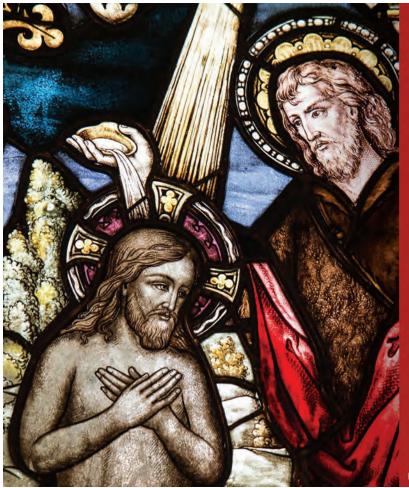


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# THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." - Mk 1:7-8

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> 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.)

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Reverend Michael A. Vincent, SJ Associate Pastor

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### 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.



We need history. We need it in order to understand ourselves, personally and collectively. The pieces of our histories may not have always been the most positive, honest, exemplary, dignified, proud and best moments of our lives, but they are ours. We have to acknowledge, remember, accept and often heal them. We cannot forget them or pretend that they never existed. As horrible as the atrocities of events like Auschwitz, brutal injustices committed throughout the human journey, or personal painful experiences in our own stories, we need to remember. These times when humanity in general or people in particular have lost their way are times that need to be reconciled and redeemed.

If we lose the memories, we will make the same mistakes again. The human soul needs a strong sense of affirmation, direction and clear purpose. Without these essentials, we will easily run amuck and repeat the sins of our past. God's voice throughout history has spoken precisely about this! We are reminded through the voices and example of many prophets and witnesses not to make the same mistakes again, come back to center, discover the purpose given to us by God, maintain a sense of proper direction, seek healing for wounds and be reconciled to our Creator.

Baptism is so incredibly important for the salvation of humankind, not only eternally but here and now. Our existence depends upon it. It gives us the affirmation we need from God by gifting us with the same intimate relationship Jesus had with the Father. We are blessed with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. Baptism calls us to remember, accept, and deal with the sins and inequities of our past regardless of how hurtful and serious. We consciously choose to turn away from them and put on the new life of Christ. To do this well, we must look hard and long at our sins and failings, listen to what they are saying and learn from them. If we ignore the past, collectively or personally, or pretend that it never happened, we will never grow. We will surely die.

People need to hear the message, lived and spoken, delivered by the baptized members of the Body of Christ. It is an essential message of hope that is layered with visions of justice, peace, reconciliation, redemption, blessing and healing. It is a message that helps us remember what has gone before, the graces and the sins, and bring ourselves by God's help where we need to be. We are called to do much more than sit home behind our closed doors. We have a message to deliver. Are we ready to do so?

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# This Week at Gesu

# MONDAY 1/11

Gesu School In-Person Instruction Resumes	
Mass	7:30 am - Church
Healing Rosary	6:30 pm - Zoom
Gesu School PTO Mtg	7:00-9:00 pm - Zoom

# TUESDAY 1/12

Mass	7:30 am - Church
RCIA	7:00-9:00 pm - Zoom
African American Families	of Gesu7:00-8:30 pm - Zoom
Kindergarten Information	Night
	7:00-8:00 pm - Family Center

# WEDNESDAY 1/13

Mass	7:30 am - Church
Legion of Mary	8:00-9:00 am - Church Narthex
Parish Pastoral Council Mtg	7:00-9:00 pm - Zoom

# THURSDAY 1/14

Mass	7:30 am - Church
Ignatian Prayer & Faith Sharing	7:00-8:30 pm - Zoom

# FRIDAY 1/15

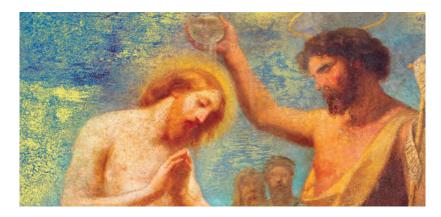
Mass	7:30 am - Church

# SATURDAY 1/16

Bible Study - 1st & 2nd Kings.	12:00-2:00 pm - Zoom
Confession	3:00-4:00 pm - Nativity Room
Vigil Mass	4:30 pm - Church

