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## The Epiphany of the Lord

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

Matthew 2:1-2

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Letters from  
St. Julie Billiard ~

Come on,  
go straight,  
absolutely straight,  
to the good God  
like a little child  
with simplicity  
of heart.

~Julie, L81

## EPIPHANY...

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of Our Lord. This celebration recalls the visit of the magi to the infant Jesus. Rich in symbolism, at the heart of the Epiphany, is the message that God's salvation has come for all peoples. The foreigners traveled from a great distance to worship the new born King. Their presence demonstrates the wideness of mercy and love. Far too often, we fall into the trap of thinking narrowly, creating an 'us versus them' mentality. And yet the Gospel message is about "them and us." Our faith is always about building bridges. The challenge is for us to open our minds and hearts to embrace all peoples. Today, manifested by the visit from distant travelers, our Lord welcomes all peoples. May we, no matter how difficult at times it may be, learn to do the same; setting aside our own prejudices to see others as brothers and sisters in the Christ Jesus.

## CHRISTMAS CONCLUDES...

After the shortest season of Advent possible, we now similarly have a brief Christmas Season. Christmas in the Church concludes tomorrow with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. While many have seen Christmas 2017 as a distant memory, the Church continues our celebrating of the message of Christ's coming into the world. Each year, the Christmas Season concludes with the Baptism of the Lord, inaugurating Christ's ministry and at the same time reminding us of our Baptismal call to share in Christ's ministry. Tuesday, we will begin Ordinary Time, the counted weeks of the year until it is interrupted with the Season of Lent which begins on Wednesday, February 14th.

## THANK YOU...

As we move on from the Christmas Season, I wish to offer a word of gratitude for the many folks who helped us to prepare and celebrate Christmas. Thanks to all the liturgical ministers, musicians and singers, Church decorators, custodians and many other unsung heroes who make it a wonderful experience for folks to come to Church to worship. I am always deeply moved by the generosity of so many. Thanks, as well, to those who were

generous in both the Christmas collection as well as the gifts for the priests and staff members. Your kindness means so much to us - even if it means we've all put on a few extra pounds with all the baked goodies and candies! Again, I offer sincere thanks - what a blessing it is to be a part of St. Julie Billiard Parish!

## EPIPHANY BLESSING

There is a tradition, in the Church, of blessing our homes on the Epiphany. The blessing is simple and accompanied by the ritual of marking the lintel of the door in chalk with the following symbols: 20 + C + M + B + 18. The numbers obviously are in reference to the calendar year 2018. The + remind us of the cross of Christ. The letters: C, M & B have a double meaning; first the traditional names of the three wise men (Casper, Melchior and Balthazar), as well as the Latin dictate *Christus manionem benedictat* (May Christ bless the house).



So gather your family and offer this prayer today:

*The three Wise Men, Casper, Melchior and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and seventeen years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.*

Now mark the door with the symbols in chalk and then pray:

*Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.*

Peace & Prayers,

*Fr. Lou*

## HOLY



## COMMUNION

### **Belonging Service** **Sunday, January 7, 2018** **at the 9:00am Mass**

Our Second graders from our Religious Education program, our 2nd year Sacramental Program, Cardinal Bernardin School and Noonan Academy will be received as candidates for First Eucharist

## **Respect Life Ministry**

### *Holy Hour for Life*

Friday, January 12 in the Church

Fr. Bob will lead us at 7:00pm

All are welcome!

### *March for Life Rally*

Sunday, January 14

Attend the *Life Rally*

at the Federal Plaza

See page 9 for more info.

## **Religious Education Calendar**

Classes resume this week. Please remember to follow the calendar you received at the beginning of the school year.



Wednesday January 10 Grade 8

Thursday January 11 Grades 6, 7 & Sacramental Program

Saturday January 13 Sessions A & B

Sunday January 14 Pre School / Kindergarten

## **Religious Education Emergency Closing Information**



Please see page 10  
for emergency closing information.



