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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." - Mt 13:44

July 26, 2020

PASTOR: Rev. George A. Vrabel

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Rev. Dr. Ken DeLuca, retired

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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

PSR - PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

All Classes Are Suspended Until
Further Notice.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Grades 9 - 12: 11:45 a.m. Sundays (**SUSPENDED**)

RCIA & RCIC (*Rite of Christian Initiation
of Adults and Children*)

BAPTISMS

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

Greetings Parishioners and friends of St. Julie's,

As you may have already heard, Our Holy Father - Pope Francis, has named Bishop Edward Malesic of Greensburg, PA to become the next Bishop of Cleveland. Bishop-designate Malesic will be installed as the 12th Bishop of Cleveland on September 14th. We look forward to him leading the Diocese of Cleveland for many years.

In today's Gospel, the Kingdom of Heaven is likened to a treasure buried in a field, or a pearl of great price. Recognizing it for its unsurpassed value, we are to invest everything to obtain and retain it. Likewise, we are also invested in living the Christian life. The passage for today's second reading is from St. Paul's letter to the Romans. It is often misunderstood and misinterpreted, so I thought I might use this as the focus of my weekly article.

Prayer is one of the most central elements of our Spiritual Life. So often we claim to not know how or for what to pray. St. Paul, in the two verses that precede today's reading, tells us that because of our weakness, the Spirit offers our prayers for us. Since we cannot see the future, we might pray to be saved from things that are actually good for us, and secondly we do not really know what is best for us. And so for Paul, prayer is of God.

If we love God, then as Christians we are called to know that God loves us and intermingles all things for good to us. It is the experience of life for the Christian that all things do work together for good. All we need to do is look back and see that things we thought to be disasters worked out to our good, or disappointments worked out to greater blessings. But, it is important to note that we must first love God in order to understand the events around us. For Paul, if a man loves and trusts and accepts God, if he is convinced that God is an all-wise and loving Father, then he can humbly accept all that God sends him.

Therefore in the Christian experience, we are not predestined. While the rhythm of logic carries us through the life, death and resurrection of Christ, we did nothing to bring it about. That was God's work. We heard the story of God's wondrous love. We did not make the story; we only received it. Love woke within our hearts; the conviction of sin came, and with it came the experience of forgiveness and of salvation. We did not achieve that; all is of God. This is what Paul is thinking of in today's second reading.

So God has done everything. From the beginning of time God marked us out for salvation; that in due time his call came to us; but the pride of man's heart can wreck God's plan and the disobedience of man's will can refuse the call. It may not sound simple, but indeed it is if we take time to think about the basis of who we are in the loving eyes of God.

Fr. George

Parish News and Updates:

- **Our Weekend Mass attendance last weekend:**
The 5:00 Mass had 30 attendees, the 9:00 Mass had 43 attendees, and the 11:00 Mass had 43 attendees. The total attendance of 116 was the same as the previous week. The seating arrangement following social distancing guidelines, allows for 80 attendees at one time.

IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T HEARD...

- **St. Julie's now has a SUNDAY MASS is AT 11:00. This new time is SO THAT WE MAY ADEQUATELY CLEAN THE CHURCH BETWEEN MASSES.** I hope this second Mass will encourage persons and families to attend who may not be early risers or simply would like to have more social distancing available.
- **First Communion and Confirmation dates have been decided!**
 - ◇ **First Communion Day** will be Saturday, September 12th, 11:00am.
 - ◇ **ALSO...** we are offering families the *option of individual 1st Communion* at any of the weekend Masses. **PLEASE CONSULT THE RECENT PSR E-MAIL FOR DETAILS REGARDING BOTH OPTIONS.**

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BUT Confirmation will now be celebrated on

Tuesday, September 8th and Wednesday, September 9th at 7:00pm. This is a change of date due to the installation of our new Bishop on September 14th.

As the pastor of St. Julie's, I have been given the faculties to Confirm until a new Bishop of Cleveland is installed. With his installation taking place on Monday - September 14th, we were uncertain as to when we might be re-scheduled or if the pastor's faculties to Confirm will remain in effect.

THEREFORE.... We changed our Confirmation date. Fr. George will be the Presider and will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation those two evenings. PLEASE CONSULT THE RECENT PSR E-MAIL FOR ALL DETAILS.

