



First Sunday of
Advent

November 28, 2021

Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength
to escape the tribulations that are imminent
and to stand before the Son of Man.

Luke 21:36

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BEING DISCIPLES OF JESUS



Fr. Tirso Villaverde
Pastor

FROM OUR PASTOR

Happy First Sunday of Advent! As we begin a new liturgical year, let us all pray that we will encounter God in ways that will not only strengthen our faith but transform our lives and the lives of others. Part of those encounters happen with the people we might on the journey. As we begin the

season of Advent, let us take a look at a few of the holy people we will meet along the way.

ST. NICHOLAS—DECEMBER 6

When it comes to the origin story of Santa Claus, St. Nicholas stands at the forefront. He is often referred to as the Christian origin story of the jolly white bearded figure who brings joy to children at Christmas. But, who was St. Nicholas?

St. Nicholas was the fourth-century bishop of Myra which is a region found in modern day Turkey. He was known to be a good friend to children and the poor. But, the most well known story about St. Nicholas involves his act of charity toward a poor man who was unable to provide a suitable dowry for each of his three daughters. In that day and age, daughters without a dowry would have no other alternative but to be thrown into prostitution. Rather than seeing those three girls fall into such a fate, St. Nicholas on three separate occasions secretly threw three bags of gold into the poor man's window. This allowed the poor man's daughters to be properly married and avoid a life of hardship. This act of charity developed into the custom of gift-giving on his feast day. By a twist of the tongue, the name St. Nicholas became associated with Santa Claus which expanded his example of generosity and charity.



ST. JUAN DIEGO—DECEMBER 9

All throughout history, God chooses to appear to those who are of lowly estate. It showed that God was on the side of those who were considered to be insignificant in the eyes of greater society. When it comes to the apparitions of the Virgin Mary who

herself was a young peasant girl of first century Palestine, it seems only fitting that she would appear to the same class of people. At Lourdes, Mary appeared to St. Bernadette who was considered to be uneducated. At Fatima, Mary appeared to three young children whose voices were ignored by the powers that be. In Mexico City on top of a hill known as Tepeyac, the Virgin Mary appeared to a poor native of Mexico named Juan Diego.

The Virgin Mary first appeared to Juan Diego on December 9, 1531. This is why his feast day is on that particular date on the calendar. Juan Diego was simply going about his normal duties as he passed by the hill of Tepeyac.

On that morning of December 9th, he heard the sound of a lovely voice singing at a distance. He climbed the hill and encountered there the Virgin Mary dressed in the common dress of the ancient Aztecs. She made herself known to him as the Mother of the True God. The Virgin Mary entrusted Juan Diego with the task of going to the bishop and asking that a church be built on the very hill upon which she appeared. Several times, Juan Diego went to the bishop but was dismissed. Being a peasant and a native, Juan Diego's voice was deemed insignificant and not worthy of attention. Juan Diego tried to convince the Virgin Mary to send someone else—someone with influence. But repeatedly, she sent Juan Diego with the same request.



On the day of the final apparition, Juan Diego's mind was preoccupied with the health of his uncle who was at the point of death. He was on his way to Mexico City to request a priest to come and anoint his uncle. Juan Diego chose to take a short cut to avoid meeting the Virgin Mary along the way. However, the Virgin Mary ended up meeting Juan Diego along the path he took. After pleading with her to let him tend to his uncle, the Virgin Mary assured him with the words that are now written on the façade of the Basilica in Mexico City. "¿No estoy aquí que soy tu Madre?" In English, "Am I not here who am your Mother?"

The Virgin Mary assured Juan Diego that his uncle would live. So, for the last time, she sent him to the bishop. But, this time, he was instructed to gather into his garment a bunch of roses growing on the

mountain. The roses were a miracle in and of themselves because it was not the proper time of year for them to be blooming. After much trial and persistence, Juan Diego was finally granted an audience with the bishop. After the bishop asked for a sign, Juan Diego unfolded his garment and the roses fell. But as the roses fell, an image of the Virgin Mary miraculously appeared on the garment of Juan Diego. That was enough of a sign for the bishop who ordered that the Virgin Mary's request be fulfilled.

ST. LUCY – DECEMBER 13

St. Lucy is known as the patron saint of those suffering from illnesses of the eyes. How did she come to receive this accolade?

