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## SECOND SUNDAY OF

# Advent



DECEMBER 4, 2022

John the Baptist appeared,  
preaching in the desert of Judea and saying,  
“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!”

MATTHEW 3:1

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*How good is the good God!  
- St. Julie Billiart*

### DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday 8:00am  
Sacred Heart Chapel

### FIRST SATURDAY MASS

Once a month at 8:00am

### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturdays

4:30pm

Sundays

7:30am 9:30am 11:30am

6pm

*9:30am is livestreamed via Facebook,  
then available on our website.*

### RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3pm-4pm

Sacred Heart Chapel

*For a private appointment, call the  
parish office.*

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thursdays

After 8am Mass until 11am

First Fridays

After 8am Mass until 5pm

Sacred Heart Chapel

### DEVOTIONAL PRAYER

Rosary / Divine Mercy Chaplet

Monday - Friday 8:30am

Sacred Heart Chapel

### PRIVATE PRAYER

Monday-Friday

8:30am-4:30pm

Mary Chapel



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# BEING DISCIPLES OF JESUS

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**Fr. Tirso Villaverde**  
*Pastor*

## RECONCILIATION

Advent is upon us once again. This is a holy time of preparation not only for the First Coming of Christ but, more importantly, for his Second Coming. In the midst of all of our holiday preparation, we must never forget that central to our readiness for the coming of Christ is a natural cleansing of our

soul. In our Catholic tradition, nothing cleanses our soul better than the Sacrament of Reconciliation. However, more and more of today's Catholics are no longer taking advantage of this great Sacrament. For those who still do, we are still in need of a clearer understanding of what the Sacrament of Reconciliation truly means.

First of all, the name of the Sacrament used to be known exclusively as Confession. In recent times, the Church has adopted the term Reconciliation because it expresses better the nature of the Sacrament. The word confession sometimes connotes a one way approach. For example, the person who has committed the offense is the one who comes before the one offended to admit the many ways that he/she has done wrong.

Confession of sin, of course, is part of the Sacrament. None of us can come to the Sacrament without having anything to confess. However, the Church has moved more toward the term Reconciliation to emphasize the relationship aspect between God and us. In other words, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is not just about us confessing our sins and expressing our sorrow for them. The Sacrament—like all other Sacraments—is primarily about the grace of God. In this case, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a celebration of God's Promise. In the Sacrament, we remember that God's Promise to us will always ring true—He will be our God and we will be His People. Even despite our failures and shortcomings, the desire of God remains the same. He continues to want to be our God and He continually desires that we be His People. In this, we celebrate more the power of God who alone will make that a reality.

Perhaps the move from the term Confession to the term Reconciliation further emphasizes the truth that God is not about condemnation or punishment. God does not rejoice in the destruction of the sinner. Rather, God rejoices—indeed the entirety of heaven rejoices—whenever one repentant sinner turns back to God. Whenever we come to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, it

is meant to make us more aware of God's love. Perhaps what frightens many people and makes them hesitant about the Sacrament is a fear that God's desire is to punish.

Sadly, though, many Catholics still approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation with that same fear. They are afraid of God's punishment so they come to the Sacrament with that in mind. As great as it is that they are taking advantage of the Sacrament, that fear still prevents them from experiencing the fullness of God's love. Approaching the Sacrament thinking that God is going to strike people down with the might of His wrath puts God in a very bad light. It creates a misunderstanding about the nature of the relationship that God desires with us. Again, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a celebration of God's Promise and desire to be in a relationship with us—a relationship rooted in love much more than fear.

Perhaps another apprehension many Catholics might have is the very experience of having to confess wrongdoing to another human being. There is the proverbial question of why any of us needs to go before a priest when we can talk to God directly. In many ways, that is true. But, God has always worked through intermediaries. If we look at the many stories in the Sacred Scriptures, we will always find that God chose to work through human instruments even though He could do things on His own.

God has spoken through the prophets even though God could have done so on His own. God chose the Virgin Mary to be an instrument of His Incarnation into the world even though God was perfectly powerful enough to use another method. God chooses people as His instruments perhaps to emphasize His desire to be in relationship with us. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the priest is God's chosen instrument.

