

FIRST SUNDAY OF

Lent

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The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert,
and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan.
He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.

Mark 1:12-13



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BEING DISCIPLES OF JESUS



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

During Lent, we focus a lot on our sins. This is meant to allow us to learn from our failures because they can be a powerful teacher. So, we look at our sins and perhaps the best way to do that is to examine our lives in light of the Seven Deadly Sins.

Understanding the Seven Deadly Sins is key to recognizing them. Recognizing them, we could say, is half the battle in terms of overcoming. Dependence on God's grace is the other half.

Basically, the Seven Deadly Sins are:

LUST—We normally associate this with sexual acts. However, it goes even deeper than that. In short, lust is the tendency to look at any other human being as an object or thing we can use for our advantage or manipulate for our selfish gain. The reason why lust oftentimes is manifested through sexual acts is because the gift of sex has so frequently been reduced to nothing but pleasure.

Lust is a serious sin because we end up refusing to look at another human being as a gift to us equal in dignity. We end up looking at others as less than what God had intended. God sees us in love. Lust makes us look at others simply in selfish desires and pleasure.

GLUTTONY—This is another sin that has oftentimes been reduced to over-eating. However, it also goes much deeper.

Gluttony is the tendency of overindulgence which does not necessarily limit it only to food. This sin takes something that at its very nature is good but then twists it until it becomes harmful. Overeating is simply one clear manifestation. We know that food is good. We know that food is essential to us. We need food to survive. However, when we overindulge in that gift of food, we end up no longer able to see it as a gift. Instead, we end up abusing that gift becoming a slave to whatever it is that becomes the object of our overindulgence.

Again, this overindulgence is not limited to food. Gluttony is manifested whenever we take something that is good and twist it until that same good becomes a harm to us in every respect—physically, emotionally, socially, and spiritually.

GREED—This is a sense of “never having enough.” Greed, like the other sins just described, also goes much deeper than just accumulating “stuff.”

Greed is dangerous because it makes us believe that enough is never enough. It makes us believe that we always have to have more. Nowhere is this seen more clearly than in consumerism.

Much more so today than before, we are constantly bombarded with the temptation to collect more and more. We buy one item only to learn the next day that an upgraded version just came out. We want that upgraded version believing it to be an absolute necessity in our lives. Before we know it, we develop the inability to distinguish when enough is actually enough. Further, we lose the capacity to see that what we already have is itself a gift.

SLOTH—This is another one of the Deadly Sins that can sometimes be overly simplified. We associate sloth with simply being lazy. Yet, again, sloth goes much deeper than laziness.

To be clear, we all need opportunities to “be lazy and do nothing.” This helps to maintain our sanity. Sloth is much deeper in that it creates an apathy in us. In other words, we end up not caring about anything. We leave it to others to solve problems, to do something to make things better, or simply to care. Sloth is dangerous because we disconnect ourselves from the world, from the people around us, and even to our own selves. When we no longer care about anything or anyone, it leads to a very lonely mode of existence.

WRATH—We may have heard the saying, “Don't get mad, get even.” This is the root of wrath.

To be clear, to get angry is not necessarily a sin. It is completely natural for us to be angry when someone does something to hurt us or even disappoint us. Healthy anger simply shows that we care about someone or something. When tempered, anger can lead us to taking actions that will ultimately benefit everyone in the long run.

Wrath, however, is taking anger to the extreme. It is that sense of getting even, taking revenge, or inflicting on others equal or more pain than they first inflicted on us. To use another phrase, it is fighting fire with fire. When this happens, no one really benefits because we all stoop to the same level as everyone else. It takes a lot more courage to rise above the pettiness than it does to imitate it.

ENVY – This sin can perhaps be summarized using the phrase, “If I can’t have it, then no one else can.” We oftentimes see this sin creeping up whenever we start to feel as if the “grass is greener on the other side.” We look at what others have and we want it for ourselves.

At the same time, envy goes even deeper in that we move towards the habit of believing that, if we cannot have the object of our desire, we need to make sure that no one else can have it. Further, we may even take actions to take that thing away from someone else simply because we do not want that person to have it.

PRIDE – This might be the sneakiest of sins. Pride is rejoicing in one’s accomplishments. This is a good thing when we find it natural to rejoice in the face of our successes. It is a good thing as well to celebrate with others in those moments of success.

However, what the sin of pride does is simply take the focus away from God. We begin to believe that we are the agents of our own successes. We give the credit only to ourselves forgetting that we cannot do anything without the help of God. Our egos then become inflated and they get fed with every moment of success. We begin to boast of our accomplishments not giving the credit to God who is the proper source of everything that is good.

