

St. Julie Billiart Catholic Church

*Merry
Christmas!*

AND THE WORD BECAME FLESH



JOHN 1:14

Dear Parishioners,

With Christmas just a few days away, the readings on the Fourth Sunday of Advent highlight the events that immediately precede the birth of Jesus. Today's gospel is called *The Visitation*, as St. Luke recalls that Mary visited her kinswoman Elizabeth immediately after she accepted God's plan of her bearing His Son.

Elizabeth's welcome of Mary broke many of the social conventions of the day. First, it should be Mary who honor's Elizabeth, who was her elder of a higher social status. After all, Mary was betrothed to an unknown carpenter. Elizabeth was married to a high-ranking priest.

However, Elizabeth proclaims that Mary is the most blessed woman and that the fruit of her womb is also most blessed. She then basically says to Mary, "What did I do to deserve a visit from you!" In the history of Israel, the Queen was not the wife of the King. It was the mother of the King. (See I Kings 2:19-20) In our gospel passage, Elizabeth treats Mary like the Queen Mother.

Elizabeth's honor of Mary does two things for us. First, it grounds our own devotion to Mary. Just as she was honored by Elizabeth, so we can be devoted to Mary and ask her intercession on our behalf. Secondly, Elizabeth's devotion to Mary is rooted in the royal child that she carried in her womb. **May we also see in Jesus, born in an obscure part of the world and in the most humble of circumstances, our King and Lord. Let us join the shepherds at the stable as we celebrate Christmas, honoring the Newborn King!**

Confession Reminder: I have added confessions at St. Julie Parish on Monday from 3:00-4:00 p.m. and 6:30-7:00 p.m. All are welcome!

Angel Scholarship Fund: Please look over the bulletin flier regarding the Angel Scholarship Fund program. Last year many Catholic and private schools benefited from this easy-on-the-pocketbook scholarship program. Again, donations to the Angel Scholarship Fund up to \$750 per individual and \$1500 per couple are a direct tax credit with the State of Ohio and are refunded back to the donor.

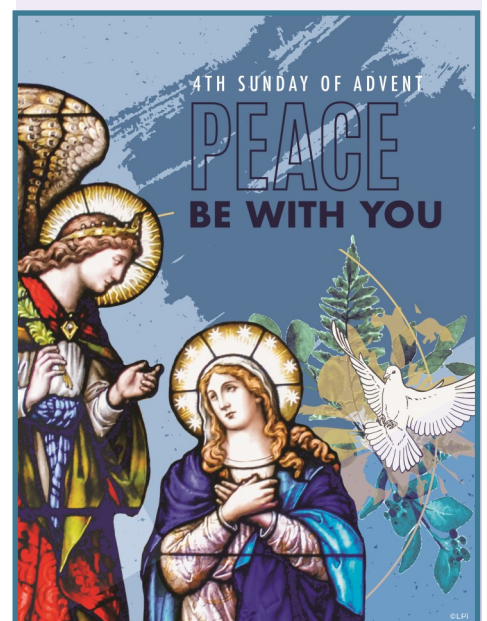
Pray for North Ridgeville in 2025: I meet with a number of the local clergy from our Christian traditions on a somewhat regular basis. During our October and November meetings we discussed a way to serve the City of North Ridgeville. We decided to gather on Sunday afternoon, January 5 at 1:30 p.m. at City Hall. Our purpose will be to pray for the City of North Ridgeville. This will be a short gathering. We will base our prayer on Jeremiah 29:7 which reads: *Promote the welfare of the city to which I have exiled you; pray for it to the Lord, for upon its welfare depends your own.* All are welcome to join me and others around the city ask God's blessing on our city as we begin 2025.

I want to wish each of you and your loved ones a Blessed and Joyful celebration of the birth of our Savior. Whether you find this time of the year "most wonderful" or difficult due to loneliness, Christmas is a blessed time of year. The Son of God did not despise our human condition but assumed it to save it and open the way for us to be with God forever. And there is nothing more blessed than this. **Again, God's blessings to you during this season!**

In Christ,
Fr. Bob Franco

Prayer for Christmas

Dear Lord,
You came to us in humility and silence, setting aside your majesty so that we might approach with wonder. Allow us to grow ever closer to you this Christmas, and always. Amen.



