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May 21, 2023



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." - Mt 28:19-20

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. @LPi

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 stjulie.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: Thursdays, following 8:00am Mass until 11:00am Monthly: First Fridays 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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Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

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

Sacrament of Baptism

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Sacrament of Marriage

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Fr. Tirso Villaverde Pastor

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Here is a little Bible trivia for you. Do you know the story of Eutychus? I suspect that most of us may never have heard of that story. His story does not appear in any of the cycle of readings that we have for Sundays or even weekdays. So unless we have a regular habit of reading Sacred Scripture, we have never been introduced to the person of Eutychus. Let me take this time to introduce him to you.

Eutychus was a young man mentioned in 20th chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. Here is the passage:

On the first day of the week when we gathered to break bread, Paul spoke to them because he was going to leave on the next day, and he kept on speaking until midnight. There were many lamps in the upstairs room where we were gathered, and a young man named Eutychus who was sitting on the window sill was sinking into a deep sleep as Paul talked on and on. Once overcome by sleep, he fell down from the third story and when he was picked up, he was dead. Paul went down, threw himself upon him, and said as he embraced him, "Don't be alarmed; there is life in him." Then he returned upstairs, broke the bread, and ate; after a long conversation that lasted until daybreak, he departed. And they took the boy away alive and were immeasurably comforted.

What are the things we notice in this passage?

For one, we are told that the community was gathered on the day when they broke bread. Presumably, this was a Sunday. We can also presume that the community came together sometime in the morning or at least in the earlier part of the day. St. Paul spent the day with the community knowing that he was going to be leaving the next day. In those days, it was never certain whether St. Paul would be able to visit a community more than once. So, obviously, he took advantage of the opportunity and spent as much time with the community as possible. As we are told, he went speaking on and on until midnight. Those of us who are preachers are oftentimes told to keep our homilies short. However, St. Paul was delivering a sermon for almost an entire day!

As the daylight moved into night, there was obviously a need to light lamps. The passage tells us that there were plenty of them on hand in the house where the community was gathered. Rather than tell St. Paul to stop preaching and teaching, the community also took advantage of the opportunity. The community did not want to lose any chance of learning from the great St. Paul. Again, the community was not certain if the opportunity would come again so they kept listening to St. Paul for hours and hours.

Eutychus was among those who was present at that gathering. Oddly enough, the name Eutychus is translated as "good fortune" or "lucky." He certainly did not experience luck in the passage where he is mentioned. We are told that he was sitting on a window sill 3 stories high. He was overcome by sleep. As he dozed off, he fell out of the window. To a great extent, we empathize with Eutychus. Everyone of us must admit that there may have been any number of instances where we might have dozed off during a sermon or homily. Even if the homilist is engaging, if we did not get enough sleep the night before, or if the homily stretches for a longer time than usual, there is little resistance once drowsiness takes over. The same happened for Eutychus. We are never told if he was sitting on that window sill the entire day. But, needless to say, he must have been listening for hours and simply hit a moment when he could no longer fight the drowsiness.

Again, we are told that Eutychus fell from the 3rd story. At first thought, we might consider that to be a very high distance especially as we look at how high modern houses can be. We have to remember, though, that

houses in the time of St. Paul were not as high as how they might be built in our own time. Today, a 3 story home might be about 30-45 feet high. That may not have been the case in the ancient world. Back then, a 3 story home may not have reached 30 feet. Still, though, falling from that distance could still cause any type of injury. We are told, though, that after falling Eutychus died on the spot and that St. Paul was able to bring him back to life. This is one of those instances where we need to have some background understanding of Sacred Scripture especially the context in which passages were written.

