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Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 8:30am-4:30pm

Friday 9:00am-2:30pm

(office closed from 12:00-1:00pm for lunch)



7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." - Mt 5:44

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How good is the good God!
- St. Julie Billiart

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday 8:00 am Sacred Heart Chapel

FIRST SATURDAY MASS

Monthly 8::00 am

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 4:30 pm Sunday 7:30 am, *9:30 am, 11:30 am, and 6:00pm *Livestreamed Mass via Facebook. View our most current Mass on St.Julie.org

RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday 3:00 pm-4:00pm Sacred Heart Chapel Call the parish office for a private appointment if needed

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Weekly: Thursday's Following 8:00am Mass until 11:00am Monthly: First Friday's Following 8:00am Mass until 5:00pm Sacred Heart Chapel

DEVOTIONAL PRAYER

Rosary / Divine Mercy Chaplet Monday - Friday 8:30am Sacred Heart Chapel

PRIVATE PRAYER

Monday-Thursday 8:30am — 4:30pm Friday 8:30 am — 2:30 pm Mary Chapel



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Friday, 9:00 am-2:30pm

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Registering with our Parish?

All are invited to participate in the life and mission of the SJB faith family. Register in person or begin the process at https://www.stjulie.org/new-member-form/

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

For an anointing, call the office 708.429.6767 **Select Option 1.**

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents preparing for the birth of a child should email **marianne@stjulie.org** to inquire about preparations.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please contact **marianne@stjulie.org** at least six months in advance for a wedding date and to begin marriage preparations.

St. Vincent de Paul

If you, or someone you know, needs assistance or if you'd like information, please reach out to us at 708.429.6767 x244.

BEING DISCIPLES OF JESUS



Fr. Tirso Villaverde Pastor

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

As we approach the start of Lent this Wednesday, I wanted to share with you some things we want to try out during the season of Lent within our worship space. In speaking with those on staff that help me handle the liturgical life of the parish, we are trying out these changes to see if they best address some of the comments that we have received.

First of all, there is one comment that I have received recently and one that has been shared with me on several occasions since I first started here at the parish. Namely, vari-

ous parishioners have shared with me that it is very difficult for them to pray in the church on a Sunday morning prior to the start of Mass. The reason is because they hear the noise from the narthex as people congregate there to talk and "catch up" as parishioners see one another. The issue here is how we can encourage both because both are important.

Quiet prayer time prior to the start of the liturgy is essential. In fact, recent documents of the Church call for a period of silence before beginning the liturgy whether that be the Eucharist or any other of the Church's liturgies. That moment of quiet and silence helps us to prepare our hearts, minds, and souls to encounter the presence of God. As we learn from various passages of Scripture, God speaks in silence. In 1 Kings 19 and the story of Elijah, the prophet is told to go to a cave and wait for God to make Himself known to the prophet. We are told that a strong heavy wind passed by but God was not in the wind. Next, there came an earthquake but God was again not in the earthquake. Then, there was a fire but God was not found in the fire. Lastly, there was a tiny whispering sound and Scripture tells us that Elijah then covered his head because he knew that God was speaking to him. Elijah had to learn to ignore the noise of everything else and enter into a silence that was the only thing that could help him focus on the soft whisper that indicated God's presence.

Oftentimes, God will not make Himself known through "noisy" avenues. There is already too much "noise" in our lives that take on various forms—distractions, consumerism, etc. The Church calls for silence prior to the start of the liturgy because it is in the liturgy that we will discover that we are truly in the presence of God. However, at the same time, the Church also values the spirit of community when people come together and share one another's lives. It is equally important for us to be able to connect with one another personally and face to face. If we learned anything from the period of pandemic, it is that human and social interaction is just as essential for our wellbeing as anything else might be. So, the joyful conversations that parishioners have in the narthex prior to the start of Mass are just as much encounters with God as is the silence. So the question becomes how can we promote and provide for both?

Some have commented to me that, as pastor, I should demand that people not congregate and talk in the narthex before Mass. However, I do not think that is the real solution especially, as I have already stated, that human interaction is just as crucial in encountering God's presence as is the quiet that we seek in order to enter into prayer. In my conversations with the staff members who work with the liturgical life of our parish, we came up with a solution that we want to try during the season of Lent.

