SAINT JULIANA PARISH

“COME WALK TOGETHER THE WAY OF CHRIST”

Nativity of Saint John the Baptist
June 24, 2012

“Behold, one is coming after me; I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet.”

— Acts 13:25
Our U.S. bishops have called for pastors and the laity to vigorously defend religious freedom, setting aside a two-week period this summer to take action.

Beginning with the vigils for the feasts of St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More and ending with Independence Day, the "Fortnight for Freedom" observes the challenge of preserving our religious liberty protections as guaranteed under the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

Dioceses nationwide will be celebrating special Masses and holding prayer vigils, as Catholics are urged to reflect, ponder and act upon this key issue underlying the foundation of our country.

On the reverse side of this page you will find tools for daily reflections during the Fortnight for Freedom. We encourage you to complete the pew card distributed in church this weekend and next, or print and complete the form below, to sign up for I-CAN (the Illinois Catholic Advocacy Network) to join the fight to protect religious freedom for all Americans.
Fortnight for Freedom


Almighty God, Father of all nations, For freedom you have set us free in Christ Jesus (Gal. 5:1). We praise and bless you for the gift of religious liberty, the foundation of human rights, justice, and the common good. Grant to our leaders the wisdom to protect and promote our liberties; By your grace may we have the courage to defend them, for ourselves and for all those who live in this blessed land. We ask this through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, our Patroness, and in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with whom you live and reign, for ever and ever. Amen.

Thursday, June 21

There are many who want you to fear. Be not afraid! "The Lord is my shepherd, whom shall I fear?" Ps. 23:1

Friday, June 22

Many voices foster discouragement about the church’s role in the world. Live today in hope! “In hope we were saved.” Rom. 8:24

Saturday, June 23

Love an enemy today. “For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have?” Mt. 5:43-48

Sunday, June 24

Pray for those around the world without liberties. “... where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.” 2 Cor. 3:17

Monday, June 25

Give thanks to God today for the freedom we have. “... cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God.” 2 Cor. 4:15

Tuesday, June 26

Perform a corporal work of mercy today. “... whatever you did for one of these least ...” Mt. 25:31-46

Wednesday, June 27

Invite someone to mass with you this Sunday. “Go out ... and invite to the feast whomever you find.” Mt. 22:9

Thursday, June 28

Take 5 minutes to read and reflect: Luke 6:37-42

Friday, June 29

Bring Christ to work with you today “so that all the people among whom you live may see the work of the LORD.” Ex. 34:10

Saturday, June 30

Use the beatitudes as an examination of conscience today. “Blessed are ...” Mt. 5:1-12

Sunday, July 1

Do your co-workers know you are Catholic? “For we are God’s co-workers ...” 1 Cor. 3:9

Monday, July 2

Wherever you eat today, say grace. “Blessed is the one who will dine in the kingdom of God.” Luke 14:15

Tuesday, July 3

Pray while commuting today. “Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.” 1 Thess. 5:16-17

Wednesday, July 4

Attend mass. “... unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.” Jn. 6:53

The 10 commandments “are the first necessary step on the journey towards freedom, its starting-point.” John Paul II, Veritatis splendor #13
### PASTORAL COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT

The St. Juliana Parish Pastoral Council is an enthusiastic, compassionate, faith-filled community participating in the ministry of the Church.

We are witnesses of the Good News, and through example and prayer we live the Gospel message.

Through active listening we strive to determine and understand the diverse needs of our parish and community. We minister to these needs by inviting and empowering others to become involved in meeting the spiritual, temporal and social needs of all.

We partner with the Pastor and Staff to support existing parish life, to create vision, and to plan for the future.

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During the sacrifice of the Mass, we are invited to offer one another the sign of peace. This interaction reminds us that peace in the world begins with each one of us.

Appropriately, this year’s [Peter’s Pence Collection](https://www.popepencecollection.org) calls the faithful worldwide to **Cast the Peace of Christ upon the World**. In many locations around the world the Church is challenged daily to be a visible sign of Christ’s peace. In some dioceses many are dependent on the Church for social and pastoral support. Likewise, our brothers and sisters in the Faith who have been marginalized or victims of natural disasters, war and economic oppression are most in need of Christ’s peace.

Our support of this annual collection will not only unite us in solidarity with the Holy Father and the faithful worldwide, but it provides Pope Benedict XVI the resources to respond in love and charity to those most in need of Christ’s peace.