During Lent, let us all take time to examine our conscience and take advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Again, dependence on God’s grace is essential in overcoming all sin but especially the Seven Deadly Sins. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is, after all, turning to the grace of God and a celebration of the gift that is our God.

Peace,

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

† **Lenten Mondays** (Feb 22, Mar 1, 8, 15 & 22)
7:00pm in Church – *Registration link on website*
Evening of Adoration/Benediction/Reflection
Volunteers needed for Greeters and Cleaners!

† **Stations of the Cross** (Fridays-Feb 26, Mar 12, 19, 26)
3:00pm & 7:00pm in Church – Greeters needed!
(No registration – Sign in at the door)

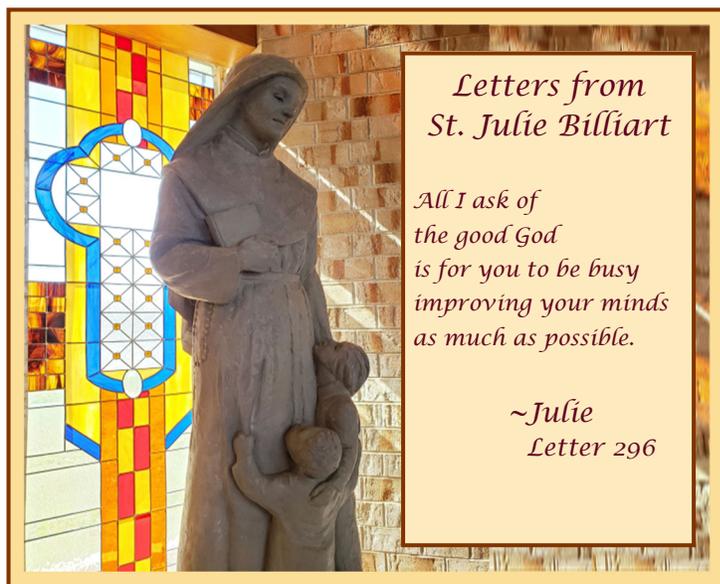
† **Reconciliation**
Saturdays 3:00-4:00pm in the Mary Chapel
Lenten Mondays 7-8:00pm Sacred Heart Chapel
during Adoration (not on March 15)
No Lent Communal Reconciliation Service

† **Almsgiving**
- Faith Formation Outreach Projects (*see pg. 10*)
- Girl Scout Blessing Bag Drive for PADS (*see pg. 11*)
- Truck Stop Ministry / donate religious items (*see pg. 12*)

† **Volunteering**
- Greet/Sanitize at Funerals, Weddings, Baptisms,
Reconciliation and weekend Mass (*see pg. 14*)

Registration links for **Holy Thursday, Good Friday** and **Easter Vigil** will be available on Mon, March 29. Registration link for **Easter Sunday** Masses will be available on Fri, April 2.

To **VOLUNTEER**, contact Sheila@stjulie.org
For more information on these opportunities,
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THE STUMP OF JESSE



Fr. Ton Nguyen
Associate Pastor

EXITUS/DEPARTURE - EXITUS/RETURN: PART 1

Waking up in the morning, having a cup of coffee, saying a prayer, and quickly packing lunches for the children, Mary and Joe usher their children to the car for the first day of their in-person learning. On the way to school, Mary and Joe do all the

talking since their kids are still half asleep.

Suddenly, Joey interrupted the conversation asking, “are we there yet?” “Oh, Yes” Joe responded. Filled with excitement, mixed with some anxiety, the children go to their classrooms. Around 3pm, Mary and Joe pick their children up; and it is the kids turn to do much the talking. They are chirping like birds singing their school stories to their parents. Well, if we have a “perfect” home, we are, like the children, excited or anxious departing to do our own things during the day but can’t wait to come home when the sun is setting.

Having this analogy in mind, my Lenten articles will reflect on the movement of Exitus/Departure - Reditus/Return. A journal article from *Dominicana*, a publication of the Dominican student brothers of the St. Joseph Province of the Order of Preachers, will be a nice opening for us to understand this movement. In the journey “*Why Thomism?*” the author gives a nice summary of St. Thomas Aquinas’ theological contribution to the Church.