## **Save the Date**

**Wednesday, January 17, 2018**  
**Restaurant Fundraiser at Pop's Beef**  
**7301 W. 183<sup>rd</sup> Street in Tinley Park**  
**between 11:00am to 9:00pm**

## ST JULIE BILLIART PARISH CALENDAR

**January 7 - 14**

*(Subject to change without notice)*

<b>Sunday January 7</b>	Daybreak Shelter Breakfast - Away	4:30 am
	Belonging Mass - Church	9:00 am
	Port Lunches - Devine Center	9:45 am
	RCIA Dismissal - Church & Great Room	10:30 am
	Baptism Prep - Great Room	11:30 am
	Teen Leader Meeting - Youth Center	7:00 pm
	Young at Heart Ticket Sales - Narthex	
<b>Monday January 8</b>	Autumn Leaves Rosary - Away	10:00 am
	St Julie Billiart Staff Meeting - Skylight Lounge	1:00 pm
	Peace & Justice Meeting - Great Room	7:00 pm
	AA - Devine Center	8:00 pm
<b>Tuesday January 9</b>	Young at Heart Luncheon Meeting - Devine Center	11:30 am
	SVDP Meeting - Staff Conference Room	6:45 pm
	Adult Choir - Parish Hall	7:00 pm
	Bobcats General Meeting - Devine Center	8:30 pm
<b>Wednesday January 10</b>	SPRED - Parish Hall	6:30 pm
	Handbell Choir - Church	7:00 pm
	8th Grade Religious Education - Devine Center	7:00 pm
<b>Thursday January 11</b>	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Chapel	8:30 am
	Holy Hour of Reparation - Chapel	4:00 pm
	Religious Education, Grades 6 & 7 - Devine Center	7:00 pm
	Sacramental Program/Journey in Faith - Devine Center	7:00 pm
<b>Friday January 12</b>	Pro-Life Holy Hour - Church	7:00 pm
	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>	
<b>Saturday January 13</b>	Religious Education Session A - Devine Center	8:30 am
	Religious Education Session B - Devine Center	10:30 am
	AA - Devine Center	7:30 pm
	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>	
<b>Sunday January 14</b>	Pre-School & Kindergarten Religious Education - Devine Center	8:45 am
	RCIA Dismissal - Great Room	9:00 am
	Anointing of the Sick - Sacred Heart Chapel	12:45 pm
	March for Life Rally - Away	12:45 pm
	Baptisms - Church	1:30 pm
	Filipino Community Thanksgiving Celebration - Devine Center	2:00 pm
	Mass for the Deaf - Chapel & Parish Hall	4:00 pm

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday 8:30am-4:30pm\*  
 Tuesday 8:30am-4:30pm\*  
 Wednesday 8:30am-7:00pm\*\*  
 Thursday 8:30am-4:30pm\*  
 Friday Closed  
 Saturday Closed  
 Sunday 8:00am-12:00pm

\*Monday-Thursday  
 Closed for lunch 12-1pm

\*\*Wednesday  
 Open until 7pm

**On Fridays  
 the Mary Chapel**  
 will be open from  
 8:30am - 4:00pm  
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### Sacrificial Giving for July 1, 2017 ~ June 30, 2018

Due to holiday printing deadlines,  
 Sacrificial Giving for December 23/24  
 and December 30/31  
 will be reported in next week's issue.

### 2017 Tax Letters

If you require a Contribution Letter for tax filing purposes, please contact the parish office to add your information to the Request List. We do not automatically process letters unless requested. Requests will be processed in order received. Letters will include contributions made directly to the parish through envelopes, Give Central and Faith Direct. Generally, letters will be ready mid to late January. For timely delivery, please provide your email address or you may pick up your letter at the office. Otherwise, your letter will be mailed to the address in our database.

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# MINISTERS AND MASS INTENTIONS

