

2470 Miramar Blvd., University Heights, OH 44118

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

"Then the king will say
to those on his right,
'Come, you who are
blessed by my Father.
Inherit the kingdom
prepared for you from
the foundation of the
world.'" - Mt 25:34



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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 -

TEMPORARY MASS SCHEDULE

Weekends

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am and 11:00 am

Weekdays

Monday - Friday: 7:30 am

RECONCILIATION

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

(Please see Pg. 3 for important information.)

PASTORAL STAFF

Reverend Karl Kiser, SJ
Pastor

Reverend Michael A. Vincent, SJ
Associate Pastor

Reverend Gregory Hyde, SJ
Priest in Residence

Reverend James K. O'Donnell
Deacon

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Parish Life & Liturgy

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Finance & Operations

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School Principal

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Youth Ministry

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(440) 942-6499

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(216) 932-0731

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(216) 932-0620

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(216) 932-8326

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

New parishioners are invited to call the Parish Office to make 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

Many Americans are fascinated with England's monarchy. For many different reasons, we are drawn to the regal pageantry and all of the protocols associated with royal lifestyles. What's most amazing is that for all of the media attention focused on the comings and goings of English royalty, they really have very little effect on the day to day dealings of their country. Thoughts and images of kings and queens are often centered on this story book understanding of who and what they are. We associate protocols, etiquette and proper words and actions to how we approach members of a royal family. These tools serve the necessary purpose of keeping them isolated, enthroned and at a distance. There is something attractive about being an observer of ritual, pomp and circumstance. It's almost theatrical.

Is this how we see Jesus Christ, too? We often behave as if Christ is an isolated, enthroned, royal and even ineffective king. Jesus wants nothing to do with having the status of an earthly king. Jesus also does not want to be watched, observed, or set apart. He wants to get down and dirty with the very stuff of life especially the poor, marginalized, confused, hurting, lost, broken, imprisoned and forgotten ones. Jesus is the king who turns the tables on us and wants not only our attention but our engagement and conversion. He wants us to get dirty too.

How we treat other people is at the heart of Christ's kingdom. "Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me." At different times in our lives we are all counted among the "least" ones. We may not be physically poor, but we can easily become emotionally and spiritually poor. We may not be marginalized as many physically are, cast aside because they have too many needs or don't quite fit in. But who hasn't experienced isolation, loneliness, inner turmoil, angst, heartache or loss? Almost every human being has experienced brokenness at one point or another, or will most definitely at some future point, facing discouragement, fear, insecurity. People are thirsty for more than water. We are imprisoned by our prejudices, misconceived notions and ideas, self-focused obsessions and ideologies. There is a lot of pain and many least ones around us. Stop, look and listen. This is what Christ the King is asking us to do. Look deeply into the eyes and soul of your sisters and brothers, all of them, and see Christ himself.

Being a spectator and observing all of the pageantry isn't enough. Jesus wants us to inherit the kingdom and live the kingdom. It is built on the blocks of love, mercy, compassion, hope, faith and blessing. It engages those who want it, changes and informs minds, inspires and transforms hearts, converts and renews souls, and sets things right. There is such a great need around us. Are you ready and willing to do whatever you can to serve in God's kingdom?

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This Week at Gesu

MONDAY 11/23

Mass.....7:30 am - Church

TUESDAY 11/24

Mass.....7:30 am - Church

WEDNESDAY 11/25

Parish Office Closed for Holiday

Thanksgiving Break - No School

Mass.....7:30 am - Church

Legion of Mary.....8:00-9:00 am - Church Narthex

THURSDAY 11/26

Parish Office Closed for Holiday

Thanksgiving Break - No School

Thanksgiving Mass.....10:00 am - Church

FRIDAY 11/27

Parish Office Closed for Holiday

Thanksgiving Break - No School

Mass.....7:30 am - Church

SATURDAY 11/28

Confession.....3:00-4:00 pm - Usher's Room

Vigil Mass.....4:30 pm - Church

SUNDAY 11/29

Mass.....9:00 am & 11:00 am - Church



RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation is held each Saturday from 3:00-4:00 pm. To allow for social distancing, it's taking place in the Usher's Room. Please enter via the door inside the church. The room is set for both anonymous and face-to-face confessions. Please wear a mask.

