

2470 Miramar Blvd., University Heights, OH 44118

23<sup>rd</sup>

## SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He put his finger into  
the man's ears and,  
spitting, touched his  
tongue; then he looked  
up to heaven and  
groaned, and said to  
him, "Ephphatha!"—  
that is, "Be opened!"  
- Mk 7:33b-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 -

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Weekends

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm  
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am & 11:30 am

#### Weekdays

Monday - Friday: 7:30 am  
Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 8:30 am

### RECONCILIATION

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

## PASTORAL STAFF

**Reverend Lukas M. Laniauskas, SJ**  
Pastor

**Reverend Michael A. Vincent, SJ**  
Associate Pastor

**Reverend Gregory Hyde, SJ**  
Priest in Residence

**Reverend Dr. James K. O'Donnell**  
Deacon

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

**Therese Blumenthal**  
Finance & Operations

**Mary Kate Farrar**  
Development & Communications

**Regan Kazel**  
School Principal

**Marcia Leous**  
Faith Formation

**Amy Zucca**  
Outreach Coordinator

**Mark Ehrbar**  
Music Ministry

## PARISH DIRECTORY

**Parish Office**  
(216) 932-0617

**Emergency Night Phone Service**  
(440) 942-6499

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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 for an appointment to register. Current members are asked to notify the Parish Office when they move.

## OFFICE HOURS

### Regular Business Hours

Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

### Evenings & Weekends

Monday - Thursday, 5:00 - 8:00 pm

Saturday, 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Sunday, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

## Gospel Meditation

From the time we are born into this world until we die, our human radar picks up signals about how to respond to life. What we picked up on when we were very young carries an even greater power. The messages we receive and process tell us what we are “supposed” to do with our feelings, how to understand and cope with disappointment, anxiety, failure, death, illness, and what to expect out of life. As life unfolds for us, these radar messages kick in and resonate in us at very deep levels. Sometimes what we have learned is helpful and sometimes it is not. The stories we have been told, especially when we are young, about how life is best lived and how to negotiate its pain carry a heavy weight.

Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. It also can be quite unpredictable and, at times, unfair. We face our vulnerability and brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional and spiritual. It doesn't take much for life to quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar and true is gone and something we relied upon, physically, emotionally or spiritually, can be taken away. It is hard to confront our limitations and sit with our incompleteness. Often, life hurts us so much that we find ourselves sitting in a pool of sadness, not sure what we are supposed to do. It is particularly hard when the signals we have inherited tell us that we need to be successful in what we do, and we have to avoid life's unfairness. We can feel like a failure, wondering what precisely we did to deserve this fate, or ruminate about what we did not do correctly. But it's really not about us. We are part of a bigger picture and a much more fascinating story!

If we cease doing battle with life's incompleteness and see ourselves, as God does, on a journey toward wholeness and completeness we can better accept our disappointments and stand firm. The prophets told us, and Jesus reassured us: Be strong! Fear not! Sometimes we have to update our stories and replace them with newer, more accurate ones. When we make God's story our own and tune our radar into His voice, what we hear is all about restoration, healing, and rejuvenation! This is true even when we think we have hit rock bottom and can go no further. There is always hope. Remember the words of Julian of Norwich: God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. Now, listen to God when He says, “be opened!” Be healed and allow your stories to change.

