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#### 2470 Miramar Blvd., University Heights, OH 44118

# E A S T E R S U N D A Y

Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. - Jn 20:8

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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 -

MASS SCHEDULE Weekends

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm 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 (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 lemmolo School Principal

Mary von Carlowitz & 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 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.



Who are you? This question was most assuredly asked of Jesus on the day of resurrection and it is a question asked of each of us. Our identities can be described in so many ways. We can start with our gifts and our talents, expertise and unique personality expressions. We can describe things we like and things we prefer to set aside. As descriptive and captivating as these can be, none come close to our essence, our real and true self. While accurate in their own right, the self who lives and interacts with the world is the self we want others to see, the one we project. But there is much more to us just as there is much more to Jesus.

Jesus could describe himself based on all of the same criteria we use for ourselves. After all, Jesus is totally human. With all that people witnessed and all that Jesus knew about his physical human self, his divinity also shined forth. There was so much more to know about him. Whereas once Jesus was transfigured on top of a mountain before his disciples' eyes, so today he is transfigured before our eyes as he reveals his resurrected self as the Christ. Alleluia, Christ is risen! His glorified presence stands before us showing us that we are all much more than we see ourselves to be and show to others. We have a depth, purpose and essence that go way beyond the superficial treasures of our existence to the very core of who we are.

Within each one of us is a spark of Divine Love where creature and Creator meet, and we are known uniquely by the name God whispers to us. It is not the earthly name that was given to us but the one that flows from Divine Power and claims us as one who is special and chosen in God's eyes. This is the self that will rise one day with the eternal Christ of God and live eternally as God provides. This is the self that when free from all superficial constraints layered upon it in this life can discover and know freedom in a way never possible before. This is love lifting us up and transforming us into who we really are, not who we want or need ourselves to be. Who are you? A special, unique child of God who has been fashioned in God's image, sustained by the power of God's love and kept eternally with the Blessed Trinity in heaven. Get to know this deeper, truer self as it is who you really are.

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This Week at Gesu

#### MONDAY 4/5

Easter Break - Gesu School Mass......7:30 am - Church Gesu Boosters Mtg......7:30-9:30 pm - Zoom

### TUESDAY 4/6

Easter Break - Gesu School Mass......7:30 am - Church

### WEDNESDAY 4/7

Easter Break - Gesu Scho	ool
Mass	7:30 am - Church
Legion of Mary	8:00-9:00 am - Church Narthex

# THURSDAY 4/8

Easter Break - Gesu School	
Mass	7:30 am - Church
Gesu Book Club	6:45-8:45 pm - Zoom

#### FRIDAY 4/9

Easter Break - Gesu School	
Mass7:30 am - Church	

# SATURDAY 4/10

Bible Study - 1st & 2nd	Chronicles12:00-2:00 - ?
Confession	3:00-4:00 pm - Nativity Room
Mass	4:30 pm - Church

#### SUNDAY 4/11

Mass	.8:00 am,	10:00 am,	11:30	am -	Church
Confirmation			2:00	pm -	Church



#### RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation is held each Saturday from 3:00-4:00 pm. To allow for social distancing, it's taking place in the Nativity 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 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. Sick calls have been suspended for the time being. Anointing will only be administered when a person is in danger of death.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

#### **REST IN PEACE**

Robert Lewis Husband of Patricia

Helen Joyce Wife of John (deceased) Mother of John, Timothy, Monica, Terence & Martin



#### **MARRIAGE BANNS**

Christine Furbee & Stephen Gorczyca April 10, 2021



#### 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.



#### 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-notices.

#### 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.

Mike Manuszak Alique Topalian Paul & Lynette Trolli Tom Christv Marian Amanda Jadon Michael Kalp Denise Mastro Tara Conklin Jamie Chitwood Jonathan Sedor Margaret Elliott Maryan Baughman Edde Cinti, M.D. Robert Schmidt George Coleman Patricia Dye Patricia Lichtenfeld Susan Tate Heather Pederson Ellen Ferreri Barb Patterson Sandv Bonnot Mary Jo Rourke Margaret Trenkamp Jacob Gordon George Martin Wayne Schmidt

