

2470 Miramar Blvd., University Heights, OH 44118



MISSION STATEMENT

Gesu Parish,
a Catholic community in
the Jesuit tradition, is committed to

Eucharistic **Living**
Lifelong **Learning**
Generous **Serving**

“All for the greater glory of God.”

- AMDG -

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekends

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am & 11:30 am

Weekdays

Monday - Friday: 7:30 am
Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 8:30 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00-4:00 pm
or by appointment



Meet Our PASTORAL STAFF



Rev. Lukas M. Laniauskas, SJ
Pastor



Rev. Michael A. Vincent, SJ
Associate Pastor



Rev. Gregory Hyde, SJ
Priest in Residence



Rev. Dr. James K. O'Donnell
Deacon



Mark Ehrbar
Music Ministry



Mary Kate Farrar
Development &
Communications



Regan Kazel
School Principal



Marcia Leous
Faith Formation:
Adults



Mary O'Neill
Faith Formation:
Children & Families



Mary Roscoe
Business Manager



PASTORAL CENTER HOURS

Business Hours

Monday - Friday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Evenings & Weekends

Monday - Thursday: 5:00 - 8:00 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm



Lori Wright
Chief Operating Officer



Amy Zucca
Outreach Coordinator



PARISH DIRECTORY

Parish Office: (216) 932-0617

Emergency Night Phone Service: (440) 942-6499

Parish Office Fax: (216) 932-0731

School Office: (216) 932-0620

Parish Website: churchofthegesu.org

School Website: gesu.com



PARISH MEMBERSHIP

New parishioners are invited to call the Parish Office for an appointment to register. Current members are asked to notify the Parish Office when they move or when contact information changes.

This Week at Gesu

MONDAY 12/11

Masses.....7:30 & 8:30 am - MC
Fr. Hyde's Reading Group.....3:30-5:00 pm - SH
Legion of Mary.....6:45-8:15 pm - ML
Christmas Band Concert.....7:00 pm - FC

TUESDAY 12/12

Mass.....7:30 am - MC
Women's Bible Study.....8:30-9:30 am - MH
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.....3:00-5:00 pm - CG
RCIA Meeting.....7:00-9:00 pm - DR/ZM
Leadership Night.....7:00-9:00 pm - MH
Cub Scout Pack 620 Webelos 2 Mtg.....7:00-8:00 pm - SH
St. Pat's Hunger Center Volunteers.....4:00-6:00 pm - Offsite

WEDNESDAY 12/13

Masses.....7:30 & 8:30 am - MC
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.....9:00-11:00 am - CG
Second Corinthians Bible Study.....9:15-11:00 am - SH
Ignatian Advent Series.....7:00-8:30 pm - ZM
Troop 620 PLC Meeting.....7:00-8:00 pm - SH

THURSDAY 12/14

Mass.....7:30 am - MC
Ignatian Advent Series.....9:15-10:45 am - DR
GYF Pilates/HIIT Class.....9:45 am - MH
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.....1:00-2:45 pm - CG
Companions on the Journey.....3:15-5:30 pm - IR
BSA Troop 620 Mtg.....7:00-8:30 pm - CR
Grades 1, 2 & 4 Vocal Music Concert.....7:00 pm - CH

FRIDAY 12/15

Mass.....7:30 am - MC
All School Mass.....8:30 am - CH

SATURDAY 12/16

Saturday Bible Study.....12:00 pm - SH
Confession.....3:00-4:00 pm - CH
Eucharistic Adoration.....3:00-4:00 pm - MC
Vigil Mass.....4:30 pm - CH
Parish Christmas Concert & Blessing of the Nativity.....5:45 pm - CH

SUNDAY 12/17

Masses.....8:00, 10:00, 11:30 am - CH
PSR Advent Prayer Service.....10:00-11:15 am - BG

BG	Bulldog Gym	DR	Dietz Room	ML	McGivney Library
CG	CGS Atrium	IR	Ignatius Room	SH	Sacred Heart Room
CH	Church	MC	Marian Chapel	ZM	Zoom
CR	Community Room	MH	McAuley Hall		

RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation is held each Saturday from 3:00-4:00 pm in the Church (or by appointment).

