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Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

# GESU CHURCH

“We worship joyfully and serve humbly as the Spirit leads us.”

## Pastor’s Notes

This week marks the start of Black History Month in the United States. We celebrate the contributions and achievements of African Americans everywhere. The Office for Black Catholic Ministries' theme for the month is “Honoring the Past/Walking in the Future.” A special celebration will be held on Sunday, February 24, at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church. More details to follow.

What a beautiful moment at last Sunday’s 10:30 Mass when eighth grade students Blake Willis, Allena Williams and Frederick Stanley reflected on their experiences at Gesu School! The occasion was the start of Catholic Schools Week across the nation. Gesu School promotes the academic, spiritual, social, artistic and athletic development of the whole child. Students learn the importance of service as they acquire the academic skills required to succeed. Gesu stands firm in its commitment to educate our youth.

Thanks to all who have a hand in Gesu’s Homeless Ministry Month. I have come to learn this yearly outreach project has a long, rich history at our parish. I’m grateful for the planners and all who participate.

Please mark your calendar for Gesu’s Pre-Lenten Mission March 3-5 in the Church. The theme is “Becoming Fully Alive by Healing Our Hurts.” The presenter is Fr. Matt Linn, S.J., who has given retreats on healing throughout the world.

Have a great week!

Fr. Peter

## Ignatian Moment: When We’re Desolate Fight Back St. Ignatius Loyola in *The Spiritual Exercises* #319

Though in desolation we must never change our former resolutions, it will be very advantageous to intensify our activity against the desolation. We can insist more upon prayer, upon meditation, and on much examination of ourselves. We can make an effort in a suitable way to do some penance.

*When we’re feeling low, we seldom want to rouse ourselves to extra effort. But that’s precisely what we need to do, according to St. Ignatius. Fight it. Pray more. Get active.*

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## CSA MINUTE

### Evangelization

Those looking for answers to big questions, such as what God's plan is for their life and how they can be fulfilled, are invited to Kerygma Nights. This four-part series will share the core of what the Gospel reveals through short talks, discussion, and Q & A with others asking these same questions.

Attendees may go to one or all of the Kerygma Nights, which began in January and are being held on different days at three locations in the Archdiocese: Mondays at Sacred Heart Parish in Dearborn (February 4, 11, and 18 remaining), Tuesdays (in Spanish) at the National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica in Royal Oak (February 5 and 12 remaining), and Wednesdays at Jolly Pumpkin Restaurant and Tap House in Royal Oak (February 6, 13, 20, and 27). Each event is from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Kerygma Nights are a program of the archdiocesan Office of Evangelization. Your CSA gifts support the office's work of helping people encounter God in a new way.

For more information about CSA-funded ministries, go to [aod.org](http://aod.org)

### Your Help Is Needed

February is Homeless Ministry Month, and you can help.

How? Below are some ways:

Donate to the envelope collection this weekend to help us cover our costs. Bring a donation of men's underwear, sizes L or XL. Collection boxes are in the social area. Bake cookies or brownies for the St. Christine's meal, and bring them to the parish center by 3:00 pm on February 4th. Sign up to join one of the meal teams on Feb. 5th at St. Christine's Soup Kitchen, 1:30-4:30 OR Pope Francis Warming Center on February 13, 6:45 am to 11 am OR February 23, 10-12 noon at St. Christine's soup kitchen. Sign up for the lunch making brigade—February 18th, 6-8 pm in Gesu school social hall. Sign up to serve lunches at the NOAH Project at Central Methodist Church on February 19th at 10:30 am.

If you can help with a meal, it's a great way to get to know other parishioners.

### Mass Intentions

The practice of requesting a Mass to be offered for loved ones, living or deceased, is a beautiful and wonderful part of our Catholic tradition. At Gesu, there are many requests for scheduling such Mass intentions. As a way to allow as many parishioners and friends as possible to schedule Masses, please see the following guidelines:

#### Guidelines

- Only one Mass per month may be requested for the same intention (person).
- Specific dates can only be reserved within six months of the current calendar year.
- The offering is \$10 per Mass. This is accepted at the time of the request.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Monday, February 4

Yoga, 5:30  
Scripture, 6:30 pm

### Tuesday, February 5

Staff Meeting, 10 am  
UDCA Meeting, 6:30 pm

### Wednesday, February 6

Christian Service, 6:30 pm  
AA, 7 pm

### Thursday, February 7

Yoga, 5 pm  
Boy Scouts, 6-9 pm  
Radio Patrol, 7 pm  
Choir Rehearsal, 7 pm

### Friday, February 8

School Prayer Service, 8:15 am  
Junior High Fun Night, 6:30 pm

### Saturday, February 9

### Sunday, February 10

RCIA, 9 am  
Ministry to the Sick Mtg, 12:15 pm  
Bible Study, 1-2:30 pm  
BMO, 2-5 pm

### Jesuit Volunteer Corps

“Are you interested in full-time service? Do you want to work on the front lines of social justice and live intentionally with other young leaders? You can put your faith into action with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps. JVC places young professionals across the country to create a more just and hopeful world. If you would like more information visit <https://www.jesuitvolunteers.org>

### Invitation to Join

The Gesu Peace & Justice book club is inviting new members. The members created this list of possible books for 2019.