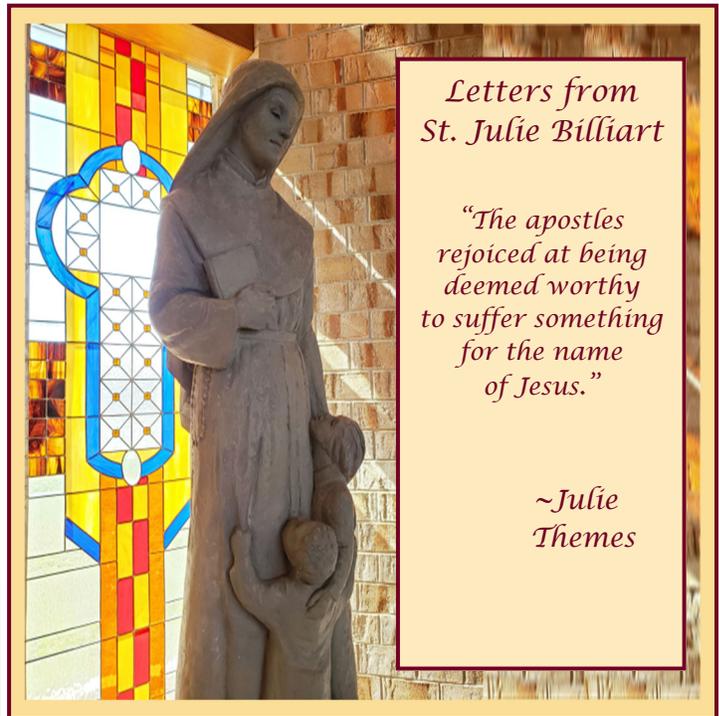


St. Lucy lived in fourth century Sicily in a time when it was still strongly pagan. St. Lucy was from a Christian family and she was a young girl living in a society that valued "pleasure at all costs." Such a culture made it difficult for anyone to live the demands of the Christian life. But, St. Lucy managed to do so.

It has been said that St. Lucy was a very beautiful young woman. But, she had consecrated herself to God and so refused to get married despite her mother's opposition. One account of her life states that St. Lucy stood in front of pagan authorities and predicted their end. Enraged, the order was given that Lucy's eyes be gouged out. Another account of Lucy's life states that she herself removed her eyes to prevent the lustful stare of a suitor who admired the beauty of her eyes. Whatever the case might be, St. Lucy stood her ground and, even at a young age, preferred to keep herself for God.

These are just among the few people we will encounter on our Advent journey. May their example inspire us and guide us as we prepare ourselves to encounter once again the mystery of God With Us.

Peace,



*Letters from
St. Julie Billiart*

*"The apostles
rejoiced at being
deemed worthy
to suffer something
for the name
of Jesus."*

*~Julie
Themes*

ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS

**Greeters - Lectors - Eucharistic Ministers
Ushers - Altar Servers - Sacristans**

There are sign-up sheets in the Minister's Sacristy for holiday Masses:

- Christmas Eve - Friday, December 24
- Christmas Day - Saturday, December 25
- New Year's Day - Saturday, January 1

Thank you in advance for your assistance and for your dedication to your ministry at St. Julie. If you have any questions, contact Marianne@stjulie.org

ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Solemnity of Immaculate Mary** - Wednesday, December 8
8am & 7pm Masses
- Our Lady of Guadalupe** - Sunday, December 12
6:30am Rosary / 7:30am Mass / 8:30am Mariachi & Reenactment
- Advent Reconciliation Service** - Monday, December 13- 7pm
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CATHOLIC LIFE STORIES AT ST. JULIE

FIELD TRIP TO MUNDELEIN SEMINARY

PART II Submitted by Nestor & Edith Ardiente

We then went to the bookstore which features an array of books including many by Mundelein faculty, gift items and other unique religious gifts. After all, what tour is complete without a full shopping bag at the end of the day? Just outside the bookstore is a display of the construction history, starting in 1921, of Mundelein Seminary. Amazing what you can learn by examining the pictures and reading the many well-placed placards on this history-filled wall!



Then on to the area of the campus reserved only for seminarians and faculty, which we were so fortunate to be given access to. Thanks to Deacon Joseph Nguyen of the San Jose California diocese for being one of our tour guides. He showed us the St. John Paul II Chapel, formerly known as The Theological House Chapel. In 2012, then rector Rev. Fr. Robert Barron (most of us know and love Bishop Barron of the Word on Fire fame!) oversaw the renovation and dedication of this chapel to St. John Paul II to express the great theme of his papacy, new evangelization. We love the altar with its two prominent sayings: “Nolite Timere” - Do not be afraid, and “Duc in Altum” - Put out into the deep! This chapel is indeed a wonderful place for reflection.

