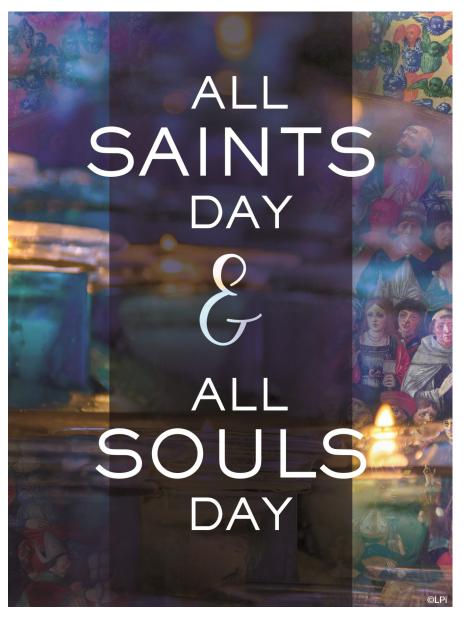


#### PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

St. Julie Billiart is a welcoming Roman Catholic community that deepens our personal relationship with Jesus Christ by worshiping together, reaching out to others and building up the Kingdom of God.



November 1, 2020

PASTOR: Rev. George A. Vrabel

Deacons: Rev. Mr. John Rivera

Rev. Dr. Ken DeLuca, retired

PSR Principal: Kelly Reed
Music Director: Danny O'Brien

#### LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:00 p.m.				
Sunday	9:00 & 11:00 a.m.				
Weekday Masses at the Church					
Monday-Friday	8:30 a.m.				
(Excluding Thursdays)					
Holydays	Consult the Bulletin				

For updates check St. Julie's Website

#### **CONFESSIONS**

Saturdays......4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

In the Holy Family Room

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Call or email the office.

#### MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made 6 months in advance

#### **NEW PARISHIONERS**

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

#### From the Desk of Father George

Dear Parishioners and friends of St. Julie's.

This weekend, November 1<sup>st</sup>, the Church celebrates the Feast of All Saints. It is an opportunity for us to be reminded of the call to holiness which extends across the ages in response to love for God. On May 13, 610, Pope Boniface IV transformed the Roman pantheon into a church, which he dedicated to Mary and the martyrs and made this day the feast of All Saints. In 835 Pope Gregory IV had the emperor of the West, Louis the Pius, promulgate a decree that fixed November 1<sup>st</sup> as the feast of All Saints. From that time on, what had first been a local celebration in Rome and in a few Churches rapidly became a common solemnity throughout all of Latin Europe, and the feast of May 13<sup>th</sup> disappeared.

We have all known persons who, although often very humble, have given authentic, admirable, and inspiring example of sanctity to those close to them... And so, it is right and fitting to celebrate them by associating their memory with that of the saints who figure in the various martyrologies as well as all the countless others that no such register could possibly contain, even if they were known. We call upon each and every one of them to assist us in our journey to holiness, and we rejoice in their love of God.

Pray not only through your patron saint, but through the heavenly host for the grace to live as Christ has called. Our spiritual journey lasts a lifetime. And while we may occasionally fail in our loving, God continues to offer us the opportunity to start again. None of us should ever give up in trying.

#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT

- Our Weekend Mass attendance last weekend (October 24/25)
  - ♦ The 5:00 Mass had 58 attendees, the 9:00 Mass had 54 attendees, and the 11:00 Mass had 42 attendees. The total attendance of 154 was one less than the previous week. The seating arrangement following social distancing guidelines, allows for 80 attendees at one time
- **Just a reminder**: The 5:00 Mass is recorded and posted on our web page. Tell your family and friends. See you there!

Consider joining us for a Weekday Mass in the church.

Attendance is usually less than 15, and so social distancing is even better than ideal.

Monday - November 2<sup>nd</sup> is All Souls Day. It is never a holy
day of obligation, but rather a day to remember our beloved
deceased. Due to the pandemic, The Book of the Dead
usually located near the sanctuary throughout the month of

November is absent. The All Souls Day envelopes marked with your particular intentions will be visible upon the altar throughout the month as a sign of ongoing love and commendation to God, and Masses are celebrated throughout the year for your All Souls Day intentions.

Mass on November 2<sup>nd</sup> is 8:30am - in the church.

Tuesday - November 3<sup>rd</sup> is Election Day. For the third consecutive year St. Julie's Church (tile area) is a polling site. There will be no morning Mass that day. While the church must remain neutral on individual candidates, I urge you to approach the polling places with a well-formed Catholic Conscience. If you have not yet prepared yourself to vote, spend some time reviewing appropriate materials that will guide your decision. Voting is a right and privilege of the democracy in which we live. Exercise your right to vote for the various candidates and issues.