The Orphan's Tale by Pam Jenoff

Tattoos on the Heart by Gregory Boyle

Liar, Temptress, Soldier, Spy by Karen Abbott

The Song of the Trees by David George Haskell

What the Eyes Don't See by Dr. Mona Hanna Akisha

Don't Shoot by David Kennedy

The Cooking Gene by Michael W. Twitty

The next meeting is Monday, February 18, 2019 and the book under discussion will be The Cooking Gene by Michael W. Twitty. Consider joining this interesting and educational group.

Meetings are every other month on the fourth Monday from 7-8:30 pm in the Parish Center.

**Please send your announcements and prayers of the faithful to this email address:**

**[gesuannouncement@gmail.com](mailto:gesuannouncement@gmail.com). **Deadline for announcements is Wednesday. Thank you.****

### Funerals

Please call the parish office at 313-862-4400 to schedule a funeral. Thank you.

**Please pray for those experiencing illness or other problems.  
May God grant them peace!**

**Note: Names will be listed for 4 weeks. Please call the parish office to add or remove names from the list.**

|                          |                           |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Lucille & Luke Allen     | Tinney Barnes             |
| Dan Mioduszewski         | Clarice Hardaway          |
| Brandon Tolhurst         | Darrow Harden             |
| Fr. Norman Dickson, S.J. | Fr. Robert, Scullin, S.J. |
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| Grant Leeper             | Diane Bryant              |
| Mia Lamb                 | Jim & Erin Schmitt        |
| Elaine Attaway           | George Brooks             |
| Herbert Ford             | Shirlee Sullivan          |
| George Williams          | Gloria Taylor             |
| Donald Harris            | Florence Parker           |
| Barbara Glamb            | Rita Pavlosky             |

Prayers will continue at Ministry Meetings and during General Intercessions of the Mass. Gesu parishioners will be contacted periodically.

**Nursing Home**

|                   |                     |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| Gladys Harper     | Tammy Pitrowski     |
| Roy Washington    | Barbara Wilson      |
| Mabel Ann Greason | Leo P. Brennan      |
| Jesse Taylor      | Madolyn Merriwether |

**Homebound**

|                   |                 |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| Blanche Dodson    | Dorothy Morrow  |
| Clifton Few       | Leonard Ellison |
| Doris Washington  | Arnett Jordan   |
| Marguerite Jordan |                 |

**Assisted Living**

**MASS INTENTIONS FEBRUARY 4-8, 2019**

**MONDAY - 4TH**

5:30 pm Bernadette Crawford – Etzel Family

**TUESDAY - 5TH**

5:30 pm

**WEDNESDAY - 6TH**

5:30 pm—Jerome A. Thweatt—The Family

**THURSDAY - 7TH**

5:30 pm John Clenny Thierry—Thad & Rita Jones

**FRIDAY - 8TH**

5:30 pm Eleanor S. Lindeman—The Family

**Weekly Offertory Collection**

|                      |                    |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| Week of 1-27-2019    | Total: \$ 5,324.00 |
| Weekly Budget:       | \$ 7,800.00        |
| Surplus (Shortfall): | \$ (2,476.00)      |

**Thank you!!**

**Did You Know?**

You can locate Gesu Bulletins at [Seek&Find.com/bulletins](http://Seek&Find.com/bulletins) or [gesudetroit.com](http://gesudetroit.com)

**Gesu Church**

**MISSION STATEMENT**

*"We worship joyfully and serve humbly as the Spirit leads us."*

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**Office Hours**

**Monday through Friday: 9 am-4 pm**

**Closed for lunch, 12 pm-1 pm**

**Parish Office closed on Saturday & Sunday**

|                                    |  |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Pastor:                            | Peter Etzel, S.J.                                    |
| Associate Pastor:                  | Phillip Cooke, S.J.                                  |
| Pastoral Musician:                 | Carl Clendenning                                     |
| Pastoral Associate:                | Sr. Angela Hibbard, IHM,                             |
| Junior High Youth Group:           | Anita Klueg  |
| Youth Minister:                    | Rodney Fresh, Jr.                                    |
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| School Principal:                  | Christa Laurin                                       |
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| Parish Council Vice President:     | Doris Flaherty                                       |
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| Finance Council:                   | William Felosak                                      |
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| Christian Service Chair:           | Rosa Tinetti   |
| CGS Director:                      | Laura Silveri  |
| Parish Life Chair:                 |  |
| Evangelization:                    |  |
| Faith Formation:                   | Mark Lezotte   |
| School Board Chair:                | Leticia Sampson                                      |
| Church Web address:                | <a href="http://gesudetroit.com">gesudetroit.com</a> |

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

Weekday Mass: Monday through Friday, 5:30 pm

Weekends: Saturday, 5:00 pm

Sunday, 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Secular Holidays: Mass at 9:30 AM

Holy Days: Mass at 5:30 pm

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday 4-5 pm or by appointment with the Pastor

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**PARISH MEMBERSHIP**

Registered: If you are not registered and want to be in the parish and want envelopes, please fill out this form and drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the Parish Center. Thank you.

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