LITURGICAL MINISTERS January 13 / 14 (subject to change without notice)	Saturday 4:30 pm	Sunday 7:30 am	Sunday 9:00 am	Sunday 10:30 am	Sunday 12:00 pm	Sunday 6:00 pm
<b>PRESIDER</b>	Fr. Bob Regan	Fr. Bob Regan	Fr. Bob Regan	Fr. Lou Tylka	Fr. Lou Tylka	Fr. Roberto Mercado
<b>DEACON</b>						
<b>CANTOR</b>	B. Theis	J. Thomas	J. Thomas	C. Clouse	C. Seitz	V. Fultz
<b>LECTORS</b> 1st 2nd	N. Ardiente J. Benz	S. Rost K./J. Rost	T. Melgar M. Melgar	C. Nied M. Gastala	L. Ignacio M. Halicki	C. Ryan C. Evans
<b>SERVERS</b>	D. Burton A. Mikrut G. Rubio	L Rost <i>Not Filled</i> <i>Not Filled</i>	J. Donohoe B. Spinella D. Spinella	C. Gagni A. Gravina Joseph Prepura	F. Porcaro L. Salgado A. Strickler	J. Noga M. Peca <i>Not Filled</i>
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	R. Bracken B. Broz A. Fields M. Grzeslo A. Hayes E. Helmsold P. Helmsold M. Hernaez B. Kmak J. Lisiecki M. Lisiecki J. McErlean J. McMillan S. McMillan J. O'Connor M. Ryan B. Weglarz K. Weishaar	J. Cavanaugh D. Gallagher M. Geary G. Gestaut M. Jarosch K. Koszut C. Lipuma M. Murphy M. Norris L. Palmer B. Ritchie N. Rosian K. Rost K./J. Rost R. Siepka P. Tunney	J. Dantis J. Gill K. Keller E. Kuta M. Kuta R. Kuta G. Leone J. Matz D. Mazzuca M. McMullen-Kahle C. Minatto A. Morrissey M. Mueller C. Murray J. Rehr A. Sazon P. Wyrick R. Wyrick	F. Beno P. Beno D. Dudek N. Dudek P. Flynn M. Gastala P. Kmak B. Kokaska C. Kokaska M. Mitchell M. Plys J. Prepura T. Sherry E. Sherry J. Taylor J. Van Zeyl C. Ward S. Wasinski	D. Dobrzynski M. Halicki L. Ignacio K. Intrieri D. Jozwiak J. Kilanowski P. Laspesa T. Lavan M. Marchbanks L. Maurer P. Moskal <i>Not Filled</i> <i>Not Filled</i> <i>Not Filled</i> <i>Not Filled</i> <i>Not Filled</i>	S. Becvar C. Evans J. Lucas M. O'Donnell T. O'Donnell J. Rickey D. Ryan <i>Not Filled</i> <i>Not Filled</i> <i>Not Filled</i> <i>Not Filled</i> <i>Not Filled</i>
* denotes sub has been requested and is needed						

## Mass Intentions for Daily Masses Monday - Friday at 8:00 a.m.

Monday, January 8 <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>	Tuesday, January 9	Wednesday, January 10	Thursday, January 11	Friday, January 12
Deceased members of the O'Connell family	Deceased members of: Morrissey & Leonard families Joseph & Stella Szwed family +Salvatore Vitale +Virgilio Angga +Sally Jozwiak For the people of St. Julie Billiart Parish	+Virgilio Angga +Irene Gniadek	+John Gatto +Jack Kane +Rev. Francis Kaucky	+John Clifford

## Mass Intentions for the Christian Sabbath, the Lord's Day

Saturday, January 13 <i>St Hilary, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church; BVM</i>	Sunday, January 14: <i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>					
<b>4:30pm</b> +Deacon Stanley Fulton +Kathleen Tunney +Margaret Moran +Sally Jozwiak	<b>7:30am</b> +Sally Jozwiak +Jack Norris	<b>9:00am</b> +Joseph Ozark +Mary Pekar	<b>10:30am</b> For the people of St. Julie Billiart Parish +Betty Kucharz +William J. Flynn +Mary Ann Rubino Mary Kopec	<b>12:00pm</b> +Daniel Kaminskas +James Schroer +Sally Jozwiak +William J. Flynn	<b>6:00pm</b> +Daniel Paliokaitis +Carl Evans, Sr.	

**OUR BELOVED DEAD**

**Gerald Kujawa**  
(husband of Judy)

**June Sgarlata**

**Dolores Maliska**  
(mother of David)

**Vincent DeCaro**  
(husband of Karen)

**Alice Betley**  
(mother of Michael)

**WELCOME NEWLY  
REGISTERED  
PARISHIONERS**

Wendy Nicholson

TJ & Kelly Japcon and Family

Shirley Niziolek

**NEEDING GOOD HEALTH**

Marie Osborne  
David McMullen  
Chris Lask  
Maureen Glatz  
Pat Mc Grath  
John LaPeruto  
Kathy Keane  
Donna Marie Jackson  
Mary Michelon

Chester Faron  
Nancy Rosian  
Pat Tunney  
Rita Ritchie  
Joseph Schulok  
Dolores Anglin  
Scott Dunham  
Michael McCullough

**SERVING OUR COUNTRY \***

Thomas Ryan, USMC  
Major Jim Hannigan, US Army  
1st Lt. Brian Sutor, USAF  
Col. Tom Vogel, US Army  
Lt. Col. Dan Vogel, US Army  
Paul Evans SSG, US Army  
Joseph Lyon PFC  
Alex Bubis PFC, US Army  
Raul Torres, US Army  
Sgt. Jason L. O'Brien, US Army  
Timothy J. Avolio, US Navy  
Master Sgt. Michael LaGiglia  
1st Lt. Mario LaGiglia  
Sr. Airman Dominic LaGiglia  
Sr. Airman Brandon LaGiglia  
Private Geno LaGiglia  
Sgt. John Thomas LaGiglia  
Capt. Kelly Pajak Johnson  
Capt. Matthew Johnson, US Army Natl Guard  
Private Salvatore Chavez, US Army  
Capt. Katherine Maglia, USAF  
Michael J. Yucuis, Jr., USAF  
Lt. Col. Kimberly (Nyderek) Schmidt, USAF  
Nick Merda, U.S. Marines  
Lt. Charles S. Novak, US Coast Guard

