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CATHOLIC CHURCH

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FR. LOU'S LINE…

NEW 2017
Bonanza Raffle

A significant, single, fundraiser to replace multiple, smaller raffles previously held throughout the year.

- **Tickets on sale in the Narthex this weekend. And during regular business hours or until sold out**
- **Bonanza Raffle and Seller's Special drawings on November 23**
- **Only 1,000 tickets to be sold at $100 each.**
- **Grand Prizes, based on number of tickets sold, to both the purchaser and seller for winning tickets in the Bonanza raffle drawing on 11/23/17.**
- **As an added incentive to sellers with sales of just 3, 5 or 10 raffle tickets entitles the seller to *automatic entry* into the Seller's Special drawing on Thanksgiving Day. Tickets must be purchased/sold by Wed, 11/22. One entry per seller.**

Letters from St. Julie Billiart ~

If some children should come who cannot pay the fees, you must not send them away.
Let us work with confidence in the vineyard of the Lord.

~Julie, L445

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR…

Today, in the Catholic Church around the world, we are marking the first World Day of the Poor. Pope Francis instituted this day at the end of the Jubilee of Mercy as a day each year for the Church to specifically reflect upon our calling to serve the poor. The Gospel of Jesus challenges us to show God's love and care for those who are poor. Today, and hopefully each day, we sense a calling to be in solidarity with those who are poor. Like the World Day of the Sick, instituted by St. Pope John Paul II, this awareness reminds us a the Body of Christ to unite ourselves to others through prayer as well as other concrete ways to walk with others.

Pope Francis, powerfully reflects on poverty and our Christian response in his letter creating this day. I want to share two of his thoughts that are quite provocative:

On the challenge of poverty:

We know how hard it is for our contemporary world to see poverty clearly for what it is. Yet in myriad ways poverty challenges us daily, in faces marked by suffering, marginalization, oppression, violence, torture and imprisonment, war, deprivation of freedom and dignity, ignorance and illiteracy, medical emergencies and shortage of work, trafficking and slavery, exile, extreme poverty and forced migration. Poverty has the face of women, men and children exploited by base interests, crushed by the machinations of power and money. What a bitter and endless list we would have to compile were we to add the poverty born of social injustice, moral degeneration, the greed of a chosen few, and generalized indifference!

And on our responding to poverty:

Blessed, therefore, are the open hands that embrace the poor and help them: they are hands that bring hope. Blessed are the hands that reach beyond every barrier of culture, religion and nationality, and pour the balm of consolation over the wounds of humanity. Blessed are the open hands that ask nothing in exchange, with no "ifs" or "buts" or "maybes": they are hands that call down God's blessing upon their brothers and sisters.

THANKSGIVING…

This coming Thursday is Thanksgiving; a national holiday to recognize we are a blessed people. More and more, Thanksgiving seems to be eclipsed by the rush of Christmas and Black Friday sales, but for some, it remains a time to truly focus on the blessings we have received. Not long ago, one of the readings for daily Mass came from St. Paul's letter to the Romans; it began:

"*Brothers and Sisters, the gifts and call of God are irrevocable*." This statement, to me, is overwhelming! God's gifts - for which we should be eternally grateful - are irrevocable. We are so, so blessed. Despite many hardships and worries, despite numerous challenges and failures, what remains constant is the blessing of God's love and grace in our lives.

Thanksgiving, above all else, should truly be a day when we offer gratitude for the irrevocable love God has shown us. As you count your blessings, you should count your gratitude as well. Give thanks to the Lord for all that God has done for you! Give thanks to the Lord for those who demonstrate love and compassion in your life. Give thanks to the Lord for the opportunities you have to be the instrument of grace in another person's life. It is Thanksgiving: *Give Thanks to the Lord*!

Peace & Prayers,

Fr. Lou

BONANZA BIT

LAST CHANCE!!!
Thursday is the
BONANZA RAFFLE DRAWING
It is your last chance to get a raffle ticket!
GREAT ODDS! GREAT PRIZES!
GREAT SUPPORT FOR ST. JULIE BILLIART!
Don't miss out on your chance to win big!
Tickets available this weekend in the narthex and throughout the week until Thursday at the Parish Office! GOOD LUCK!

