

SAINT JULIE BILLIART

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

CHURCH-CATECHETICAL CENTER • 440-327-1978

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CHAPEL-ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

St. Julie Billiart is a welcoming Catholic stewardship based community that strives to proclaim God's goodness in our friendly and caring outreach to those seeking a spiritual home.

Our faith community is centered in the celebration of the Eucharist. Sent forth nourished by the Word of God and our sacramental encounters with the Lord Jesus, we endeavor to live the Gospel each day.

As a compassionate Christian people, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we minister to each other and the greater world community through prayer and action.

December 18, 2016

PASTOR.....Rev. George A. Vrabel

Permanent Deacon.....Rev. Mr. John Rivera

Permanent Deacon.....Rev. Dr. Ken DeLuca

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Masses at Church

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

Sunday.....9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Masses at the Chapel

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

(Excluding Thursdays)

Holydays.....Consult the Bulletin

CONFESSIONS

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

in the Church Library

Religious Education

PSR Principal.....Kelly Reed

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

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

BAPTISMS

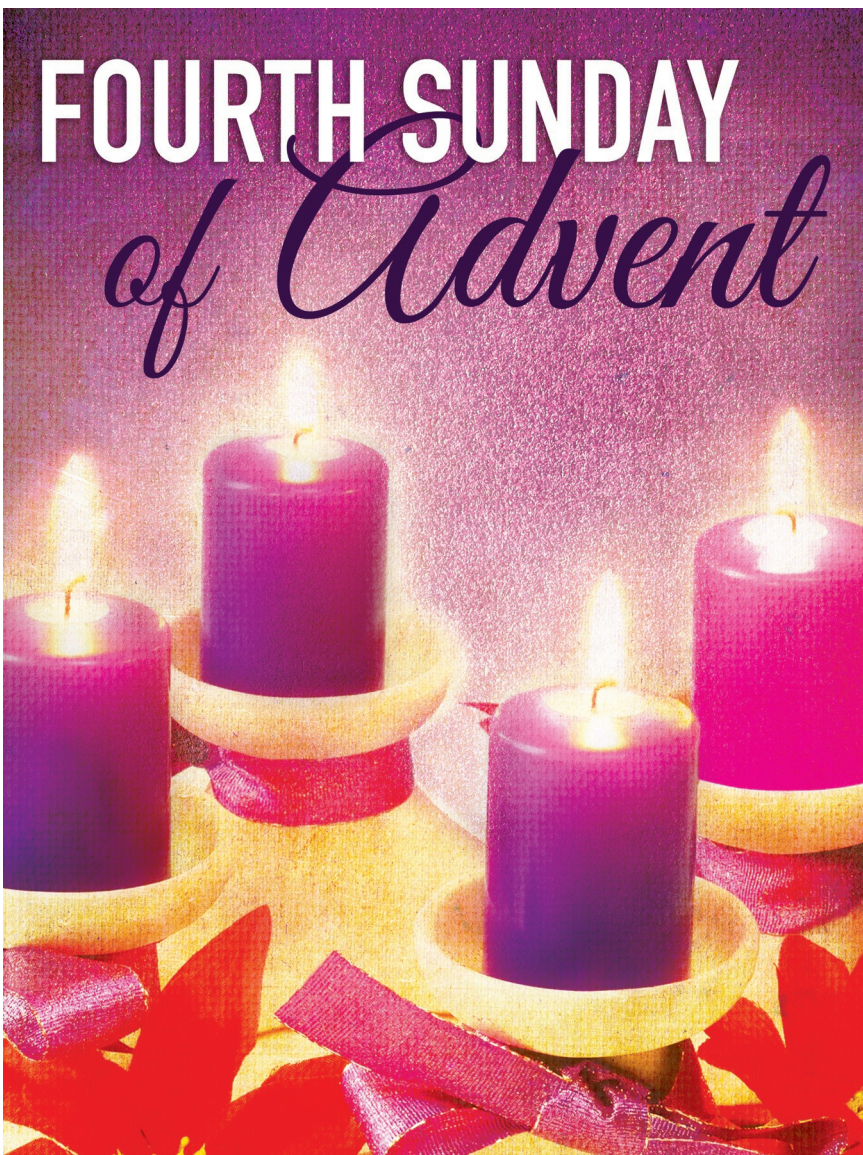
1st & 3rd Sunday by appointment

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,

On this fourth and final Sunday of Advent 2016, we still have a full week prior to the Feast of the Nativity. And between now and then, the church will once again be transformed for the celebrating.

Today's Gospel unfolds the details of Christ's birth as Joseph takes Mary into his home as his wife. I have often thought of the abounding grace which enabled both Joseph and Mary to trust so fully. Each of us is called to live in grace as well... to trust in the abundance of God's love. Instead of allowing the challenge to de-rail us, use it as an opportunity to name and express God's love.