John T. Hannigan  
PFC John Riordan, US Army  
Tanya Ayon, USAF  
Private Juan Carlos Chavez, US Army  
AFC Tanya Rhude, USAF  
Capt. Michael J. VanWyk, USMC  
Lt. Cmdr. Michael P. Schnolis, US Navy  
Airman Richard P. Scherl  
Matt West, US Army  
2nd Lt. David Pierce, US Army  
Staff Sgt. Carmen Consolino, USMC  
Sgt. Timothy Gena, USMC  
Airman Michael R. Sarniak, Jr., US Coast Guard  
Kimberly Rodriguez, US Marines  
Matt Brophy, US Army  
Capt. Michael Wieland, US Marines  
Capt. John S. Dabrowski, US Army  
Capt. Brian Dommer, US Army  
Sgt. Robert Sterling, US Army  
Timothy Driscoll, US Army  
Cpl. Joseph G. Kowalczyk, USMC  
Bryan Holubik, US Navy  
Sgt. Matthew Ryan, US Army  
Lt. Cmdr. Michael W. Meno, Jr., US Navy

2nd Lt. Andrew Reno  
1st Lt. John H. Weiss  
John Scope, US Army  
AFC Alex Barrett, USAF  
Sgt. Daniel Patrick Ryan, US Army  
Sgt. Joe Louis Siebenaler, US Army  
SPC Rhiannon Siebenaler, US Army  
PVT Ryan O'Hare, US Army  
PFC Daniel Wiatrowski, US Army  
Tyler Novak, US Army  
Pv2 Eric Holubik, US Army  
PVI/PFC Abel Santillan, US Marines  
Capt. Brandon Schmidt, USAF  
1st Lt. Tom Ortega, US Army  
Staff Sgt. Richard Vicere, USMC  
Lance Corp. Mathew Kats, USMC  
Sgt. Nicholas Kwiatek, US Marines  
Ensign. Kevin Kwiatek, US Navy  
PFC Nicholas Hoiseck, US Army  
Spc. Matthew Alvis, US Army  
Ensign. Christopher O'Rourke, US Navy  
A1C Lucas Jager, USAF  
Capt. Joseph Michael Lush, US Army  
PFC Johnny J. O'Leary, USMC  
Staff Sgt. James Ryan Keller, Army Natl Guard

*\* To add your military family member who is currently serving our country to the prayer list, please call the parish office.  
When he/she is released from their service, please let us know so we can keep this list current.  
Thank you ~ God Bless America and all those who serve.*

## **Holy Father's Monthly Prayer Intention**

The Elderly - That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

## **St. Julie Prayer Intentions**

**January 4 - 10:** For families affected by addiction, that the healing balm of Jesus soothe all wounds.

**January 11 - 17:** For refugees fleeing their homeland in search of peace and freedom, that they be kept safe from all harm.

## **Second Annual National Migration Week Mass will take place at 5:15pm on Sunday, January 7 at Holy Name Cathedral**

This year's Mass will be centered on the theme for National Migration Week, "Many Journeys, One Family", answering the call of the Holy Father to accompany and support our migrant brothers and sisters through this challenging time.

In addition to the National Migration Week Mass, please visit <https://pvm.archchicago.org/human-dignity-solidarity/immigration-ministry/national-migration-week> for more information.

## **ARCHDIOCESAN MASS FOR LIFE Sunday, January 14, 2018 11:00am Holy Name Cathedral 730 North Wabash Avenue Chicago, IL 60611**

Celebrate the Archdiocesan Mass for Life on the morning of Sunday, January 14 as a sending forth for March for Life Chicago later that day!

Join Cardinal Blase J. Cupich and priests from across the Archdiocese of Chicago for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass as we petition the Lord to transform our society from a culture of death into a culture of life.

See page 9 for more on Respect Life Ministry.

