



**Saint Julie
Billiart**
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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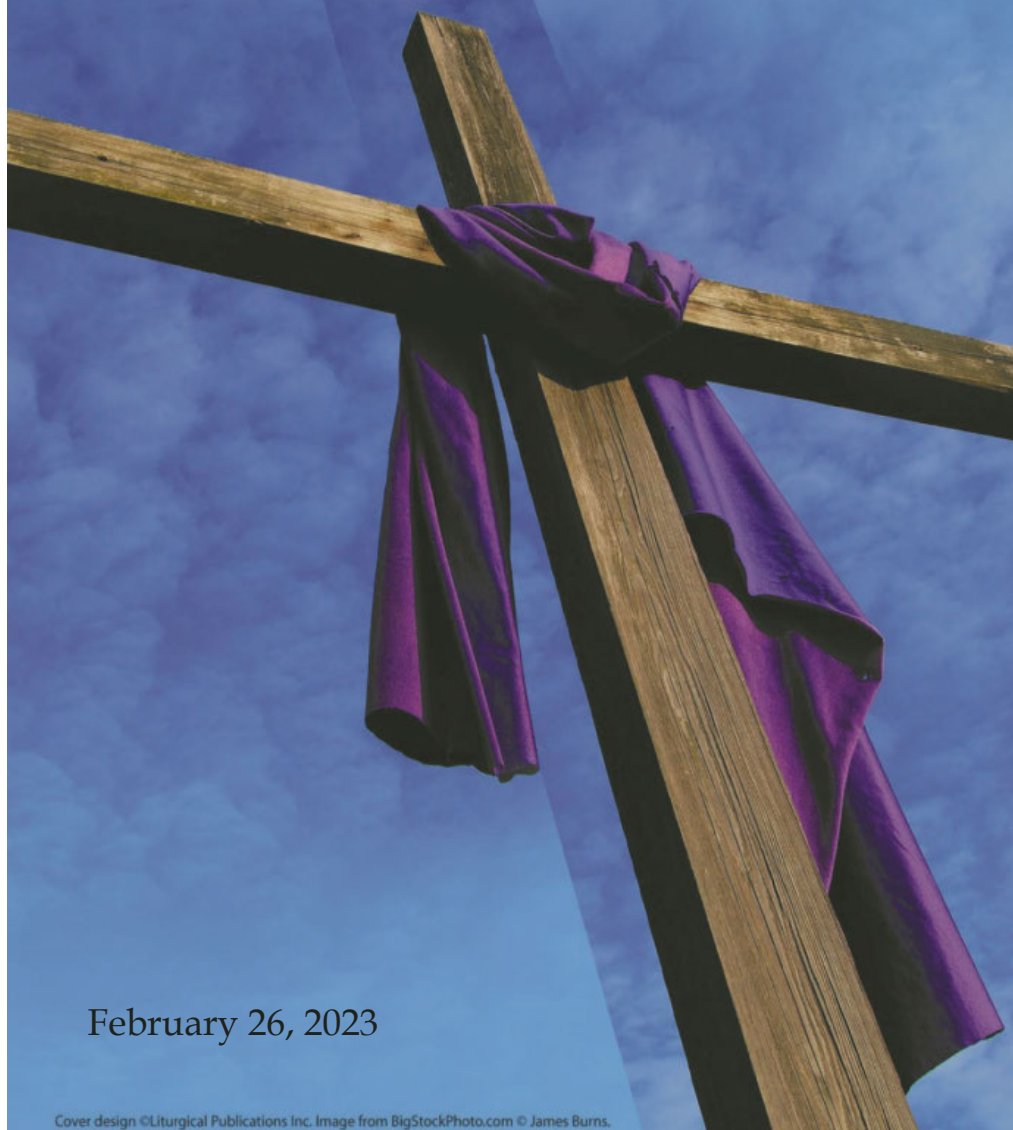
Parish Office Hours:

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

Friday 9:00am-2:30pm

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



February 26, 2023

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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



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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 announced last weekend, this is the revised plan for the coming weeks. First, we will start closing the doors from the narthex leading into the church for at least 20-30 minutes prior to the start of each Mass time. There is a simple reason for this. People have commented to me on several occasions that it is difficult for them to pray before Mass when the noise of conversation in the narthex is carried into the church. It becomes distracting and inconducive to prayer. However, there is value to both.

In terms of silence, it is important in our encounter with the Divine Presence of God. God always speaks in the silence. We are reminded of this in Sacred Scripture with the story of Elijah. In 1 Kings 19:11 – 13, Elijah is waiting outside of the entrance to a cave. He has been running for his life having been chased down by people who want to put him to death for being a prophet of God. As he waits for God to make His presence known, Elijah first encounters a strong heavy wind, an earthquake, and then a fire. But, the presence of God was not found in any of those. Finally, Elijah hears a tiny whispering sound. At this, he covers his head for he knows that God has come to him.