Just as a reminder: No one is authorized or has permission to distribute any partisan political materials on parish properties.

I hope you all have a great week.

Stay healthy and well!

Fr. George



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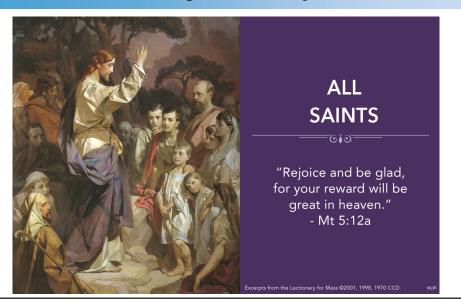
of evil against you falsely because of me.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

- Mt 5:11-12a

#### Religious Education

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#### Mass Intentions for the Week

Oct. 3	31 - Saturday	5:00 p.m. June Rothgery (Jeff & Amy Hansen)
Nov.	1 - Sunday	9:00 a.m. Maria Nguyen Thi Niem (Daisy Truong)
		11:00 a.m. St. Julie Billiart Parishioners
Nov.	2 - Monday	8:30 a.m. All Souls
Nov.	3 - Tuesday	No Mass
Nov.	4 - Wednesday	8:30 a.m. John M. Lyden (Patty Lyden)
Nov.	5 - Thursday	No Mass
Nov.	6 - Friday	8:30 a.m. Jennie Frameli (Toni Frameli)
Nov.	7 - Saturday	5:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of the Rasmussen Family
Nov.	8 - Sunday	9:00 a.m. St. Julie Billiart Parishioners

11:00 a.m. Melaine Misencik (Dennis Jufko)



the health of, and caregivers of: Fr. George, Kathleen Sobczak, Mary Begany, Marian Juszkiewicz, Ginny Umpirowicz, Dolores Rivera, Terry Flanagan, JoAnne Bellomo, John Murphy, June Seman, Carol Polak, Irene Kollin, Regula Family, Sondra Jirousek, Carol Straub; for the repose of the soul of Mary Minnich, mother of Judy Selee; for our men & women in uniform, our police, firefighters, doctors and nurses; and for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life.

"The threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority because it directly attacks life itself, because it takes place within the sanctuary of the family, and because of the number of lives destroyed.' (U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops)

The world-wide 40 Days for Life campaign of prayer and fasting concludes this weekend. While the final tally won't be known for several weeks, through the first five weeks of the campaign, there were 388 babies saved from abortion, and numerous women and men sought out healing from past abortions. God has moved powerfully through our parish's commitment to pray and fast. Thank you, God bless you, and please continue to pray for an end to abortion.



#### Parish Stewardship

Oct. 25:	\$4265
Online Giving:	\$145
Children's	
School Subsidy	\$40
Capital Improvement	\$129
Net Offertory	\$4579

Thank you for sharing your blessings.

#### Prayer to St. Michael

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into Hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.



#### Prayer to End Abortion

Lord God,

I thank you today for the gift of my life.
I rejoice that you have conquered death by the
Resurrection of Your Son, Jesus.
I beg you to spare the lives of all the unborn babies
that are in danger of abortion.
Through Christ our Lord,

Amen.



#### Society of St. Vincent de Paul Seeks Blanket Sunday Donations

If you haven't had a chance to contribute to this year's annual Blanket Sunday appeal, please consider doing so. The

need is greater than ever this fall/winter as many more people experience financial hardship during the pandemic. Donations can be made securely online at <a href="https://www.svdpcle.org/donate-today/blanket-sunday/">https://www.svdpcle.org/donate-today/blanket-sunday/</a>. Checks may also be mailed to:

St. Vincent de Paul Society Blanket Sunday, 1404 East 9<sup>th</sup> Street-3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Cleveland, OH 44114. Thank you for helping us blanket others in warmth and compassion! Donations will be needed all winter.

Minister Schedule						
Date	Time	Sacristan	Lector	Eucharistic Minister		
Oct. 31	5:00 p.m.	Suzanne Snyder	Sharon DeBevec	n/a (deacon)		
Nov. 1	9:00 a.m.	John Burghard	Linda Vasiloff	John Burghard		
	11:00 a.m.	Mike Yarosh	Mark LaLonde	Mike Yarosh		
Nov. 7	5:00 p.m.	Beth Paoloni	Sharon DeBevec	n/a (deacon)		
Nov. 8	9:00 a.m.	John Burghard	Ken Allen	John Burghard		
	11:00 a.m.	Suzanne Snyder	Barb Arguello	Leslie Rozman		

#### Prayers of the Faithful

As we can be called children of God, we are invited to call upon God as our Father and express our needs and the needs of the world.