Namely, from Ash Wednesday until the start of Holy Week, the glass panel doors on the west end of the worship space will be closed. If you are not familiar with what I am referring to, these are panels that have been used in the past to block off the space between the font and the main worship space. Along with closing those panels, we will keep the double doors closed on either side of the font area. We will encourage parishioners to enter into church using those double doors as many have already been doing. We will also assign two Hospitality Ministers at those doors to assist those who may have disabilities that make it difficult for them to open doors without assistance. I have consulted with the Tinley Park Fire Department. I have been assured that the other emergency exits in church are sufficient in case the need arises.

Again, the reason for this experiment is to create an atmosphere of silence inside the church all the while allowing parishioners still to congregate in the narthex and have the joyful conversations that help them to connect with one another. Closing the glass panels may also help in another way.

Our font is beautiful. I have always dreamed of being assigned to a parish that has a large font that might allow for full immersions at baptisms. Plus, the sound of running water can be soothing and calming. At the same time, though, also can cause people to get up during Mass and use the restroom. From my vantage point at the presider's chair, I can tell you that several times during the course of the Mass I notice any number of people heading toward the direction of the restrooms. I cannot help but wonder if the sound of the running water has something to do with it. So members of the staff and I are just curious to see if closing the glass panels might have an impact on this.

Since the glass panels will be closed, we will use a different route for the opening and closing processions. At the start of Mass, the procession of altar servers and clergy will pass in front of the chapel where the tabernacle is located—show reverence to the Blessed Sacrament—then continue to the aisle facing the St. Julie shrine. This route can emphasize the truth that the ministers for Mass are coming from within and among the congregation rather than "set apart." Then, at the end of the Mass the procession will exit the church from the opposite side of the church again emphasizing that the altar servers and clergy return to their proper role as a part of the entire faithful prepared to take into the world the very presence of God made real during the liturgy.

As with any change, I know that there may be some apprehension and maybe even resistance. Again, though, let me say that we want to experiment with this to see if it might be a good solution. If it is not a good solution, then we will revisit the matter and see if there is something else that can be done. Any thoughts, please feel free to share them.

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Peace,

LENTEN DISCIPLINES

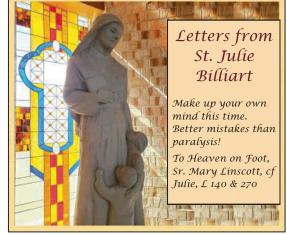
As the start of Lent approaches, please remember the following disciplines asked of us as Catholics:

- •Fasting (eating only ONE main meal) on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday is required of ALL Catholics between the ages of 18-59
- Abstinence (refraining from eating meat) on Ash Wednesday and ALL Fridays of Lent is required of ALL Catholics ages 14 and older

These disciplines are intended to help us to focus on Jesus' call to dedicate our entire lives to God's work in the same way as he did.

For all the great things that God does for us, this is only a small way to demonstrate our love for Him.





FRIENDLY REMINDER **COMMUNION ON THE TONGUE**

Just a friendly reminder especially for those who may just be returning to in person worship or those who are visiting the parish:

If you would like to receive Communion on the tongue, please sit in the sections where the priest or deacon will give out Communion.

Only the priest/deacon will have a sanitizing wipe with them in case it is needed.

For reference, the priest/deacon are assigned to sections 4 and 5 on either side of the church.



Fr. Roy Belocura
Associate Pastor

"Whoever keeps the word of Christ, the love of God is perfected in him."

- 1 JOHN 2:5

In a world that's often focused on vendettas, avenging wrongs,

trampled rights, and payback, Our Lord reminds us today of what has been a trademark of Christianity throughout the centuries: turning the other cheek. Meekness is often considered a weakness, but it actually involves a very virtuous effort not to strike, or even dislike, the one who's struck you, to give your time and possessions when someone doesn't have a right to them, or to go out of your way beyond what any reasonable person would expect.

Our Lord has set the standard. How many blows did he receive? Being God, he didn't have to sacrifice himself for our salvation. When Adam and Eve sinned God could have left us to the mess they'd made of our lives, just as he could every time we sin and continue to sin. With all that baggage anything we ask, or sometimes demand, of Our Lord is something he is under no obligation whatsoever to fulfill. And yet he does and continues to do so. We often focus on the receiving end of the slights and offenses that he describes in today's Gospel, but what he also teaches, for example, is how we should not be on the giving end of them either.