**The Epiphany of Our Lord**

*We Three Kings of Orient are  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar  
Field and fountain,  
moor and mountain*

*Following yonder star.*

*Oh! Star of Wonder, Star of Might,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading,  
still proceeding  
Guide us to thy perfect light.*

There are some funny jokes about the impractical gifts brought by the Three Kings. As christening gifts go, they're fairly impractical.

But for the Son of God, these gifts are spot on, and they demonstrate that the Wise Men understood the signs they had seen: Gold for his reign as King, Frankincense for his priestly ministry, Myrrh to embalm his body after his Passion and death.

Representing all the nations of the non-Jewish world, the Magi recognize the Messiah, echoing Psalm 98, "All the ends of the earth have seen the power of God."

From tradition, we name the Three Kings Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar and write their names over the doors of our homes to bless all who enter in the new year:

20 + C + B + M + 18

In this new year may we recognize the many opportunities for peace-making that present themselves to us. May peace reign in our hearts, in our homes, in our nation, and in our world.

~Siobhán Maguire

**God being One of Us...**

This year has moved waaaaay too fast. It is hard to believe but we will be on the countdown to Ash Wednesday and into Lent before you know it. Sometimes I feel that the grand march of time is being trekked ever faster, but maybe it's just because I'm getting older much faster than I want to!! It makes it very apparent to me that it is ever more important that I pay attention to the moment and not let it slip away because I'm looking forward (or worse, backward!). I need to be on guard to constantly be open to what it is God wants me to know, what truth God is trying to reveal to me. And these days, that often is quite difficult because at my age I sometimes display an amazing stubbornness to accept a different version of a 'truth' that I thought I had down pat. That may stem from the fact that I grew up in a household where "we do this because this is the way our family has always done it." So there has always been a certain inflexibility in my thinking. BUT, I thank God that alongside the certitude of family tradition, I was also raised with the idea that we should not go through life with blinders on, seeing only that old, familiar road in front of us. Therefore, over the years, I have acquired a certain 'rhythm' to ascertaining what I think God is trying to tell me. It's a gentle ballet between dancing in place just long enough to become really familiar with a particular step and then stretching outward to a new, as yet undiscovered interpretation of the music...God's music. It's more challenging, but in the end, a much more fruitful way of developing my relationship with God.

Which brings me to the Magi, those men who perfected the art of the dance. I'm sure as they scoured the heavens they felt comfortable, thinking they understood what they were looking at.....until a comet, or an undiscovered planet—or a strange, new star—was observed. Then they found themselves entertaining new possibilities and somewhere inside themselves they found the courage to search out what those possibilities could be. We don't know how long it took them to travel to Bethlehem. We don't know if they ever doubted the decision to move into the unknown. We don't even know for sure if there were two, three, or ten of them. We only know what they found. That God, the God of all creation, had become one of us... for all of us. Up until that time, everyone thought that God was only God for their particular people. The Jews thought God was only for them and he lived in the temple....the Eastern folk thought they were the only ones who knew the true path to spiritual enlightenment....and the Romans knew God as just a convenience in fulfilling whatever it was the State wanted. The idea that God loved everyone fully and equally, no matter what their race, was an absurdity. But one cool evening in a manger a child was presented to some foreigners who revealed it was different. God chose to take on flesh—our flesh—and become a human being. He will forever be one of us, with us, and for us. All of us.

~Margie Guadagno



## Peace and Justice Ministry

Come join us at our next meeting on Monday, January 8 at 7:00pm in the Great Room. All are welcome!



### Backpacks and more backpacks!

We filled over 30 backpacks for the men and women at Marie Joseph House and we still had left-over supplies which is a good problem to have. The Marie Joseph House does not have abundant storage so we donated the surplus to The Port Ministry. They were so very grateful to be able to offer some "extra" needed items to their residents for Christmas.

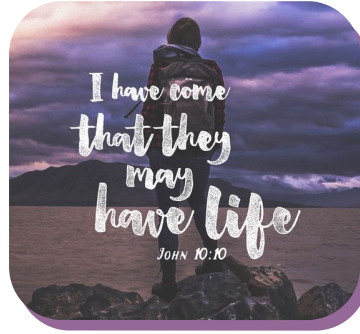
**How Good is the Good God!**  
**Thank you!**

## Hospital Stays Sick Lists

Please let us know if you are in the hospital or you wish to be placed on the Sick List so that we may pray for you. Hospitals are not legally allowed to let us know unless you or an immediate family member, with your approval, make the request upon admission. Call the office at 708/429-6767.

## Adult Mission Trip!

Come to our first informational meeting Monday, January 22 at 7:00pm in the Great Room.



