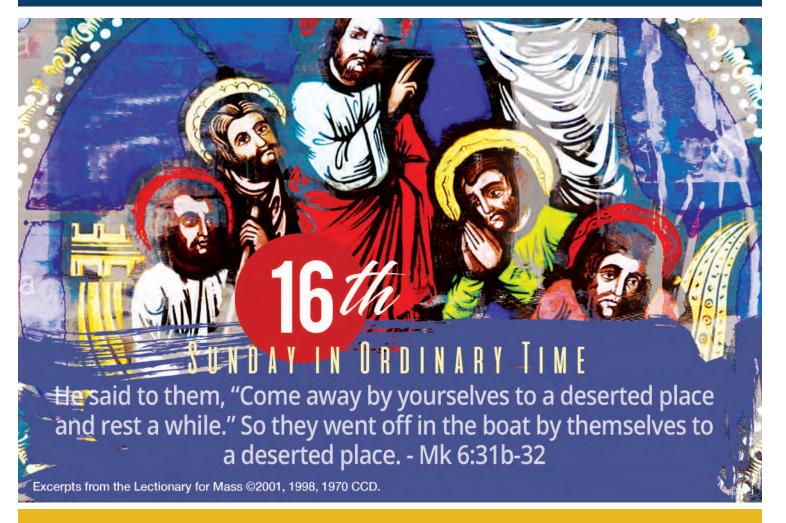


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## MISSION STATEMENT

Gesu Parish, a Catholic community in

> **Eucharistic Living** Lifelong Learning Generous Serving

- AMDG -

## MASS SCHEDULE

## Weekends

the Jesuit tradition, is committed to Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am & 11:30 am

## Weekdays

Monday - Friday: 7:30 am

## RECONCILIATION

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

## PASTORAL STAFF

Reverend Lukas M. Laniauskas, SJ Pastor

Reverend Michael A. Vincent, SJ Associate Pastor

Reverend Gregory Hyde, SJ Priest in Residence

Reverend Dr. James K. O'Donnell Deacon

**Sr. Kathleen Flannery, OSU**Parish Life & Liturgy

Therese Blumenthal Finance & Operations

Mary Kate Farrar
Development & Communications

Regan Kazel School Principal

Marcia Leous Faith Formation

Amy Zucca
Outreach Coordinator

Mark Ehrbar Music Ministry

## 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

School Fax (216) 932-8326

## 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.

## TEMPORARY OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm At other times, we will be checking email and phone messages.

## Gospel Meditation

There's an ordinary pine grove located on a tree farm not too far from town where life's stresses and demands seem to melt away. It is here that all that seemed so important out there no longer is and one can get lost in the rows of trees and majestic beauty. God is here and all is good. We need to connect with the Divine Source of all that is in order to understand what it is we are doing and why we are doing it. Otherwise, things stop making sense and bitterness can overcome one's spirit. It's okay to play once in a while and to discover that place of profound life and peace. People always have needs and there is constantly something to do. And while all of that is necessary and we are needed, there is also that inner solitude within that needs to be celebrated and released.

We all need a pine grove. It's that little place we can go and leave all that consumes us behind. It's a place where technology can be set aside, and wonder and awe given some time. We don't have to text, calculate or orchestrate anything in the pine grove. It is a somewhat deserted place where all of that can be set aside and we can just be. The anger, frustration, exhaustion, discouragement, helplessness and occasional apathy all can fall to the ground, like all of those pine needles that once held their place on the branch of a Frasier Fir. The needles can let go. We can let go. We are beings connected with Being and we all need to remember what really matters, who really matters and what life is truly all about. We need to find that place where we can rest and let go of all of the barnacles we accumulate. Rest, breathe, seek and love.

The world will need us again when we leave the pine grove. It will all be waiting for us, beckoning for our attention. But we will have prayed and will have marveled at the silence and the beauty of goodness. We can go back, ready and eager to listen, to help, to heal, to cry, to embrace and to attend to all that is asked of us. But, having let go of the distractions in that deserted place, we will have a renewed sense of purpose. We will know better Who it is we serve and what we are meant to do. It will all be clearer now that we have been Divinely touched and refreshed.

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# This Week at Gesu

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TUESDAY 7/20

Mass......7:30 am - MC

WEDNESDAY 7/21

THURSDAY 7/22

**FRIDAY 7/23** 

Mass......7:30 am - MC

SATURDAY 7/24

**SUNDAY 7/25** 

Mass......8:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:30 am - CH

CH Church

SH Sacred Heart Room

ZM Zoom

MC Marian Chapel

MH McAuley Hall

## **GESU NEEDS YOU!**



We can really use additional ushers at our weekend Liturgies!

