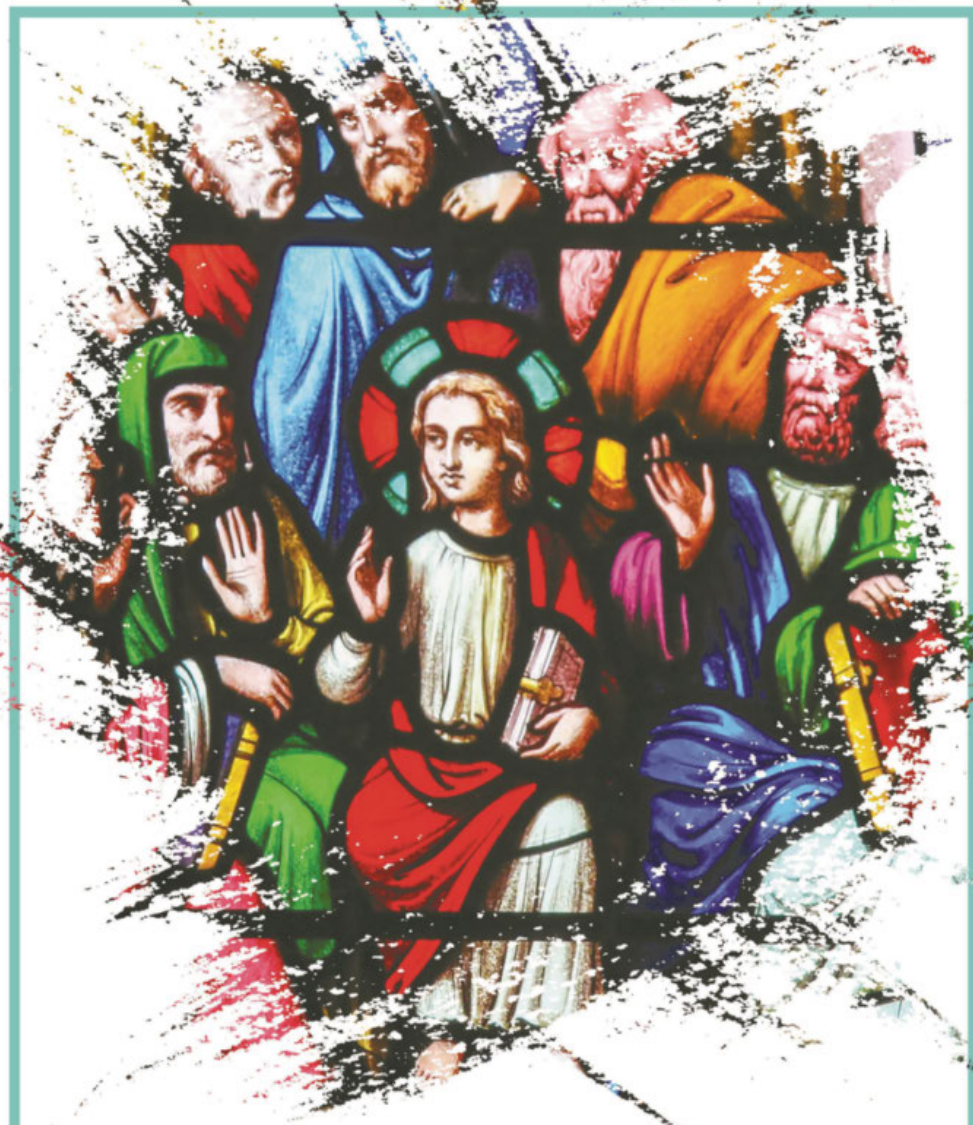




How good is the good God!
- St. Julie Billiart

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September 10, 2023



"IF YOUR BROTHER SINS AGAINST YOU, GO AND TELL HIM HIS FAULT BETWEEN YOU AND HIM ALONE. IF HE LISTENS TO YOU, YOU HAVE WON OVER YOUR BROTHER." —MT 18:15

23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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#### 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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Please use the Drop Box at the (West entrance) outside of the parish office doors for giving envelopes, registrations, correspondence & for Mass Intentions.