NEW 2017 Bonanza Raffle is our Major Fundraiser of the Year

Larger prizes, more chances to win

- Only 1,000 tickets to be sold at $100 each
- Tickets on sale now until November 23 or until sold out. Prizes to be pro-rated if all tickets are not sold.
- **Narthex Ticket Sales: This is the last weekend**
- **Pay by cash, check or credit card**
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Young at Heart Trip

November 29, 2017

Tickets: $75

Theatre at the Center, Munster IN

Thank You, LORD!

St Julie Billiart Annual
Thanksgiving Day Community Dinner
Thursday, November 23, 2017

Dinner will be served 1:00 – 3:00pm

(Limited to 200)

St. Julie Billiart ~ William Devine Center
(located behind the church)
7399 W. 159th St., Tinley Park

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Bring back the item(s) with the tag attached
and place in collection cart no later than December 17.

ST JULIE BILLIART PARISH CALENDAR
November 19 - 26
(Subject to change without notice)

Sunday November 19	2017 Bonanza Raffle Ticket Sales - Narthex Donut Sunday - Parish Hall Pre-School & Kindergarten Religious Ed - Devine Center 4th Grade Port Lunches - Devine Center RCIA Dismissal - Great Room Bingo - Devine Center Baptisms - Church Simbang Gabi Meeting - Devine Center, Rms 3 & 4 Mass for the Deaf - Chapel & Parish Hall Military Box Distribution - Narthex	8:00 am 8:45 am 9:45 am 10:30 am 1:00 pm 1:30 pm 2:30 pm 4:00 pm
Monday November 20	Autumn Leaves Rosary - Away St Peregrine Novena - Chapel AA - Devine Center	10:00 am 7:00 pm 8:00 pm
Tuesday November 21		
Wednesday November 22	Community Dinner Set-up - Devine Center Handbell Choir - Church *Parish Office Closes at Noon*	6:00 pm 7:00 pm
Thanksgiving **Thursday November 23**	Thanksgiving Day Mass - Church Thanksgiving Reception - Parish Hall 2017 Bonanza Raffle Drawing - Parish Hall Thanksgiving Community Dinner - Devine Center *Parish Office Closed*	9:00 am 10:00 am 1:00 pm
Friday November 24	*Parish Office Closed*	
Saturday November 25	Respect Life Christmas Card Sale - Narthex AA - Devine Center *Parish Office Closed*	 7:30 pm
Sunday November 26	RCIA Dismissal - Great Room Giving Tree - Narthex Respect Life Christmas Card Sale - Narthex	10:00 am

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
Access only thru doors
by the Parish Office.

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Sacrificial Giving for July 1, 2017 ~ June 30, 2018

	November 5	November 12	Year to Date
Needed	$19,230.00	$19,230.00	$384,600.00
Collected	$20,053.20	$13,538.50	$359,490.08
Over / (Under) Budget	$ 823.20	($ 5,691.50)	($ 25,109.92)
Children: Envelopes / Amount	8 / $6.00	9 / $9.00	