Even today we have an eloquent testimony in so many Christians suffering persecution and death. When evil stares us in the face, not some nebulous force or Hollywood B movie caricature, but real evil done by real people and to real people, we must combat it for the sake of others, but we must not lose our concern for the people who are on that path to

COMPENDIUM of the
Catechism of the Catholic Church
Part One - The Profession of Faith
Section One - "I believe" - "We believe"
CHAPTER TWO
God Comes to Meet Man

Sacred Scripture

- **20. What is the** *Canon* **of Scripture?** 120; 138 The *Canon* of Scripture is the complete list of the sacred writings which the Church has come to recognize through Apostolic Tradition. The *Canon* consists of 46 books of the Old Testament and 27 of the New.
- 21. What is the importance of the Old Testament for Christians? 121-123 Christians venerate the Old Testament as the true word of God. All of the books of the Old Testament are divinely inspired and retain a permanent value. They bear witness to the divine pedagogy of God's saving love. They are written, above all, to prepare for the coming of Christ the Savior of the universe.
- **22.** What importance does the New Testament have for Christians? 124-127; 139The New Testament, whose central object is Jesus Christ, conveys to us the ultimate truth of divine Revelation. Within the New Testament the four Gospels of Mathew, Mark, Luke and John are the heart of all the Scriptures because they are the principle witness to the life and teaching of Jesus. As such, they hold

misery and failure by their misdeeds. That is the sign of genuine love, perfect love, like our Heavenly Father's love. It's not a love conditioned by the love we expect in return or have received; otherwise, we'd only care about those who care for us. That is the secret to overcoming the damage any lack of love on the part of others may have caused in our lives. Love can triumph if we let it. Society, a difficult family situation, an evil done to us can only conquer our love if we let it.

Questions and/or sharing your own reflections on God's Word? Send me an email, frroy@stjulie.org.

JOIN! Team St. Julie

www.facebook.com/TeamStJulie

Run in/Train with Fr. Roy for the 2023 Chicago Marathon. DONATE

Give to St. Julie Billiart Parish to support parish ministries. CHEER

Cheer to inspire the runners and help find more donors.

PRAY

Pray for the runners, the donors, the cheerers and the parish.

OUR PRAYER LIFE

TODAY'S READINGS AND REFLECTION

<u>First Reading:</u> "Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against any of your people. You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

I am the LORD." (Lv 19:18)

Reflection Question: Leviticus teaches us that one way to be holy is to have an attitude of love and non-retaliation toward your family and neighbors.

Can you name some examples when you have acted in this manner?

Psalm: The Lord is kind and merciful. (Ps 103)

Second Reading: All belong to you, and you to Christ, and Christ to God. (1 Cor 3:22-23)

Reflection Question: Paul teaches that as believers we are now "the temple of God" with the "Spirit of God" dwelling in us.

How might we celebrate this new reality?

Gospel: "You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." (Mt 5:43-44)

Reflection Question: Jesus challenges his disciples to love and to pray for your enemies. Why do you think Jesus encourages us to behave this way?

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Want to be a real revolutionary?

Defy the fallen impulses of human nature.

Love your enemy. Pray for your persecutor.

Give to those who would take.

We can do hard things, Christians.

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Presidents' Day

Tuesday: St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of

the Church

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday

Thursday: St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent

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PRAYER OF ST. PETER DAMIAN



Grant, we pray, almighty God, that we may so follow the teaching and example of the Bishop Saint Peter Damian, that, putting nothing before Christ and always ardent in the service of your Church, we may be led to the joys of eternal light. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 (8a)/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/

Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28,

39-40/Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13,

14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/

Mt 6:1-6, 16- 18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk

9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/ Mt 9:14-15

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LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION



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MON. FEB. 20 6:00PM—RCIA (Devine Center)

TUES. FEB. 21 8:30AM – FORMED Small Group (Great Room)

WED. FEB. 22 9:30AM – 5:30PM Distribution of Ashes (Narthex)

FRI. FEB. 24 5:30PM—Full Parish Fish Fry (Devine Center)

MON. FEB. 27 6:00PM—RCIA (Devine Center)

SUN. MAR. 5 9:30AM – RCIA Rite of Sending (Church)

FORMATION STATION

What is virtue and which virtues are the most important?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines a virtue as a habitual disposition to do good and avoid evil. More commonly we can think about virtues as good habits of behavior that we do **consistently**, with **ease**, and with great **joy**. As St. Paul tells us, "And now Faith, Hope and Love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is Love." These three virtues are called the Divine or Theological virtues because they are gifted to us from God. We cannot attain them on our own.