Stacey Kelly Mike Stinn Mary Beth Miller Andrew Kascsak Cecilia T. Guccion Edward P. Guccion Howard Widmann Jeff Stevenson Grace Pressimone Toni Consolo Bill & Denise Mirando Eleanor Bertagni Marge Diemer Sheila Flannery Jeanne Horwath **Richard Rarick** Reilly 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 Gina Hespen Loretta Wiles Barbara Rossv Claire Gascoigne Sarah Kuhar Michael Markiewicz Janet Markiewicz Nick Gundersen Joan Nuth John Bastulli, Jr. Samone Dean **Bill Kiser** Ryan M. Marilyn Karlik Bernice Reed **Bill Reale** John **Jackie Friend** Elizabeth Kealy Shawn Sexton Sandy Russell Mike Kiely, Jr. Marco Kaiser 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**.

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

# PRAY | LEARN | SERVE



#### WELCOME NEW CHURCH MEMBERS! **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**

Each year at the Easter Vigil Liturgy, thousands of individuals are baptized into the Catholic Church and/or celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. This is the culmination of the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* or **RCIA**, the process through which individuals explore the Catholic faith with a view towards joining the Church. Sponsors accompany these people during part of their journey to the sacraments. A five-member team of parish staff and parishioners facilitates the RCIA at the Church of the Gesu, and many additional parishioners and staff assist in the process.

Due to the pandemic, the RCIA group has been meeting regularly via zoom since September of 2020. The process includes certain rituals including the scrutinies, which were recently celebrated at Gesu during two Saturday live streamed Masses. The scrutinies provide an opportunity for the priest and the assembly to pray for the catechumens, or those who have not yet been baptized. These individuals are called the "Elect" of God at this point in the process and the scrutinies are meant to strengthen them as they approach the reception of the sacraments.

The Church of the Gesu welcomes two catechumens and two candidates on April 3 at the 8:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass. Candidates are those who have already been baptized into another Christian faith. One additional baptized Catholic will also celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation that evening. We are inspired and blessed by their presence among us and we invite you to pray for them and their sponsors as they continue the **RCIA** journey during the Easter season.

Meet the Catechumens (Elect) and their Sponsors Catechumens celebrate all three sacraments of initiation: Baptism. Confirmation and the Eucharist.

Curt Kassigkeit and sponsors, Amy Kassigkeit and Michael Scorzo Bruce Peepers and sponsor, Kelly Siemborski

#### Meet the Candidates and their Sponsors

Candidates have already been baptized into another Christian faith tradition and make a confession of faith and celebrate the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

> Caroline Bland and sponsor, Sadie Curtin Rodney Trimble and sponsor, Charles Macias

> > Meet the Confirmandi

These baptized Catholics celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation.

Andrew Turner and sponsor, Ginny Thomas

#### Meet the RCIA Team

Marcia Leous Deacon Jim O'Donnell

Mark Phillips Karen and Vic Turk



**MONDAY 4/5** Saint Vincent Ferrer

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16; Mt 28:8-15

7:30 am Dominic Mandalfino, Sr.

#### **TUESDAY 4/6**

Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33; Jn 20:11-18

7:30 am Joseph P. Pajestka

### WEDNESDAY 4/7

St. John Baptist de La Salle

Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105; Lk 24:13-35

7:30 am Mike Supler

#### **THURSDAY 4/8**

Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8; Lk 24:35-48

7:30 am

Ed Kalail

#### FRIDAY 4/9

Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118; Jn 21:1-14

John Sedlak 7:30 am

#### SATURDAY 4/10

ACTS 4:13-21: Ps 118: Mk 16:9-15

4:30 am Toni Leone

#### **SUNDAY 4/11**

Second Sunday of Easter; **Sunday of Divine Mercy** 

Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

8:00 am	Parishioners of Gesu
10:00 am	John Power
11:30 am	Marilyn Kidd

## GESU CATHOLIC SCHOOL ANNOUNCES NEW PRINCIPAL



Dear Gesu Community,

We are pleased to announce that Regan Kazel has been selected as Principal of Gesu Catholic School for the coming 2021-2022 school year. Mrs. Kazel is well known to our school community as she currently serves in a leadership role as our Assistant

Principal. Selected by the Search Committee from a talented pool of candidates, Regan will work in the coming weeks and months to ensure a smooth transition in leadership and will officially start as Principal on July 1, 2021. We extend to Regan, our sincere congratulations, and we look forward to continuing the strong foundation of Catholic education that is a trademark of our parish.