In the story of Elijah, the wind, earthquake, and fire all represent the “noise” that distract us from hearing God’s voice. Like Elijah, God comes to us most clearly and powerfully in silence. We oftentimes may think that God does not speak to us. However, it is not that God is not speaking but, rather, we lack the silence or calm in our lives in order for us to focus on the voice of God.

The Eucharist is the clearest and most powerful moment when God makes His presence known to us. In the Eucharist, we come into the very presence of Jesus himself – our Lord and God – when the bread and wine are transformed into Jesus’ own Body and Blood. What a great moment that is for everyone of us. For all of us, we need to give ourselves every opportunity to be prepared before coming into God’s presence. Many people do that by seeking a quiet moment of prayer prior to the start of the liturgy.

At the same time, though, it is just as important for parishioners to gather in the narthex before and after Mass to connect with one another. If we have learned anything from the pandemic it is simply that we need that personal interaction with one another. Personally, I find joy in seeing parishioners talking with one another in the narthex and sharing in one another’s lives. God did not create any of us to be islands separated from one another. Rather, God created us to be one in mind, heart, and soul. Nowhere is this most clearly cultivated than the times when we are able to connect with one another on a real, personal, and intimate level. Again, we need to promote this just as much as the need for those quiet moments.

So, the question becomes, how can we provide for both? The simple solution is to close the doors from the narthex leading into the church. That way, for those who would like to congregate in the narthex and catch up with one another can do so without disturbing the prayer of those who choose to pray in church. For those who choose to pray in silence before Mass, they will have the quiet atmosphere that is needed to prepare themselves spiritually and physically to encounter the Lord.

While the doors are closed, we will have our Hospitality Ministers stationed at the doors to greet people, pass out worship aides, and open the doors for those who may need assistance. Shortly after the start of the Mass, the doors will be opened again in order to ease the exit of people after Mass. As it is with many instances, it should not be a matter of “either/or” but a “both/and.” With this slight change, we can provide for BOTH those who desire to pray in silence prior to Mass AND those who want to catch up with friends from the parish. We grow in community by allowing for both.

Another change that will begin with Lent involves the southwest corner of church. This is the alcove that is

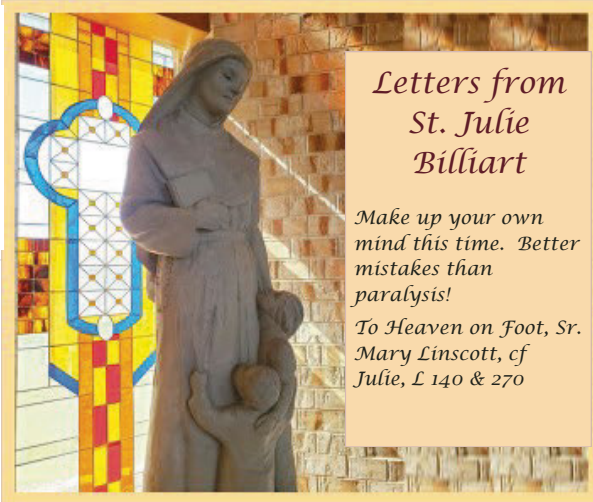
immediately in front of the Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament. The tabernacle is, for us Catholics, the “Holy of Holies” because in it is reserved the very Presence of Jesus himself. We ought to show reverence to the tabernacle each time we pass by it. In this way, we acknowledge and celebrate the very presence of our Lord and Savior. I have noticed, though, that a lot of times people pass by the tabernacle nonchalantly. To remind us that there is someone special dwelling in the tabernacle, the area immediately in front of it will no longer have chairs. Instead, I would like to create an area of prayer leading into the Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament.

To bring further attention to the reverence that is owed to Jesus’ Presence in the Blessed Sacrament, the opening procession at Mass will be rerouted. Rather than walking down the center, the procession will first pass by the tabernacle where altar servers and clergy will show due reverence either by genuflection or a profound bow. The procession will then proceed to the aisle in front of the statue of St. Julie and continue to the altar from there. At the end of Mass the procession will exit the church via the opposite side of church. This new route will also help to emphasize the reality that the ministers who serve the Mass are coming from within the community itself and at the end returning to the community.

Finally, during Lent and only during Lent, we will not turn on the baptismal font. It will still contain holy water but we will not use the flowing feature. The gentle sound of running water emanating from the font was one thing that many of us missed during the COVID period when it was profoundly missing. During Lent, let us use the absence of that comforting sound to remind us of our desire to be in relationship with Jesus. When we hear the sound of the font again at Easter, we can be strengthened in our commitment – individually and as a community – to be faithful to our baptismal promises.

