



*Second Sunday of*  
***Advent***

December 5, 2021

Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights;  
look to the east and see your children gathered  
from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One,  
rejoicing that they are remembered by God.

Baruch 5:5

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# BEING DISCIPLES OF JESUS



**Fr. Tirso Villaverde**  
*Pastor*

## FROM OUR PASTOR

Next Sunday, December 12th, even as it will be the Third Sunday of Advent, all are invited to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe. Please refer to the following planned schedule of events:

- 6:30am Bilingual rosary and offering of roses  
(bring your own roses to offer to the Virgin Mary)
- 7:30am Bilingual Mass with Mariachi
- 8:30am Songs and retelling the Story
- 9:15am Light refreshments in Parish Hall

Our Lady of Guadalupe is revered in all of Mexico. She is patroness of all the Americas—North, Central, and South. She is also the protectress of the unborn. I felt it was only fitting that we honor Our Lady of Guadalupe this year. I am grateful to parishioners who helped me put all of our plans together.

If you are not familiar with the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, it is a miracle in and of itself. The Virgin Mary appeared to St. Juan Diego for several days on a mountaintop just outside of Mexico City. Efforts at evangelization were not as fruitful as the missionaries had hoped. Our Lady's appearance helped to change that.

The image of Our Lady of Guadalupe is etched into the fabric of St. Juan Diego's tilma—a poncho like garment popular in the time of the apparition. Scientific tests have been done on the tilma and there is no scientific explanation as to how the image became imprinted onto the fabric and how it has lasted for almost 500 years. The image was not painted with any type of paint known to humankind. This points to the divine hand of God in the creation of the image.

Those same scientific tests also revealed that in the eyes of the Virgin Mary of Guadalupe, there are retinal images of various figures one of whom was Juan de Zumarraga who was the Bishop of Mexico City at the time. He can be seen in the eyes of the Virgin Mary along with other people. The retinal

images in the eyes were also inverted. In other words, we can see the people who were gathered in that room before the Virgin Mary and became the first witnesses of the miracle. We see them upside down in Mary's eyes because that is how a normal human eye would see images.

Further, the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe also teaches us how to understand the Virgin Mary from our Catholic point of view. In that image, the Virgin Mary herself teaches us how she is to be understood. Here are a few details in the image that point to that proper understanding.



- The Virgin Mary's face looks downward. In the ancient Aztec culture, images of deities always looked straight forward. That facial gesture indicated that an image was of an Aztec god or goddess. In the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mary's face looks downward indicating that she was not a goddess.
- Mary's hands are in prayer. This detail again shows that Mary is a servant of God since she stands in prayer.
- Our Lady of Guadalupe stands in front of the sun and on top of the moon. This not only points to the Virgin Mary as the woman mentioned in the Book of Revelation. This detail also was a powerful message for the people of the day who believed the sun and moon to be gods. The fact that the sun and moon are in inferior positions to the Virgin Mary powerfully taught the ancient people of Mexico that they were worshiping false gods. She points to the One True God. From this, Our Lady of Guadalupe became the catalyst that moved virtually all of the native Mexicans to embrace the Catholic faith.
- Mary is pregnant in the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Under her hands can be seen a brown colored belt. This was a maternity belt that ancient Aztec women would wear. The Virgin Mary of Guadalupe is pregnant, of course, with the Child Jesus to whom she points as the One who ought to be given worship.

- Mary is dark skinned. It is interesting that the Virgin Mary appeared to St. Juan Diego not as someone with European features. Instead, she appeared as one of the natives of Mexico. She teaches that she is one with the People of God in every time and place. This is further emphasized by the fact that the wings of the angel beneath Our Lady of Guadalupe have the colors of what would become the Flag of Mexico.

There is so much more symbolism that can be learned from the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe. I just cannot fit all of it in one single article. Of all the apparitions of the Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe has been documented as authentic.

The impact of Our Lady of Guadalupe has been felt for generations. May she inspire in us a deeper love for our Catholic faith and the desire to share that gift with everyone we might meet.

A special thank you to our donors for the event to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe. If you have the chance to patronize their business, please do so.