BAPTISMS

To arrange a Baptism, please contact the Parish Office. Baptism instruction is necessary with the first child.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA)

The Gesu RCIA process welcomes anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and prepares you to become a member of the Catholic Church. Please inquire at the Parish Office.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance to arrange the use of the church and register for the marriage preparation program.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

You may make arrangements to receive the Sacrament of the Sick following any weekday or weekend Mass by calling the Parish Office in advance.

ILLNESS & HOSPITAL CALLS

Please notify the Parish Office when a member of your family is hospitalized or ill.

REST IN PEACE

Theodore Albert Gullia III

Son of Marietta Gullia
Husband of Anne
Father of Claire & Ben

Irene Davis

Wife of the late Joseph
Mother of Mark, Ann Marie,
John & Paul



WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Katie Hickner
Ken & Audrey Hinerman
Janice Radl
Robert Adamski
Alex Messina & Kristin Sutor
Bill Krieger



PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS THIS WEEK

Rosary Led by the Legion of Mary

Weekdays at 8:00 am,
following the 7:30 am Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

Saturdays at 3:00 - 4:00 pm



PRAYER LISTS

Please help us update the "Sick" and "Servicemen and Women" prayer lists. If you have a family member who should be removed from one of the lists, please contact Sydney Lang at mlang@churchofthegesu.org or (216) 932-0617.



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for the following sick members of our community. Sick persons or family members may phone the Parish Office at (216) 932-0617 to have a name listed. Names will stay on the list for up to one year unless removal or continuation is requested.

Linda Kallay
Oscar Ponsaran
Sue Whittington
Chuck Kennedy
Jean Ann Sexton
Shawn Sexton
Ann Marie Zaller
Helene Chambers
Tony LaVerde
Bradley
Aura Rossy
Gwen Panting
Charlie Maurath
Paul & Karen Smith
Irene Burkhart
Laura Kelly Fanucci
Edward P. & Cecilia T. Guccion
Mary & Gary Kohl
Anne Driscoll
Joe Michael
Claudia Sykora
George Walls
Jim Elseser
Nora Torontali
Ken Lampi
Sandra Bonnot
Diane
Orville Busch
Kerry Hanrahan

Jim
Priscilla Acheta
Fred Beegle
Lori
Megan C.
Bill Baughman
Becky
Kaitlin Cook
May Beard
Emily Hawkins
Hope Elizabeth Hembree
Marian
George Martin
George Soley
Leah Baker
Paula
Dr. Stephen Clary
Paul & Family
Jenny Bossart
Barbara
John
Agnes Mirando
Pat Starr
John Coyne
Eleanor Louise Bury
Josh Dorsey
Harper
Maria Witmer
Michael Markiewicz, Sr.
Ruth Martin Prah

Katie Culp
Gena Miller
Cynthia Ringenbach
Corrine Crowley
Martina Will
Brian Wedler
Nancy Taylor
Laurie B.
Deborah Davis
Stacey Killeen
Robert Dubs
Henriette Najm
Dale A. Scully
Ryan S.
Lou Cherry
Melissa Currance
Jadon Michael Kalp
Denise Mastro
Tara Conklin
Jamie Chitwood
Jonathan Sedor
Robert Schmidt
George Coleman
Ellen Ferreri
Mary Jo Rourke
Wayne Schmidt
Mary Beth Miller
Grace Pressimone
Eleanor Bertagni
John Hissong

PRAY FOR OUR SERVICEMEN & WOMEN

Please keep in your prayers the family and friends of Gesu Parishioners who are either activated reservists or active duty military personnel currently deployed. We're including names in our bulletin with family permission. If you'd like to include a relative, email bulletin@churchofthegesu.org.