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 usually 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. Sick calls have been suspended for the time being. Anointing will only be administered when a person is in danger of death.

MARRIAGE BANNS

**Jessica Lipold &
Gregory Fleming**
December 12, 2020



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 **lmartinosu@churchofthegesu.org** or (216) 932-0617.



DEATH NOTICES ONLINE

Death notices for parishioners with links to full obituaries (if available) can be found on the Gesu website at www.churchofthegesu.org/death-notice.

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.

Jacob Gordon
George Martin
Ignatius Comella
Wayne Schmidt
Stacey Kelly
Fran Burrows
Mike Stinn
Mary Beth Miller
Liz
Andrew Kascsak
Cecilia T. Guccion
Edward P. Guccion
Howard Widmann
Jeff Stevenson
Grace Pressimone
Toni Consolo
Bill & Denise Miranda
Eleanor Bertagni
Marge Diemer
Sheila Flannery
Jeanne Horwath
Richard Rarick
Lydia
Reily G.
Baby Reese
Tom
Therese Hummer
Eileen Read

Gerri Greenfield
Abby Grealis
Marsha
Carole Baker
Verna Bencie
Cathy Kingsbury
Edison
George O'Hamill
Margaret Homoly
Beth
Heather
Jim T.
Anthony Galati
Victor Russell
Gina Hespen
Loretta Wiles
Catalina Santoscoy
Helen Vura
Barbara Rossy
Claire Gascoigne
Sarah Kuhar
Michael Markiewicz
Janet Markiewicz
Mary Nero
Nick Gundersen
Joan Nuth
Sylvia Flammini

John Bastulli, Jr.
Samone Dean
Bill Kiser
Carol Litovec
Dale A. Scully
Bradley "Gray"
Gorman, Jr.
Helen Joyce
Ryan M.
Michael Manuszak
Marilyn Karlik
Leah Baker
Bernice Reed
Bill Reale
John
Jackie Friend
Danielle Goodridge
Allen King
Elizabeth Kealy
Shawn Sexton
Frank
Sandy Russell
Mike Kiely, Jr.
Marian
Marco Kaiser
Evelyn Shimandle Siess
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**.

Brendan Lucas
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

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

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION

Out of consideration for the health and well-being of our parishioners, we will not hold an Advent Communal Reconciliation Service this year. Those wishing to go to Confession may do so on Saturdays at 3:00 pm or by appointment. During the season of Advent, a priest will also be available in the Usher's Room immediately following 7:30 am weekday Masses. *Just a reminder: if there is no serious sin, there is no obligation to go to Confession before Christmas.*

ANOINTING OF THE SICK



In recent months we have been unable to schedule the monthly Anointing Mass on a Wednesday afternoon at noon. If anyone would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, we ask that you call the parish office. We also invite you to celebrate the Sacrament after any weekday or weekend Mass.

Just call the office and let us know ahead of time that you will be there so that we will know you are coming that day.

CLEVELAND DIOCESE SUNDAY TV MASS

The weekly TV Mass produced by the Diocese of Cleveland, and originating from the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, will have a new time and channel beginning Sunday, November 22. It will be broadcast at the new and more convenient time of 10:00 am on WUAB Channel 43, the CW43. The TV Mass can also be accessed on demand starting Saturday evening and running throughout Sunday on the Diocese of Cleveland website, dioceseofcleveland.org.

In addition, the Mass can be heard on the radio at 4:00 pm Saturdays and 10:30 am Sundays on AM 1260 The Rock, and on WINT-1330 AM on Sundays at 9:00 am. Cox Communications cable subscribers can view it at 11:30 am Sundays on Channel 45.

CARD, MAGAZINE & BOOK RACKS



The racks for cards and other materials in the hallway near the McAuley entrance have been restocked. There is hand sanitizer on the ledge for your use to avoid any spread of the virus. Thanks for your patience and care for one another.

