

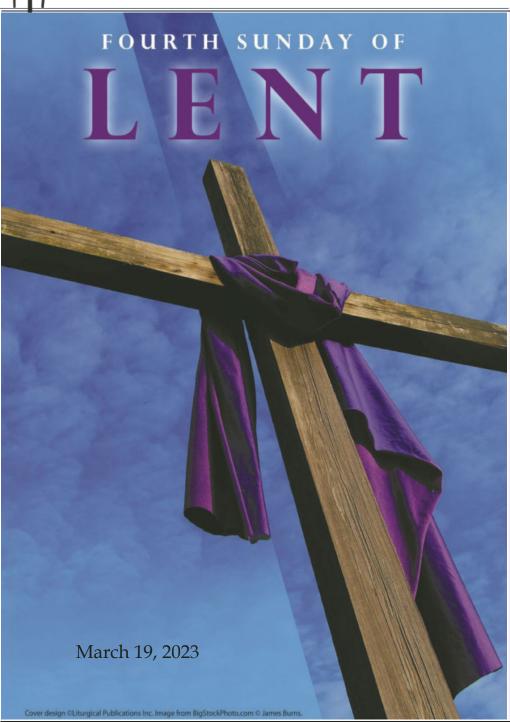
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Monday-Thursday 8:30am-4:30pm

Friday 9:00am-2:30pm

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



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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#### 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.** 

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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.

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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

#### Who are the Catechumens and Candidates that will be joining the Church at Easter?

Continuing the introductions to our Catechumens and Candidates in the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), I take this opportunity to introduce the remainder of the group. Before I do, here is just a brief summary again of what is the RCIA.

The RCIA is a journey that helps older teens and adults discerning the Catholic life. It is a process whereby older teens and adults are prepared to embrace fully the life of a disciple of Jesus as a member of the Catholic Church.

Those who are preparing to be baptized are known as **Catechumens**. Those who were baptized in a different Christian denomination but now want to become fully Catholic are referred to as **Candidates for Full Reception**. As part of the act of reception, these candidates must make what is known as a "Profession of Faith" whereby they declare in front of the community that they now fully embrace and accept all the teachings of the Catholic Church. Lastly, there are also older Catholics who were baptized in the Church but never finished their Catholic Initiation. They are known simply as **Catholics Completing Initiation**.

The journey to the sacraments is never one that an individual takes on his/her own. It is always a journey that is taken on by the entire faith community. To put it simply, we must accompany one another because "We get to heaven together or we do not get there at all." That is a saying I have heard recently and now have tended to use on various occasions.

In fact, several weeks ago, the RCIA catechumens were all invited to go to Holy Name Cathedral on a Sunday afternoon for a service known as the Rite of Election. Before they were sent to the Cathedral, we celebrated here the Rite of Sending. At the Rite of Sending, the catechumens and candidates were invited to sign their names in the Book of the Elect. Later at the Rite of Election, they were all called by name and presented to the Cardinal for recognition as those seeking to join the Catholic Church. At the Rite of Election, our catechumens and candidates were joined by others from various parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Chicago. As they were presented to the Cardinal, the sanctuary of the cathedral gradually overflowed with a huge crowd of people who were also on their way to be fully initiated and received into the Catholic Church. It was a great testimony not only to their faith but the Church's commitment to support and guide them every step of the way. Of course, the community's support does not end once the sacraments are received. We must always support and guide them throughout the rest of their faith journey.

Please continue to pray for all of the participants in the RCIA Program:

#### Meet the rest of our Catholics Completing Initiation!

In addition to the adults in the RCIA, we also have several older teens who have been preparing to complete their Catholic Initiation.

We have a group of older teens completing their initiation. It is great that we have a good mix of younger and older participants in the RCIA journey.

No photo available for the following teen candidates:

Filip Kaczmarczyk Charlie Sayegh Paul Sayegh Suzanne Sayegh



Emily Ramirez – My name is Emily Ramirez and I go by Lia and I'm receiving my sacrament of confirmation! What excites me about being Catholic is that I can open my eyes about how God made us all human and we all have our own stories of miracles. This journey for me has been very exciting and I'm ready to take the next step in Catholicism!