- * **Once again, you might 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.
- * **A special thank you** to all who have been able to continue to financially support the church during this pandemic crisis. **It is very much appreciated! Without that weekly/monthly financial support, the delicate balance of a budget might lay in jeopardy.**

And finally, if you know someone without internet access who might enjoy reading the bulletin, please call the office and we will arrange the mailing of a hard copy to them. Thank you for thinking of others - it means a lot!

Mass Intentions for the Week

July 25 - Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Frank Jr. & Jim Valenta (Agnes Valenta)
July 26 - Sunday	9:00 a.m.	June Rothgery (Jeff & Amy Hansen)
	11:00 a.m.	St. Julie Billiart Parishioners
July 27 - Monday	8:30 a.m.	Philip & Marilyn Wagner's Health & Protection (Stephanie Wagner)
July 28 - Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Elaine, Ann & Andrew Karpac (Estate)
July 29 - Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Deceased Priests & Deacons of the Diocese
July 30 - Thursday		No Mass
July 31 - Friday	8:30 a.m.	All Souls
Aug. 1 - Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Living & Deceased Matuszak Family (Family)
	9:00 a.m.	John P. Lyden (Patty Lyden)
	11:00 a.m.	St. Julie Billiart Parishioners

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Catholic Cemeteries Association Monthly Grief Support

Please join us as we continue our gradual return to "in-office" Sunday Grief Support Group on August 16th with limited seating for appropriate social distancing. The August topic is "He Knows Me; He Calls My Name". We will meet 3:00-4:00 p.m. at Saint Joseph Cemetery, Avon (NEW office), meeting sites will be sanitized and seating will be arranged so everyone is at a safe distance. Participants are requested to RSVP so we can plan appropriate social distancing. We require all in attendance to wear protective face coverings. RSVP or for questions, contact Rhonda, rabrams@clecem.org or 216-930-4866. To view our most updated calendar of events, please visit clecem.org.



PRAY FOR . . .

the health of, and caregivers of: Fr. George, Pete Penn (husband of Gail Penn), Bobby Elkins (brother of Lola Cook), Nathan Sears (grandson of Donna Lis), Mary Begany, Marian Juskiewicz, Larry Kolarik (brother of Linda Koch), Ruth Geierman, Ginny Umpirowicz, Dolores Rivera, Elaine Klepek, Terry Flanagan, Alma Hamilton, JoAnne Bellomo, John Murphy, Patrick Tinics, June Seman, Carol Polak, Irene Kollin, Regula Family, Sondra Jirousek, Carol Straub; for the repose of the souls of Rev. John A. Ocilka, St. John Bosco and Rev. Augustine Pham Van Lan, St. Boniface; for our men & women in uniform, our police, firefighters, doctors and nurses; and for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life.

Live the truth and beauty of God's plan for married love:

Natural Family Planning (NFP) can help married couples live God's plan for their marriages. NFP is natural, safe, and effective for achieving or postponing pregnancy. The next in-person NFP class starts August 10th at University Hospitals in Westlake. NFP classes are also available on-line - both live and self-paced. For information on upcoming classes or to learn more about NFP, call Tim and Mary Ellen Jakubisin at (440) 779-5793, visit ccli.org, and see the flyer with this week's bulletin.

Parish Stewardship

July 19:	\$3933
Online Giving:	\$470
Children's:	\$2
School Subsidy:	\$40
Capital Improvement:	\$185
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Thank you for sharing your blessings.

~ Visiting Pastor ~

This is a story of a visiting pastor who attended a men's breakfast in the middle of a rural farming area of the country.

The group had asked an older farmer, decked out in bib overalls, to say grace for the morning breakfast.

"Lord, I hate buttermilk", the farmer began.

The visiting pastor opened one eye to glance at the farmer and wonder where this was going.

The farmer loudly proclaimed, "Lord, I hate lard."

Now the pastor was growing concerned.

Without missing a beat, the farmer continued, "And Lord, you know I don't much care for raw white flour".

The pastor once again opened an eye to glance around the room and saw that he wasn't the only one feeling uncomfortable.

Then the farmer added, "But Lord, when you mix them all together and bake them, I do love warm fresh biscuits.

So Lord, when things come up that we don't like, when life gets hard, when we don't understand what you're saying to us, help us to just relax and wait until you are done mixing. It will probably be even better than biscuits. Amen."