May Our Lord continue to bless you and your loved ones as you share the peace of Christ in your parish, the Archdiocese of Chicago and throughout the Universal Church. You and those you love are in my prayers; please keep me in yours.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago

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Sean Patrick Graham  
son of Brian Graham and Andrea Van Bengen

“I baptize you in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen.”

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Wedding Banns

| III | Brian Anderson & Jaclyn Carroll |
| III | Vito P. Raimondi & Emily A. Maines |
| II  | Brian Grisko & Christie M. Bialczak |
ST. JULIANA PARISH SERVICES

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Phone: ________________________

JOYFUL NOW & FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Both meetings for Joyful Now and the Friendship Club have been cancelled in the hopes that it will encourage those who are members and join us in visiting The Shrine of St. Therese on August 9.

‘SKY’ VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DONATIONS

We have many generous people in our parish who have asked what items we could use for our summer Vacation Bible School Program. If anyone would like to make a donation, the following items are needed:

- Lots of JUICE BOXES!
- Lots of popped popcorn – no microwave
- Pretzels
- Bags of cotton balls
- Blue Jell-O
- Hershey Kisses individually wrapped
- Jolly Ranchers individually wrapped
- Lifesavers individually wrapped-the small ones
- Starburst Candies individually wrapped
- Tootsie Rolls individually wrapped
- Root Beer—in cans or liter bottles
- 16-oz solid-colored plastic cups

Also, as perishable items will be needed, gift cards to Jewel or Jerry’s Fruit Market would be appreciated. Donations can be placed in our ‘Hot Air Balloon’ located in back of church or dropped off at the parish business office.

Thank You!

RETREAT/ WORKSHOP

FOR WIDOWED MEN/WOMEN
WHO WANT TO FIND JOY IN LIVING AGAIN

Upcoming programs:
July 28 & 29 - Holy Family, Inverness
August 4 & 5 – Queen of Heaven Parish, Elmhurst

For more information contact us at Joyful Again! Widowed Ministry

Phone: 1-708-354-7211
E-mail : joyfulagain@att.net
Website: www.joyfulagain.org

NO PROBLEM IS HELPLESS
THERE IS HELP… PLEASE CALL!
For alcohol and/or drug problems, call for confidential help or information:

Emmett McGovern 773.792.1469  Vic Switski 773.775.7987
Bill Steiner 773.792.0281  Paul Trudeau 847.696.4835

ALL MEETINGS ARE IN THE PARISH CENTER

AA meets Thursdays · 8:30 to 9:30 PM

Recovery Meeting (for those suffering from anxiety disorders)
Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:00 PM

A 12-Step Meeting (for female survivors of incest)
Fridays from 7:30 to 8:00 PM
**United States Air Force**
- Senior Airman Steve Czyz
- SSGT 1st Class Paul Dublinski
- Airman 1st Class Christopher Earle
- Senior Airman Timothy D. Fonseca
- Captain Kyle Radke
- Airman 1st Class Karen Shaw
- Major Franklin Shepherd
- Captain Claudine Ward

**United States Army**
- Captain Grant Banko
- Captain Thomas W. Dorrel, Jr.
- PFC James Heiderman, Jr.
- SPC Andrew L Kawula
- Captain Brian Lutz
- Major Michael Mannion
- SGT Michael Mason
- Major Ryan Melby
- LTC John Moreth
- LTC Kevin Powers
- Major Louis Rago, II
- Private Benjamin Rios
- SSG Daniel Roche
- SGT Javier Sanchez
- Captain William Ryan Schober
- SPC Gregory Spina
- Private John Walsh
- Major Kevin Ward
- PFC Michael Gregory White
- Major Laura Wood
- SGT Daniel R. Zielinski

**United States Marines**
- PFC Seamus Boyle
- LCPL Joseph Curtis
- 1st Lt. Katharine Dietz
- 1st Lt. Jack Kane
- LCPL Kevin Kiesgen
- LCPL P.J. McGrath
- LCPL Robert L. Rialmo
- LCPL Francis J. Thierer

**United States Navy**
- Lt. Cmdr. Susanne Connolly
- MA3 Michael Donnelly
- LT. Sean Driscoll
- LT. Nathan Scott
- LT. Michael Sturm
- Ensign Erin Sullivan
- Cmdr. John Tutwiler
- LT. Jennie Wood
- LT. Paul Wood