**Alfonso Tovar** – It's an important step to further strengthen my relationship with Christ with the help of the Holy Spirit. As well as, for me to become a better Catholic to live a more faithful life and understand God's word.



#### Meet our Candidate for Full Reception!



**Jordan Smith** — I always thought about joining the Church because going to church with my fiancé when we were just dating always interested me and felt like I always had more questions to ask.

Sometimes I felt like maybe they couldn't answer my questions, or if they said they didn't know I would always think "Huh I wish I could get more info." They would tell me about RCIA but I just didn't feel ready. But when I proposed to my fiancé I knew that I wanted to raise our family the Catholic way because she was stronger with her faith and knew more about it then I did with mine. I thought what better time to be Catholic than before we get married so that when we are married I'm a full Catholic. What excites me about becoming a Catholic is that when I go to church I can receive the body and blood of Christ and go through those steps instead of just sitting back and not being able to receive Jesus the proper way.





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## LANDONG SA PULONG



Fr. Roy Belocura Associate Pastor frroy@stjulie.org

He said,
"I do believe, Lord,"
and he worshiped him.

Jesus gave this blind man two priceless gifts:

(1.) First, Jesus gave him the joy of physical sight. For the first time in

his life he could see. All of the things that he had known just by words, sound, and touch suddenly came alive. Color flooded his mind and filled him with wonder; the visual symphony of the sky and the landscape; the subtle beauty of expressions on people's faces emphasizing the meanings of their words; the look of love and tenderness from his mother, which he had never seen. Jesus had opened up to this man a new, glorious, aweinspiring world of human experience. Joy, amazement, and gratitude filled the man's mind and heart. He experienced a what was only dreamed intensity of life. (2.) But Jesus also gave him the gift of spiritual sight - the gift of faith. He enabled the blind man to recognize and see God in Jesus. He enabled him to encounter his Creator knowingly, face to face. And the man was overwhelmed with a sense of gratitude and awe, so much so that he fell down at Christ's feet and worshipped him, right there in the middle of the crowded Temple.

Which gift did the man value more? His actions give us the answer. He stood up to the powerful Pharisees, defending Christ's lordship, even at the risk of being expelled from the synagogue - making him into a social outcast. This man did not let the gifts of God blind him to the goodness of God. We have also received two priceless gifts from God: our natural lives, with all that that entails, and our supernatural life, our knowledge of, faith in, and friendship with Christ.

Which do we value more?

JOIN! Team St. Julie

Run for the benefit of the ministries of St. Julie Billiart Parish. Give to St. Julie Billiart Parish to support parish ministries. Cheer to inspire the runners and help find more

donors.

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

COMPENDIUM of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

Part One - The Profession of Faith Section One - "I believe" – "We believe"

CHAPTER THREE
Man's Response to God
I Believe

**29. Why is there no contradiction between faith and science?** 159 Though faith is above reason, there can never be a contradiction between faith and science because both originate in God. It is God himself who gives to us the light both of reason and of faith. "I believe, in order to understand; and I understand, the better to believe." (Saint Augustine) **We Believe** 

**30.** Why is faith a personal act, and at the same time ecclesial? 166-169, 181

Faith is a personal act insofar as it is the free response of the human person to God who reveals himself. But at the same time it is an ecclesial act which expresses itself in the proclamation, "We believe". It is in fact the Church that believes: and thus by the grace of the Holy Spirit precedes, engenders and nourishes the faith of each Christian For this reason the Church is Mother and Teacher.

"No one can have God as Father who does not have

# SHARE YOUR VOICE SUPPORT OUR PARISH



Participate in a 10-15
minute survey for St. Julie
Billiart Parish, which can be
accessed online from
February 22 to March 31.

