

St. Julie Billiart Catholic Church



Mary, the Holy Mother of God

From the Desk of Father George

Greetings Parishioners and friends of St. Julie's,

By the time you read this, December 25th has come and gone. Some would say that Christmas is over... but is it really? The official Liturgical Christmas Season has only just begun... today - January 1st is the Feast of Mary, Mother of God; January 7th is the Feast of The Epiphany of the Lord, and January 9th is The Feast of The Baptism of the Lord - the conclusion of the Christmas Season of 2016. But why let dates bog us down?

Rejoice! Celebrate! Proclaim glad tidings across the valleys and hills that Christ the Savior is born! He lives in our hearts and homes and stays with us this and every day of our lives. As we continue to celebrate Christmas, there is much goodness and good news to proclaim. Being a people of faith only requires a willingness to seek and find. I am continually reminded of Mary's Magnificat:

"My being proclaims the greatness of my God."

It is a source of prayer and hope that reminds me of the wonderful parishioners, staff and co-workers of St. Julie's. Everywhere I look, the face of Christ continues to be seen. It is a blessing that humbles and exalts the presence of our God... it is a blessing that defines the 'Holy Family' of 'Our Little Church in the Woods.'

As Mary and Joseph were faithful unto God and to their role in Salvation History, we continue to carry Christ to the world. Our homes are the womb of holiness, and each of us is capable of bearing Him by the choices we make.

May God continue to bless you. I am extremely grateful for your many cards, goodies and gifts. Thank you to all the musicians and choirs who provided so beautifully for Christmas Masses as well as all the elves behind the scenes making ready our place of worship. Merry Christmas to you all!

On a personal note... what would another year be without the pastor having another surgery? On Thursday - January 5th, I will be having foot surgery to correct the correction (January 2016) of the original correction from September of 2015. This is going to be an involved procedure which will require me to be out of action for 4-6 weeks. On the bright side, my deductibles will be in good shape for 2017!

MASS INTENTIONS

Dec. 31 - Saturday	5:00 p.m.	John & Frank Selee (Mark & Judy Selee)
Jan. 1 - Sunday	9:00 a.m.	St. Julie Billiart Parishioners
	10:30 a.m.	Charles Bartley (St. Julie Adult Choir)
Jan. 2 - Monday	8:30 a.m.	Dolores Snyder (Suzanne Snyder)
Jan. 3 - Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	John J. Cassidy Family (John Cassidy)
Jan. 4 - Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	James D. McAleese (John Cassidy)
Jan. 5 - Thursday		No Mass
Jan. 6 - Friday		No Mass
Jan. 7 - Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Pietrzak Family (Jean Rasmussen)
Jan. 8 - Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Jerry Polomsky (Linda Forthofer/Mike Uzelak)
	10:30 a.m.	St. Julie Billiart Parishioners

PASTOR: *Rev. George A. Vrabel*

Permanent Deacons

Rev. Mr. John Rivera

Rev. Dr. Ken DeLuca

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The Week Ahead

January 1

Sun.

No PSR

Tues.

Sunday Choir, 7:00 p.m.

Wed.

Family Choir, 7:00

Rosary, 7:30

Thurs.

K of C

Sat./Sun.

Signature Ads

Sun.

PSR

Sun. - Sun.

Family Promise

Coming Events

January 14

Women's Breakfast, St. Julie's

January 15

2nd Grade Reconciliation Parent Mtg.

January 21

Men's Breakfast, St. Peter's

January 24

2nd Grade Reconciliation

*Happy
New Year*



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



the health of, and caregivers of Ron Sroka, Chris Piazza, Steve Herbcha, Michelle Frameli & Lisa Engle (daughters of Tony Frameli), Craig Tracey, Carol Polak, Andrea Daw, Pat Tinics, 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 souls of Rachael Juskiewicz, granddaughter of Marian Juskiewicz and Deacon Donald Lobdell for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life.

Knights of Columbus

We are happy to announce that on Dec. 14th the K of C Council 7970 added four new 1st Degree Knights to our membership. The new Brother Knights are Fr. Andrew Hoover, John Berger, Max Fingerhut and John Griffiths. We welcome them into the Order. They will be making their 2nd Degree on January 18th here at St. Julie's. Their first meeting is January 5 at St. Julie's. The Council holds meetings every 1st Thursday - odd months are at St. Julie and even at St. Peter. What a wonderful Christmas gift of having four new members join our Council. Thank you new Knights and welcome!