Alex Kingsbury
Luke Brown
Aidan Krsacok
Alex Prah
Adam Thomas
Nick Corsones
Kirklan Kudrna
Kevin Comiskey
Christopher Scott
Combellick

Zack Veselick
Patrick McGroarty
Brian Johnston
Randolph Kloos
Thomas P. Costello
Geffrey B. Slatter
Matthew Kreiter
Michael Heltzel
Andrew Rocco
Thomas Garvey

Michael Hayslip
Mouna Lograsso
Capt. William Olmstead
Patrick Murphy
Richard Rose
Patrick Brodhead
R.J. Thacker
Samuel J. Driscoll
James Bruening
Kate Hogan
C.J. Haag

Christmas Schedule

Advent Reconciliation Service with Adoration & Praise Music

Thursday, December 7

7:00 pm in the Marian Chapel

Parish Concert & Blessing of the Nativity

Saturday, December 16

Following the 4:30 pm Mass

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23

4:30 pm in the Church

Sunday, December 24

8:00 am and 10:00 am in the Church

Christmas Eve Masses

Sunday, December 24

4:30 pm, 6:30 pm and 10:30pm in the Church

Christmas Day Masses

Monday, December 25

10:00 am and 11:30 am in the Church

Daily Mass Schedule

Tuesday, December 26 through Friday, December 29

8:00 am only in the Marian Chapel

Feast of Mary, Mother of God

Monday, January 1

9:00 am in the Church

Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 6

4:30 pm in the Church

Sunday, January 7

8:00 am, 10:00 am, and 11:30 am in the Church

Mass Intentions & SCRIPTURE READINGS

MONDAY 12/11

St. Damascus I, Pope

Is 35:1-10; Ps 85; Lk 5:17-26

7:30 am Joann Burns &

Suzanna Eberle

8:30 am Chic & Danny Lauer

TUESDAY 12/12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19

Lk 1:26-38

7:30 am Bertalan Petrick

WEDNESDAY 12/13

St. Lucy

Is 40:25-31; Ps 103; Mt 11:28-30

7:30 am Thomas Curran

8:30 am James Volpe, Sr. & Family

THURSDAY 12/14

St. John of the Cross

Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-13ab;

Mt 11:11-15

7:30 am Andrew Resetar

FRIDAY 12/15

Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6;

Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Mt 11:16-19

7:30 am Sr. Irene

8:30 am Andy Skidmore

SATURDAY 12/16

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

SATURDAY VIGIL & SUNDAY 12/17

Third Sunday of Advent

Is 61:1-2A, 10-11; Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

4:30 pm Marie Deucher

8:00 am Gesu Parish Community

10:00 am Pat Pendry

11:30 am Tom Christy

USHERS NEEDED

Ushers provide a much needed role in our Liturgies and provide the hospitality of our worship life. From greeting parishioners, taking up collection, to being available to assist with the needs of the parishioners throughout Mass, this ministry is important to our community. We are in need of more men and women to step into this role, especially at our 11:30 am Mass. If you are interested in serving in this way please contact Mike Scalabrino at mscalabrino@althans.com.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT & BLESSING OF THE NATIVITY



On **Saturday, December 16 at 5:45 pm** in the Church, our Gesu Parish Choir "Magis Ensemble" and our school liturgical choir will present several musical selections to help us enter the spirit

of the Advent and Christmas seasons. Afterward, we will process outside to the front yard where Fr. Laniauskas will lead a special blessing of our Nativity and the baby Jesus from your home Nativity. Seasonal treats to follow! Please join us for this family friendly event, and pack your Jesus as we "Prepare the way of our Lord!"

A JESUIT ENCOUNTER WITH CHRIST IN THE EUCHARIST



In a great partnership with the Cleveland Diocesan Seminary beginning Monday, January 15 and continuing each Monday through March 1 at 7:30 pm, we will offer a program to deepen our understanding of the Eucharistic liturgy.

Three seminarians have been assigned to Gesu to walk with small groups in prayer. This is a part of the seminarians formation and a way for us as a community to help form and pray with the priests of the future. Please consider putting this time aside to enrich and grow in your spiritual life. More information will be forthcoming!

WOMANKIND CLINIC SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

Womankind is seeking Medical Volunteers, Nurses, Doctors and NPs to volunteer at their clinic. Help is needed on Mondays from 3:00 - 7:00 pm.