- For the Church, the communion of saints, that we may grow in holiness as we grow in faithfulness to the Beatitudes, we pray...
- For leaders of nations, that they may choose to be peacemakers, recognizing the image of God even in their enemies and encouraging the people they lead to do the same, we pray . . .
- For those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, that they may sustain the battle for justice and goodness and not lose heart, we pray. . .
- For those who mourn, that they may find comfort in the Lord through the support and compassion of family, friends, and our parish community, we pray..
- For all of those affected by the Corona Virus especially the health care workers, the fire and police, all essential workers, the victims, and all the families that are grieving, we pray. . .
- For all of us, that with God's grace we may continually pursue the ideals expressed in the Beatitudes, we pray. . .

For all the prayers that we hold in the silence of our hearts; for all our intentions spoken and unspoken, we pray. . .

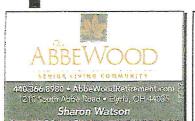
Merciful God, we trust that those who show mercy receive mercy in return. Help us to live lives marked by mercy. Grant this and all the prayers we make today through your Son, Christ our Lord.

Tuesday, November 3rd is Election Day



Don't forget your mail in ballots must be post marked by Monday, November 2nd to be counted.







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#### A new year begins

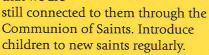
Each year the Church begins a new liturgical year on the Sunday closest to the feast of the apostle Andrew (November 30). This year the first Sunday of Advent is November 29. We begin Year B in the liturgical cycle.

#### Welcome saints into your family

Saints are holy people who lived a life of extraordinary

virtue and now celebrate with God in Heaven forever.

All Saints Day (November 1) reminds us that we are



#### Judge not

Help children to remember that criticizing others is a serious business. "Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven" (Luke 6:37). Better to worry about our own behavior and let others do the same.

#### Heaven is worth the wait

No one likes to wait, and children are particularly poorly suited to delayed rewards. Yet, Advent is all about waiting for something amazing. So how can we help youngsters see that

Heaven will be worth the wait?

There are no worries in Heaven. "He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain" (Revelation 21:4). When we get

pain, worries. Everything good comes from Heaven. "Every good endowment and

every perfect gift is from above" (James 1:17). If all good things come from Heaven, imagine how great it will be when we get there.

The company is great there. When we get to Heaven, we will have joyful reunions with beloved grandparents, aunts, uncles, and friends who

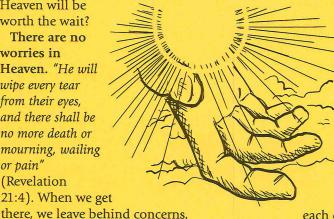
have died before us.

Best of all, we get to mingle with the saints, angels, and with Jesus, himself.

The one who loves us best is there. As much as earthly parents love their children, it's nothing compared to the love God has for

each of us. He is the perfect parent - our true Father - and he is waiting for us in Heaven.

Heaven is our true home. "But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ" (Philippians 3:20).



#### Why Do Catholics Do That

#### Why do we pray for the souls in Purgatory?

All who die in God's friendship go to Heaven. But if we haven't properly atoned for our sins, we are purified in Purgatory first. The Catechism of the Catholic Church calls Purgatory, "a final cleansing of human

imperfection before one is able to enter the joy of heaven." Praying for the souls in Purgatory helps them pass through faster than they would otherwise. "Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be freed from this sin" (2 Maccabees 12:46).

#### Make Christmas all about love

What parent doesn't cherish the sparkle of excitement in a child's eye at Christmas? As Catholic parents, though, we want our children to have the joy of the holiday, not just the anticipation of receiving gifts. Try these ideas to experience Christmas as a holiday of love.

Help children give, not just receive. Children love to give gifts. Write up a list of grandparents, teachers, and siblings and help children make and send handmade gifts like Christmas cookies or ornaments.



Focus on Jesus. Start the season by reading a few verses of the story of Jesus' birth each day. Sing your favorite religious Christmas carols. Make birthday cards for the Baby.

Come alive. In the tradition of St. Francis of Assisi, act out your own Nativity. Each take a part to play. Imagine what it would have been like to have been there for the real event.

Thank you note. All good gifts come from God. Write Jesus a "thank you" note for the blessings you received in the last year.