- All are welcome Men, Women, Couples, Students
- Sign up to be a regular or a substitute usher

Guarantees: The salary comes in Special Blessings and many Graces! And our undying gratitude!

Please Contact, Mike Scalabrino at (216) 402-5425 or mscalabrino@roadrunner.com.

## **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 one of the Gesu priests at 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

We are unable to hold our usual monthly Anointing Masses at this time. You may make arrangements to receive the Sacrament of the Sick following any weekday or weekend Mass by calling the Parish Office in advance. That way, we will know which date and time you will be here.

## ILLNESS & HOSPITAL CALLS

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

## MARRIAGE BANNS

Lauren Norcia & **Christian Ludtke** July 24, 2021

Celia Barrett & **David Black** July 30, 2021



## **NEWLY BAPTIZED**

**Gianna Frances Morse** Daughter of Jeffrey & Rachel Morse



## **HELP US UPDATE OUR** 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 Sr. Linda at Imartinosu@ 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 Sr. Linda 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.

Edison

Dale A. Scully Rob Mooney Ann Dolan Bonnie-Jean Kennedy Mike Stinn Theresa LoPresti Ryan S. JoeAnn Franklin Rita Huebner Frank Gilmore Lou Cherry Melissa Currance Alique Topalian Paul & Lynette Trolli Marian Amanda Jadon Michael Kalp Denise Mastro Tara Conklin Jamie Chitwood Jonathan Sedor Maryan Baughman Robert Schmidt George Coleman Patricia Dye Heather Pederson Ellen Ferreri Sandy Bonnot Mary Jo Rourke George Martin

Jacob Gordon Wayne Schmidt Stacey Kelly Mary Beth Miller Andrew Kascsak Cecilia T. Guccion Edward P. Guccion **Howard Widmann** Jeff Stevenson Grace Pressimone Toni Consolo Eleanor Bertagni Marge Diemer Sheila Flannery Jeanne Horwath Richard Rarick Baby Reese Tom Therese Hummer Eileen Read Gerri Greenfield Abby Grealis Marsha Carole Baker Verna Bencie

George O'Hamill **Margaret Homoly** Beth Heather Gina Hespen Loretta Wiles Barbara Rossy Claire Gascoigne Sarah Kuhar Michael Markiewicz Janet Markiewicz Bill & Denise Mirando Nick Gundersen Joan Nuth John Bastulli, Jr. Samone Dean Bill Kiser Ryan M. Marilyn Karlik Bernice Reed John Jackie Friend Elizabeth Kealy Shawn Sexton Sandy Russell Mike Kiely, Jr. Marco Kaiser John Hissong

## PRAY FOR OUR SERVICEMEN & WOMEN

Cathy Kingsbury

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 Prahl Adam Thomas **Nick Corsones** Kirklan Kudrna **Brady Smith** Kevin Comiskey Christopher Scott Combellick Zack Veselick Eric Aslakson

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

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

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION FORMATION

Do you feel called to be a Eucharistic Minister? The Office for Worship has scheduled the following dates for Eucharistic Minister Formation Sessions. These are virtual. If you are interested, please email **hwalter@churchofthegesu.org** before the given deadline for your preferred session.

Registration must be submitted through Gesu. You will receive a confirmation email and also the link to join one day in advance.

Formation sessions for extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion Virtual Zoom format:

- Thursday, July 22 7:00-9:30 pm (RSVP will be taken no later than 7/20/21)
- Sunday, August 15 2:00-4:30 pm (RSVP will be taken no later than 8/13/21)
- Thursday, August 26 7:00-9:30 pm (RSVP will be taken no later than 8/24/21)
- Sunday, September 19 2:00-4:30 pm (RSVP will be taken no later than 9/17/21)
- Thursday, October 14 7:00-9:30 pm (RSVP will be taken no later than 10/12/21)
- SPANISH SESSION: Sunday, October 24 2:00-4:30 pm (RSVP will be taken no later than 10/22/21)
- Thursday, November 18 7:00-9:30 pm (RSVP will be taken no later than 11/16/21)

## YOU'RE INVITED!

The weekend of July 31/August 1 marks both the feast day of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, and the beginning of a special Ignatian year to mark the 500th anniversary of the conversion of St. Ignatius from material pursuits to spiritual ones.