As we have entered the season of Advent, the season calls us to turn away from sin not only because we know that it is wrong but more so because it hurts the relationship between us and God. The more importance a particular relationship has for us the more effort we will exercise in making sure it remains strong. The more love we feel for a person, the greater the effort we will give in repairing whatever wrong we might have done. The greater the value a person has in our life the greater the effort we will give to celebrate that relationship. When it comes to our relationship with God, one of the ways we are able to accomplish all of that is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

During this season of Advent, we are given several opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This week, the families in our Faith Formation program will be given the opportunity during their regular session on Monday and Wednesday. This Tuesday, all parishioners will be invited to celebrate the Sacrament in a communal prayer service with individual Reconciliation. Of course, every Saturday afternoon between 3:00pm and 4:00pm, there is a priest assigned to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with anyone who desires. Lastly, the Sacrament of Reconciliation does not have to be celebrated only during those specific times. Anyone can always make an appointment with Fr. Roy or myself whenever the need arises.

Either way, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is always available and we need to take advantage of it. The Church requires each of the faithful to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once a year. That is the minimum. It emphasizes the truth that no one is perfect and everyone is in need of Reconciliation. But, it does not need to be limited to just once a year.

We all are in need of reminders of God's love. This Advent as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ and anticipate his return in glory, let us take advantage of the great Sacrament of Reconciliation. Let us remember God's love for us and our love for God. In that way, we will always be prepared.

Peace,



You are invited:  
**ADVENT RECONCILIATION**  
 Tuesday, December 6 – 7:00pm in Church

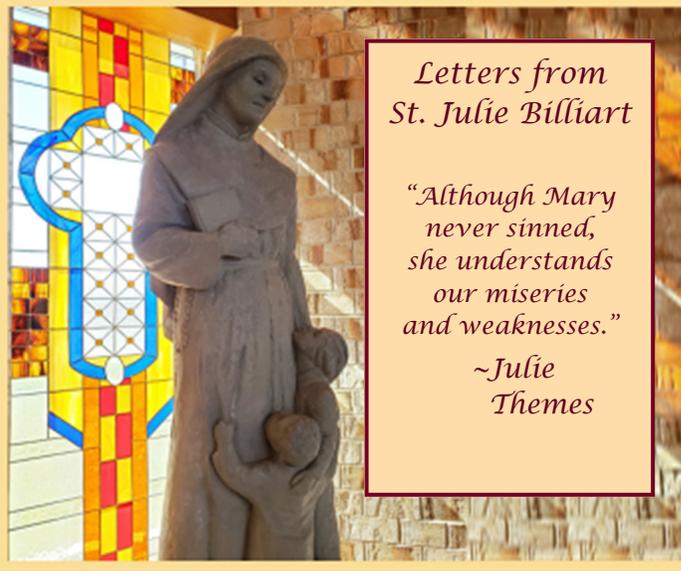
### Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

**Sunday, December 11**

5:30pm Rosary will begin in Church

6:00pm Mass (roses will be offered during offertory)

7:00pm Refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall



*Letters from  
 St. Julie Billiart*

*“Although Mary never sinned, she understands our miseries and weaknesses.”*

*~Julie  
 Themes*

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# IN THE SHADOW OF THE WORD / LANDONG SA PULONG



**Fr. Roy Belocura**  
Associate Pastor

*'Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight his paths.'* - Mt 3:3

It is the Lord who is coming. We are the ones who are waiting for His coming. But we wait with hope and active preparation. We then live our faith less passively and more personally by having a value, or a virtue, centered season of Advent.

St Paul writes that, "Whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope." In other words, the history of God's saving action among men, which we turn our attention to during Advent, should stir up within us an energetic supernatural optimism - what St Paul calls "hope".

Hope is the opposite of discouragement and pessimism. Hope is the confidence that no matter how dark it may get in the middle of winter, the light of Christ will never be extinguished. Let us check ourselves for any discouragement, because it breeds cynicism and despair. It turns our attention to the shadows and darkness, to the problems and failures.

Discouragement is the most paralyzing of vices. If we give in to discouragement, our faith becomes completely passive, completely impersonal. We then ask the Lord to grant us the grace to stir up the virtue of hope, and escape from the paralysis of cynicism and discouragement.