“Exitus-Reditus: All things come from God (*exitus*) and, in different ways, return to him (*reditus*); but for us human beings this coming forth and returning has a special relation to the inner life of the Trinity. In fact, the coming forth of the Son from the Father (procession of knowledge) and the coming forth of the Holy Spirit from the Father and the Son (procession of love) are the *cause and exemplar* of (1) our coming forth from God as creatures who are capable of natural knowing and loving; and (2) our returning to God as creatures capable of supernatural knowing and loving.

Deification: In returning to God, we are made like him. Thomas, following the Church Fathers, does not hesitate to call this transformation a

“deification”: “The only-begotten Son of God, wanting to make us sharers in his divinity [2 Pt 1:4], assumed our nature, so that he, made man, might make men gods” (*Opusc.* 57, 1–4). Since this destiny infinitely exceeds anything we can accomplish naturally, the cornerstone of the moral and spiritual life is not our own moral effort, but rather God’s grace.

Communion and Friendship: Being made like God – being “conformed to the image of his Son” (Rm 8:29) – is not an end in itself; rather, it is for the sake of, and cannot occur apart from, communion with him. We are made like God so that we can be with him and enter into his life – the eternal exchange of knowing and loving among Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Even now, through the divine presence and action in our souls, we enjoy something of true communion, or friendship, with God and his saints. (Remarkably, St. Thomas was the first theologian to *define* supernatural love as a kind of friendship.)

Human Flourishing: Friendship or communion with God does not impede, but rather enhances, our natural human development and flourishing. Grace perfects us as the kind of creatures we are; it does not turn us into something else. Moreover, although the purification and elevation of our nature involves a participation in Christ’s Passion – accepting suffering out love for God and neighbor - this itself both deepens and enlarges our humanity.”

For the full article, here is the link for you to read:
<https://www.dominicanajournal.org/why-thomism/>

I LOVE BEING A PRIEST!

Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Fr. Ton

BILLIART BROTHERS PODCAST

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Episode 16: Name Changes in the Bible

In this episode, Fr. Ton and Ben discuss various name changes in the Bible and what they mean for us today.

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IN OUR PRAYERS

WE REMEMBER OUR BELOVED DEAD

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

Chuck Nelson
Therese O'Keeffe
Ken Grill (stepfather of Deacon Ed Pluchar)

THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING

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| Mildred Faron | Casimir Litko |
| Jesse James | Susan Durkiewicz |
| Angelito Jimenez | Geri Meany |
| Carl Nelson | John Devisme |

OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

February 14, 2021
Elizabeth Riley, daughter of Marie & Timothy Giertuga

THOSE IN NEED

.....of shelter, a safe place, food, water, friendship, or employment; guide us Lord to recognize those in need and to serve as you would.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 22 *(Feast of The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle)*
1 Peter 5:1-4; Psalm 23:1-6; Matthew 16:13-19

Tuesday, February 23 *(Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr)*
Isaiah 55:10-11; Psalm 34:4-7, 16-19; Matthew 6:7-15

Wednesday, February 24 *(Wednesday of the First Week of Lent)*
Jonah 3:1-10; Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Luke 11:29-32

Thursday, February 25 *(Thursday of the First Week of Lent)*
Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Psalm 138:1-3, 7-8; Matthew 7:7-12

Friday, February 26 *(Friday of the First Week of Lent)*
Ezekiel 18:21-28; Psalm 130:1-4, 5-7c, 8; Matthew 5:20-26

Saturday, February 27 *(Saturday of the First Week of Lent)*
Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8;
Matthew 5:43-48

Sunday, February 28 *(Second Sunday of Lent)*
Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Psalm 116:10, 15-19;
Romans 8:31b-34; Mark 9:2-10

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22 – 8:00am

† Ermelindo D'Aversa
† Mike Valdez

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23 – 8:00am

† St. Julie Billiart parishioners

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24 – 8:00am

† Edward Przybylski
† Scott Staszek
† Timothy J. Szwed

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25 – 8:00am

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26 – 8:00am

† Marcia P. Szwed
† Vito Ventrella

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27 – 4:30pm

† Michael McGowan

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

8:00am (read at 9:30am Mass)

9:30am (livestreamed on Facebook)

† Paschal Lovergine
† Irene Muser
† Jack Norris
† Andrea Ortega
† Constante Jerry Pimental
† Rudolph Wolters

11:00am (read at 11:30am Mass)

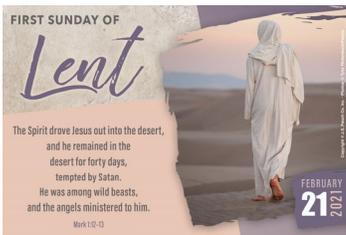
St. Julie Billiart parishioners

6:00pm

† Gary Miller

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Introductory Rite

Change Our Hearts

Change our hearts this time, Your word says it can be. Change our minds this time, Your life could make us free. We are the peo - ple Your call set a - part. Lord, this time change our hearts.