God bless, Karl J. Kiser, SJ

# IGNATIAN THREADS

In the Fourth Week of his Spiritual Exercises, St. Ignatius invites us to experience joy as we share in the consolation of the Risen Christ. We gratefully contemplate the great love God has for us and the blessings he has bestowed upon us. In response we ask for the grace to love as God loves, and to manifest in deeds this boundless love that is given and received. Hopefully, our Lenten journey has guided us to many encounters with Jesus, as we sought his mercy and love throughout these past forty days. We were brought closer to our loving God by seeing ourselves as God sees us: created out of love, to respond in love. Let us continue to find God in our daily living as we allow the beauty of this relationship to grow and overflow. Let Easter

joy be your reality. We need not look far; he is right there! Rejoice and be glad!



## WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Gregory & Kimberly Guice Jason & Melinda Meyers Charles & Caroline Schulte Richard & Erin Hoehn Patrick & Caitlin Callam



# NEW SATURDAY BIBLE STUDY

Our Saturday Bible Study is beginning its study of 1st and 2nd Chronicles. Sessions take place via Zoom from 12:00-2:00 pm, through June 26. If you are interested in joining, please reach out to Christie Okocha at ndaoko@msn.com. The study of Ezra & Nehemiah will follow, and is set to take place each Saturday of July.

### A TIME OF CHANGE ~ A TIME OF TRANSITION

As you know, Father Karl Kiser, SJ has been named the new Provincial for the Midwest Province of Jesuits. His term begins in June. His last official day with us at Gesu is this Easter Sunday. He will be in and out for a number of weeks after this time.

As a parish community, Father Kiser will be presiding at the 11:30 am Mass on the Feast of Pentecost, May 23. It is our hope to have a reception (within COVID guidelines) following Mass on that day!

Father Lukas Laniauskas, SJ will be the next pastor of Gesu Parish, and his arrival will be in early June. In the meantime, our staff will continue to do their good work and keep things moving along as they always do! Father Tom Pipp, SJ of John Carroll University and rector of the Jesuit community here at Schell House will serve as interim administrator.

We hold everyone in prayer and support during these days!



#### IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY FOR TODAY

The *Gesu Year of Mercy* focus for April is Care for Creation. The Jesuits in Britain offer an online audio Easter retreat that encourages participants to walk with the risen Christ just as

Jesus did with his disciples after he rose from the dead. The retreat invites us to ponder how Jesus is present to us, others, and all of creation through scripture, reflections and music. Nourish your soul during the 50 day Easter season by accessing the following retreat link: www.pathwaystogod.org/ resources/new-creation-retreat.

# EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS



We are still accepting donations, in memory of your loved ones, toward the beautiful Easter flowers you now see in Gesu Church. Mail or bring

your contribution to the parish office, or place your donation in the collection basket next weekend. On the envelope, please indicate "Easter flowers" and be sure to identify donors and names for the intentions "In Memory of." Thank you!

#### CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE SURVEY

The Diocese has asked Gesu to participate in a parish survey about discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute! We need your help!

Please help us by participating in a 10-15 minute survey online. The survey can be accessed at https:// portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/dpdkp1pdk8 and will close on April 19. The survey will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential. The parish will only receive information about the community as a whole.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to our parish leadership and our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish. The Diocese will also learn more about Gesu and its future goals.

If you prefer a paper copy, they are available at church entrances and at the Parish Office. To submit the completed paper survey, please drop it off in the Sacristy after Mass or at the Parish Office. To make special arrangements for getting a paper copy, please call the Parish Office at (216) 932-0617. For more information contact Fr. Vincent at **mvincentsj@ churchofthegesu.org**. Thank you for helping with this important project!