There is a simple way that we have to do: work on our complaining attitude. Much is wrong in the world, the Church, and our own lives. But complaining fixes nothing and draws our attention to the darkness. To be people of Christian hope, we must learn to turn our complaints into constructive projects, to never mention a problem without at the same time proposing a (and being part of the) solution. That's how true Christians think and live, because they are personal friends of Christ the Lord, whose power and wisdom are without limit.

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You may ask me questions regarding faith and spirituality. You may want to share your own experiences and realizations after reading this humble corner of reflections, so we may all benefit from the lessons. Please send them to my email [frroy@stjulie.org](mailto:frroy@stjulie.org).



*St. Julie Carolers may be coming to your home!*

**Saturday, December 10 and Saturday, December 17**

If you are interested in supporting Music Ministry and love Christmas Music, **you can sign up to have the St. Julie Carolers come to your home!**

- Sign-ups will be on a first come, first serve basis
- Suggested \$50 donation
- *Use the QR Code or call the Parish Office to reserve a spot and share the Spirit of Christmas!*



# IN OUR PRAYERS

## WE REMEMBER OUR BELOVED DEAD

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

Jerome "Jerry" Rakunas, husband of Carolyn  
Robert Kretzer, husband of Kathleen

## THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING

Veronica Godlewski  
Kyle John Godlewski  
Lori McCarthy  
Ray McCarthy  
Julia Greco

## NEWLY MARRIED

*May God bless you abundantly with love, joy and compassion.*

November 19, 2022  
Jency Stephen & Shobin J. Kottoor  
November 26, 2022  
Monica Kase & William Daniel Mitchell

## OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

*You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in baptism & marked as Christ's own forever.*

November 19, 2022  
Ford Jacob, son of Elizabeth Kipp & Jacob Jagodzinski

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, December 5** (Monday of the Second Week of Advent)

Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 85:9ab, 10-14; Luke 5:17-26

**Tuesday, December 6** (Tuesday of the Second Week of Advent)

Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 96:1-3, 10-14; Matthew 18:12-14

**Wednesday, December 7** (Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church)

Isaiah 40:25-31; Psalm 103:1-4, 8, 10; Matthew 11:28-30

**Thursday, December 8** (Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Psalm 98:1-4; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38

**Friday, December 9** (Friday of the Second Week of Advent)

Isaiah 48:17-19; Psalm 1:1-4, 6; Matthew 11:16-19

**Saturday, December 10** (Our Lady of Loreto)

Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Psalm 80:2a, c & 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

**Sunday, December 11** (Third Sunday of Advent)

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10; Psalm 146:6-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

## MASS INTENTIONS

† - Deceased

L - Living

Saturday, December 3 - 4:30pm

†Carmen & Antoinette Gatto, †Chester & Mildred Faron, †Jesse J. James, †Christine Wrotny

Sunday, December 4 - 7:30am

†John R., Dolores, John T., and Sue Duffey, L Liam Rowe †Joseph & Mary Schulok, †Joseph Manaparampan, †Varglese Choolaparambil

Sunday, December 4 - 9:30am (livestreamed)

Intentions of the people of St. Julie Billiart parish

Sunday, December 4 - 11:30am

†Stanley Kilanowski, †Sabina Walczak, †Maria Szczerba, †Mary & Stanley Walczak, †Theresa & Herbert Schmalz, †Rev. Richard Jozwiak, †Irene & Bruno Muser, †Enrique Dominguez

Sunday, December 4 - 6:00pm

†Joe Rochioli, Jr., †Pedro Covarrubias

Monday, December 5 - 8:00am

Living and Deceased members of the Rockaitis & Orth families, †Bienvenido Camacho, †Carlotta Cessna

Tuesday, December 6 - 8:00am

†Enrique Dominguez

Wednesday, December 7 - 8:00am

†Michael Hebda

Thursday, December 8 - 8:00am

†Helen Smith, †William . Santulli, †Harry Renderman, †Theresa Lavan

Friday, December 9 - 8:00am

Intentions of the people of St. Julie Billiart parish

Saturday, December 10 - 4:30pm

†Terry & Richard Sharp, †Giovana Frangella-Koning, †Vito Ventrella, †George & Antoinette Reitz, †Jesse J. James, †Robert Provancal, L All Catechists

