

2018-2019

*As each one has received a gift,
use it to serve one another
as good stewards of God's varied grace.*

1 Peter 4:10



MISSION REPORT
TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

LETTER FROM FR. LOU



Fr. Lou Tylka
Pastor

This is an exciting time to be a part of the Church! Despite the many challenges we face in our society and in our Church, these are exciting times to be a part of the Church – to be a part of St. Julie Billiart Catholic Church.

What makes it so exciting to be part of the Church today? I believe we are living in an age of renewal. The Holy Spirit is at

work calling us to a deeper understanding of our vocation to be disciples of Jesus. In deepening our relationship with Jesus, we develop a greater awareness of our calling to participate in the mission entrusted to the Church: *Go and make disciples.*

Although at times the mission may seem daunting, it is exciting to discover that which God is calling us to become. The possibilities are endless and the renewal for the salvation of souls is a shared opportunity to make a difference in the world. This is exciting!

Pope Francis has instructed us that we are called to be missionary disciples. In unpacking this calling, it is wonderful to recognize the ways in which we are already making a difference in the lives of others. At the same time, there is a greater potential for so much more if we are willing to work together. Indeed, the resources we possess as a community of faith are tremendous. I often think of the words the staff and parishioners repeated to me over and over again when I was named pastor of St. Julie Billiart Catholic Church in 2014: “we are not rich, but we are generous.”

Despite being a ‘money’ comment to the new pastor, the truth is we are a “rich” community of generous people who share their time, talent and treasure. We have built and sustained this special place we call St. Julie Billiart Catholic Church as an instrument of bringing people to Jesus. To dream of how this generosity will continue to build our community, to encourage the witnessing of our faith and ultimately create more disciples is truly exciting! It is my hope that in sharing this annual report, it will help us all reflect more deeply on our own experience of being

touched by the generosity of our community.

To be clear, I am taking a different direction of presenting this Mission Report to you now and going forward. A parish is dependent upon the financial support given by parishioners to empower the mission. Dollars only tell part of the story, albeit a very important part of the story. This report shares the accountability and transparency of our finances, but it also invites us to see the impact of our giving towards living out our mission. We must attend to the paying of our bills “to keep the lights on”, but more importantly we must discern the necessary steps to achieve the mission Jesus gives us. This is a step in the right direction. I hope you will step up with me to create a renewed Church!

Peace & Prayers,

Fr. Lou



Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

Matthew 28:19-20





June 7 - 9, 2019 Multi-Parish Home Build

Parishioners from St. Julie Billiart and neighboring parishes worked together to build the frames for two houses.



Mission Impact: OUTREACH

Building a structure to benefit less fortunate families that I will never see or even meet is faith in action. Providing a service not for my glory but God's glory.

We often see the needs of people in other states and countries and yet we have people in our own backyard that have needs. Identifying the needs of our neighbors and taking action to help them brings the service to a more grassroots effort by serving the people in our community. It brings it closer to home and builds a sense of community with the people from other parishes.

~ Kim Intriери

MISSION HIGHLIGHTS

St. Julie parish provided many more opportunities for spiritual growth and service than could be added to the pages of this report, including:

- ▶ Youth Group helped run Vacation Bible School
- ▶ *Reboot* event, with inspirational speaker Chris Stefanick
- ▶ Lenten Mondays, this year featuring Bishop Robert Casey, Fr. Bob Lombardo and Fr. Peter Wojcik
- ▶ Young at Heart group expanded to include parishioners from St. George and St. Damian
- ▶ A variety of outreach projects, including families making lunches for The Port





Mission Impact: OUR PARISH SCHOOL

When reflecting about one's faith life, it is often easiest to start with our formative years. For my wife Eileen and I, this begins with our Catholic education. Eileen's education through high school and college was filled with opportunities to serve and to grow with Christ. While attending Mother McAuley, Eileen had her first exposure to a spiritual retreat. She was hooked. She loved the feeling of sharing her faith with her peers. This continued to the University of Dayton where she lead multiple retreats and service trips. Her favorite retreat was Metanoia (meaning change of heart). Here Eileen both attended and later lead her fellow classmates through Scripture and personal witness to help explore an invitation to discipleship.