Mass Intentions & SCRIPTURE READINGS

MONDAY 11/23

**Sts. Clement I; Saint Columban;
Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro**

*Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24;
Lk 21:1-4*

7:30 am Kevin T. Zeller

TUESDAY 11/24

**St. Saint Andrew Dũng-Lạc &
Comps.**

*Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96;
Lk 21:5-11*

7:30 am Helen Edwards

WEDNESDAY 11/25

St. Catherine of Alexandria

*Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98;
Lk 21:12-19*

7:30 am Nancy & Bill Homoly

THURSDAY 11/26

Thanksgiving Day

*Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145; 1 Cor 1:3-9;
Lk 17:11-19*

10:00 am Dan Rourke

FRIDAY 11/27

*Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2; Ps 84;
Lk 21:29-33*

7:30 am Margaret Harrington

SATURDAY 11/28

BMV

*Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95;
Lk 21:34-36*

SATURDAY VIGIL & SUNDAY 11/29

First Sunday of Advent

*Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80;
1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37*

4:30 pm James Lavelle

9:00 am Edward &

Dorothy Hawkins

11:00 am Agnes & John Power

FROM OUR HOUSE TO YOUR HOUSE



Week of 11/22/20 -

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

GATHER: Begin simply by saying "Bless Us, O Lord!" and make the Sign of the Cross.

LISTEN: Use a portion of the reading this week to read aloud.

Our Gospel for today is Matthew 25:31-34. This feast marks the end of our current Liturgical Year, and it is always the feast of Christ the King. Not many of us have experience with actual kings and queens. But in the Kingdom of God, we see Jesus as King of the Universe – a vast universe, but also as close as you and me, as the people who gather in Jesus' name. In the parable, we hear that the nations are separated as a shepherd might separate sheep and goats. We can understand this as God's way of judging, of seeing how each of us and how each community tries to do God's will by loving God and neighbor each and every day. What other titles might we give to God in addition to King? How many can you name?

Pause a little,

SHARE: Use this thought or question for family sharing:

What exactly does the Kingdom of God look like, feel like, or act like? Have we caught glimpses of that Kingdom around us? When someone looks at me, can they tell that I am a part of that Kingdom? How?

Being a King is not just being a "ruler," but it also entails care and protection for those in the Kingdom. It includes working together to create a Kingdom of fairness, of peace and sometimes even reconciliation.

PRAY FOR: After sharing, consider all those you want to remember in prayer today.

You might want to add to your prayer today all those who lead countries and nations, especially our own – that the leaders we choose might reflect the same qualities we find in our feast today, that they may be examples of honesty and fairness, dignity and service, and compassionate care for those most in need.

GIVE THANKS: Conclude with: "Bless Us, O Lord, and these your gifts which we are about to receive from your bounty through Christ our Lord. Amen."

Enjoy your meal!

IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY FOR TODAY



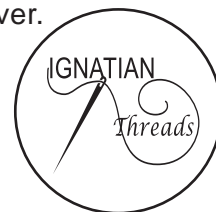
Ignatian Solidarity Network intern, Shelby Smyth, believes that "recognizing Christ's face in each person is how we can shape a more compassionate world for the common good." That's easy to do when you like or agree with a person, but quite challenging if the opposite is true. Based on the Gospel of Matthew 22:34-40,

Ms. Smyth's reflection challenges us to love both God and neighbor fearlessly in the manner of Jesus. Read this brief but timely essay from ISN's weekly *Rise Up* series to hear more: ignatiansolidarity.net/blog/2020/10/26/love-fearlessly/.

The Ignatian Solidarity Network aims to "network, educate, and form advocates for social justice animated by the spirituality of St. Ignatius of Loyola and the witness of the Jesuit martyrs of El Salvador and their companions."