- •Faith: That we believe in God and all that he has said and revealed to us through the Prophets, Scripture, Jesus, and his Holy Church.
- •Hope: The strong desire for the promises of Christ, namely Heaven and Eternal Life. This virtue is also tied to trust in the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
- •Charity (Love): This virtue is more simply explained by Jesus as the two greatest Commandments. Love the Lord God with all our being and love our neighbor as ourselves in order to love all of God's creation.

We cannot gain these virtues or good habits on our own but we can certain ask God to increase these virtues within us if it be His will.

Living Our Faith

Let us pray for an increase in these virtues today. Let us say together, "Come Holy Spirit and fill my soul, pour your grace onto me so that I might overflow with the divine virtues of Faith, Hope and Love. If it be your will let it be done. Amen"



PADS Toiletry Collection

Over Lent our Family Formation community will be collecting the following **TRAVEL SIZED** toiletry items for those in need.

<u>Please drop off donations at the Parish Office</u>

- Toothpaste
- •Toothbrush
- •Floss
- •Bar of Soap
- •Shampoo
- •Body Wash
- Wet Wipes
- •Tissues

The homeless individuals that PADS serves are those on the margins. Let us not forget them, let us give of ourselves to support them!

SACRED JOURNEY YOUTH MINISTRY



Kristen Maxwell Youth Minister St. Julie / St. George

Upcoming Events

Sun Feb 19 11:30am Teen **Hosted Mass** St. George; 1-2:30pm Ice Skating Oak Lawn

Tues Feb 21 7-9pm First Living Stations Rehearsal at St. George

Sun Feb 26 7pm Encounter Night at St. Francis of Assisi

Mon Feb 27 6-8pm Service with Tinley Park Food Pantry at Zion Lutheran Church

Tues Feb 28 7-9pm Living Stations Rehearsal at St. Julie

*We are grateful for your generous support of our bake sale for Holly Hesselschwardt! We were able to gift her with two large cards, a warm blanket, and \$2,499.50! Also, thank you to our wonderful bakers and our teens who made the blanket for her and others in need!

*We are excited to be leading a Living Stations prayer performance during Holy Week at 7pm at St. Julie on April 4th and St. George on April 7th. Our first meeting is this Tuesday, February 21st at St. George Church. Practices are on Tuesday nights. See attached schedule.

*Join us for Mass this Sunday at 11:30am at St. George and then meet us at Oak Lawn Park District Ice Arena for skating from 1-2:30pm. See flyer for details.

*All are welcome at Encounter Night, sponsored by Southwest Suburban Youth Ministry Association, on Sunday, February 26th at 7pm at St. Francis of Assisi. This is a great opportunity for Lenten prayer and reconciliation.

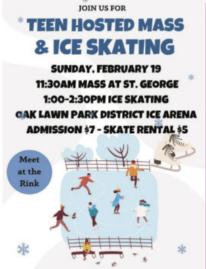
WANTED: VIRTUS TRAINED ADULT VOLUNTEERS TO SHARE THEIR FAITH AND TIME WITH OUR YOUTH!



Thank you to our teens who came together and made blankets for those in need, and a special one for Holly.



ST. CEORGE



JOIN US TODAY!

Please help us lead our parishes in prayer by participating in the Living Stations Rehearsals - 7:00-9:00pm Tue Feb 21 St. George Tue Feb 28 St. Julie Tue Mar 7 St. George Tue Mar 14 St. Julie Tue Mar 21 St. George Tue Mar 28 St. Julie Sun Apr 2 St. Julie Prayer Performances 7:00pm Tue Apr 4 St. Julie Fri Apr 7 St. George

> Contact kristen@stjulie.org or kmaxwell@stgeorge60477.org to sign up



MUSIC MINISTRY



John Ligda Coordinator of Music Ministry

john@stjulie.org 708.429.6767 x229

CALLING ALL SINGERS & MUSICIANS! ST. JULIE NEEDS YOU!

Our *Adult Choir* is seeking members to join its ranks!

Ministry Goal: Lead sung prayer at either 9:30am or 11:30am liturgies between the months of September through June, plus Christmas, Holy Week and Easter.

Age: High School and older.

Training Needed: Must sing on pitch, keep rhythm, have a love of singing, and an appreciation for music of various styles and genres.

Time Commitment: Rehearsals Tuesdays 7-9pm; sing twice a month for Sunday Mass **Duration of Commitment:** A minimum of half a choral season (Sept-Dec or Feb-May) but we would love to have you join for the full year!