Parish Office Thanksgiving Holiday Hours

The office will close at Noon on Wednesday, November 22

The office will be closed on Thursday & Friday, November 23 & 24

Regular office hours resume Sunday, November 26 at 8:00am until 12:00pm

MINISTERS AND MASS INTENTIONS

LITURGICAL MINISTERS November 25 / 26 (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
PRESIDER	Fr. Bob Regan	Fr. Bob Regan	Fr. Bob Regan	Fr. Lou Tylka	Fr. Lou Tylka	Fr. Lou Tylka
DEACON		Ed Pluchar	Ed Pluchar			
CANTOR	S. Rheinheimer	J. Thomas	J. Thomas	M. Kramer	D. Gotkowski	K. Kempke
LECTORS 1st 2nd	J. Neven N. Ardiente	M. Cothern K./J. Rost	P. Isherwood F. Padilla	P. Bedell J. Hauser	K. Supple M. Halicki	J. Benz K. Weishaar
SERVERS	T. Scallon *Not Filled* *Not Filled*	*Not Filled* *Not Filled* *Not Filled*	A. Hill V. Isherwood A. Mikrut	C. Gagni J. Prepura L. Salgado	F. Porcaro R. Rinon A. Strickler	A. Gravina J. Noga M. Peca
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS (* denotes sub has been requested and is needed)	R. Bracken B. Broz M. Grzeslo E. Helmold P. Helmold M. Hernaez B. Kmak J. Lisiecki M. Lisiecki J. McErlean J. McMillian S. McMillian M. Ryan C. Scallon T. Scallon B. Twardy B. Weglarz K. Weishaar	B. Daum M. Geary G. Gestaut M. Jarosch M. Johnson K. Koszut L. Mc Grath T. Mc Grath M. Murphy M. Norris B. Ritchie N. Rosian K. Rost K./J. Rost S. Rost R. Siepka	J. Cavanaugh R. Espinos M. Estandarte J. Gill J. Hannigan M. Hannigan K. Keller E. Kuta M. Kuta R. Kuta G. Leone D. Mazzuca M. McCarthy A. Morrissey J. Rehr A. Sazon P. Wyrick R. Wyrick	D. Dudek N. Dudek P. Flynn M. Gastala P. Kmak B. Kokaska C. Kokaska M. Mitchell C. Nied M. Plys J. Prepura M. Prepura, Sr. T. Rohan D. Ryan D. Stanula J. Van Zeyl C. Ward S. Wasinski	D. Dobrzynski L. Freundt M. Halicki L. Ignacio K. Intrieri D. Jozwiak J. Kilanowski P. Laspesa T. Lavan M. Marchbanks L. Maurer P. Moskal E. Sniegowski *Not Filled* *Not Filled* *Not Filled*	S. Becvar J. Benz P. Duffy K. Duffy C. Evans J. Lucas M. O'Donnell T. O'Donnell J. Rickey T. Sherry *Not Filled* *Not Filled* *Not Filled* *Not Filled*
CHILDREN'S LITURGY Leader Assistant			J. Tuzik *Not Filled*	M. Plys C. Anderson		

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

Monday, November 20	Tuesday, November 21 *Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*	Wednesday, November 22 *St Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr*	*Thanksgiving Day* Thursday, November 23	Friday, November 24 *St Andrew Dunglac, Priest*
+Kathleen & Ben Wedding +Xavier Fratto For the people of St. Julie Billiart Parish Brementowne Manor	+Joseph & Stella Szwed +Anthony & Katherine Osacky +Robert V. Doyle +Sally Jozwiak Deceased members of: Morrissey & Leonard families	+James T. Morrissey +James Segiet For God's Gifts & Blessings	*Please see page 6 for Thanksgiving Day Mass Intentions*	+Fr. Pat Brennan & deceased family members +Gina & Edward Szumsky +Robert D. Hughes +Gerry Heston

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

Saturday, November 25 St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr	Sunday, November 26: *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*				
4:30 p.m. Catalina Zaide +Sally Jozwiak +Lisa Moeller	**7:30 a.m.** +Edward Stabrawa +Edward & Anne Weston For the people of St. Julie Billiart Parish	**9:00 a.m.** +Howard Matz Families of Matz, Mattix, Krajewski & Kopycinski	**10:30 a.m.** Anda family +Mary Schulok +Bob Johnson +Bernard Todd +Patricia Todd +Angela Turturillo	**12:00 p.m.** +Dolores Pazdro +Kate Russo +Sally Jozwiak +Mike Worley	**6:00 p.m.** Deceased members of: Curletti & Casper families Jania & Kownacki families +Linda Kennedy +John P. Roche

Individual deceased names will be preceded by the cross (+) sign.