We then went down to the recreation hall for seminarians and faculty - games and food! We imagined Seminarian Ton Nguyen cooking his Pho - hot delicious Vietnamese soup, Seminarian Tirso Villaverde Jr. making Filipino pancit (noodles) and egg rolls and Seminarian John Benz grilling American cheeseburgers! What a meal that would have been and a toast to the diversity of Mundelein Seminary and the Catholic Church!

On the last segment of our 3.6 mile walk around the campus, we passed by the beautiful Francis Cardinal George (1937-2015) Memorial Garden, parts of the Stations of the Cross and a short prayer at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto. Beauty and serenity.

But were we prepared for the view at our last stop? We stood overlooking the peaceful lake and

surroundings through the Belvedere (French for structure with a beautiful view) in total awe. Looking back, we imagined the grandeur of the Immaculate Conception Chapel, although now in renovation. Here, Fr. Ton regaled us with life as a seminarian. For example, on one of their celebratory activities, his class was able to get permission to have fireworks and DJ music by the Belvedere, after mass and prayers of course! The way Fr. Ton described the campus, buildings, chapels, gardens, struggles, triumphs, joys and the daily life of a seminarian gives one the impression that he still lives here. Maybe in his mind and in his heart, he does!

Indeed, Mundelein Seminary and its grounds are the perfect place to escape the noise and distraction of everyday life. On this beautiful, sunny October Sunday, all 35 of us pilgrims/tourists say AMEN to that! Thank you dear Lord for this blessing. Thank you St. Julie Billiart. Thank you Fr. Ton and Deacon John. Until the next pilgrimage/tour!

by Nestor and Edith Ardiente
SJB parishioners since 1978

A DAY OF PRAYER - DECEMBER 3

A Day of Prayer (for those able to participate)

- 8:00am - Mass
- 8:30am - Rosary and Adoration
- Personal time for breakfast, relaxation, or a walk.
- 11am - Holy hour – Sacred Heart Chapel
- 12pm - Midday prayer in Sacred Heart Chapel
- Personal time for lunch and relax time at home
- 3pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet and
Silent reflection - Sacred Heart Chapel
(Confessions are available from 3-4pm)
- 5pm - Evening Prayer (before dinner) Sacred Heart Chapel
- 7:30pm Participate in the Eucharist Procession and close with night prayer – North Parking Lot.

A Day of Prayer (for those who do not have Friday off)

- After work, come and spend time in prayer.
- 7pm - Silent reflection in front of the Blessed Sacrament.
- 7:30pm: Participate the Eucharist Procession and close with night prayer – North Parking Lot.

First Saturday

- 8:00am - First Saturday morning Mass

JMJ, Fr. Ton Nguyen

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

Baby Henry Holevas	Geraldine Tomaselli
Sandra Biel	Gloria Valdez
Lori & Ray McCarthy	William (Bill) Dado
Joanne Tishka	Meg Keating
Noreen Pagulayan	Howard Boone

THOSE IN NEED

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, November 29 (Monday of the First Week of Advent)

Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122:1-4d, 5-9; Matthew 8:5-11

Tuesday, November 30 (Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle)

Romans 10:9-18; Psalm 19:8-11; Matthew 4:18-22

Wednesday, December 1 (Wednesday of the First Week of Advent)

Isaiah 25:6-10a; Psalm 23:1-6; Matthew 15:29-37

Thursday, December 2 (Thursday of the First Week of Advent)

Isaiah 26:1-6; Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 3 (Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest)

Isaiah 29:17-24; Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14; Matthew 9:27-31

Saturday, December 4 (First Saturday, BVM, St. John Damascene)

Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Psalm 147:1-6; Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday, December 5 (Second Sunday of Advent)

Baruch 5:1-9; Psalm 126:1-6; Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6

MASS INTENTIONS

† Deceased L - Living

Saturday, Nov 27 – 4:30pm

† John & Florence Domke	L Mary C. Kelly
† Gary Domke	† Francis O'Neill
† James Fernatt	† Margaret O'Neill
† Jesse J. James	† Peggy O'Neill
† Val & Petronella Kach	† Ray & Alice Minerath
† Linda Koestner	

Sunday, Nov. 28

7:30am

† Jack Norris	† Geraldine Tomaselli
† Edward Stabrawa	† Edward & Ann Weston

9:30am (livestreamed on Facebook)

† Cornelio Dizon	† Anon Gagatiga
† Teresita Dizon	† Patrick & Ann Rohan
† Mildred & Chester Faron	† Joseph & Mary Schulok

11:30am

St. Julie Billiart parishioners

6:00pm

† Gene Sherry
† Dan Sniegowski

Monday, Nov. 29 – 8:00am

† Casimir Ciciora	† John A. Villasenor, Sr.
† Dan Sniegowski	† Joseph Zagotta

Tuesday, Nov. 30 – 8:00am

L Mary C. Kelly	† Francis O'Neill
† Marcia P. Szwed	† Margaret O'Neill
	† Peggy O'Neill