Other ensembles are also seeking new and returning members:

Cantors, Praise & Worship Band, Handbells, Instrumentalists and Children's Choir.

Contact John Ligda



Thank you for supporting St. Julie's Music Ministry.

Your Orders Are Available For Pick-Up This Weekend After All Masses

HELP FILL EASTER EGGS!!!

This Easter Sunday between the 9:30am and 11:30am Masses, we will have an Easter Egg Hunt for children of all ages. We need your help!

Next weekend, we invite parishioners to take as many plastic Easter Eggs as you would like and fill them with any of the following:



- Candy
- •Small toys
- •Small religious mementos
- •Coins or even paper money

We will need the filled eggs back by March 26th.



DO YOU LOVE TO PLAN EVENTS? GREAT WITH DETAILS? ENJOY WORKING WITH OTHERS?

We need you! All of you! We are looking for the following Committees and there will be more to come!

Sponsorship Raffle Silent Auction Entertainment Tickets Seating Publicity Welcoming

The St. Julie Anniversary Team is looking for a group of many volunteers to help plan a Dinner / Dance celebration for St. Julie's 50th Anniversary! If this is something you or someone you know would enjoy, please let Marianne Mueller marianne@stjulie.org or Sheila Pluchar sheila@stjulie.org know!

Our first meeting will be: Saturday, March 4th, 1:00pm - 2:30 pm in the Great Room

HUMAN CONCERNS



St. Julie Respect Life Ministry, along with surrounding parishes, are looking into the possibility of securing a bus for this important event. We do not know the cost yet. The day would look something like this:

6:30am: Depart (Bring breakfast on the bus)

9:30am: Arrive

10:00am: Mass with Bishop Thomas J. Paprocki

Lunch: TBA

Noon: Rally at the State Capitol with speakers

1:00pm: March around the State Capitol

2:00pm: Lobby at the Capitol

3:00pm: Return home



February 22 to April 2

Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

Vigil location: Outside Flossmoor Planned Parenthood, 19831 Governors Hwy, (park across the St) Vigil hours: 8 am to 6 pm daily

Local contact: Richard 40dsfl@gmail.com

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers!

Feel free to go on your own or email shela@stjulie.org to go with a St. Julie volunteer.

PORT LUNCHES WE NEED HELPING HANDS!

All are welcome to come and join in the fun! Everyone can make a lunch! Come join us! All ages and abilities are welcome!

We will be preparing 300 lunches for The Port Ministries which is located at 51st & Hermitage.

Mark these dates down in your calendar! 10:15am (after the 9:30am Mass) See you in the Parish Hall!

> February 19 March 19 April 23

Donations needed: Lunch meat and bread and

lots of helping hands!



February Top 3 Needs for the **Tinley Park Food Pantry:**

1. Pasta Sauce – any kind

2. Jello – any flavor

3. Toothpaste – any brand

Thank you so much for your generosity!

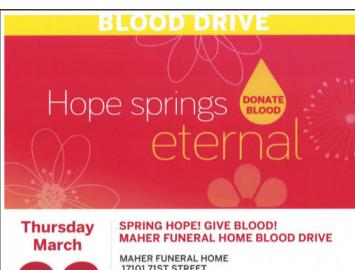


ST. VINCENT de PAUL Do you know someone who can use some assistance?

The St. Julie SVdP Chapter is a dedicated group who seek to help those in need. If you or someone you know is in

need of temporary assistance, we may be able to help. Our group is trained to assess all situations in order to best serve the community.

When you call, please don't hang up. You will be guided through the phone system. Please leave your name and a number where you can be reached and a team member will respond within 24 hours. Our phone number will appear as "blocked". Please assist us by answering the call so we can begin the process of sharing information with you. **708-429-6767 x244.**



Helpful tip: Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.

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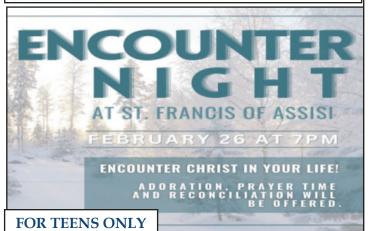
Appointments Preferred; Walk-in's Welcome! Please make your appointment online: https://tinyurl.com/ykvexjdz Or Scan OR Code -



-Please fill out Versipass on drive day to decrease your wait time---> www.versiti.org/versipass/illinois



Call 1-800-7TO-GIVE for questions or appointments



ST. JULIE ICE CREAM **SOCIAL THIS SUNDAY!**

February 19th (following the 6:00pm Mass until 8:00pm)

Please join us in the Parish Hall for ice cream and conversation! There is no charge, but free will donations will be gratefully accepted.