**SCAN ME!** 

https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/gbbbkg

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## **OUR PRAYER LIFE**

#### TODAY'S READINGS AND REFLECTION

<u>First Reading:</u> Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David. (1 Sm 16:13)

<u>Reflection Question:</u> Much to Samuel's surprise, the Lord instructed him to anoint the youngest of Jesse's sons, David, to be the next king of Israel. When have you been surprised by God?

<u>Psalm:</u> The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)

<u>Second Reading:</u> "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light." (Eph 5:14)

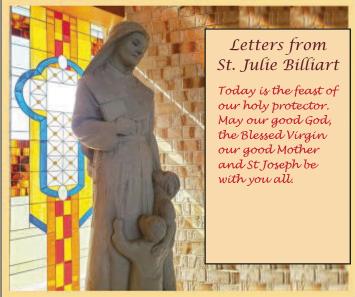
<u>Reflection Question:</u> Paul urges the Ephesians: "Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord." What do you think pleases the Lord?

<u>Gospel:</u> He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" — which means Sent — . So he went and washed, and came back able to see. (Jn 9:6-7)

Reflection Question: Jesus' healing of the blind man created confusion, anger, and fear among some of the people witnessing this event. In a real sense, Jesus' healing exposed the blindness of others. How do we prevent ourselves from being blind to God's presence in this season of Lent?

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#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

<u>Sunday:</u> 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38 <u>Monday:</u> 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

<u>Tuesday:</u> Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16 <u>Wednesday:</u> Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

<u>Thursday:</u> Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47 <u>Friday:</u> Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

<u>Saturday:</u> Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a,8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

#### PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH-PROTECTION



Oh, St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so prompt, so strong, before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.

Oh, St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers.

Oh, St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while he reposes near your heart. Press him in my name and kiss his fine head for me and ask him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath.

St. Joseph, patron of departing souls - pray for me.

Amen.

#### SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent

Monday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

<u>Thursday:</u> St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop Saturday: The Annunciation of the Lord

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent

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## LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION



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

WED. MAR. 22 7:00PM—8th Gr. Sacramental Meeting (Church)

THUR. MAR. 23 8:30AM— Pilgrimage to 7 Churches (Narthex)

SUN. MAR. 26 9:30AM—RCIA 3rd Scrutiny (Church)

#### **Formation Station**

#### Do I need the Church?

The short answer is yes! The Church provides us with a few things that we cannot find anywhere else. Of course, we have our individual prayer life and relationship with God. However that is simply not enough. In all of His wisdom, God wishes for us to be brought to Himself (saved) together. He calls us both as individual and as a community. A helpful analogy that is often used to illustrate the importance of the Church in our lives is that of a ship or boat. Imagine there is an island 5 miles out to sea. Could a person get there without the aid of a ship? Assuming this person is an adept swimmer, of course they could reach the island safely. However, with a ship that same person could reach their destination faster, safer, and with the least amount of difficulty. The same can be said of our spiritual life with the aid of the Church. Through the sacraments, the community, and the educational guidance of the Church we can reach our destination, Jesus Christ, in the fastest, safest and least difficult fashion.

#### **PADS Toiletry Collection**

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

Please drop off donations at the Parish Office

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



#### Children's Liturgy of The Word

#### Join Us

Sunday mornings at the 9:30am Mass.

#### Benefits

- Children's Gospel
- •Parent Prayer
- Kid Fellowship
- Service

Older students earn Service Hours as Aides!



Contact: nathan@stjulie.org





#### The Annunciation | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they discuss the spiritual and theological significance of the Annunciation over a piece of Sacred Art by Elizabeth Zelasko that depicts this incredible scene.

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## SACRED JOURNEY YOUTH MINISTRY



Kristen Maxwell Youth Minister St. Julie / St. George

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#### **Upcoming Events**

Sun Mar 19 11:30am Teen Hosted Mass at St. George; 12:30pm Shrine of Christ's Passion trip

Tues Mar 21 7pm Living Stations Rehearsal at St. George

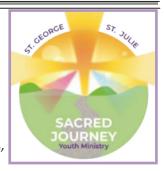
Tues Mar 28 7pm Living Stations Rehearsal at St. Julie

Thurs Mar 30 3:30-8:30pm Service at Daybreak Shelter in Joliet

Sun April 2 7:15pm Living **Stations Dress** Rehearsal at St. **Julie** 

\*Congratulations to our girls who just finished a fun and successful volleyball season with the Southwest Suburban Youth Ministry Association recreational league last Thursday.