Parish & Community Events

December 22, 2024

Religious Education

PSR-Parish School of Religion

Sunday: Grades 1-7, 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. / Grade 8. 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Dec. 21	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Kenneth Guerra (Rich & Elaine Galik)
Dec. 22	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Deceased Members of the Snyder & Walters Families (Suzanne Snyder)
		11:00 a.m.	St. Julie Billiart Parishioners
Dec. 23	Monday	5:30 p.m.	Angela Francway (Bob & Nancy Francway)
Dec. 24	Tuesday	5:00 p.m.	Nick Arguello (Barb Arguello)
		10:00 p.m.	Linda LaLonde (LaLonde Family)
Dec. 25	Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Dennis Payne (Elaine Payne)
		11:00 a.m.	St. Julie Billiart Parishioners
Dec. 27	Friday	5:30 a.m.	Vincent Bak (Bak Family)
Dec. 28	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Josephine Kowalska (Teresa Sivec)
	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	St. Julie Billiart Parishioners
		11:00 a.m.	Linda LaLonde (LaLonde Family)



the health of, and caregivers of:

Daniel DeLaat, Paul Kovacs, Roy Ramsey, Olivia Lohfeld, Lisa Ramsey, daughter of Tony Frameli, Barbara Dodge, sister of Bernice Cusick, Louise Alexander, Stephan Durosco, nephew of Ted Lapponi, Nicole Jirousek, Mae Preiss, mother of Sandra Zanick, Marian Kessler, Christian Hoffman, nephew of Pat, Dolores Rivera, Bob Jirousek, Barb Vrtachnik, Terry Flanagan, Jean Rasmussen, Kathleen Sobczak, JoAnne Bellomo, Regula family and for Fr. Ned Weist, Fr. George, Fr. Gonser; for our men & women in uniform; our firefighters, police, doctors & nurses; for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life.



Prayer for Advent Joy

Dear Jesus,

The news of your coming was met with boundless joy — fill us anew with the wonder of your presence. You are Emmanuel, God with us. Amen.

~ A Very Big Thank You ~

Thank you to all who made the 2024 SJB Christmas Craft Bazaar a huge success, and to all the volunteers: adults, teens, kitchen crew, crafters, vendors, set-up and clean-up crews.

There were 901 shoppers perusing 76 tables filled with treasures.

A big thanks to Barb and Alan Pavelschak for their donations for our two raffles. Winners were from St. Peter's and St. Julie's.

More than \$1,300 was raised from the craft table for our Ukrainian family. Thanks to all those who donated for the table. The Bryiovskiy family also contributed homemade gifts. They enjoyed walking through all of the other craft areas.

Items not sold at the Craft Show were available in the SJB vestibule this past week.

Profits will be used to support youth ministry and other parish needs.

Pastor: Rev. Robert Franco

Parochial Vicar:

Rev. Isidore Munishi

Deacons: Rev. Mr. John Rivera

Rev. Mr. Del Sherman

Rev. Dr. Ken DeLuca,
Retired

PSR Principal: Kelly Reed

Music Director: Mary Pokrywka

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday.....5:00 p.m.

(This Mass is Live Streamed & Recorded)

Sunday..... 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

5:30 p.m. Evening Mass on
Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

Holydays.....Consult the Bulletin

**Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament, Wednesdays from
2:00-5:00 p.m.**

**For updates check St. Julie's
Website**

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays.....3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

In the Church

PSR - PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Grades 1-7: 9:30-10:45 a.m. Sunday
Grade 8: 6:30 - 7:45 p.m. Sunday
(check PSR website for information)

**OCIA & OCIC (Order of Christian
Initiation of Adults and Children)**

BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Sunday by appointment

MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made
6 months in advance

NEW PARISHIONERS

You are welcome to call the office
or register on line.

Ministers Schedule

Sat, Dec. 21, 5:00 Rec	Dec. 22, 9:00 am	11:00 am
S-Beth Paoloni	S- Not Filled	S-Mike Yarosh
L-Jane Herbcha	L-Jessica Angelo	L-Cindy Naprestek
EM-Greg Dubecky	EM-Mark LaLonde	EM-Kristine Krejsa
EM-Beth Paoloni	EM-Tom Lamoda	EM-Mike Yarosh
C-Deacon John	C-Elaine Payne	C-Jim Livingston
C-Agnes Klimkowicz	C-Deacon Del	C-Larry Rozman
U- Not Filled	U-Dave Rodriguez	U- Not Filled
U- Not Filled	U- Not Filled	U-Elaine Payne
AS-Ryan Papesch	AS- Not Filled	AS- Not Filled
AS- Not Filled	AS- Not Filled	AS- Not Filled