In the ancient world, the same word might have been used in differing circumstances. For example, there was little distinction made in the ancient world between one who was dead and one who was "as good as dead." In the first, life obviously has ended. In the second, it may have been the case that a person was simply knocked unconscious. The passage from Acts tells us that St. Paul embraced Eutychus and declared that there was still life in the young man. It must have been more the case that Eutychus was knocked unconscious from the fall and perhaps had a very faint breath which caused some of the people to think that he was dead. St. Paul embraced the young man so presumably he had his face close to that of the young man. St. Paul might have detected the young man's faint breathing whereas the other people in the crowd did not. In the ancient world, it was believed that an embrace was enough for a person "as good as dead" to be revived by the shared body heat.

So what can we learn from the story of Eutychus? For one, it may be more an instance of a resuscitation rather than a resurrection. Second, even the great preacher St. Paul put someone to sleep with one of his sermons. But, why would the author of the Acts of the Apostles include this story? It may just simply be a case of an interesting firsthand account having made it into the canon of Sacred Scripture. That might be the reason why the Church decided to skip the story of Eutychus in the cycle of readings for the Mass. Or it may also be because bishops and other preachers were afraid that the story would be used to force homilists not to go on and on to avoid anyone from being harmed by longwinded sermons. Who knows but at least you now know the story of the young man named Eutychus.

Peace,

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"Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

- Matthew 28:20

s we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ's Ascension into heaven, the Church is inviting us to reflect on this great mystery of our faith. Let us renew and strengthen our confidence in God, as Jesus is ruling history right now. None of the difficulties, injustices, and problems that we face as individuals, families, and societies is outside of His knowledge or power. He is at work in all things, even if it is sometimes hard for us to see exactly how. The prayers of today's Mass remind us: "Christ, the mediator between God and man, judge of the world and Lord of all, has passed beyond our sight, not to abandon us but to be our hope". How can we express this hope, this confidence in God?

St. Ignatius of Loyola had a phrase that can guide us. He said, "When I work, I will work as though everything depended on God and not on me. But when I pray, I will pray as though everything depended on me and not on God." Each of us has projects, dreams, goals, problems, and challenges in our lives. This week, encouraged and strengthened by Christ's ascension into heaven, let's pray each morning for God to send his grace and blessing upon them. Then, trusting that God will always do his part, let's roll up our sleeves and do our part. We pray for a sick relative to be comforted and get well, but we also find a way to be the instrument of that healing, like if we go and visit them, bringing them flowers, reading to them, encouraging them.

When Jesus ascended into heaven, He didn't take the members of His Church with Him. Instead, He entrusted His mission to their care. That mission, to follow Christ and help others do the same, is still in full swing today. It's in our hands, and if to fulfill our part we do our best, surely God will do the rest. COMPENDIUM of the Catechism of the Catholic Church Part One - The Profession of Faith Section Two - The Profession of the Christian Faith CHAPTER ONE <u>I Believe in God the Father</u> *The Symbols of Faith*

54. How did God create the universe? 295-301; 317-320 God created the universe freely with wisdom and love. The world is not the result of any necessity, nor of blind fate, nor of chance. God created "out of nothing" (*ex nihilo*) (2 *Maccabees* 7:28) a world which is ordered and good and which he infinitely transcends. God preserves his creation in being and sustains it, giving it the capacity to act and leading it toward its fulfillment through his Son and the Holy Spirit.

55. What is divine providence? 302-306; 321 Divine Providence consists in the dispositions with which God leads his creatures toward their ultimate end. God is the sovereign Master of his own plan. To carry it out, however, he also makes use of the cooperation of his creatures. For God grants his creatures the dignity of acting on their own and of being causes for each other.

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Let us thank and support these two runners of Chicago Marathon 2023 for joining Team Saint Julie .



OUR PRAYER LIFE

TODAY'S READINGS AND REFLECTION

First Reading: All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. (Acts 1:14)

Reflection Question: We hear how the eleven apostles and Jesus' family and friends gathered together in prayer "in one accord" in the immediate aftermath of Jesus' resurrection and ascension. How does your faith in Jesus bring you closer to others?

Psalm: I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living. (Ps 51)Or Alleluia.

