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## SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning." - Mk 13:35

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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

**Sr. Kathleen Flannery, OSU**

Parish Life & Liturgy

**Therese Blumenthal**

Finance & Operations

**Mary Kate Farrar**

Development & Communications

**Lucy Iemmolo**

School Principal

**Mary von Carlowitz &**

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Youth Ministry

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(216) 932-0731

**School Office**

(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

You are at the eye doctor and it's time for the peripheral vision test. You know the one. It's where you put your head up to a contraption and have to click a switch every time you see a squiggly line. If you don't concentrate and maintain optimal focus, you will miss them and skew the outcome of the test. You can easily find yourself with a diagnosis that really isn't accurate! Concentration and focus are key to succeeding with this evaluation. They are also key to developing a healthy, vibrant spiritual life. If we do not bring our full consciousness to the task, concentrate with all our might, be watchful and vigilant, we are not going to see God's loving presence flashing before our eyes!

That's why we need Advent. Let's face it. We can easily get distracted, focus on nonessential and superficial things and lose touch with what really matters. Our attentions wander. We daydream and even become a bit overwhelmed and tired. All of the stresses and demands of life consume us and we find ourselves constantly trying to play catch up rather than relishing the moment of the now. "Now" moments are so fleeting. They flash before us like those squiggly lines on a screen. Present moments go as quickly as they come but it is important to discover them and rest in them as often as we can. Though gone in a flash, these now moments of encounter with God teach powerful lessons and offer a grounding in truth that can be found nowhere else. It's the grace of Advent to become watchful and attentive because we are never sure when God will surprise us.

God loves surprises and love thrives on them! God's now moments of surprises come as tender instants of intimate connection where I find profound peace, experience joy, and rest in love. These are Advent times reflective of the now moments when Christ first was born, when God surprises us during every time we care to watch and when the great surprise of Christ's second coming dawns upon us all. But, to discover the grandeur and experience the awe of these now times, we have to be ready. We have to want to be there. We have to believe. And, we have to have the desire to soak in as much as we can in the time we have before us.

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# *This Week at Gesu*

## MONDAY 11/30

Gesu School - All Remote

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

## TUESDAY 12/1

Gesu School - All Remote

#weGive Catholic Giving Tuesday

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

Middle School Youth Group Mtg.....4:30 pm - Zoom

RCIA..... 7:00-9:00 pm - Zoom

## WEDNESDAY 12/2

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

## THURSDAY 12/3

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

## FRIDAY 12/4

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

## SATURDAY 12/5

Bible Study.....12:00-2:00 pm - Zoom

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

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

## SUNDAY 12/6

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

High School Youth Group Mtg.....11:30 am - Zoom



## 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.

## REST IN PEACE

Mary E. Mohr



## 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](mailto:lmartinosu@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.

Fred Beegle  
William Anquillare  
Jacob Gordon  
George Martin  
Ignatius Comella  
Wayne Schmidt  
Stacey Kelly  
Fran Burrows  
Mike Stinn  
Mary Beth Miller  
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  
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 Parish-ioners 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](mailto: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

## RCIA RITE OF ACCEPTANCE & RITE OF WELCOMING



The November 21-22 Church of the Gesu bulletin contained an article about the combined Rite of Acceptance and Rite of Welcoming, the first public church ritual in the RCIA or Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. This ritual was supposed to take place on November 21, but due to the surge in COVID cases and warnings from health and government officials and the Cleveland Catholic diocese, it was postponed until a later date.

### Meet Gesu's 2020-21 RCIA participants and their sponsors!

Curt Kassigkeit is a catechumen – one seeking the sacrament of Baptism. His sponsor is Michael Scorzo. Caroline Bland (sponsor, Sadie Curtin), Bruce Peepers (sponsor, Kelly Siemborski), and Dr. Rodney Trimble (sponsor, Dr. Charles Macias) are candidates – those seeking full communion in the Church through the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Finally, Andrew Turner is a baptized Catholic seeking the sacrament of Confirmation. His sponsor is Ginny Thomas.

Even though we cannot formally accept/welcome our catechumen and candidates into our Church due to the ongoing pandemic, we consider them to be part of our parish community and invite all parishioners to pray for them, as they continue to explore the Catholic faith with a view towards joining the Church at the Easter Vigil in early April.