**\*Our office closes for lunch daily between 12:00 PM-1:00 PM\***

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**Become a Registered Parishioner:** All are invited to participate in the life and mission of the St Julie Billiart faith family. Register in person or online by visiting our website: [www.stjulie.org/new-member-form/](http://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 contact Marianne Mueller to inquire about preparations. [marianne@stjulie.org](mailto:marianne@stjulie.org)

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Couples preparing for marriage should contact Marianne Mueller no less than six months in advance to secure a wedding date and to begin marriage preparations. [marianne@stjulie.org](mailto:marianne@stjulie.org)

**St. Vincent de Paul:** For information on the St Vincent de Paul Society or to request assistance for yourself or another person contact us directly at 708.429.6767 x244. Leave a message and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

# BEING DISCIPLES OF JESUS

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**Fr. Tirso Villaverde**  
*Pastor*

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

The relic of St. Jude Thaddeus will be arriving this Wednesday. Thank you first of all to everyone who has signed up to volunteer. Thank you in advance to those who have yet to sign up. This is a special moment that we can share with people from not only the parish but also in the surrounding area. To have the relic of St. Jude—one of the original Twelve Apostles—visit our parish is a rare honor and one that should give us a sense of gratitude for being asked to host the relic.

This week, I wanted to share with all of you the idea of a plenary indulgence. First, many of us might hear the word “indulgence” and think of a time in our Church’s history that was the cause of a great scandal. Namely, there was a time when the Church got into the bad habit of “selling indulgences.” In other words, the faithful could essentially “buy their way into heaven” simply by paying all sorts of money for the indulgences. With each indulgence they obtained it would secure for them a shorter time in purgatory. Thus, their entry into heaven would be speeded. Part of the scandal, of course, was a result of the fact that the money made from the selling of indulgences went to finance construction projects of churches and the like.

Today, though, we have moved away from that understanding that a person can “buy his/her way into heaven.” But, indulgences are still very much a part of Catholic faith life and devotion. I mention this because there is a plenary indulgence connected to the visit of St. Jude’s relic. There will be a banner with this information during the visit of the relic but I wanted to share a summary of it in advance.

What is a Plenary Indulgence?

To understand the idea of an indulgence, we must first reflect on what sin is and the effects it has on our eternal soul. Yes, Jesus has forgiven sin and the mercy of God is always ready to forgive. However, each of us as human beings have been endowed with the gift of free will. In other words, we can still freely choose to offend God or choose to do the good that our relationship with God demands of us. If God removed free will along with the salvation that Jesus won for us, we would be nothing more than puppets—innocent but puppets nonetheless. So free will remains which obviously leads us to commit sin.

When we do commit sin, we incur guilt. Our relationship with God is broken. God alone has the power to restore that relationship. The absolution we receive through the Sacrament of Reconciliation imparts a grace upon us whereby we once again experience the saving power of Jesus’ death and resurrection. Sacramental Confession, then, removes the guilt and restores the relationship.

However, sin leaves a scar. For this reason, the soul that God created and placed in each of us undergoes a deformity. Think of it in physical terms. Whenever we experience a serious injury or even major surgery, the wound might have healed but the scar remains a physical sign of what once was broken. People who have gone through major heart surgery, for example, will know the truth to this. Pardon the graphic description but their chests were literally cut open. The wound was eventually sewed up and healed. But, the scar will always be there. It is something that will never go away. Even with makeup to cover up the scar, it still remains beneath. A similar thing occurs on our souls whenever we freely choose to commit sin.

Our immortal soul was created in the image and likeness of God. In other words, the soul was created to love as God loves, to live in perfect harmony with God and others as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit live in perfect harmony with one another. The human soul is ordered and conformed to reflect the very image and likeness of God. The soul without sin is a perfect and mirror image of God’s very image and likeness. However, the soul that incurs sin is left with a scar that needs to be reformed in God’s image and likeness in order to be properly prepared to enter into eternal life in heaven. Just like sin had no place in God’s original



plan for Creation, sin has no place in eternal life in heaven. The soul that is still burdened by sin cannot find the way to heaven.