# SUNDAY 1/17

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



### RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation is held each Saturday from 3:00-4:00 pm. To allow for social distancing, it's taking place in the 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 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**

**Dorothy McMahon** Mother of Molly Yohann (David); Grandmother of Claire & Sarah

**Joy Polk** Mother of Juli Paskay; Grandmother of Arnold & Frank



### PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS THIS WEEK

Healing Rosary Monday, January 11 6:30-7:00 pm - Zoom



### HELP US UPDATE OUR PRAYER LISTS

Please help us update the "Sick" and "Servicemen and Women" prayer lists. If you have a family member who should be removed from one of the lists, please contact Sr. Linda at **Imartinosu@ churchofthegesu.org** or (216) 932-0617.



### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



Please pray for the following sick members of our community. Sick persons or family members may phone Sr. Linda at (216) 932-0617 to have a name listed. Names will stay on the list for up to one year unless removal or continuation is requested.

Barb Patterson Angela Donavan Sandy Bonnot Mary Jo Rourke Margaret Trenkamp Jacob Gordon George Martin 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 Mirando Eleanor Bertagni Marge Diemer Sheila Flannery Jeanne Horwath **Richard Rarick** Lydia 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 Jim T. Anthony Galati Victor Russell Gina Hespen Loretta Wiles Catalina Santoscoy Barbara Rossy Claire Gascoigne Sarah Kuhar Michael Markiewicz Janet Markiewicz Marv Nero Nick Gundersen Joan Nuth Sylvia Flammini

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

### PRAY FOR OUR SERVICEMEN & WOMEN

Please keep in your prayers the family and friends of Gesu Parishioners who are either activated reservists or active duty military personnel currently deployed. We're including names in our bulletin with family permission. If you'd like to include a relative, email **bulletin@churchofthegesu.org**.

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

# THANK YOU FOR OUR BEAUTIFUL POINSETTIAS!



Gesu Church looked spectacular at Christmas this year, whether you attended Mass in person or viewed it on our website. We wish to thank our parishioners for their generous contributions toward Christmas flowers, especially during this unusual Christmas season!

Donations were made in memory of: Mary Carolyn Powell John & Theresa Cherry Srs. Joseph John & Irene, SSJ Helen Orlosky Michaele Anne Musel Rose & Louis Vigh Jim Skerl Driscoll, Cervino & Walter families Raymond & Catherine Diedrich Esther & James Cusick Dawn Marie Feorene Leo Russo Vivian Zaratsian

McLeod & Fitzgerald families Ginny Marion Srs. Pat & Eugene, OSU Michael Supler John F. Lowery Gene Skerl Edward J. Orel, Jr. Joseph G. & Michael J. Read John Maniscalco Philomena & Dominic Ciolli Rosemary Tizekker John Straniero

### WELCOME, NEW PARISHIONERS!

Erik & Christina Fink Alastair & Vicki McDonald Michael McKenna Eric & Jessica French Denise Tinfina Margaret Hamilton John & Rosemary Coyne Alex & Karla Salahshour Daniel & Kelly Reisinger William Doyle & Kaity Swanekamp



Wesley & Kathleen Crowley Timothy & Christina Anderson Leonard & Kerry Mora Graham & Katherine Chatman Cicely Campbell

# SHOUT OUT TO OUR CHURCH SANITIZERS!

For the past six months Gesu has been blessed with a new category of helping hands – literally – whom we refer to as our Church Sanitizers. These thirty men, women and students have volunteered to help clean our church after funerals, weddings and baptisms. Gesu has called upon them for service over 50 times!