I was Catholic educated for 17 years, beginning with Kindergarten and later finishing my studies at Marquette University. I felt like my Catholic education

helped create a foundation for my future faith life. Growing up I went to church most Sundays, but didn't always appreciate the importance of attending Mass. It wasn't until I became ill in high school that I realized the role God plays in my life. I remember feeling angry and frustrated that I was sick. Later I turned that frustration into prayer, which made all the difference. Instead of being angry with God, I asked Him for help. I credit my illness with helping bring my faith life back into focus. While at Marquette, I attended retreats and was a constant annoyance to my friends to attend weekly Mass.

After college, Eileen and I began dating and later married. Marriage allowed us to grow together in our faith. Shortly after we got married, we joined St. Julie Billiard parish. Not knowing any other parishioners, we joined the retreat ministry. There we quickly met welcoming parishioners and continued on our faith journey. Through St. Julie, the Lord has blessed us with so many new friends, volunteer opportunities, and a beautiful place to worship.

Our three children have been baptized at St. Julie and now attend our parish school, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin. We believe that our faith life first starts at home, but is enriched through faith based education. At school, our children are reminded that God is always with them and are encouraged to live according to the Gospel. Between St. Julie and Cardinal Joseph Bernardin, we know our children are receiving opportunities to grow a deep and fruitful relationship with God.

With all the noise and distraction that we encounter in society today, Eileen and I try to simplify things and trust in God. We feel that life can be broken down into two choices, where we are either taking steps toward God, or we are moving away. The more we walk toward the Lord, the more love we receive, and the more love we can give. As written in Isaiah 58:11, **"The Lord will guide you continually..."**

~ Chris Conneely



Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School 2018 BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

In October 2018, our parish school was named a National Blue Ribbon School for the second time. This honor was first received in 2008.

WILL YOU GROW
ONE STEP THIS YEAR?



GIFTS OF TREASURE

SAINT JULIE BILLIART Catholic Church



First Communion at St. Julie
May 4, 2019

DID YOU KNOW?

- ▶ We have 2,618 registered families
- ▶ We celebrated 99 baptisms, 70 first holy communions, 88 confirmations, 9 weddings and 108 funerals
- ▶ Our electric bill averages \$2,961 per month
- ▶ Our heating bill averages \$1,438 per month
- ▶ The cost of snow removal was \$24,212
- ▶ The cost of lawn maintenance was \$10,975
- ▶ The cost of supplying envelopes to parishioners for Sunday Offering and other donations is \$5,047
- ▶ We spent \$6,090 on supplies to offer hospitality throughout the year
- ▶ Last year we spent \$5,136 on hosts and wine for Mass
- ▶ Our St. Vincent de Paul contributions received were \$11,445
- ▶ Contributions to our sharing parish, Our Lady of Peace, were \$17,918
- ▶ We have 455 children in our Faith Formation program
- ▶ The average attendance for Mass for our five weekend Masses was 1,981 people

WAYS OF GIVING

Sunday Offering: Envelopes / Cash

Making a Sunday Offering through use of envelopes is one of the most common ways of sharing one's financial support. Your generosity enables the parish to provide the many ministries and services which are hallmarks of our vibrancy, not only here at the parish but further out into the world. Use of a parish envelope offers the benefit of being able to request a tax receipt at the end of the year.

Electronic Giving

E-giving provides a safe and efficient way to make your Sunday Offering. By setting up e-giving through our partner, Faith Direct, your donations are automatically withdrawn according to your scheduled plan. Additionally, your tax receipt can be obtained directly online.

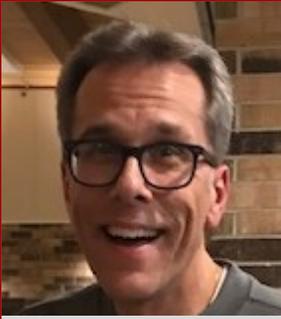
Legacy Gifts / Bequests

Remembering St. Julie in your estate planning provides a legacy gift which supports the continuing mission of the Church. Requests for donations as memorials are greatly appreciated as a remembrance of loved ones whose lives were touched by their parish. We will happily assist those wishing to make such gifts to St. Julie; simply call the parish office to speak with the business manager, Nancy Pfeiffer (708-429-6767, ext. 214).



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Mission Impact: LITURGICAL MINISTRY

The Catholic faith has always been an integral part of my life. I attended Catholic grammar school, Catholic high school, and even a Catholic college. Growing up, I always went to church with my family. Even as I got older, I continued to attend Mass on my own. Participating in the Mass and receiving the Eucharist has always been very important to me. All that time, though, I just considered myself a “passive” church-goer. I remember wanting to be more active and connected to my church. When I moved out on my own, one of the first things I wanted to do was find a church that would help me continue to move forward and to support and encourage me in my faith journey.

