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## The Epiphany of the Lord

Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,  
“Where is the newborn king of the Jews?  
We saw his star at its rising and  
have come to do him homage.”

Matthew 2:1-2



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# BEING DISCIPLES OF JESUS

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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

### Magi? Kings? Wise Men? Astrologers? Three? More?

As we celebrate Epiphany, these are among the questions people have asked when we think of the visitors to the Christ Child.

Were they actually kings? Were there only three of them? So

many questions have popped into our heads when we consider these mysterious visitors from the east.

**Who were they?** The visit of the Magi is only mentioned in the gospel of Matthew which gives very little detail about the Magi. For the most part, what seems to be common historical knowledge is that the Magi were a group of very learned people, which is why the visitors to the Christ Child have been known as the Wise Men.

The Magi most likely were also astrologers. But, we should not understand astrology in the same way as we might do so today. The astrology that the Magi practiced was more the study of the stars. And, specifically, they studied heavenly phenomena and recorded them much the same modern scientists might do today. Astrology, in this sense, had nothing to do with horoscopes and their use in predicting a person's future. Although the Magi would have ascribed symbolic meaning to certain celestial phenomena. Their practice was more focused on understanding how the universe worked than acting like fortune tellers.

Further, the gospel of Matthew states that the visitors came from the east. The Magi most likely came from Babylonia which is the area of modern day Syria and Iraq. Babylon – as is Syria and Iraq – would be northeast to Jerusalem and Bethlehem, where Jesus was born. For that reason, the region of Babylon would be a feasible starting point for the Magi's journey to the Child Jesus.

Legend has given names to the Wise Men. These legendary stories have influenced part of the tradition surrounding the Magi to this day. It has been said that the Three Wise Men who visited the Child Jesus represented the major ethnic races that

were known at the time. One of them has been depicted with darker skin. Those same legends have also given names to each: Melchior – a white man with a white beard bringing the gift of gold; Caspar – a younger man of darker hue carrying the gift of incense; and Balthasar – a black man offering myrrh.

**How did they become kings?** The truth is that the Magi were referred to as kings starting around the 6th century. The association came from Old Testament references (in particular Psalm 72:10 and Isaiah 60:3) that speak of kings. From that point on, the idea that the Magi were kings stuck in people's minds and they were subsequently referred to as the "Three Kings."

**Were there three of them or more?** Travel in ancient times was an arduous task. There was safety in numbers. For that reason, when traveling long distances, travelers would almost always journey with big groups consisting of people in the same family or at least well known acquaintances. Again, the reason was for safety as well as companionship. A band of only three travelers would be highly unlikely. It might have been more the case that the Magi consisted of an entire caravan of people. Still, the number three stuck because of the gifts that the gospel of Matthew mentioned – gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

**When did they visit the Child Jesus?** There is still debate about the time frame when the Magi actually visited the Child Jesus. The gospel of Matthew refers to Jesus as a "child" by the time the Magi came to visit. Further, after the Magi did not return to Herod as they were supposed to do, Herod ordered the massacre of every boy two years old and younger. This has oftentimes begged the question of whether the Magi arrived in Bethlehem at the very moment Jesus was born, days after, or even a couple of years later. After all, if Herod's target was every boy under the age of two, it becomes very plausible that Jesus was no longer an infant but a toddler by the time the Magi arrived.

Also, when the Magi arrived where Jesus, Mary and Joseph were, we're told they arrived at a "house." If the Magi had arrived at the time Jesus was born, the gospel would have referred to Jesus as an infant.

Even more than that, the gospel of Matthew actually does not mention that Jesus was born in a stable. Matthew conveys the birth of Jesus from the point of view of St. Joseph and makes no mention of the trip he took with Mary to Bethlehem where there was “no room for them in the inn.” For all we know, according to the gospel of Matthew, Jesus was born in a house somewhere in Bethlehem which would have been the same house in which the Magi encountered the Child Jesus.