Sunday, December 11 - 7:30am

†Chester & Mildred Faron, †Jack Norris, †Kathleen Firestone L All Catechists

Sunday, December 11 - 9:30am (livestreamed)

†Alice & James Murphy and deceased family members, †Chester S. Gniadek, †William Kennedy, †Pat Kmak, †Robert Cavanaugh, †Patsy & Bob Johnson, L All Catechists

Sunday, December 11 - 11:30am

†Betty Kucharz, †Hank & Jean Kulenski, †Jeanne Brown, †Jim & Lorraine Jackson, L All Catechists, Deceased members of the Galenziewski family

Sunday, December 11 - 6:00pm

Intentions of the people of St. Julie Billiart parish

# LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION



**Nathan Roy**  
 Director of Lifelong  
 Faith Formation

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You may have a vision of caroling in your mind. Perhaps you have even been a caroler yourself at a time in the past. Have you ever wondered how caroling began? As with many Catholic traditions, caroling has roots that are hundreds of years old. Most historians and theologians point back to St. Francis of Assisi as the first person to officially install caroling into the practices of the Church. St. Francis did this 1223 A.D. but if we take a closer look, caroling can be traced back even further. Before St. Francis, during the Middle Ages, castles often had wall-watchers who would stand atop the city's walls and sing Christmas Hymns to pass the time. In addition to these wall-watchers, wandering bards (musicians) would travel from home to home, tavern to tavern, or town to town. They would frequently sing songs about Christ and if they were especially good people would give them money, food and sometimes even lodging!

So let this be a challenge for us this Advent: to remember our roots as Catholics and use the power of music and song to bring others to an awareness of the true nature of Christmas. Too often in our modern world we fall prey to the secularism surrounding this most precious of holidays. Through caroling we can loudly reclaim Christmas for its true purpose, the birth of our Savior, our Lord Jesus Christ!

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

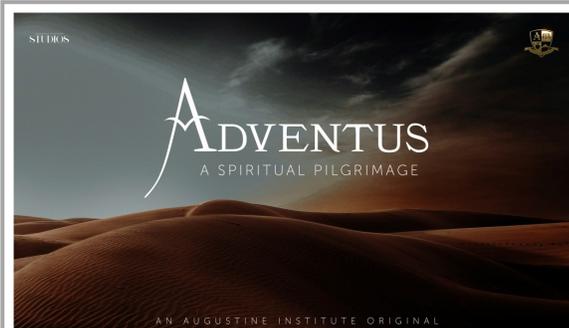
**Mon, Dec 5**  
 6:00pm  
 Family Formation  
 Reconciliation  
 SJB and CJB

**Wed, Dec 7**  
 6:00pm  
 Family Formation  
 Reconciliation  
 SJB and CJB

**Sun, Dec 11**  
 10:15am - Gr. 3  
 Sacramental Mtg.

**Wed, Dec 14**  
 6:00pm - Gr. 2  
 Sacramental Mtg.

**Wed, Dec 14**  
 7:00pm - Gr. 8  
 Sacramental Mtg.



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\*Benefits the *Pat Kmak Faith Formation Fund* (Serves all ages with Financial Aid, Catechist Resources, Pilgrimage, Retreat, Service Trips)



## This Advent...

The St. Julie Faith Formation Program will be remembering the less fortunate. You are invited to donate winter wear (ex. Hats, gloves, scarves, mittens, leg warmers, winter coats, etc.). **These items will be donated to "Together We Cope".**

If you would like to contribute, please bring your donation to class or to the main parish office during regular business hours.

**Donation due by Wednesday, December 14th.**

Thank you for encouraging your child to be concerned for those in need. The Catholic Church teaches us to **volunteer our time, our talents, and our treasures to those in need.**

In the words of our Holy Father, Pope Francis: **"we must take care of the marginalized."**

# ST. JULIE / ST. GEORGE YOUTH MINISTRY



**Kristen Maxwell**  
Youth Minister  
St. Julie / St. George

Email  
kristen@stjulie.org

Thank you for your support of the  
Bulls Tickets Raffle!