Within that prayer there is great wisdom for all when it comes to complicated situations like we are experiencing in the world today.

Stay strong, my friends, because our LORD is mixing several things that we don't really care for, but something even better is going to come when HE is done with it.

SJB Minister Schedule

Date	Time	Sacristan	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
July 25	5:00 pm	Beth Paoloni	Terry Flanagan	n/a (deacon)
July 26	9:00 am	John Burghard	Kristine Krejsa	Tom Lamoda
	11:00 am	Suzanne Snyder	Sharon DeBevec	Donnie Schiffbauer
Aug. 1	5:00 pm	Chris Vacca	Sharon DeBevec	n/a (deacon)
Aug. 2	9:00 am	Suzanne Snyder	Linda Vasiloff	Laura Knoblauch
	11:00 am	Suzanne Snyder	Jim Cassidy	Larry Rozman

Prayers of the Faithful

Trusting in the Lord, who told Solomon, "Ask something of me and I will give it to you," we now call to mind our needs and the needs of our neighbors around the world and address them to our generous and caring God.

- For the Church, that we may realize the treasure of God's presence, buried in each person we meet, and live our lives in the joy of that knowledge, we pray. . .
- For Bishop Designate Edward C. Malesic, the 12th Bishop of the Cleveland Diocese, give him a spirit of courage and right judgment, a spirit of knowledge and love, we pray. . .
- For political leaders, that they may govern the vast and diverse people in their care with wise and understanding hearts, we pray. . .
- For an awareness of the preciousness of life from conception to natural death, 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. . .
- That we might grow in wisdom and understanding and use these gifts to continue building up the kingdom of God, we pray. . .

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

Generous God, you formed us in your own image, showered us with your love, and granted us your forgiveness, treasures beyond compare. Help us to share these gifts with one another, forming, loving, and forgiving others as we do our selves. Grant this and all our prayers through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

Pope Leo XIII (1810-1903)



Live the truth and beauty of God's plan for married love!

Creation overflows with God's life and love! Make no mistake about it—God made you and our world out of His great love! Let's consider how this truth includes marriage. And let's take a look at how the methods of Natural Family Planning (NFP) honor the truth and beauty of God's plan for married love.

It's about love.

From the beginning, God created Adam and then a suitable partner for him, Eve. The first human relationship ever created was that of marriage! "This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh" (Gen. 2: 23). The two give themselves to each other to become one. Giving of one's self to the other is a hallmark of marriage—there is no "I" in marriage, but "We." It is part of God's plan for the good of humanity. That is because marriage reflects the love of God—permanent, faithful, and fruitful. And, with the coming of our salvation in Jesus, marriage reflects the love of Christ for His Church.

The methods of NFP honor and even have the potential to protect and strengthen a married couple's ability to reflect God's love. That is because NFP requires communication and cooperation between husband and wife. NFP methods, which are rooted in science, make use of education and behavioral change for achieving and avoiding pregnancy. When learned and used correctly, they are an effective means of responsible parenthood.

As a couple learns about their combined gift of fertility and understands the best time to either conceive or postpone conceiving a baby, they are better able to discern God's plan for their marriage. If delaying a pregnancy, they will abstain from the marital act. They then will do nothing to harm God's gift of fertility. The use of NFP often requires self-sacrifice as the spouses explore other ways to show affection for each other when periodically abstaining to postpone pregnancy. As they work together, a husband and wife will find that this may deepen their emotional and spiritual intimacy as spouses.

It's about life.

God created men and women in His image—male and female. Human sexuality is part of God's plan. It is woven into the fabric of each man and woman. Human sexuality carries within it the two-fold powers of love and life. The essential nature of this two-fold truth should be appreciated and respected.

In marriage, husband and wife deepen their love for one another through celebrating the truth of their sexual union. The marital embrace is a spousal gift with a two-fold purpose; to draw the spouses closer together, to be unitive and to be procreative, to be life-giving.

Procreation is the Lord God's awesome invitation and a sacred duty for husband and wife to share in His creative power! Sometimes a couple is unable to have children through no fault of their own. Their challenge is

to offer their marital love as a blessing in the community in service to others.