IGNATIAN THREADS

Today we celebrate Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – the Last Sunday in Ordinary Time. Ordinary! Are you kidding? Everyone will surely agree that these last eight months have been anything but ordinary! Pardon the literal interpretation...couldn't resist! In fact, the term "ordinary" does have relevance. Many things have become normal that did not fit that characterization before mid-March: wearing facial coverings, staying distant from people, washing our hands frequently, using hand sanitizer everywhere, refraining from hugging and shaking hands. What a world! At this time, however, it is our world, and by extension, our new ordinary. In the same sense that Ignatius considered himself a pilgrim, we are each on our own journey. However measurably our lives have changed this year, we can trust that Jesus accompanies us as we navigate the divine plan toward enjoying life with God forever. He is with us in the ordinariness of our daily living. Jesus Christ is still very much our Lord and King!



GET YOUR FAMILY HOLIDAY WORSHIP PACK

Saturday & Sunday, November 21 & 22



This year, the parish will be offering Family Holiday Worship Packs to help you and your children/grandchildren celebrate the upcoming holiday and Advent Season. The Domestic Church (the family) plays a critical role in children's faith formation. And, during this unusual time when many are attending Church remotely, this role is even more important. While our lives are socially distant from one another, we are "one" with the Church and one another in prayer and service in the weeks to come!

This pack is designed to offer you a variety of prayers and family activities from Thanksgiving to the Epiphany, with the goal of celebrating thankfulness, Jesus and finding God in everyday life.

A limited number of bags will be available for pick up on Saturday, November 21, from 4:00-6:00 pm and on Sunday, November 22, between 10:00 am-12:00 pm. Drive up for a socially distanced pick-up near the Church door in the Thompson lot, or pick one up as you are attending Mass. Please contact Kerianne Hearn at kd102001@hotmail.com with any questions.

CONFIRMATION SESSION 2

Confirmation Session 2, for all those in 9th, 10th, or 11th grade, who are preparing to receive the Sacrament on April 11, 2021, will be held via the ZOOM platform on Sunday, November 22, from 6:00-7:30 pm. A ZOOM link has been sent to your email. This session will begin the formation for the Confirmation program and is a required part of sacramental preparation.

GESU YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS



Our Gesu Youth Groups are meeting regularly via Zoom, and we'd love for you to join us for our saint spotlights, bible studies and topic conversations! High School Youth Group meets on Sundays from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm and Middle School Youth Group meets on Tuesdays from 4:30-5:30 pm. If you are interested in joining our meetings, send an email to our Youth Minister, Jenny Lee, at jlee@churchofthegesu.org for the Zoom code.

RCIA

The Rite of Acceptance & Rite of Welcome

The adults who have begun the process of inquiry into becoming members of our Catholic community will be gathering publicly for the first time on Saturday, November 21. The Rite of Acceptance will be celebrated for them at the 4:30 pm Mass at which time they will be accepted into the order of Catechumenate (Greek: "one who is being instructed"). Catechumens are unbaptized adults who have undergone their initial period of instruction and are now ready to make public their intention to proceed toward becoming members of our faith community at the Easter Vigil. We, their community, in turn, accept them and pledge our prayers and support as they continue this journey. This rite marks the first official blessing of their faith by our Church and celebrates the graces being bestowed on them by our loving God. They are literally signed with the cross of Christ as God's own. Our one adult seeking catechumenate is Curt Kassigkeit.

Additionally, those already baptized Christian inquirers who are on their journey through the RCIA process will experience the Rite of Welcoming as they officially request to become candidates for full communion in the Catholic faith with the reception of Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Our adults seeking to become candidates are Caroline Bland, Bruce Peepers, and Rodney Trimble.

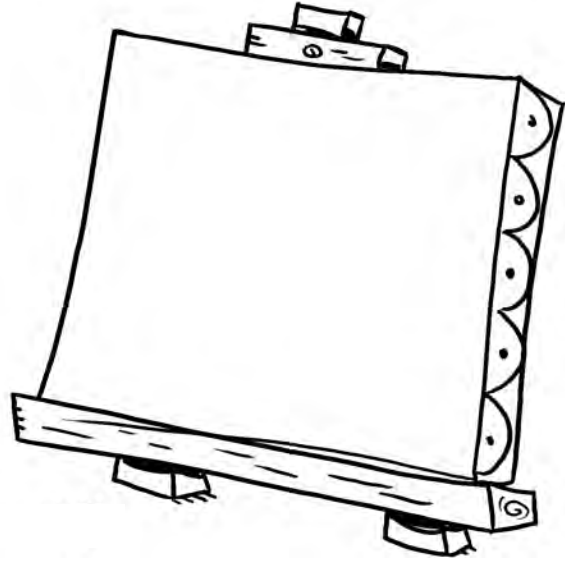
Wholehearted prayer and support for our catechumens and candidates in the RCIA is an essential part of our identity as a faith community, the people of God, striving always to share the Good News by our word and example.