Second Reading: If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. (1 Pt 4:14)

<u>Reflection Question</u>: Peter acknowledges that you may suffer insults and ridicule for being a Christian. Has this ever happened to you?

Gospel: Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you." (Jn 17:1)

Reflection Question: Jesus tells his disciples that "eternal life" belongs to those who know the one true God and Jesus Christ. Is the idea of "eternal life" impacting how you live your life here on earth?

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SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day

Monday: St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

Thursday: St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin

Friday: St. Philip Neri, Priest

Saturday: St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

**Next Sunday: Pentecost Sunday

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20 Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 (13)/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33 Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/ Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/ Jn 17:20-2

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19 Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

**Next Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or JI 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/JI 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/ Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/



Letters from St. Julie Billiart

It was particularly at the foot of the cross that Our Lady showed that her will was perfectly united to that of her heavenly Father.

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O Holy Patroness of those in need, Saint Rita, whose pleadings before thy Divine Lord are almost irresistible, who for thy lavishness in granting favors hast been called the Advocate of the hopeless and even of the Impossible.

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Saint Rita, so humble, so pure, so mortified, so patient and of compassionate love for thy Crucified Jesus that thou couldst obtain from him whatsoever thou askest, on account of which all confidently have recourse to thee, expecting, if not always relief, at least

comfort; be propitious to our petition, showing thy power with God on behalf of thy suppliant; be lavish to us, as thou hast been in so many wonderful cases, for the greater glory of God, for the spreading of thine own devotion, and for the consolation of those who trust in thee.

LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION



Nathan Roy Director of Life-Faith Formation nathan@stjulie.org





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The Holy Spirit: Third Person of the Trinity by Fr. Shannon Collins

In this captivating presentation, Fr. Shannon Collins discusses the essential character of the Holy Spirit and his role in salvation history. Drawing upon Scripture and Tradition, Fr. Collins explains the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and how he works in the lives of believers. Listeners are sure to come to a better appreciation of this "sweet guest of our soul" who seeks to bring us closer to divine life.

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An offering from the PAUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and Decise press

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Holy Land (Israel and Jordan)

The Footsteps of St. Paul (Turkey and Greece)

The Footsteps of St. Peter (Italy, Rome and Vatican City)

Marian Shrine (Lourdes, Fatima, Guadalupe)

Please return this bulletin to the Parish Office with your answer to the above survey

SACRED JOURNEY YOUTH MINISTRY



Kristen Maxwell Youth Minister St. Julie / St. George

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Upcoming Events

Sun May 21

11:30am Mass at St. George; 12:30-2pm meeting in Teen Room, IMPACT presentation

June 5-10 Mission Trip to Kentucky!

Wed June 14 9:15am – 8:15pm Trip to Six Flags Great America *Thank you to our teens who served at The Bridge Teen Center Thrift Store on May 10th!

*Join us at 11:30am Mass at St. George this Sunday, May 21st. At our meeting afterwards, we will have food, fun, and an interactive teen health presentation from IMPACT. We will discuss dating, respect, and responsibility.

*Final preparations are being made for our mission trip to Kentucky from June 5th-10th. Please pray for a safe, healthy, and spiritual trip!

*Sign up by June 2nd for our Great America trip on Wednesday, June 14th.. \$50 includes lunch, ticket, and bus. Bring cash for snacks and drinks at the park. Register early to secure your spot. Bring your friends. Chaperone is needed. See flyer for details. *We are excited to be offering Totus Tuus at St. Julie's Devine Center this July! Totus Tuus is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Chicago and is led by young missionaries, including some young men who are considering the priesthood. It aims to inspire young people to seek holiness, desire conversion, and renew their faith through prayer. This year's theme is "The Mystery of Salvation." The evening program is for 7th-12th graders and runs July 9th-13th from 7-9pm. Teens are also encouraged to help with the day program to earn service hours. There is a link on both parish websites to register, as well as forms in the St. Julie parish office and St. George rectory. Please see flyer for more details.