Ryan Phelps of  
Southside Knockout Gym  
3504 W 111th Street, Chicago



Rafael Dominguez of  
Alvi Transport Inc  
14843 Harbor Drive, Oak Forest

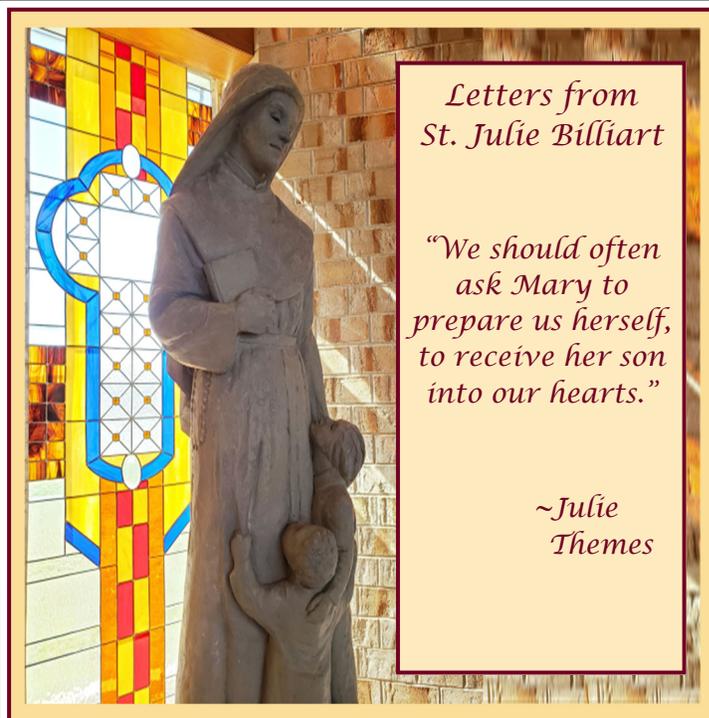
John Mantes of  
Kingsberry Waffle House  
5420 W 159th Street, Oak Forest



Thank you as well to Ramiro and Margarita Marquez; Marilu Flores and family; Andi Borucke; Lilia Izguerra; Nancy Garcia; Danny Salgado and family; the Sanchez family; the Moreno family and everyone else who helped to plan our activities for Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Peace,

**All Souls' Photos**  
Please pick up the photo  
of your loved one  
from the basket on a table  
in the Narthex.



*Letters from  
St. Julie Billiart*

*"We should often  
ask Mary to  
prepare us herself,  
to receive her son  
into our hearts."*

*~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](mailto:Marianne@stjulie.org)

## ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES

**Ten Thousand Villages** – Sat/Sun, Dec. 4/5 (pg. 9)  
**Packing Soldiers Christmas Boxes** – Mon, Dec. 6 (pg. 9)  
**Solemnity of Immaculate Mary** - Wed, Dec. 8  
8:00am & 7:00pm Masses  
**Our Lady of Guadalupe** - Sun, Dec. 12  
6:30am Rosary / 7:30am Mass / Mariachi / 8:30am Reenactment  
**Advent Reconciliation Service** - Mon, Dec. 13- 7pm Church  
**FF Advent Outreach Projects** – Due by Sat, Dec. 18 (pg. 6)  
**Daybreak Shelter Breakfast** – seeking volunteers (pg. 8)  
**Public Action to Deliver Shelter** – seeking volunteers (pg. 8)  
**Port Lunches Packing Date** – Sun, Dec. 12 – 10:15am (pg. 8)  
**SJB Giving Tree** – Items returned by Sun, Dec. 12 (pg. 9)  
**Christmas Nativity Play** – Thu, Dec. 23 6:00pm (pg. 11)  
**Simbang Gabi** – Thu, Dec. 23 – 7:00pm