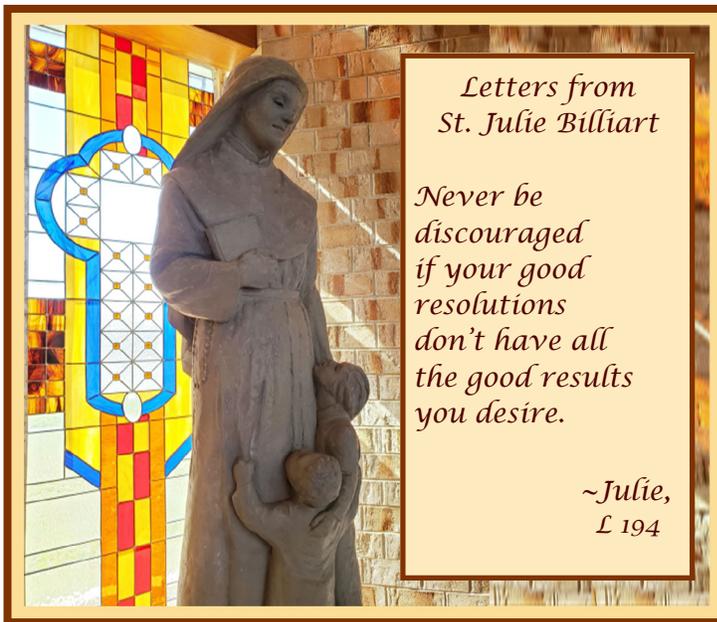
**How much do those little details matter?** Like in all of the gospels, the message does not lie in the exact details. The Scriptures are not meant to be an historical book in the same way as the textbooks we might use in an academic setting. The Scriptures are meant to convey a truth of faith which inspires the reader to become a disciple of Jesus.

For this reason, no matter who the Magi actually were, where they came from, or how many there were, the visitors to the Christ Child represent the fact that the message of the gospel was joyfully received by people of every time, place and race. The Magi were not even part of God’s People Israel and yet they took it upon themselves to make the journey to see Jesus and be transformed by the encounter. In many ways, the story of the Magi is meant to wake us up to accept more deeply the life and message of Jesus. Epiphany has been celebrated as the moment when the message of Jesus changed the lives of non-believers. If the Magi did not belong to God’s Chosen People but still did homage to Jesus as a king and Messiah, how much more should people of faith do the same thing?

As a continuation of the mystery of the Incarnation, the Feast of the Epiphany is an extension of Christmas which is a season that ends only on the Baptism of the Lord (which will be next weekend). When all is said and done, the Magi make it clear to us that the gift of faith, which we treasure as God’s People, should be the gift that we each share to the rest of the world.

Peace,

*Fatima Billette*



*Letters from  
St. Julie Billiart*

*Never be discouraged if your good resolutions don't have all the good results you desire.*

*~Julie,  
L 194*

### **Safety Information for Attending Mass**

Dispensation from the Sunday obligation remains in place indefinitely. If feeling ill, please stay home. Those most vulnerable by virtue of age or medical condition, are encouraged to stay home also and participate via Facebook (9:30a livestream) then on [www.stjulie.org](http://www.stjulie.org) (click on View Weekend Mass at the top left of our home page).

#### **TEMPORARY CHANGES**

#### **WEEKEND MASS (Sat. 4:30pm & Sunday 9:30am)**

- Seating is limited, registration is required and opens up on Friday morning. Difficulties registering online? Please call Sheila (708.429.6767 x232) leave your name, phone number, mass time and number in your party attending. *No call back will be made unless there is an issue.*
- Plan on arriving no sooner than 30 minutes prior to Mass.
- Facemasks are mandatory and must be worn properly over the nose and mouth the entire time inside church.
- Once inside a greeter will provide sanitizer and ushers will guide folks to their seating.
- Communion: Follow directions of the ushers; stay 6 feet apart, sanitize your hands; after receiving communion in your hands, take 2 steps to the side, partially remove your facemask, consume the Body of Christ, put your facemask back on and return to your pew.
- Dismissal: Ushers will instruct when and how to exit. Please do not congregate in the Narthex nor parking lot.

#### **DAILY MASS (8am Monday-Friday privately, but livestreamed on Facebook)**

**ROSARY & DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET as well as ADORATION have been postponed until further notice.**

# THE STUMP OF JESSE



**Fr. Ton Nguyen**  
Associate Pastor

## THE INNER FLAME

We celebrated Christmas, then the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. I have written about Mary, preached about Jesus, and now would like to turn our attention to St. Joseph. He is the patron Saint of the universal church? Because St. Joseph welcomed the will of God graciously - accepted to take Mary and Jesus to his home even though seeing the contradictions mixed with frustration and disappointment, has been courageously protected the family - creatively prepared a place to welcome the Savior to the world in the manger and provided safety for his family, has been valued the dignity and joy of work - made tables, chairs, etc. to provide a living for his family with his skillful hands as a carpenter, and so on. The Church therefore has St. Joseph as our patron Saint hoping he would continue protect her as he did to Mary and Jesus.