## Scripture

#### Mark 13:33-37, Keep watch!

In this reading, Jesus urges us to always be ready because "You do not know when the time will come." He wants us to be on the watch for Him.

Next month we celebrate Jesus' arrival at Christmas. He will come twice more for certain: at our death and at the end of time. Advent is the time to ask, "What do I need to do to be ready to greet the Lord?"

What can a parent
do? Start by doing your best
to remain in a state of grace and help
children to do the same. Teach youngsters
to perform a daily examination of

conscience, and pick one sinful practice to eliminate. Make it a family practice to go to Confession regularly – once a month, if possible.

Then attend or watch
Mass weekly and try to
spend more time in
prayer. Finally, see if
there are ways your
family can offer
yourselves in service

to others.

Keeping watch means fixing our eyes on God at all times. Then, when Christmas comes, we can greet the Lord with joy.



Nov. 1 – All Saints Day. In the early Church, saints and martyrs were each assigned a feast day. However, the extreme persecution of the Christians meant there weren't enough days in the calendar for individual commemorations. Eventually Pope Gregory IV designated Nov.1 as All Saints Day.

Nov. 2 – All Souls Day. On this day we pray for the dead, especially our loved ones and souls in Purgatory to help them get to Heaven faster.

Nov. 12 - St. Josaphat (1623).

Born in the Ukraine to Orthodox parents, St. Josaphat converted to Catholicism, became a Basilian monk, then a priest, and was named Bishop of Vitebsk (now in Russia). He worked for unity in the Church and was martyred for his efforts.

Nov. 13 – St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (1917). Mother Cabrini started the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart in Italy and founded 67 institutions to care for the sick and forgotten in Europe and the Americas. She was the first U.S. citizen to be canonized.

#### Parent TALK

One afternoon, my daughter, Kara, went to a friend's home and came back in a thoughtful mood. It seemed that at three o'clock, everyone in the

house stopped what



they were doing and came together. They spent time in prayer: fifteen minutes for the Divine Mercy chaplet (at the

hour of mercy) and thirty minutes for a family Rosary. Everyone took turns praying a decade and sharing a meditation on the Mystery, which Kara liked, because then she didn't have to "pray all those beads" by herself.

When Kara came home, she told me about the family holy hour and asked if we could do it, too. I told her it might be hard to make a whole holy hour every day, but it gave me the idea to put a "Rosary reminder" in my phone, for three o'clock. Thanks to Kara's friends, daily prayer has become a family habit.

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#### Week 6 Update

The 40 Days for Life Fall 2020 Campaign concludes this weekend. During this Campaign, over 500 babies' lives have been spared from abortion (that we know of)! Praise God for hearing and answering our prayers!

And yet, there are thousands of children who continue to perish each day in abortion facilities in the U.S. As we conclude the Fall Campaign, this devotional from Fr. Frank Pavone, director of Priests for Life, can help us to continue praying throughout the year, and speaking out for an end to all abortion:

#### Scripture

Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So, too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.' Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

-Luke 10:30-37

#### Reflection

Here Jesus commands us to show mercy to the victims of the culture of violence and death. But why did the priest and Levite fail to show mercy? Perhaps they feared that the robbers were hiding just around the next corner to attack them. They asked themselves, "If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?"

The Samaritan, however, reversed the question, and asked, "If I don't stop to help this man, what will happen to him?" In working to save preborn children, let's not worry about what will happen to us if we act; let's worry about what will happen to these children if we don't.

#### Prayer

Father, we are moved by the lesson of the Good Samaritan, who allowed compassion to influence him more than fear. Give us the same heart. Grant that we may never count the cost of standing up and speaking out for preborn children. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.



As Catholics approach the polls, we are asked to weigh many important issues. The U.S. bishops have reaffirmed that "the threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority because it directly attacks life itself, because it takes place within the sanctuary of the family, and because of the number of lives destroyed." While they did warn us not to "dismiss or ignore other serious threats to human life and dignity such as racism, the environmental crisis, poverty, and the death penalty," they did give priority to upholding and defending our brothers' and sisters' most basic right—to live.

Abortion tragically ends someone's life when he or she is most vulnerable and most in need of loving protection. Abortion is an intrinsic evil, meaning that it is never permitted or morally justified, regardless of individual circumstances or intentions. The personal and societal consequences of attacks against human life,

The most recent available data indicates over 2,000 children per day die from abortion in the United States.

whether at its earliest stages or at its final stages, are all the more serious because most often they are "carried out in the very heart of and with the complicity of the family—the family which by its nature is called to be the 'sanctuary of life.'"<sup>2</sup> This is the place where a person should be *most* loved, cherished, and protected.