# THE STUMP OF JESSE



**Fr. Ton Nguyen**  
Associate Pastor

## AH, NOW I GOT IT!

A young mind asks, “Why do we celebrate Christmas every year? Does Christ get born again?” Well, those are good questions. Christ was born once – thinking about Christmas as celebrating the birthday of the Lord. As we are in the season of Advent, some of us might have a similar question, “why do we celebrate Advent annually?” *What It Means to Be a Christian*, a book written by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, gives us much insight – highly recommended for Advent. He shares, “Our century is making us learn anew the truth of Advent: that is, the truth that it has always been Advent and yet also still is Advent. That all mankind stands in darkness, but, on the other hand, that all mankind is illuminated by God’s light. Yet if this is the way it is, that it has always been Advent and still is Advent, then this also means that there is still Advent, then this also means that there is no period of history for which God would be just the past, which already lies behind us and in which everything has already been done. On the contrary, for all of us God is the origin from which we come and yet still also the future toward which we are going. And that means, furthermore, that for all of us God cannot be found except by going to meet him as the One who is coming, who is waiting for us to make a start and demanding that we do so.” What we just read? I know, right! Basically, Pope Benedict wants to bring our attention to (1) God’s eternity (there is no time for God; The past, present, and future displays at the same time in front of Him) and (2) Mankind’s pilgrimage to see God face-to-face (we are still on the journey). So are we living “before Christ” or “after Christ?”

The Pope continues, “It is Advent. All our answers remain fragmentary. The first thing we have to accept is, ever and again, this reality of an enduring Advent. If we do that, we shall begin to realize that the borderline between “before Christ” and “after Christ” does not run through historical time, in an outward sense, and cannot be drawn on any map; it runs through our own hearts. Insofar as we are living on a basis of selfishness, of egoism, then even today we are “before Christ.” But in this time of

Advent, let us ask the Lord to grant that we live less and less “before Christ,” and certainly not “after Christ,” but truly with Christ and in Christ: with him who is indeed Christ yesterday, today, and forever. Amen.”



What is your holy outfit for Advent?

Here is mine ☺

## I LOVE BEING A PRIEST

As we are celebrating Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception on December 8, I came cross another beautiful reading about the Attributes to God. I pray that as we reading this short writing from St. Augustine, we come to love God more.

*“What then are you, O my God? What, but the Lord God? For who is Lord but the Lord, or who is God but our God? O most high, most good, most powerful, almighty, most merciful, and most just; most hidden and ever-present; most beautiful and most strong; stable and incomprehensible; unchangeable and changing all things; never new, never old; renewing all things, bringing age upon the proud and they know it not; always in action and always at rest; gathering, and never wanting; supporting, filling, and overshadowing all things; creating, nourishing, and perfecting; seeking and yet lacking nothing.*

*You love, yet are not inflamed with passion; You are jealous without concern; You repent without grief; You are angry yet always calm; You change Your works, yet never Your design; You recover and find what You never lost. You are never needy, and yet are pleased with gain; You are never covetous, and yet exact interest; men pay You more than they owe as if to obligate You, and yet who has anything that is not Yours? You pay debts, and are a debtor to no one; You forgive debts and lose nothing. And what is all this that we have said, O my God, my life, my holy joy? What can anyone say when he is speaking to You? And woe to those who say nothing of You, since even the most eloquent seem to be mute.”*

**Page 21-22 – Confessions of St. Augustine**

JMJ, Fr. Ton Nguyen

# IN OUR PRAYERS

## WE REMEMBER OUR BELOVED DEAD

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

Cynthia Padilla (wife of Frank)  
Sr. Mary Kevin  
Judith E. Kujawa  
Mark Butowski  
Maria Rosa Savarino  
Dorothy Loomis

## THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING

Noreen Pagulayan	Lori & Ray McCarthy
David Joseph Dohm	Joanne Tishka
William (Bill) Dado	Lucy Krouse
Meg Keating	

## 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, December 6** (Monday of the Second Week of Advent)  
Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 85:9ab and 10-14; Luke 5:17-26

**Tuesday, December 7** (Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church)  
Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 96:1-3 and 10ac, 11-13; Matthew 18:12-14

**Wednesday, December 8** (Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary)  
Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Psalm 1-3d, 4; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38

**Thursday, December 9** (St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin)  
Isaiah 41:13-20; Psalm 145:1, 9-13ab; Matthew 11:11-15

**Friday, December 10** (Our Lady of Loretto)  
Isaiah 48:17-19; Psalm 1:1-4, 6; Matthew 11:16-19

**Saturday, December 11** (St. Damasus I)  
Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Psalm 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Matthew 17:9a, 10-13;

**Sunday, December 12** (Third Sunday of Advent)  
Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Psalm Isaiah 12:2-6; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18

## MASS INTENTIONS

V- Deceased

L - Living

### Saturday, Dec. 4 - 4:30pm

L Nancy & Mike Sauer - 50th Anniversary, L Audrey Ulasvich, †Rob Aikens, †Mildred & Chester Faron, †Jesse J. James †Linda S. Rizzo

