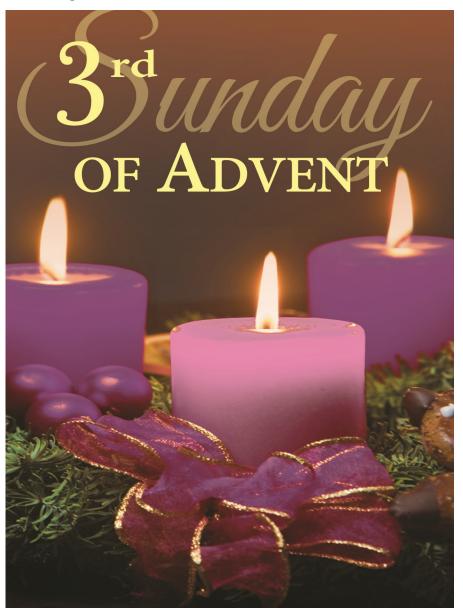


## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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.



## December 15, 2019

PASTOR: Rev. George A. Vrabel

Deacons: Rev. Mr. John Rivera

Rev. Dr. Ken DeLuca, retired

PSR Principal: Kelly Reed

Music Director: Danny O'Brien

## LITURGY SCHEDULE

Masses at Church

## **CONFESSIONS**

Saturdays.....4:00 - 4:30 p.m. in the Church Library

# PSR - PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Grades K - 8: 9 - 10:15 a.m. Sundays Children's Liturgy of the Word: During 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass (except first Sunday of Month)

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Grades 9 - 12: 11:45 a.m. Sundays

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 Father George

Greetings Parishioners and Friends of St. Julie's

With the big day a little more than a week away, it's time to put the finishing touches upon our preparations. While the stockings may already be hung on the chimney with care and containers of cookies await hungry mouths, have we tended to the preparation of our hearts? The greatest gift we might offer to a family member or friend is acceptance or forgiveness. Placing ourselves into the framework of God's love means we live by His love. Allow this third week of Advent to be one of even greater preparation and joyfulness.

Beginning on December  $17^{th}$ , the church liturgy celebrates The 'O' Antiphons. These ancient phrases remind us of the fast approaching feast of the long awaited Messiah. They are excellent 'food for prayer' by the message they contain.

December 17 <sup>th</sup>	O Wisdom	(O Sapientia)
December 18 <sup>th</sup>	O Sacred Lord	(O Adonai)
December 19 <sup>th</sup>	O Flower of Jesse's Stem	(O Radix Jesse)
December 20 <sup>th</sup>	O Key of David	(O Clavis David)
December 21st	O Radiant Dawn	(O Oriens)
December 22 <sup>nd</sup>	O King of all Nations	(O Rex Gentium)
December 23 <sup>rd</sup>	O God with Us	(O Emmanuel)

As you continue your Christmas preparations, include the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This season, rejoice with His grace and forgiveness.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on:

Saturday - December 21st 3:30 - 4:30 in the Church Library

Fr. George

# Mass Intentions for the Week

Dec. 14 - Saturday 5:00 p.m. Rachel Juszkiewicz (Marian Juskiewicz)

Dec. 15 - Sunday 9:00 a.m. St. Julie Billiart Parishioners

10:30 a.m. Eric Hearns Gamble (Dan & Gloria Hearns)

Dec. 16 - Monday 8:30 a.m. Poor Souls

Dec. 17 - Tuesday 8:30 a.m. Rick Friedel (Patti Friedel & Family)

Dec. 18 - Wednesday 8:30 a.m. Poor Souls

Dec. 19 - Thursday No Mass

Dec. 20 - Friday 8:30 a.m. Joan DiSantis (Family)

Dec. 21 - Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sandy Ciocca (Carol Romano)

Dec. 22 - Sunday 9:00 a.m. St. Julie Billiart Parishioners

10:30 a.m. Cassidy Family (Jim Cassidy)



"This is the one about whom it is written:

Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;

he will prepare your way before you.