And this year, Pope Francis has written a beautiful apostolic letter titled *Patris Corde - With a Father's Heart* - and proclaimed, "Year of Saint Joseph." I read this letter and loved it. You can finish this letter easily in twenty minutes. I hope you will take the invitation of Pope Francis in getting to know St. Joseph better, asking St. Joseph to protect us and our families, asking him to strengthen our faith to accept the will of God willingly especially in the difficult time, and begging him to inflame in us the fire of love to finish our earthly pilgrimage zealously. If we want to have more oil for our inner flame, run to these holy men and women as we are celebrating their feast days as well:

### **December 28: Feast of Holy Innocents, martyrs**

All the children massacred in Bethlehem by orders of King Herod in an attempt to kill the infant Jesus.

### **January 1: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

We know she is the best mother ever who loved the Lord dearly from the moment of conception to his death on the cross.

### **January 2: St. Basil the great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church**

These men loved the Lord and the Church dearly by living out their faith, serving those entrusted to their

care, and defending the orthodox faith against heresy through their preaching and writings.

### **January 4: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

Lovingly taking care of children by opening a boarding school for young girls, a school for poor children and an orphan asylum.

### **January 5: St. John Neumann**

A wonderful example of a priest who spent most of his time travelling from village to village, climbing from mountain to mountain visiting the sick, staying in garrets and taverns to teach and celebrating the Mass at kitchen tables.

### **January 3: The Epiphany of the Lord**

We celebrate today. I want to finish with the story of the Fourth Wise King. There is another Wise Man who was accidentally left behind when the famous three - Magi - set out to see the new King whose birth the stars foretold. The fourth wise man carries his gifts for the child under his cloak: a sapphire, a ruby, and a pearl. On the journey, the fourth wise man was delayed and missed the caravan because helping a sick man on the side of the road. This delay caused his sapphire to continue the journey; then, he gave away the ruby to bribe a Roman officer to not bring bloody death to a certain house during the slaughter of the innocents; after wondering for 33 years looking for Jesus, he spent his last treasure, the pearl to ransom a young woman from being sold into slavery. He finally met Jesus at the scene of the Crucifixion saying, "Dear Lord, sorry I am late and not having gifts to offer you." With compassion, Jesus replied, "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 15: 40.

Well, I hope we have enough fuel for our inner flame to do so many wonderful things awaiting for us this year.

### **I love being a priest**

Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Fr. Ton

Are you looking for a good book to read this year? My suggestion is *The Spirit of The Liturgy* by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. It's waiting for you! 😊

# IN OUR PRAYERS

## WE REMEMBER OUR BELOVED DEAD

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

## THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING

Mildred Faron  
Dave Dobrzynski  
Kathy Dobrzynski

## MILITARY PRAYERS

We pray for all those serving our country here and abroad. May they feel our love, support and gratitude for all they do for our country.

## THOSE IN RELIGIOUS ORDERS

For all who serve in religious orders, may they feel our love, support and prayers as they serve and devote their lives to the glory of God.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, January 4** (*Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious*)  
1 John 3:22-4:6; Psalm 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

**Tuesday, January 5** (*Memorial of Saint John Neumann, Bishop*)  
1 John 4:7-10; Psalm 72:1-4, 7-8; Mark 6:34-44

**Wednesday, January 6** (*Saint André Bessette, religious*)  
1 John 4:11-18; Psalm 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mark 6:45-52

**Thursday, January 7** (*Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest*)  
1 John 4:19-5:4; Psalm 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17; Luke 4:14-22

**Friday, January 8** (*First Friday after Epiphany*)  
1 John 5:5-13; Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20; Luke 5:12-16

**Saturday, January 9** (*Saturday after Epiphany*)  
1 John 5:14-21; Psalm 149:1-6a and 9b; John 3:22-30

**Sunday, January 10** (*The Baptism of the Lord*)  
Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or Isaiah 55:1-11; Psalm 29:1-4, 9-10 or  
Isaiah 12:2-6; Acts 10:34-38 or John 5:1-9; Mark 1:7-11

## MASS INTENTIONS

### MONDAY, JANUARY 4 – 8:00am

Deceased members of the Jacob & Agnes Pawlicki family

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 5 – 8:00am

St. Julie Billiard Parishioners

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6 – 8:00am

† Michael A. Tomaselli

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 7 – 8:00am

† Chester H. Gniadek

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 8 – 8:00am

† Patrick Murphy

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 9 – 4:30pm

† Joseph Bruozas

† Anna Bruozas

† Baby Joey Bruozas

† Val and Patronella Kach

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

#### 8:00am

St. Julie Billiard Parishioners

#### 9:30am

† Irene Gniadek

† Ann Gogolak

† Joseph and Mary Schulok

† Stanley Stabrawa

† Vito Ventrella

#### 11:00am

Daniel Korich

† Mike Valdez

#### 6:00pm

### **TEMPORARILY INTENTIONS DURING THE PANDEMIC**

- Weekday intentions are offered Monday-Friday at 8:00am
- Weekend intentions are offered:
  - Saturday 4:30pm intentions at 4:30pm Mass
  - Sunday 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am and 6:00pm intentions at the live-streamed 9:30am Mass.**