The drawing will be **Monday, December 5th!**



## Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 4	3:30pm 6-7pm 7-9pm	Nativity Creche decorating - St. Julie Teen-Hosted Mass – St. Julie Teen Meeting – St. Julie
Thursday, December 8	3-5pm	Junior High Hangout at St. George (Gym & Teen Room)
Tuesday, December 13	7-9pm	Teen Meeting – St. Julie
Sunday, December 18	11:30am 12:30-2:30pm	Teen-Hosted Mass – St. George Christmas Party
Tuesday, December 20	7-9pm	Teen Meeting – St. George

**Teens Wanted:**  
Help Decorate Outdoor  
Nativity Creche for St. Julie!

Sunday, December 4th  
3:30pm

Contact kristen@stjulie.org or kmaxwell@stgeorge60477.org

Sun. Dec. 4th  
*Teen Hosted Mass*  
6pm St. Julie  
*Meeting*  
following from 7-9pm

Help us bake Christmas cookies  
to send to our soldiers

**ENCOUNTER NIGHT**  
*at Our Lady of the Woods*

SPONSORED BY SSYMA  
JANUARY 7TH AT 7PM

ENCOUNTER CHRIST IN YOUR LIFE!  
PRAYER TIME AND RECONCILIATION  
WILL BE OFFERED ALONG WITH OUR  
GUEST SPEAKER.

WITH SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER  
*Rob Kuczmark*  
EMMY AWARD WINNER WHO PRODUCED "ZOMBIES VS. JESUS," "THE GIRL INSIDE," AND "THE MASS."

Sacred Journey Youth Ministry's  
*Junior High*  
**HANGOUT!**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8TH  
ST. GEORGE  
3-4PM - GYM  
4-5 PM - TEEN ROOM  
ALL 7TH AND 8TH GRADERS ARE  
WELCOME!

CONTACT KRISTEN MAXWELL WITH QUESTIONS  
KMAXWELL@STGEORGE60477.ORG OR  
KRISTEN@STJULIE.ORG

St. Julie Advent Merchandise Store has  
Sacred Journey St. George/St. Julie  
Youth Ministry  
apparel for sale!

A variety of colors and styles are available!

The store will only be open for a limited amount of time,  
so buy your Christmas gifts now while you still can!

SOUTHWEST SUBURBAN YOUTH MINISTRY  
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# HUMAN CONCERNS



## ST. JULIE'S ANNUAL WINTER COAT AND WINTER WEAR COLLECTION

It has officially begun! If you have gently used winter fleece, sweatshirts, coats, hats or gloves that you no longer use, we have folks who will make great use of them! Look for the bin just outside the St. Julie Library **from now until the first weekend in January.**

*Thank you for giving the gift of warmth to others!*

## THANK YOU!

St. Julie and the surrounding parishes filled the SVdP truck with warm clothing/coats for our brothers and sisters coming from the border. There will be many grateful hearts!



## ST. VINCENT dePAUL

### Do you know someone who can use 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 appears as "blocked", but please answer the call so we may begin the process of sharing information with you. **708.429.6767 x244.**



## MAKER-TO-MARKET



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**As a pioneer of fair trade,** we do business differently, putting people and planet first. That means you can trust that every purchase and donation you make directly impacts the life and community of its maker in a developing country. Together we break the cycle of generational poverty and ignite social change. #LiveLifeFair

**TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES – DECEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>**

St. Julie Billiard Parish Hall

**Stop by before & after any of our Masses to do some shopping with us!**

# HUMAN CONCERNS



The **Tinley Park Food Pantry**, in conjunction with **Meijer of Orland Park** is sponsoring a fundraiser for the Holidays that will benefit the pantry by helping to stock the shelves.

When you shop at Meijer they will have \$10 **Simply Give** donation cards located at the registers which can be purchased. All proceeds will be donated to the pantry. As a special incentive, on **Saturday December 17th**, Meijer will have a Double Match Day. That is, for every \$10 card purchased on that day, Meijer will provide **an additional \$20**. It's a great way for your money go even further. Please feel free to share with your friends and family as they make plans to do their holiday shopping!