## 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.*

## 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](http://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.

## Mass Intentions & SCRIPTURE READINGS

### MONDAY 11/30

**St. Andrew**

Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19;  
Mt 4:18-22

7:30 am Del Mastrangelo

### TUESDAY 12/1

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72;  
Lk 10:21-24

7:30 am Thomas Koch

### WEDNESDAY 12/2

Is 25:6-10A; Ps 23;  
Mt 15:29-37

7:30 am Mary Gayl Breitenstein

### THURSDAY 12/3

**St. Francis Xavier**

Is 26:1-6; Ps 118;  
Mt 7:21, 24-27

10:00 am Megg Hawkins

### FRIDAY 12/4

**St. John Damascene**

Is 29:17-24; Ps 27;  
Mt 9:27-31

7:30 am Dave Benacci

### SATURDAY 12/5

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147;  
Mt 9:35-10:1, 5A, 6-8

### SATURDAY VIGIL & SUNDAY 12/6

**Second Sunday of Advent**

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 64:2-7; Ps 85;  
2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

4:30 pm Theresa Cherry  
9:00 am Jim & Poppy Hodgson  
11:00 am Dan Rourke





## FROM OUR HOUSE TO YOUR HOUSE



Week of 11/29/20 -  
The First Sunday of Advent

**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 13:33-37. We begin this Advent season with WATCH! BE ALERT! The landowner entrusts his property to the servants, but never tells them when he will return. So, be ready!

Pause a little,

**SHARE:** Use this thought or question for family sharing:

This season of Advent finds us waiting for so much! For Christmas and the coming of Jesus, of course! But this year we also wait for a vaccine, for an end to political turmoil, for a lasting peace.

What are the signs we see around us this Advent season that remind us of the Coming of Jesus – in our church and in our homes? What can you do in your home? If you are going to our livestream Mass, look carefully for signs of Advent! Find at least 3!

Next week we focus on the next Corporal Work of Mercy, to Clothe the Naked. Look at the bulletin page for suggestions for service at home and with the parish.

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

Light the first candle on your Advent wreath. Create your own Advent Litany, and conclude with "Come, Lord Jesus, Come."

Start with these and add your own:

Into our home...Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

To all who are sick and afraid...Come, Lord Jesus, Come

To those who suffer from the cold...Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

To those longing for peace in our families and our world...Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

To those who are alone... Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

**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."*

## IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY FOR TODAY



The 26 days of the Church's season of Advent begin on November 29. This time of preparation for recalling the birth of Jesus and anticipating his Second Coming invites us to slow down and observe "the holiness of the season in our everyday lives." Visit the following link for practical ways to do this in the tradi-

tion of Ignatian spirituality: [www.ignatianspirituality.com/advent/](http://www.ignatianspirituality.com/advent/).

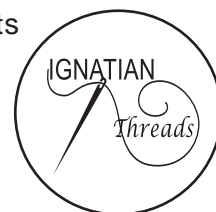
## RECYCLE YOUR OLD CHRISTMAS LIGHTS!



Gesu Boy Scout Troop 620 will once again collect and recycle nonworking strands of Christmas lights. There will be two containers placed near the white Donation Station in the Thompson Parking Lot. The containers will be there beginning November 25 until January 10.

## IGNATIAN THREADS

Advent seems a perfect time to heighten awareness of and appreciation for God's presence in our everyday living. This season of expectant waiting and preparation echoes his generosity and constant care. As we begin a new liturgical year, we might pray for ways to live as God intended us to live: to care about all humanity, to look for the good in people, to forgive and be patient with ourselves and others, to reach out to those in need, to unwind each day with an experience of the Examen, to adopt an attitude of gratitude, and to respond to God's invitation just to be in His presence. God is with us in these challenging times. He waits for us in the light and in the shadows, just as we wait for his coming. Let us prepare our hearts and offer our personal concerns to the Lord who stays with us. Will hope be visible in your journey through Advent?



## LOOKING FOR WAYS TO CELEBRATE ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS IN THESE TIMES?



You will notice a new feature on our Gesu website that will contain many suggestions and options for celebrating this season of Advent and Christmas. While the opportunity for gathering as a community is limited for now, this is an ideal time to strengthen the connections with the "domestic

Church" ~ the Church lived within our homes and families. You will find prayers, activities and ideas to help individuals and families celebrate this time in simple ways that are adaptable to any situation. Visit:

**[www.churchofthegesu.org/advent-activities-for-your-domestic-church](http://www.churchofthegesu.org/advent-activities-for-your-domestic-church)**.