My wish for each of you is an abundance of grace which can be named through a person, event or prayer. Remember to pray for the men and women who serve in the armed forces, police, and fire and EMS departments. May God continue to protect them from all harm. May your families find the warmth and joy of Christ which flows from hearts of peace and forgiveness. And finally, may we continue to proclaim the gospel with hearts and hands open to the love of Christ in all seasons and times.

Fr. George

Planning Ahead...

The Parish offices will be closed December 23rd thru December 26th so that our staff may enjoy some well-deserved rest and relaxation.

Parish News and Updates

- Thank you to everyone for your generous support of The Giving Tree. Your prompt and early deliveries helped to make the season bright for many.
- The last Confessions before Christmas will be on Tuesday - December 20th from 6-7pm. There will not be Confessions on Saturday - December 24th.
- Masses for Christmas are:
 - ◇ Saturday - December 24th at 5:00 pm and 10:00 pm
 - ◇ Sunday - December 25th at 9:00 am and 10:30 am

MASS INTENTIONS

Dec. 17 - Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Bobby Hepner (Bob & Helen Hepner)
Dec. 18 - Sunday	9:00 a.m.	St. Julie Billiard Parishioners
	10:30 a.m.	Deceased Members of Bahr & DeLuca Families (Ken & Jan DeLuca)
Dec. 19 - Monday	8:30 a.m.	Joan Mayer (Jerry & Maxine Mayer)
Dec. 20 - Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Tom Wanosik (Al & Toni Rall)
Dec. 21 - Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Patrick Gallagher (Eileen Gallagher)
Dec. 22 - Thursday		No Mass
Dec. 23 - Friday	8:30 a.m.	Clara Sittinger
Dec. 24 - Saturday	5:00 p.m.	William Henry (Family Choir)
	10:00 p.m.	George & Helen Vrabel
Dec. 25 - Sunday	9:00 a.m.	St. Julie Billiard Parishioners
	10:30 a.m.	Snyder & Walter Families (Snyder Family)

The Week Ahead

December 18

Sun.

PSR
Blood Drive, 10:00-1:00



Tues.

Confessions, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Sunday Choir, 7:00 p.m.

Wed.

Family Choir, 7:00 p.m.
Rosary, 7:30 p.m., St. Anne Rm.

Sat.

Christmas Eve
Masses, 5:00 & 10:00 p.m.
Birthright-Gifts for Baby Jesus

Sun.

Christmas Day
Masses, 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Birthright-Gifts for Baby Jesus

Coming Events

December 28

Singing Angels, St. Julie's

December 29

Crockpot

January 7/8

Signature Ad's

January 8-15

Family Promise

January 15

2nd Grade Reconciliation Parent Mtg.

January 24

2nd Grade First Reconciliation

Family Perspective

Without the angel's intervention, a confused and hurt Joseph was planning to quietly divorce Mary. Those people who come into our lives at times of confusion and help us find our way are truly angels to us, like Joseph, we need to listen to them, frequently those angels are in our own homes.



Behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife

into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." - Mt 1:20-21

Religious Education

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

January 15 - 2nd Grade Reconciliation Parent Mtg., 9:10 a.m.

January 24 - First Reconciliation for 2nd grade, 7:00 p.m., Church

FLY - Faithfully Leading Youth - St. Julie's High School Youth Ministry



We want to thank everyone that has been praying for us during Steve's illness. Everything that was done meant a lot and kept our spirits up when we needed it most. Thankfully, Steve finally came home last week with home health care. The doctors said it will be a long road but, with God and friends like you, it will be easier to navigate.

Love, Jane and Steve Herbcha

Dear Parishioners and PSR Students of St. Julie Billiart Parish,

Thank you for hosting the Baby Bottle Drive in October for Maggie's Place, The Zechariah House. You donated \$1524. We truly appreciate your continuous, loving support of the moms and babies of Maggie's Place. Thank you for all you do for us and the community!

Blessings,
Erin Valencia, Regional Director

Catholics Coming Home An Invitation to Nonpracticing Catholics

Were you raised Catholic, but do not come or seldom come to church?
Are you a Catholic who now feels separated from your Church?
Would you like to know more about the Catholic Church as it is today?
Would you like to feel at home in the Catholic Church again?
No matter how long you have been away and no matter the reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church. St. Peter's Parish will be offering a special program to help nonpracticing Catholics return to the Church. The program is called "Catholics Coming Home" and it begins on Wednesday, January 18, 7:00 p.m. in the Galilee Room at the Parish Center. For more information or to register for this program please call Tom Banner, 327-5905 or Christine Bak, 327-6808 or the Parish Center, 327-2201.