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## The Epiphany of the Lord



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### Introductory Rite

All the Ends of the Earth

All the ends of the earth, all you creatures of the sea, lift up your eyes to the wonders of the Lord. For the Lord of the earth, the Master of the sea, has come with justice for the world.

Verse 1

1. Break in - to song at the deeds of the Lord, the wonders he has done in ev - 'ry age.

Verse 2

2. Heav - en and earth shall re - jice in his might; ev - 'ry heart, ev - 'ry na - tion call him Lord.

Verse 3

3. The Lord has made sal - va - tion known, faith - ful to the promise of old. Let the ends of the earth, let the sea and all it holds make music be - fore our King!

Text: Psalm 98; Bob Dufford, SJ, b.1943  
Tune: Bob Dufford, SJ, b.1943; acc. by Bob Dufford and Chris Morash, alt.  
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Glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the high - est.  
Glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to  
peo - ple of good will. will. A - men.

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## Liturgy of the Word

### 1st Reading

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses. Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

Lord, ev - 'ry na - tion on earth will a - dore you.

Psalm 72: Lord, every nation on earth: TEXT: Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 / 20,  
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### 2nd Reading

A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians

Brothers and sisters:  
You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,  
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

Christmastime Alleluia: TUNE: ADESTE FIDELES, alt, James J Chepponis, © 1997, GIA Publications, Inc.

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## Gospel

*A Reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew*

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?"

We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people,

He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.

They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet:

*And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel."*

Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance.

He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child.

When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage."

After their audience with the king they set out.

And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them,

until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house

they saw the child with Mary his mother.

They prostrated themselves and did him homage.

Then they opened their treasures

and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod,

they departed for their country by another way.

## Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our

salvation he came down from heaven,

*All bow during these two lines:*

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Liturgy of the Eucharist

What Child is This

William C Dix, 1827-1898 GREENSLEEVES  
English melody, 16th C

1. What child is this who laid to rest on Ma - ry's  
2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate, where ox and  
3. So bring him in - cense, gold and myrrh, Come peas - ant,  
lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems  
ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners  
king to own him; The King of kings sal - va - tion  
sweet while shap - herds watch are keep - ing?  
here, The si - lent Word is plead - ing?  
brings, Let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.  
2  
Ho - ly Ho - ly Ho - ly Lord God of Hosts Hea - ven and  
earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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When we eat this bread and drink this cup. We pro - claim your  
Death, O Lord. un - til you come a - gain. Un - til you come a - gain.

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A - men, a - men, a - men.  
A - men, a - men, a - men.

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us. world, grant us peace.

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## We Three Kings

KINGS OF ORIENT  
John H Hopkins, Jr.

Matthew 2:1-11  
John H Hopkins Jr 1820-1891

1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are. Bear - ing gifts, we tra - verse a - far Field and foun - tain, bring to crown him a - gain; King for - ev - er, Glad - ly rais - ing, Wor - ship - ing God on high. bleed - ing, dy - ing, Sealed in the stone cold tomb. lu - jah!

2. Born a babe on Beth - le - hem's plain, Gold we own a De - i - ty nigh, Prayer and prais - ing, life of gath - ring gloom; Sor - rowing sigh - ing, God and sac - ri - fice: Heav'n sings, "Hal - le - lu - jah!"

3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; In - cense 4. Myrrh is mine: its bit - ter per - fume Breathes a 5. Glo - rious now be - hold him rise, King and

O! Star of Won - der, Star of Night!  
Star with roy - al beau - ty bright! West - ward lead - ing,  
still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to the per - fect Light.

## A Prayer For Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

## Angels We Have Heard on High

Verses  
1. An - gels we have heard on high Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?  
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;  
4. See him in a man - ger laid Whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

1. And the moun - tains in re - ply Ech - o back their joy - ous strains.  
2. Say what may the tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song.  
3. Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.  
4. Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, While we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain  
Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!  
Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Text: 77 77 with refrain; trad. French carol, ca. 18th cent.; tr. fr. *Crown of Jesus Music, II*, London, 1862; tr. by James Chadwick, 1813-1882, and others, alt. Music: Trad. French carol.