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Led by the Spirit

1. Led by the Spir - it of our God, we go to fast and pray With
2. Led by the Spir - it, we con - front temp - ta - tion face to face, And
3. Led by the Spir - it, now draw near the wa - ters of re - birth With
4. Led by the Spir - it, now sing praise to God the Trin - i - ty: The

Christ in - to the wil - der - ness; we join his pas - chal way. "Rend know full well we must re - ly on God's re - deem - ing grace. On hearts that long to wor - ship God in spir - it and in truth. "Who - Source of Life, the liv - ing Word made flesh to set us free, The not your gar - ments, rend your hearts. Turn back your lives to me." Thus bread a - lone we can - not live, but nour - ished by the Word We ev - er drinks the drink I give shall nev - er thirst a - gain." Thus Spir - it blow - ing where it will to make us friends of God: This says our kind and gra - cious God, whose reign is lib - er - ty. seek the will of God to do: this is our drink and food. says the Lord who died for us, our Sav - ior, kin and friend. mys - t'ry far be - yond our reach, yet near in heal - ing love."

TEXT: J1 2:12-13; Mt 4:1-4; Mk 1:12-13; Jn 4:5-42; Bob Hurd, © 1996, Bob Hurd. Published by OCP Publications.

Ky-ri-e e - le-i-son, Chri-ste e - le-i-son, Ky-ri-e e - le - i - son.

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Liturgy of the Word

1st Reading

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

God said to Noah and to his sons with him:

"See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you: all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals that were with you and came out of the ark. I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth." God added: "This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you and every living creature with you: I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings, so that the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings."

Be mer-ci - ful, O Lord, for we have sinned. Be mer-ci - ful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Psalm 51: Be merciful, O Lord: TEXT: Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-15; Marty Haugen. © 1983, GIA Publications, Inc.; refrain trans © 1969, ICEL; used with permission. TUNE: Marty Haugen, © 1983, GIA Publications, Inc.

2nd Reading

A Reading from the First Letter of St. Peter

Beloved: Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit. In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison, who had once been disobedient while God patiently waited in the days of Noah during the building of the ark, in which a few persons, eight in all, were saved through water. This prefigured baptism, which saves you now. It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

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Glo - ry and praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!

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Gospel

A Reading from the holy gospel according to Mark

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert,
and he remained in the desert for forty days,
tempted by Satan.

He was among wild beasts,
and the angels ministered to him.

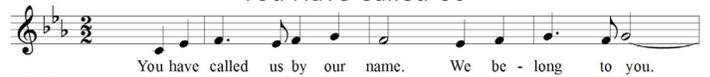
After John had been arrested,
Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God:
“This is the time of fulfillment.
The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
All bow: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
All rise: suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.
Amen.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

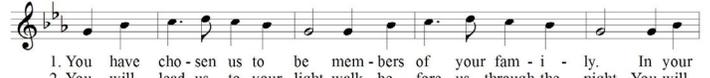
You Have Called Us



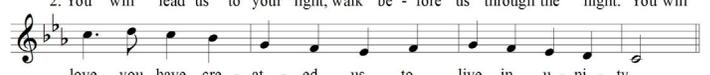
You have called us by our name. We be - long to you.



You have called us by our name and we are yours.

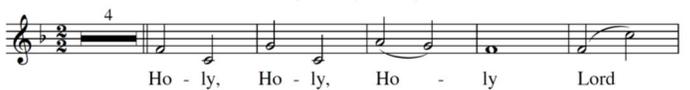


1. You have cho - sen us to be mem - bers of your fam - i - ly. In your
2. You will lead us to your light, walk be - fore us through the night. You will



love you have cre - at - ed us to live in u - ni - ty.
guide us on our jour - ney. You will keep our vi - sion bright.

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Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord



God of hosts. Heav'n and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na in the high -



est. 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, un - til you come a - gain.

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

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Ag - nus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di:
mi - se - re - re no - bis. do - na no - bis pa - cem.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace. Mass XVIII, Chant

I Turn to You Lord, in Time of Trouble

♩. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trou-ble,
and you fill me with the joy of sal - va-tion.

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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.

Open the Eyes of My Heart

O - pen the eyes of my heart ___ Lord, o - pen the eyes of my heart.
I want to see You ___ I want to see You.