IN OUR PRAYERS

OUR BELOVED DEAD

Rosalie Whalen
(sister of Chester Faron)

Helen J. Krusinski
(grandmother of Alana Dugan)

NEEDING GOOD HEALTH

Marie Osborne
David McMullen
Charlie Nolan
Megan Flanagan
Judy Donovan
Patrick McGrath
Ales Biernat
Daniel Wolak
Karen Volenec

Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, November 23

9:00am Mass

For the People of St Julie Billiart Parish
+Edward & Virginia Yorke
+Anthony Dick Sarlo
+Lena Marie DeSalle and family
+Stanley & Frances Kilanowski
Deceased members of the
Kilanowski & Wasik families
+Herbert & Theodora Zuleger
+Jesse Lopez
+Walter Kuta
+Mary Schulok
+John Spreadbury
+Ken & Rosemary Pedersen
+Maurice & Helen Ormond
+Felizardo & Maria Dela Pena
+Quirico P. & Felicitas V. Evangelista
+Elizabeth P. Mendoza
+Margie Evangelista
+Rita Ziccarelli
+Kathleen & Ben Wedding
+Richard & Terry Sharp
+Gertrude Bednarz
+Roberto Arevalo, Sr.
+Roberto Arevalo, Jr.

NEWLY BAPTIZED

One Lord, one faith, one baptism. Ephesians 4:5

Saturday, November 11, 2017

Dashel Brian, son of Marie and Brian Alexander
Michael Robert, son of Sara and Michael Azzaline
Nicoletta Glori, daughter of Nicola and John Baaske
Hazel Shay, daughter of Jessica and Michael Eyer
Logan Richard, son of Kristen Piksrys and Michael Fleury
Eleanora Rosalene, daughter of Jill and Cody Shults

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 National 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

* *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.*

Thank You St Julie Billiart Parishioners

Thank You for Your Help with the Hurricane Harvey Disaster Relief

Port Aransas, Texas
Photo Courtesy San Antonio Express News

"Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon."

~ Isaiah 58:10

Corpus Christi, Texas
Photo Courtesy Eric Gay/AP

Port Aransas, Texas
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Rockport, Texas
Photo Courtesy Courtney Sacco and Matt Woolbright/Caller-Times

Taft, Texas
Photo Courtesy Eric Gay/AP

Rockport, Texas
Photo Courtesy Guiseppe Barranco/The Beaumont Enterprise

Dear Friends at St. Julie Billiart Church,

On behalf of Catholic Charities of Corpus Christi, Inc., I would like to thank you for your extremely generous donation of $15,892.34. Hurricane Harvey has impacted at least five counties we serve, and your donation will go a long way towards helping families and individuals who are in need.

On behalf of the staff and Board of Directors, we appreciate your support of our work. We ask for your continued prayers for those impacted by this storm, and we sincerely thank you for making our work possible. May God continue to bless you.

Sincerely,

Shannette Hoelscher

Shannette Hoelscher
Marketing Coordinator

Please retain this letter for tax purposes.

Catholic Charities of Corpus Christi, Inc.

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Most Reverend Frank J. Dewane, Bishop of Venice in Florida
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Leroy Jackson, Chair
Richard Rogan, Vice Chair
Peter Routsis-Arroyo, LCSW, Chief Executive Officer

October 11, 2017

St. Julie Billiart Church
Reverend Louis Tylka
7399 W 159th St
Tinley Park, Illinois 60477-1306

Dear Father Tylka,

Thank you for your immediate response to the recovery and relief efforts for victims of Hurricane Irma. Your gift of $7971.41 from your parishioners was received on 10/2/2017 and will be used to operate the 11 Catholic Charities hurricane relief centers located throughout Southwest Florida. On behalf of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc., and the victims of this devastating storm, your donation is much appreciated.

Your support will provide comfort to those who come to Catholic Charities for assistance not only in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma but in the coming weeks as they rebuild their lives. Catholic Charities will offer the people of Southwest Florida the means to move beyond this disaster and forward to achieve self-sufficiency. Your giving will make a positive impact!

Thank you again and God bless you for your compassion.