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, June 23**
- 1:00 Church · Wedding Vito P. Raimondi & Emily A. Maines
- 3:00 Church · Wedding Brian Anderson & Jaclyn Carroll
- 5:00 Antoinette Koziol/John W. Zuych/Marie & Mary Ann Great & Family/Tim Hejza/Steve Kordek/James, Kevin, Donald, & Christopher Wolf/Sophie Motyka/Alan Karl/ Chester Mazur/Roger O’Connor/Dolores Hollis/Joe Tamborello/John & Margaret Mulkeen/Helen Korczyk/Frank & Anna Dina/Thomas Przyborski

**Sunday, June 24**
- 9:00 George, Ruth, & Mary Lou Jess/Maureen Esposito/Lou Schoenfeldt/Sam Savino/Mary Klopack/Joseph Peluso/John Pritchard/James Joyce/Mary Bachusz/Charlotte Link Tobolik/Ernest Sowa/Mary Ann Giampietro/Mary Itarabidez
- 10:30 Beverley J. Swierad/John McDonough/Anna Swiderski/Olgerd Bujwid/Sharon Michalski/Michael Bair/Richard Schmidt/Joseph J. Udelhofen, Jr./Vince McEnaney, Sr./James Mahoney/Bart Maestranzi/Robert C. Mester/Alexander Wyszynski
- 12:00 George & Helen Simon/Adolph Drews/Frances F. Bruno/Bernice Borowski/Wegmann & Zimmerman Families/Agnes & Dan O’Leary/Nellie & Martin Lally/Casimir & Dolores Jarmoc/Christopher & Jennifer Palacz/Eugene & Genowefa Piatek/Ervin Palacz

**Monday, June 25**
- 7:00 Chapel · Otto J. Nerad/Mother’s Day Spiritual Bouquets
- 8:45 Chapel · Military Personnel & Their Families
- 6:30 PM Chapel · Holy Hour & Adoration

**Tuesday, June 26**
- 7:00 Chapel · Chester & Harry Perkowski
- 8:45 Chapel · Colleen Kelley/Alice Ceneglieno/Int. of Kathleen Grace

**Wednesday, June 27**
- 7:00 Chapel · Richard M. Draths/Father’s Day Spiritual Bouquets
- 8:45 Chapel · Nick Gerhardt/John McDonough

**Thursday, June 28**
- 7:00 Chapel · Marianne Czajkowski/Int. of St. Juliana Parish
- 8:45 Chapel · Francis Cross/Ann Marie Duffy/William & Annie Canavan/William & Catherine Duffy/Chris Syron

**Friday, June 29**
- 7:00 Chapel · Roberta O’Connor/Paul Baranowski
- 8:45 Chapel · Maria & Joe Gariff

**Saturday, June 30**
- 8:30 Church · Angeline Bellavia
- 3:00 Church · Wedding Brian Grisko & Christie M. Bialczak
- 5:00 Rev. Francis Young/Jeremiah O’Driscoll/Frank & Anna Dina/Dorothy Tofel/Joseph & Sophie Motyka/Phyllis French/Dennis A. Danca
## Masses for the Week Continued

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## PRAY FOR OUR SICK

- Jim Andrle
- Marge Arbogast
- Arlene Belcore
- John Belka
- Gina Blease
- Jewel Borcherding
- Beverly Breen
- Megan Brennan
- Lauren Broyles
- Sam Bruno
- Maureen Cavanaugh
- Patricia Crouse
- Clara Czachorowski
- Lucille Damert
- Corinne Dodovich
- Maureen Doherty Domke
- Eleanor Dominowski
- Fran Draths
- Shirley Fitzgerald
- Claudette Fitzmaurice
- Tom Fleischhacker
- Helen Flood
- John Foggia
- Peggy Halloran
- Roger Hejza
- John Hoffman
- Baby Cameron Hoffman
- Mark Jesski
- William Kaczkowski
- Michael Karalis
- Dolly Kaspari
- Frank Karl
- Baby Liam Kelly
- Kim Kiesgen
- Janet Kilian
- Ken Kilian
- Rich Kindstrom
- Rose Kinzie
- Gregory Koncos
- Terri Dapper Koncos
- Norbert Kosinski
- Sue Kulinski
- Toni Lawrence
- Jean Losinski
- Tom Losinski
- Anna Luczak
- James Luczak
- Mark Lukasiewicz
- Jack Maher
- Jan Mallory
- Joe Markiewicz
- Walter Mason
- Connor McKenna/child
- Erin McDermott/child
- Mary McDonagh
- Lillian McIntyre
- Joan McNaughton
- Nancy Michna
- Emilie Mierzwia
- Mary Monaghan
- Daniel Mooney
- Luke Mueller/child
- Gail Muszyinski
- Vince Nally
- Jim Nolan
- Katlynn O’Reilly
- Jean Ortale
- Donald W. Pack
- Joe Panek
- Joe Pilior
- Rita Pleines
- Andrew Prociuk
- Kayla Reardon
- Marion Siens
- Margaret Smith
- Theresa Steinmetz
- Mary Sutton
- William Sweeney
- Clare & Pat Swiontek
- Irene Szewczyk
- Victor Tiedmann
- Les Torrey
- Baby Alison Turek
- Eileen Varisco
- Frank Varisco
- Dorothy Vicksna
- Will Vogesl
- Tom Waldron
- Amy Walsh
- Chuck Welte
- Marge Welter
- Al Witthoff
- Lou Wojtowicz
- Evelyn Yore
- Joseph Zicarelli
- Jeanine Zyczwiciel
**MOTHERS’ CLUB**