CHILDREN'S CORNER

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Draw a picture of yourself visiting someone in the hospital.



SHARING THE GOSPEL

Share food with the hungry. Give clothes to the poor. Visit people who are sick. Share the good news about Jesus with people who have made bad choices. Jesus came to forgive them. God will see the loving things you do. He will reward you one day in heaven.

PRAYER

God, help me to share what you have given to me.

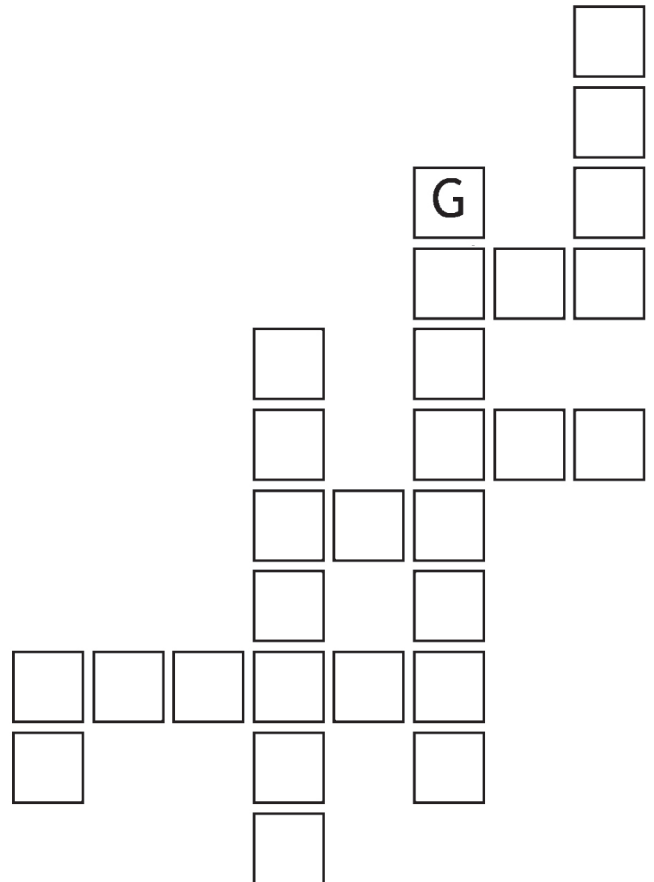
MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Read Matthew chapter 25, verses 31 through 46 with your family. Decide how you will make a difference. Share as Jesus asks.

PUZZLE

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

All the nations will be gathered before him.



November: Bury the Dead



CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

As children of God, we are not only called to reflect on God's mercy in our lives, but also on how we are the mercy of God to others.

After my dad succumbed to liver cancer in January of 1993, I remember having a conversation with one of my brothers. He said that it annoyed him when people told him they were sorry that his father had "passed away." "It's too recent," he said. "Call it what it is. He died. Don't soften it, or whitewash it with the nebulous 'passed away,' he died." The journey my mom and siblings went through during the last weeks of Dad's life were part of the process of "burying the dead." It forced everything into sharp relief and called us to recognize what was and is most precious to us. If you asked my siblings and the grandchildren who were old enough to understand how they felt about the two weeks Dad spent on his deathbed, everyone would say that it was the best two weeks ever - with the worst possible outcome.