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*Please let me know if you are interested in playing softball with the Southwest Suburban Youth Ministry recreational league this summer.



MUSIC MINISTRY AND ...



John Ligda Coordinator of Music Ministry

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Help Wanted!

Can you sing? Our Cantor Guild is desperately in need of additional vocalists to help lead us in sung prayer during Weekend Liturgy.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Age: High School and older

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

Time Commitment: About 3 hours per month – 2 masses and 30-mins of preparation each

Duration of Commitment: While the average commitment is usually 12-months/1 year, a minimum of 6-months is required. Reliability is critical to this ministry. **Other**: Music is prepared and shared with cantors' weeks in advance. Private rehearsal and coaching is available upon request. Please contact the Music Office or see the Director after Mass.



HUMAN CONCERNS

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



The **Zipper Club Ministry** has begun! This NEW ministry will offer support to parishioners who are facing heart surgery or have recently had heart surgery/

procedures. We welcome every stage of this process and also invite heart surgery veterans to participate in the form of support. Our gatherings 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.

Next meeting: June 5 3-4:00pm in the Great Room.

I hope to see you there! For more information: **Mary Beth Norton Williams** at mbnorton@comcast.net or sheila@stjulie.org.



Care for Creation and Laudato Si'

■ The Pope's encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, is a text of landmark significance in Catholic Social Teaching.

■ Francis, like his thirteenth-century namesake, calls the earth our "common home," which is like our sister.

■ But we are damaging this familial relationship as we seriously degrade the environment. In so doing, we are damaging our relationship with other humans, particularly those least equipped to adjust to the changing environment: the poor and future generations.

■ The Pope encourages people to examine and change their lifestyles through sound ecological virtues, greater simplicity and less focus on material things.

■ Francis extends an "urgent challenge to protect our common home ... to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change."

■ By taking personal action and reducing excessive consumption and waste in our lives, we can meet our obligation to reduce our impact on the environment while creating a sustainable future for generations to follow.



ST. VINCENT dePAUL

Do you know someone who can use some assistance? 708-429-6767 x244.

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.

Did you know? You can also support the mission of St. Vincent dePaul by shopping / donating at their Thrift Store located at **7010 W. 159th Street Orland Park, IL 60462**



St. Julie Respect Life is having a BABY SHOWER!

We are having a baby shower to collect needed items for moms and babies. The shower will take place on **May 13 /14** and **20/21**. There will be a special container in the Narthex to place any items. No need to wrap!

Most needed: Pajamas or Onsies - any size Diapers / wipes – any size, larger preferred. Infant clothing – any size Diaper bags small play toys Pacifiers Swaddle wraps Car seats, pack 'n play, bouncy seat. All are appreciated! Thank you so much!

Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you. Before you were born, I set you apart. ~Jeremiah 1:5

Respect Life Ministry will meet on Monday, May 22nd at 4:00pm in the Great Room. All are welcome to come! Bring a friend! Thank you to all who contributed to the Baby Shower! Everything is <u>so</u> appreciated by the moms and babies.



Now more than ever, we need to find ways to stay connected with our community. No one should feel alone or without the information, support and help they need.

The St. Julie Men's Group presents: Re-Discovering Our Calm in a Post-Covid World

Come join us on Thursday, May 25, 2023, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM in the Parish Hall. The St. Julie Men's Group presents: **Re-Discovering Our Calm in a Post-Covid World.** Join us as parishioner Cheryl Kokaska, LCPC, leads us in a discussion of healthy mental health practices and resources for our challenging times. All are welcome!

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Top <u>3</u> Needs for the Tinley Park Food Pantry:

- 1. Pasta any kind
- 2. Pasta sauce any kind

3. Pancake Mix – any brand Donations can be placed on the generosity cart . Thank you!



EARTH DAY

2023! Thank you to all those who came for Mass to begin our day. For those who walked and helped to clean McMahon Woods. For those who continued to pray for this beautiful home that God has



given us. For those who enjoyed refreshments and each other's company. God is so very Good!