Wednesday, Dec. 1 – 8:00am

St. Julie Billiart parishioners

Thursday, Dec. 2 – 9:00am

L Mary C. Kelly	† Francis O'Neill
† Arnold Osborne	† Margaret O'Neill
	† Peggy O'Neill

Friday, Dec. 3 – 8:00am

L Mary C. Kelly	† Francis O'Neill
† Christine Wrotny	† Margaret O'Neill
	† Peggy O'Neill

Saturday, Dec. 4 – 4:30pm

L Nancy & Mike Sauer - 50th Anniversary	
† Rob Aikens	† Joseph & Anna Kotas
† Mildred & Chester Faron	† Elsie & William Kretzer
† Jesse J. James	

Sunday, Dec. 5

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30am

† Cindy West
† John R., Delores, John T. & Sue Duffey

9:30am (livestreamed on Facebook)

† Barbaryan Dudek
† James & Theresa Jesernik
† Jack Norris
† Alice & James Murphy & deceased family members

11:30am

† Bienvenido Camacho	† Stanley Kilanowski
† James L. Grider	† Nicholas Mercadante
† Marilyn M. Reyes Kaneholani	

6:00pm

St. Julie Billiart parishioners



Pat Kmak
Coordinator of
Faith Formation
of Youth

FAMILY FAITH SHARING

Jesus teaches His disciples to be vigilant so that they will be ready when the Son of man comes in glory. Today is the First Sunday of Advent and also the First Sunday of a new liturgical year.

During this time of preparation for the coming of the Lord, we focus on the key themes of this season...watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In today's Gospel (Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36), we hear Jesus speak to His disciples about the need for vigilance and prayer as they wait for the coming of the Son of Man in glory. Luke tells us that people woke early to listen to Jesus' teaching in the temple area. In His person and in His message, the people found strength and consolation. Like the first followers, we might encounter events and circumstances that can lead us to despair. However, through prayer, we find strength and consolation in Jesus' words and continuing presence with us to endure all things and to witness to God's actions in our world. Jesus warns His disciples against the fatigue that can emerge if we become consumed by the anxieties of daily life. Pray together for God's help in dealing with all of life's circumstances.

CATECHISTS & COORDINATORS

Annual Advent/Christmas Celebration followed by Formation Sessions

Monday, November 29 - 6:30pm (DC)

A-L - appetizers and M-Z desserts

Beverages provided



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, December 4 - 1:00pm

The second grade students from our Faith Formation Program and our parish school, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School, will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Please remember them in your prayers as they journey closer to Jesus through this sacrament.

NOTE: Practice is in Church on Thu, Dec 2 at 6:30pm

EMERGENCY CLOSING INFORMATION

Closing information for classes will be posted on our website - www.stjulie.org and on Facebook.



FAITH FORMATION - ADVENT OUTREACH PROJECT

Over the years, the children in our Faith Formation Program are helped to understand that social justice is the basis of our mission as Church. Therefore, we encourage each grade level to be involved in an Advent Outreach Project to help those in need. Listed below are specific items for each grade level. If you would like to contribute, please bring your contributions to the Parish Office (Mon-Thu 8:30am-4:30pm) or to Faith Formation classes **by Saturday, December 18.**



First, Second, and Third Grades	New small Toys, Puzzles, Coloring books
Fourth Grade	Hand-Made Christmas Cards for Hines VA Hospital
Fifth and Sixth Grades	Crayons, Games, Books, Non-violent, Educational Toys
Seventh Grade	Gift cards (grocery stores, gas, Walmart, Target, etc.) for Together We Cope clients
Eighth Grade	Buckets of Hope Program (14 cleaning items) listed in sent-home letter

UPCOMING DATES

Mon, Nov 29	6:30pm (DC)	Annual Advent/Christmas Celebration followed by Formation Sessions (A-L appetizers and M-Z desserts) Beverages provided
Wed, Dec 1	7:00pm (DC)	Classes – Grade 8
Thu, Dec 2	7:00pm (DC)	Classes – Grades 6 & 7
	7:00pm (Ch)	Reconciliation Practice for Sacramental Program, FF & CJB Grade 2
Sat, Dec 4	8:30am (DC)	Classes – Grades 1 through 5 (Session A)
	11:00am (DC)	Classes - Grades 1 through 5 (Session B)
Sat, Dec 4	1:00pm (Ch)	First Reconciliation (Sacramental Program, FF & CJB Grade 2

Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School

CJB SCRIP Program Returns to St. Julie!