Right to Life Signature Ad

Next weekend after all Masses, we will be collecting signatures

and donations for the Lorain County Right to Life Signature Ad and Billboard Campaign. The Ad, which contains educational info and the names of all the signees, will appear in area newspapers on January 22nd, the 44th anniversary of the Supreme Court decisions that decriminalized abortion-on-demand throughout all 9 months of pregnancy. Same-theme Billboards will also be on display around Lorain County during January. Since 1973, over 58 MILLION babies have been killed by abortion in the U.S. However, the annual Signature Ad and Billboards do make a difference! Each year, people contact Right to Life after seeing the Ad and Billboards. Hearts are touched, babies' lives are saved, and moms and dads are spared from the devastation of abortion. Please add your name to the people in our County standing for life by signing up for the Ad. A donation of \$5 per name is requested to cover the cost of the Ad and Billboards. Thank you and God bless you!

Help Needed

Family Promise will be coming to stay at St. Julie's on January 8 for one week. We have many spots to fill such as bringing in food items, cooking, fellowship, staying overnight, setting up and taking down bedrooms and many more. Couldn't you please put down your ipad or phone for an hour or two and volunteer to help the less fortunate get back on their feet? The sign-up sheet is in the back of the church.



New Year Prayer

Thank You Lord for giving me
the brand new year ahead.
Help me live the way I should
as each new day I tread.
Give me gentle wisdom
that I might help a friend.
Give me strength and courage
so a shoulder I might lend.
The year ahead is empty,
help me fill it with good things.
Each new day filled with joy
and happiness it brings.
Amen.

Community Care

Holiday celebrations are almost over but please do not forget the needs of the less fortunate.

Non-perishable food items needed: canned soup, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, canned fruit, canned vegetables, macaroni & cheese. Also needed are paper products: toilet paper, paper towels, dish soap, face soap, laundry soap, tooth paste, deodorant, shampoo.

Put in a bag/box in the vestibule marked Community Care .



Family Perspective

Mary, the Mother of God and our Blessed Mother is The Model Disciple for all of us. The Gospels portray her as having a heart always open to the Lord and His will. How can our hearts be open like hers? To take time to be mindful of God acting in the world and to prayerfully reflect on them in our hearts.

News & Events

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

<u>Sat, Dec. 31, 5:00</u>	<u>Sun, Jan. 1, 9:00</u>	<u>10:30</u>
L- Barb Arguello	Linda Vasiloff	Mark LaLonde
L- Cindy Naprestek	Diane DeMelo	Gloria Hearns
EM- Marian	()	Jim Livingston
Juszkiewicz	Jim Carter	Gene Morrison
Agnes Klimkowicz	Joanne Carter	Mike Yarosh*
Jim Miklich	Brenda Klein	()
Suzanne Snyder*	Ceil Morrison	()
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Altar Servers

Lizzie Schiffbauer	()	Amanda Bastian
Sydney Schiffbauer	()	

<u>Sat, Jan. 7, 5:00pm</u>	<u>Jan. 8, 9:00</u>	<u>10:30</u>
L- Ed Hurst	Ken Allen	Jim Cassidy
L- Sharon DeBevec	()	Gloria Hearns
EM- Don Braun	Barb Arguello	John Burghard
Laura Eland	Theresa Bak	Greg Dubecky
Ted Laponi	Michelle Davis	Laura Knoblauch
Jim Miklich	Nick Modock	Terri Lanser
Suzanne Snyder*	()	Debijo Lamb*
	Linda Forthofer*	

Altar Servers

Lizzie Schiffbauer	Adult Servers	Haley Eland
Sydney Schiffbauer		Alyssa Eland

The March for Life will be held on Friday, January 27 in Washington D.C. 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 Fr. Ragan Council 3269 of the Knights of Columbus (Avon) is again sponsoring bus transportation to the March for Life. For more information, contact John (440) 725-7369, Kevin (440) 930-4740, or Bob (330) 225-7155.

Catholic Renewal Ministries invites you to An Evening of Teaching and Healing Prayer with Dr. Mary Healy on Friday, January 20th. She will speak on healing and its relationship to evangelization. Dr. Healy is a professor of Scripture at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit and serves as chair of the Doctrinal Commission of the International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services. She speaks nationally and internationally and has published numerous books, including *Healing: Bringing the Gift of God's Mercy to the World*. Pope Francis appointed her as one of the first three women ever to serve on the Pontifical Biblical Commission. The evening will begin with praise and worship at 7:00 p.m. and be held at St. Raphael Parish, 525 Dover Center Rd., Bay Village 44140. There will be an extended time of healing prayer for all present and prayer teams will also be available for individual prayer. A free will offering will be taken. For information, contact Fr. Bob Franco at 440-327-2201 or CRM at 440-944-9445.