In 1991, I moved out of my childhood home to a condo in Orland Park. That first Sunday in my new home, I decide to attend Mass at St. Julie Billiart Church. From the moment I walked in, I knew I had found the right place! I felt this is where I belong! Everyone was so welcoming. Mass was so intimate. The priests and ministers were wonderful! The people were wonderful! A feeling came over me that St. Julie Billiart would be the place that would help me grow into a

better, faith-filled person. A place where I could get more involved and give back to my church.

And that certainly came true! One of the first things I did at St. Julie was become a Greeter, one who makes all those who attend Mass feel welcome and at home. A truly important ministry! In all the years I have been a Greeter, I have met so many amazing people and have made so many wonderful friends. Soon after, I became an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion which helped me connect even more to my church by sharing the Body and Blood of Christ with others.

I met my wife Erin in 2004 and we got married at St. Julie in June of 2006. Erin soon joined me as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and now stands with me as a Greeter every Sunday. Through the years, we have been involved in various other ministries at St. Julie, both together and on our own, such as Baptismal Facilitators, Wedding Facilitators, parish retreats, RCIA and the Liturgy Board. I am so very blessed to have Erin with me, to be able to share our faith journey together. We consider everyone at St. Julie to be our family. We truly believe that by getting involved, you get back so much more than you give. We are so grateful that God brought us together and brought us to St. Julie Billiart. Our lives are definitely much better for it!

~ Mark Kuta



YEAR END FINANCIAL REPORT 2019

Income	Amount Collected
Sunday and Holy Day Collections	\$966,580
Christmas Collection	\$69,469
Easter Collection	\$49,927
Faith Formation Tuition	\$86,644
Other Income and Donations (Fundraising, Bingo, Mass stipends, Sacramental fees)	\$118,458
TOTAL INCOME:	\$1,291,078
Expenses	Amount Disbursed
Salaries and benefits	\$766,451
Maintenance and building repairs	\$94,571
Utilities	\$77,533
Administrative expenses	\$48,227
Altar and liturgical supplies	\$26,614
Books, textbooks, workbooks, other instructional materials	\$38,797
Parish support to Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School	\$29,000
Other expenses	\$66,226
Archdiocesan Assessments	\$210,258
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$1,357,677
NET ORDINARY INCOME:	-\$66,599



SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Fund Name	Amounts Collected
Aid for the Church in Latin America	\$708
Aid for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe	\$785
Holy Land (Good Friday)	\$2,052
Catholic Charities (Mother's Day)	\$2,429
Fund for Retired Priests	\$4,889
Peter's Pence	\$2,307
Summer Missionary Collection	\$5,641
Seminarian Education	\$4,334
World Mission Sunday	\$1,383
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	\$1,247
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$5,676
TOTAL:	\$31,451

DIOCESAN ASSESSMENTS

The Archdiocesan Assessment is a monthly payment by each parish to the diocese, which supports the mission of the wider Church and running of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center. It is calculated based on the parish's previous two years of the "net assessable revenue." In addition, each parish is assessed by the Archdiocese to support priests' health care and retirement. Insurance premiums are paid to the Archdiocese or a self-insured entity.

Payment Type	Total Paid Per Year
Archdiocesan Assessment	\$120,048
Priest Retirement Assessment	\$42,012
Property/Casualty Insurance	\$48,198

REGULAR GIVING

The chart below may assist you, along with your prayerful consideration, as to the amount of your regular Sunday offering:

INCOME VS. PROPORTIONAL GIVING

Suggested Weekly Gift to Parish (rounded to the nearest \$ amount)

Annual Household Income	1%	5%	10%
\$10,000	\$2	\$10	\$19
\$15,000	\$3	\$14	\$29
\$20,000	\$4	\$19	\$38
\$25,000	\$5	\$24	\$48
\$30,000	\$6	\$29	\$58
\$35,000	\$7	\$34	\$67
\$40,000	\$8	\$38	\$77
\$50,000	\$10	\$48	\$96
\$60,000	\$12	\$58	\$115
\$70,000	\$13	\$67	\$135
\$80,000	\$15	\$77	\$154
\$90,000	\$17	\$87	\$173
\$100,000	\$19	\$96	\$192
\$120,000	\$23	\$115	\$231
\$150,000	\$29	\$144	\$288

To calculate what you would like to give based on your annual household income, you may use the table below:

Annual Household Income	% you wish to give	/ 52	Weekly Offering
\$	%	\$	\$

As Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.