The CJB SCRIP team will once again sell gift cards at St. Julie at all masses on December 11 & 12. **This is the only weekend we will be at St. Julie.** Gift cards are a great way to continue to support food drives, other Christmas Outreach programs or send to family members near and far. We are so excited to be able to serve your gift card needs and we will follow all safety measures.

We will have over 200 retailers on hand including Jewel, Target, Wal-Mart, Kohl's, Discover and Visa. Our Visa and Discover cards do **NOT** have any activation fees. We will also have assorted stocking stuffer \$5 & \$10 cards. ***The list will be posted in the bulletin the weekend of December 4th & 5.***

Save time, gas and stay safe this holiday season. Earn valuable rebates for your parish or yourself. ***Our gift cards are the very same cards you would purchase at the store. Gift cards are safe and easy to use without the threat of identity theft.***

Payments may be made by cash or check (payable to CJB) only. If you have any questions about the program, or would like to order a large quantity of one vendor, or order from our Special Order list, please contact Corinna Pytel **prior to December 6** at 708.478.0710.

Illinois Tax Credit Scholarships Information - Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School

Illinois' tax credit scholarship program through the "Invest in Kids" Act provides strong incentives for donors to support non-public school scholarships for low-income students in the state. Illinois students may use these new scholarships to attend Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School. In 2021, more than 2,000 students were awarded scholarships. Last year, 18 students applied to CJB but due to insufficient funding, only one student was awarded this opportunity. Your tax-deductible donation provides the gift of Catholic education.

To help donations have even more impact, several donors have agreed to pool their resources and offer a 2-for-1 matching gift program to schools in the Archdiocese of Chicago. This means for every dollar designated to a qualifying school through the Empower Illinois scholarship granting organization beginning Dec. 1, 2021, the school will receive two dollars in matching funds. The program will end when all matching funds have been depleted. New donors who would like to receive the tax credit for their 2021 taxes should begin the process prior to Dec. 15, 2021 to ensure that they have enough time to make their gift by Dec. 31, 2021. Consider applying for your tax credit today. To review the process, visit <https://schools.archchicago.org/donating-to-a-tax-credit-scholarship>.

For information on how you can benefit from Tax Credit Scholarship opportunities for Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School (CJB) for the 2022/23 school year, please attend an informational meeting at CJB on Tuesday, December 14. Call 708.403.6525 for meeting time and room location. CJB is located at 9520 W. 167th Street, Orland Hills (next to St. Elizabeth Seton Church).



CARDINAL BERNARDIN SCHOOL – JOB POSTINGS



We have employment opportunities available! We welcome you to consider joining our community where Catholic values and academic excellence blend to create a supportive, nurturing, and safe environment.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHING ROSTER

We are interested in supplementing our Substitute Teacher Roster with qualified personnel. If you are interested in sharing your appreciation of education and supervising students when the regular classroom teacher is unavailable, please consider applying. Requirements include a bachelor's degree and Archdiocese of Chicago VIRTUS compliance requirements (www.virtusonline.org) Contact Mrs. Jeanne Pagliaro at jpagliari@cjbschool.org

EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM

We are looking to hire part-time help for our Extended Day Program. Extended Day workers assist the director in creating a Christ-centered, safe environment for students by supervising and engaging them in appropriate activities. Hours are between 1:45pm and 6pm. Candidates would start immediately after passing a background check and Archdiocese of Chicago "Virtus" compliance requirements (www.virtusonline.org) Pay scale from \$13-\$14/hour based on previous experience. Part-time; not benefits eligible. If interested, please email the Director of Extended Day, Mrs. Donna Vimarco at dvimarco@cjbschool.com

FOOD SERVICE LUNCH PROGRAM

Food Services Professionals is a foodservice management company looking for an energetic, dependable person who would like to work part-time (3 hours per weekday) locally (at your parish school – Cardinal Joseph Bernardin). On-the-job training includes helping to place orders and serving lunch. Basic computer skills are a plus to assist in the completion of minimal paperwork. A great opportunity for moms and dads...aunts and uncles...grandmas and grandpas. For more information, please contact Stephanie Smith 773.447.0914.

DAYBREAK SHELTER BREAKFAST

Daybreak is a shelter located in Joliet and run by Catholic Charities. For the past 20+ years, St. Julie parishioners have provided a hot, delicious breakfast on the first Sunday of the month as well as Christmas morning. A typical schedule:

5:00am Arrive and prepare breakfast

6:00am Serve to very grateful and beautiful people

7:00am Clean up and head home!