ST. JULIE BOOK CLUB



First Wednesday every month 1:00pm - Great Room

It's a great opportunity to gather with other book lovers to share thoughts, ideas, and opinions about the monthly selection. Any questions or need more information, contact Bev at bsigler5@comcast.net.

Mar 1 Eight Perfect Murders by Peter Swanson

Apr 5 The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls

May 3 Brooklyn by Colin Toibin

Jun 7 The Good Earth by Pearl S. Buck

Jul 5 It Ends With Us by Colleen Hoover

Aug 2 Fools and Mortals by Bernard Cornwell

Sep 6 The Midnight Library by Matt Haig

Oct 4 The Searcher by Tana French

Nov 1 The Guest List by Lucy Foley

Dec 6 The Christmas Bookshop by Jenny Colgan





Sunday, February 19th

St. Julie - Devine Center Doors Open at 12:45pm

Games played from 1:00pm-5:00pm

LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION 2023



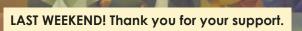
St. Agnes Ministry would like to thank Fr. Tirso Villaverde, the parish, the committee members who organized this years Lunar New Year Celebration, and to all of those who supported the event in many other ways. The Lord continues performing miracles daily here at Our Beloved Parish - St. Julie Billiart. May the Lord continue to bless us all with his Holy presence and continue to inspire us to deepen our faith, love for Him, and love for one another!



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SHARE YOUR VOICE SUPPORT OUR PARISH

Participate in a 10-15 minute survey online. The survey can be accessed online from February 22 to March 31.

The survey will ask us to reflect on our own spiritual growth and enable us to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help us grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. This information will be invaluable to our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be.



Call the office if you prefer a paper copy, 708-429-6767 (ask for Tony). To submit the completed paper survey, please drop it off at the office. Thank you!

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Disciple Maker Index SURVEY



IN OUR PRAYERS...

WE REMEMBER OUR BELOVED DEAD

Eternal rest grant unto them and let perpetual light shine upon them. Joseph P. Miller Jr. Timothy Macijunas (husband of Theresa)

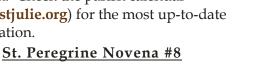
THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING

Sharon Prepura, Colleen Jones, Lucy Krouse, Leonard Schrank, Ernanie Gastala, Daniel Bialek, Dan Shanahan, Fred Coluzzi, Art Holz, Marie Robertson, Margaret Lokes, Patricia Wiedow, Ro Anne Bacani Reyes, Kevin Zidek



ST. PEREGRINE NOVENA

The Novena is held weekly, usually on Mondays, in our Sacred Heart Chapel at 7:00 pm. Check the parish calendar (www.stjulie.org) for the most up-to-date information.



Week #8-Monday, February 20 **SKIP for LENT** Week # 9 - Monday, April 3

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 20th, in observation of Presidents Day.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 18 – 4:30pm

†Theresa Lavan, †Raymond Tavs, †Mary Anne Davies

Sunday, February 19-7:30am

Mildred Faron, †Roy Smith, †John Grigus, †Ted Gatses, †Mary Ann Dwyer,†Janina & August Boron, †Richard Boron, †Jadwiga & Michael Kopera, †Richard Kopera,†Jack Norris

Sunday, February 19-9:30am

Intentions of the people of St. Julie parish

Sunday, February 19-11:30am

†Deceased members Kilanowski & Wasik families, †Howard Sommerfield, †Joseph & Mary Schulok, †Marie Wasinski, L Ernanie Gastala

Sunday, February 19-6:00pm

Intentions of the people of St. Julie parish

Monday, February 20 – 8:00am

Intentions of the people of St. Julie parish

Tuesday, February 21 – 8:00am

†Jack Carlson, †Rosalie Whalen, †Adeline Smigiel

Wednesday, February 22 – 8:00am

†Ermelindo D'Aversa, †Deb O'Boyle

Wednesday, February 22 – 7:00pm

Intentions of the people of St. Julie parish

Thursday, February 23-8:00am

†Sabina Walczak, †Scott Staszak, †Andrew Myrda

Friday, February 24-8:00am

†Chester & Mildred Faron

Saturday, February 25-4:30pm

†Janes Fernatt, †Jimmy Arendarczyk, †Russell Striet

Sunday, February 26-7:30am

†Chester & Mildred Faron, †Ann & Edward Weston

Sunday, February 26 -9:30am

†Paschal Lovergine, †Theresa Lavan,†Hank & Jean Kolenski, †Kathy Reen,†Reen Family, †O'Connor Family, †Vito Ventrella, †Jim & Lorraine Jackson

Sunday, February 26-11:30am

Intentions of the people of St. Julie parish

Sunday, February 26 – 6:00pm

Intentions of the people of St. Julie parish

CATHOLIC REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

Of all the things Jesus says which seem totally bat-crazy, this one might take the cake:

"But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you."