### Sunday, Dec. 5 - 7:30am

L Corazon Chavez, L Audrey Ulasvich, †Linda S. Rizzo, †John R., Delores, John T. & Sue Duffey, †Joseph & Anna Kotas, †Elsie & William Kretzer, †Cindy West

### Sunday, Dec. 5 - 9:30am (livestreamed)

†Barbaryan Dudek, †James & Theresa Jesernik, †Jack Norris, Deceased members of the Alice & James Murphy family

### Sunday, Dec. 5 - 11:30am

†Bienvenido Camacho, †Xavier Fratto, †James L. Grider, †Paschal Lovergine, †Marilyn M. Reyes Kaneholani, †Stanley Kilanowski, †Nicholas Mercadante

### Sunday, Dec. 5 - 6:00pm

St. Julie Billiart parishioners

### Monday, Dec. 6 - 8:00am

L Mary C. Kelly, L Jennifer & Robert Mikulskis, †Francis O'Neill, †Margaret O'Neill, †Peggy O'Neill, Deceased members of the Jacob & Agnes Pawlicki family, †Mary Ann & Ronald Porcaro

### Tuesday, Dec. 7 - 8:00am

L Mary C. Kelly, †Francis O'Neill, †Margaret O'Neill, †Peggy O'Neill, L Elias & Sonia Zumout

### Wednesday, Dec. 8 - 8:00am

†Ariel Casimiro, †Celso Custodio, L Farouq & Laila Jraisat †Helen Smith

### Wednesday, Dec. 8 - 7:00pm

†Kathryn & Raymond Mackey

### Thursday, Dec. 9 - 9:00am

St. Julie Billiart Parishioners

### Friday, Dec. 10 - 8:00am

L Mary C. Kelly, †Francis O'Neill, †Margaret O'Neill, †Peggy O'Neill, †Robert Provancal, †Harry Renderman, †Daniel Sniogowski, †Vito Ventrella

### Saturday, Dec. 11 - 4:30pm

St. Julie Billiart parishioners

### Sunday, Dec. 12 - 7:30am

†Chester Faron, L Mary C. Kelly, †Francis O'Neill, †Margaret O'Neill, †Peggy O'Neill

### Sunday, Dec. 12 - 9:30am (livestreamed)

†Florence Borowski, †Barbaryan Dudek, †Mildred Faron, †Virginia Gentile, †Chester S. Gniadek, †William Kennedy, †Maryellen Knight, †Cassandra Marshall, †Cynthia G. Padilla, †Charles Sevey, †Joseph & Mary Schulok, †Charles Sevey †Valeria Sommerfield

### Sunday, Dec. 12 - 11:30am

†Members of the Galenziewski family, †Betty Kucharz, †Jean & Hank Kulenski, †Dan Sniogowski, L Samia Zumout

### Sunday, Dec. 12 - 6:00pm

L Geraldine Tomaselli



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

## FAMILY FAITH SHARING

Today's Gospel (Luke 3:1-6) tells us that John the Baptist preaches repentance and the forgiveness of sins, preparing the way for God's salvation. John's preaching on the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season and, as John's message prepared the way for Jesus, we, too, are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. Our response to God's message should be repentance and reform

of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives the coming of the Lord, as John did. During the season of Advent, we choose to add many activities to our family's schedule to prepare for the celebration of Christmas. John the Baptist reminds us that our repentance is another way in which we can prepare for the Lord's coming and our celebration of Christmas. You might choose to participate in the sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent.

As you read today's Gospel (Luke 3:1-6), talk about how John the Baptist called upon the people to prepare the way of the Lord through repentance. Together as a family, have a simple reconciliation service to prepare for Christmas. Read today's Gospel and invite each family member to pray silently, asking God's forgiveness. Complete your prayer with an Act of Contrition and share a sign of peace.

## ADVENT OUTREACH PROJECT



Our Faith Formation children are helped to understand that social justice is the basis of our mission as Church. We encourage each grade level to be involved and 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 Toys

### Seventh Grade

Gift cards for Together We Cope clients

### Eighth Grade

Buckets of Hope Program (14 cleaning items)

## EMERGENCY CLOSING INFORMATION

Closing information for classes will be posted on our website - [www.stjulie.org](http://www.stjulie.org) and on Facebook.



## THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sofia Al-Joainat  
Victor Al-Joainat  
Owen Biniewicz  
Francesca Cardella  
Skyla Cortez  
William Dybas  
Michele Eckert  
Alyssandria Elvena  
Jase Enstrom  
Jacob Geigner  
Nora Hession  
Maeve Himmelman

Cole Horbaczewski  
Lillian Keogh  
Meghan Kijewski  
Maeve Knight  
Alan LaMontagne  
Ryleigh Lawler  
Maksim Leano  
Austin Lill  
Elizabeth Makuch  
Madison McCarthy  
Madison McCrudden  
Emma McDonald  
Andrew Misura

Avie Pia  
Giro Pia  
Autumn Pratl  
Paul Riedl  
Anthony Sanchez  
Lailany Sanchez  
Melany Sanchez  
John Shaughnessy  
Madelyn Shaughnessy  
Brianna Skrobanski  
Noah Vargas  
Liam Vazquez

# Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School

## CJB SCRIP SALE AT SJB - December 11/12!

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. *Please see the vendor list either in this bulletin or on the tables in the Narthex.*

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. 167<sup>th</sup> Street, Orland Hills (next to St. Elizabeth Seton Church).



## CARDINAL BERNARDIN SCHOOL – JOB POSTINGS

We have has 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](http://www.virtusonline.org)) Contact Mrs. Jeanne Pagliaro at [jpagliari@cjbschool.org](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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 Shelter is located in Joliet and run by Catholic Charities. For over 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](mailto: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

**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!



## CARE FOR CREATION

"... the world we have received  
also belongs to those who will follow us."  
- Pope Francis



Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from burning fossil fuels traps heat, is warming the planet, and is contributing to climate instability. Transportation, including our daily driving, contributes to 29% of total US GHG emissions. When purchasing, consider buying the highest mileage vehicle in the class you need. For example, a 40-mpg vehicle can save you 4500 gallons of fuel over the life of the vehicle and dramatically reduce emissions, compared to a 20-mpg alternative. Hybrid and electric vehicles can often deliver even greater reductions. Check for available incentives on those. Often the move to a more efficient vehicle can result in reduced operating expense and an overall cost savings to you, while reducing waste and pollution!

## 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](mailto: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 pick-up the meals, which helps us tremendously...**what 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.

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](mailto:sheila@stjulie.org)



## CHRISTMAS CARE PACKAGE 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](mailto:Sheila@stjulie.org)

If you have not returned your care package or cookies, please feel free to drop them off in the Parish Hall Monday night from 6-8p m!



## 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**

Watch for our meetings to resume early in 2022!



## 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 JULIE COAT DRIVE

Time to clean out those closets! We are collecting gently used coats, hats, gloves, fleece and sweatshirts for those in need. If 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! Please turn them in by **Jan. 9.**



# 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](http://www.stjulie.org)) for up-to-date information.



### St. Peregrine Novena # 2

- 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 FOR THE DEAF

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

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

## Oplatki (Christmas Wafer)

The breaking of the Christmas wafer is a custom that began in Poland in the 10<sup>th</sup> century and is practiced by people of Polish ancestry. It is considered the most ancient and beloved of Polish traditions. The Christmas wafer symbolizes the unity of the family and also symbolizes forgiveness and reconciliation.

The unleavened wafers are baked from wheat flour and water, are usually rectangular in shape and very thin. They are identical in composition to the altar bread that becomes the Eucharist at the consecration at Mass in the Roman Catholic Church.



The Oplatki wafers are usually embossed with Christmas-related religious images...the nativity scene, the Virgin Mary with baby Jesus or the Star of Bethlehem.

Before partaking of the Christmas Eve meal, the family gathers around the table. The eldest holds a wafer and breaks off a piece to begin the ritual. The remaining wafer is passed on to another while a prayer for loved ones is said. This continues until everyone at the table has a piece of the wafer. Finally, each family member gives wishes to every other family member.

The Oplatki wafers (one "white" wafer per envelope for \$1) are available in the Parish Office during office hours Mon-Thu (8:30am-12noon and 1:00pm-4:30pm).

There are limited quantities.