Come and join us that weekend for worship, special music and preaching, as well as refreshments after each Mass. Learn more about what is being called the "cannonball moment."





## & SCRIPTURE READINGS

#### **MONDAY 7/19**

Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 12:38-42

7:30 am Sally Lanigan

## **TUESDAY 7/20**

## St. Apollinaris

Ex 14:21-15:1;

Ex 15:8-9, 10 & 12, 17; Mt 12:46-50

7:30 am Deceased Members

of the Redman & Musel Families

#### **WEDNESDAY 7/21**

#### St. Lawrence of Brindisi

Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78; Mt 13:1-9

7:30 am Candace Lee Hansen

## THURSDAY 7/22

## St. Mary Magdalene

Sgs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63; Jn 20:1-2. 11-18

7:30 am John Cherry

#### **FRIDAY 7/23**

## St. Bridget

Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19; Mt 13:18-23

7:30 am Pauline Trzcinski

#### **SATURDAY 7/24**

## St. Sharbel Makhlūf; BVM

Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50; Mt 13:24-30

## SATURDAY VIGIL & SUNDAY 7/25

## **Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

4:30 pm James Lavelle 8:00 am Megg Hawkins 10:00 am Parishioners of Gesu

11:30 am Eugene Skerl

## **INVITATION TO NEW CATECHISTS**



Just what is a "Catechist?" The word catechist comes from the Greek word "to echo." As catechists, we echo the teachings of the Church. We also echo our

own personal relationship with Jesus Christ through our words and deeds.

Is God calling YOU in a specific way?

As we look to a new year here at Church of the Gesu, especially for those children (kindergarten through high school!) and families attending our neighboring schools, we are inviting you to listen, to be attentive, to hear God's call as a catechist! Serving as a catechist is more than simple volunteerism. It is more than filling a slot. It is a vocation: a call from God to serve his Church!

We are looking for those who have:

#### Qualities

- A desire to grow in and share the Catholic faith
- · An awareness of God's grace and the desire to respond to that grace
- · A commitment to the Church's liturgical and sacramental life and moral teachings
- · A strength of character built on patience, responsibility, confidence and creativity
- · A generosity of spirit, respect for diversity, and a habit of hospitality and inclusion

## **Knowledge and Skills**

- · A basic understanding of Catholic teaching, Scripture and Catholic Tradition
- · Honest and caring relationships with the age group being served
- · Developing effective teaching techniques and strategies

Serving as a catechist is an opportunity to grow in faith for yourself, as well as for the young people in one's care. And it does not happen always alone! Being a catechist is rooted in a community of other persons and families who desire the same thing! And in that community, we also find people who can help us grow and discover the knowledge and skills that are central to our "passing on" the Faith to our young

If you find yourself intrigued, or curious, or would like more information, please contact Sister Kathleen at the parish office or by email at kflannery@ churchofthegesu.org.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT IRC

The Jesuit Retreat center is located at 5629 State Road in Parma. For a full list of events, for more information or to register for the programs below, please visit www.jesuitretreatcenter.org.

#### Cinema and Conversation

The Two Popes. Monday, July 19, 7:00-9:00 pm. Join us at Jesuit Retreat Center each month for films that inspire and entertain. After each movie, there will be time for conversation and questions. We continue in July with the 2019 film, The Two Popes, a biographical drama starring Anthony Hopkins. It follows Pope Benedict XVI as he attempts to convince Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, played by Jonathan Pryce, to reconsider his decision to resign as an archbishop as he confides his own intentions to abdicate the papacy. Free will offering.

## Ignatius in the Meadow

Featuring Live Music from The Clams. Saturday, July 31, 6:30-8:30 pm. Come, celebrate the feast of St. Ignatius on our beautiful grounds. Bring your blanket, lawn chair, food, friends and family for a Saturday evening of live popular music by The Clams, fronted by Tina Facca-Miess. Free will offering.

## **IGNATIAN THREADS**

of Jesus in 1540.