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Concluding Rites

Blest Be the Lord

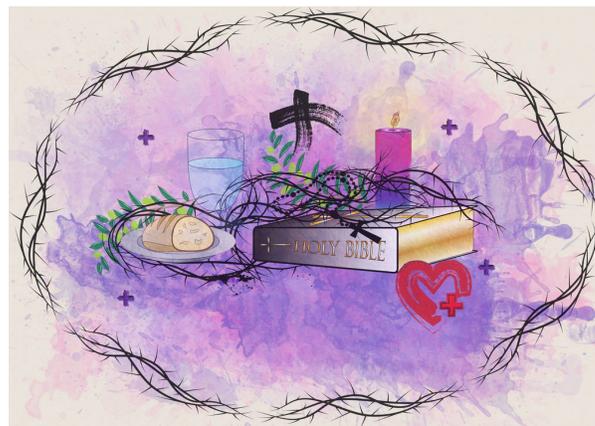
Refrain
Blest be the Lord; blest be the Lord, the God of
mer - cy, the God who saves. I shall not fear the dark of
night, nor the ar - row that flies by day.

Verses
1. He will re - lease me from the nets of all my foes.
2. I need not shrink be - fore the ter - rors of the night,
3. Al - though a thou - sand strong have fall - en at my side,
1. He will pro - tect me from their wick - ed hands.
2. nor stand a - lone be - fore the light of day.
3. I'll not be shak - en with the Lord at hand.

1. Be - neath the shad - ow of his wings I
2. No harm shall come to me, no ar - row
3. His faith - ful love is all the ar - mor

to Refrain
1. will re - joice to find a dwell - ing place se - cure.
2. strike me down, no e - vil set - tle in my soul.
3. that I need to wage my bat - tle with the foe.

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FR. TON'S SUGGESTIONS OF "GOOD STUFF TO START DURING LENT"

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR PODCAST (with Fr. Mike Schmitz)

If you have been desiring to read the entire bible but not yet make it to reality yet, well there is a wonderful podcast for you. He will walk you through the entire Bible in 365 episodes, providing commentary, reflection, and prayer along the way. They're around 20 minutes each. Maybe listen while driving to work? <https://bibleinayear.fireside.fm/> or you can use the podcast app in your phone.

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BOOK SUGGESTIONS

- *The Spirit of the Liturgy* by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
- *Jesus of Nazareth* by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI (*Holy Week: From the Entrance into Jerusalem to the Resurrection*)
- *Roman Pilgrimage - the Station Churches* by George Weigel

Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School

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SCRIP TIP

If you ever have a problem with a gift card, we want to help you make it right. First, make sure you save the card. If you are at a store, ask for the card back. If you are using multiple cards, be sure they are giving the right card that didn't work back to you. We need the card numbers to research why the card didn't work.

Also, keep track of the date and time you tried to use the card. Save the receipt to prove you did not get credit for using the card. Most businesses can search their register records so any information you can provide will make it easier for us to correct the problem quickly.

If you have any questions or need help logging in to your account, please contact:

Corinna Pytel cpytel@cjbschool.org or
Lori Dorigan - ldorigan@cjbschool.org

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CELEBRATING 20 YEARS | VIRTUAL WINTER GAMES

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 or Jenny Czenwonka at jczenwonka@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

In Mark's Gospel, (*Mark 12:1-15*) the desert marks the beginning of Jesus' battle with Satan. The ultimate test would be in Jesus' final hours on the cross. During Lent, we are led by the Holy Spirit to recall our Baptismal vows in which we promised to reject sin and to follow Jesus. Just as Jesus was ministered to by the angels, God also supports us in our struggles against sin and temptation. "Repent and believe in the Gospel" is our challenge for Lent, and actually the challenge of our entire life.

CORONAVIRUS COMPASSION

At one of your family meals this week light a candle, perhaps one of your family member's baptismal candles. Pray for those suffering from loneliness, rejection or poor health.

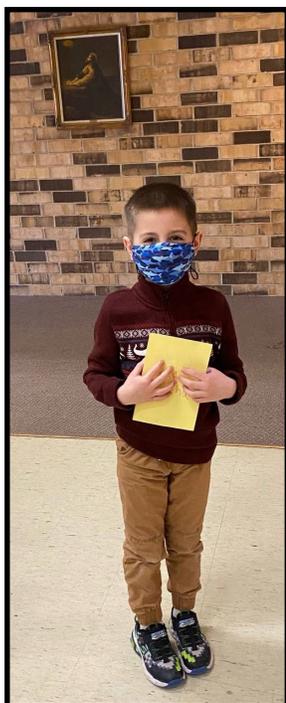
SEVENTH GRADE

Jesus Projects

This year our seventh grade students are focusing on the person of Jesus. The students are using some creative art forms to depict a Jesus story of their choice and will be displayed during Lent.