Gratefully,

Pete Routsis-Arroyo

Peter Routsis-Arroyo, LCSW
Chief Executive Officer
Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc.

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Diocese of Venice, Inc.

Simbang Gabi 2017
25th Year
Silver Anniversary

Simbang Gabi is a Filipino Catholic tradition of celebrating a novena (series of nine) of Advent evening Masses. It is meant to help Filipino-American and other Catholics in the area to intensify their spiritual preparation for the grace-filled celebration of Christmas. Masses are at 7:00pm. Parish Hosts invite all parishioners, families and friend to attend all Masses.

Friday, December 15
St. Damian Church, Chicago

Saturday, December 16
St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr, Tinley Park

Sunday, December 17
St. Bernadette Parish, Evergreen Park

Monday, December 18
St. Fabian Church, Bridgeview

Tuesday, December 19
St. Michael Church, Orland Park

Wednesday, December 20
St. Anselm Parish, Chicago

Thursday, December 21
St. Francis of Assisi, Orland Park

Friday, December 22
St. Albert the Great Parish, Burbank

Saturday, December 23
St. Julie Billiart Church, Tinley Park
with Bishop Andrew Wypych,
Episcopal Vicar, Vicariate V

Today's Readings

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I:
Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31
The wise woman receives her reward.

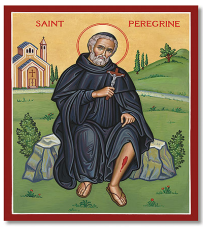
- It is very likely that this poem is about both a good wife and Wisdom herself.
- The whole poem highlights the point that whoever finds Wisdom does indeed find life.

Reading II:
1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6
You are children of the light.

- The Thessalonians were caught between worry over the imminent return of Christ and the complacency in their faith.
- Paul instructed them to be diligent in preparing, but not to worry for Christians ARE children of light.

Gospel:
Matthew 25: 14-30
We must use the gifts we have been given!

- The Gospel reading deals with the end of the world and the coming of God's Kingdom.
- The paradox of today's parable is that the one who played it safe lost, while in the end, the risk-takers gained.



St. Peregrine Novena

The Novena continues in the Sacred Heart Chapel on Monday evening at 7pm.
St. Peregrine is the patron saint for those suffering from cancer.

Never Waste An Opportunity...

I grew up knowing my mom's parents very well. They lived right down the road from us and I saw them almost every day. My dad's parents, however, remain a shadow for me. In my earliest memories, they were never together. My grandmother lived with my dad's younger sisters but when I was six years old, they moved to California. I only saw my grandfather once (that I can recall).

Over the years I heard bits and pieces of what my dad's life was like when he was growing up during the depression. My grandfather couldn't get a job and the family was on some form of public assistance. One of the requirements, however, was that my grandfather could not be living in the house. But that was a fact my dad or his siblings never emotionally understood. They only saw that their dad abandoned his family. It was a rift that never fully healed for them. That's why family became so important to my dad. He built the home I grew up in with his own hands. He worked overtime any time it was offered. He also worked shift work, days, afternoons, and midnights, on a grueling one week rotating schedule. In between, he never missed a choir concert, football game, or birthday party of mine, my sister or brother. He made sure we had what we needed when we needed it. He wanted our lives to be better than his early life was.

Another thing my dad was big on was education. He often regaled us with stories from his school days. He desperately wanted to go to college, but family finances prohibited that choice for him. And once his own family started growing, any kind of adult education was out of the question. He compensated by being a voracious reader. By the time I was in high school it was abundantly clear that there wasn't anything my dad didn't know something about. He became my own personal walking encyclopedia. I could go to him for help on anything. And not only did he share his knowledge with me, he always pointed me in the direction of how to find things out for myself. His biggest hope was that my brother, sister and I would be able to go to college, something he could never do (we all did!). He used to tell us it was important to him that each of us did better than he did, just as he did better than his parents did. He also said it was important that we took full advantage of all the opportunities we were privileged to have, opportunities that he never had growing up during the depression. For us to waste them was unthinkable to my dad.