In the central panel of the Ignatius windows in Gesu Church, Ignatius and his "First Companions" pronounce vows of poverty, chastity and a vow to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Among those companions were St. Francis Xavier and St. Pierre Favre (St. Peter Faber). Ignatius of Loyola, Francis Xavier, Peter Fabre and the four other students took vows of devotion to God and the Church at Montmartre. France. They referred to themselves as the Company of Jesus, a name resonating with overtones of the military (an infantry "company") and of discipleship ("companions" with Jesus). The word "company" derives from Latin meaning cum + pane ("with bread"). They also called themselves Amigos en El Senor, or "Friends in the Lord," believing that they were "placed together by Christ." They were granted permission by Pope Paul III to be ordained priests, a historic event IGNATIAN which led to the establishment of what would be called the Society

Threads

## ROSARY FOR LIFE

Wednesday, July 28

Following the 7:30 am Mass in the Marian Chapel



The Rosary is an enormous source of grace and spiritual protection one of the most powerful sacramentals of the Catholic Church. Sister Lucia dos Santos, one of the children to whom Our Lady appeared at Fatima, once said:

"There is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, whether temporal or above all spiritual, in the personal life of each one of us. of our families...that cannot be solved by the Rosary. There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary."

## COME AND SEE!



Gesu Parish seeks to be a church that welcomes everyone, children and adults alike, and we need your help in getting the word out! Perhaps you or someone you know is considering joining us in the Catholic faith. We, as a parish community, would be hap-

py to accompany you on such a path of exploration and discernment. If you wish to know more, please contact Marcia Leous, Director of Faith Formation for Adults, at mleous@churchofthegesu.org, or anyone on the parish staff at (216) 932-0617.

## LAUDATO SI' DISCUSSION **GROUP INVITATION**

Father Gregory Hyde invites any interested parishioners to join him as he leads a discussion group in exploring Encyclical Letter Laudato Si' of the Holy Father Francis on Care for Our Common Home. The group meets Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm in the Sacred Heart Room of the Parish Center. Please email Fr. Hyde directly at greg hyde@yahoo.com if you are interested in joining this group!



6:00 pm

Flyers for reservations are on the tables at the entrances to the church.

## **AUGUST 21**

Gesu Parish Block Party Following the 4:30 pm, Outdoor Mass

## SEPTEMBER 10

One-day trip to the Age of Steam Roundhouse, Ravens Glenn Winery for tasting and lunch, Dennison Railroad Museum, TV and Radio Museum and a stop at a Cheese shop.

Flyers with more information and reservations are on the tables at the entrances to the church.

#### **OCTOBER**

Clambake McAuley Hall

## **DECEMBER 3**

One-day Christmas Trip to Pittsburgh

## JANUARY 2022

Afternoon of Reflection and Mass



## CHILDREN'S CORNER

## SHARING THE GOSPEL

Have you ever just wanted to be alone for a while? Jesus and his disciples knew what that felt like. They wanted to be alone to talk and rest, but crowds of people were surrounding them. Even when Jesus and his disciples tried to slip away unnoticed, people followed them anyway. They arrived only to find more crowds of people. This was certainly not the quiet time they had planned on. Being patient and kind, Jesus gave up what he wanted, and he began to teach the crowds.

## **PUZZLE**

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

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## SOMETHING TO DRAW

Draw a picture of Jesus surrounded by large crowds of people.

## MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Spend some alone time with Jesus tonight. If you get interrupted because someone else needs help, that's okay. Go help, and then come back to your alone time with Jesus again.

## **PRAYER**

Dear God, thank you that Jesus gave up what he wanted, just so he could help other people. Help me to follow his example. Amen.



Saturday, August 21st 5:30 - 8:00 pm Following a 4:30 pm Outdoor Mass

## MIDWAY

Burgers, Dogs, Chips Face Painting Arts & Crafts

FOR Purchase\*
Ice Cream Truck
Reer\*\*

\*Cash required for purchase\*

\*\*For Adults 21 and over

\*\*Proper ID is required for purchase

## LIVE MUSIC

No Strangers Here Irish/Celtic Music and covers from 60's - today.

SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS

Rocket Car Jungle Bob Inflatables UH Fire & Police

Used Uniform Sale running concurrently in Cafeteria.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** 

Please contact Lori at lwright@churchofthegesu.org or 216-932-0617.

# CRAFT SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR BELLEFAIRE JCB'S AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM



Please consider donating new or gently used creative art supplies for children ages 6-13! This is a general list of what they use:

Dry erase boards (small for each client), dry erase markers, dry

erase spray, cork boards, crayons, markers, colored pencils, scissors, glue sticks, glue, construction paper, white copy paper, pencils, erasers, pens, stapler, staples, paper clips, post-its, highlighters, stickers, binders, note pads.