SECOND GRADE-RECONCILIATION



CATECHIST FORMATION MEETING

Monday, February 22, 7:15pm
Devine Center

UPCOMING CLASSES (In Person)

Wed., Mar. 3 Grade 8
Thu., Mar. 4 Grades 6, 7 & Sacramental Program
Sat., Mar. 6 Sessions A and B

LENTEN OUTREACH

Our Faith Formation students invite all parishioners to participate in our Lenten Outreach projects.

Grades 1 through 6 – Easter Baskets

Easter baskets will be gifted to The Port.

(candy, suckers, deck of cards, card games, puzzles, small toys, games, puzzles, word search books, small children's books, crayons, coloring books)

Grades 7 and 8 – Travel-size Toiletries

These much needed items will be gifted to PADS and the Crisis Center for South Suburbia.

(soap, lotion, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, combs, brushes, deodorant, toothbrush, floss, mouthwash, nail clippers, emery boards, facemasks, antibacterial wipes)

Also needed: Empty Easter baskets and cellophane bags to wrap the baskets once filled.

Place your donated items in a bag or box with a label "Lenten Outreach." They may be dropped off at the Parish Office during business hours (8:30am-4:30pm)

DONATIONS DUE BY SATURDAY, MARCH 20

God Bless you for your generosity to these projects.

HUMAN CONCERNS

GIRL SCOUT BLESSING BAG SUPPLY DRIVE

The members of **Girl Scout Troop 60200** have partnered with **South Suburban PADS** to assemble and donate Covid Care Kit Blessing Bags for the homeless people who utilize PADS shelter services. PADS facilitates a network of 14 overnight emergency shelters for the homeless, as well as assisting them with finding permanent housing. For more information about this organization, please visit sspads.org).

Without regular access to running water, facemasks, and other personal hygiene materials, the homeless are at much greater risk of catching and spreading this virus. We want to help them stay as safe as possible by hosting this supply drive. If you would like to donate items for our supply drive, these are the items most in need:

- Disposable facemasks
- Hand Sanitizer-unscented (travel-size bottles)
- Antibacterial Wet Wipes (travel-size packets)
- Tissues (travel-size packets)
- Bars of Soap
- Toothbrushes /travel-size tubes of toothpaste
- Hand/Body Lotion

Please keep in mind that the PADS guests travel around with their belongings in a backpack, so small/travel-size items work the best!

Please place your items in the marked grey bin located in the Narthex. You may also drop them off inside the West side Parish Office doors.

Donated items will be picked up on February 24.

We Thank You and May God Bless You!

Cadette Girl Scout Troop 60200
Sophia, Nora, Jenna and Emma



ST. VINCENT DEPAUL

Do you know of someone in need of 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** ...leave your **name** and a **number** and a team member will respond within 24 hours. When we call back our phone number will appear as "blocked". Please assist us by answering the call so we may begin sharing information with you. You may also contact us at:

stvincentdepaulstjulia@gmail.com.



MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

The Archdiocesan Commission on Mental Illness invites you to "Moving Forward in Hope," a ZOOM evening of prayer, connection and hope Tuesday, February 23, 7:00-8:00 pm

The Archdiocesan Commission on Mental Illness is pleased to offer Moving Forward in Hope, a monthly series of evening prayer, connection, and hope.

Our goal is to create a safe place for those living with or those caring for someone with mental health concerns to come together to pray and share with one another.

We know connection is paramount to mental health and well-being. These virtual meetings will cover relevant topics and be held on the **fourth Tuesday of each month**.

Please reach out to Deacon Tom Lambert at olmcinfo2@aol.com to register for this ZOOM evening.

HUMAN CONCERNS

TRUCK STOP MINISTRY

One of our parishioners has found it in his heart to minister at truck stops along his route. He said the need is great to bring the **Love of God** out into the world to men and women on the road. They spend so much time on the road and are searching for that solid faith foundation. If you have any religious items (*books, bibles, pamphlets, rosaries, prayer cards, necklaces, medals*) that you'd like to donate to this very worthy ministry, please drop them off at St. Julie Parish offices west entrance and label "Truck Stop Ministry." Thank you and God bless you!



40 DAYS FOR LIFE

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion! Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000 volunteers!