# **IGNATIAN PRAYER & FAITH SHARING**

The next virtual Zoom gathering of Ignatian Prayer & Faith Sharing will be Thursday, <u>April 15</u>, from 7:00 -8:30 pm. Participants can use a computer, tablet/ IPad, or phone for this experience of praying in the Ignatian way as we share reflections on the coming Sunday's Gospel and other readings. If you are interested in joining this session, please email Hilda at **hwalter@churchofthegesu.org**. We would love to "see" you there!

#### CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING: LIVING OUT OUR FAITH



#### **Featured Article**

April ushers in welcome springtime weather and a sense of gratitude for the seasonal changes in this part of the country. April is also when we celebrate Earth Day, and

at the Church of the Gesu it is when we emphasize issues related to the care of God's creation. The National Catholic Reporter features a column called *Earthbeat* which shares stories of climate crisis, faith and action. The following article from *Earthbeat* addresses the consequences of polluting our oceans. Sea life isn't the only thing at risk from pollution, but our own health too. Read more by accessing the following link: https://bit.ly/31fA4q3.



In his September 2016 message, *Show Mercy to Our Common Home*, Pope Francis introduced an eighth work of mercy: care for our common home. As he explained, this "new" work is a necessary complement to and extension of the traditional seven corporal and spiritual works.

Nothing unites us to God more than an act of mercy, for it is by mercy that the Lord forgives our sins and gives us the grace to practice acts of mercy in his name.

To paraphrase Saint James, "We can say that mercy without works is dead...In our rapidly changing and increasingly globalized world, many new forms of poverty are appearing. In response to them, we need to be creative in developing new and practical forms of charitable outreach as concrete expressions of the way of mercy."

The Christian life involves the practice of the traditional seven corporal and seven spiritual works of mercy. "We usually think of the works of mercy individually and in relation to a specific initiative: hospitals for the sick, soup kitchens for the hungry, shelters for the homeless, schools for those to be educated, the confessional and spiritual direction for those needing counseling and forgiveness...But if we look at the works of mercy as a whole, we see that the object of mercy is human life itself and everything it embraces."

Obviously, [this] includes care for our common home. So let me propose a complement to the two traditional sets of seven: may the works of mercy also include care for our common home...As a corporal work of mercy, care for our common home requires "simple daily gestures which break with the logic of violence, exploitation and selfishness" and "makes itself felt in every action that seeks to build a better world."

According to Pope Francis, this work of mercy requires that we change course, individually and globally, and to keep as he states, "the original commandment to preserve creation from all harm, both for our sake and for the sake of our fellow human beings. A single question can keep our eyes fixed on the goal: 'What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?'"

#### A Prayer for Our Common Home

O God of the poor,

Help to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, who are so precious in your eyes.

God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth.

God of mercy, may we receive you forgiveness and convey your mercy throughout our common home.

Praise be to you!

# What does Gesu Parish do?

Gesu is a Member Institution of the Ignatian Solidarity Network (ISN), a national social justice education and advocacy organization. ISN mobilizes a network which:

- Provides resources to Jesuit ministries engaging in social justice education and advocacy.
- Engages thousands of individuals affiliated with the Ignatian family to be lifelong contemplative advocates for the common good.
- Partners with faith-based and civic organizations committed to justice, peace and care for our common home.
- Promotes solidarity with the poor especially in the Americas among Jesuit ministries.

Gesu is part of InterReligious Task Force on Central America's Rapid Response Network (IRTF's RRN) and we sponsor their letter writing campaigns, Social Justice Teach-Ins and Kemerovo Commemoration of the Martyrs. IRTF is a Cleveland-based interfaith group that promotes peace, human rights, economic justice, and organizes aid to Central America and Colombia.

#### What can you do?

• Due to the pandemic Gesu will not host a Fair Trade Festival in McAuley Hall this spring. We encourage parishioners to shop online or in store at the vendors listed in the flyer on page 9. Also, mark your calendars and shop at the October 23, 2021 Fair Trade Expo at John Carroll University.