\*We couldn't attend our June mission trip without the support of you, our kind and generous parishioners! We will be having a Popus Popcorn sale from March 19th- April 2nd. We are excited to support a local small business in downtown Tinley Park. With purchase of a \$10 bag of popcorn that comes in a variety of flavors, \$4 benefits our mission trip! See QR code on the flyer to order



online or order forms are available at the St. Julie parish office or St. George rectory. We are also sponsoring an Eat and Earn at Portillo's (159th and Harlem) on Monday, April 3rd from 5-8pm. 20% of the sales will benefit our trip. Please mention the fundraiser or present flyer or a digital version of it when ordering in person. Everyone going through the drive-thru must inform the first order-taker for it to count. When ordering online, use the code on the flyer before checkout in the "Apply Offer" field.

\*Our teens are doing a great job preparing for the Living Stations! Please pray and reflect on Jesus' passion and death with us during Holy Week at 7pm at St. Julie on April 4th and St. George on April 7th!

\*We have been blessed with a donated bus for our trip to the Shrine of Christ's Passion on Sunday, March 19th. Seventh graders and older are welcome to attend. Permission slips are available on the St. George website under youth ministry and in foyer of the parish office at St. Julie.



## MUSIC MINISTRY



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## **MUSIC MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

DATE	MASS	ENSEMBLE		
Sunday, March 26th	9:30 AM	Adult Choir		
Sunday, April 2nd	11:30 AM	Adult Choir		
Tuesday, April 4th	7:00 PM	Adult Choir *For Living Stations		

# Southwest Young Adult Ministry invites you to participate in our LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

Honor St. Joseph this March with the joy of giving!

SWYAM and their 7 local parishes are coordinating a collection that will go to their local food bank.

St. Francis of Assisi - Our Lady of the Woods - St. Michael - St. George St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr - St. Elizabeth Seton - St. Julie Billiart

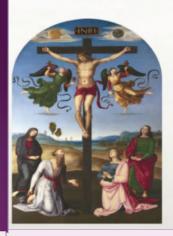
St. Julie Young Adults are excited to support the Tinley Park Food Pantry. A special treat for our friends at the pantry is to able to give them a box of cake mix or brownie mix. Typically, the Pantry has been serving about 60-65 families per week, which translates into about 250-300 people from infants through senior citizens.

Your generosity is a huge part of how we are able to do this! THANK YOU!



# Stations Soup & Sandwiches

Hosted by St. Julie Stations in the church and Dinner in the Parish Hall Friday, March 31st @ 7PM





The Southwest Young Adult Ministry is very grateful for everyone's participation in this year's Lenten food drive! Reminder - you can still contribute by bringing donation items to the Narthex.

We invite all young adults to St Julie's on March 31st at 7pm for Stations of the Cross. We will then bless the collections, and conclude with a simple dinner of soup and sandwiches catered by McAlister's Deli.

## **HUMAN CONCERNS**

For more information contact: **Sheila Pluchar:** 708-429-6767, ext 232 -or- E-mail: sheila@stjulie.org



#### 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.

708-429-6767 x244.



Tuesday, March 21 is the March for Life! Please keep all the participants who will be heading to Springfield in your prayers.

Most importantly, please pray for the life and dignity of every human being from conception to death. More than ever, we need to protect the sanctity of all life.



# February 22 to April 2

Take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

Vigil location: Outside Flossmoor Planned Parenthood, 19831 Governors Hwy (park across 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!

Go alone or contact us to join 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.

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, napkins, and bread and lots of helping hands!



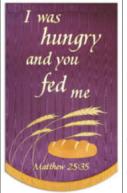
#### Introducing the ZIPPER CLUB MINISTRY!