I really hear my dad's voice in our gospel reading today. Those servants were given a wonderful gift. They had set before them an opportunity that very likely was never afforded **their** parents. To squander it was unthinkable to the master. So when he returned and found that one servant had done just that, that servant was called to accountability and would never again have such an opportunity in his life.

Right now we are living at a time when such opportunities seem to be disappearing. There are some that say children will not be as well off as their parents. That makes it even more imperative that we take advantage of all the wonderful gifts God sets before us. We are meant to live life well and multiply God's gifts for future generations. It's important that they have it better than we do. My dad would really understand that.

~Margie Guadagno

St Julie Billiart Annual Thanksgiving Day Community Dinner

November 23 at 1:00-3:00pm in Devine Center
Seating limited to 200

Thank You, LORD!

Please call the *Special Events Line* for more information 708/429-6767 x245. You may also call this line if you or someone you know is in need of a Thanksgiving meal home delivery. There is no charge for this service.

To those who help make this possible: Thank you so much for your continued generosity of time, talent and treasure.

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We can also use some Christmas Cards. This would be a great family, school or scout project. As many as you would like to make, we will take. Thank you!

St. Julie Giving Tree

Pick a tag or 2 starting November 26. Bring back the item(s) with the tag attached and place in collection cart no later than Sunday, December 17.

Christmas Card Sale

St. Julie Respect Life Ministry will once again be offering Christmas Cards for sale. Look for several different options on the weekend of November 25 & 26.

Port Lunches

We are making 300+ lunches twice per month during the school year. Next dates are ***November 19 at 9:45am*** & ***December 3 at 9:45am***, both in the Devine Center

All are welcome to help out. After all, we all can make a simple lunch right? It only takes about an hour or less. Come find out. Bring the whole family!

If you know of someone who has a business and would like to supply a particular item, let us know. Here is a list of items we need:

Fruit snacks	X-Large brown Lunch Bags
Raisins	Lunchmeat
Rice Krispy Treats	Individual Chips
Individual Snacks	Individual Cookies
Juice boxes	
Fruit	

Christmas Fair Trade Sale

St. Julie Peace and Justice Ministry

presents a Christmas Fair Trade Sale! Check out all of the wonderful items December 2 & 3 in the Narthex.

TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES®

Shawl Ministry

The St. Julie Shawl Ministry would like to meet you! Come to the next meeting to see what they are all about. No need to be a professional. The next meeting will be at Noon on Friday, December 8 in the Great Room. All are invited! Bring a friend or two!

November 19: Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

The good news of today's Gospel is the extravagance of what is being given us. All we need do is be faithful in "small matters." The cost of fidelity has no comparison to the reward given.

When you give the furniture, household items and clothing you no longer use to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you are sharing God's extravagant love.

Did you know?

SVDP now has a phone line dedicated to their ministry. If you find yourself in need, call 708-429-6767 x244. Please leave your name and phone number. An SVDP member will call you as soon as possible. Thank you!

Peace and Justice Minister's Tips to Care for Our Common Home:

Summer is over and we had record rain in October, still, we all need to conserve water every day, all year long. Run the dishwasher full. Same for washing clothes; fill the machine. Rinse veggies in a bowl full of water rather than under a running faucet. Little steps that become habits and help save water & energy.

The week ahead:

11/19
Pre-School & Kindergarten Classes Meet
2nd Grade Lighthouse Display, Parish Hall
4th Grade Mass, followed by Port Lunches.

11/23
HAPPY THANKSGIVING

11/27
Catechist Formation Meeting

11/29
8th Grade Classes

11/30
6th Grade, 7th Grade and Sacramental Program Classes

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Scrip School Schedule

Monday mornings:
Parish Courier &
Weekly Backpack Sales

Wednesday evenings
6:00pm-7:00pm @ CJB

Friday mornings
7:30am-8:15am @ CJB

Our 2nd Grader's Shining Light

At Baptism, we are all given a lighted candle. This reminds us to live as followers of Jesus, *The Light of the World.* Our second graders have been given the opportunity to construct their own lighthouses with their families. Today, November 19th, all their beautiful work will be on display in the parish hall. Please take a moment and visit the display. May these lighthouses serve as a reminder to all, to let our light of Jesus shine for others.