But 27 years later, after sitting with my mom on her deathbed, I find myself rethinking that perception of the outcome. Burying the dead is a gift for the living. It gives those in grief (while anticipating a deeper grief) the opportunity to offer gentleness and care to the dying. It brings moments of quiet and peace to both the living and the dying to shed tears of regret and forgiveness, of longing for what was and anxiety of what is to come. It allows all parties to explore what their faith means in that very moment when all self-protection, pride, confidence and sense of control is stripped away - leaving the raw, pure emotions that overwhelm and disorient us. If we allow it, it is in this moment that our faith envelops us in the hope and peace that is grounded in the Promise of Christ. Our lives were ransomed by Jesus' death and glorified through his Resurrection.

Burying the Dead compels us to consider our earthly mortality and anticipate our eternal immortality. It offers us the comfort of walking through the valley of death, knowing that God waits for all of us.

What does Gesù Parish do?

- November 2 All Souls Mass of Remembrance for families who have lost someone this past year
- Photos displayed in church throughout November; Book of Remembrance also
- Funerals and wake services
- Bereavement support
- On-going contact with the family
- Mass intentions throughout the year
- Book of Memory for young people who have died (in Marian Chapel)
- Intercessions at each liturgy
- Ministry of Funeral Attendants

What can you do?

- Pray for those who have died.
- Bring photos to church (see above).
- Fill in a prayer intentions card at <https://bit.ly/jO62Bv>
- Display pictures in your home of family members who have died and share their stories.
- Visit the cemetery to pray for the person(s); perhaps bring flowers or a wreath.
- Volunteer to help clean up an unattended cemetery.

Mercy in the City

November: Read Chapter 24

- 1) Do you remember your first encounter with death? Do you ever share that with others? How does sharing make you feel? How does it make the others feel?
- 2) If you have experienced the death of a loved one, can you find ways in which it was a gift to you?
- 3) Do you have the right perception of death? Is it something you fear, or do you see it as the doorway into the Promise of Christ?
- 4) How is burying the dead a work of mercy to you?

Additional Resources

- Rediscovering the Corporal Works of Mercy: Bury the Dead: <https://bit.ly/31I6hqJ>
- Guiding Children Through Grief: <https://bit.ly/3mlqJFL>
- *The Bereaved Parent*, Harriet Sarnoff Schiff: "A book of counsel for those who suffer the heart breaking experience of a child's death"
- *Gramp*, Mark Jury and Dan Jury: "A man ages and dies. The extraordinary record of one family's encounter with the reality of dying"

#weGIVE CATHOLIC

December 1, 2020

Northeast Ohio's Online Day of Catholic Giving

GESU'S ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



It is that time of year again for Gesu's annual Thanksgiving Food Drive and our Student Council could use your help! This year, our Food Drive will be concluded by Monday, November 23rd, and we are hoping that our generous Parishioners can contribute to our cause. Any extra canned goods, paper bags, pantry staples, etc. that you can donate would be much appreciated. All donations can be brought to the front of the school. Thanks again for your support and for all that you do for Gesu!

GESU BOY SCOUT TROOP 620 HOLIDAY PORCH POT FUNDRAISER



Please help support our Gesu Boy Scout Troop by purchasing a holiday porch pot from Bremec Garden Center, in Cleveland Heights. There are three sizes available and they are perfect for the holiday season. The Gesu Boy Scouts will deliver the pots to your

home on one of three dates you select. (See below for order deadlines.) A percentage of all purchases go to the Troop to help fund their annual camping trips, gear purchases and high adventure trips. Visit the following link to order your pot: <https://bremec.com/troop-620/>. If you have any questions, you can contact troop620.gesu@gmail.com. Thank you for your support of Gesu Boy Scout Troop 620!

Delivery Date

11/28/2020
12/5/2020
12/12/2020

Order Deadline

11/25/2020
12/2/2020
12/9/2020

JCU LECTURE

The Institute of Catholic Studies at John Carroll University invites you to the lecture: *Troubling Times for Catholic Universities: Lessons from Fr. Theodore Hesburgh*. The lecture will be given by Edward P. Hahnenberg, Ph.D., Breen Chair in Catholic Theology and Department Chair, Theology & Religious Studies at John Carroll University. This lecture will be held virtually via Zoom on Thursday, December 3, at 7:30 pm. The link for this lecture is: <https://johncarrolluniversity.zoom.us/j/93999342426>.