## 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>**.

## 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](mailto:jlee@churchofthegesu.org)** for the Zoom code.

## A BLESSING FOR HEALTHCARE WORKERS IN A TIME OF PANDEMIC

Blessed are the ones who cannot be isolated.

Blessed are the doctors, nurses, chaplains, hospital staff. Blessed are the hands that are raw from scrubbing and sanitizing, the palms that glisten with oil of healing. Blessed are the feet that are aching from standing at bedside and running between rooms. Blessed are the hearts that are frightened and breaking.

Blessed are the mothers and fathers, grandmothers and grandfathers, sisters and brothers, partners and friends who cannot go home. Blessed are the families who become isolated from each other, the ones who sacrifice their own comfort so that we need not be alone in our suffering.

Blessed are the sick and the dying, those who bear the image of Christ before us. Blessed are those who believe that when part of the Body suffers, we all suffer.

Blessed are those who look upon this sacred work as gift. Blessed are those who have had enough. Blessed are those who are overwhelmed. Blessed are those who lack space to process all that lies ahead.

Blessed are the ones who are found weeping in secret corners of an emergency room so that we might see a strong face to greet our need. Blessed are those who weep openly with us, so that even our tears have companions.

Blessed are you, O God: quietly holding each of us along the way. Come quickly, abide unceasingly. Love us while we see the worst, and give us the hope we need to see our way out.

Kate Williams, @GIA Publications

# CHILDREN'S CORNER

## SHARING THE GOSPEL

When you play on a baseball team, you learn how to pay attention. Your coach reminds you and your teammates to stay ready. You learn to watch the ball. Those are good lessons to learn, because Jesus wants you to pay attention, too. Keep your eyes and your mind on Jesus, so you're ready when he comes.

## PRAYER

Jesus, help me to stay ready for you.

## SOMETHING TO DRAW

Draw a picture of people who help you stay ready for Jesus.

## MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Play a quick game of baseball. Cheer for one another. End the game with a prayer that you will keep your eyes on Jesus.



### *Catholic Social Teaching & the Pandemic:*

#### WEIGHING THE RESPONSE

The Church of the Gesu continues to highlight Pope Francis' third and latest encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*, in a brief video recently posted by the Jesuit headquarters in Rome. Writer and journalist Austen Ivereigh places this document in the context of the Pope's previous letters, all based on the theme of restoration. Francis called us to restore our relationship with God in *The Joy of the Gospel* (*Evangelii Gaudium*) – his first letter. Secondly, he encouraged a restored relationship to creation in *On Care for Our Common Home* (*Laudato Si*). *Fratelli Tutti* or *Brothers and Sisters All* completes the Pope's trio of teachings by inviting us to restore our relationships to each other. Visit the following link and BE INSPIRED!

<https://bit.ly/38SmfDa>

**FEATURED  
ARTICLE**



# November: Bury the Dead



In these times, when we are daily and mercilessly reminded of our common mortal condition, burying the dead would seem to have a particular spiritual significance. It has, however, been described as the "lonely stepchild" of the corporal works of mercy. It is not enumerated in the Gospel of Matthew as being among those acts by which we serve Christ by serving others in this life.

Instead, the Church reaches back to the example of Tobit burying the discarded bodies of the Israelite dead in Nineveh for scriptural inspiration of this undertaking (Canon 2300). Its origins appear to be found in the practices of the early Christian community, particularly the recovery and burial of the abandoned bodies of martyrs. These circumstances are quite foreign to most of us. In contemporary culture, when a member of our community dies, we "pay our respects" by visiting the funeral home or attending the person's funeral. Especially if the deceased or her relatives are known by us, we offer words of consolation and share memories. These acts are gracious gestures and may provide comfort for the bereaved. They are indeed acts of mercy.

But this corporal work is also and perhaps foremost intended for the dead. We bury the bodies of the deceased in faith and hope of the Resurrection and the promise of eternal life. It is not simply an act of respect or remembrance, as important as those things are. It is the outward expression of our belief, shared with that person, in the communion of the saints, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. It is the ultimate assertion of our creed.

The final act of charity extended to our Lord in this world was his burial. No less than any of the other corporal works, when we do the same for our sisters and brothers, we do this for Him.

## 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"

# 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](mailto: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.

## 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.

*(Continued)*

## 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.

## 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](mailto:troop620.gesu@gmail.com). Thank you for your support of Gesu Boy Scout Troop 620!