Most teams are home no later than 8:00am. Teams (made up of 5-10 people) decide the menu. The warmer months there might be 35 guests and in the winter we may serve 80+ because of the weather.

This is truly a great ministry for busy people! *Everyone has three hours per year to give.*

Talk to your friends, family and co-workers! Think about it and if you feel this might be a good fit for you or you just have some questions, please give us a call or email.

sheila@stjulie.org

Service hours can also be earned.

We thank you and the people of the shelter thank you for your help and your prayers.



Upcoming PORT LUNCH DATES

November 28 after the 11:30 Mass (12:15pm)

December 12 after the 9:30 Mass (10:15am)

Please join us in the Parish Hall!

All are welcome! Bring a friend, neighbor or your grandparents!



"The justified concern about threats to the environment... commits us to working responsibly for the protection of Creation." – Pope Benedict XVI

Be a mindful consumer to reduce waste

Pope Francis, in his Encyclical *Laudato Si'*, highlights both the ecological and spiritual harm that rampant consumerism can cause humanity and the earth. Becoming more "mindful", or intentional, aware and informed, can lead to more careful assessments in what to purchase.

Refuse- Reduce-Repair-Reuse-Recycle



SHAWL MINISTRY

Their mission is to knit/crochet shawls in prayer to bring comfort and solace to those facing life's challenges and those celebrating life's



joys. Shawls are distributed to the home bound, the sick, those with terminal illness and to the RCIA candidates upon acceptance into our faith. We also provide wonderful prayer squares, which are available in a basket the Mary Chapel. They are also created in prayer to bring comfort and peace by symbolizing God's love for us. The knitted / crocheted squares are a small tangible reminder also that we are never alone, God is always with us. The Prayer Squares help us focus in prayer knowing friends are praying too.

The shawls and the prayer squares, have all been blessed at the Prayer Shawl meeting. If you know of someone who would like a prayer shawl, please stop by our office and let them know at the front desk. If you are able to leave a name and something about the person, they ministers are happy to pray for that person at their meeting. If you would like to be part of this beautiful ministry or would like more information, please give the office a call or email us at sheila@stjulie.org We would love to have you join us! You don't need to be a professional knitter / crocheter! Come and see!

PADS (Public Action to Deliver Shelter)

We are looking for volunteers who would like to give of their time and talents! There are no meetings. You decide what you are able to give/do and how often.

As a result of the pandemic, our PADS guests are staying at a hotel in Calumet Park. They have been able to secure a driver to come and pick-up the meals, which helps us tremendously! **A blessing!**

On the 2nd Friday of the month, volunteers drop off the item they signed up to donate. *Sometimes they drop it off a few days ahead of time.* A small group of volunteers assemble the meals from 4–5pm. A driver picks up the meals! So simple!

We currently serve 40 guests...breakfast, dinner and lunch. If this is something you would like to be part of or find out more information, let us know!

sheila@stjulie.org



CHRISTMAS FOR OUR SOLDIERS

St. Julie Billiard has been a tremendous support for our men and women serving overseas at Christmas for almost twenty years! This year is no different. We will once again send a little bit of home to those who sacrifice to serve and protect us as a nation.



This weekend we have boxes with a suggested list of items for you to choose. If you are aware of other needed items, please feel free to add those!

We also have **cookie containers available** for those who would like to send some homemade goodies! **NOTE:** If you don't end up baking, please return the container so we may use it. We have a set number that we order. All information is with each box.

PACKING NIGHT

ALL AGES are invited to join us as we pack all the wonderful care packages that are brought in for our military units. **Monday, December 6 6-8pm (we usually end early)**
St. Julie Parish Hall

Everyone must wear a mask.

If you can help ahead of time with addressing the postal forms, please let us know! Sheila@stjulie.org

COMING TO ST. JULIE

December 4/5 - In the Parish Hall
Before and After all Masses

Bring your Christmas shopping list! You will be amazed at the great products you will find! Not only that, you will make a huge impact on the lives of the vendors!



ST. VINCENT dePAUL



Do you know someone who is in need of some assistance?

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

When you call, please don't hang up. You will be guided through the phone system. *Please leave your name and a number* where you can be reached and a team member will respond within 24 hours. Our phone number will appear as "blocked". Please assist us by answering the call so we can begin the process of sharing information with you. 708.429.6767 x244.

ST. JULIE GIVING TREE

In the spirit of Christmas, St. Julie Parish will sponsor its annual Giving Tree.



We invite you to take a tag or two or perhaps each member of the family would like a tag. You decide. We ask that when you bring the tag home, you pray for the person who will receive your generosity. What that might mean for them? What does it mean to you? To your family?