So here is where indulgences come into the picture. For those who have preceded us in death, how certain can we be that even our loved ones who we admired and adored left this earthly life completely without any scar? This is where the idea of Purgatory enters the discussion because it is the place of “purgation” – the place where the soul is prepared and cleansed of the scars of sin in order to enter into the heavenly kingdom.

A plenary indulgence becomes an exercise of the Pope’s privilege as the successor of St. Peter. As we heard in the gospel last weekend, St. Peter received the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven and was endowed with the authority to hold bound or loosen. Even as this authority is shared with the entire Church as the Body of Christ calling every member to be instruments of forgiveness, there still remains a singular and unique ability reserved to the Pope as St. Peter’s successor. That is, the Pope can exercise his authority to declare a removal of the scar of sin on a soul. Thus, this reduces the period of purgation and prepares the soul for heaven more quickly. In short, plenary indulgence is a way for the Pope to exercise charity and love for the deceased in the fullest way possible – making certain that the soul is ready to enter into the heavenly banquet and thus enjoy life with God.

In the case of St. Jude’s relic, there are certain steps that we need to take in order to be granted the indulgence by the Pope. Veneration of the relic is first. Pray for the Pope. Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation within 20 days of visiting the relic. Receive Holy Communion within that same time frame. Resolve to end all relationships with sin – venial and mortal. We can either choose to apply the spiritual benefits of the indulgence upon ourselves or upon someone who is already deceased. For those who cannot physically visit the relic, making a resolve to break ties with sin and to receive Reconciliation and Communion as soon as possible.

Peace,



**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR SEPTEMBER 13TH**

**WE NEED 70 VOLUNTEERS FOR THE VISIT OF THE RELIC OF  
ST. JUDE**

**WE NEED USHERS, SOUVENIOR ATTENDANTS, GENERAL  
ATTENDANTS AND PARKING LOT WORKERS**

**PLEASE SIGN UP AFTER MASS IN THE NARTHEX OR CALL THE  
OFFICE DURING BUSINESS HOURS.**

**THANK YOU.**



**Fr. Roy Belocura**  
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*"Amen, I say to you,  
whatever you bind on  
earth shall be bound in  
heaven, and whatever you  
loose on earth shall be  
loosed in heaven."*

- Matthew 18:18

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus is explaining to His Apostles, the future leaders of the Church, how they should deal with members of the Church who fall into sin and cause scandal to the family of believers. Here Jesus is referring especially to the kind of sin that affects the whole community directly. He instructs His Apostles not to ignore it, but to do something about it. It may sound so authoritarian to us if we are used to thinking that tolerance, even tolerance of sin, is the highest value. But, that is not Jesus' perspective. He wants His Church to care about tolerance, yes, but He wants it to care even more about truth. Sin is real, and it is destructive, both for the person sinning and for the whole community. Sin is like a destructive fire that starts in one person's soul. If it is not put out quickly with Christ's mercy, it can destroy that person and spread like a spiritual forest fire through a whole community. That is why Jesus instructs His Apostles to do everything possible to bring people back when they stray. First they should approach them one-on-one and patiently encourage them to come back to Christ. If that does not work, they should patiently involve some objective parties in the discussion. And only if the scandal continues should there be a public denunciation, in order to make it clear to everyone that the sinful, scandalous behavior is contrary to God's loving plan of salvation - to isolate the fire. This Gospel passage comes right after Christ's parable of the good shepherd who leaves his ninety-nine sheep in order to seek out the one who has strayed. Christ is insisting here that all His followers, and especially His ordained ministers, have the same selfless and determined attitude.

**COMPENDIUM of the Catechism of the Catholic Church**  
Part One - The Profession of Faith  
Section Two - The Profession of the Christian Faith

## **CHAPTER TWO** **I Believe in Jesus Christ,** **the Only Son of God**

**101. In what sense is the life of Christ a Mystery?** 512-521; 561-562 The entire life of Christ is a revelation. What was visible in the earthly life of Jesus leads us to the *invisible mystery of his divine sonship*: "whoever has seen me has seen the Father" (*John* 14:9). Furthermore, even though salvation comes completely from the cross and the resurrection, the entire life of Christ is a *mystery of redemption* because everything that Jesus did, said, and suffered had for its aim the salvation of fallen human beings and the restoration of their vocation as children of God.