Amon I say to you among those born of woman the

Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

- M† 11:10-11

# The Week Ahead

December 15

Sun.

**PSR** 

Tues.

Choir, 7-8:30 p.m.

Wed.

Rosary , 7:30 p.m.

Thurs.

Community Crockpot Dinner, 6:00

Sat.

Men's Breakfast, St. Julie's Confessions 3:30-4:30, Library

Sun

NO PSR

# Coming Events

December 24

Christmas Eve

Masses: 5:00 & 10:00 p.m.

December 25

Christmas Day

Masses: 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

January 1

Mass: 9:00 a.m., Church

January 4/5

Right to Life Signature Ad

January 11

Women's Breakfast

January 12

Traveling the Holy Land

# Children's Liturgy of the Word

After many years of leading our children in the Liturgy of the Word, Rhoda Pikul is retiring from that ministry. The children at 10:30 Mass will miss her very much. We are now looking for someone, a group of people, or a family to lead Children's Liturgy of the Word. We have hand-out material to use, or you can make it your own and do it your way. If you are interested or just want to find out more info call the office, 327-1978.

## Calendars

There are 2020 calendars in the vestibule courtesy of the David Bogner Family Funeral Home. Take one home for your family.

# Parish & Community Events

## Religious Education

PSR - Parish School of Religion, Pre K - 8th grades (Sundays, 9:00 a.m.)

FLY - Faithfully Leading Youth - St. Julie's High School Youth Ministry Grades 9 - 12 (Sundays, 11:45 a.m.)



Dear St. Julie Billiart Parish Community, Thank you so much for your

donation. Baby bottle drives take effort, coordination and love and your parish certainly accomplished it all! Collectively, you raised an incredibly generous total of \$929.56. Your donation provides life -changing programs and services for our moms in a warm and welcoming home. Currently, we have 10 moms and 7 babies in residence - including twins!

Lindsay had her twin girls, Lindzaya and Andrea, on September 6th and is currently working on her GED. Thank you, St. Julie Billiart community, for helping Lindsay accomplish her goals!

Blessings, Erin Erin Hathaway, MNA Ohio Regional Director, The Zechariah House

## Retirement Fund for Religious Support our Aging Religious

Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care,

and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders.

## Gifts for Baby Jesus

St. Julie's Respect Life & Rosary groups will sponsor our annual Gifts for Baby Jesus to benefit Birthright of Lorain County. These gifts are used to make up Layette sets, last year they provided over 200 Layettes to moms who came to Birthright for support in their pregnancy. They also distributed 1.200 canisters of formula and 3.400 packets of two dozen diapers. Our gifts help Birthright continue to provide loving support to moms who have chosen life for their baby. Please see the flyer in the bulletin for gift suggestions. Gifts are returned at all masses December 24 & December 25.

#### **Blood Donors**

A very big **thank you** to the 13 people that donated 15 units on November 24th; Mary Demsey, Pat Hoffman, Julia Kisel, Keith Klimkowicz, Janice McNamara, Tom McNamara, David Murphy, Carol Murphy, Michael Ochall, Ann Riegelmayer, Veronica Rivera, David Rodriguez and Larry Rozman. We hope to see you all on February 9.

# PRAY FOR ...

December 15, 2019

the health of, and caregivers of:
Fr. George, Toni Frameli, Larry
Kolarik (brother of Linda Koch),
Ruth Geierman, Ginny Umpirowicz,
Dolores Rivera, Elaine Klepek, Terry
Flanagan, Bill Livingston, Alma
Hamilton, JoAnne Bellomo, John
Murphy, Patrick Tinics, June
Seman, Jerry Moran, Carol Polak,
Irene Kollin, Regula Family, Sondra
Jirousek, Carol Straub; for our men
& women in uniform, our police,
firefighters, doctors and nurses;
and for vocations to the priesthood,
diaconate and religious life.