Donations can be dropped off to Amy Zucca, Outreach Coordinator, at the Gesu Parish Offices.

## L'ARCHE CLEVELAND

L'Arche Cleveland is a faith-based organization, in serious need of assistants to care for and engage with adults with developmental disabilities in our group homes. We can use your help on a full-time, part-time, or summer basis. This is a rewarding job; it is providing to those most in need.

"The goal of education and formation of the ministry is continually to recognize the Lord's voice, his face, and his touch in every person we meet."

- Henri Nouwen.

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Leo Shriver at (216) 721-2614 or **leo@larchecleveland.org**.

## ALL SAINTS CEMETERY – PRE-PLANNING SEMINAR

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1-hour Pre-Planning Seminar on Saturday, July 24, at 1:00 pm at All Saints Cemetery (480 W. Highland Rd., in Northfield). Learn about your Catholic burial options, including options for cremated remains. Attendees will receive a personal reference guide and a special discount coupon. Please know the CCA follows the current CDC guidance regarding COVID-19 protocols. We kindly ask that you RSVP to this event by calling (216) 641-7575 ext. 5.

## **GOLFING FOR THE GOOD NEWS!**

## **Cleveland Performing Arts Golf Outing**



Don't let the summer pass you by! Enjoy a round of golf and help support Cleveland Performing Arts Ministries' production of the musical passion play, Tetélestai. Join us for our Path Master, Inc. Tetélestai Golf Outing Fundraiser, presented

in conjunction with Audio-Technica. The outing will be held <u>August 8</u> at The Tanglewood Club in Chagrin Falls, OH. Only \$95.00/golfer with early registration by July 24; \$125.00 thereafter. Registration includes 18 holes, riding cart, lunch and dinner.

This fun, low-key event includes raffles, contests and prizes galore – even a \$10,000 hole-in-one contest and \*TWO\* New Car hole-in-one contests sponsored by Jay Honda of Bedford and Fred Martin Ford! This year's Title Sponsor is Path Master, Inc. – "where traffic meets technology" – and we are VERY GRATEFUL! In addition, we are pleased to have Audio-Technica as our 2021 Presenting Sponsor! Additional sponsorship opportunities are available. Visit **livethepassion.org** to learn more or call (440) 944-0635. Tetélestai brings the Good News to thousands each year and is supported solely by donations and fundraising. Thank you for your support!

## **CORNERSTONE OF HOPE**

Cornerstone of Hope is a nonprofit Comprehensive Bereavement Care Center with a professional staff that provides counseling to grieving individuals and families. We offer a number of services at several locations: Cleveland, Columbus, and Lima, Ohio. Services include: overdose loss; adult, children and teen grief; pregnancy loss, murder and suicide loss; along with summer camps for families. For more information please call 216-524-HOPE (4673) or visit hope@cornerstoneofhope.org.

## SUMMER CLOTHING, SOCKS AND UNDERWEAR NEEDED



The Men's Shelter at 2100 Lakeside needs summer clothing for the homeless men they serve. Please consider donating men's t-shirts, shorts, socks,

and underwear. Gesu's Items for Homeless Shelters collection bin is located in the Church Narthex.









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## **LIVE MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT FAMILY FUN FOR ALL AGES**

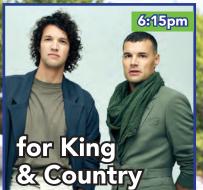
Sunday, August 8, 2021

A Day of Faith, Family and Fun!

**IN-PERSON EVENT** KICKS OFF @ 12:00 NOON!

**LIMITED TICKETS...ONLY \$10!** 

Featuring live music from









Get all details at TheFEST.us

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**FAITH & HOPE** 

## The FEST has moved! **NEW LOCATION THIS YEAR**

**Brookside Reservation** 3900 John Nagy Blvd. Cleveland, OH 44144

## **LIMITED ADMISSION TICKETS**

\$10 In-Person

Kids 5 and under FREE Easy-Access Parking & Shuttles

## The FEST is back!

A DAY OF FAITH

A Place for the Entire Family

**Top Christian Bands Live!** Confession, Adoration and Mass!

## GREAT, AFFORDABLE FOOD All your FEST Favorites...

Hot off the grill...burgers, brats and dogs, fries, Marc's fresh sandwiches & fruit, frozen treats, Buckeye chocolates and more!

#### **ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES**

**Games & Entertainment** Stiltwalkers, inflatables, kids crafts & more!

## **Prizes & Giveaways!**

FROM FEST SPONSORS!