## Respect Life Ministry

### Holy Hour for Life

Join us on Friday, January 12 in the Church. Fr. Bob will lead us at 7:00pm. All are welcome!

### March for Life Rally

All life is sacred. Please join us as we peacefully attend the *Life Rally* at the Federal Plaza on Sunday, January 14. Cardinal Cupich as well as Pat McCaskey, co-owner of the Chicago Bears will be among the featured speakers.

Our bus will leave approximately 12:45pm and return at 5:00pm. There will be a sign up in the Sacred Heart Daily Chapel as well as the Parish Office. There is no fee. All are welcome!

## Peace and Justice Ministers Present Tips to Care for Our Common Home

Choose one night a week to turn off all electronics and lights for the evening. Use candles, flashlights, (or minimal lighting). Use this time for quiet conversation, prayer, family topic night or perhaps write a card or two to a friend or family member who may need to hear from you.

*The people who walk in darkness  
Will see a great light. ~Isaiah 9:2*



**Lord, help me to make time today to serve you in those who are most in need of encouragement or assistance".**  
**~ St. Vincent de Paul**

St. Vincent de Paul Society is a group of dedicated volunteers who meet to assess and respond to the needs of the people in our community. The people we serve do not need to be Catholic, only live within our boundaries or be a member of our parish. Members of SVDP visit with individuals or families to first determine if or how they may be of service. If a situation demands, emergency assistance can be approved, food or shelter provided or offered. Temporary or short term assistance is also available. All cases are reviewed at semi-monthly meetings of the members St. Vincent de Paul. In addition, during the summer months, SVDP members prepare and serve dinner at a local Pads shelter.

SVDP relies on the generosity of parishioners who support the work of the St. Julie Community throughout the year. For more information or to volunteer, serve or become a member please contact Sheila Pluchar at 708/429-6767 x232 [sheila@stjulie.org](mailto:sheila@stjulie.org).

For those needing assistance please call 708/429-6767 x 244. A member of the SVDP Society member will follow up with you.

**Coat Drive:**  
**Final Weekend**  
**for drop-offs**

**The Week Ahead:****1/7**2nd Grade Belonging Mass  
& Port Lunches**1/10**

8th Grade classes

**1/11**6th, 7th Grades &  
Sacramental Program classes**1/13**

Grades 1—5 classes

**1/14**Pre-School & Kindergarten  
classes**HOLY Belonging Service****COMMUNION**

On Sunday, January 7 at the 9:00am Mass, our Second graders from our Religious Education program, our Sacramental Program, Cardinal Bernardin School and Noonan Academy will be received as candidates for First Eucharist. The candidates are invited to join in the Entrance Procession in which they will carry a loaf of sandwich bread from their family which will be used in making lunches for The Port. The Second grade families are invited to prepare lunches for the Port Ministries after Mass. All the First Eucharist candidates will receive their First Communion badge at this very special Mass.

**Religious Education Calendar**

Classes resume this week, according to the schedule listed below. Please remember to follow the calendar you received at the beginning of the school year.



Wednesday	January 10	Grade 8
Thursday	January 11	Grades 6, 7 & Sacramental Program
Saturday	January 13	Sessions A & B
Sunday	January 14	Pre School / Kindergarten

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**Scrip School Schedule**Monday mornings:Parish Courier &  
Weekly Backpack SalesWednesday evenings

6:00pm-7:00pm @ CJB

Friday mornings

7:30am-8:15am @ CJB

**Religious Education Emergency Closing Information**

Just a reminder that in the event of a heavy snowfall or inclement weather, you can access Emergency Closing information for the St. Julie Religious Education program by following these simple directions:

- 1) Go to <http://www.emergencyclosingcenter.com/complete.html> and search for our facility by typing St. Julie Billiart or simply by our phone number: (708)429-6767.
- 2) Receive an e-mail notification of a change made to our facility by signing up at [www.emergencyclosings.com](http://www.emergencyclosings.com)
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Closing information will also be posted on St. Julie's website -  
[www.stjulie.org](http://www.stjulie.org)  
and on FaceBook

## What is an Active Parishioner?

In theory, any soul who resides in the canonical boundaries of a parish is considered a parishioner. Today, many parishioners reside beyond the given canonical boundaries. What then does it mean to be an active parishioner. Here are some guidelines used in the distinction of "active parishioner."

- An "active parishioner" is defined as someone who is properly registered. Adult children living at home are strongly encouraged to register separately from their parents as parishioners.
- An "active parishioner" attends Mass regularly on Sundays and Holy Days.
- An "active parishioner" participates in a ministry of the Church.
- An "active parishioner" supports the parish through sacrificial giving either via envelope or online giving.
- An "active parishioner" participates in parish activities whenever possible.