With God's help, here are the proven results in 25 coordinated campaigns:

16,742 babies saved from abortion **196 abortion workers** converted **104 abortion centers** closed

Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

Vigil location: Outside Planned Parenthood at 19831 Governors Hwy, Flossmoor

Vigil hours: 7 am to 7 pm daily – St. Julie has traditionally signed up at the 12noon slot on Fridays.

Local contact: Richard 708-557-0011 40dsfl@gmail.com

Learn more ... get involved ... and sign up for prayer times by visiting 40daysforlife.com

With the pandemic, only go if you are comfortable or please set aside time to pray at home. Thank you.



"As the Father loves, so do his children. Just as he is merciful, so we are called to be merciful to each other."

~Pope Francis

How can you help others who are suffering post-abortion pain?

- Read the words of St. John Paul II to women who have had abortions.** Be assured that it is never too late to seek God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and that "you can with sure hope entrust your child" to the Father and his mercy (EV 99).
- Communicate with messages that are respectful, non-judgmental, and compassionate.
- Remind your children frequently that you love them unconditionally. Promise they can always come to you when they are troubled.
- Keep all who suffer from post-abortion pain in your prayers, and commit yourself to being an instrument of mercy. Show by your example what it means to ask for and extend forgiveness.
- All of us are sinners. Yet Pope Francis calls mercy a "bridge that connects God and man, opening our hearts to the hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness" (MV 2). The Holy Father also reminds us, "As the Father loves, so do his children. Just as he is merciful, so we are called to be merciful to each other" (MV 9). Life is a gift from God and so is his mercy. May we cherish and promote both!

PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

PLOWS COUNCIL ON AGING

(Palos, Lemont, Orland & Worth Townships)

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. **Wednesday, February 24 at 9:00am**

Join us at a virtual event to celebrate
Our new name and rebranding!

Keynote speaker:

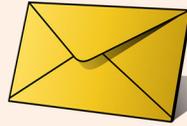
Paul Basta, Director of the Illinois Department on Aging

We'll share details about the renaming process, reveal our new name, rebranding and roll-out plans. We'd be honored if you can be a part of the "Big Reveal" and learn about ways to continue our community collaboration!

Contact: jpettersen@plows.org for more information

RENEW MY CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES

To contact Kay Kempke, Danny Salgado or Joanne Tuzik with your parish concerns, write or type a note, place it in an envelope and on the outside write in their name or "Renew My Church" Rep. You may put it in the DROPBOX outside the parish offices or bring it to the office during office hours. We'll make sure they receive it. Thank you for caring!



February Young Adult Zoom Gathering

Topic: Lenten Goals – Sister Miriam James **Heidland**

Time: Sunday, Feb. 21st at 12:30pm

Listen to video before the gathering: Healing and Forgiveness
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=grEY7slxf-Q>

If you have questions or would love to receive Zoom link for the gathering, please contact Becca Macijunas via beccamac22@gmail.com



CATHOLIC LIFE STORIES AT ST. JULIE

All too often we hear negative news, events and stories yet there's so much goodness and positive things happening too. Good, inspiring stories need to be shared! Once a month there will be an article by one of our parishioners in the bulletin titled *Catholic Life Stories at St. Julie*. I am looking for stories of conversion, forgiveness; or perhaps how someone made a true impact upon your spiritual life; a reflection of the deepening of your faith life, maybe the impact of a Bible quote, etc.

I hope you'll begin to reflect and write. Maybe your reflection will be chosen to be shared. Email me frton@stjulie.org when you are done!

SJB PARISH HISTORY

St. Julie Billiard Parish
will be turning 50 in 2024!



It will be here before we know!
We would like your help! We're compiling our photos, stories, memories over the past 50 years. If you or anyone you know might have photos and stories to share, or if you have any questions, please email: parishhistory@stjulie.org

Here's a photo from our 1993 Parish Picnic!

PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We could really use some extra volunteers for:

LENTEN SERVICES:

Lenten Mondays and Stations of the Cross

FUNERALS:

Our funerals are 50 people or less and contact is minimum. Spraying hands at the door, seating folks, directing during Communion.

RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays 3–4pm Minimum contact. Spraying chair, wiping door handle and directing folks.

BAPTISMS:

Minimum contact. Spraying hands before and spraying chairs afterwards.

Contact:

sheila@stjulie.org or 708.429.6767 x232

MASS VOLUNTEERS: 11:30am and 6:00pm

To volunteer, use the link below or the info above.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080848a8a923a0fa7-february>

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

~Mark 10:45

SJB EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

I am looking for someone with appropriate 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) and attach your résumé. An interview date will be arranged.