Catholic Social Teaching & the Pandemic:

WEIGHING THE RESPONSE

Bishop John Stowe of Lexington, Kentucky, believes that the time to form consciences for faithful citizenship is after the election rather than in the midst of it. His opinion piece addresses the National Catholic Reporter's question, "Where do we - as a country and a church - go from here?" especially in light of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, economic devastation and political polarization in our nation.

Read this first reflection in a series:
www.ncronline.org/news/opinion/after-election-time-form-consciences-faithful-citizenship.

FEATURED
ARTICLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

This Thanksgiving, let us remember all the good things, and people, who have come into our lives. We focus on thanking each one who has helped us, and ultimately thank God for the good gifts of this world.

Let us pray...

God our Father,
Graciously accept from your humble people a thankful heart and spirit.
Everything we have and are able to share with others ultimately comes from your love of your creations.
Often we think that everything we have is our own creation;
we ask you this day to create in us a spirit of gratitude,
that we may always know
that all good gifts come from you.

We ask this through Christ our brother,
in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GESU ANGEL TREE PROJECT



Due to the pandemic, we have decided to hold our annual Angel Tree Project virtually this year, in order to decrease the risk for all involved. We will soon be listing gift requests on the Gesu

website, which will be donated to the charitable organizations we have supported over the many years this project has been held. We certainly recognize that this has been a difficult year for everyone, but especially those who were already in need before the pandemic began. Please consider looking over the gift suggestion lists once they are posted and choosing to help where you can. The website will post gift suggestions and instructions for drop off in McAuley Hall during the weekend of December 12/13. With sincere appreciation, the Gesu Angel Tree Committee.

Surviving or Thriving:

HOPE IN A TIME OF PANDEMIC

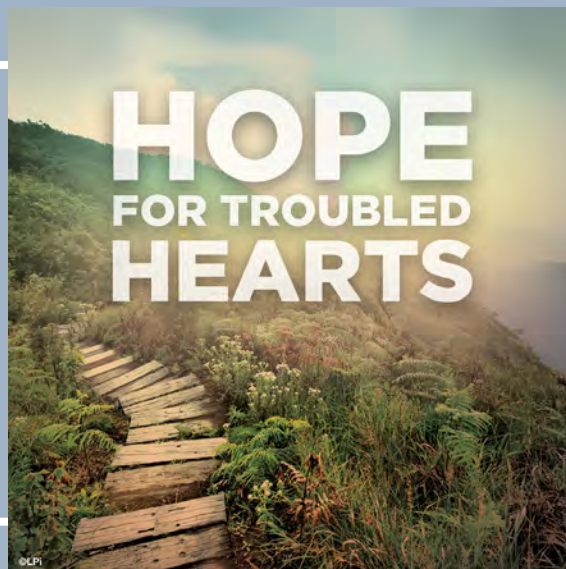
After having “sheltered in place” for an inordinate amount of time, we find ourselves gradually reentering society. With a unique opportunity to be protagonists for our future, together in solidarity and social cohesion, we will overcome the challenges that this pandemic has wrought and, by our faith in the Resurrection, be reborn stronger than ever.

The Church of the Gesu continues to accompany you as you navigate this complex journey and the occasional feelings of anxiety, despair, or even hopelessness that accompany it. We continue to share articles and reflections as a tool to help you learn how to encounter God more meaningfully. You are not alone.

Although Masses have resumed, we know that not all of you are able to return just yet. We hope you find the following selection reassuring. Welcome, beautiful soul.

"Time to Combat Fatigue with Faith"

www.osvnews.com/2020/10/20/time-to-combat-fatigue-with-faith/



GESU PRESCHOOL 2021–2022 REGISTRATION

Please join us Thursday, January 21, at 7:00 pm in the Family Center gymnasium. We will have an overview of our program, a look into our classrooms, and registration packets will be available at that time. If you are planning to attend, please RSVP to Judi Herbert, our admissions director, at jherbert@gesu.com. We look forward to meeting you! Be sure to wear a mask. Our chairs will be set up for social distancing. We offer the following programs:

Three-Year-Old-Program

(Child must be 3 years of age on or before September 30 and must have independent bathroom skills. No pull-ups or diapers allowed.)