ST. JULIE YOUNG AT HEART

June 6th Cookout Sign up! ((Choose hamburger, hot dog or brat) May 27 & 28, June 3 & 4 and at the parish office. The June Cookout is free of charge! Please feel free to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Devine Center Doors open at 11:30am. All are welcome!



Young at Heart would like to thank the Tinley Park Police Department for the presentation on Crime Prevention and Scams given by Dina Navas. It was filled with great information! If you or someone you know has any questions at all, please don't hesitate to call the non-emergency number. They are happy to assist in any way they can. 708 532 9111.



Save the Date St. Julie Billiart 50th Anniversary Dinner Dance April 13, 2024 Georgio's Banquets More details to follow-

<u>Needed:</u> Raffle items and Sponsors for the Dinner Dance. Ideas for Anniversary Year Activities. Please see Marianne@stjulie.org or sheila@stjulie.org for more information! Do you have a story about St. Julie to share? We would love to create a living history of St. Julie and we need your help! If you have a story to share, please send it to sheila@stjulie.org We are excited to share what makes St. Julie so special with everyone!



EVANGELIZATION



"WHAT DOES EVANGELIZATION LOOK LIKE TO YOU?" was the question that I posed to Fr. Tirso at our first meeting. As Catholics, we are called to evangelize and make disciples, but how many of us actually do it? It may be terrifying, but the Lord finds ways to nudge us to become witnesses and share our story. At times he plants things on our hearts and minds while other times we can hear the whisper of a word or phrase in the wind. The Lord nudged me for a long time and I would be so afraid of being mocked that I would miss the

opportunity. I have to be honest, my first thought was always: Whew! Dodged that bullet! But over time his prompts became stronger and stronger until the day that I heard a word that I knew was meant only for me. Obedience. I was not being obedient to God when I didn't take the opportunities to share the good news. My heart was heavy that entire day. I stretched out my arms and I said: I surrender. Let your will be done, not mine. I have been evangelizing ever since. This is just one of the faith stories that I share with complete strangers and now to my new parish family. It isn't easy, but it's what we are called to do. Here is my definition of evangelization and a simple prayer that we can recite daily. Evangelization: to proclaim the good news, to be an example of his love through our spoken words and our actions, and to serve as a witness of his mercy and forgiveness. —Darla Draus

Simple Daily Prayer:

May I be open every day to courageously share how encountering the Risen Lord changes our life as beloved disciples. May I take advantage of opportunities that occur within the normal course of my day to share the

Good News. Amen.



GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD.

AN EVANGELIZATION STORY WRITTEN BY ALLISON GRINGRAS

For my 40th birthday, I wished only for a fancy pedicure — a real indulgent one complete with a massage where I could relax and escape the stress of life. On my way to the appointment, I stopped for a coffee and, while in line, this nudge to be open to sharing my faith if the opportunity arose stirred in my heart. Only moments into my birthday treat pedicure — reclined, eyes closed and prepared for an hour of quiet, I hear, "Oh, you wear a crucifix, you must be Catholic. I left for a church that follows the Bible." Opening one eye and peering toward heaven, I smirked with a wry acknowledgment of recognizing the day's earlier prompting to be open to being a witness of faith. While I wouldn't say I liked the timing, I obediently sat up and offered my attention to engaging in a friendly dialog about my faith.

The nail technician and I had a delightful conversation, including Saint Jerome's work in translating the Bible, the abundance of Scripture found in a Catholic Mass, and my love of daily meditation on the Word of God. We remained respectful, enlightened, and often amazed by the numerous similarities in our spiritual journeys. Over ten years later, our paths have never again crossed, and I will never know this side of heaven if our conversation inspired her to revisit her Catholic faith. The Lord did not ask me to convert or convince but to simply witness and share all the blessings He had (and continues) to bestow in my life. To acknowledge and relate when He touched my heart and renewed my waning faith. That is the core of evangelization, telling how an encounter with Christ has changed you for the better and increased your desire to know, serve and love him even more.