**102. How did God prepare the world for the mystery of Christ?** 522-524 God prepared for the coming of his Son over the centuries. He awakened in the hearts of the pagans a dim expectation of this coming and he prepared for it specifically through the Old Testament, culminating with *John the Baptist* who was the last and greatest of the prophets. We relive this long period of expectancy in the annual liturgical celebration of the season of Advent.

*Let us thank and support the following runners of  
2023 Chicago Marathon for joining Team Saint Julie  
and raise funds for parish ministries.*

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| TEAM |  | St. JULIE                                                   |  | TEAM |  |
|      |  | <b>DONATE</b>                                               |  |      |  |
|      |  | Help <b>JAIME</b> raise funds for St. Julie Music Ministry. |  |      |  |
|      |  | <b>DONATE</b>                                               |  |      |  |
|      |  | Help <b>MARC</b> raise funds for St. Julie Youth Ministry.  |  |      |  |

### **Sacrament of Confession, Penance & Reconciliation**

*In Matthew 18:18, the apostles are given authority to bind and loose. The authority to bind and loose includes administering and removing the temporal penalties due to sin. The Jews understood this since the birth of the Church. This authority is passed on from the apostles to the rest of the ordained priests of the Church.*

# LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION



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September 10, 2023



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Sun. Sept. 10**  
7<sup>th</sup> Gr. Rite of Enrollment  
for Confirmation  
11:30am Mass

**Mon. Sept. 11**  
Family Formation  
6:00-7:30pm

**Wed. Sept. 13**  
Family Formation  
6:00-7:30pm

**Sun. Sept. 17**  
Catechetical  
Sunday  
9:30am Mass

**Wed. Sept. 20**  
Children's  
Storytime  
10am-10:45am

**Thurs. Sept. 21**  
Encounter Night  
6:00-7:30pm

## ST. JULIE WELCOMES YOUR FAMILY!

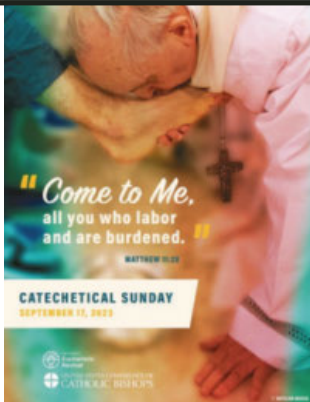
*The parish staff and catechetical community of St. Julie Parish welcome you to this year-long journey of faith formation. We thank you for choosing to register in our program for the 2023 - 2024 parish year. We are looking forward to a Great Year!*

## CLASSES BEGIN THIS WEEK!

2023 - 2024  
Family Faith Formation

MONDAY      SEPTEMBER 11

WEDNESDAY      SEPTEMBER 13



## CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

On September 17<sup>th</sup> we commemorate Catechetical Sunday. We recognize and celebrate all parishioners who are involved in any of our Catechetical Ministries.

This year's theme is: *"Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened."*

All Catechists are invited to attend the 9:30am Mass on September 17<sup>th</sup> and receive a special blessing for the upcoming year.



## PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION

Our seventh-grade students, along with their parents, will participate in the Rite of Enrollment Mass, as they begin their journey toward receiving the sacrament of Confirmation. During this special time, these students will seek service opportunities to help them grow in discipleship as they serve those in need. We invite you to please remember them in your prayers during this time of preparation.

# St. Julie 50th Anniversary News



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

Next Dinner Dance Meeting will be  
Saturday, September 30 at 12:30 in  
The Great Room.

We are currently looking for business  
sponsors as well as raffles for themed  
baskets. Let us know if you can help!



Years ago, St. Julie collected hundreds of wonderful recipes from parishioners and created a **St. Julie Cookbook**. For our 50th Anniversary, we were asked to do this again! Do you have a favorite breakfast, lunch or dinner? A go to dessert? What do you serve at your family gatherings that everyone raves about? What reminds you of a certain family member?

**Recipes can tell the stories of our life!** If you would like to share one of your favorites, we would like to include it! Feel free to share a brief story about what that recipe means to you and your family.