Lent is a time for renewal and rejuvenation just as much as it is a time for conversion. Let us use the time we have been given to strengthen our faith life in every way from the act of reverence we give to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament as well as our commitment to being who we are called to be as Jesus’ disciples.

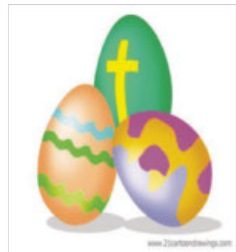
Peace,



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.

Thank you in advance to all who will help!

**FRIENDLY REMINDER
COMMUNION ON THE TONGUE**

If you would like to receive Communion on the tongue, only the priest/deacon will give out Communion on the tongue. Please sit in the sections assigned to them for the distribution of Communion.

For reference, the priest/deacon generally cover sections 3 and 4 on either side of the church. Section 5 is also included when there is no lay minister.



Fr. Roy Belocura
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"For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of the one, the many will be made righteous."

- ROMAN 5:19

In the garden of temptation, man succumbs to disobedience. Jesus reverses this sinful pattern in the dessert of temptation, setting the example for us men to hold on to the Father's will amidst trials and temptations. Our Lord fasts and prays before beginning his public ministry, and, like all of us, he too has to face temptation in making the right decisions. He does so to teach us how we can face and overcome temptations to decide well.

We have started the season of Lent on Ash Wednesday. If we have not decided on our Lenten resolutions, we can still do so. Let us make resolutions in the area of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. This Lent pick something hard as a resolution, something that clashes with your convictions and your weakness. Pick something that is going to help you grow in virtue and holiness by flexing and testing your spiritual muscles for weeks. This process is painful, but also purifying because through healthy self-knowledge you grow in humility. Do not get discouraged if you don't keep it perfectly. It is a stress test that can teach you a lot.

Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus as he stays focused on the Heavenly Father and the mission he had received — "The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve." Let serving God always shape our decisions. If he is not in first place, our decisions will take a wrong turn. When we find ourselves starting to look the other way, we pray for the grace of courage and strength to refocus on following the Lord Jesus' example.

**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

23. What is the unity that exists between the Old and the New Testaments? 128-130; 140 Scripture is one insofar as the Word of God is one. God's plan of salvation is one, and the divine inspiration of both Testaments is one. The Old Testament prepares for the New and the New Testament fulfills the Old; the two shed light on each other.

24. What role does Sacred Scripture play in the life of the Church? 131-133; 141-142 Sacred Scripture gives support and vigor to the life of the Church. For the children of the Church, it is a confirmation of the faith, food for the soul and the fount of the spiritual life. Sacred Scripture is the soul of theology and of pastoral preaching. The Psalmist says that it is "a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (*Psalms* 119:105). The Church, therefore, exhorts all to read Sacred Scripture frequently because "ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ" (Saint Jerome).

SHARE YOUR VOICE SUPPORT OUR PARISH

It's official! The Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey is a great way to reflect on your own spiritual growth while helping our parish plan for the future.

Complete the short, 10-15 minute anonymous survey at portal.catholicleaders.org/d/gbbbkq

or scan this code,

or call the office at 708-429-6767 (ask for Tony) to set up an appointment to do it at the office from Monday to Friday during office hours.



**Disciple Maker Index
SURVEY**



JOIN! Team St. Julie

www.facebook.com/TeamStJulie

RUN
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	SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
<p><u>First Reading:</u> The LORD God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life. (Gn 2:7)</p> <p><u>Reflection Question:</u> Genesis teaches us that humanity's first sin against God was that of disobedience — they listened to the voice of the snake (the devil) rather than God's voice. What are some ways we can avoid the sin of disobedience in this first week of Lent?</p> <p><u>Psalms:</u> Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned. (Ps 51)</p> <p><u>Second Reading:</u> For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of the one, the many will be made righteous. (Rom 5:19)</p> <p><u>Reflection Question:</u> Paul teaches us that through Jesus' obedience to his Father (as opposed to Adam's "transgression"), believers receive the gift of God's grace and "acquittal" from condemnation. How can we all be more mindful of this divine reversal of fortunes during Lent?</p> <p><u>Gospel:</u> At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights. (Mt 4:1-2)</p> <p><u>Reflection Question:</u> Each year the Gospel reading for the season of Lent begins with the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert by the devil. What temptations are you willing to confront during the forty days of Lent?</p>	<p>Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent Monday: St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church Friday: St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin Saturday: St. Casimir Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent</p>
<p>We worship a God who understands human limitation. A God who has felt the pangs of fasting and the enticements of the tempter. Our God, hungry and tired and weakened, has stared into the face of the devil and said: "I am stronger than you."</p> <p>©LPi</p>	<div data-bbox="966 569 1354 604" data-label="Section-Header"> <h2>ST. KATHARINE DREXEL</h2> </div> <div data-bbox="802 621 1015 1199" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="1015 632 1529 1142" data-label="Text"> <p>Ever Loving God, you called St. Katharine Drexel to teach the message of the Gospel and to bring the life of the Eucharist to the Black and Native American peoples. By her prayers and example, enable us to work for justice among the poor and oppressed. Draw us all into the Eucharistic community of Your Church, that we may be one in You. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen</p> </div> <div data-bbox="927 1205 1393 1243" data-label="Section-Header"> <h2>READINGS FOR THE WEEK</h2> </div> <div data-bbox="802 1281 1529 1892" data-label="Text"> <p><u>Sunday:</u> Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 (see 3a)/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11</p> <p><u>Monday:</u> Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46</p> <p><u>Tuesday:</u> Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15</p> <p><u>Wednesday:</u> Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32</p> <p><u>Thursday:</u> Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12</p> <p><u>Friday:</u> Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 507a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26</p> <p><u>Saturday:</u> Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48</p> <p><u>Next Sunday:</u> Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 (22)/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9</p> </div>

LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION



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

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

PADS Lenten Toiletry Collection

TRAVEL SIZED
toiletry items

Please drop off
donations at the
Parish Office

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

FORMATION STATION

How can I know if I am living a virtuous life? Are there signs in the way I act?

The Fruits of the Holy Spirit must be our guide. Here is a description of a person who is a model of those Fruits.

"First of all he is an unselfish person. He sees Christ in his neighbor and is considerate of others and helpful to others even at the cost of inconvenience and hardship to himself.

This is **charity**. Then he is a cheerful and pleasant sort of person. He seems to radiate an inner glow which makes itself felt in any group of which he is a part. When he is around, the sun seems to shine a little brighter. People smile more easily, speak more gently. This is **joy**. He is a quiet and relaxed person. Psychologist would call him "well-adjusted." His brow may be puckered with thought, but seldom with worry. He is a steady sort of

person, a wonderful man to have around in an emergency. This is **peace**. He is not easily angered, he is not resentful of slights. He is not upset or frustrated when things go wrong or people are stupid. He can fail six times and still start over the seventh time without grinding his teeth and cursing his luck. This is **patience**. He is a kind person. People

come to him with their troubles, and find in him a sympathetic listener; they go away feeling better just for having talked with him. He is interested in the enthusiasms and the problems of others; he is especially considerate of children and the aged, of the unhappy and the unfortunate. This is **benignity**. He stands solidly for what is right, even when it

means standing alone. He is not self-righteous; he does not judge others; he is slow to criticize and still slower to condemn; he is forbearing with the ignorance and the weakness of others. But he will not compromise principle, he will not temporize with evil. In his own religious life he is invariably generous with God, never seeking the

easiest way out. This is **goodness**. He is uncomplaining under pain and disappointment, in sickness and in sorrow. Self-pity is unknown to him. He will raise his tear-stained eyes to heaven in prayer but never in rebellion. This is **long-suffering**. He is a gentle person, a

restful sort of person to have around. He gives of his best to whatever task comes to hand, but without any of the aggressiveness of the "go-getter." He does not seek to dominate others. He will reason persuasively, but he never is argumentative. This is **mildness**. He is proud of his membership in Christ's mystical body. He does not try to

ram his religion down anyone's throat, but neither does he apologize for what he believes. He does not try to conceal his religion in public; he is quick to defend the truth when it is attacked in his presence; his religion is the most important thing in life to him. This is **faith**. His love for Jesus Christ makes him recoil from the thought of being an ally

of the devil, from the thought of occasioning sin to another. In dress and deportment and speech, there is a decency about him or her which fortifies rather than weakens others in their virtue. This is **modesty**. He is a temperate person, with his passions firmly ruled by reason and by grace. He is not up in the clouds today and down in the depths tomorrow.

Whether in eating or drinking, whether at work or at play, he manifests an admirable self-control in all that he does. This is **continency**. He has a great reverence for the procreative power that God has given him, a holy awe that God should have so shared his creative power with humankind. He sees sex as something precious and sacred, a

bond of union to be used only within the limits of wedlock and for the purpose established by God; never as a plaything, as a source of self-gratification. This is **chastity**."

-Excerpt from The Faith Explained 3rd Ed. By Leo J. Trese

SACRED JOURNEY YOUTH MINISTRY



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*Thank you to all who attended our Friendship in Christ Teen Retreat last Saturday and our Mass followed by ice skating last Sunday!

*It's not too late to be a part of our Living Stations prayer performance during Holy Week at 7pm at St. Julie on April 4th and St. George on April 7th! Although our first meeting/rehearsal was last Tuesday, seventh graders and older can still join us this Tuesday, February 28th at 7pm at St. Julie Church. Practices are every Tuesday night and rotate between parishes.