Are you willing to continue the work of the Apostles, allowing the power of the Holy Spirit — received in your baptism and strengthened in your Confirmation, to encourage you to share Jesus — especially along the normal course of your day? To be open to speaking to what you believe, why you attend Catholic Mass, and help, when necessary, correct misconceptions many people hold against the Catholic faith. That morning, while I listened to this young woman explain why she left the Catholic Church, my heart hurt at how little she knew of the faith and the role that lack of catechesis played in her departure. Recognizing, as she spoke, what she sought had actually been left behind because no one taught her the truth. She left to find Jesus, but he was right there because nowhere is he more present than in the Eucharist.

Jesus promises, just before he ascends into heaven, to send the Holy Spirit. The Spirit animates us in our following Christ more closely, to know and understand what we believe, and to have the courage to **Continued on page 13 (Top Left)**

PARISH AND COMMUNITY NEWS

proclaim what we believe. What a magnificent gift. These "special graces are given to enable [us] to spread and defend the faith by word and deed as a true witness to Christ" (Didache Bible; CCC 900). The Catholic Church is missionary. Jesus did not intend for only the Apostles to go and make disciples. We, through our baptism, are likewise commissioned to profess the faith. We must allow the plentitude of graces and blessings we receive to provide us the courage and wisdom to encourage many other souls to encounter Jesus and pursue a path to holiness and heaven.

Our goal is not only to reach the gates of heaven — the very ones Jesus opened through his love and sacrifice, but more importantly, through our own love and sacrifice, answering his call to witness to all the ends of the earth is to bring as many others with us as possible — even if it only brings us around the corner to the local salon. —Allison Gingras



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Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19)

As we stand before God's promise to make all things new, please consider one of the greatest acts of stewardship by including a gift to our parish in one of the following ways:

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Many volunteers make a successful event!



Date: Saturday, August 13, 2023 Where: South Parking Lot / Devine Center Who: All are welcome!

What do we need? So happy you asked! Volunteers— MaryAnn Troc mtroc77@gmail.com Raffles, Sponsors and general information— Kay Kempke kaykempke9195@gmail.com



JOYFUL AGAIN!

Are you, or someone you know, widowed?

If you have been recently widowed and are still struggling with the loss, or if you have been widowed for some

time and need something to get you "over the hump" because you seem

stuck in one spot, this program is designed to help you move on with life while still treasuring your past and its precious memories.

This unique retreat/workshop will be held at St. Julie's Parish, Tinley Park, Illinois.

The Joyful Again! program is for both men and women (all ages) who have been widowed and are still trying to find hope and new joy in life. <u>All are welcome.</u>

<u>What:</u> Retreat/workshop for Widowed Men & Women <u>When:</u> June 24 & 25, 2023 (2-day program) No overnight available at this site. <u>Where:</u> St. Julie's Parish, Tinley Park, Illinois

For further information, call: 708-354-7211-OR- e-mail us at joyfulagain7211@gmail.com website: www.joyfulagain.org

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Patricia Tunney Cynthia Sepsis

THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING

Steve Lascola, Lucy Krouse, Tommy Wojnicki , Mia Martin Tony Greco, Lucy Lara, Lucy Ignacio, David Delgado

ATTENTION EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

There will be a mandatory meeting for all current and past Eucharistic Ministers after all the Masses on the weekend of May 27-28. The meeting will be brief – no longer than 15 minutes. If you have not been a Minister since before COVID and would like to resume in this Ministry please attend as we will be adding Ministers to each Mass. Attendance at one of these meetings is necessary to be commissioned this Fall. Any questions contact Marianne– 708-429-6767, ext. 213 or Marianne@stjulie.org

