

December 2021 Jewels of St. Julie *A Newsletter for the Parish Family of* *St. Julie Billiart*

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

MASS TIMES

Holy Day of Obligation:

Tuesday, Dec 7 Vigil @7:00 PM St. Julie

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

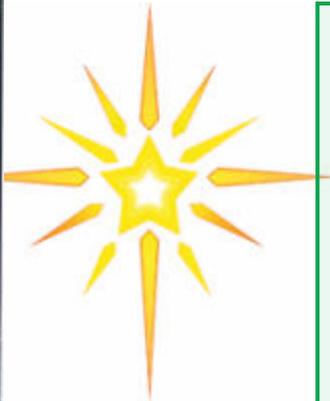
8:00 AM St. Joseph

8:00 AM St. Peter in Chains

12:00 Noon St. Julie

7:00 PM St. Peter in Chains

7:30 PM en Español St. Julie



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS TIMES

Christmas Vigil: Friday, December 24, 2021

3:00 PM Mass St. Julie

4:30 PM Mass St. Joseph

5:30 PM Mass St. Peter in Chains

8:00 PM Misa en Español St. Julie

10:00 PM Mass at Night

St. Peter in Chains

Christmas Day: Saturday, December 25, 2021

8:30 AM St. Joseph

10:00 AM St. Julie

No Evening Mass December 25

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Vigil: Friday, December 31, 2021

5:30 PM Mass St. Peter

7:30 PM Misa en Español St. Julie

Holy Day of Obligation: Sat., January 1, 2022

10:00 AM St. Julie





*In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.
He was in the beginning with God.
All things came to be through him,
and without him nothing came to be.
What came to be through him was life,
and this life was the light of the human race;
the light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.*

*These words from the Gospel of St. John
resound in our hearts as we celebrate the
birth of our savior, Christ the Lord. On behalf
of Fr. Rob, Fr. Mike and Fr. Hoffmann,
Deacon Jeff, and the entire pastoral staff, we
wish you and your family a blessed and Merry
Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

**The artwork on our Christmas postcards was
graciously donated by parishioner,
and scholarship winning Cincinnati Art
Institute student ALMA LOPEZ**



SAFE PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

The Safe Environment Office serves the Archdiocese of Cincinnati by assisting the archbishop in fostering an environment in all archdiocesan institutions and ministries in which children and vulnerable adults are treated with respect and dignity and protected from harmful and abusive behavior.

The **SafeParish™** edition of Protecting Children from Sexual Abuse is a fresh, innovative on-demand child safety training program for the prevention of child sexual abuse that incorporates video, interactive elements, testing, and reporting functions. **SafeParish™** educates adults who work with or around children on the vigilance and steps necessary to protect children from child sexual abuse. Trainees learn how to be safe adults—vigilant, educated people who protect children and young people by building a culture of safety.

Every person in a position which requires contact or interaction with youth or vulnerable adults must complete the **SafeParish™** edition of Protecting Children from Sexual Abuse training session before they are permitted to work or volunteer within any of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati parishes, schools, or institutions. No one under the age of 18 is permitted to complete the training.

In addition to completing the training, employees and volunteers must stay current in completing their interactive video-based **SafeParish™** quarterly bulletins on Child Protection in order to remain in compliance with the requirements of the Decree on Child Protection. Non-compliance will result in **SafeParish™** account non-approval and non-compliant employees and volunteers will no longer be permitted to work with youth or vulnerable adults until compliance is reestablished. Please contact your local safe environment coordinator with questions regarding your **SafeParish** account or if your account is non-approved due to non-compliance with the decree.

Parish Groups & Events

Altar Rosary Society



Stop at the front porch of Dot's House 230 Dayton St.—next to the Church Office during the 30th annual German Village Christmas Walk on **Sun, Dec. 5** beginning at Noon to purchase some of our homemade goodies.

The next day, **Mon, Dec. 6** will be our “Baby Jesus” luncheon following the Noon Mass. Each member will bring a baby item to donate to Mercy Hospital’s neonatal department.

The “Giving Trees” are up in the back of church. Our mailing with a return envelope was sent a few weeks ago. This year, all tags are for the purchase of Walmart gift cards so that Hamilton Living Water Ministry can do online shopping. Cards can be in any amount. All forms of donations to St. Julie must be received by Dec. 6. If you would like to become a member or know more about our ARS, please join us at our luncheon. If you have any questions, please contact Marilyn Vidourek at 513-894-5851 or mrv1130@yahoo.com

Choir

Since the 2021 German Village Walk is going to be held outdoors, our English Choir will perform a free, brief concert on the porch of Dot's House next door to the Church Office at 3:00 PM. Please stop by to enjoy the sounds of Advent & Christmas.



German Village Christmas Walk-Dec. 5, 2021 12 Noon – 5 PM

WE ARE ON, but limiting strolls to outdoor activities! Many of our porches will be offering theme and activities. Plan on coming down for our annual tradition! This will be the 30th year for our Free Family event.

Come spend the afternoon at the German Village Christmas Walk. Enjoy the holiday decorations, horse-drawn carriage rides, tour historic homes/businesses porches, musical events, crafters, and visit Santa. It's a great way to begin your Christmas holiday season!



AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA PUBLIC ROSARY RALLY



The rally was held on Oct 16 at the Butler County Courthouse Gazebo.

Parish Groups & Awards

ACES (which stands for Active Christian Enthusiastic Seniors) began meeting again in 2021 w/ their first mtg on Sep 9 and their second one on Oct 14.



Chris Gebhart emailed a monthly riddle while the group was unable to meet b/c of COVID. He is pictured here (far right) with the winners.