• Attend Gesu's Care for our Common Home Conversation via Zoom on Wednesday, April 21, 2021, at 7:00 pm. Visit **forms.gle/or6998TCpnh5LgEv6** to register.

• We will look at Gesu's past Education, Advocacy & Action Committee's work and seek YOUR input for ideas and thoughts on what Gesu can do going forward (outreach projects, speakers, a new committee, etc.)

• Carry a bag with you and collect trash when you're out for a walk.

• Calculate your carbon footprint at **www3.epa.gov/ carbon-footprint-calculator/** and take action to reduce it.

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# Fair Trade

is a system of exchange that honors producers, communities, consumers, and the environment. It is a model for the global economy rooted in people-to-people connections, justice, and sustainability that sets a series of standards to ensure fair wages and human dignity for producers.

#### Around the World Treasures Fair Trade Past Gesu Fair Trade Amani Children's Foundation Holv Land Handicraft Co-op Revy Fair Trade Products Festival Vendors JCU Fair Trade/SERRV Ten Thousand Villages **Chreads** Worldwide Santa Rosa Stitches **Esperanza** Threads **Janaan Fair Trade** Equal Exchange Mira Fair Trade Trades of Hope Beads 4 Peace Shema Store **Global Gifts**

# Be Informed

Gesu supports CRS and IRTF. Read about the work they are doing at Equal Exchange provides resources to help us educate ourselves about where our food comes from so we can make informed decisions as consumers

Additional Ohio stores/companie that use/sell fair trade products/ingredients –



"Local individuals and groups can make a real difference. They are able to instill a greater sense of responsibility, a strong sense of community, a readiness to protect others, a spirit of creativity and a deep love for the land." (# 179) - Laudato Si', Pope Francis







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#### GESU SCHOOL'S 3RD ANNUAL MARDI GRAS FUNDRAISER



We hope you can join us for Gesu School's 3rd Annual Mardi Gras fundraiser, which will be held on Saturday, May 8th, 2021. The event will be held virtually this year due to the pandemic. Funds raised will help to modernize and renovate our school, specifically classroom needs this year.

In lieu of traditional tickets, we have expanded our sponsorship opportunities with three easy ways to give. Please log on to **gesu.com/support-gesu/** to make a single donation, become a sponsor and/or purchase raffle tickets for a 1-year tuition credit. Double your gift - see if your employer will match your donation! Contact Kerianne Hearns at (216) 407-7240 or **kd102001@hotmail.com** to learn more. The deadline for sponsorship recognition is Friday, April 23, 2021.

Thank you for your support of our school!

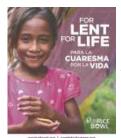
### NEED HELP GETTING A VACCINE?



We are aware that some of our older parishioners may need assistance in getting to, or even scheduling, a COVID-19 vaccine appointment. Please feel free to contact the Parish Office,

Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. We'll try to identify someone who can assist you.

#### HAPPY EASTER - CRS RICE BOWL



We prayed, fasted and gave alms—and now we rejoice because Christ is risen! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl challenges us as we begin the Easter season to share the joy of having a loving God that is alive and accompanies us always. Let's do

the same by being present to our global family by caring for their material and spiritual needs. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl at Mass or the Parish Office during open hours no later than April 18th or donate online at crsricebowl.org/give.

## WAYS YOU CAN PUT YOUR STIMULUS CHECK TO GOOD USE

Did you recently receive a stimulus check that you might not need? Please consider donating it to one of our many outreach programs. Gesu works with various nonprofit organizations in the Cleveland community and beyond. Our partnerships help us support organizations such as the Westside Catholic Center, Edwin's, Womankind, and Zelie's Home. Our goal is to provide the agencies with both financial and in-kind donations throughout the year. Many of these organizations are struggling to provide the basic necessities so desperately needed during the Pandemic. You are welcome to make a donation to Gesu, and the Development office will provide you with a tax deductible receipt. We are grateful for your thoughtful support.

#### THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS For Adults 40 & Over

#### Monday, April 12 – 7:00 pm Via Zoom Bishop Roger Gries, Bishop Emeritus of Cleveland Topic: Understanding Religious Orders

Benedictine, Carmelites, Dominicans, Jesuits, Franciscans...and this barely skims the surface of the religious orders - we've heard the names, but if someone asked you to explain who they are or what the difference is, could you answer? Well, we've asked Bishop Gries to help us unravel what the religious orders are and why there are so many different orders. Join us for this enlightening evening with Bishop Gries. We can't wait to see you there!

Limited to 90 Computer Audience Register in advance at: www.theologyontherocks. wixsite.com/west

### MEN OF PRAISE ONE DAY MEN'S RETREAT

Men of Praise invites you to a one day men's retreat on Saturday, <u>April 24</u>, 2021, at St. John of the Cross. Registration begins at 8:00 am and the day closes with Mass at 5:00 pm. Cost is \$20. For more information or to register, contact Fritz Nagel at (440) 336-3772 or **menofpraise1980@gmail.com**.

# SPRING ISSUE OF NEWS & VIEWS



Don't miss Gesu's spring issue of News & Views, arriving in mailboxes soon! In this issue, we bid farewell to Fr. Kiser, as he prepares to step into his new role as Provincial for the Midwest Province of Jesuits; we learn about Fr. Vincent's culinary talents; we hear from PSR families and Bible Study participants about Faith

Formation during the pandemic; and much more! For an electronic copy of News & Views, visit: **churchof thegesu.org/news&views**.

### COVID-19 VACCINE OPTIONS

For those looking to schedule a COVID-19 vaccine, below are some of the locations/options that we are aware of:

- The county-wide vaccine center at Wolstein Center: www.gettheshot.coronovirus.ohio.gov
- Rite Aid has received an influx of vaccine and is updating their registration info via GoodRx.com (accessed through the Rite aid website) every 5 minutes: https://www.goodrx.com/covid-19/ rite-aid
- Discount Drug Mart: clinic.discount-drugmart. com/covid/register/
- MetroHealth: metrohealth.org/covid-19/covidvaccine
- St. Vincent Charity Medical Center. (Please note vaccine appointments at St. Vincent Charity Medical Center are only available to residents of Cuyahoga County, per guidelines from the Ohio Department of Health): stvincentcharity.com/ services-centers/covid-19-vaccination/
- Cleveland Clinic: my.clevelandclinic.org/ landing/covid-19-vaccine/ohio
- · University Hospitals: vaccine.uhhospitals.org/
- CVS (You most likely have read information that the US Catholic Bishops have published regarding the Johnson & Johnson vaccine and its development using aborted fetus tissue and their guidance to avoid that vaccine if possible. We understand that CVS may be only offering the J&J vaccine.): cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19vaccine

#### PROGRAMS THIS APRIL AT THE JESUIT RETREAT CENTER April Morning Prayer for Women

#### Monday, April 19, 9:30-11:00 am

Women from all walks of life are invited to pray together and learn more about the beauty of prayer. Led by Sr. Mary Ann Flannery, S.C., this prayer group will refresh your spirit and help you find strength in regular prayer habits. Just bring your Bible and come as you are! Price includes coffee and pastry. Registrations are encouraged, but walk-ins welcome! Cost: \$10

#### Cinema & Conversation: Silence

#### Monday, April 26, 7:00 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 April with the 2016 film, *Silence*, based on the 1966 novel by Shusaku Endo. The movie recounts the missionary work of the Jesuits in Japan in the 17th century. Due to COVID social distancing, please make a reservation and wear a mask. Free Will Offering.

#### BIRDIES FOR BABIES GOLF SCRAMBLE



You are invited to golf for a cause at **Zelie's Home In-augural Birdies for Babies Golf Scramble** on Sunday, <u>June 13</u>, at Shale Creek Golf Club in Medina, Ohio. All proceeds support our home in Garfield Heights serving pregnant and parenting

women and their children. You can be a part of changing lives two at a time! \$150 per golfer / \$600 per foursome. Fees include 18 Holes, Cart, Lunch, All-American Cookout Dinner, Beverages and Raffle opportunities. For more information, visit our website at www.zelieshome.org/events/birdiesforbabies or contact Erin Hathaway at executivedirector@ zelieshome.org.