**CALENDAR LOTTERY**

Winning Calendar Numbers

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**SKY**

**FOR GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE**

Ready for the Adventure of a Lifetime?
Save the dates for
Saint Juliana Vacation Bible School
**July 23 through July 27** · 9:00 AM to Noon

At Sky, children discover that for God all things are possible! Sky is filled with incredible experiences for children. Team-building games, cool faith songs and tasty treats are just a few of the Sky activities that help faith flow into real life.

Plus, we will help children discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life – something we call God Sightings. Get ready to hear that phrase a lot!

Sky is open to children ages 4 to 9. More information will be published as it becomes available. Questions? Please contact Joyce Browne at 773.631.4127 or email to jbrowne@stjuliana.org.

**WE CARE WHEN A LOVED ONE ENTERS THE HOSPITAL**

When you or a loved one enters a hospital or nursing home, and you would like the parish to keep them in prayer, they would like communion or a visit from a priest, please call the Parish Business Office, 773.631.4127.

Privacy laws prevent us from inquiring about patients and residents.

**Parking on Touhy Ave.**

You may have noticed that the City of Chicago recently posted signs along the south side of Touhy, which now allow for parking on Sundays only.

Please be aware that parking on Touhy on Saturdays, Holy Days, and on days when there are funerals and weddings is still not permitted and you risk receiving a parking ticket from the Department of Revenue on those occasions.

**Weekly Offering Contributions**

Thank you for your support!

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*Percentage of Sunday Offerings YTD paid through Give Central.

Our goal is 30%. Please register today!

| YTD to Budget | $ (91,962) | $ (19,082) | $ (78,852) |

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I am patronizing your business because of it!
**Peter’s Pence Collection**

Today we support the Holy Father in his charitable works. The Peter’s Pence Collection is taken up worldwide to support the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters are others in need of emergency assistance. Pope Benedict XVI has said, “It is necessary above all that every person be motivated by the authentic spirit of peace” (Homily, January 1, 2011). Cast the peace of Christ upon the world—please be generous in today’s collection.

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**COMING JOIN US FOR BINGO**

**EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT**

School Hall & Ahearn Activity Center
Doors Open 4:30 · Games Begin 6:40
$4500 + in Raffles & Bingo Prizes!!!

Pull Tabs · Raffles · Progressive Jackpot
Raffles · Super Strip

Ahearn Activity Center is Handicap-Accessible
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**BINGO VOLUNTEERS:** If you’re unable to make your scheduled time, please get a replacement or leave a message for Marcy Liberty at 773.631.4127, ext. 40.

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**FRIENDSHIP CLUB FIELD TRIP**

On Thursday, August 9, 2012, we are going to visit the National Shrine of St. Therese. Information for the day follows:

**Bus:**
Departs from St. Juliana at 9:15 AM
Arrives back at St. Juliana approx. 4:00 PM

**Cost:** $35.00

**Cost Includes:**
Bus Fare
Mass in the St. Therese Chapel
Guided tour of the Shrine, Relics and Artifacts
Speaker
Free time to visit the gift shop or enjoy the beauty of the grounds
Lunch

All are welcome to join us as we visit the beautiful Shrine of St. Therese. If you are interested in this pilgrimage, please call Joyce Browne at the Parish Business Office, 773.631.4127.

All reservations MUST be in by Friday, July 27.

Sponsored by the St. Juliana Friendship Club
Welcome to St. Juliana Parish. As a member of the parish, your registration is very important, especially at the time of the Sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony or during an illness or at the time of death. Please fill out the attached form to register with the parish or with any information changes and return to the parish office via the collection basket or by mail.