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# *This Week at Gesu*

## MONDAY 9/6

Labor Day, No School

Mass.....10:00 am - MC

## TUESDAY 9/7

Kindergarten 1st Full Day

Preschool First Day Staggered Opening

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

Kindergarten Coffee.....8:00 - 10:00 am - Front Lawn

Women's Bible Study.....9:00 - 10:00 am - DR

50+ Club Mtg.....11:00 am - 1:00 pm - IL

GYF Matt Pilates.....1:30 - 2:30 pm - MH

## WEDNESDAY 9/8

Mass.....7:30 am, 8:30 am - MC

Psalms Bible Study.....9:15 - 11:00 am - SH

## THURSDAY 9/9

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

Boy Scout Troop 620 Mtg.....7:00 - 8:30 pm - MH

Women's Bible Study.....7:00 - 8:00 pm - DR

Christian Life Community.....3:15 pm - DR

## FRIDAY 9/10

50+ Club One Day Trip

Mass.....7:30 am, 8:30 am - MC

## SATURDAY 9/11

Bible Study: Tobit.....12:00 - 2:00 pm - SH

Confession.....3:00 - 4:00 pm - CH

Mass.....4:30 pm - CH

## SUNDAY 9/12

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

DONUT SUNDAY.....9:00 am - 1:30 pm - MH

First Reconciliation Parent Mtg.....9:00 - 10:00 am - SH

**CH** Church

**IL** Ignatius Library

**MH** McAuley Hall

**DR** Dietz Room

**MC** Marian Chapel

**SH** Sacred Heart Room

## RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation is held each Saturday from 3:00-4:00 pm in the Church (or by appointment).

## BAPTISMS

To arrange a Baptism, please contact the Parish Office. Baptism instruction is necessary with the first child.

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA)

The Gesu RCIA process welcomes anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and prepares you to become a member of the Catholic Church. Please inquire at the Parish Office.

## MARRIAGE

Please contact one of the Gesu priests at the Parish Office at least six months in advance to arrange the use of the church and register for the marriage preparation program.

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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.



## REST IN PEACE

**Rita Buckon**

Mother of Marie Sovacool (Jim)

**Gordon Laganke**

Father of Robert, Maureen &  
James



## NEWLY BAPTIZED

**Kylie Jane Elliott**

Daughter of Gregory  
& Shalyn Elliott



## MARRIAGE BANNS

**Erin Kochan &**

**Kevin Werner**

September 25, 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

**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.

Deborah Davis  
Terry Gabel  
Harold (Skip) Ludtke  
Robert Dubs  
Pat Starr  
Roger Ancheta  
Stacey Killeen  
Henriette Najm  
Dale A. Scully  
Rob Mooney  
Ann Dolan  
Theresa LoPresti  
Ryan S.  
JoeAnn Franklin  
Rita Huebner  
Lou Cherry  
Melissa Currance  
Alique Topalian  
Paul & Lynette Trolli  
Marian  
Amanda  
Jadon Michael Kalp  
Denise Mastro  
Tara Conklin  
Jamie Chitwood  
Jonathan Sedor  
Robert Schmidt  
George Coleman  
Patricia Dye

Heather Pederson  
Ellen Ferreri  
Mary Jo Rourke  
George Martin  
Jacob Gordon  
Wayne Schmidt  
Stacey Kelly  
Mike Stinn  
Mary Beth Miller  
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  
Baby Reese  
Tom  
Therese Hummer  
Eileen Read  
Gerri Greenfield  
Abby Grealis  
Marsha Sarakaitis  
Carole Baker

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

## PRAY FOR OUR SERVICEMEN & WOMEN

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).

Caitlin O'Connor Cruz  
Alex Prah  
Adam Thomas  
Nick Corsones  
Kirklan Kudrna  
Kevin Comiskey  
Christopher Scott  
Combellick  
Zack Veselick  
Eric Aslakson

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

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

## CLARIFICATION FOR WHAT TO DO AT COMMUNION TIME!

According to the Diocesan guidelines, the faithful will:

- **STAND** during the distribution and reception of Holy Communion for the singing of the Communion Hymn. (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 50, 124, 128)
- **KNEEL** during the period of sacred silence after the distribution of Holy Communion. This period of silence should begin as soon as the distribution of Holy Communion has been completed. At this point the faithful may sit or kneel.
- The faithful are not required to stand during the purification of vessels, or until the reposition of the Blessed Sacrament (GIRM, 43).

## MASS INTENTIONS

The practice of requesting a Mass to be offered for loved ones, living or deceased, is a beautiful and wonderful part of our Catholic tradition. The offering is \$10 per Mass. If you would like a Mass said, please come to the parish office during regular business hours 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday, and we would be happy to assist you.