“Welcome Back” was a long time coming and the Theme of the first meeting. It was also a time to wish Betty Meiner best wishes for a happy retirement as her last day with our parish was September 3rd. In the photo on the left, Sr. André Burkhardt reminisced w/ Betty about the initial planning of the “ACES” as both ladies and Fr. Mike Pucke have been with the group since it’s inception over fifteen years ago.

See additional news about celebrating Betty’s well deserved retirement on p. 7.



Pictured l to r: Betty’s husband, Rob, holding their grandson Mac, Betty, Chris Gebhart & Sr. Andre’



The October meeting included optional Halloween costumes which were judged on six categories. There was also a raffle of beautiful Catholic statues, and half the proceeds went to the Caring Hands Ministry.



Caring Hands Ministry

Ann Elam heads up the Caring Hands Ministry— a regional group that knits & crochets hats, scarves, mittens & socks for the homeless as well as “lapghans” for critically ill hospital patients. Members were busy at home during the pandemic and in person meetings resumed in July of this year. In that time period they hit 4,000 items and have 365 items to donate!! The ministry meets monthly beginning in January 2022. If you’re interested in joining, contact Ann at 513-868-7502 or annelam@fuse.net



The Spirit of Sr. Dorothy Stang



**St. Julie Billiart
Recipients
2021**

*M/M Ron &
Marilyn Vidourek*



FAMILY PROMISE AT DOT'S HOUSE

We are excited to announce that Rosemary Gebhart is the New Co-Coordinator for Family Promise at St. Julie's! Rosemary has volunteered with Family Promise since the beginning. She will do an excellent job as St. Julie's Co-Coordinator with Michelle Bubemyre/St. Joseph's Co-Coordinator & Carla Fiehrer/St. Peter's Co-Coordinator to help ensure that this important ministry in our Pastoral Region continues helping homeless families through Family Promise of Butler County. Please help us THANK Rosemary Gebhart for stepping up as the New St. Julie's Co-Coordinator for Family Promise.

For myself, Jennifer Lutterbie, it has been very rewarding serving as Coordinator this past year and I thank all the volunteers for your dedication to giving during this past year with the pandemic. I will work with the Coordinators along with Former Coordinator Stephanie Roberts throughout this transition and continue volunteering indefinitely. Our next and final Host Week for 2021 from Sun, Dec 12-18 will still be held in the hotel.

Fill in the form below and return to St. Julie's office or to one of the Co-ordinators: Rosemary Gebhart of St. Julie, Carla Fiehrer of St. Peter or Michelle Bubemeyer of St. Joseph.



I am interested in volunteering with Family Promise. I understand I need only perform each duty only one day, 4 times a year.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

I can help with _____ Laundry _____ Cleaning _____ Set up _____ Tear down _____ Grocery shopping _____

Stay Overnight _____ Meals _____ Activities _____

_____ Not sure, call me so I can learn more

PRAYER CHAIN TO END ABORTION



MEMBERS OF HAMILTON CATHOLIC PASTORAL REGION

PREP AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES



Prep Catechists meet to plan the new year. We are back in person on Sundays from 10:20—11:30 AM.

All Saints Day at PREP



Hamilton Catholic Youth Ministry



Proud to give a Fairfield City School District Shout Out to Vincent Ariss, FHS/Butler Tech Senior! Vincent sought a meaningful project to achieve Eagle Scout rank. While a student at Fairfield North, he recalled a less than stellar performance on a test known back then as the “50 states test”—the memorization of names and locations of all the states. “I remember not doing very well on this test,” he said. He painted a replica of a map of the United States on the blacktop portion of the school playground. It serves as a continual geography lesson that students can incorporate into their recess play.



Special Thanks to our Youth & Volunteers for Your Help with our Trunk or Treat

Over 100 Bags of Candy were Donated! We had 400+ people come. We had games & prizes & The Father Butler Council 968 Knights of Columbus made 70 hotdogs.

It was a very fun & busy night!

**Regional Adult Dinner - Saturday, October 23, 2021
honoring our Milestone Anniversary Couples &
recognition of Betty Meiner's retirement after 30+ yrs of service**

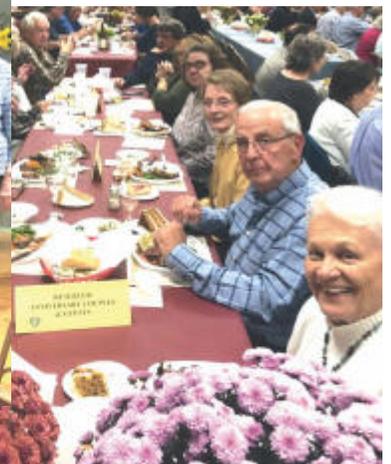
On Betty's last day of work, staff & family joined her at Fretboard Brewing & Public House. Mayor Pat Moeller read a Proclamation on behalf of the Office of the Mayor and City Council declaring Sep 3 "Betty Meiner Day" for her outstanding accomplishments.



Couples shown below married from 45 yrs to 25 yrs



Couples shown above married from 15 years to 25 yrs



Celebration of Marriage

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Final Families of Parishes Announcement Update

All of the comment provided by the priests, deacons, school leaders, parish workers & lay faithful will be considered in order to finalize the Families of Parishes. Given the high volume of comments, it will take more time than originally anticipated to work through the comments & arrive at a final Families of Parishes recommendation to Archbishop Schnurr. In consideration of the volume of the comments to process & a commitment to be as thorough as possible, the current expectation is that the announcement of the Final Families of Parishes will most likely be sometime in Dec rather than the late-Nov as originally indicated.

CONGRATULATIONS FOR ACADEMIC HONORS

Congratulations to two students from St. Julie Billiart who received First Honors for the 1st Quarter of the 2021-2022 school year at St. Xavier High School.

Congratulations to Seniors **David Clark and Julian Leon** for their outstanding academic achievements.