ST. PEREGRINE NOVENA

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

St. Peregrine Novena #4

Week # 7 – Monday, May 22 Week # 8 – Tuesday, May 30 Week # 9 – Monday, June 5

St. Peregrine Novena #5

Week # 1 – Monday, June 12 Week # 2 – Monday, June 19 Week # 3 – Monday, June 26 SKIP for 4th of JULY holiday Week # 4 – Monday, July 10 Week # 5 – Monday, July 17 Week # 6 – Monday, July 24 Week # 7 – Monday, July 31 Week # 8 – Monday, August 7 Week # 9 – Monday, August 14

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 20-4:30pm

†Sabina Walczak, L Darryl Zurawski, L J.E.L.
†Robert & Jill Mueller, †Chestter & Mildred
Faron,†James Arendarczyk, †Gary Domke,
†Jack Domke, †Florence Domke, †Ray
Minerath,†Alice Minerath, †Margaret Keating,
†Nancy Klooptowsky, †Denise Staszewski

<u>Sunday, May 21–7:30am</u>

†Jason Ryan Bolin, †Janina Boron, †Jadwiga Kopera

Sunday, May 21-9:30am

†Joseph & Mary Schulok, †Christine Bonnar, †Lance Sheehan, †Dolores Mikicic, †Michael Mikicic, L Lorraine Dukelow, †George Polosa, †Philip DeJung

<u>Sunday, May 21-11:30am</u>

†Deceased members of the Kilanowski & Wasik Families, †Theresa Lavan, †Deceased members of the Camacho Family, †Dorothy Conroy, †Nancy Bauer, †George Smith

<u>Sunday, May 21 – 6:00pm</u>

Intentions of the people of St. Julie parish

Monday, May 22–8:00am †Thomas Kula

<u>Tuesday, May 23–8:00am</u> Intentions of the people of St. Julie parish

<u>Wednesday, May 24–8:00am</u> Intentions of the people of St. Julie parish

<u>Thursday, May 25 – 8:00am</u> †Sabina Walczak, †Robert Kretzer

<u>Friday, May 26 – 8:00am</u> Intentions of the people of St. Julie parish

Saturday, May 27 – 4:30pm

Intentions of the people of St. Julie parish †Sunday, May 28 – 7:30am

Intentions of the people of St. Julie parish

Sunday, May 28-9:30am

†William Kaucky, †August Bova, †Stanley & Anna Stoklosa, †Emilia Wesolowski, †Marcin Wesolowski †Santa Marino, †Mattia Conte, †Jadwiga Kopera, †Janina Boron