# Are you interested in traveling to the Holy Land?

In January Fr. George will be starting a 10 - 12 week series entitled:

# The Holy Land: A Pilgrimage Through the Footsteps of Jesus

This video/discussion-based program is about an hour in length and will begin on Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. Since it will be held in the Holy Family Room the class size is limited to 25. The cost is \$10 and includes a Study Guide and a seat to the virtual pilgrimage of the footsteps of Jesus as described through the geography of the land and the Sacred Scriptures. Call 327-1978 or email, stjbc@windstream.net to reserve your place in this life-changing journey!

# This week my prayers were for: my family; health & happiness of my family; Jesus & my family; people who are sick; Jesus, God, my family, my Church; JJ, Jovie, Sadie, Chance, Sparky, Ada Mae, Red & Dr. Louder; mom, dad, Ashley, grandma, papa.

This is how I used my time and talent for others: helped with chores; helped my mom clean up; I shared my ornament with Apollo to put on the tree at the Gazebo; helped take the puppy out and feeding the dog; I made thank you cards for my relatives who took me out; I helped clean up her work.

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# Parish Stewardship

Dec. 8: Envelopes used: 239 (out of 692 mailed)	\$6363
Average per Envelope	\$27
Children's	\$48
School Subsidy	\$95
Capital Improvement	
Net Offertory	
Mass Attendance	589

Thank you for sharing your blessings.

# News & Events

## Liturgical Ministers Schedule

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Sat, Dec. 14, 5:00 L- Cindy Naprestek L- Renee White EM-Patrick Delaney Elaine Klepek Agnes Klimkowicz Eileen McBriarty Marcia Smith Chris Vacca*	Sun, Dec.15, 9:00 Kristine Krejsa Ken Allen Barb Arguello Theresa Bak John Burghard* Jim Carter Joanne Carter Nick Modock	10:30 Gloria Hearns Amy Shealy Joe Kotarsky Mark LaLonde Debijo Lamb* John Palazzo Larry Rozman Leslie Rozman		
Altar Servers ( )	Adult Servers Bob Gazer Chris Snyder	Tessa Johnston Matthew Krejsa		
Sat, Dec. 21, 5:00 L- Terry Flanagan L- Peg Nolan EM-Don Braun Greg Dubecky Paula Dubecky Ted Lapponi Jim Nolan Suzanne Snyder*	Sun, Dec.22,9:00 Dottie Heller Ken Allen Barb Arguello Theresa Bak Jim Carter Joanne Carter Mary Kay Polomsky Patrick Delaney Suzanne Snyder*	10:30 Sharon DeBevec Jim Cassidy JoAnne Bellomo David Davis Ed Knoblauch Laura Knoblauch Tom Lamoda Mike Yarosh*		
Altar Servers Anthony Shealy	Ashley McDowell	Juliana Cerny Leah Palazzo		

Cursillo (Spanish for "short course") is a movement deeply rooted in Catholicism. The mission of Cursillo is to provide adult men and women a method to come to know Jesus Christ in a more intimae way. Through prayer, fellowship and working together. Cursillo developed a way to bring the light of Christ to families, the community and work environments. The Weekends to be conducted in English are: Men's Weekend January 16-19; Women's Weekend February 20-23. If you would like more information or registration call Joe Perez, 440-915-4886 or Lisette Gracia, 440-308-7006.

## Bus transportation to the 2020 March for Life:

The Fr. Ragan Council 3269 of the Knights of Columbus (Avon) is again sponsoring bus transportation to the January March for Life in Washington D.C. The March for Life is held annually on the anniversary of the Supreme Court decisions that decriminalized the child-killing of abortion. Each year, the March for Life brings tens of thousands of Pro-Life people to Washington, D.C. to petition our government to end abortion and to return legal protection to innocent preborn children. The March will be held on Friday, January 24. For more information or to reserve space on the bus to the March for Life call Greg 440-865-5883, Jack 440-522-8304, or Gerry 440-477-5507.