Marc's Moms' Relaxation Station & Man Cave, Sponsor & Vendor Tents

Brookside Reservation 3900 John Nagy Blvd., Cleveland, OH 44144 Questions? FEST@TheFEST.us or 440.943.7662

**LEARN SERVE PRAY** 

## VIRTUS TRAINING AND FINGER-PRINTING FOR VOLUNTEERS WORKING WITH GESU CHILDREN

## **Virtus Training**

Virtus Training at Gesu will be Tuesday, <u>August 10</u>, from 6:00-9:00 pm in McAuley Hall. Please register online at **www.virtus.org** for one of these sessions. If you attended a Virtus Training session in the past, you do not need to repeat the training.

## **Fingerprinting for Gesu Volunteers**

Background checks are a requirement for VIRTUS certification. Checks can be completed electronically on the VIRTUS website when setting up your personal account.

This training is critical for those who wish to work four or more hours a month, or more than once a month with the children of our parish. YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO BEGIN COACHING OR OTHER VOLUNTEERING WITH CHILDREN AT GESU UNTIL YOU HAVE COMPLIED WITH THESE DIOCESAN REQUIREMENTS. For more information and links to the required forms please visit the Gesu school website at www.gesu.com. Select the Parents tab at the top of the page then click on Volunteer Requirements.

## GESU EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

We are registering now for both our Gesu Early Childhood programs, Happy Together and TOPS (Time Out for Parents).

**Happy Together** is a parent/child class for children 16 - 30 months old. It takes place on Monday mornings during the school year from 10:00-11:00 am. The children free play, do art projects and easel painting, and have circle time.

**TOPS (Time Out for Parents)** is a drop off program for two and three year olds. Two-year-old children turning two by 9/30 can attend one morning per week, Tuesday through Friday. Children who turn three by 12/31 have the option to do two mornings per week. There is free play, art, circle time, and gym and playground time.

Both classes take place in our awesome room full of toys in the lower level of Gesu School! The fall session begins in mid-September and concludes the week before Christmas. Pick up forms for both classes in the Gesu parish office. Please contact Karen C. Smith at (440) 667-1326 (leave a voicemail) or bjkcsmith@roadrunner.com with questions.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT CHURCH OF THE GESU

## **Director of Faith Formation for Children and Families**

Church of the Gesu is looking for a full-time Director of Faith Formation for Children and Families. This position includes coordination of Parish School of Religion, Sacrament Preparation for First Reconciliation and Communion, Catechumenate adapted for Children, Catechesis of Children with Adaptive Needs, and liaison to parish school for catechesis and liturgy. Expectations include recruitment and formation of volunteers, development of programming that meets the needs of today's families, resource for Faith Formation Commission, and engagement with the parish staff.

For more information and a full job description, please visit our website:

churchofthegesu.org/employment-opportunities

#### **Youth Minister**

Church of the Gesu is looking for a part-time Youth Minister. This position includes forming a comprehensive youth ministry program junior through senior high, recruitment and training of leaders, and coordination of the Confirmation preparation program.

For more information and a full job description, please visit our website:

churchofthegesu.org/employment-opportunities

## LEADERSHIP COMMISSIONS



This is the time of year when our Commissions begin to make plans for the next year. Our Commissions structure is composed of five commissions: Administration, Community Life, Faith Formation, Outreach and Worship.

The Commissions meet monthly and work together to support and design programming and activities for Gesu Parish. If you are interested in serving on any of these Commissions, please contact Sister Kathleen at **kflannery@churchofthegesu.org**. She will direct your interest to the respective commission and someone will contact you about what this entails. It's a great way to get involved and to contribute to the ongoing growth of our community!

## May Collections

5/1/2 Sunday Offering Faith Direct Christmas/Easter Holy Days	Monthly Offering 11 - 5/31/21 \$50,203 \$44,772 \$1,300 \$631	Year-to-Date     Offering 7/1/20 - 5/31/21     \$901,962     \$454,946     \$82,087     \$6,083
Total Contributions	\$96,906	\$1,445,079
Budget Variance from Budget	\$119,500 (\$22,594)	\$1,406,500 \$38,579
Other Monthly Collection Honduras Mission Food Fund Corporal Works of Mercy Fund for Gesu	**************************************	\$1,200 \$17,544 \$6,772 \$25,077
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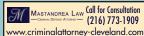
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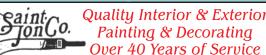
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