Any questions can be directed to the Tinley Park Food Pantry, Deacon Ed Pluchar at 708-614-7739

## CARE FOR CREATION

**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.

Before purchasing, ask yourself how it will impact the environment. Avoid products with excess packaging. Don't buy what you don't need. Borrow or rent items you need only for occasional use. For items you do buy, look for durability. Consider buying secondhand clothes and household items from thrift stores, consignment shops, and private sellers when it makes sense. Before disposing, donate useful old household items and clothing so someone else can reuse them.

- Refuse ▪ Reduce ▪ Repair ▪ Reuse ▪ Recycle

## THE ST. JULIE GIVING TREE

Please feel free to take a tag or two or however many you may like!

We will be working with several of our outreach partners:

- \* **PASS Pregnancy Center**
- \* **Tinley Park Food Pantry**
- \* **Together We Cope,**
- \* **Pro Labore Dei**
- \* **Crisis Center**
- \* **SVdP**



When you're ready, bring items back (**wrapped or unwrapped**) and place them under the tree!

**Please have each tag attached to the appropriate item!**

**Gifts are needed back by Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> so we may distribute them!**



**Food items may be brought in anytime.**

**We will distribute as we receive.**

**Thank you so much for your generosity!**

## PORT LUNCHES

**WE NEED HELPING HANDS!**

**Sunday, December 11 – Parish Hall (after the 9:30am Mass...10:15am or so)**

All are welcome to come and join in the fun!

We welcome all help...come join us!

We will be preparing 300 lunches for The Port Ministries (51st & Hermitage).

**Donations needed:**

- Granola bars
- individually wrapped snacks
- XL lunch paper bags
- fold-over sandwich bags
- individual chips
- *lots of helping hands!*

***Service hours are welcomed!***



# PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

## ST. PEREGRINE NOVENA

The Novena is held weekly in our Sacred Heart Chapel at 7pm. Check the parish calendar ([www.stjulie.org](http://www.stjulie.org)) for up-to-date information.

### St. Peregrine Novena #2

Week # 8 – Monday, December 5

Week # 9 – Tuesday, December 13



## ALL SOULS' PHOTOS

You may pick up the photo of your loved one from the basket in the Narthex.

## ST. JULIE BOOK CLUB

First Wednesday every month

1:00pm - Great Room



It's a great opportunity to gather with other book lovers to share thoughts, ideas, and opinions about the monthly selection. Any questions or need more information, contact Bev at [bsigler5@comcast.net](mailto:bsigler5@comcast.net).

Dec 7 Mr. Nicholas: A Magical Christmas Tale

by Christopher De Vinck

Jan 4 Normal People by Sally Rooney

Feb 1 November 9 by Colleen Hoover

Mar 1 Eight Perfect Murders by Peter Swanson

Apr 5 The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls

May 3 Brooklyn by Colin Toibin

Jun 7 The Good Earth by Pearl S. Buck

## 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 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).

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# PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

## ATTENTION - ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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**PLEASE SIGN-UP FOR CHRISTMAS EVE, CHRISTMAS DAY AND NEW YEAR'S DAY!**

There are sign-up sheets in the Brides Room/Ministers Sacristy.

If you have been in Ministry in the past but have not served recently please feel free to sign up.

And if you are presently not in Ministry but are interested,  
please contact Marianne – 708.429.6767 x 213 or email [marianne@stjulie.org](mailto:marianne@stjulie.org)

Thank you in advance for your assistance and dedication to ministry at St Julie parish.

## ST. JULIE YOUNG AT HEART

*All are welcome to join us on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>*

*We will be having a Christmas feast! It will be a lovely buffet,  
desserts, coffee and water. Feel free to invite a friend.*

*Devine Center doors open at 11:30pm. Lunch is served at 12noon.*

*Cost is \$10*

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## ST. AGNES MINISTRY – THÁNH ANÊ LÊ THỊ THÀNH

“What is St. Agnes Ministry?” In a recent Synod, Pope Francis states that, “The Church exists to evangelize. We can never be centered on ourselves. Our mission is to witness the love of God amid the whole human family. This Synodal Process has a deep missionary dimension to it. It is intended to enable the Church to better witness to the Gospel, especially with those who live on the spiritual, social, economic, political, geographical, and existential peripheries of our world. In this way, synodality is a path by which the Church can more fruitfully fulfil her mission of evangelization in the world, as a leaven at the service of the coming of God’s kingdom.” Last year, inspired by Synod and the Pope’s invitation, St. Agnes Ministry was found for the purpose to help evangelizing the Vietnamese in the Southwest suburbs of Chicago. This ministry is appreciated by so many people, especially those who just moved to the States with some culture and language barrier. Fr. Tirso continues to be a staff liaison for this ministry. If you know of anyone who would benefit to join ministry, please be Christ hands and feet to help spreading the words. Together, let us build God’s Kingdom on earth!