Some of the folks that will benefit this year will be:

- PASS Pregnancy Center**
- The Port Ministries**
- Kolbe Jail Ministry**
- PADS**
- SVdP Clients**
- Crisis Center**
- Local Food Pantries**
- Daybreak Shelter**
- Pro Labore Dei**



ST JULIE COAT DRIVE

Time to clean out those closets! We will be collecting gently used coats, hats, gloves, fleece and sweatshirts for those in need this winter. If you find you have some of these items that you no longer need, we will get them to someone who can use them! **There are two bins just outside our library.** Thank you for sharing!



PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

ST. PEREGRINE NOVENA

The novena is held weekly, usually on Mondays, in our Sacred Heart Chapel. It may be necessary at times to move the novena to a Tuesday evening.



Check the parish calendar (www.stjulie.org) for up-to-date information.

St. Peregrine Novena # 2

- Week #4 - Monday, November 29 - 7pm
- Week #5 - Monday, December 6 - 7pm
- Week #6 - **Tuesday**, December 14 - 7pm
(*due to Mon, Dec. 13-Reconciliation Service*)
- Week #7 - Monday, December 20 - 7pm
- Week #8 - Monday, December 27 - 7pm
- Week #9 - Monday, January 3 - 7pm

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intention forms may be found in the Narthex on either the North or South walls or the parish office entry way with **complete instructions**. Mass Intentions may be for the **Deceased or the Living** and we have **cards for both**. For the Living, you may want to remember a birthday or anniversary.

If you have **several** intentions, we may ask that you leave the list with us and we will attend to them as soon as we're able to that day.

Questions? Call Cathryn 708.429.6767 x210.

MASS FOR THE DEAF

Fr. Mulcrone will be celebrating Mass, with an interpreter, at these upcoming dates:

- Sunday, December 12 (6:00pm)**
- Friday, December 24 (8:00pm) Christmas Eve**

LECTORS – Please pick up your new liturgical workbooks from the Sacristy.. Thank you for your commitment to this ministry!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

We are increasing the amount of Liturgical Ministers at our weekend Masses. If you had been a Lector or Eucharistic Minister pre-COVID and would like to resume serving in these Ministries, please contact Marianne 708.429.6767 x213 / marianne@stjulie.org.

We need to know if you want to remain active in these Ministries! Thank you!

ST. JULIE BOOK CLUB

First Wednesday every month
1pm in the Great Room



Gather with fellow book lovers to share thoughts, ideas, and opinions about the monthly selection. Any questions or need more information, contact Bev at bsigler5@comcast.net.

- Dec 1 [The Women in Black](#) by Madeleine St. John
- Jan 5 [Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future](#) by Pope Francis
- Feb 2 [The Bookshop on the Corner](#) by Jenny Colgan
- Mar 2 [The Invention of Wings](#) by Sue Monk Kidd
- Apr 6 [The Charm Bracelet](#) by Viola Shipman
- May 4 [Finding Nouf](#) by Zoe Ferraris
- Jun 1 [The Lilac Girls](#) by Martha Hill Kelly
- Jul 6 [The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse](#) by Charlie Mackesy
- Aug 3 [The Four Winds](#) by Kristin Hanna

1st Friday – Eucharistic Adoration Friday, December 3

Begins after 8:00am Mass in the Sacred Heart Chapel

At least two Adorers must be scheduled during every hour in order to assure that Jesus is not left alone, but more are welcome and adorers may sign up for multiple hours. If you have any questions contact Gail Sladek at gail.sladek@gmail.com.

Schedule of Public Prayer Throughout the Day:

- Immediately after 8:00am Mass on Friday: Rosary
- Noon: Midday Prayer
- 3:00pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 3:00pm – 4:00pm: Confession available
- 5:00pm: Evening Prayer
- 7:00pm: Reflection, Eucharistic Procession, Night Prayer, Benediction

1st Saturday Mass - December 4 at 8:00am

PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

ST JULIE PRAISE MINISTRY

St. Julie Praise Ministry invites you to consider joining their team!

There are no meetings!

Deacon Rich sends out a monthly letter filled with wonderful reflections as well as the needs of our parish and the world to hold in prayer.

We will send you a prayer booklet to use, or you can use your own.

This is a wonderful ministry for those who:

1. Love to pray
2. Would like to take a few quiet moments out of their day to pray for others
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Whatever the reason, you cannot go wrong being a prayer warrior.

For more information, email deaconrich@stjulie.org



YOUNG AT HEART



Happy Advent!

At our November

luncheon, it was decided to not have a “regular” lunch in December because of our trip to White Fence Farm. We will schedule our next lunch in January!