The above criteria help us to testify to one's suitability to serve as a godparent for Baptism or sponsor for Confirmation.

Registration can be done online via [stjulie.org](http://stjulie.org) or visiting the Parish Office during normal business hours.

## Email Update

We use Constant Contact as our provider to send emails to parishioners either in segments like "Obituary Notification" or "All Parish" for general newsletters and upcoming events. Please advise us of any email changes either via the website under **Contact Us** or via phone. We are continuously updating our databases and would like to keep you informed!

## Autumn Leaves

Our neighbor and fellow parishioner Autumn Leaves Alzheimer's and Memory Care facility is in need of people willing to give of their time.

The residents at the Orland Park location, 8021 W 151st Street are looking for friends and visitors!

Spend time socializing, reading, playing games, crafting and interacting one on one with some pretty awesome people.

There are many open positions with endless possibilities. All ages are welcome!

St Julie's has a group that prays the Rosary every Monday at 10:00am. We also have parishioners who dedicate time one on one with some of the seniors. Might you share your time with fellow parishioners in this wonderful ministry?

Bring your club, team, musical talent, friends or just bring yourself to give back to the community. Teens, earning service hours couldn't be easier!

Contact Emily Triolo, Life Engagement Manager, 708.403.2400 or [etriolo@autumnleaves.com](mailto:etriolo@autumnleaves.com)



## Events

**Rosary is said after morning Mass in the Sacred Heart Chapel. All are welcome.**

**January 8 10:00am**

Rosary at Autumn Leaves Memory Care facility

**January 11 8:45am - 4:00pm**

Adoration Thursday in the Sacred Heart Chapel

**January 11 4:00 - 5:00pm**

Holy Hour of Reparation in the Sacred Heart Chapel

**January 21 8:00am**

Donuts Sunday in the Parish Hall

**January 21 1:00pm (doors open)**

BINGO in the Devine Center

1:30pm start for the Early Bird games

2:30pm start for Crazy BINGO games



Additional details, questions, ideas and suggestions for Parish Life and Parish Communications can be sent to: [mike@stjulie.org](mailto:mike@stjulie.org)  
[www.stjulie.org](http://www.stjulie.org)

**Teen Nights**

We will resume with teen nights beginning with a Leader Night on January 7, 2018 @ St. Julie Billiart at 7:00pm!

This year we have a lot of fun and enriching evenings and weekends planned. If you have a desire to go deeper with your faith or just want to connect with other teens come and check out our teen nights and drop-ins!

**What's New?****Passion Proclamation - Location: St Julie Billiart**

As is our tradition at St. Julie's we are once again getting ready to prepare for the Passion Proclamation. There will be **speaking** and **non-speaking** parts for our youth to participate in.

If your youth would like to participate we ask that they make a commitment to be at all of the rehearsals that pertain to their parts and all Masses that they have signed up to participate in. If your youth commits to a **speaking part** they must be at **all Masses**. If your youth commits to a **non-speaking part** they must commit and attend a **Minimum of 3 Masses** but are encouraged to attend all.

This year we will need at least 20 participants, if we do not have enough participants signed up by January 28, 2018 we will look at another option instead of the Youth Passion Proclamation. Anyone who is interested please feel free to fill out a commitment form and return to Holly by January 28, 2018. Thank you for being part of this beautiful tradition.

**Living Stations - Location: St George**

A tradition at St. George is Living Stations in which we are once again planning to perform. We will be looking for teens and middle school aged children who would like to participate. More information on this will follow in February.

**Youth from both parishes are welcome to participate.**

**Reminders****Mission Trip - 14 spots remain**

**Theme this year:**

***Blessed, Broken and Shared***

**When: June 24 – 30, 2018**

**Where: Detroit, Michigan**

Non Refundable Deposit Amount: \$50

Registration Due & Deposit Due: To register please fill out a form and return to Holly, along with the Non-refundable deposit, as soon as possible! Forms can be found outside the office at St. Julie or at the rectory at St. George.

This is open to those who are currently in 8<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. The trip is open to both St. George and St. Julie youth. Currently, there are 10 spots available for each parish. Spots will fill up fast: First come First served. There is a possibility for more spots if more interest is shown.

**Steubenville Youth Conference - 5 spots remain**

**Theme this year: Revealed**

**When: June 15 – 17, 2018**

**Where: Steubenville, Ohio**

Non Refundable Deposit Amount: \$40

Registration & Deposit Due: To register please fill out a form and return to Holly, along with the Non refundable deposit, as soon as possible. Forms can be found outside the office at St. Julie or at the rectory at St. George.