An enemy is someone who desires the destruction of you, your projects, or those you care about. To love and pray for them is to want their health, strength, and flourishing. But if they thrive, they are more likely to hurt you and others. So, aren't you indirectly willing your own destruction, or that of your friends?

If you doubt that this problem is embedded in this teaching, when was the last time you actually prayed honestly for the people you really hate?

How can we solve this riddle so we might actually live this command?

Recall that enemy-love is the surest sign that you love someone with God's love, and not with indirect egotism. After all, if my love for my enemy ends up hurting me or my loved ones, it can't be for me. Enemy-love costs more because there are no tit-for-tats. No reciprocity — just loved poured out, and often pain in return. That's why it is so precious and rare. "What is unusual about that?" asks the Lord about love for our friends. Jesus wants us to experience the unusual love which only comes from him.

When Jesus was being killed on the cross, he



was loving his executioners. In fact, he was holding them in being as they nailed him to the cross. He loved those who were spiritually piercing his Mother's heart, while they were doing it. And when he rose from the dead, he showed us that this kind of love is always worth it. It's stronger than death.

Real love is unusual.

— Father John Muir

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Hardness of Holiness

Want to know the words I find hardest to say? "Lord, give me the strength." The world tells us to push ourselves outside of our comfort zone if we're training for a marathon or applying for a job — but if we're talking about God, everything is supposed to be easy. If it comes "naturally" or without struggle it's supposed to be right.

Only God is perfect, the world tells us. What's the use of trying so hard? I'm really good at finding excuses for myself, especially when it comes to holiness. Holiness, often (not always, but often), is about choosing the hard, but right, thing. The invitation to holiness is whispered in the hardest moments of my day when I am the most hopelessly human. After the kids' bedtime, when I really just want to watch Dateline and eat too much ice cream instead of saying the Rosary. When I've committed to helping someone, but it suddenly becomes incredibly inconvenient. When I see a social media post that's just beaging for a snarky reply. When the conversation becomes gossip and I'm dying to make myself feel superior to someone.

The reason it's so difficult for me to mutter these five simple words is because I know that if I say them and I mean them, they form a prayer that God will always answer in the affirmative. He will give me the strength I ask for, and then I will have no excuse. It's not unlike my kids claiming they're too tired to clean up the playroom. If they would just ask me for help, it would all be so doable. But where would that leave them?

With a job to do, that's where.

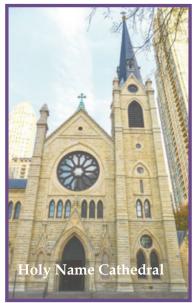
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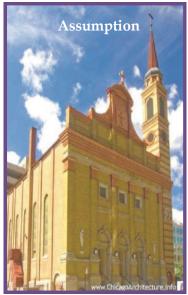
"Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy."

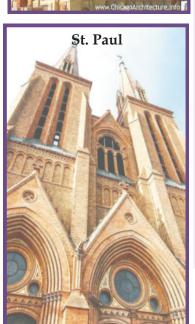
— Leviticus 19:2

PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS



Church of the Holy Family





Come and join the Lenten Pilgrimage to 7 churches!

When: Thursday

March 23, 2023

\$50/Pilgrim Cost:

Leaves: 8:30am

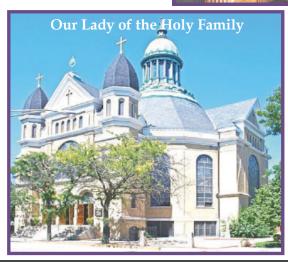
Returns: 3:30pm (approx.) Bus & Lunch Includes:

MAXIMUM 25 PILGRIMS

Sign up at the church office before March 15, 2023

Contact Fr. Tirso at the parish office or via email with any questions: frtirso@stjulie.org.