## 2021 BONANZA RAFFLE WINNERS

On Thursday, November 25, 2021 after our 9:00am Mass of Thanksgiving, winners drawn:

### BONANZA RAFFLE WINNERS

- Grand Prize - \$10,000 - Ticket # 375  
Richard & Irene Miska
- 1st Prize - \$3,000 - Ticket #33  
Nediljko Babic
- 2nd Prize - \$2,000 - Ticket #321  
Patrick & Eileen Breslin

### SELLERS' SPECIAL RAFFLE WINNERS

- 3-4 Tickets Sold - \$250  
John Simoni
- 5-9 Tickets Sold - \$500  
Marcelo Trabado
- 10 or more Tickets Sold - \$1,000  
Cathryn Seitz

**Begins  
January 2022**

**50/50  
Raffle**

**\$5.00**  
per Entry

Preprinted raffle envelopes included in your packet, or additional raffle envelopes available in the Narthex and Parish Office.

- *No limit on number of Entries per Month, but each \$5 Entry MUST be submitted separately in our preprinted raffle envelope*
- *Drawing on the Last Monday of each Month*
- *Must be 18 or older to participate*

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# PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

## BUSINESS MANAGER POSITION - SJB

Nancy Pfeiffer will be retiring on December 2, so the search is underway for a new business manager. Anyone interested in applying for the position is asked to send a letter stating their intent to apply, along with a copy of their resume, to Fr. Tirso Villaverde [frtirso@stjulie.org](mailto:frtirso@stjulie.org)  
**Deadline for submission will be Wed, Dec. 15.**

## YOUNG AT HEART

Happy Advent!



Our January Luncheon will be held on January 11 in the Devine Center. Tickets go on sale in the Narthex on January 1/2 and 8/9. Thank you to all for making this a wonderful year. We are grateful for ALL of you!

God bless you!



**Holy Day of Obligation**  
*Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**Wednesday**  
**December 8, 2021**  
**Mass Times: 8:00am & 7:00pm**

Immediately following the 7:00pm Mass, all are invited to a reception in the Devine Center.

Join us for snacks, beverages and fellowship, sponsored by the St. Julie Men's Group.

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## YOUNG AT HEART CHRISTMAS TRIP

Friday, Dec. 17 - White Fence Farm

**Just 6 tickets left!**

White Fence Farm presents "Sweet Reminders," as they offer special holiday classic songs that are near and dear to our hearts. There will be some song facts and humor to engage the audience as well.

To top it off, we will enjoy a famous meal of White Fence Farm Chicken (four pieces) with all the fixin's:

*Homemade Corn Fritters - Baked Potato - Cole Slaw  
Cottage Cheese - Kidney Bean Salad - Pickled Beets  
Coffee, Tea or Soft Drink - Dessert*

**Depart:** 10am (meet outside of the Devine Center)

**Return:** 4pm (approximately)

**Ticket Cost:** \$55.00 (bus, show, meal, tax and gratuity)

Tickets are on sale in the parish office until gone.

For more info contact Joanne Tuzik or Deacon Ed.



# PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

## 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** - There are **two** SVdP donation slots in the Narthex, **on both the North and South walls**. Monetary donations may be put in there! Any checks should be made out to St. Vincent dePaul Society.
- We hope this information helps! Let us know if you have other questions.

## 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](mailto:askibinski@steseton.com)

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# STEWARDSHIP & GENEROSITY

## CJB SCHOOL—SCRIP PROGRAM



St. Julie will host its parish sales next weekend (**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.

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](http://faith.direct/IL834) or text 'Enroll' to (708.286.5777). Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

Peace,

Fr. Tirso Villaverde



## LEGACY PLANNING



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For more information, please contact St. Julie parish 708.429.6767 or visit [giving.archchicago.org/cga](http://giving.archchicago.org/cga).

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## ST. JULIE BILLIART - Sacrificial Giving - Sunday Offerings: Fiscal Year July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022

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

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## NEW PARISHIONERS

All are invited to participate in the life and mission of the SJB faith family. Come in to the office or begin the process 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 AND BAPTISMAL CLASSES

Parents 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 for a wedding date and to begin marriage preparations.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:00pm-4:00pm in the Sacred Heart Chapel (South side of Church) 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](mailto:Stvincentdepaulstjulie@gmail.com).

## PARISH STAFF & CONTACT INFORMATION

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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