Men's Group Gathering A Journey with St. Joseph - 2021

Topic: A Beloved Father - Bishop Perry

“St. Joseph changed plans as often as necessary. He put his life at the service of Jesus' welfare.” Bishop Joseph N. Perry

Time: Thursday, February 25 at 7pm

Location (1): Parish Hall - up to 25 people - preregistration is required

Location (2): Virtual Gathering via Zoom

Email Chris Palma <cmp.pch@gmail.com> if you have questions to register for in person or to receive the Zoom link

BILLIART BROTHERS PODCASTS

benanderson1013.podbean.com

The hosts, our own Ben Anderson and Fr. Ton Nguyen are aiming to share our faith through engaging theological and scriptural conversations and facilitating encounters with God through our daily life. Listed are the bi-monthly episodes, length and date recorded. Go to: www.stjulie.org.

1. Introduction (17) 2020-07-06
2. Getting to know our Pastor, Fr. Tirso (18) 2020-07-23
3. Laudato Si (26) 2020-08-05
4. Getting Back to School (18) 2020-08-19
5. Most & Least Favorite Parables (22) 2020-09-03
6. Archangels (26) 2020-09-17
7. Conversation w/Deacon John Benz (24) 2020-10-01
8. Christus Vivit—Christ is Alive (33) 2020-10-15
9. Martyrs (30) 2020-10-29
10. Church during the Pandemic (30) 2020-11-12
11. The Gospel of Mark (22) 2020-12-03
12. St. Joseph (28) 2020-12-17
13. Christmas Star (19) 2020-12-31
14. A Conversation with Seminarians Jared & Martin (37) 2021-01-14
15. Theology in Movies (33) 2021-01-28
16. Name Changes in the Bible (28) 2021-02-11

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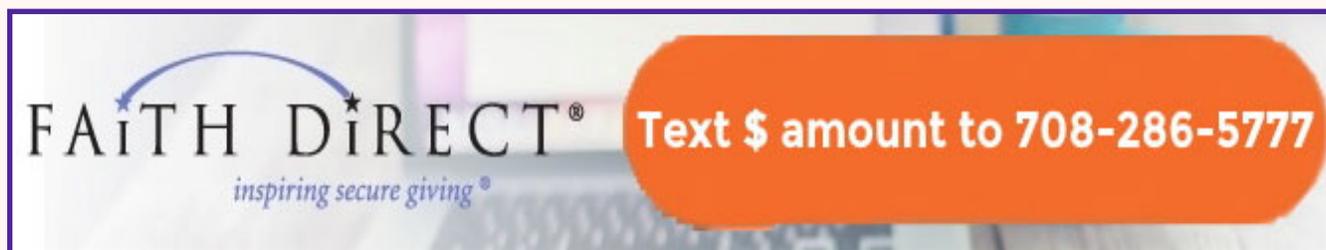
This time last year the full scope and inherent dangers of COVID-19 were becoming clear. Our world was brought to a standstill, but our parish ministries continued because so many people needed our help. Recurring gifts helped sustain our parish in unprecedented times and continue to be a vital source of support for ministries that are a lifeline to those in need in our community.

To continue to make a difference in 2021, St. Julie Billiart is reaching out to our parishioners. The more people use eGiving, the stronger foundation we will have for ministries that bring hope in times of uncertainty. We prayerfully request that you consider signing up for eGiving from your computer, smartphone, or tablet. You can set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/IL834, or text 'Enroll' to (708.286.5777). If you have any questions, please call the parish office and speak with Nancy Pfeiffer (708.429.6767 x214)

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

God Bless You,
Fr. Tirso Villaverde



MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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If you have any questions, please call the office 708.429.6767 x214 to speak with Nancy Pfeiffer for more information!



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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)

Monday-Friday - 8:00am in the Sacred Heart Chapel.

HOSPITAL

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

NEW PARISHIONERS

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 to inquire about preparations.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact marianne@stjulie.org at least six months in advance to secure a wedding date and to begin the marriage preparations.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:00pm-4:00pm in our Mary Chapel (enter the west side of building by the offices. If you would like a different time for a private appointment with a priest, please call the office.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

If you, or someone you know, needs assistance or if you'd like information, please reach out to us at 708.429.6767 x244 or email Stvincentdepaulstjulie@gmail.com.

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday

8:30a-12noon (Closed for Lunch) **1:00pm-4:30pm**

Closed Friday, Saturday, Sunday

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

Parish Office: 708.429.6767

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