Please check one:
☐ New Parishioner
☐ Change of Address/Phone
☐ Moving, please remove from parish mailing list
  ☐ Mr. & Mrs.  ☐ Miss  ☐ Ms.  ☐ Mr.

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First Name(s): _____________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________

City: ___________________________ Zip Code: _________________________

Contact Phone Number:______________________________________________

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TAKING ANOTHER LOOK AT THE CHURCH AND POLITICS

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Introduction

Is the Catholic Church too political? Or, is it not political enough? What exactly is the relationship between the Church and politics? If Catholics depend on ordinary print and broadcast media for their information, they will not have a complete or accurate take on this important relationship. On the other hand, official church documents can be daunting to comprehend and digest. Besides the difficulty of getting accurate information, there is another important and practical complication.

Many Catholics, even very traditional ones, have a very negative reaction to any hint that someone including a bishop or a group of bishops is going to tell them how to vote. American Catholics are very American in their sense of independence as citizens and as participants in democratic processes.

Tensions between religion and politics will probably mount with an approaching presidential election. They have already escalated with the recent Health and Human Services mandate for so-called “reproductive health services” attached to insurance plans of the new health care bill. Among others, Catholic bishops have correctly, in my estimation, categorized the mandate as a serious restriction of religious freedom. (See, for example: Our First, Most Cherished Liberty: A Statement on Religious Liberty of the ad hoc Committee for Religious Liberty of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops. Available at: http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/our-first-most-cherished-liberty.cfm)

In this swirl of theoretical and practical issues, we do well to step back and identify a few simple principles and facts.

Is there a Catholic vote?

Pollsters and sociologists like to identify “the Catholic vote.” In fact, there is no shared or prescribed Catholic vote for a specific candidate or on a specific issue. There is, however, a Catholic vision of the world rooted in faith, a vision which shapes or ought to shape how Catholics participate in a democracy as citizens and as public servants. The heart of that vision centers on the God-given dignity of each individual, our connection or solidarity with each other, and our shared commitment to fostering life, justice, peace, and reconciliation among all people. The Catholic vision of humanity is especially sensitive to those who are vulnerable, marginalized, and neglected. The Catholic vision often appears to be contrary to many currents of contemporary culture, because it assumes the great dignity and high destiny of all human beings from conception to natural death. The Catholic vision is different because it looks at the world critically both through the lens of faith and the lens of reason.
How is the Catholic voice frequently and incorrectly perceived in the public forum?

There are at least four significant misperceptions of how Catholic social teaching relates to public and political life in the United States. The first misperception suggests that the Church speaking through the bishops is trying to impose a program or exercise social control on other citizens. The second misperception sees in the bishops and their social teaching nothing more than institutional self-interest riding roughshod over other citizens. A third misperception identifies the bishops and the Catholic Church more generally as a special interest group that is seeking to profit from special protections and favorable conditions at a political and economic cost to other citizens. A final misperception identifies the Catholic Church and her leadership as attempting to claim exceptional or selective status in the nation, again at a cost to other citizens.

These misperceptions are often embedded in the public discourse found in print and electronic media. They must be identified as misperceptions. They do not match the history of the participation of American Catholics in civic life nor Catholics’ aspirations to contribute to our nation in the future. Far from being competitors with the interests of other citizens, American Catholics have contributed significant social and economic capital to the United States, especially through church institutions dedicated to education, health care, and social services. Interestingly, in the current debates and commentaries, no one mentions these positive contributions which have made a great difference in our overall quality of life.

What, in fact, does the Catholic Church want when she proclaims her social teaching and vindicates her rights in American society?

In a word, the Church wants freedom, just as other groups and individuals want and have a right to freedom in this nation. That freedom, in the context of Catholic social teaching, has a threefold direction:

- the freedom to profess the faith and offer worship;
- the freedom to practice faith or, in other words, live it out in the world;
- the freedom to contribute to the good of society in various ways, especially as this has taken shape in the United States primarily through education, health care, and social services.

What is the fundamental assumption that Catholics hold as they participate in the life of the nation?

The fundamental assumption is that faith shapes life, not just a portion or a compartment of life but the whole of life. Catholics cannot bracket their faith. It is an indispensable source of social values and social vision. Their commitment as believers and as citizens is an integral and integrated commitment. Following the words of Jesus, Catholics want to be salt, light, and leaven in this world.

Is there some follow-up for these reflections?