Family Mass featuring 4th Grade families and Port Lunches

You are invited, along with the other children in your family, to attend the 9:00am Mass today, Sunday, November 19. All the 4th Grade Students are being asked to participate as Greeters / Ushers and to walk in the Entrance Procession with the Presider. Students should arrive in the Narthex by 8:45am.

All Fourth Grade families will have reserved seating on the south side of the Church near the Choir area. Also, if your family would like to *Bring up the gifts* or if your child would be interested in *Being a Reader* at this Special Mass, please call the Religious Education office. After Mass, you are asked to go over to the Devine Center to prepare bag lunches for *The Port.*

We are in need of lunchmeat, fresh fruit (apples and/or oranges), juice boxes, individual bags of chips, and individual snacks/granola bars. Since we will make 300 lunches, your generosity is greatly appreciated. God bless you and your dear family for your help with this endeavor.

Rummage Sale Thanks

A warm, heartfelt "thank-you" to Mark Brzuszkiewicz, eighth grade coordinator, our 8th grade Confirmation candidates and their generously faithful catechists for their contribution of time in preparing and staffing the Rummage Sale. As always, Deacon Ed was on hand to help. We also thank our wonderful parishioners for supporting this sale, the proceeds of which will be used to purchase Christmas gifts for the residents of group homes, sponsored by St. Coletta's.

Note of Thanks

As we celebrate this season of giving thanks, we express our sincere appreciation to all who serve the parish in the catechetical ministries: Religious Education, Journey in Faith, SPRED, Baptismal Prep and Marriage Prep. We are thankful for the blessing you are to us!

~Pat Kmak, Jean Aiello, Peg Siebenaler

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Second Graders from our Religious Education Program, Cardinal Bernardin School, Noonan Academy, and our Sacramental Program students will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday, December 2nd. Please remember these young students in your prayers as they journey closer to Jesus in the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Give Thanks...

Thanksgiving is that time that we give thanks for all with which we have been blessed. With so much sadness and violence in out world today, we should reflect on the many blessings that we do have. The fact that we were able to get out of bed this morning, enjoy our coffee, to be able to travel to church for praise and worship are all things to be grateful for.

For those that have good health, give thanks. You may not be aware of an illness or malady that someone around you may be afflicted with. Many are suffering in silence with pain or discomfort from an illness or facing invasive tests and procedures afraid of what the results may find. Be thankful for the gift of good health.

Give thanks for shelter. Many in this world will sleep outside this evening.

Give thanks for food that we consume. We are truly a nation blessed by God for the abundance of food that we harvest. Many people will go to sleep hungry this evening.

Be thankful for family and friends Many are lonely and have no one to share life's moments with. Some elderly, forgotten and the homeless have no one, be grateful for all family and friends.

Be kind. Share your talents. Be good stewards. Treat everyone with the same respect and kindness you expect. Be thankful for all of life's moments for we know not what tomorrow will bring.

Please consider joining the Saint Julie Billiart Parish Family on Thursday, November 23, 2017 at 9:00am for a Mass of Thanksgiving, celebrating all for which we give thanks. Light refreshments will be served after the Mass in the Parish Hall.

Donut Sunday

Please join us in the Parish Hall for Donuts and refreshments after the 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am Masses in the Parish Hall. Special thanks to Robert J Sheehy Funeral Home for their generous assistance this month.

BINGO TODAY

The "Lucky 13" jackpot is currently at $1082

TODAY could be your lucky day to walk away with the BIG prize. Our October game did not produce a big winner so $90 was added to the jackpot.

Five early bird games start at 1:30pm, each game is $1.00; winner gets half of amount collected.

Buy-in for the regular game is $15 which begin at 2:30pm. Additional bonus games can be purchased for additional chances to win.

Refreshments are available for purchase or you may bring your own. Snacks and non-alcoholic beverages are welcome.