You can email them to [sheila@stjulie.org](mailto:sheila@stjulie.org) or drop them off at the parish office.

Check out the Anniversary Bulletin Board located next to the Library. We will begin posting information, events and ways you can get involved! We look forward to a wonderful year celebrating our faith community! *We are Grateful for all that St. Julie has given us!*

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](mailto:sheila@stjulie.org) We are excited to share what makes St. Julie so special with everyone!

*How Good is the  
Good God!*



# 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



## ST. JULIE YOUNG AT HEART

### WELCOME BACK!

Our new year begins with our first luncheon on  
**Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 11:30am**  
in the Devine Center.

Tickets are \$10 each and will include a lunch buffet, coffee, and dessert!

Stop by the Narthex on the weekends of September 2/3 and 9/10  
To purchase your tickets! All are welcome! Looking forward to a great year!

### NEW THIS YEAR!

The Young at Heart Leadership Team met to brainstorm new ideas for the coming year. We will start with a showing of "The Dancing Detective" immediately following lunch!

We will also be creating a Hospitality Team that everyone can sign up for.

Lastly, but most important, in order to offer more speakers / entertainment, we will be asking for dues of \$15 for the entire year. This can be paid Sept – November.

The team would still love to hear your ideas and suggestions!

See you on September 12th!



The Men's Group is returning on September 28th! This group meets on the last Thursday of the month from September to May. Join in and strengthen your faith among other Men of faith.



## PARISH CALENDAR AT A GLANCE:

Sun 9/10

23RD Sunday of Ordinary Time

9:30AM Rite of Enrollment 7th Grade

4:30PM St. Agnes Vietnamese Mass-Church

7PM Youth Gathering After Mass-(PH)

Mon 9/11

8:30AM Contribution Assessment Group (GR)

6PM Family Formation (DC)

6:30PM SVdP Meeting (Conference Room)

7PM AA Meeting (DC)

7PM St. Peregrine Novena (Sacred Heart Chapel)

Tues 9/12

8:45AM The Search small group (GR)

11:30AM Young at Heart Luncheon (DC)

7:30PM CJB Advisory Board (GR)

Wed 9/13

1PM-11PM St. Jude Relic Veneration

6PM Family Formation (DC)

7:30PM Mass in honor of St. Jude

Thu 9/14

No Events

Fri 9/15

No events

Sat 9/16

12PM Baptism

6:30 AA Meeting-(DC)

Sun 9/17 24TH Sunday of Ordinary Time

9:30AM Commissioning of Catechists

7PM Youth Gathering After Mass-(PH)

## ST JULIE PRAISE MINISTRY

You're invited to consider joining us!



***There are no meetings!***

Deacon Rich Miska sends out a monthly letter filled with wonderful reflections as well as the needs of our parish and the world to hold in prayer. You'll receive a prayer booklet to use, if you would like.

This is a wonderful ministry for those who:

- 1) Love to pray
- 2) Would like to take a few quiet moments out of their day to pray for others
- 3) Are looking for a closer relationship with Christ through prayer.

Whatever the reason, you cannot go wrong being a prayer warrior.

For more information, email [deaconrich@stjulie.org](mailto:deaconrich@stjulie.org)

## THOSE WHO NEED HEALING

In the bulletin on page 16, there is a place for Those Who Need Healing.

Names will appear on this list, as well as mentioned before all weekend Masses for three weeks. After that, if you would like the person on the list again, you would need to call the parish office again.

If the bulletin has already been submitted for printing, the name will only be in the bulletin for two weeks, BUT the name will be read at all the weekend Masses for three weeks.

If you would like to put a name on this list, call the Parish Office or stop by during regular office hours.

**NOTE:** You NEED to be a family member and you MUST have permission from the person being placed on the list.

If you have any questions, please call the office 708.429.6767.