Catholics are called to defend human life wherever it is threatened and stand up for human dignity wherever it is violated. The enormous number of human lives destroyed by abortion is one factor that elevates its importance. The most recent available data indicates over 2,000 children per



day die from abortion in the United States. Since abortion was legalized in 1973, over 61 million children have been killed—and untold numbers of women and men suffer in the aftermath.

The tragedy of abortion is also distinct in that it is currently legal to directly and intentionally take the life of an innocent human being. Current laws in our country fail to protect the lives of unborn children. Our highest Court does not recognize

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children in their mothers' wombs as persons and claims that abortion is a constitutional right. Further, many political leaders work actively to increase access to abortion. Some falsely describe it as health care and even as a basic human right.

People of good will must boldly stand up against this intrinsic evil, especially when it is occurring on a massive scale, implemented in law and funded, in some instances, by the government. As believers and citizens inspired by the Gospel and guided by the shepherds of our Church, we must do what we can to end violence in the womb, to



ensure that unborn children are fully recognized and protected by our laws, and to support mothers and fathers in embracing life.

Archbishop Naumann is Archbishop of Kansas City, Kansas and Chair of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities.



1 Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States, Introductory Letter, p. 6. Washington, D.C.: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2020. https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/upload/forming-consciences-for-faithful-citizenship.pdf

2 Pope John Paul II, Evangelium vitae, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1995), 11.

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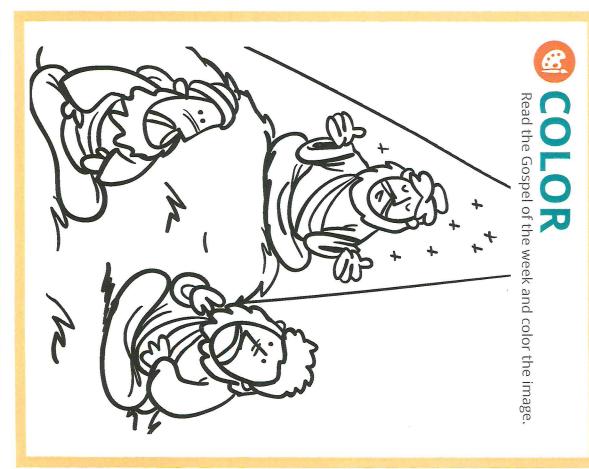
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Invite that child to play with you. On the playground, look for someone who is alone.









are lonely. When you care about other popular or rich, spend time with kids who to make peace. Instead of wanting to be humble. Instead of being angry, work hard



and in my school. God, help me to make peace in my family





Draw a picture of yourself helping other children become friends.



Then color in all the pictures. Circle the picture that is the same as the first one.









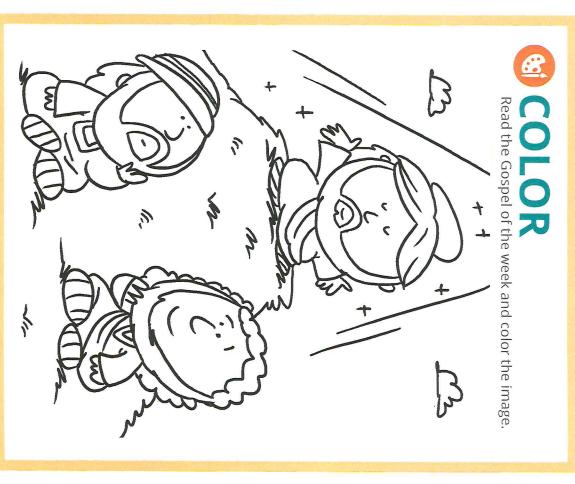




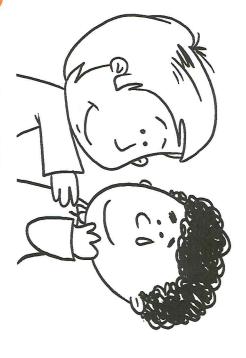
who needs it. I will send a card to cheer up someone











# GOSPEL

When you are merciful, you are kind and forgiving. Your actions teach others how to love God and each other. You visit the sick. You comfort those who are crying. You pray for those who are in jail. You share money, food, water, shelter, and clothing with those who need it. You forgive the people who hurt you. When you are kind and forgiving to other people, they will also be kind and forgiving to you.



Lord, I want to be kind and forgiving.





Draw yourself wiping the tears from the face of your brother, sister, or friend.