If you are interested, please email jjakubek@womankind-cleveland.org. Volunteers qualify for CEU's when volunteering. Womankind is a Maternal and Prenatal Care Center. Their mission is to provide hope, help, and possibility to any pregnant woman by offering comprehensive integrative care in a loving, nonjudgmental environment.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATION



Flowers bring joy and life to our worship space. At Christmas, we decorate our Sanctuary with poinsettias and see the richness and beauty of these vibrant red flowers throughout the Christmas season. The

weekend of December 16 and 17, we will be having a second collection to offset the cost of the flowers that will brighten our Sanctuary during the Christmas season. If you would like to make a donation towards the flowers in memory of a loved one, please put your donation and the name of your loved one in an envelope labeled Christmas Flowers. Envelopes can be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the Parish Office. Thank you for making our Church look beautiful this Christmas!

CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME

Pope Francis' new apostolic exhortation *Laudate Diem* emphasizes the severity and depth of our climate crisis, and the need for immediate and bold action to care for our common home. The Pope's message underscores the timely and intrinsic link between our Catholic faith and the moral imperative to protect all people and creatures today and tomorrow.

ADVENT SIMPLICITY CHALLENGE DECEMBER 1-24, 2023



This Advent, commit to simplicity! In a season that can mistakenly be focused on gifts and consumption, explore ways to live simply as we hopefully prepare for the coming of Jesus and the restoration of the earth. It's not too late to sign up for the challenge online at igsol.net/advent to receive reminder emails to check the Advent calendar which will be filled with daily inspiration to live simply and intentionally while healing the earth this Advent. Set your intention for this season by pledging to focus on simplicity in a particular area of your life.

Let's celebrate this season of hope by keeping it simple!

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS IN LITURGY



In this year of Eucharistic Revival and as a Jesuit parish, we are focused on deepening our connection with Christ in the Eucharist. As St. Ignatius tells us, we can deepen our prayer and connect with God in a more tangible way through the use of our five senses. This is especially true within the Liturgy (things to see, smell, taste, feel and hear). Bells have

a longstanding tradition within worship that dates back to our pre-Christ Jewish roots and through formalized Christian worship as it came to develop through the years. Bells (amidst our many other symbols and signs) elevate our worship by helping us focus, and acknowledge the presence of God amongst us, especially in the Eucharist. At the beginning of Mass (to help coordinate between presider and musicians) and during the Eucharistic Prayer when the priest elevates the host and chalice, we will hear bells ring. May we use this sound as a reminder of that which we profess and believe, that through the Word, Priest, People and the Eucharist, Jesus is in our midst. Some see the bells as a dated practice, based on the fact that we now understand the language spoken at Mass, while others remember the bells fondly. We hope that based on the number of distractions and the hard to focus busyness of our lives, the sounding of the bells can help us for a moment to pause, focus and feel Him with us.

During the past year, we have been using the bells at our weekly school Masses. We have been so moved to see how the children focus more intentionally. Children of all grades have shared that this helps them to remember Jesus' presence. They look forward to the sound of the bells drawing their attention to God being present. It is a joy to see the wonder and awe on their faces. This has led us to share this practice with the larger parish community.

In the coming months, our Church will celebrate some of the major feasts on which our faith is built. As our Ignatian spirituality encourages us, may all of our senses be heightened through the richness of these liturgies as a way to further deepen our prayer as one proud Gesu Family. May the sound of the bells remind us all of the miracle that the Eucharist transforming before us and present within and amongst us is indeed Emmanuel, God with us!

2023 YEAR END GIVING



Gesu Parish is very grateful to all those that support our Church and School throughout the calendar year. At this time of year, many people consider making special charitable

gifts as they have a positive impact on your income tax filings. Gesu will accept donations made by **December 31, 2023** and they will be tax deductible for the 2023 year. According to IRS rules, to ensure deductibility of your church contribution for your 2023 tax return, Gesu must be in possession of your gift by December 31, 2023. **Mailed envelopes must be postmarked by December 31, 2023.**

JOIN US ON OUR 2023 SUMMER HONDURAS IMMERSION TRIP!



When: June 20-27, 2024

Where: Nuevo Paraiso, Honduras

What: Work on construction projects and build relationships with the people of Honduras and your fellow participants, as we encounter the face of Christ.