## Concluding Rites

### Go Tell it on the Mountain

MUELLER

Refrain  
Go, tell it on the moun - tain, O - ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where; Go, tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born.

Verses  
1. While shep - herds kept their watch - ing O'er si - lent flocks by night,  
2. The shep - herds feared and trem - bled When high a - bove the earth  
3. And lo, when they had heard it, They all bowed down and prayed;  
4. Down in a low - ly man - ger The hum - ble Christ was born,

to Refrain  
1. Be - hold, through - out the heav - ens There shone a ho - ly light.  
2. Rang out the an - gel cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
3. They trav - eled on to - geth - er To where the Babe was laid.  
4. And God sent us sal - va - tion That bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

Text: 76 76 with refrain; fr. *American Negro Songs and Spirituals*, 1940; John W. Work, Jr., 1872-1925, alt. Music: Spiritual.

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# Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School



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## ***Introducing CJB Virtual Winter Games***

**With Covid-19 restrictions, we have started to think outside the box on continuing to raise funds to benefit the school. The CJB Development Committee has started a new virtual fundraiser via Facebook and your family and friends can join in the fun too!**

### ***SO HOW DO THE CJB VIRTUAL WINTER GAMES WORK?***

The games are all run through a private Facebook Group that anyone can join. Search "**CJB Virtual Winter Games**" on Facebook and click "request to join group". After you are accepted, the fun begins!

Throughout each day, "items" will be posted - each item will start a new game. Items can include gift cards, a Dyson vacuum, a Yeti cooler, a Lego set - just to name a few. We have a wide range of items posted each day that appeal to any and all ages! Once the item is posted, the game begins! There are typically 25 "lines" and each "line" costs a certain amount. The rules are posted clearly on each game, so let's take our first "game" as an example:

The "item" was a \$500 Amazon Gift Card.

The rules of the game were:

25 Lines at \$25/line

To enter the game and claim your line, you must comment "me" on the post. The first 25 comments or "lines" now have a chance to win the \$500 Amazon Gift Card. By commenting "me" you have entered yourself into the game and will need to Venmo @wintergames2020 your payment of \$25 (cost of your "line") by 12 pm the next day, otherwise, your line will be forfeited. When all 25 lines have been filled, the game will close.

Right now, the group is averaging about 2 games per day with the potential to increase games as the group grows. The winners of the games are announced every Tuesday & Thursday live on Facebook. If you win the game but miss the live Facebook drawing, we will also tag you on Facebook to let you know you've won and an email will be sent on how to claim the prize.

### ***HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?***

The easiest way to get involved is to join the group and participate! Please invite your friends and family to join in the fun, too! We are also accepting item donations so if you have something you'd like to donate, please contact the CJB Development Committee.

### ***I DON'T HAVE FACEBOOK, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO BE INVOLVED. WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS?***

We would still love for you to be a part of the Virtual Winter Games, even if you don't have a Facebook account! We are always looking for volunteers to help look for great prize ideas online, help organize prize pick-ups, track payments, and help the group run smoothly behind the scenes. Donating an item would also be a great way to participate in the fundraiser without logging onto Facebook.

As always, we appreciate your support and generosity! Please contact Mary Cofran at [mary.cofran@gmail.com](mailto:mary.cofran@gmail.com) or Jenny Czerwonka at [jczczerwonka@cjbschool.org](mailto:jczczerwonka@cjbschool.org) if you would like to help run the games, if you have a donation, or if you have any questions.

# FAITH FORMATION



**Pat Kmak**  
Coordinator of  
Faith Formation  
of Youth

## FAMILY FAITH SHARING

We hear the story of the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel (*Matthew 2:1-12*) The Magi came from the east and journeyed to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, and thus, we believe them to be astrologers. The tradition of giving gifts during the Christmas season is thought to be rooted in the gift-giving of the Magi.

Take some time to reflect on gift-giving at this time. Think of the best gift you received. What was it and what made it special?

We pray as a family that we will acknowledge Jesus as our Savior in all that we do and say and thereby acknowledge God's greatest gift to us....JESUS.

## CORONAVIRUS COMPASSION

Give a gift of your prayers for someone who may need them most at this time.



## NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

by Kay Hoffman

Another year is dawning  
with the chance to start anew.  
May I be kinder, wiser, Lord,  
in all I say and do.

Not so caught up in selfish gain  
that I would fail to see  
the things in life that mean the most  
cost not a fancy fee.

The warm, kind word that I can give,  
the outstretched hand to help,  
the prayers I pray for those in need  
more precious these than wealth.