**Are you a registered parishioner of St. Julie Billiart Catholic Church? Do you have any questions? Fill out this form and drop it off in the collection basket or mail it to our parish office. A staff member will be more than happy to answer your questions and get you registered.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_



## Care for Creation Celebrate the Season of Creation (PART TWO)

The Season of Creation is a month-long prayerful observance that calls upon Catholics to pray and care for God's Creation. **It starts September 1<sup>st</sup> and ends October 4<sup>th</sup>.** It's a time of reflection on our relationship with the environment, how we live, and how our lifestyles impact the natural world, humans and other creatures inhabiting it. This is a time of restoration and of hope, but also a time for action. It's a time we can take to educate ourselves on new ways of living with Creation that better care for both people and the planet. It's a time to craft plans and implement those changes.

What changes will you make as an individual to contribute to a more just and sustainable future? Have you considered joining your parish Creation Care Team, or starting one at work? The Catholic Climate Covenant has great resources to get one started. Consider reading the encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, a great source of inspiration and motivation.

As Pope Francis said, "This is the season for letting our prayer be inspired anew," a season "to reflect on our lifestyles," and a season "for undertaking prophetic actions . . . calling for courageous decisions . . . directing the planet towards life, not death."



### 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.**

**\*\*Please do not call other extensions and leave messages. It will take longer to return your calls.** 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, OP**

**Crisis Center 24 Hour Hotline:  
708-429-SAFE (7233)**



### Shepherds Of Bethlehem

Shepherds Of Bethlehem imports all of their works of reverent art from the finest Christian craftsmen in Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Each piece is lovingly hand carved by our talented and dedicated artisans, and every item, including our olive wood nativity sets, stables, statues, crosses, rosaries, and Bibles, is carefully designed to capture the spirit of the Holy Land.

The most meaningful component of our art is not only that it directly supports the Christian community of the Holy Land, but that it comes straight from the land of the Bible; the birthplace of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, where He lived, where He ministered, where He paid for our sins, and where He rose from the dead. We trust that you will find our products to be of the highest quality and we pray that each item will be a blessing to all who buy, give, and receive.

**Come shop with us on September 23 & 24**

# PORT MINISTRIES *"Whatever you do for the least of these, you do for me."*

A PLACE OF PRAYER AND HOPE

Inspired by St. Francis and the Franciscan Charism, **the Port Ministries** mission is to provide the fundamental needs of the mind, body, and spirit. The organization addresses these needs through a series of programs and services that holistically work together to serve the under-resourced and under-served residents of the local communities (Back of the Yards, Englewood, Gage Park).

No one envisioned the rich network of ministries that would develop when Father Augustin Milon, OFM, founded a one-room soup kitchen in Chicago's Back of the Yards neighborhood on May 26, 1985. In a neighborhood stricken by violence, homelessness, drug abuse, gang activity and abandoned buildings, **Port Ministries** has listened and responded to the pressing needs of the local community with a Catholic spirit of loving outreach.

Our goal is to put faith-in-action to address the underlining issues that plague and limit the potential of these under-resourced and under-served communities and their residents.

About twenty-five plus years ago, St. Julie was offered the opportunity to become partners with The Port. It was a simple ask, "Can you make provide us with some bagged lunches?" The rest, as they say, is history. Our faith community has worked together through ministries, the Youth Group, Faith Formation and the Parish at large to provide close to **200,000 simple bagged lunches!** Can you imagine?

We didn't set out to make that many, but when you take one step at a time, it's amazing what we can do together! The best part about making the lunches is that ANYONE can do it! Any age, any ability. We can all do it and we can do it together.

We invite you to consider joining us this year as we begin making lunches for The Port. If you would like to make this an "at home" activity, we can always use extra lunches / decorated lunch bags!

Here are some needed items to get us started for the year. If you see something on sale and would like to pick it up, please go ahead and leave it on the Generosity Cart marked "Port Lunches". Thank you!