Who: Participants must be entering at least the 11th grade for the 2024-25 school year, and adults are welcome too.

Information: There will be an Information Meeting for interested trip participants, January 25, 2024 from 6:15–7:30 pm, Sacred Heart Room in Parish Offices.

Apply Today! Information and application can be found at www.churchofthegesu.org/honduras-mission. Deadline to apply and place your \$100 deposit is **February 16, 2024.**

Questions? Contact Amy Zucca at azucca@churchofthegesu.org

JESUIT FRIEND & ALUMNI NETWORK LOYOLA CLUB CLEVELAND EVENT FEATURING FR. KARL KISER, SJ



Join us on January 17, 2024, for the JFAN Loyola Club Cleveland luncheon at Windows on the River, featuring Fr. Karl Kiser, SJ, provincial of the Midwest Province of the Society of Jesus. So many of us know Fr. Kiser from his tenure as pastor at Church of the Gesu, and he returns to Cleveland to

share his work as provincial and what it means to us as Jesuit friends and alumni.

We know it's hard to think about January when we aren't even at Christmas, but we wanted to be sure you had the chance to purchase tickets before the room sells out.

Please join us in the new year for an opportunity to gather, network, and hear from Fr. Kiser on how the work of the Midwest Jesuits is making a difference in the Midwest and throughout the world and how you are part of that dynamic enterprise.

More information and registration can be found at jfanusa.org/Cleveland

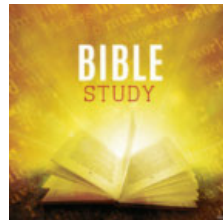
CALLING ALL SNOWBIRDS! JOIN US FOR OUR FLORIDA GATHERINGS



Fr. Lukas Laniauskas, SJ will be visiting the east and west coasts of Florida the week of **January 30, 2024**. Plans are being made to host a Gesu Parishioners and Friends Mass and

reception in both locations. If you or your family will be available that week and would like to attend the Gesu Gathering, please contact Mary Kate Farrar at mkfarrar@churchofthegesu.org. Formal invitations with event details will be mailed at the end of December!

SATURDAY BIBLE STUDY



Please join the Bible study at Church of the Gesu **Saturdays from 12:00 - 2:00 pm** in the **Sacred Heart Room** as we begin the study of the Torah, the first five books of the Bible. The theme of this study is **"Exploring**

the Connection Between the Old and the New Testaments."

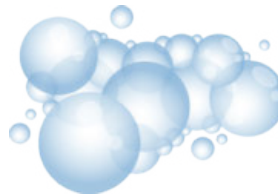
St. Augustine reminds us: "The New Testament lies hidden in the Old, and the Old becomes clear in the New." Christ Himself confirms this statement to two of his disciples on the way to Emmaus after His resurrection. He declares that Moses and the prophets all foreshadowed Him. The passage states, "Then beginning with Moses and the prophets, he [Jesus] interpreted to them what referred to him in all scriptures" (Luke 24:27).

Every Sunday as we read from the books of the Old Testament, can we see Christ? Clearly? Come, let us journey with Bible study members through the Old Testament. Let us encounter Christ from the creation narratives in Genesis and beyond.

We invite individuals who are seeking to enrich their lives with encountering Jesus in Scripture. In this respect, we are all beginners because each time we encounter Scripture, we discover something new. So come as you are and be transformed by the light of Christ.

For more information, please contact Christie Okocha at Ndaoko@msn.com or (216) 352-7229

DONATION DRIVE FOR THE WEST SIDE CATHOLIC CENTER



The WSCC assists **all** who come in need of food, clothing, shelter, advocacy and a path to self-sufficiency. Gesu is collecting **full size shampoo, body wash and deodorant** for

the WSCC. They go through a lot of it and are always in low supply. Drop off your donations by December 11th in the Narthex bin by the Thompson Lot or at the Parish Offices.

EMMANUEL – GOD IS WITH US!

First of all, Christ is seen to be present among the faithful gathered in His name; then in his Word, as the Scriptures are read and explained; in the person of the minister; finally and in a unique way under the species of the Eucharist.