I know not what may lie ahead  
of laughter or of tears:  
I only need to know each day  
that You are walking near.

I'm thankful for this brand new year  
as now I humbly pray;  
My hand secure in Yours, dear Lord,  
each step along the way.

## To reach the Faith Formation Office:

Call 708.429.6767, then press 5 for the office.  
or if you would like to reach a specific person,  
press their extension (Pat Kmak x227, Jean Aiello  
or Peg Siebenaler x217).

## EMERGENCY CLOSING INFORMATION

Closing information for Faith Formation classes will be posted on the St. Julie Billiart website - [www.stjulie.org](http://www.stjulie.org) and on Facebook.



## CLASSES RESUME

In-person Classes resume after the Christmas break according to the schedule listed below.

Wednesday,	January 20	Grade 8
Thursday	January 21	Grades 6, 7 and Sacramental Program
Saturday	January 23	Sessions A & B



Faith Formation students learning about Our Lady of Guadalupe.

# HUMAN CONCERNS

## ST. VINCENT dePAUL

Do you know of someone who could use some assistance?

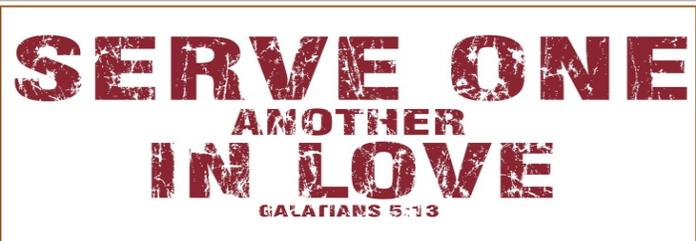


The St. Julie SVdP Chapter is a dedicated group of men and women who seek to help those in need. If you or someone you know is in need of temporary assistance, we may be able to help. Our group is trained to assess all situations in order to best serve the community.

When you call, please don't hang up. You will be guided through the phone system. Please call 708.429.6767 x244 and 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.

You may also contact us through [stvincentdepaulstjulie@gmail.com](mailto:stvincentdepaulstjulie@gmail.com).



## COAT, SWEATSHIRT AND SOCKS DRIVE

*I was naked and you gave me clothing.  
Matthew 25:36*

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The clothing items will be like a warm blanket of love wrapped around each individual, along with our prayers. ♥

## CRISIS CENTER FOR SOUTH SUBURBIA

The Crisis Center for South Suburbia offers Counseling Services to individuals who have been impacted by Domestic Violence *Free of Charge*.

The staff is comprised of Masters-level Therapists who are licensed in the State of Illinois in the field of counseling. In a non-judgmental environment, our clients come to process their feelings, discuss the abuse that they have been exposed to, as well as explore their options. A safety plan will be created and a service plan will be established. The client will move through the counseling process at their own pace.

If you are interested in counseling services, please call 708.429.SAFE (7233) and complete an Intake Assessment with our staff.

All services offered through the Counseling Department are strictly confidential.



## Creation Care Corner

Taking action to protect God's great gift to us, Mother Earth

*"All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation..." — Pope Francis*

### THIS WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATION

**Water heaters** are the second highest source of energy usage in the home. Save money and significantly reduce carbon emissions two ways:

- 1) Wrap your water heater in an insulating blanket—costing only about \$25 at your local home center.
- 2) Turn down the thermostat from 140° (standard factory setting) to 120°.
- 3) If it's time to replace the unit, consider a tankless water heater. Tankless units heat water only when needed and can achieve greater efficiency than standard tank-type water heaters. When replacing your water heater, make sure it's Energy Star rated.

*For more info on energy efficient water heating go to [www.energy.gov/energysaver/water-heating/selecting-new-water-heater](http://www.energy.gov/energysaver/water-heating/selecting-new-water-heater)*

# PARISH/COMMUNITY NEWS

## **SJB Employment Opportunity**

I am looking for someone with skills to be a Facilities Engineer for the parish. It would be a part-time, paid position. If you or someone you know would like to apply, please send an email to me ([frtirso@st.julie.org](mailto:frtirso@st.julie.org)) and attach your résumé. An interview date will be arranged. Thank you, Fr. Tirso Villaverde

## **Billiard Brothers Podcast**

Episode 12: St. Joseph

<https://www.podbean.com/ea/pb-bjqmc-f53eef>

Fr. Ton and Ben discuss St. Joseph, as Pope Francis calls for this year to be “The Year of St. Joseph.”

## **BAKING MINISTRY**

It just can be said enough that we have the best Baking Ministry in the world...really! They have not stopped baking and tending to others! This is a quiet, unsung team, that just goes about their day making life better for those they encounter and those they may never meet. They're incredible disciples!