Players must be 18 years or older. A $15 buy-in is required to play any of the games.

Saint Julie Billiart CATHOLIC CHURCH

Events

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

November 19 - 8am
Donut Sunday in the Parish Hall. Special thanks to Robery J Sheehy Funeral Home for their generous assistance this month.

November 19 1:00pm
BINGO in the Devine Center. Lucky 13 jackpot at $1082

November 20 10:00am
Rosary at Autumn Leaves Memory Care facility

November 20 7:00pm
Novena to St Peregrine, in Church

November 23 Thanksgiving Day

- Mass at 9:00am in the Church.
- Bonanza Raffle drawing after Mass in the Parish Hall; light refreshments will be served.
- Thanksgiving Dinner in the Devine Center at 1:00pm

November 23, 24 & 25
Parish Office Closed

November 30 8:45am - 4:00pm
Adoration Thursday in the Sacred Heart Chapel

November 30 4:00 - 5:00pm
Holy Hour of Reparation in the Sacred Heart Chapel

Additional details, questions, ideas and suggestions for Parish Life and Parish Communications can be sent to: mike@stjulie.org
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A lot to be thankful for...

I love this time of year! The leaves are changing, the days are cooler and crisper, the nights seems so much sharper and in focus and people seem to shift. The holidays are beginning and while there can definitely be stress that comes with it there is a lot to be thankful for! Families get some time to actually sit down around a table and come together, not just your immediate family but often times it is your extended family. People seem to be a little nicer, you get some time to relax and really think about what you're thankful for.

This year besides my friends and my family I have even more to be thankful for. I am thankful for our teens, they bring so much energy and curiosity to our faith. I am thankful for their parents who encourage them to be active and get involved with our program. I'm thankful for those who pray for us, who encourage us and support us in every way!

This weekend we are in Indianapolis at the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) and (though I am writing this a week ahead of time) I know that the lives of the teens here, this weekend, are going to be changed! I pray that they are able to come back and share their journey with you all. I hope you are open to listening to their experiences and encourage the joy and excitement that they bring back with them to grow and continue. And I hope they tell you how thankful they are for all that you as a church community do for them!

May God bless you this Thanksgiving and always. I encourage you to take some time to reflect on the great things in your life. I know you will find that you have a lot to be thankful for! I know I do.

Upcoming Teen Nights

Drop-In on November 29 @ St. George at 7:30pm

Teen Leader Meeting December 3 @ St. Julie at 7pm

Wednesdays, December 6 & 13

Teen Drop In @ St. George, 5-6pm
For 6-7 grade students

Teen Drop In @ St. George, 7:30-9pm
For 8-12 grade students

Teen Night December 10 @ St. Julie at 7pm

Teen Night December 17 @ St. Julie at 7pm

Youth Trip Opportunities for 2018

For more information about either of these opportunities please contact Youth Minister, Holly Hesselschwardt.

Mission Trip

Theme next year is Blessed, Broken and Shared

When: June 24 – 30, 2018

Where: Detroit, Michigan

Deposit Amount: $50

Registration Due: Keep an eye out for more information in upcoming bulletins. This will be open to those who are currently in 8th grade through 12th grades.

The trip is open to both St. George and St. Julie youth right now there are 10 spots available for each parish. Spots will fill up fast: First come, First served. Possibility for more spots if more interest is shown.

Steubenville Youth Conference

Theme is Revealed

When: June 15 – 17 or July 20 – 22, 2018

Where: Steubenville, Ohio

Deposit Amount: $40

Registration & Deposit Due: Let Holly know no later than November 30, 2017 AND have your Deposit in to hold your spot. At this time there are no forms to fill out it is simply online registry that the youth leader fills out. This will be open to those who are currently in 8th grade through 12th grade.

The trip is open to both St. George and St. Julie youth. There are 5 spots available for each parish. Spots will fill up fast: First come First served. There could be a possibility for more spots if more interest is shown.

Forms for both trips are also available in the bins by the Parish Office Entryway.

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