-(Eucharisticum Mysterium – Instruction on Eucharistic Worship from the Sacred Congregation of Rites)

Second Sunday of Advent

The presence of Jesus is found in the minister. As the community gathers, the priest is called to serve in a prophetic role as the minister leads the worship. Through his consecrated life, the priest should reflect the presence of Jesus particularly in the Sacraments and in word and deed.

1. Though the priest is called to lead the worship, all, by virtue of their call as priestly people, are encouraged to serve in a variety of ministries. Have I considered becoming a lector, extraordinary minister of communion, an usher or joining the choir?
2. We must all pray for vocations to the religious life and priesthood. Have I prayed for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life? Do I ever encourage young men and women to consider a vocation to the life of ministry in the particular way?
3. Seminarians will be running a prayer program during Lent as a part of their training and formation. Consider joining these evenings of prayer and encountering the next generation of priests for Cleveland.



EUCCHARISTIC LIVING – LIFELONG LEARNING – GENEROUS SERVING

Thank you to all the parishioners who have completed and submitted your Gesu Sunday Offering Commitment card. For those parishioners who have not had the opportunity to submit your card, please consider supporting GSO. We are striving for 100% participation! **You may return your card by:**

- Mailing it to the church at 2470 Miramar Blvd., University Heights, OH 44118.
- Bring it to Mass and drop it in the basket.
- Visit our website at www.churchofthegesu.org and complete the electronic card.

Thank you for your generous support!

GESU CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Please join us **Sunday, January 28, 2024** from 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm for the Gesu Catholic School Open House. This event will be following the 11:30am Mass at the Church of the Gesu. Register Online: gesu.com/openhouse



Thank you for supporting #wegiveCatholic on Tuesday, November 28! We raised over \$11,400 from 112 donors! This generous support will be allocated to our Faculty Classroom Wish Lists! We are extremely grateful for your ongoing support of Gesu Catholic School!

ENROLL IN FAITH DIRECT



In this season of giving, we are grateful for your commitment to Gesu! Have you considered signing up for Faith Direct? By supporting Gesu Church, both you and our parish can save some time and peace of mind this holiday season. Already using Faith Direct? Don't forget to add your Christmas or end of Year contributions to your account.

Visit www.faithdirect.next and use our church code OH283. Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Admissions & Tuition Coordinator

Gesu Catholic School has the following employment opening. We are in search of a full-time 12 month Admissions & Tuition Coordinator, who would manage our admissions process and

provide tuition and financial aid services to families. Please email humanresources@gesu.com with a resume and letter of interest or see gesu.com/jobs to apply or for more information.

Part-time Weekend/Evening Receptionist Needed

Gesu Parish is seeking an individual to cover 6 – 8 shifts per month in the Pastoral Center Front Office, with occasional additional shifts available. In addition to general receptionist responsibilities, we are looking for someone with a good working knowledge of Microsoft Office. Applicants should submit a cover letter and resume to humanresources@churchofthegesu.org.

Substitute Teachers

Gesu Catholic School is seeking substitute teachers for the 2023-2024 school year. Our substitute teachers provide instruction, maintain a positive learning environment and maximize classroom learning while facilitating lesson plans developed by the absent teacher.

Position Requirements: Bachelor's Degree required, substitute license or the ability to obtain a substitute teacher license through the state of Ohio, appropriate criminal records check by the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation and Federal Bureau of Investigation. Have attended or willing to attend a VIRTUS Protecting God's Children training. Prior teaching or tutoring experience recommended. Applicants should submit a cover letter and resume to rkazel@gesu.com.

SCHOOL RAFFLE WINNERS



Congratulations to our November raffle winners: Blake Kneooer, Megan Kacvinsky, Alyson Carfagna and Mary Amjad Thank you for your generous support of Gesu School!

GESU ALUMS MAKE HONOR ROLL



Congratulations to Gesu Alums for making the Honor Roll at Benedictine High School in Q1: Samuel Albright, Lachlan Bobes, Makell Byrd, John Horn, Daniel Janor, Paul Karboski, Charles Koppitch, William Lloyd, Joseph Morse,

Will Mylen, Justin Patey, Charlie Roberto, Augie Rosalina, James Rubadue, Alexander Rzepka, Mason Rzepka, Anthony Vitantonio, Nicholas Vitantonio, Nathan Weaver, Noah Whisler, Nathan Zavoda and Konstantinos Zeltner.