# EASTER DONATIONS

Please consider making an Easter donation to Gesu Parish. Here are four simple and secure ways you can donate:

- Visit **churchofthegesu.org** and select Make a Gift
- Register to make contributions through Faith Direct at churchofthegesu.org/parish-giving.
- Mail your offering to Gesu Church, 2470 Miramar Blvd., University Heights, OH 44118
- Text \$ amount to (216) 930-2992; register your credit/debit card

We are very grateful for your support as it helps us continue our mission. Happy Easter!

STAY CONNECTED WITH OUR NEW

PARISH APP

Gesu has recently launched a new parish app and it's a way to stay connected with us! This app allows you to be engaged, learn about upcoming events, receive important messages, grow your faith and much more.

> To download the app, simply go to the Apple App Store: https://apple.co/3fLcN5e

or Google Play Store: https://bit.ly/32KuH46

Select WeConnect Parish App and, once open, choose Church of the Gesu. If you have any questions, please reach out to us at communications@churchofthegesu.org.



# BRICKS & PAVERS IN THE PIAZZA

Consider honoring a milestone such as an anniversary, a wedding, a graduation or a multiple-family-mem-



ber Gesu legacy. Space is still available to purchase a commemorative brick (\$100) or paver (\$175) for the piazza outside of the Madonna della Strada Pastoral Center!

Order forms can be found on the parish website at **www**.

**churchofthegesu.org/parish-giving**, or call the Development Office at (216) 932-0617.

# FAMILIES WITH MEMBERS OVER AGE 23

If someone in your family reaches age 23, our parish data system reclassifies him or her as an "adult" and changes member status to "inactive," meaning former parishioner. In other words, he or she will no longer be a registered parishioner at Gesu. At age 23 a family member needs to register as an individual on a new membership. Please have your adult child come to or call the parish office to complete a registration form.

# CATHOLIC CHARITIES: \$1M MATCH MET

A special thank you to all who have participated in Catholic Charities Annual Appeal. The Million Dollar Match Campaign was a success with over \$1.4M raised in less than one month! This outstanding response is nothing short of inspiring and will help thousands of individuals and families seeking help and hope from Catholic Charities programs and services. Thank you!

If you have not yet made a gift to the Annual Appeal, please visit **CatholicCommunity.org/Donate** or text CCHOPE to 41444. Every dollar counts towards our parish goal, and we are so grateful for all who faithfully support the works of Catholic Charities in Northeast Ohio.

# February Collections

	Monthly	Year-to-Date		
	Offering	Offering		
2/1/2	1 - 2/28/21	7/1/20 - 2/28/21		
Sunday Offering	\$64,611	\$697,394		
Faith Direct	\$39,768	\$327,010		
Christmas /Easter	\$125	\$60,859		
Holy Days	\$330	\$5,162		
Total Contributions	\$104,834	\$1,090,425		
Budget	\$95,000	\$1,067,000		
Variance from Budget	\$9,834	\$23,425		
Other Monthly Collection	ns			
Honduras Mission	\$200	\$915		
Food Fund	\$150	\$10,186		
Corporal Works of Mercy	\$849	\$2,836		
Fund for Gesu	\$2,859	\$34,230		
Monthly Special Collections				
El Salvador/Latin Americ		\$466		
Black/Indian Mission	\$170	\$170		
Retirement for Religious	\$100	\$100		
Catholic Home Mission	\$117	\$117		

# PLEASE CONSIDER PATRONIZING OUR ADVERTISERS

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# GESU BULLETIN

#### **Bulletin Submissions**

All information and materials for the bulletin should be emailed to **bulletin@churchofthegesu.org** by Friday at 5:00 pm (nine days prior to publication). **Submissions for the April 17/18 bulletin are due by 5:00 pm on** <u>Friday. April 9</u>.

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