PrimeTimers

Our Christmas party was a success and the 35 members who attended were very generous in their Christmas donations to Community Care in lieu of a gift exchange. The amount donated was \$275.



the health of, and caregivers of Pat Wing, Chris Piazza, Steve Herbcha, Michelle Frameli & Lisa Engle (daughters of Tony Frameli), Craig Tracey, Donny Kotarsky (brother of Joe Kotarsky), Larry Primozic, Bob Bellomo, Carol Polak, Andrea Daw, Pat Tinics, Teresa, Brian Edmonds, Dolores Rivera, Cindy Olsieski, Rick Birsic, Joe Reed, Diane Soukup, Irene Kollin, Don & Rose Regula and son Ron, Sondra Jirousek, Sandy Ciocca, Dick & Georgia Sullinger, Carol Straub, for the repose of the soul of Deacon Alfred J. Koch from Holy Martyrs Parish, Medina.



Gifts for Baby Jesus In support of Birthright of Lorain County.

See the Flyer in this week's bulletin for gift suggestions. We like these items to be new. The items are used to make up Layette Sets for babies whose mother has come to Birthright for guidance and support. Please bring your gifts to Mass on December 24 & December 25. Children may bring them up to the altar during the offertory. Our gifts will help Birthright to provide almost 300 Layettes in the coming months.

Calendars

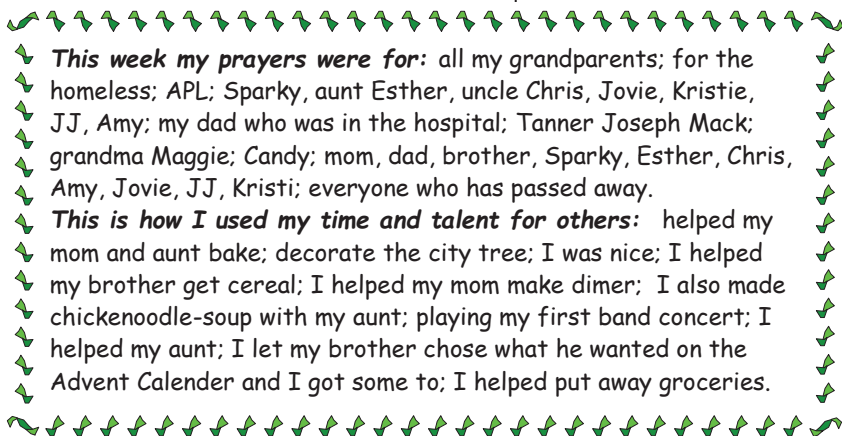
The 2017 calendars in the back of the Church are provided by the David Bogner Family Funeral Home. Please stop and pick up a copy.



Parish Stewardship

Dec. 11: Envelopes used: 224 (out of 663 mailed)	\$6096
Average per Envelope	\$27
Children's	\$30
School Subsidy	\$95
Capital Improvement	\$252
Net Offertory	\$6473
Mass Attendance	511

Thank you for sharing your blessings.



News & Events

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Sat, Dec. 17, 5:00

L- Terry Flanagan
L- ()
EM- Don Braun
Joe Dominak
Nancy Dominak
Suzanne Snyder
Jeanne Kovach*

Sun, Dec. 18, 9:00

Linda Vasiloff
Cindy Naprestek
Theresa Bak
Laura Eland
Nick Modock
Gene Morrison
Mary Kay Polomsky
(*)

10:30

Jim Cassidy
Mark LaLonde
JoAnne Bellomo
Alice Hogue
Tom Lamoda
Terri Lanser
Jim Livingston
Debijo Lamb*

Altar Servers

Amanda Bastian
Alyssa Eland
Haley Eland
Lizzie Schiffbauer
Sydney Schiffbauer

Sat, Dec. 24, 5:00pm

L- ()
L- ()
EM- Greg Dubecky
Laura Eland
Marian Juskiewicz
Agnes Klimkowicz
Ted Laponi
Jack Whipkey
Linda Forthofer*

10:00 pm

Sharon DeBevec
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Theresa Bak
John Burghard
Michelle Davis
Jim Livingston
Nick Modock
Suzanne Snyder*

Altar Servers

Haley Eland
Alyssa Eland
Gene
Schwarzwald



Sun, Dec. 25, 9:00am

L- Diane DeMelo
L- Barb Arguello
EM- Jim Carter
Joanne Carter
Nancy Dominak
Beth Paoloni*
Marcia Smith

10:30 am

Lisa Palazzo
Mark LaLonde
Laura Knoblauch
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John Palazzo
Suzanne Snyder
Debijo Lamb*

Altar Servers

Chris Snyder
Amanda Bastian



Holly

Life-giving qualities are assigned to holly. Its shiny green leaves and red berries of the holly plant signify fertility. Holly promised new life to the household.

Medieval Europeans believed holly brought good fortune, so they planted it near their homes to ward off evil.

The church later adapted the meaning, linking the sharp leaves to Christ's crown of thorns and the red berries to his drops of blood at crucifixion.

The dark green leaves and bright red berries naturally lend themselves to decorating during the dreary winter. The appearance of holly in old English homes ushered in the season of feasting and good cheer.