1. We do not currently have any Masses available in 2021. If the current weekday schedule continues, we will add more 8:30 am Mass Intentions in November.
2. The Mass Intention book for 2022 is now open for 7:30 am weekday and weekend Mass Intentions. Once the current weekday Mass schedule is evaluated, we may also be able to schedule 8:30 am weekday Mass Intentions.

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION FORMATION



Do you feel called to be a Eucharistic Minister?

The Office for Worship has scheduled the following dates for Eucharistic Minister Formation Sessions. These are virtual. If you are interested, please email [hwalter@churchofthegesu.org](mailto:hwalter@churchofthegesu.org) before the given deadline for your preferred session.

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

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

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

## Mass Intentions & SCRIPTURE READINGS

### MONDAY 9/6

*Col 1:24–2:3; Ps 62;  
Lk 6:6–11*

10:00 am Candace Schwabauer  
Hansen

### TUESDAY 9/7

*Col 2:6–15; Ps 145;  
Lk 6:12–19*

7:30 am Michael Musel

### WEDNESDAY 9/8

**The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

*Mi 5:1–4a or Rom 8:28–30; Ps 13;  
Mt 1:1–16, 18–23 or 1:18–23*

7:30 am Michael Supler  
8:30 am Daniela DiSanto

### THURSDAY 9/9

**St. Peter Claver**

*Col 3:12–17; Ps 150;  
Lk 6:27–38*

7:30 am Dominic Mandalfino, Sr.

### FRIDAY 9/10

*1 Tm 1:1–2, 12–14; Ps 16;  
Lk 6:39–42*

7:30 am Thomas Christy  
8:30 am Coletta Fuerst

### SATURDAY 9/11

**BVM**

*1 Tm 1:15–17; Ps 113;  
Lk 6:43–49*

### SATURDAY VIGIL & SUNDAY 9/12

**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Is 50:5–9a; Ps 116;  
Jas 2:14–18; Mk 8:27–35*

4:30 pm James Lavelle  
8:00 am Megg Hawkins  
10:00 am Helen Edwards  
11:30 am Parishioners of Gesu

## FIRST RECONCILIATION/ FIRST COMMUNION

The 2021-2022 First Reconciliation and First Communion program at the Church of the Gesu will begin soon. These sacraments are traditionally celebrated during the second grade year for baptized Catholic children. If you have an older child who has not yet celebrated these sacraments, we would love to have you join us as well! Additionally, please let us know if the sacrament of Baptism is needed.

Please register for the 2021-2022 program at: <https://membership.faithdirect.net/events/details/7519>.

A digital program flyer is available and posted on the parish website at [www.churchofthegesu.org/sacramental-preparation](http://www.churchofthegesu.org/sacramental-preparation). Contact Marcia Leous for more information at [mleous@churchofthegesu.org](mailto:mleous@churchofthegesu.org) or (216) 932-0617.

## OCTOBER HEALING RETREAT

A private, confidential healing retreat for women suffering after abortion will be held in October. "I Have Called You by Name" will be facilitated by Bethesda, House of Mercy. For more information or to register, call (800) 482-4100 or email [BethesaHouse@aol.com](mailto:BethesaHouse@aol.com).

## WE ARE COMPANIONS ON A JOURNEY: R.C.I.A.



The Church of the Gesu is beginning a new journey to welcome those who wish to learn more about our Catholic faith through a process called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, or R.C.I.A. Please join us for an informational meeting and spread the word

to those you know who may be thinking about joining the Catholic Church and our parish community.

**When:** Tuesday, September 14, at 7:00 pm

**Where:** Madonna della Strada Pastoral Center - parish office building

**Contact:** Marcia Leous at (216) 932-0617 or [mleous@churchofthegesu.org](mailto:mleous@churchofthegesu.org)

**R.C.I.A. Online Registration Link:**

[gesuchurch.wufoo.com/forms/z1f68kvm0ypj3c1/](https://gesuchurch.wufoo.com/forms/z1f68kvm0ypj3c1/)

## GESU BIBLE STUDIES 2021-2022



Gesu is offering multiple Bible Studies beginning this fall. Please visit our website, [www.churchofthegesu.org/adult-spiritual-growth](http://www.churchofthegesu.org/adult-spiritual-growth), for more information on our Women's Bible Study, Psalms Bible Study, and Bible Study of the Biblical Novellas: Tobit, Judith, Esther, 1 & 2 Maccabees.