We are introducing a new ministry called the Zipper Club. This ministry will offer support to parishioners who are facing

heart surgery or have recently had heart surgery. We welcome every stage of this process and also invite heart surgery veterans to participate in the form of support. The ministry will address spiritual and emotional issues surrounding heart surgeries. We are not professionals but we can offer a prayerful setting with willing listeners who will share their own experiences. Patients, family support and friends are welcome. Come pray with us and voice your concerns along with your stories of success recovery.

Meetings will begin on Monday, April 3 at 3:00pm in the Great Room. I hope to see you there!

To learn more contact Mary Beth Norton Williams at mbnorton@comcast.net or sheila@stjulie.org.



#### March Top 3 Needs for the **Tinley Park Food Pantry:**

- 1. Pasta Sauce any kind
- 2. Jello any flavor
- 3. Cake Mix any brand

\*\*DOUBLE YOUR \$10 DONATION AT MEIJER ON MARCH 25! SEE DONATION CARD AT THE CHECK OUT OR ON THE NARTHEX SIDE TABLES.

#### **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MINISTRY**



According to the Department of Justice: Office of Justice Programs, Family violence covers a broad range of abusive acts, including emotional, financial, physical, and sexual abuse. Family violence not only harms the victim but also presents dangers for immediate family members.

In 2021, more than 910,000 Americans were victims of domestic violence, up from over 856,000 in 2020, according to a <u>Bureau of Justice Statistics report</u>. Unlike most other crimes, <u>intimate partner violence – also known as domestic violence</u>, family violence, and dating violence – is usually not a sudden, <u>isolated</u>, or <u>unexpected incident</u>. For victims, it may involve years of emotional and psychological trauma and physical injuries that become more severe or occur more frequently over time.

Unfortunately, many victims of domestic violence do not view themselves as a victim. Law enforcement personnel, child and family services professionals, community leaders, educators, coaches, and family members play a critical role in identifying, intervening, and providing treatment in domestic violence cases.

If you are or you know of someone in an abusive situation, please call (708) 429 -SAFE

St. Julie Domestic Violence Awareness Ministry have been invited to attend the meeting at St. George on Thursday, March 23 at 6:30pm. Please Join us!

#### TINLEY PARK FOOD PANTRY

Last year, Deacon Ed was asked to take over the operation of the **Tinley Park Food Pantry**. The main distribution takes place out of the Tinley Park Methodist Church on 173rd St.

"Together We Cope" has a food pantry, but experienced a fire a few months ago and have yet to reopen. *They are hopeful!* 

As a result, the Tinley Park Food Pantry has taken on extra friends who are in need of basic food items and toiletries. **THANK YOU** for your support in helping to meet their needs!

This Easter, we would love to offer simple **Easter Baskets** to the 30 or so children who are served. Ages range from Newborn to 13 years old. If you can help us supply each child with a basket, simply drop off a completed basket to the Generosity Cart by April 2nd. Truly, they will love anything. *God bless you!* 



Attention all Liturgical Ministers Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Greeters, Sacristans and Altar Servers.

There are sign-up sheets in the Ministers Sacristy (Bride's Room) for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. Thank you in advance for your assistance and dedication to Ministry at St. Julie. You are very much appreciated.

## PARISH AND COMMUNITY NEWS

#### St. Julie's Mother's Day 2023 Flower Sale

Pick up will be Saturday May 13 at the Divine Center 9am-10am

10" Hanging Baskets -\$32 CASH/CHECK 50% - GOES DIRECTLY TO THE PARISH

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The annual Knights of Columbus Comedy Show is back for this year and will be held Saturday April 29thh, 2023 at St Julies Devine Center. Doors open at 6:30pm. Dinner will start about 7:00 Treat your wife or special person to a dinner and show.

The comedians are Tyler Fowler, Angela Riccio and Jeffrery Powers and are professional and keep to an upscale show throughout the evening. The show normally lasts about 2 hours

We anticipate tickets to go fast so start planning for reservations now. We will have open seating this year. To reserve a table of 8, please Contact Rob Mertens.