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

*Save the date for our mission trip Eat and Earn Fundraiser at Oberweis Ice Cream on Sunday, March 5th! When ordering, please let them know that your order is to benefit St. Julie and St. George Youth Ministry.



Upcoming Events

Sun Feb 26
7pm Encounter Night

Mon Feb 27
6-8pm Service with Tinley Park Food Pantry

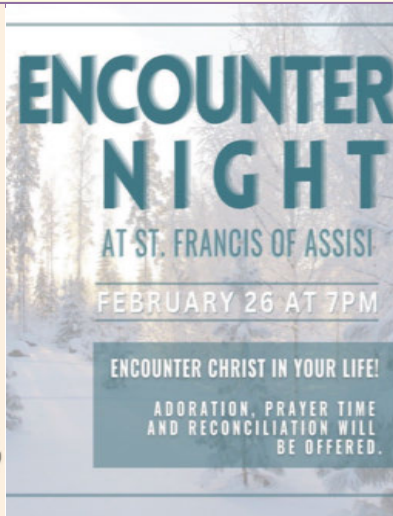
Tues Feb 28
7-9pm Living Stations at St. Julie

Sun Mar 5
6pm Teen Mass St. Julie;
7-8:30pm Teen Meeting Youth Center;
Oberweis Eat and Earn

Thurs Mar 7
7-9pm Living Stations at St. George

Thurs Mar 9
4-5pm Junior High Hangout at St. Julie

**WANTED: VIRTUS TRAINED ADULT VOLUNTEERS
TO SHARE THEIR FAITH AND TIME WITH OUR YOUTH!
CONTACT KRISTEN IF YOU ARE INTERESTED!**



Our teens enjoyed playing the human knot game with Fr. Roy during our Friendship in Christ Retreat last Saturday.

More pictures to come soon.

MUSIC MINISTRY



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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



1st Annual Parish Paczki Sale Benefiting Music Ministry

Thank you for supporting our parish's first annual Paczki Sale benefiting Music Ministry. Over 65 dozen paczki from Walt's Bakery in Homewood generated over \$600 in profits which will be used toward the purchase of music and related supplies for purposes of rehearsal and liturgy. An additional thank you to parishioners Marni Cothorn, Mary Anne Kramer, Joanne Regan, Elma Weesit-Leonard, Mini Pahis, Vicki Fultz, and Shelia Pulchar for their assistance.

Look for sales to begin next year the weekend of January 20-21, 2024.

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



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.

St. Peregrine Novena #9

Week # 9 – Tuesday, April 11, 2023



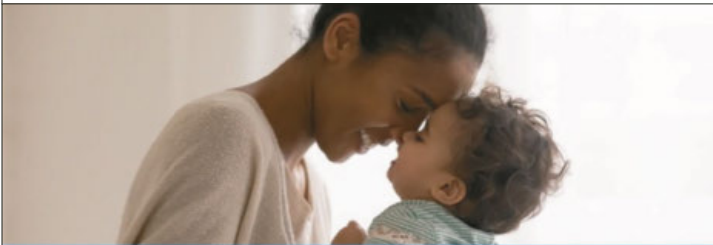
HUMAN CONCERNS



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

If you are interested in participating, please let us know as soon as possible. Email sheila@stjulie.org



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)

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 sheila@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!

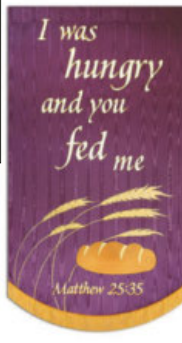
March 19

April 23



Donations needed:

Lunch meat, 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 dePAUL

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.

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**DO YOU LOVE TO PLAN EVENTS?
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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
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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 – 1:00-
2:30pm in the Great Room**



The mission of **Shawl Ministry** is to
knit/crochet shawls in prayer to bring
comfort and solace to those facing
life's challenges and those celebrating
life's joys. Shawls are distributed to
the home bound, the sick, those with

terminal illness and to the RCIA candidates upon
acceptance into our faith.

Our ministers have also presented gifts of prayers
shawls to our priests and deacons when marking
special anniversaries!

Most recently, we sent over 300 pocket prayer squares
to our men and women serving overseas this
Christmas!

All are welcome to come and join this wonderful ministry!

**The next meeting will be on Thursday,
March 2nd at 11:30am in the Great Room.**

Come meet some new friends or stop by for a bit to
ask some questions!

