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 Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

GESU CHURCH

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



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.” Lk 14:28, 33

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Children’s Faith Formation
 The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is Gesu’s faith formation program for children, ages 3-12 years old. This is a Montessori based program, set in an environment called the Atrium, which is in the lower level of Gesu School. There are two sessions to choose from: Wednesdays: 4:30pm-6pm or Sundays: 9am-10:20 pm. Registration forms and schedules are in the Church’s social area by the CGS display. Catechists will be on hand to take registrations and answer questions after all the Masses.
 We begin sessions on Sunday, September 16th and Wednesday, September 18th for new children. Returning children begin on Sunday, September 30th or Wednesday, October 2nd. Please turn in registrations in the Social Area of Gesu Church or the Parish Center. Thank you!

CSA MINUTE
Youth and Young Adult Ministry
 “What’s your story?” is the theme of the upcoming Engaging the Young Church Conference, to be held September 27 and 28 for those who minister to youth and young adults in the Archdiocese of Detroit. Your CSA gifts help fund this two-day conference, which provides priests, deacons, parish catechetical leaders, volunteers, and youth, young adult, and junior high ministers with the latest ministry tools and resources, encouragement, and inspiration for this ministry. Keynote presentations will focus on figuring out one’s own story, sharing God’s love with other, helping families and youth grow as disciples. The conference is held at St. Anastasia in Troy.

Ignatian Moment: Nothing Owns Me Except God Howard Gray, S.J., in *As Leaven for the World*

For Ignatius, the foundational human experience was freedom: freedom from all created reality and freedom for God’s ownership over a person’s life. This kind of spiritual balance – freedom from and freedom for – he called “indifference.” Ignatian indifference does not mean an absence of feeling, affection, pleasure, or care. It does mean that nothing ultimately owns me except God.

Lord, show me the place of balance where I am free to want only you

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Sowers of the Seed



Am I in Trouble?

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Anyone who comes to me without hating father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, cannot be my disciple."

There is a lot in our Faith that is easier said than done. To say, "God knows best," or "We need to put God first in our lives," two key messages from today's readings, would be pretty bread-and-butter concepts for most Christians. Yet when I stop to think about the implications of these bumper sticker-esque statements, I am profoundly challenged. Perhaps that is why Jesus doesn't let us get away so easily when telling us that our relationship with God must be the forefront of our lives. I love my God; that is not my issue. Yet, when I think of the way my heart burns with love when I hold our new baby or when I think about my incredible wife, I would be lying if I said I have the same, let alone greater, intensity of emotion when I pray or think about God. How do I reconcile this with Jesus' message?

First, I must remember that I can't separate my love and commitment to my family from my relationship with God, who is the connective tissue that bonds us together as family and friends or in the Sacrament of Marriage. Also, through these connections, I am constantly being turned to our Lord in thanks or in need of help. They help keep God my priority and cornerstone.

Second, it is natural to draw more salient emotions from our earthly relationships because they are more tangible. I see, touch and hear these people whereas my relationship with God is more abstract. I try to remedy this by focusing on the moments with God that are more tangible. For me, this is the Eucharist, music and the natural world. In these I connect deeply and emotionally with God who moves from abstract to palpable.

The gravity of what Jesus is asking of us should not be taken lightly, but neither should we feel discouraged when comparing our earthly relationships with God. Ultimately, today's Gospel makes me feel neither comfortable nor condemned, and I think that is exactly how Jesus likes it.

Danny Patton

If you have an article for the Gesu News please have it in by 12 pm on Friday at gesudet@aol.com. If you have a flyer for the Gesu News, it will run one weekend only, please bring it in or email to gesudet@aol.com by 12 noon on Thursday. Thank you.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, September 9

Tuesday, September 10

Wednesday, September 11

Leisure Group, 12:30 pm

AA, 7:30 pm

Thursday, September 12

Yoga, 5:15 pm

Boy Scouts, 6-9 pm

Choir Practice, 7 pm

Friday, September 13

School Mass, 8:15 am

Saturday, September 14

Remembering Lula Mae Carter, 5 pm

Sunday, September 15, Catechetical Sunday

BMO, 2-5 pm

Catechetical Sunday

Gesu Church and School – in concert with the Archdiocese of Detroit – will celebrate Catechetical Sunday September 15 with the theme "Encountering the Risen Christ." Catechists will be formally commissioned at the 10:30 am Mass. We also will celebrate our parents, grandparents, and guardians by recognizing their important role in teaching the Catholic faith. Let us pray for all who dedicate themselves to the mission of passing on the Good News of Jesus Christ!

Planning Ahead for the Global Climate Strike

Gesu's Green Team invites parishioners to join them on Friday, September 20th in the global climate strike which will take place all around the planet that day. The youth of the world are calling for this demonstration to insist that today's adults leave them a world to live in. We can join them here in Detroit from 1-4 pm at 8411 Sylvester, Detroit, MI 48214. If you can be part of it, mark your calendar. This event is happening during the Church's Season of Creation, so we have a strong motivation to be part of it. To learn more see <https://kottke.org/19/05/join-the-global-climate-strike-on-september-20th>.

Tuesday Bible Study

Tuesday afternoon Bible Study starts September 10th from 4-5 pm in the Parish Center.

Did You Know?

Have you noticed the wicker basket at the entry into the sanctuary in church? We invite anyone to place donations of food into these baskets. The donations go directly to the food pantry at Gesu Church to be distributed to those most in need. Thank you



Gesu parishioner looking for a studio or one bedroom apartment for a family college student. Please call Kathy Walker at 313-510-6842.

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	Fr. Norman Dickson, S.J.
Calvin & Mellowees Hart	Diane Bryant
Mia Lamb	Elaine Attaway
Shirlee Sullivan	Donald Harris
Rita Pavlosky	Darrow Harden, II
Andrew Vitali, III	Gretchen Wilbert
James Porter	Scales, Sylvia

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
Jim Rucinski	Helene Rucinski

Betty Jefferson

Homebound

Blanche Dodson	Leonard Ellison
Clifton Few	Arnett Jordan

Doris Washington
Marguerite Jordan

Assisted Living

MASS INTENTIONS September 9-13, 2019

MONDAY - 9TH

5:30 am Eleanor S. Lindeman—The Family

TUESDAY - 10TH

5:30 pm James Maurer—Joe Maurer & Family

WEDNESDAY - 11TH

5:30 pm

THURSDAY - 12TH

5:30 pm

FRIDAY - 13TH

5:30 pm Michael Brennan—Rachel Brennan

If you have a change of address or a new phone number please call the office at 313-862-4400 or simply mail in the new information. Thank you.

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

gesuannouncement@gmail.com. Deadline for announcements is 3pm Wednesday. Thank you.

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:	Phillip Cooke, S.J.
Associate Pastor:	Peter Etzel, S.J.
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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 4-4:45 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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A Registration form will be sent to you in the mail. Thank you.

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