### Delivery Date

12/5/2020  
12/12/2020

### Order Deadline

12/2/2020  
12/9/2020

## HELP TO LIGHT THE WAY FOR CHRIST! CHRISTMAS LUMINARY SALE



Gesu's Catechesis for Adaptive Needs (CAN), with the generous help from members of Gesu's National Junior Honor Society, is selling luminary kits this Christmas.

2020 can certainly use more light, and luminaries are a perfect way to celebrate the birth of the Light of the World!

Order your luminary kits now to get prepared to light your pathway for Christ. These will be in demand, so please submit orders early to secure your kit(s). Each kit contains 10 luminaries to line your drive or walkway for Christmas. All proceeds benefit the wonderful endeavors of these groups.

**Submit order forms with payment to: Church of the Gesu Adaptive Needs by November 29.**

Forms can be found at <https://bit.ly/3fdDmAp> and turned into Parish or School Office. Orders will be ready for pick up on December 19 & 20 after Mass, or can be delivered locally for a fee of 1 canned good item that we will donate to OLP. Questions? Contact Angela Young at [maryangelayoung@yahoo.com](mailto:maryangelayoung@yahoo.com).

## 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.

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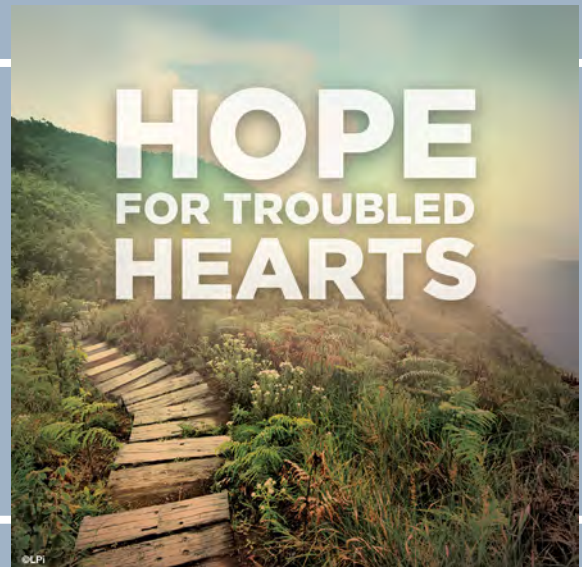
After having "sheltered in place" for an inordinate amount of time, we find ourselves gradually reentering society. With a unique opportunity to be protagonists for our future, together in solidarity and social cohesion, we will overcome the challenges that this pandemic has wrought and, by our faith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

"A Simple Cure to Heal Our Afflicted Souls"

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## GIVING TUESDAY: #weGiveCatholic

We gave thanks on Thanksgiving, shopped on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, now we're ready to #weGiveCatholic on #GivingTuesday - are you? We're excited to be part of Northeast Ohio's Online Day of Catholic Giving on Tuesday, December 1. Visit **[www.weGiveCatholic.org](http://www.weGiveCatholic.org)** anytime between 12:00 am to 11:59 pm, search for Gesu Catholic School and click "Donate." Every donation makes an impact!

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Questions? Contact Mary Kate Farrar in our parish office at (216) 932-0617 or via email at **[mkfarrar@churchofthegesu.org](mailto: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.

## GESU SUNDAY OFFERING

The Gesu Sunday Offering mailing was sent to your homes a few weeks ago. We hope you will consider making a GSO pledge or gift for 2020. You can do so by returning the Commitment Card to the Parish Office, by dropping it in the collection basket or electronically, by going to **[churchofthegesu.org](http://churchofthegesu.org)**. If you have any questions, please contact the Development Office. Please note, you may also enroll in Faith Direct. It is easy to sign up for recurring gifts or making a one time gift. Visit **[www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net)** and use our parish code OH283. Thank you for your support!

# 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
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$137,036</b>	<b>\$437,497</b>
Budget	\$95,000	\$404,750
Variance from Budget	\$42,036	\$32,747
<b>Other Monthly Collections</b>		
Honduras Mission	\$95	\$380
Food Fund	\$6,613	\$6,738
Corporal Works of Mercy	\$413	\$513
Fund for Gesu	\$3,428	\$15,037
<b>Monthly Special Collections</b>		
Catholic Communications	\$25	\$142
World Mission	\$362	\$362
Blanket Sunday	\$101	\$101

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