*Mark Twain once said, "The two most important
days in your life are the day you are born and the
day you find out why."*

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

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The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



As Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from birth.
He spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle,
and applied the clay to his eyes, and said to him,
"Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent).
So he went away and washed, and came back seeing. Jn 9:1, 6-7

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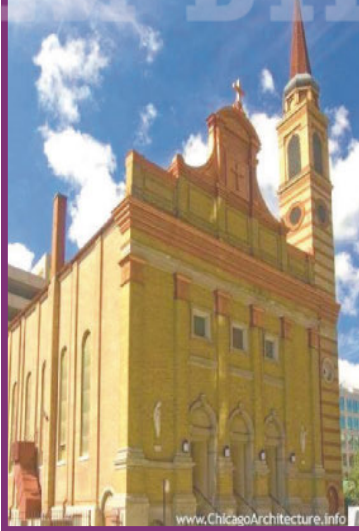
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LENTEN PILGRIMAGE

Holy Name Cathedral



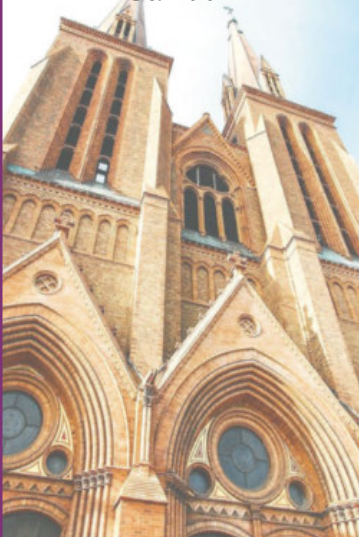
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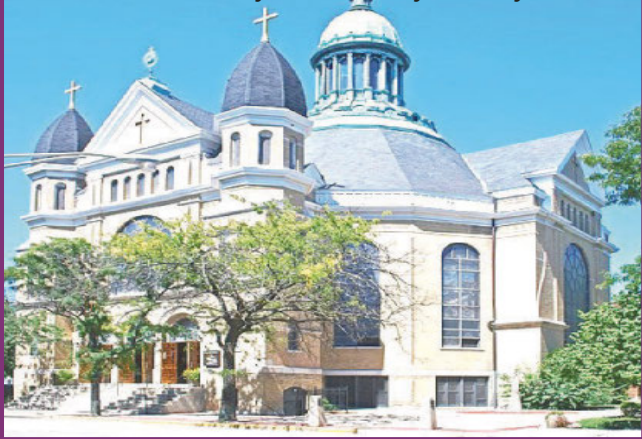
Church of the Holy Family



St. Paul



Our Lady of the Holy Family



**Come and join the
Lenten Pilgrimage to 7
churches!**

When: Thursday
March 23, 2023
Cost: \$50/Pilgrim
Leaves: 8:30am
Returns: 3:30pm (approx.)
Includes: Bus & Lunch

MAXIMUM 25 PILGRIMS

Sign up at the church office before
March 15, 2023

Contact Fr. Tirso at the parish of-
fice or via email with any ques-
tions: frtirso@stjulie.org.

