey his commandments. These graces are like a pair of shoes with lights on them. They light the way to follow the example of Jesus. You will share your toys. You will take out the trash. You will take good care of your baby sister. The graces of baptism help you to love God above all else. Then God will welcome you into heaven.

PRAYER

Lord, send me graces so I love you above everything.

DRAW

Draw yourself walking down God's path with the light of baptism on your shoes.