*Individual wrapped chips*  
*Individual wrapped snacks*  
*(fruit snacks, rice krispy treats, etc)*

*Extra Large Lunch Bags*  
*Napkins*

*Old Markers / Crayons that are still usable*  
*Fold over sandwich baggies*  
*Granola Bars*



October 22    November 5    December 16 **\*\* (after the 4:30pm Mass)**  
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Shepherds of Bethlehem — Sept 23 / 24  
Conversations with Women — Sept 30

#### **This Fall:**

Veterans' Luncheon — November 12  
Thanksgiving Dinner — November 23



# OUR PRAYER LIFE

| TODAY'S READINGS AND REFLECTION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | READINGS FOR THE WEEK                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| <p>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time / September 10, 2023</p> <p><b>SUNDAY'S READINGS - EXCERPTS TO PLACE IN YOUR COMMUNICATIONS</b></p> <p><b>First Reading:</b></p> <p>If I tell the wicked, “O wicked one, you shall surely die,”</p> <p>and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way,</p> <p>the wicked shall die for his guilt,</p> <p>but I will hold you responsible for his death. (Ez 33:8)</p> <p><b>Psalm:</b></p> <p>If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)</p> <p><b>Second Reading:</b></p> <p>Love does no evil to the neighbor;</p> <p>hence, love is the fulfillment of the law. (Rom 13:10)</p> <p><b>Gospel:</b></p> <p>“If your brother sins against you,</p> <p>go and tell him his fault between you and him alone.</p> <p>If he listens to you, you have won over your brother.” (Mt 18:15)</p> <p>Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass<br/>©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.</p> <p>The English translation of Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981,</p> | <p><b>WEEKLY READINGS</b></p> <p>Readings for the week of September 10, 2023</p> <p>Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20</p> <p>Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11</p> <p>Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11/Lk 6:12-19</p> <p>Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26</p> <p>Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17</p> <p>Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35</p> <p>Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49</p> <p>Next Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8)/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35</p> <div data-bbox="824 1266 1518 1927">  <div data-bbox="1226 1318 1518 1864"> <p><i>Letters from<br/>St. Julie Billiart</i></p> <p><i>Things do not<br/>always go as we<br/>wish. They will<br/>go well only if the<br/>good God directs<br/>them.</i></p> </div> </div> |

## RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### Love and Truth

I think even the most devout, the most pious Catholic reading this could summon to mind, if asked, one or even two examples of Catholic teaching for which they have desperately looked for a loophole.

Don't worry, I won't make you share with the group. But bring it to your mind now: the doctrine you once resented, or perhaps still do. The commandment you don't fully understand, the one you bristle against. The rule you find the hardest to follow. The belief you hate explaining to your friends.

If it disappeared from scripture or dropped out of the catechism, would your life really be easier? Would you be happier?

I am thinking of mine. For a long time, I searched high and low for a way around this particular teaching. I read books and Scripture and tradition, I prayed and reflected and tried to argue with myself. For a time, I gave up complying with it entirely. I threw it to the wind, with a shoulder shrug and a self-satisfied assurance to myself that God, being a loving father, does not want his child to be unhappy.

But reader: I was miserable. I was so, so miserable, and I stayed that way until I finally accepted that God is, indeed, a loving father, and desires nothing less than the unhappiness of his children. And so, to ward it off, he has given us the truth, and asked us to share it amongst ourselves like a cherished heirloom, a priceless inheritance.

To share truth, you must show love. To show love, you must share truth. One demands the other. Because this is what Christ does for us, and this is the mission of the Church in this world. Loosening and binding. Bearing witness. Giving testimony. Speaking truth, and in speaking truth, showing love.

"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."  
— Psalm 95

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## Should a Catholic Pursue an Annulment?

Question: After a civil divorce, is a Catholic obligated to pursue an annulment?

Answer: Many Catholics are not exactly sure what an annulment does. An annulment does not deny that a marriage took place, nor does it deny that there once was love. It does not mean that people say anything untrue, such as they never loved each other or that everything in their marriage was wrong. An annulment does not negate children, nor make them illegitimate. An annulment addresses the spiritual aspect of marriage. In effect, an annulment says that at the time of the wedding, there was either something present or something absent that prevented the sacrament from taking place. It is a spiritual determination that, if granted in the affirmative, allows a person to marry in the Church.

Annulments have no legal standing and are unable to be used in a civil court. Therefore, a Catholic has no moral obligation to pursue an annulment. However, when the tragedy of divorce occurs, and there is no hope for reconciliation, annulments may help bring some spiritual closure to a person's life. Some people have found the process to be healing and others have found it to be difficult. Speak to your priest or a member of the Diocesan Tribunal staff to decide what is best for you.