Tickets are \$50 per person. Ticket price includes the show, dinner and drinks (beer, wine, soda and water). Please note that we cannot allow alcohol to be brought in. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation. You may bring in snacks for you and your friends if you wish to.

For tickets and information, please use the KC website: www.knights4698.org.

We will be utilizing an electronic ticketing system this year. If you have ticketing questions or need more information please call Rob Mertens at: 708-247-6387, or email Rob at: knightsofcolumbus4698@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you again for a fun filled evening.

## SJB LENTEN MISSION 2023

#### LENT At a glance

- Mar 20 Lenten Monday-Vespers with Donna Oliver Reflection
- 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 4 Stations of the Cross-Teens 7:00 PM
- Apr 5 Filipino Passion Devotion 9:00 AM-9:00 PM
- Apr 6 Holy Thursday; Morning prayer 8:00AM, Mass 7:00 PM Adoration in the chapel, 11:30 PM Night Prayer
- Apr 7 Good Friday, Morning Prayer 8:00 AM, Outdoor Stations 12:00 PM, Liturgy at 3:00 PM, 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross.
- Apr 8 Holy Saturday, Morning Prayer 9:00 AM, Easter Basket Blessing 1-2:00 PM Blessings, 8:00 PM Easter Vigil.
- Apr 9 Easter Sunday!!!

  Easter Egg Hunt in Devine Center 10:30 AM.



ST. JOSEPH TABLE

SATURDAY MARCH 25, 2023 5:30 – 6:30PM DEVINE CENTER

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

Once again, the Sons and Daughters of Italy will be providing a pasta dinner at NO COST!

They will be collecting nonperishable food items to help restock the Orland Township Food Pantry. Free will monetary donations will also be accepted for the

charitable works of the Sons and Daughters of Italy. Please contribute what you can.

St Julie Parishioners are invited to share donations of desserts or bottled waters as our contribution to the dinner.

Contact Darla at darla@stjulie.org to donate or volunteer.



Donna Oliver resides in New Lenox with her 18 year old dog, Chloe. Looking for a church that offered spirituality, she and her husband visited St. Julie after going on a pilgrimage to Italy with the St. Julie parishioners. Donna immediately found the spirituality she looked for

as well as the feeling of family. She has been a member of St Julie Billiart Parish for seven years. She is a member of our Eucharistic Adoration group and PADS and is also a Eucharistic Minister. Donna is looking forward to sharing her story of how her belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist has evolved and impacted her life with you.

#### **LENTEN MONDAY 2023**

 March 20, 2023—Vespers with Eucharistic Adoration/ Benediction



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Contact Fr. Tirso to sign up and have your home be one of the Stations.

## IN OUR PRAYERS...

#### WE REMEMBER OUR BELOVED DEAD

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

Celine J Carstens (wife of Daniel), Robert Gibbons (husband of Leona), Margaret Lokes (wife of Paul), Rodita Iulao, Fred Coluzzi

#### THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING

Matthew Cummings, Mary Kay Spain McManus, Amando Melgar, Katie Daly, Jack McGrath, Tom Ortega, Art Holz, Steve Lascola, Lucy Krouse

#### **NEW PARISHIONERS**

Welcome to the faith community of St. Julie Billiart!

Kenneth, Darlene, Isabella, Liliana and Carolina Draus Philip and Nelli Haddadin

#### **NOTE:**

A Mass is celebrated for the intentions of the people of St. Julie Parish at one Mass on the weekend and one Mass during the week. In this way we pray for all the intentions of our parishioners, those known and unknown. Unfortunately, we are unable to take other Mass intentions for those selected Masses. If we cannot take your intention for a specific Mass because it is being offered for parishioner intentions we ask that you select another Mass time or date. We appreciate your understanding of this policy. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Tony in the parish office. Thank you.

#### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday, March 18 – 4:30pm

†Helena Miller, †Charles Kaucky, †James Fernatt, †Jimmy Arendarczyk, L Joseph Parisi & Joseph Lisiecki Families, †Ann & Frank Zurek, †Ross McCarthy, †Chester & Mildred Faron, †Sandra Wierzbinski, †Milena Wegiel, †Mieczyslaw Matusik, †Edward Yuknis

#### Sunday, March 19-7:30am

*Intentions of the people of St. Julie parish* 

#### Sunday, March 19 -9:30am

†Xavier Fratto, †Tim Macijunas, †Matthew French, †Deceased members of the Pedersen Family, †Barbaryan Dudek, †Janet Duncan

#### Sunday, March 19-11:30am

†Stanley, Frances, Jerry & Dennis Kilanowski, †Theresa Lavan, †Michael Mikicic, †John Trumpich Sr.

#### Sunday, March 19-6:00pm

†Anna Fiorenza

#### Monday, March 20-8:00am

†John Grigus, †Rev. Pachalis Grigus

#### Tuesday, March 21-8:00am

†Mike LaMorte, †Constance Kedzie

#### Wednesday, March 22-8:00am

†Sabina Walczak

#### Thursday, March 23-8:00am

†Donald Callahan, †John Schmidt, †Lindy Michelon, †Mary Michelon, †Dan Peretta

#### Friday, March 24-8:00am

*Intentions of the people of St. Julie parish* 

#### Saturday, March 25-4:30pm

†Chester & Mildred Faron, †Joseph P. Miller Jr., †Mike Fleury, †Anthony Rocco, †Edward Yuknis, †Connie Kedzie

#### Sunday, March 26-7:30am

†Edward Stabrawa, †Jack Norris, †Shelia Boyle

#### Sunday, March 26 -9:30am

*Intentions of the people of St. Julie parish* 

#### Sunday, March 26-11:30am

†Joseph & Mary Schulok

#### Sunday, March 26-6:00pm

Intentions of the people of St. Julie parish

#### CATHOLIC REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

God asks a rhetorical and slightly sarcastic question to Samuel, the prophet: "How long will you grieve for Saul, whom I have rejected as king of Israel?" Like us, Samuel is depressed that the old king failed. It's painful to admit that the old regime is done. But God won't let us wallow our pity-party forever. "I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem," announces the Lord, "for I have chosen my king from among his sons." Samuel finally goes and anoints the young David as the new king. And his kingdom is glorious; it's the golden age of Israel's earthly history.

How discouraging to see that my own selfish ego is no longer in charge! How long will I grieve that money, power, pleasure, and reputation have been rejected as the ruler of my life? How wonderful that God has a new future in store for you and me. He is sending us to Bethlehem to anoint the new David as our king. His kingdom won't fail us. He'll slay our goliaths, unite our dispersed energies, and build a Temple where God himself will dwell.

So how long will you grieve? How long?
— Father John Muir

#### **RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

Not As Man Sees

I don't know Fr. Stu personally, but I've heard a fair number of his homilies. I think it is safe to assume that if he and I were to get into a discussion on any number of things, from church history to liturgical music to stand-up comedy, each of us would cringe at the opinions of the other.

But Fr. Stu happens to offer just about the only confession time within 20 miles of me that consistently works with my schedule. That means that, quite by accident, Fr. Stu is my regular confessor. For years now, he's sat patiently on the other side of the grille, listening to me pour out the details of my transgressions, from the pathetic to the embarrassing, and he absolves me of my sins.

In the Gospel, Christ links vision with humility and pride with blindness. We see again and again in Scripture how God delights in surprising us, in

(...)

wrong if the truth causes us to be proud of ourselves. The truth no more belongs to the one who believes it than sight belongs to the blind man in the Gospel. A gift does not reflect on the recipient. It reflects on the giver.

After a great deal of thought, I've decided to be grateful that God contrived to give me a confessor whom I strongly disagree with on so many things. It's a powerful reminder of how much I must receive from other people, even those I may think are wrong. In that confessional, Fr. Stu is only a priest, and I am only a sinner.

—Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

"Not as man sees does God see." — 1 Samuel

#### **FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP**

The challenge of inviting Catholics to exercise "faithful citizenship" requires more than instruction and formation in the Church's social teaching. Our tradition of worship, centered in the Eucharist, also calls Catholics to put their faith into action in the political arena. The connection between liturgy and life is learned through participation in worship experiences that enlighten our spirits and move our hearts to action. An important section of the Catechism of the Catholic Church says, "The Eucharist commits us to the poor. To receive in truth the Body and Blood of Christ given up for us, we must recognize Christ in the poorest, his brethren" (#1397).

The prayer below for faithful citizenship is one of the many prayers available on usccb.org.

Gracious and loving God, let your Spirit be with us (me) today

Hear our (my) prayers, and increase in us (me) the will to follow your Son Jesus.

Help us (me) to draw on the resources of our (my) faith as we (I) use the opportunities of our democracy to shape a society more respectful of the life, dignity, and rights of the human person, especially the poor and vulnerable.

We (I) ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

usccb.org

## **NEWS FROM THE VATICAN:**



Pope Francis addresses visitors gathered in St. Peter's Square to pray the Angelus March 12, 2023. (CNS photo/Vatican Media)

## Help those who are 'thirsty' for closeness, attention, Gospel, pope says:

The Gospel story of the Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well is a story of Jesus' love and the love he wants his followers to sha re, Pope Francis said when he explored the Gospel reading in his Anaelus address.

#### By Carol Glatz

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Jesus quenches humanity's thirst with love, Pope Francis said. "And he does with us what he did with the Samaritan woman -- he comes to meet us in our daily life, he shares our thirst, he promises us living water that makes eternal life well up within us," the pope said before praying the Angelus with some 20,000 visitors gathered in St. Peter's Square March 12.

The pope reflected on the day's reading from the Gospel of John (4:5-42), in which Jesus encounters the Samaritan woman at the well at midday.

"This scene depicts Jesus, thirsty and tired," the pope said; the scene offers "an image of God's abasement. God lowers himself in Jesus Christ for our redemption. He comes to us."

"Each one of us can say: the Lord, the teacher, 'asks me for a drink. So, he is thirsty like me. He shares my thirst. You are truly near me, Lord! You are in touch with my poverty," the pope said, quoting from a 1944 reflection on the Gospel story by Father Primo Mazzolari.

But Jesus' thirst is not only physical, the pope said. It expresses that "he 'is thirsty' for our love." "Thirsty for love, Jesus quenches our thirst with love" by encountering people in their daily life, sharing their thirst and promising living water, the pope said.

When Jesus asks for a drink, it also echoes "a cry -- silent at times -- that meets us every day and asks us to slake someone else's thirst, to take care of someone else's thirst," he said.

"How many say 'give me a drink' to us -- in our family, at work, in other places we find ourselves," he said.

Reported From the Vatican

"They thirst for closeness, for attention, for a listening ear" and for the Word of God.

People "need to find an oasis in the church where they can drink," the pope said. "Give me a drink' is a cry heard in our society, where the frenetic pace, the rush to consume, and especially indifference, that culture of indifference, generate aridity and interior emptiness."

"And let us not forget this, 'give me a drink' is the cry of many brothers and sisters who lack the water to live, while our common home continues to be polluted and defaced. Exhausted and parched, she too 'is thirsty,"' he said. WWW.USCCB.ORG and Catholic News Service

Pope Francis bows his head in prayer during his election night appearance on the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican March 13, 2013. The crowd joined the pope in silent prayer after he asked them to pray that God would bless him. (CNS photo/Paul Haring)



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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 \$1.2 million in matching funds available. Every school in the Archdiocese is allowed up to \$75,000 of matching funds.

CJB now has \$18,000 in our F 23-24 fund, that will be matched with another \$18,000! \$57,000 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. Thank you for your support!

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

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<b>March 11-12</b>		Year-to-Date 2022-23
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Collected	\$ 10,364.00	Collected \$ 431,351.10
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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!

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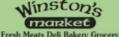
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