Sunday, May 28-11:30am

†Stanley, Frances, Jerry & Dennis Kilanowski

Sunday, May 28 – 6:00pm Intentions of the people of St. Julie parish

CATHOLIC REFLECTION OF THE WEEK	RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS					
Traditionally, the four writers of the Gospels are symbolized by four creatures that make their way into Church art and architecture: Matthew, an angel; Mark, a lion; Luke, an ox; and John, an eagle. These images can be found in churches across the world, a nod to those who recorded the stories of Jesus for us, thousands	The funeral luncheon, the Irish wake, the vigil at an ailing loved one's bedside: in times of crisis, people gather. In moments of sadness, fear, and confusion, we gravitate toward one another. For some reason, the feelings are so much more bearable when we are not alone.					
of years ago.	I'm sure that the disciples and their companions, gathered in the upper room after the Lord's Ascension,					
Today's Gospel was written by John. There are a few reasons why John is symbolized by an eagle, but my favorite explanation is that his writings soar like an eagle into the sky with their beautiful, poetic language. The prayer we hear today is no different — Jesus invokes	did all of the things we typically do at these functions. I'm sure they hugged and talked and shared food, processing together the remarkable events they had witnessed.					
God in a long discourse that might seem mystifying at times, the same way that a poem can be perplexing to	But we don't hear about any of that. We hear only that they prayed — fervently, and together.					
understand when we are unfamiliar with the pacing or format.	Saint John Paul II famously said that "it is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness; He is waiting for you					
Consider holding onto the shortest sentence in this prayer: "I pray for them."	when nothing else you find satisfies you." And I think that, whenever we gather, in good times or in bad, we think we are seeking companionship — but we are actually					
Jesus prays for us. For me. For you.	seeking God.					
Let that sink deep into your being. Jesus is on your side. He is aware of what you are holding at this moment. He is aware of your pain, your faith, your mission. And He's rooting for you. This prayer was recorded thousands of years ago, far before you were born. Since before you were born, you were held in prayer. With that certainty, we live.	As I think back on the last few crisis-gatherings my family has had, I try to remember when we have stopped everything to pray together. I can think of a few times, but to be honest, they are too few. We are usually occupied with more practical tasks: planning the funeral, talking to the doctor, making the decisions, ordering the food. Just trying to survive through it.					
— Father John Muir ©LPi	But this is the busywork of sorrow, and it is a waste of our time. We would do better to follow the example of the					
LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK: When the world sees us, do they see to whom we	disciples and remember that, in these dire moments, God is waiting for us. —Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman					
belong? In what ways are we most manifestly Christian? In prayer, in service, in sacrifice?	"Of you my heart speaks; you my glance seeks." — Psalm 27					
Whatever it is, let us devote ourselves to it with one accord, so that Jesus Christ may be glorified in all that we do.	©LPi					
WHY DO WE DO THAT?						
Question: Why Does the Church Have Different Liturgical Cycles?						
Answer: While most Catholics know that the Church Year is divided into various seasons (e.g. Advent, Christmas,						

Answer: While most Catholics know that the Church Year is divided into various seasons (e.g. Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, etc.), many are unaware that the one Church Year is not like the one that follows. While the main seasons and feasts are the same from year to year, the 3-year cycle for Sundays and the 2-year cycle for weekdays means that, as a general rule, the readings in the Lectionary that we hear at Mass will change from year to year, helping us to have a richer encounter with Sacred Scripture. Each new cycle begins with the beginning of the liturgical year, the First Sunday of Advent. The reasoning behind this innovation is outlined in *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, the "Dogmatic Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy" of the Second Vatican Council: "The treasures of the bible are to be opened up more lavishly, so that richer fare may be provided for the faithful at the table of God's word. In this way a more representative portion of the holy scriptures will be read to the people in the course of a prescribed number of years" (no. 51). This was fully achieved in 1969 when the new cycles of readings were approved by Pope Saint Paul VI. To learn more about the Liturgy of the Word within the Mass, visit: www.usccb.org/ prayer-and-worship/the-mass/order-of-mass/liturgy-of-the-word/index.cfm



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If you are interested in applying, please contact Tony at 708-429-6767 ext. 223

The Media Ministry is in DIRE NEED to add more members to the Live-Steaming Team (Via Facebook) for the weekly 9:30 AM Masses. YOU can help to bring Christ to those members of our community who are sick or homebound. <u>Hands-On-Training is provided.</u> Please consider giving us one hour a week of your time to reach those who are unable to attend Mass in person. Contact Darla Draus at the parish office: (708) 429-6767, Ext 215 -or- via email: darla@stjulie.org.



BINGO THIS SUNDAY May 21st! 12:45 PM – 5:00 PM in the Devine Center

IN THE COMING WEEKS WE WILL BE UPDATING OUR PARISHIONER CONTACT INFORMATION USING PARISHSOFT. YOU WILL BE RECEIVING AN EMAIL REQUESTING YOU TO CREATE A PASSWORD FOR YOUR ONLINE PROFILE IN "MY OWN CHURCH". IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A COMPUTER OR ARE UNCOMFORTABLE WITH THIS PROCESS WE WILL HAVE STAFF AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE AND IN THE NARTHEX IN THE COMING WEEKS.

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April 30, May 7 and 14

 Budgeted
 \$ 54,228.00

 Collected
 \$ 26,839.00

 Faith Direct
 \$ 17,122.00

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 \$ 10,267.00

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