**Pilgrimage starts and ends at
St. Julie Billiart Church**

St. Jerome Croatian



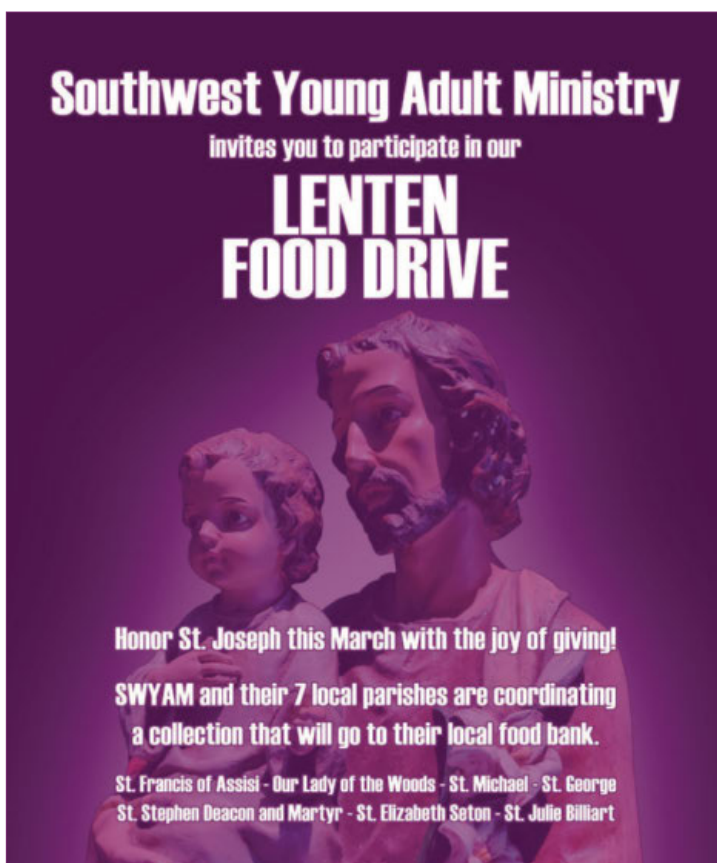
SJB LENTEN MISSION 2023



At a glance

Feb. 27 Lenten Monday-Vespers with Fr. Tim Anastos
Mar. 3 Stations of the Cross, 3:00 PM, 7:00 PM
Mar 6 (No Lenten Monday)
Mar 10 Stations of the Cross, 3:00 PM, 7:00 PM
Mar 12 First Scrutiny, 9:30 AM
Mar 13 Lenten Monday-Taize with John Ligda, Music Ministry
Mar 17 3:00 PM Stations of the Cross, 5:30 PM St Patrick's Corned Beef & Fish Fry in the Devine Center, 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross
Mar 18 Parish Reconciliation with Family Faith Formation Students
Mar 19 Second Scrutiny, 9:30 AM
Mar 20 Lenten Monday-Vespers with Donna Oliver

Mar 23 Lenten Pilgrimage 8:30 AM-3:30 PM
Mar 24 Stations of the Cross, 3:00 PM-7:00 PM
Mar 25 St Joseph Table following 4:30 Mass (Devine)
Mar 26 Third Scrutiny, 9:30 AM
Mar 31 Stations of the Cross, 3:00 PM, 7:00 PM
Apr 2 Palm Sunday
Apr 5 Filipino Passion Devotion 9:00 AM-9:00 PM



St. Julie Young Adults are excited to continue our support for the Tinley Park Food Pantry. They have taken on extra clients and can use our help! Thank you for your generosity this Lent.

God bless you.

LENTEN MONDAY – FEBRUARY 27, 2023



We will welcome Fr. Timothy Anastos of the Archdiocese of Chicago. He was ordained in 2017. He is a native of Mundelein IL. He entered seminary through University of the Lake Mundelein Seminary which

actually is not far from where Fr. Tim grew up. After finishing a couple of years of philosophy at Mundelein Seminary, Fr. Tim was sent to finish his theology studies at the North American College in Rome, Italy. He was first assigned to Mary Seat of Wisdom in Park Ridge IL. Recently he was transferred to the Catholic Newman Center of the UIC in Chicago. Even more recently, he was chosen as one of the Eucharistic Preachers of the Archdiocese of Chicago. As a Eucharistic Preacher, Fr. Tim has been asked to inspire Catholics of the Archdiocese to a greater and stronger devotion to the Divine Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. As part of this effort, our Lenten Mondays this year will focus on that important message.

LENTEN MONDAYS 2023

- February 27, 2023 – Vespers with Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction
- March 13, 2023 – Taize Prayer
- March 20, 2023 – Vespers with Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction

IN OUR PRAYERS...

WE REMEMBER OUR BELOVED DEAD

Eternal rest grant unto them and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Timothy Macijunas (husband of Theresa)

THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING

Leonard Schrank, Ernanie Gastala, Daniel Bialek, Dan Shanahan, Fred Coluzzi, Art Holz, Marie Robertson, Margaret Lokes, Patricia Wiedow, Ro Anne Bacani Reyes, Kevin Zidek, Ann Zvitkovits

OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in baptism & marked as Christ's own forever.

Elias Maverick, son of Christy and Robert Griffin

Jackson Dennis, son of Elizabeth and Anthony Lopez

Let us pray together for the victims and all suffering from the earthquakes that devastated Turkey and Syria.

We worship a God who understands human limitation. A God who has felt the pangs of fasting and the enticements of the tempter. Our God, hungry and tired and weakened, has stared into the face of the devil and said:

"I am stronger than you."

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 25 – 4:30pm

†Janes Fernatt, †Jimmy Arendarczyk, †Russell Striet, †Elaine Sevey, † Butch & Joyce Wilkins

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

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Monday, February 27 – 8:00am

†Rudolph Wolters, †Valentine J. Kurzcja

Tuesday, February 28 – 8:00am

Intentions of the people of St. Julie parish

Wednesday, March 1 – 8:00am

†Sabina Walczak

Thursday, March 2 – 8:00am

Intentions of the people of St. Julie parish

Friday, March 3 – 8:00am

†Antoinette & Carmen Gatto

Saturday, March 4 – 4:30pm

†Joseph P. Miller, †Chester & Mildred Faron, †Steve Witt

Sunday, March 5 – 7:30am

†Litko Family, †Jack Norris

Sunday, March 5 -9:30am

†John Trumpich, †Mike & Marion Trybula, L Michael Trybula, †Maria Szczerba

Sunday, March 5 – 11:30am

†Judy Stec, †Marla Pappas, †Bill Fox, †Deceased members of the Kilanowski & Wasik families,

†Michael Pundyk, L Ernanie Gastala

Sunday, March 5 – 6:00pm

Intentions of the people of St. Julie parish

CATHOLIC REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

The Spirit leads Jesus into the desert to be tempted by the devil, and we hear this: "He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry." Seems like a questionable battle preparation plan. When I fast, I usually feel grouchy at best, and at worst, like I might pass out from longing for a hamburger. Isn't it better to be well-fed and fully hydrated, especially to face spiritual struggles? Why fast?