There are still a few tickets left for the trip if you are interested. Stop by the office and pick yours up!

Thank you to all for a wonderful year so far! We are grateful for ALL of you!

God bless you!



YOUNG AT HEART CHRISTMAS TRIP

Friday, Dec. 17 - White Fence Farm

Join us as we celebrate the wonderful season of Advent/Christmas as White Fence Farm presents the singing duo “Sweet Reminders,” offering special holiday classic songs that are near and dear to our hearts. There will be song facts and humor to engage the audience as well. We will enjoy a famous meal of White Fence Farm Chicken with all the fixin’s:

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DID YOU KNOW?

- **MASS INTENTION BOOK** in the **Mary Chapel**. You may write your own personal intentions. These intentions are not said aloud at Mass, but instead are a way for you to express what's on your heart. Feel free to stop by the Mary Chapel and write down your intentions.
- **MARY CHAPEL** (next to the parish office) is typically open:
 - Monday - Friday (8:30am-4:30pm),
 - Saturday (3:30pm-5:30pm)
 - Sunday (7:30am - 12:30pm).
- **DROPBOX** - We have a Dropbox just outside the parish office entrance for after hours. Simply lift the lid and drop in your donation envelopes, Scrip envelopes or any other correspondence. Please **do not** leave any envelopes at the Front Desk window pass-through or "shove" them under the glass. By sheer chance we have recently found envelopes on the floor below, the recycle paper bin and even between the desk and wall.
- **LUNCH HOUR/PHONE CALLS** - Please know that your calls are important to us. The offices are closed for lunch between 12noon and 1pm, so if you call at that time you may leave a message at the intended party's extension. Phone extensions are listed on the back page of the bulletin.
- **HELPFUL TIP** - Take the back page of the SJB Bulletin and put in on your refrigerator or bulletin board. You'll have all our phone number and extensions, email addresses and a plethora of parish information!
- **ST. VINCENT dePAUL** - Correction...there are **two** SVdP donation slots in the Narthex, **on both the North and South walls**. Monetary donations may be put in there!

Hoping this information helps! Let us know if there is other information you would like to know! 708.429.6767.

ST. DAMIAN CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

We've made a change to our meeting schedule.

Cancer Support Group
1st Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm
St. Damian Pastoral Center
5250 155th Street, Oak Forest IL

Whether you are currently in treatment for cancer, or if you are supporting a loved one or friend who has cancer or is in remission - we hope you will join us.

Call Joy at 708-687-4762 and please leave a message.

HOPE EMPLOYMENT MINISTRY

If you are in need of guidance with the job search process, the HOPE Employment Ministry can assist you with resumes, career and networking advice.

The next HOPE monthly meeting is:

Tuesday, December 7, 2021 – 7:00pm
St. Elizabeth Seton Campus / McBrady Center -
Orland Hills, IL

The McBrady Center is located just inside the main entrance of the Cardinal Bernardin School (by the bell tower), which provides a very comfortable conference setting, with room to social distance.

This meeting will focus on the current job search needs of the attendees, as well as review the job opportunities provided by local employers. Masks are mandatory.

If you have any questions, please contact Arnie Skibinski at askibinski@steseton.com

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St. Julie will host its parish sales the weekend of December 11/12 before and after the Sat, 4:30pm Mass, as well as the Sunday 7:30am, 9:30am & 11:30am Masses. NO SALES at 6:00pm Mass.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the SCRIP Coordinators:
Corinna Pytel (cpytel@cjbschool.org) or Lori Dorigan (ldorigan@cjbschool.org).

FAITH DIRECT

This Thanksgiving we are expecting an unprecedented number of people throughout our community to turn to St. Julie Billiart for warm meals, comfort, and shelter. No one in need should be turned away, which is why we are reaching out to our parishioners. Your generous online donations now will help sustain Thanksgiving ministries that reflect God's love. As you can imagine, our ministries are feeling the effects of rising costs and empty shelves. We must prepare as early as possible this year to do our best to help those in need.

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Fr. Tirso Villaverde



LEGACY PLANNING



Please prayerfully consider remembering our St. Julie parish when you update your estate plans. These gifts help us to build a solid foundation for the Catholic formation of future generations.

Prepare or update your will or trust by contacting an estate attorney. For sample bequest language, please contact St. Julie Billiart 708.429.6767 or Krystina M. Campbell, Planned Giving Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312.534.5404 or kcampbell@archchicago.org.

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Monday-Friday - After the 8:00am Mass (Sacred Heart Chapel)

HOSPITAL

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

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- 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.).

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