- 2-day class: Meets Monday and Tuesday mornings from 8:20-11:00 am
- 3-day class: Meets Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 8:20 -11:00 am
- 4-day afternoon class: Meets Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 12:00 -2:40 pm

Four-Year-Old Program

(Child must be 4 years of age on or before September 30.)

- 5-day Morning Class: Meets Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 8:20 – 11:00 am.
- 5 day Afternoon class: Meets Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons from 12:00 – 2:40 pm.

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Pre-Kindergarten Program

(Child must be 5 years of age on or before December 30.)

- The class will meet Monday through Friday from 8:20 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Required Documents:

Please submit the following at the time of registration:

- The child's Birth Certificate.
- Baptismal Certificate (if baptized at Gesu please put the baptismal date on the Parish Verification Sheet)
- Current copy of the child's Immunization records
- Legal custody information (if applicable)
- A recent photograph of the child
- Registration fee: \$125 check made out to Gesu Preschool (Nonrefundable if accepted)

Registration will be considered complete when parish registration, if applicable, has been verified and the school office has received all of the required paperwork and registration fee.

Admission Priorities:

Students will be considered for admission to Gesu Preschool on the basis of the following priorities:

1. Students of families currently enrolled in Gesu School.
2. Families currently registered in Gesu Parish.
3. Families not registered within Gesu Parish.

For questions, please contact preschool director, Debbie Lautenbach, at (216) 932-0620 ext. 304.

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Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Gesu Sunday Offering Commitment Card. For those parishioners who have not yet had the opportunity to submit their card, a letter will be mailed to you with a card. We invite you to complete the card, as our parish goal is 100% participation!

You may return your card by:

- Mailing it to the church using the pre-addressed envelope included with the letter.
- Bringing it to Mass next weekend.
- Visiting our website at www.churchofthegesu.org and completing an electronic card.

All cards should be returned by November 30. Thank you for your consideration.

October Collections

	Monthly Offering 10/1/20 - 10/31/20	Year-to-Date Offering 7/1/20 - 10/31/20
Sunday Offering	\$97,235	\$271,573
Faith Direct	\$39,711	\$163,536
Easter/Christmas	-	\$1,425
Holy Days	\$90	\$963
Total Contributions	\$137,036	\$437,497
Budget	\$95,000	\$404,750
Variance from Budget	\$42,036	\$32,747
Other Monthly Collections		
Honduras Mission	\$95	\$380
Food Fund	\$6,613	\$6,738
Corporal Works of Mercy	\$413	\$513
Fund for Gesu	\$3,428	\$15,037
Monthly Special Collections		
Catholic Communications	\$25	\$142
World Mission	\$362	\$362
Blanket Sunday	\$101	\$101

YEAR-END GIVING

In this season of giving, consider making a year-end gift to our parish in gratitude for all the blessings you have received in life. As you plan to make the most of your charitable donations in 2020, know that we gratefully accept gifts of cash and appreciated assets such as stocks or bonds. Even if you don't itemize your taxes, because of the new stimulus package passed by Congress, qualified charitable donations up to \$300 for individuals may be tax-deductible. The CARES Act legislation also temporarily suspended the limitation on qualified charitable contributions of cash, allowing for a current year deduction up to 100% of AGI. This provision is in effect only for the 2020 tax year. And, if you are 70 ½ or older, you may be able to make a gift of a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA that will help us in our ministry and reduce your taxable income. Talk to your advisors and IRA administrator for more information and to be sure that your IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution gift is made directly from an IRA to a qualified charity such as our parish.

Questions? Contact Mary Kate Farrar in our parish office at (216) 932-0617 or via email at mkfarrar@churchofthegesu.org. You are also welcome to contact Mary Lou Ozimek of the Catholic Community Foundation at (216) 696-6525 x4070. Thank you for your consideration.

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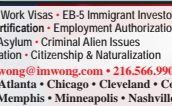
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