This might help. The origin of the word "fast" means to "hold firmly." We still use it that way when we say, "I held fast to my original decision." We human beings are a bundle of desires which vie for our attention: food, drink, comfort, safety, sex, laughter, beauty, and so on. If we can't manage to have firm grip on them, in short order they'll have a firm grip on us. By fasting from our lower desires, we learn to firmly grip on to what is greater. Fasting leads to us to a firmer hold on our body and mind.

Jesus fasts for us. He's showing us that his grace can help us regain this firm hold of our lives, which makes it more difficult for the devil to tempt us. But take it one more step. Fasting also teaches us to finally hold fast to Jesus, the Word of God in flesh. "Man does not live by bread alone," he says, "But by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." Jesus' fasting reveals his fast hold to the Father in everything. May our fasting help us to grasp ourselves more firmly, and then to hold fast to Jesus alone.

— Father John Muir
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CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question:

In John's Gospel, where did Jesus turn water into wine?



Answer: Wedding feast of Cana ©LPi

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

There is a version of myself that walks into church on Ash Wednesday and a version of myself that walks into church on Good Friday. Aside from having the same face, these women bear very little resemblance to one another.

Ash Wednesday Me is fired up. She's ready to go. She's got a stomach full of pączki, a forehead full of ashes, an oven full of fasting bread and a whole list of Lenten resolutions. She's got a plan for the next 40 days and she's ready to be transformed.

Good Friday Me is tired. She's lumbering into church dragging six weeks of failure and unfulfilled expectations behind her. Nothing went the way it was supposed to (again). She didn't accomplish what she wanted (again) and she doesn't want to dwell on it (again).

If Satan offered both versions of myself the same deal he offered Christ — submit to me, and you will have the whole world — I have to wonder: which one of these creatures, formed and fallen, would be strong enough to defy him? Would either?

I can't say that the chipper, optimistic woman on Ash Wednesday has more strength than the tired woman on Good Friday. To each of these women Satan offers an easy way out. But to each, too, Christ offers an abundance of grace and the gift of justification.

This Lent, I know that I will be tested. I know that I will fail in many ways. I know that my intentions and my best efforts will not be enough. But I bring them to the altar anyway, and I leave them there as an offering. And I know that Easter morning will dawn, and the tomb will be empty.

—By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

"The gift is not like the transgression."
— Romans 5:15

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We received a letter from Brother Rice High School advising us that one of our young parishioners was being recognized for his academic excellence.

Congratulations Jack Joseph Makuch!

We are proud of the young man you are becoming. Keep up the great work. God Bless You,
Fr. Tirso, Fr. Roy and the entire parish staff.



ST. JOSEPH TABLE

SATURDAY MARCH 25, 2023

5:30 – 6:30PM

DEVINE CENTER

Join the parish community and the Sons of Italy as we honor St. Joseph.

NO COST!

Thanks to the Sons of Italy who will provide the pasta dinner. Parishioners are invited to share donations of desserts or bottled water. Non-perishable food items will be collected for the Orland Township Food Pantry. Free will monetary donations will also be accepted for the charitable works of the Sons of Italy.

Contact Darla at ext. 215 or via email at: darla@stjulie.org to donate or volunteer.



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EAT AND EARN

Oberweis Dairy (Tinley Park) has partnered with St. Julie & St. George for an Eat and Earn fundraiser

benefiting the Sacred Journey Youth Ministry's Summer Mission trip this June. A portion of the proceeds will help defray the cost of each teens trip. You must mention Sacred Journey or St Julie/ St George Mission Trip before ordering. In addition, we are accepting straight donations at the parish office if you would like to Sponsor one of our teens. God Bless You All!

Save the Date

**St. Julie Billiart
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Banquets**

**More details
to follow in the
coming weeks**



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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

<u>February 18-19, 2023</u>		<u>Year-to-Date 2022-23</u>	
Budgeted	\$ 18,076.00	Budgeted	\$ 614,584.00
Collected	\$ 8,151.00	Collected	\$ 629,494.10
	\$ 9,925.00		\$ 14,910.10

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

YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS—PLEASE READ

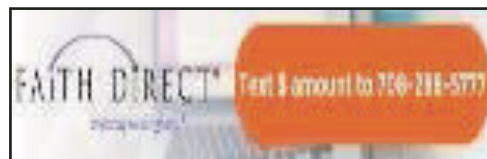
Due to IRS regulations, all contributions received through December 31 will be recorded as 2022 contributions. Contributions made on January 1, 2023, or after are required by law to be recorded as a 2023 contribution regardless of the type of envelope used or the date on the check.

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 Billiard!

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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