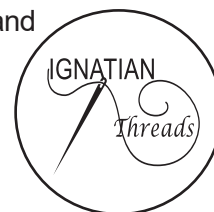
## IGNATIAN PRAYER & FAITH SHARING



The next gathering of Ignatian Prayer and Faith Sharing will be Thursday, September 16, from 7:00-8:30 pm. This will be in a virtual format via Zoom. Join us as we share reflections on the coming Sunday's Gospel and other readings. If you are interested in participating, please email Hilda at [hwalter@churchofthegesu.org](mailto:hwalter@churchofthegesu.org), so that you can receive the link to join on Zoom. We would love to see you there!

## IGNATIAN THREADS

Francis Xavier died of fever on December 3, 1552, on the island of Sancian, while awaiting a boat to take him to mainland China. He had set his sights on furthering his missionary successes in Japan and other parts of Asia. His incorrupt body was first buried on an island beach, then moved to Portuguese Malacca where an open grave in the church still marks his burial place. On December 11, 1553, his body was shipped to Goa, where he had worked to restore Christianity. Much later, on December 2, 1637, it was placed in a glass container encased in a silver casket with 32 plates depicting episodes from his life. Francis' dream of bringing the Gospel to China would be realized by later Jesuits. The correspondence between Francis Xavier and Ignatius Loyola would inspire many young men to enter the Society of Jesus and serve as missionaries in his footsteps.





## Jesuit Retreat Center

The following programs are being offered this September at the Jesuit Retreat Center, located at 5629 State Road in Parma. For more information or to register for any of these events, please call (440) 884-9300 or visit [www.jesuitretreatcenter.org](http://www.jesuitretreatcenter.org).

### **First Spiritual Exercises: Inner Peace in the Service of God - A Virtual Program**

**Orientation and Introduction: Tuesday, September 7, 7:00 pm. Saturdays, 10:00 - 11:30 am: September 18, September 25, October 2, October 9. Cost: \$100**

Directed and facilitated by JRC staff and retreat directors. This retreat aims to free sacred desires and loosen one's feet for the service of God. It hopes to bring the retreatant the peace that comes from knowing one's work with Jesus in a particular service is deeply right to who one is.

### **Food for the Journey: On Our Becoming Divine - Engaging the Promise**

**Saturdays, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm: September 18, October 9, November 13, December 11. Cost: \$120**

Facilitated by Martha Campbell, M.A., Psy.D. This program is for Spiritual Directors, Retreat Leaders, Pastoral Ministers and those who have made the Full Spiritual Exercises. Come, join the gathered community as we engage in conversation with Bernie Owens, SJ through his text, "More Than We Could Ever Imagine: On Our Becoming Divine."

### **September Morning Prayer for Women**

**Monday, September 20, 9:30 - 11:00 am. Cost: \$10**

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!

### **Walking the Sacred Path**

**Sunday, September 26, 2:00 - 8:00 pm. Cost: Free**

As we mark the turn of the seasons with the autumnal equinox, we invite you to come pray and meditate as you walk our (temporary) labyrinth in the JRC meadow. Walking the labyrinth invites you into intentional prayer for yourself, for family or friends, for our world or our local community. It invites us to pray with our bodies, our hearts, our minds, and our souls.

### **Cinema & Conversation: This Beautiful Fantastic**

**Monday, September 27, 7:00 - 9:00 pm. Free Will Offering**

We continue our movie nights in September with the 2016 film, *This Beautiful Fantastic*, about a young woman with obsessive-compulsive disorder who is trying to write a children's book. Written and directed by Simon Aboud, this British romantic drama stars Jessica Brown Findlay, Tom Wilkinson, Andrew Scott, Jeremy Irvine, Anna Chancellor and Eileen Davies.



