

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2022

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There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." - Jn 2:1-3

Sowers of the Seed

Freshness and Hope Pat Jones



It's the second week of a new year. There is freshness and I hope in the air. Do you feel it, like the excitement of new love? Our readings use the imagery of a wedding and new marriage to bring to life the excitement and passion of our God for us. I "No more shall people call you "Forsaken" or your land "Desolate" but you shall be called "My Delight" and your land "Espoused." For the LORD delights in you and makes your land his spouse. As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you." Maybe we emerged from last year emotionally bruised and battered, but today's readings show us our God of hope - second chances and wonder, the wonder of His Spirit and His gifts. That's what is available to us this year and always through His love, if we remain open to receive it. If we, like the steward at the wedding feast at Cana, trust Him with what seems impossible. Can you imagine the joy of being the steward, knowing how close you were to ruin? That joy is ours from our generous God. So, as we begin this year, I wish for all of us trust and joy in our generous God. May we keep our eyes on Him despite what gets thrown at us. That we may "proclaim His marvelous deeds to all the nations". May God bless you in this new year and always. Amen.

The mission of Sowers of the Seed is to deepen parishioners' relationship with God, the Word and the parish community. We would love to hear if you have read this SOS article and if it touched your spirit in any way. Please reply by text if possible to 248 225-0564. God bless.

Christmas Card Thank You!

Gesu parishioners independently wrote 100 Christmas cards (that we know about!) to send to their fellow parishioners who are sick or homebound this year! In appreciation for the beautiful way of caring for your fellow parishioners, the Gesu Ministry to the Sick would simply like to offer a big, thank you!



We are seeking two people to serve on the Parish Finance Council. An active, well-formed Parish Finance Council is a key element for promoting the financial health of a parish, assuring accountability and assisting the pastor with his temporal responsibilities. If you are eager to serve the parish to assist the pastor in the administration of parish temporal matters. Please contact Fr. Phil at the parish office.



Annual MLK Commemoration: Environmental Justice

Our annual Martin Luther King, Jr. commemoration will take place virtually on Tuesday, January 18th, 2022 from 7-9pm.

Our speaker will be Theresa Landrum, a community organizer and activist who has fought for environmental justice for over twenty years. She will lead an interactive conversation under the topic: Making Dr. King's Dream Real: Environmental Justice Detroit Style.

The zoom link to this event is in the Gesu Electronic Update. Copies of the flyer are at the entrances to the Church.



Parish Examen: Care for Creation/Environmental Examen

The health of the planet we live on is one of the most critical issues of our time. In *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis called on all of us to protect and restore God's Creation. How has Gesu responded to that call? What do we do well, and how can we do more? Please join the Green Team and other parishioners to discuss these questions and more at an upcoming Parish Examen on the environment. It will be held January 23 in the Parish Center after the 10:30 Mass. In preparation for the meeting, parishioners are invited to respond to questions posted on large posters in the social area of the church. Please stop by there to add your thoughts.

For more information, call the Parish Center or Cathy Lee (248-722-1256)



Every year the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament celebrates the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with a prayer service and memorial mass. In 2022, we are pleased to announce that the celebrant will be Fr. Phil Cooke, S.J. The mass will take place at 11:00 am on Monday, January 17th at the Cathedral.

Bulletin Deadlines:

So we can best serve all parishioners and ensure we meet publication deadlines, articles for the bulletin and Gesu Electronic Updates must be submitted at least 14 days prior to the publication date. Mass announcements should be received 7 days in advance. Request for mass announcements, electronic updates and the bulletin should be submitted via email and sent to communications@gesudetroit.org

MASS INTENTIONS

January 17– Hedwidge Maurer+ (by Joe Maurer)

January 18- Sara Slinas (by Maria Salinas)

January 19- Gabrielle Dooley+ (by The Reno Family)

January 20- Louis H. Lindeman (by Carolyn Price)

January 21- Gesu Staff

+ Indicates Deceased

*Mass offered by Gesu for those on the prayer list

If you would like to have a mass offered for a loved one please contact the parish office. The suggested donation is \$10

Please pray for those asking for our prayers



Lucille Allen
Dan Mioduszewski
Mellowees Hart
Shirlee Sullivan
Sylvia Scales
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Betty Jefferson
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THANK YOU FOR GIVING TREE DONATIONS

A big THANK YOU goes out to all those who contributed to our Giving Tree project so that Gesu could provide gifts for the clients of the Wayne County Jail Chaplaincy Ministry, the Pope Francis Warming Center, and our own St. Vincent DePaul Society. No doubt the recipients will be grateful to receive your donations. Special thanks to Marilyn Ice who once again took on the coordination of this ministry. We are so grateful to her.

-from the Christian Service Commission



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Gesu Church MISSION STATEMENT

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

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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's 4:00-4:45 pm in the church Or by appointment with one of the priests.

Emergency After Hour Number for Priest call 313-915-0068.

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Family Mass and Open House: Sunday, January 30th

If pandemic conditions permit, the school will have a Family Mass and an Open House on Sunday, January 30th. The Family Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 that morning in the church and will be followed immediately by an Open House in the classrooms. The Open House will run until 1:15 pm. The primary purpose of the Open House is to welcome prospective families to see the school and to provide them with an idea of what happens in our classrooms. We encourage all current families to attend so that prospective families can see our community and converse with families who already have children enrolled at Gesu School. We look forward to seeing you there!

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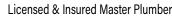
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