Tue, Dec. 24, 5:00 pm	10:00 pm	
S-Beth Paoloni	S- Not Filled	
L-Jane Herbcha	L-Amy Shealy	
EM-Agnes Klimkowicz	EM-Elaine Payne	
EM-Ray Sharron	EM- Not Filled	
C-Denise Pastula	C- Not Filled	
C- Not Filled	C- Not Filled	
U-Elaine Payne	U- Not Filled	
U- Not Filled	U- Not Filled	
AS- Not Filled	AS-Melody Shealy	
AS- Not Filled	AS-Anthony Shealy	

Tue, Dec. 25, 9:00 am	11:00 am	
S-Kathleen McWeeny	S- Not Filled	
L-Mark LaLonde	L-Cindy Naprestek	
EM-Tom Lamoda	EM- Not Filled	
EM-Kathleen McWeeny	EM- Not Filled	
C-Elaine Payne	C- Not Filled	
C- Not Filled	C- Not Filled	
U- Not Filled	U-Elaine Payne	
U-Jim Gaffney	U- Not Filled	
AS-Bob Gazer	AS- Not Filled	
AS- Not Filled	AS- Not Filled	

Sat, Dec. 28, 5:00 Rec	Dec. 29, 9:00 am	11:00 am
S-Chris Vacca	S-John Burghard	S-Kathleen McWeeny
L-Jane Herbcha	L-Ken Allen	L-Lisa Palazzo
EM-Keith Klimkowicz	EM-Gretchen Bulan	EM-Barb Arguello
EM-Tony Tinnirello	EM-John Burghard	EM-Kathleen McWeeny
C-Deacon John	C-Robert Ricksecker	C-Larry Rozman
C-Jim Nolan	C-Kristine Krejsa	C-Leslie Rozman
U-Sue Dybowski	U-Val Wisniewski	U-Dave Rodriguez
U-Nick Guerrieri	U-Hung Le	U-Elaine Payne
AS- Not Filled	AS- Not Filled	AS-Ryan Papesch
AS- Not Filled	AS- Not Filled	AS-Dawson Davis

S-Sacristan C-Chalice
L-Lector U-Usher
EM-Eucharistic Minister AS-Altar Server

Gifts for Baby Jesus

In support of Birthright of Lorain County please see the Flyer in the bulletin for gift suggestions. Bring to church **Christmas Eve and Christmas Day**. You can also use linktr.ee/birthrightloraincounty for the Amazon wish list, donate button, and learning more information about everything Birthright does.

News & Events

Ukraine Welcome Circle Updates

Congratulations to the winners of the UWC raffle

"Skylines of the West" Quilt Geri Uhler - St. Peter
"Santa's Surprise" Painting Teresa Sivec - St. Julie

We also want to thank all of the crafters, who made so many beautiful items, and the volunteers who helped sell the items at the Christmas Craft Show.

Nadiia and the children came and had a great time talking to the folks and wandering around the show. They loved the festive atmosphere and seeing all of the people sharing Christmas cheer.

We made more than \$2000 from these two activities that will go a long way in helping to support the Bryiovskyis.

You are all so incredibly generous! Thank you!

~ Thank You ~

Thank you to all who donated to the giving tree, whether a monetary donation or a gift. This is the first year we have gotten all the gifts back on time. It makes it so much easier for the folks delivering gifts if they are all here on time and we do not have to shop ourselves for the forgotten gifts.

Thank you all for your generosity!

Please take note - all 2024 donations must be received on or before December 31. If it is postmarked December 31 we can count it in 2024.



4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." - Lk 1:41-42



Flowers & Decorations

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Jim & Mary Gaffney
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- Catholic school students K-12 that receive scholarships.

Here are two examples of how the program works*:

INDIVIDUAL

Estimated Ohio Tax Liability	\$1,000
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Ohio Tax Liability after Tax Credit	\$250

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Estimated Ohio Tax Liability	\$2,000
State Tax Credit on \$1,500 donation to the Angel Scholarship Fund	-\$1,500
Ohio Tax Liability after Tax Credit	\$500

Two notes on the state tax credit:

- 1- The credit is applied against your Ohio tax liability. For clarification, your Ohio tax liability is the amount of taxes that you owe to the State of Ohio for the tax year (it is **not** based on the amount that you have you pay when you file your tax return). Therefore, even if you already anticipate receiving a refund due to overpayments during the year, your donation could increase the amount of your refund to the extent of your actual tax liability.
- 2- It is a non-refundable credit, which means the amount of the state tax credit cannot exceed the amount of the Ohio tax liability.

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