We applaud your hard work and dedication. Keep up the good work!

STRENGTHEN AND HEAL YOUR MARRIAGE – PROGRAM BEGINNING JANUARY 26, 2024

The Retrouvaille program is designed to help married couples develop improved ways of communicating and relating to each other in order to overcome challenges which have left them feeling frustrated, hurt, distant, or even hopeless. Retrouvaille, which means rediscovery, is supported by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, and is open to couples of all faiths. This program consists of a weekend experience and six follow up sessions. For more information concerning the program, or to register, visit www.helpourmarriage.org or call Shelly or Rob at (216) 509-0301 or (440) 836-4810.

THEOLOGY ON TAP EAST

Join us on Wednesday, December 20 from 7:00 - 9:00 pm at Bar Louie in Lyndhurst. Speakers Brittany & Bryan Liberatore will discuss "Honoring & Living Out the Sacrament of Marriage." What do we wish we knew about Marriage? \$5 for those under 21, \$7 for 21 & over. To register: tinyurl.com/totcleast.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

SHARING THE GOSPEL

John the Baptist had an important message. When you make sinful mistakes, and when you turn away from God, stop. Learn from your mistakes, and do things God's way. Were you bossy or rude? Be thoughtful and kind. Did you tell a lie? Be honest instead. God wants you to share his love with other people.

PRAYER

Jesus, help me to learn from my mistakes. Thank you for forgiving me.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Ask your family if you have hurt their feelings. Ask them to forgive you.

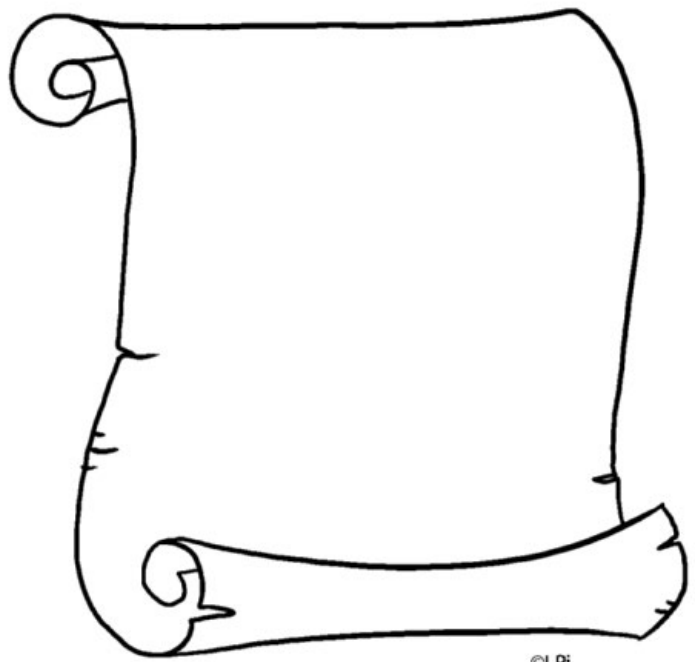
PUZZLE

Help John the Baptist find his way to the Jordan River.



SOMETHING TO DRAW

Draw a picture of yourself being kind to a friend.





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OUR FUTURE.

NEW OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS!

Ohioans can now receive a dollar for dollar tax credit of up to \$750 for donations to the Angel Scholarship Fund. If you are filing a joint return and both you and your spouse make eligible donations, each of you can claim this credit (up to \$1,500 total).

Donations to the Angel Scholarship Fund are awarded as scholarships for elementary and high school students in the Diocese of Cleveland. This is a great opportunity to provide tuition assistance for families who wish to send their children to our Catholic schools!



YOUR SUPPORT

- ✓ Directly impacts a family's ability to afford a Catholic education
- ✓ Helps provide high quality Catholic education to more children
- ✓ Can be directed to any Catholic school in the Diocese of Cleveland
- ✓ Allows you to choose what your tax dollars support



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