Do you like to bake? It's a great family activity and is a wonderful stress reliever. If you would like more information about this fantastic ministry, feel free to call 708.429.6767 x232 or email Sheila Pluchar ([sheila@stjulie.org](mailto:sheila@stjulie.org)) and we will get you started.

There are no meetings and you only say “yes” when you are able to contribute. Thank you for making someone else's life a bit sweeter!



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Our programs/services help people aged 60+ and people with disabilities aged 18+ with integrated solutions that help individuals maintain their health, dignity and self-worth.

### **January 13 at 10:00am – Memory Café**

Join us from the comfort of your own home for our Memory Café, a social gathering for people living with dementia and other forms of cognitive impairment and their care partners.

### **January 20 at 2:00pm – Caregiver Group**

Attend this monthly support group for new or continuing caregivers assisting friends or family. Join us by phone or Zoom and take a moment to talk with other informal caregivers experiencing similar situations and learn more about resources in our community.

### **REGISTRATION REQUIRED:**

Call Catherine at 708.274.0052 or e-mail [c.stowers@plows.org](mailto:c.stowers@plows.org)

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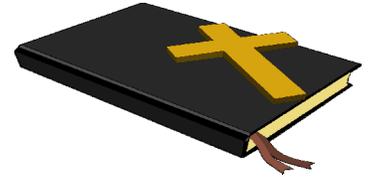
# PARISH/COMMUNITY NEWS

## MASS INTENTION 2021 BOOK

Intentions are being taken for 2021 for the deceased or living.

### Important information:

- **Print** or **type** your requests (day, date, mass time, name)
- Please put a “†” in front of the deceased.
- Please print or type **YOUR name** along with your **contact information** (phone or email address) as occasionally a particular mass is unavailable.
- Please note if you need any mass cards. We have them for the deceased and living.
- Label the envelope “Mass Intentions”, place in our Drop Box just outside the office doors, as we have limited office hours. You are most welcome though to come to the parish office (Monday - Thursday 9am-12noon).
- Requests may also be emailed with all the information to [cathryn@stjulie.org](mailto:cathryn@stjulie.org) or [jean@stjulie.org](mailto:jean@stjulie.org).



We will respond in a timely manner. Thank you!

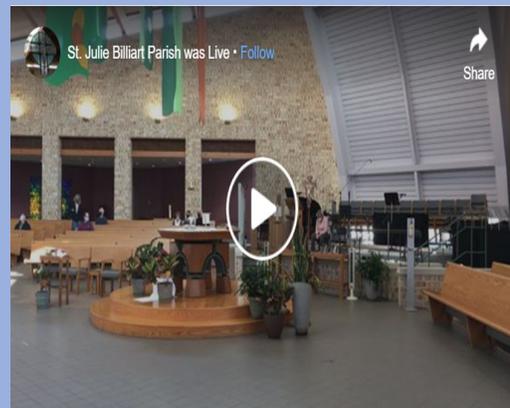
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and blessed New Year!  
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To serving you.

Our prayers,

St. Julie Billiard Staff



## Come join our Livestream team!



Have you ever thought about sharing your skill as a videographer with your parish? If so, we need you! St. Julie Billiard Parish is looking for a few more volunteers interested in assisting with our Mass livestreams. If you or someone you know is available to help us with this important ministry, please contact Barb at 708.429.6767 x231 or [btheis@stjulie.org](mailto:btheis@stjulie.org).

Help us make a difference for others!

# PARISH/COMMUNITY NEWS

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## DID YOU KNOW?

### St. Julie Billiart Parish will be turning 50 in 2024!

While it seems like a long time away, we are looking to prepare a history of our parish. We will definitely need your help!

If you have stories or pictures to share, email to:

[parishhistory@stjulie.org](mailto:parishhistory@stjulie.org)

Any dates or names that can be included would be helpful to place them properly. Please feel free to pass this on to anyone you think would like to share their favorite St. Julie Billiart story, memory or



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## Pope Francis' 10 New Year's Resolutions for You

Have you made any New Year's resolutions? If not, there's still time, and Pope Francis has some ideas for you. These are the ten things that he called upon Vatican employees to do:

1. "Take care of your spiritual life, your relationship with God, because this is the backbone of everything we do and everything we are."
2. "Take care of your family life, giving your children and loved ones not just money, but most of all your time, attention and love."
3. "Take care of your relationships with others, transforming your faith into life and your words into good works, especially on behalf of the needy."
4. "Be careful how you speak, purify your tongue of offensive words, vulgarity and worldly decadence."
5. "Heal wounds of the heart with the oil of forgiveness, forgiving those who have hurt us and medicating the wounds we have caused others."
6. "Look after your work, doing it with enthusiasm, humility, competence, passion and with a spirit that knows how to thank the Lord."
7. "Be careful of envy, lust, hatred and negative feelings that devour our interior peace and transform us into destroyed and destructive people."
8. "Watch out for anger that can lead to vengeance; for laziness that leads to existential euthanasia; for pointing the finger at others, which leads to pride; and for complaining continually, which leads to desperation."
9. "Take care of brothers and sisters who are weaker ... the elderly, the sick, the hungry, the homeless and strangers, because we will be judged on this."
10. "Making sure your Christmas is about Jesus and not about shopping."

It's a good list: it's clearly rooted in Catholic teachings, but presented in a way that non-Catholics can embrace (I discovered this list via a Protestant friend who had posted it on Facebook, in fact). And I think that all of us can find on this list at least one or two resolutions that speak to areas in which we really need to grow.

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# STEWARDSHIP & GENEROSITY

## SCRIP

The Archdiocese has directed all schools to have two weeks of virtual school following the Christmas break (Dec. 23 – Jan. 4) and virtual school (Jan. 5 – Jan. 18).

**Our parish courier will resume on: Tuesday, January 19**



## Estate Planning

Please consider including St. Julie Billiart Catholic Church in your estate plans. If you wish to generously remember St. Julie Billiart Catholic Church in your will, ensuring its growth and vitality for years to come, you may include the following general statement:

**I give (the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_)\* to St. Julie Billiart Catholic Church located in Tinley Park, Illinois.**

*\* You may also give a percentage of your estate, or a specific asset.*

Please contact our pastor, Fr. Tirso Villaverde at 708.429.6767 x219 or [frtirso@stjulie.org](mailto:frtirso@stjulie.org) or Brendan Keating, Sr. Director of Planned Giving at 312.534.5271 or [bkeating@archchicago.org](mailto:bkeating@archchicago.org) for more information.

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## FAITH DIRECT

During these challenging times, St. Julie Billiart Parish still depends on donations to continue our ministry.

We prayerfully invite you to sign up for eGiving from your computer, tablet or smartphone and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

If you have any questions, please call the parish office and speak with Nancy Pfieffer (708.429.6767 x214)

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Thursdays after 8:00am Mass until 11:00am. **Temp. Cancelled**

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If you're moving, changed your address, landline, cell number or email address, please contact the Parish Office so we may update our database records.

**Devotional Prayer (Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet)**

Held in the Sacred Heart Chapel Monday—Friday following 8:00am Mass. **Temporarily Cancelled**

**Hospital**

Due to HIPAA privacy regulations, hospitals may no longer contact the parish regarding your hospitalization. It is the responsibility of the patient or designated family member to notify us.

**New Parishioners**

We welcome new members. All are invited to participate in the life and mission of the St. Julie Billiart Faith Family. You may register online at: <https://www.stjulie.org/new-member-form/>

**Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick**

For an emergency anointing, please call the Parish Office 708.429.6767 and **select Option 1** to request this sacrament.

**Sacrament of Baptism**

Couples preparing for the birth of a child should email [Marianne@stjulie.org](mailto:Marianne@stjulie.org) to inquire about preparations.

**Sacrament of Marriage**

Please contact [Marianne@stjulie.org](mailto:Marianne@stjulie.org) at least six months in advance to secure a wedding date and to begin the marriage preparations.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturdays from 3:00-4:00pm in our Mary Chapel (enter west side of building by the office. For a private **appointment** with a priest, please call the office.

**St. Vincent de Paul**

For those who need assistance or know of someone who needs assistance or for information, please reach out to us by calling 708.429.6767 x244 or by email at [StVincentdepaulstjulie@gmail.com](mailto:StVincentdepaulstjulie@gmail.com).

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**Weekend Mass:** Saturday 4:30pm  
Sunday 9:30am, 11:30am and 6:00pm  
(Reservations required)

*Sunday 9:30am Mass livestreamed via Facebook and afterwards at [www.stjulie.org](http://www.stjulie.org) (click on View Weekend Mass at the top left of our home page)*

**Parish Office Hours: Monday-Thursday: 9am-12noon**

- ◆ In-person business will be conducted at the front desk window.
- ◆ After hours, please use the Drop Box outside the Parish Office entrance for matters not requiring interaction (i.e. contribution envelopes, registration forms, Mass intentions requests, etc.). **The Drop Box is checked multiples times during the day.**

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