### MISSION STATEMENT

- St. Agnes (Thánh Anê Lê Thị Thành) Ministry aims to minister to the Vietnamese in the Southwest suburbs of Chicago Diocese by celebrating Mass once a month, maintaining and developing Vietnamese cultural tradition, evangelizing, and supporting St. Julie Parish.

### PURPOSE

- To celebrate Mass in Vietnamese once a month at 4:30pm on the second Sunday of the month.
- To connect and pass on the Viet culture to the younger generation by having Thiếu Nhi Thánh Thể/ Vietnamese Youth Movement before Mass.
- To evangelize using the soft entry during social gatherings after Mass.

### MONTHLY VIET MASS INFORMATION

- Mass every **Second Sunday** of the month except Christmas, Easter and Lunar New Year.
- 3pm: Youth Activity at Devine Center.
- 4:15pm: Prayer before Mass.
- 4:30pm: Viet Mass.
- 5:30pm: Social Gathering in the Devine Center.

### UPCOMING MASS AND GATHERINGS

**December 11** at 7pm (Advent Retreat in Vietnamese/ Tĩnh tâm và Giải Tô), **December 25** at 4:30pm (Christmas Mass in Vietnamese/ Diên Ngụy Giáng Sinh, Thánh Lễ Mừng Chúa Giáng Sinh, Ấm Thu và Văn Nghệ), **January 9** at 6pm (Bilingual Lunar New Year Mass and Reception – Thánh Lễ Mừng Xuân, Ấm Thu cùng Văn Nghệ Vui Xuân). If you want to have more experience of a universal Church, knowing that you are most welcome to participate with us with the Monthly Mass and Gatherings.

Question? Please contact Kevin Dang via [taidang25@yahoo.com](mailto:taidang25@yahoo.com)

# CARDINAL JOSEPH BERNARDIN

## CJB SCRIP FUNDRAISING PROGRAM

Order forms are in the Narthex and Parish Office!



The CJB SCRIP team will once again sell gift cards at St. Julie at most of the masses on **December 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> (not at the 6pm Mass)**

**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, and Visa.

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# STEWARDSHIP & GENEROSITY

## 2022 BONANZA RAFFLE WINNERS

Grand Prize \$10,000 – Ngoc Nguyen  
 First Prize \$3,000 – Ronald & Barbara Lettiere  
 Second Prize \$2,000 – Patricia Hartigan

## 2022 SELLERS' RAFFLE WINNERS

\$1,000 - Fr. Tirso Villaverde – Sold 10+ Tickets  
 \$500 - Karen Tran – Sold 5-9 Tickets  
 \$250 - Charles Krezwick – Sold 3-4 Tickets

The net income was \$30,717.20. Thank you so very much for supporting our parish!

## AMAZON SMILE

Shop this holiday season online with Amazon Smile ([smile.amazon.com/ch/36-2809013](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-2809013)) and they'll donate a portion to St. Julie Billiard Church! If you have any questions, please call the St. Julie parish office and speak with Lisa Melnik at 708.429.6767 x214.



## SJB MONTHLY 50/50 RAFFLE

- \$5 per entry (*Entries must be submitted in our preprinted salmon colored envelopes only.*)
- No limit to the number of entries per person per month, but each \$5 entry must be submitted in a separate envelope (Any amount in a single envelope that exceeds \$5 will automatically be considered a donation to the general fund, and that envelope will still be considered a single entry.) For details, please visit [stjulie.org](http://stjulie.org).



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Peace,  
 Fr. Tirso Villaverde



## SACRIFICIAL GIVING SUNDAY OFFERINGS: FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2022-JUNE 30, 2023

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Budgeted	\$ 18,076.00	Budgeted	\$ 18,076.00	Budgeted	\$ 397,672.00
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