# CHILDREN'S CORNER

## SHARING THE GOSPEL

Imagine what it would be like to be deaf - unable to hear music, voices or anything. In today's Gospel reading, Jesus did something amazing. Jesus healed a deaf man, so that for the first time he could hear and talk clearly. What would you listen to? What would you say?

## PRAYER

Dear God, you are so amazing. Thank you for healing the deaf man. Help me to use my ears and my voice to praise you.



## PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

GALILEE  
DEAF  
TALK

TOUCH  
FINGERS  
EARS

SPIT  
TONGUE  
AMAZED

O	D	L	A	D	H	M	A	C	D
F	T	O	N	G	U	E	R	O	G
N	A	D	W	A	B	G	I	S	N
H	L	I	N	L	M	D	E	A	F
J	K	S	P	I	T	S	A	U	I
L	E	O	H	L	V	I	R	E	N
A	M	A	Z	E	D	K	S	O	G
W	H	F	B	E	O	B	T	I	E
E	L	T	O	U	C	H	M	L	R
T	M	N	G	S	W	I	E	K	S

## MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Go to the library and find out how to say "Jesus loves you" in sign language. On the way home, pretend you cannot hear or speak.

## SOMETHING TO DRAW

Draw a picture of all the things you like to listen to.



## A message from Bishop Malesic on keeping people safe during the pandemic

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The latest information from federal, state and local public health agencies informs us that the Delta variant of the COVID-19 virus is surging in our area, causing increased illness and hospitalizations at levels not seen since the spring. For the safety of all who worship at Catholic parishes throughout the Diocese of Cleveland, I strongly encourage you -- whether vaccinated or not vaccinated -- to wear a face mask while attending Mass indoors. All who want to attend Mass, and who are otherwise vulnerable, should feel safe and welcome inside our sacred spaces. Please use charity and patience with those who do not wish to comply with this strongly stated request. You also might want to consider wearing a face mask for other indoor gatherings, especially for those not yet fully vaccinated. Wearing masks outdoors is not generally required except for activities involving close contact with others who are not fully vaccinated.

Those who are ill, have significant health risk factors or care for someone who is immune-compromised or ill, as well as those who have significant fear or anxiety about contracting the coronavirus in a large group of persons are not obliged to attend Mass.

Pope Francis recently offered a message of hope and unity to the world in an effort to continue increasing confidence in the COVID-19 vaccines, specifically in communities disproportionately affected by the virus. “Thanks to God’s grace and to the work of many, we now have vaccines to protect us from COVID-19,” the pope said. “Getting the vaccines that are authorized by the respective authorities is an act of love. I pray to God that each one of us can make his or her own small gesture of love; no matter how small, love is always grand.”

I am fully vaccinated and recommend the same for my family and friends. In consideration of others, I also am wearing a mask during the distribution of holy Communion and I strongly encourage those distributing holy Communion at Mass to wear a mask while distributing as well.

Remember that the situation seems to be ever changing. This request to wear face masks is temporary and will be changed once this current level of increased coronavirus cases is over. Stay connected to information coming from national, state and local health authorities, and stay home and get tested for COVID when you are not feeling well. Following these recommendations will go a long way in helping to keep you and others around you safe.

We are all tired of this pandemic, but we must not forget that we are called to care for the health of others in times of crisis and must continue to protect our healthcare system and medical workers.

May God bless and watch over us in our time of need.

Bishop Edward C. Malesic

## AFGHAN REFUGEE CRISIS: WAYS YOU CAN HELP

St. Dominic Faithful Citizenship is partnering with Diocese of Cleveland Catholic Charities and Global Cleveland on an urgent and evolving issue. They anticipate welcoming and re-settling 700-1,000 Afghan refugees coming to our community in the next week. Your help is needed to welcome these sisters and brothers. St. Dominic's Faithful Citizenship Social Action Committee educates, advocates and provides direct assistance on local and global issues pertaining to Catholic Social Teaching.