Pilgrimage starts and ends at St. Julie Billiart Church







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Dear Parish Families:

We would like to share an amazing opportunity for you to receive a 75% state tax credit for 2023, and assist a deserving child receive a Catholic education at Cardinal Joseph Bernardin, your parish school!

As of this week thirteen children are on the Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School wait list for consideration for a scholarship from the "Invest in Kids Act Tax Scholarship Program" for the 2023-2024 school year and that list will grow in the coming weeks. These are families who passionately desire Catholic education for their children but may not be able to close the gap between what their household can currently afford and the cost of Catholic education tuition. Empower Illinois awards scholarships directly to our students only if funds are available for Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School.

Through this program:

- An individual donor receives a **75% state tax credit on their donations**. For example, if a person donates \$10,000, they will receive a state tax credit of \$7,500. Their net cash outlay would be \$2,500.
- · The credit may be rolled over for five years.

There is no limit to the amount of donations that can be made to our fund and no minimum donation is required. As a special incentive, now through March 31st – any funds donated for a CJB student will be matched dollar for dollar, or until the matching funds are depleted. Currently, there are \$1.3 million in matching funds available. Every school in the Archdiocese is allowed up to \$75,000 of matching funds.

As of today, CJB has \$10,000 in our F 23-24 fund, that will be matched with another \$10,000! **\$65,000** in **scholarship funds is still available to CJB for matching**. If we can reach the \$75,000 goal, \$150,000 would be available to qualifying students for the next school year. Twenty-two schools in the Archdiocese have already reached the \$75,000 goal. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to help a student begin or continue their Catholic education at Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School. You will receive 75% of your donation back in a state tax credit and the knowledge that you helped make Catholic education available to a deserving child. These families will be forever grateful for your generosity.

Kelly Bourrell Principal kbourrell@cjbschool.org Karen Calcagno Business Manager kcalcagno@cjbschool.org

Please visit: archchicago.org and click on the box "Donate to Tax Credit Scholarships." Be sure to designate Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School, your parish school, as the recipient.

STEWARDSHIP & GENEROSITY

SACRIFICIAL GIVING SUNDAY OFFERINGS: FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2022-JUNE 30, 2023

February 11-12, 2023 Budgeted \$ 18,076.00 Collected \$ 8,418.50 \$ 9,657.50

Year-to-Date 2022-23 Budgeted \$ 596,508.00 Collected \$ 621,343.10 \$ 24,835.10

YTD totals include all Faith Direct contributions made through February 12th.

YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS—PLEASE READ

Due to IRS regulations, all contributions received through December 31 will be recorded as 2022 contributions. Contributions made on January 1, 2023, or after are required by law to be recorded as a 2023 contribution regardless of the type of envelope used or the date on the check.

If a contribution dated in December was mailed to the parish office and is postmarked on or before December 31, it will be recorded as a 2022 contribution. However, all contributions delivered to the parish office in person, left in the drop box, or postmarked on or after January 1, must be recorded as a 2023 contribution. Therefore, even if a check was dated in December 2022, but mailed, left in the drop box, or delivered to the parish office in January, that contribution must be recorded as a 2023 contribution.

Contribution statements will only be provided upon request. Statements may be emailed, picked up at the parish office or mailed. Please designate the preferred method of receipt when requesting the statement. We thank you for your generosity and are truly grateful for all you do for St. Julie Billiart!

FAITH DIRECT

Signing up with a recurring gift is easy, and Faith Direct will help if you need assistance. You may call their Customer Service team at 866.507.8757 or email info@faithdirect.net. I ask you to give eGiving your prayerful consideration so we can continue to help those who thirst for the love and acceptance of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The more parishioners we have signed up for eGiving, the more consistent and predictable our offertory will be each

month. This will help us do even more to spread Christ's love in our community.

SJB MONTHLY 50/50 RAFFLE

- \$5 per entry (Entries must be submitted in our preprinted salmon colored envelopes only.
- No limit to the number of entries per person per month, but each \$5 entry must be submitted in a separate envelope (Any amount in a single envelope that exceeds \$5 will automatically be considered a donation to the general fund, and that envelope

will still be considered a single entry.) For details, please visit stjulie.org.



BSA Troop 385 is hosting an ALL YOU CAN EAT Pancake Breakfast:

We invite you and your family to join us. Eat pancakes, enter a raffle and buy a treat from our bake sale. All proceeds will be used to fund our amazing scouts and their activities, adventures and development. Please join us on Sunday, February 26th from 8am – Noon at St. George School 6700 W. 176th Street in Tinley Park. Tickets: \$8



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