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**Oct 4** The Searcher by Tana French

**Nov 1** The Guest List by Lucy Foley

**Dec 6** The Christmas Bookshop by Jenny Colgan



Thanks to a generous donor, we have been gifted 20 FREE tickets to see Mother Teresa & Me, an award-winning movie. Showing in limited theatres nationwide on Oct. 5th for ONE NIGHT ONLY. Come to the parish office to reserve your ticket. First come, first serve.



## ST. PEREGRINE NOVENA

The Novena is held weekly in our Sacred Heart Chapel at 7pm. Check the parish calendar ([www.stjulie.org](http://www.stjulie.org)) for the most up-to-date information.

### St. Peregrine Novena #6

Week # 3—Monday, September 11  
 Week # 4—Monday, September 18  
 Week # 5—Monday, September 25  
 Week # 6—Monday, October 2  
 Week # 7—Monday, October 9  
 Week # 8—Monday, October 16  
 Week # 9—Monday, October 23

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Jeanne Rehr*

Blessing for the Fallen of 9-11

God of mercy,  
in your word of Scripture, you instruct us  
to “Do to others as you would have them  
do to you.”

Give us today the courage to assist those  
around us who may need our assistance.  
Give us patience when we become  
impatient.

Remind us to pray for all those who  
perished on United Airlines 93, American  
Airlines 11, United Airlines 175,  
American Airlines 77, and those in the  
Twin Towers and Pentagon.

Give us a heart thankful for those who  
gave their lives as first responders, as did  
the men and women who ran into danger  
to be of aid.

We ask all this in the name of the One  
who first responded to our need for a  
savior,  
Jesus the Christ.

Amen.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, September 9 – 4:30pm**

†Chester & Mildred Faron, †Carmen &  
Antoinette Gatto, †Gary Domke, †Jack Domke,  
†Florence Domke, †Alice Minerath, †Ray Minerath,  
†Eugene G Zenz

**Sunday, September 10 – 7:30am**

†Jack Norris

**Sunday, September 10-9:30am**

†Edward Sokolowski, †Ferrara Family,  
†Don Baumann

**Sunday, September 10 – 11:30am**

†Stanley, Frances, Jerry & Dennis Kilanowski,  
†Margaret Boyle, †Benito Staccato,  
†Rosina Lorenzini

**†Sunday, September 10 – 6:00pm**

Intentions of the people of St. Julie parish

**Monday, September 11 – 8:00am**

†Phillip Gurgone,

For and end to terrorism around the world

**Tuesday, September 12 – 8:00am**

†Sabina Walczak, †William A. Ryan,  
†Julie Stratton Radilla, †Teresa Baur,  
†Phillip Consolo, †Kathleen Todd

**Wednesday, September 13 – 8:00am**

†Elizabeth & John Gatto, †Ronald Sladek,  
†Lucy Rodola

**Wednesday, September 13 – 7:30pm**

L Richard Hardy, L Michael Zagotta,  
L Amanda Grollier, L Deb Klekowski

**Thursday, September 14 – 8:00am**

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**Friday, September 15 – 8:00am**

†Michael Laspesa, †George Reitz, †Bernie Hartigan

**Saturday, September 16 – 4:30pm**

†Heleen A. Miller, †Theresa Lavan, †Jesse J. James,  
†Leon Ordonez, †Ramiro Ordonez, †Jordan Matusik,  
†Sean Kelly, †Michael Feighery, †Lorraine Sinkuler

**Sunday, September 17 – 7:30am**

†Chester & Mildred Faron, †Mary Tiffy & Alex

**Sunday, September 17-9:30am**

†Deceased members of the Alice & James Murphy  
Family, †Joseph & Mary Schulok, †Sharon Connell,  
L members of the Ferrara & Consolo Families

**Sunday, September 17 – 11:30am**

†Agatha Bettuzzi, †Elizabeth Rohan,  
†Bill Vonderheide, ,  
†Pierre Doyohoy

**†Sunday, September 10 – 6:00pm**

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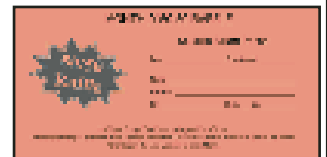


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