Marriage is the foundation to build families—children are “the supreme gift of marriage” (*Gaudium et spes*, no. 50), and marriage creates a secure home for children. God’s procreative invitation to husband and wife extends past pregnancy and calls parents to steward their children: to nurture them, to teach them to love God and neighbor.

The Church has always understood that God wants parents to be open to life and to care for their children. To be a parent is a life-long vocation! It is why the Church can say that married couples receive “a kind of consecration” in their marital duties (*Gaudium et spes*, no. 48).

NFP methods support God’s gift of procreation because they value new life. Unlike contraception, which exists to deny human fertility, NFP respects natural fertility. NFP education enables husband and wife to understand their window of fertility—when they are most likely to become pregnant—and therefore, can also be used to help them achieve a pregnancy besides postpone one. NFP respects God’s power of life. Contraception cannot do that!

It’s about freedom.

Free will is one of God’s gifts to men and women. When God created humanity, He made the human person as a “rational” being—who can initiate, control, and decide how to act (see the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1730). Freedom of conscience is a gift from God that allows each person to grow in maturity and to be able to love Him and neighbor freely. At the same time, the Catholic faith tells us that true freedom can only be found when we choose to love God. Freedom, therefore, is not the arbitrary ability to do whatever we’d like at any time.

True freedom is the ability to *recognize the good and do what is right*. If a person chooses to live a life in which he or she makes choices only thinking of his/her own happiness and fails to do the good to which God calls him or her, the person creates a type of prison for themselves (see *Catechism*, no. 1740). Doing what is right in life often requires personal sacrifice for a greater good than one’s own desire or pleasure. And, this good is liberating!

As applied to marriage, the decisions of spouses can either build up or tear down the heart of a marriage. How the spouses exercise their individual freedom within the marriage cannot be made in isolation but must be made in recognition of each other’s needs, that of their children, extended family, and other obligations and responsibilities outside the home.

Healthy marital communication is especially important regarding conjugal relations. Sin affects us all. It is deceptive. Sin can twist the good of the marital embrace.

Spouses can be selfish in how they treat each other. Wholesome inter-mutuality that is rooted in the love of God and each other strengthens a couple’s marriage. Spouses need to support each other in striving to honor God’s design by rejecting anything that can injure their marital love. It is the reason why the Church opposes contraception. It strikes at the heart of marital love.

The methods of NFP provide useful information on the woman’s fertility cycle. NFP helps a husband and wife determine whether their lovemaking may result in bringing a new life into the world. The practice of daily charting the wife’s signs of fertility can spark deep conversation about God’s plan for their marriage. The practice of NFP can promote mutual growth in self-mastery, foster emotional, and spiritual maturity, and lead to a more authentic life lived in the freedom of God’s design.

It’s about gift.

God is love. In His great love, God created men and women in His image to share His divine life. When our first parents turned away from Him, God sought them. “For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life” (John 3:16).

Every human life is a gift from God, and, in turn, like our Heavenly Father, together we are gift to each other. We cannot fully discover who we are as persons “except through a sincere gift” of ourselves to each other (see *Gaudium et spes*, no. 24). Human beings are able to be fully human only when we reach out to our neighbor to form a network of loving relationships of life and love. We are all sons and daughters of the one family of God!

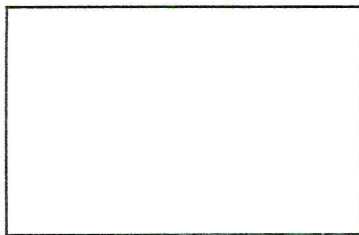
Marriage is a particularly unique gift from God. Marriage is not “the effect of chance or the product of evolution of unconscious natural forces; it is the wise institution of the Creator to realize in mankind His design of love (*Humanae vitae*, no. 8). God designed marriage to bring a man and a woman together in the one-flesh union that Scripture so eloquently teaches (Gen. 2:24). It is because of marriage that families come to be.

Today, we are fortunate to live in a time where human reproduction is well understood. The reliable methods of NFP stand upon solid research about male and female physiology. NFP science has confirmed the fertile signs of the woman’s menstrual cycle and marked the parameters of a man and a woman’s combined fertility, which creates the fertile window. NFP can be a moral means to either achieve or postpone a pregnancy. And, for women, NFP charting can provide insight into the health of her reproductive system. With so good a gift in our world, why not learn more about these healthy and ethical methods that support God’s plan for married love? Visit usccb.org/nfp. And remember “live the truth and beauty of God’s plan for married love!”