- Lawyers are needed. Background in immigration law is helpful but not necessary. If you are willing to offer your assistance, please contact Adriana Coppola at [acoppola@ccdacle.org](mailto:acoppola@ccdacle.org) or (216) 939-3726 or Allyson DiPofi at [akdipofi@ccdacle.org](mailto:akdipofi@ccdacle.org) or (216) 939-3735.
- It costs \$575 just to file one Humanitarian Parole Application for an individual from Afghanistan. Some families are trying to apply for ten family members to arrive in the United States. For those who would like to help, please visit the Refugee Response Afghan Support Fund located at: <https://www.refugeerresponse.org/give>.
- Transportation is needed. They would like to set up a ride network to assist with errands, grocery store, etc. RTA bus passes are also needed. To help, contact Jodie Bowers at [JBowers@stdominicchurch.net](mailto:JBowers@stdominicchurch.net).
- Rental housing is needed. If you know of anyone with safe, lead-free housing, apartments, or rooms for rent, contact Jodie Bowers at [JBowers@stdominicchurch.net](mailto:JBowers@stdominicchurch.net).
- As families arrive, they anticipate a need for meals, clothing and hospitality. More will be shared as this is an evolving crisis.

## ALL SOULS CEMETERY – PRE-PLANNING SEMINAR

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1-hour pre-planning seminar on Wednesday, September 22, at 5:30 pm. Please join us to learn more about your Catholic burial options, including options for cremated remains. Attendees will receive a personal reference guide and savings certificate. Please know the CCA follows the current CDC guidance regarding COVID-19 protocols. We kindly ask that you RSVP to All Souls Cemetery (10366 Chardon Road) by calling (216) 641-7575 ext. 4 or emailing [bdejohn@clecem.org](mailto:bdejohn@clecem.org).

## SACRED RELICS OF THE SAINTS: TREASURES OF THE CHURCH

Mary Queen of Peace Parish (4423 Pearl Rd., Cleveland) presents a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics on Friday, September 10, at 6:30 pm. Fr. Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross will be here with an extraordinary Vatican collection of over 150 relics, some as old as 2000 years. Among the treasures will be relics of St. Joseph, St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux (the "Little Flower"), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska. There will also be one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world.

Throughout history, many healings have occurred in the presence of relics and thousands have occurred through this ministry. Do not miss this opportunity. You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion (such as rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends/family members, which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession. For most, this will be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Please spread the word.

## 2100 LAKESIDE MEN'S SHELTER

In Spring 2020 the most vulnerable homeless men were temporarily housed in hotels due to the pandemic. The shelter underwent modifications to comply with COVID safety protocols with the installation of a "pod" project to prepare for the men to move back. Thank you to the Gesu parishioners who helped with assembling the pods!



## THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS WEST

For Adults 40 and Over

**Monday, September 13 – 7:00 pm**

**Hilton Double Tree Inn, 1100 Crocker Road**

**Special Guest: Bishop Edward Malesic**



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## ICU WALK FOR LIFE FUNDRAISER

ICU Mobile is a national pro-life ministry supporting a fleet of mobile medical units across the country, providing free pregnancy tests and ultrasounds. On Saturday, September 18, from 9:00-10:00 am (Registration from 8:00-9:00 am), ICU will be raising money for and awareness of its life-saving work at Veterans Memorial Park (6328 State Rd., Parma). With your support, ICU is able to reach mothers in Cuyahoga County in their greatest moment of need...women struggling with an unplanned pregnancy! Go to the ICU Mobile website ([icumobile.org](http://icumobile.org)) for info and to sign up!