~ U.S. Catholic Bishops, Pastoral Letter on Stewardship



TO TEACH WHO CHRIST IS

In 2016, St. Julie Billiart participated in the Archdiocese of Chicago campaign known as *To Teach Who Christ Is (TTWCI)*. During the past year, because of generous fulfillment of pledges, we have been able to:

- ▶ Replace the roof on the Devine Center and Rectory
- ▶ Replace the HVAC units in the Church, Chapel and Rectory
- ▶ Update technology used by Faith Formation in the Devine Center
- ▶ Renew the Youth Center for our teens
- ▶ Acquire the Holy Family Statue in the Church
- ▶ Landscaping and signage

Pledge payments received through June 2019

Total Collected: \$986,184

60% Parish: \$591,710

40% Archdiocese: \$394,473



March for Life Chicago
Sunday, January 13, 2019



Mission Impact: FAITH FORMATION

I have been part of St. Julie parish since 1976. To feel more connected to the parish, I knew I had to get involved in its life. So I decided to pray for strength and guidance. When my daughters started Religious Education, I considered becoming a catechist, but kept getting cold feet. One day I received a Volunteer Information sheet from the Religious Education Office.* All my prayers led to making the best decision to become involved in faith formation and remain involved for the last twenty-three years.

When I first began sharing faith with the little people, I was nervous about them asking questions I couldn't answer. Little did I know that was not the case. I really felt inspired by my little first graders and the faith I was sharing, so much so that I continued as a catechist for 11 more years. I wanted my children to

know that God loves you no matter what (something I don't remember hearing in all my years going to Catholic school). I knew I made a difference in their lives, when one day after Sunday Mass, a first grade student of mine stopped to say "hello". It made such a difference in my life!

Unfortunately, I had to stop being a catechist when my parents took ill but I felt like something was missing in my life. So I decided to come back to the program and team teach with one of my daughters in fourth grade. With continued prayer and the help of the Holy Spirit, I made my way back to doing something I really enjoyed, which was teaching children about God. I wasn't just teaching them. They were also sharing faith with me through their stories and experiences, too.

Even though I loved teaching, I was called to do more. So for the last nine years I have been the third grade Coordinator. I prepare the lesson plans and plan the activities for the talented and faith-filled volunteer catechists. Every year we are asked if we feel called to continue in faith formation. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, I will continue to do my best at forming our children in faith.

~ Gloria Leone

**Going forward, we are using the name Faith Formation instead of Religious Education. Our faith journey as disciples is lifelong and truly about forming minds and hearts.*



Going to God Together

November 8, 2018

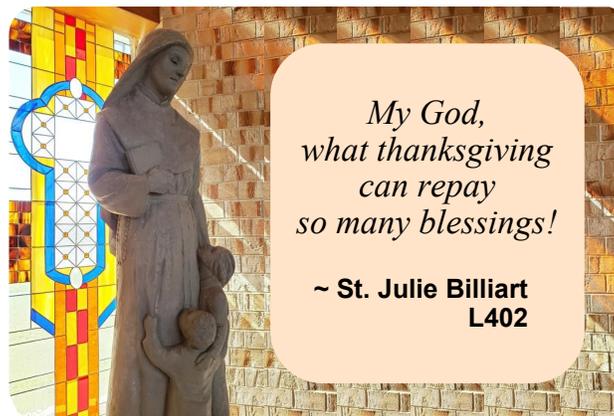
Annual event for parish families. This year's theme centered around God's love and living the Ten Commandments.



STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Lord God, we give thanks for the inspiration of your Holy Spirit as we reflect on the Gospel call to exercise Christ's stewardship on our journey of faith. We ask you to guide us in our discernment, and show us how to be faithful in the plans we make, the actions we take, and the love we share on our pilgrim way. Give us the courage to find wisdom in our sacrifices, joy in our generosity, and hope in the compassion we show, especially to those most in need of your comfort and care. And create in us a more open heart and a greater awareness of our need to grow, to change, to be transformed, so that we may be better stewards of your gifts for the good of all.

We pray this in Jesus' name
Amen.



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