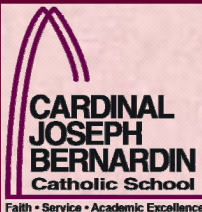
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**For more information about either of these opportunities please contact:**  
**Holly Hesselschwardt at [holly@stjulie.org](mailto:holly@stjulie.org).**

**Young Adults: La Salle Manor, Plano Retreat**

We will plan to return to La Salle Manor this year. Please start thinking about joining us in February for this time of reflection to deepen your faith! Look for more information in the New Year!





January, 2018

Dear St. Julie Parishioner:

We invite you to attend our Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School Open House on **Sunday, January 28, from 1 – 3pm**. Sponsored by four parishes (*St. Julie Billiart, St. Elizabeth Seton, St. Francis of Assisi, and St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr*), CJB is your Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Catholic parish school.



We are pleased to announce that CJB offers full-day *and* half-day 3-year-old and 4-year-old Pre-K and we continue to provide full-day Kindergarten, as well! As we continue to grow, we have so much to be proud of! Did you know that CJB was named a *Blue Ribbon School of Excellence* (since 2008) by the U.S. Department of Education?! (*This distinction is earned by being in the top 15% of the nation's schools in Reading and Mathematics, based on the scores of nationally-normed tests.*) In addition to Blue Ribbon academic excellence, our faith-based daily religious instruction, shared communal prayer and weekly Mass attendance contribute to shaping the lives of our students. Children are also encouraged to maximize their God-given talents by participating in extra-curricular activities, from athletics to choir to drama club. And, in addition to these opportunities, our students volunteer their time in local community service projects. Our school patron, Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, former Archbishop of Chicago, devoted his life to issues of social justice, peace and the sanctity of human life. It is important to us that his legacy remains a part of CJB.

We have high expectations of Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School students. We challenge them academically, and we strive to instill in them the Gospel values. CJB provides a loving and nurturing environment in which children grow intellectually, spiritually, physically and emotionally. If this is the kind of school that you would like for your child, we look forward to welcoming you to our Open House on January 28.

Sincerely,

Rev. Louis Tylka, Pastor

Mary Iannucilli, Principal

P.S. Registration for the 2018-2019 school year is OPEN now! Visit [www.cjbschool.org](http://www.cjbschool.org) to complete an online application. CJB will continue to accept applications until all spaces are filled. As a registered, practicing parishioner, your children are eligible for enrollment at an “in-parish” rate. (“Practicing” parishioners are Catholics who consistently attend Mass, send their children to Religious Education or Catholic school, and support their parish with time, talent, and treasure. This is an on-going expectation during years of enrollment at CJB. Use of parish envelopes is expected.)

## The Angel Fund

Each year, across the nation, Catholic schools are recognized at their home parishes at weekend masses and with special events at school during “Catholic Schools Week.” This year, the celebration for our parish school, **Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School (CJB)**, will begin with liturgies at weekend masses on January 27 and 28. There will be an amazing Open House at CJB on Sunday, January 28 from 1p-3p. (If you have never visited us, please make it a point to stop by and see your parish school!) Then, throughout the week, special events will be held at CJB, culminating with a special school liturgy on Friday, February 2, 2018. As always, we celebrate the strong program of faith formation at CJB, our nationally-recognized blue-ribbon academics, and the selfless involvement of students and staff in a variety of service projects.

Three years ago, CJB's sponsoring parishes began a special collection known as the “Angel Fund.” This collection is taken up one weekend during the year at the start of Catholic Schools Week. The Angel Fund is meant to assist families from our sponsoring parishes who may need help financially, in order to assist them in sending their children to CJB. Any donation you are able to make is greatly appreciated. This special collection will take place the weekend of January 27 and 28. Thank you for your kindness.

## Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School 2018 Gala Fundraiser

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**Reconciliation**

Saturday from 3:30 to 4:00pm or in the parish office by appointment.

**Parish Office** Phone: 708-429-6767 Fax: 708-429-6788

**Parish Office Hours**

Sunday 8:00am - 12:00pm

Monday, Tuesday &amp; Thursday 8:30am - 4:30pm

Wednesday 8:30am - 7:00pm

(Closed Mon-Thurs for lunch 12-1pm)

Closed on Friday and Saturday

**Registration:** Please call the parish office during regular business hours.Visit our newly updated website [www.stjulie.org](http://www.stjulie.org)**Clergy**

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