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

Working through grief is hard work, accomplished over time. From experience, we know that the journey can be made easier when it is shared with others. The St. Paschal/Saint Clare Cluster is offering a bereavement support group entitled "Walking in Hope" to provide support to anyone who has lost a significant person in their life. The six week workshop begins Tuesday, September 14, and runs from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm in the St. Paschal Parish Parlor. There will be social distancing and any other requirements of the Diocese and CDC. There is no charge for the workshop, and it is open to all. If you have any questions, please call Barbara Curran at (440) 461-4495, Corky Mondello at (440) 449-3584, or the St. Paschal Parish Office at (440) 442-3410.

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

From September 22 – October 31, you are invited to join with other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You are also invited to stand and peacefully pray anytime between 7:00 am and 7:00 pm during the 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside PreTerm (12000 Shaker Blvd., Cleveland, 44120) or Planned Parenthood (25350 Rockside Rd, Bedford Hts, 44146). Join us at the Kickoff Rally at St. John Vianney on Monday, September 20, at 7:00 pm. For more information

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[40daysforlife.com/cleveland](http://40daysforlife.com/cleveland) or [40daysforlife.com/bedfordheights](http://40daysforlife.com/bedfordheights).

## EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION AT PreTerm

**Saturday, September 18, 9:00-11:30 am**

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Join the Eucharistic Procession at PreTerm Abortion facility led by a Catholic priest to walk, pray and sing. You are invited to this event, to boldly trust that God hears our prayers to save lives and restore families. Concludes with Mass at Our Lady of Peace. Visit [daylifesavingtime.com](http://daylifesavingtime.com) for more information.

23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





## NEW PARISH OFFICE HOURS



The Parish Office resumes evening and weekend hours beginning Tuesday, September 7. See page 2.

## GESU PARISH RAISES \$167,280 FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL APPEAL

Thanks to the generosity of 246 donors at Gesu, we have exceeded our parish goal by \$9,937 for the 2021 Annual Appeal! We're thrilled that we reached 106% of our goal, but that does not mean the Appeal is over.

Every day, Catholic Charities sees an increase in requests for services and programs that are proven to transform lives. The need continues and we hope your support will also continue. Together, we can make a difference. St. Augustine Hunger Center in Tremont has been providing essential services to its community for over 50 years. In normal times, the Hunger Center would serve about 300 meals per day in a traditional sit-down style soup kitchen, but at the beginning of the pandemic, the center began serving 200 to-go trays and 300 delivery meals per day.

One person who began receiving meals during the pandemic is Pat Field, a parishioner of St. Augustine since 1993 and president of the Blind Association at the church. Speaking about one of the workers who delivers her meals, Pat praised, "The meals are good – and one thing about it is Doug, who delivers my meals. Since I am blind, he tells me exactly what I have."

Pat has meals delivered to her apartment seven days a week, two meals per day, which include a vegetable, a salad, meat, a starch and bread. By receiving these deliveries, she does not have to cook and saves money from not having to venture to the grocery store and shop for every meal.

Without you, programs like these would not be possible and thousands of people would struggle to find help and hope. Thank you for making the success of the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal a priority at Gesu! To make a donation, visit **catholiccommunity.org/donate**, text CCHOPE to 41444 or call (216) 696-6525 x1049.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Gesu Parish

Gesu Parish is still looking for a Director of Catechesis for Children and Families and a Youth Minister. Please contact the parish for more information.

### Gesu School

Gesu School is looking to hire additional recess and lunch monitors. Candidates would need to be available during the day from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm, however, there is flexibility on days of the week. Please contact Katelyn Seliskar, assistant principal, at **kseliskar@gesu.com** for further information.

### The Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland

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Holy Days	\$20	\$20
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$97,177</b>	<b>\$97,177</b>
Budget	\$95,000	\$95,000
Variance from Budget	\$2,177	\$2,177
<b>Other Monthly Collections</b>		
Honduras Mission	95	\$95
Food Fund	\$100	\$100
Corporal Works of Mercy	\$11,395	\$11,395
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If you can commit to monthly meetings, or even just help on an infrequent, as-needed basis, please consider joining us! For more information, email Mary Kate Farrar at [mkfarrar@churchofthegesu.org](mailto:mkfarrar@churchofthegesu.org).

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