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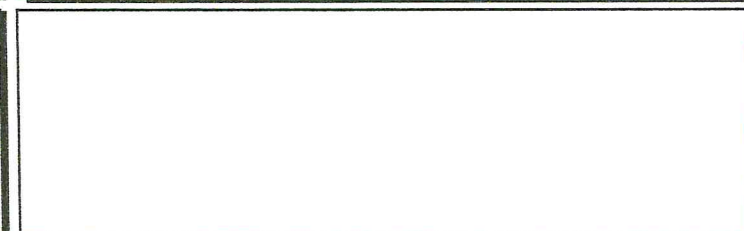
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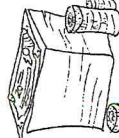
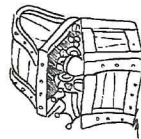
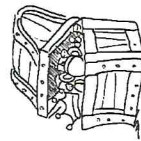
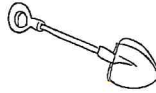
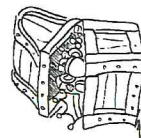
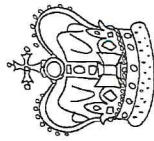
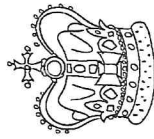
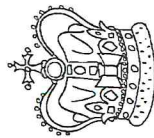
My Family and Me

Matthew 13:44-52 ■ 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mission for the Week

I will hide a treasure for others to find with a note saying, "I love you, signed God."

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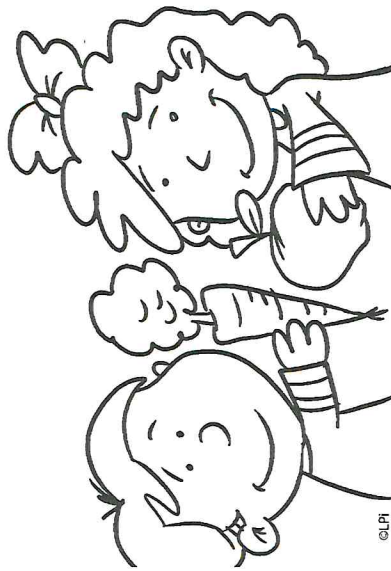


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Sharing the Gospel

It is fun to trade things. You might swap a model jeep car for a model truck. You might trade a big doll for a little doll you can put in your purse. There is a great treasure hidden in heaven. Jesus died on the cross so that you could get the treasure hidden in heaven for you. My brother wanted to trade his new baby sister for a baby brother. God may not do that kind of trading. All you have to give God is your love.



Prayer

Jesus, I will never lie to obtain a treasure.



Something to Draw

Draw a picture of your treasure hidden in heaven.

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Puzzle

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

KINGDOM	HIDDEN	PEARLS
HEAVEN	FIELD	SOLD
TREASURE	FOUND	BOUGHT

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G	M	D	A	T	O	U	H	N	L	E
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M	E	D	N	S	T	O	A	L	N	D
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Mission for the Week

Put God's kingdom first. Read a Bible story every morning.

Read the Gospel and Color

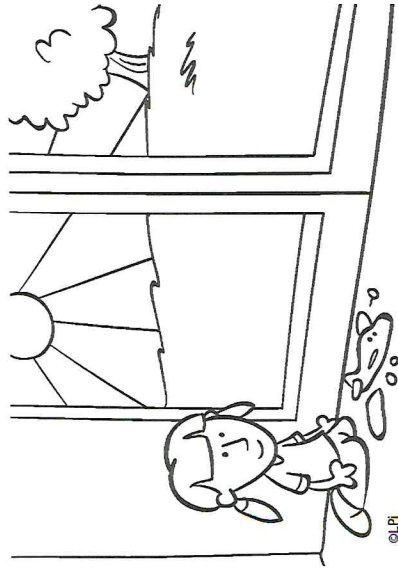


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Sharing the Gospel

Your toys can break. Your books can tear. Your clothes can shrink and stain. Things don't last forever. The kingdom of heaven does last forever. It is like a treasure. Heaven is worth more than anything you own. In both stories, the person who found the treasure sold everything else just to be a part of God's kingdom.



Prayer

God, help me to love your kingdom more than the things I have.

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Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself finding a buried treasure.

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