You can view this schedule for yourself on our website: **churchofthegesu.org/Worship/Liturgical Ministers**. Along with Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and (in non-COVID times) Altar Servers, these ministers perform a valuable service. After a funeral, wedding or baptism, they stand ready to sanitize where people sat, to help keep Gesu church safe in these unusual times.

Though we have some "stars" who have come many times, we truly appreciate every Church Sanitizer who has helped, even if only on one occasion. God bless you for your wonderful service in this ministry! If this would interest you, please contact the parish office and we will gladly add you to this list.



### **MONDAY 1/11**

Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97; Mk 1:14-20 7:30 am Marilyn Paul

### **TUESDAY 1/12**

Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8; Mk 1:21-28

7:30 am Martin Dodenhoff

### WEDNESDAY 1/13 St. Hilary

Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105; Mk 1:29-39

7:30 am Thomas & Annette Corbo

**THURSDAY 1/14** Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95; Mk 1:40-45 7:30 pm Scout

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### FRIDAY 1/15

Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78; Mk 2:1-12

7:30 am Michael Supler

#### SATURDAY 1/16 BMV

Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19; Mk 2:13-17

### SATURDAY VIGIL & SUNDAY 1/17 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

4:30 pm	Elsie Carey
9:00 am	Ed & Dorothy Hawkins
11:00 am	Pauline Trzcinski



**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 Mark 1:7-11. John the Baptist had often taught that someone mightier than he would come, someone who would baptize with the Holy Spirit. So when Jesus came to him at the Jordan River, John recognized him and baptized him. His followers suddenly saw the heavens open and a dove come down upon Jesus. A voice proclaimed, "You are my beloved Son. I am well pleased."

Imagine this scene and how the people must have been amazed, if not a little confused! John's baptism was one of repentance, and now Jesus would baptize with the Holy Spirit, exactly what Jesus would tell his disciples to do after the Resurrection and Ascension!

Pause a little,

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

Our own baptisms were quite unlike the one in the Jordan River. But we experience this as a beginning to a new way of life, no matter whether we were baptized as infants or older children or adults. Can you remember the last Baptism you witnessed, or even your own? How does my life show that we are members of God's family of faith? At the Baptism of Jesus, a voice proclaimed "Your are my beloved Son. In you I am well pleased." Perhaps you can print these words out (substitute Daughter if appropriate!) and place them on your mirror. Let these words remind you each day of your dignity as one of God's Own!

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

If you still have your Baptism candle(s), display them on your dinner table or special corner. Pray for all those baptized this year at our parish that they too might grow in "wisdom, age and grace."

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

Enjoy your meal!

### IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY FOR TODAY



The passing of the old year and ringing in the new encourages us to ponder the ups and downs of our lives and those of others, especially those we know and love. Freelance writer Christian Lindner explores this reality through the well known song, Auld Lang Syne. How do memory

and gratitude, two essential characteristics of Ignatian spirituality and the entire Catholic Christian story, factor into this annual ritual? Read the following article to see the connection: **americamagazine. org/voices/christian-lingner**.

### NEW BIBLE STUDY

Women of Gesu are invited to begin the New Year in a virtual Bible study on "Women of the Gospels, Missionaries of God's Love." The study guide can be ordered through Word Among Us or on Amazon. Zoom meetings will be held: January 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9, 16 and 23 from 9:00-10:00 am. Please email Deborah Bruening at **debbruening1@gmail.com** to register. We hope you can join us as we break open Sacred Scripture so God can reveal Himself and His will in our lives!

# **IGNATIAN THREADS**

The Baptism of the Lord – on the surface this is a puzzling and even contradictory idea: Jesus - He, who is sinless - is baptized by John in the river Jordan. Using imaginative contemplation, let us witness this event. John is carrying out his ministry at the Jordan, preparing for the salvation of Israel by the Messiah, baptizing large numbers of people in this main river in Palestine. Jesus, having come from Nazareth in Galilee, approaches John, who regards himself unworthy to untie Jesus' sandals. As part of God's plan, Jesus receives John's baptism to identify with those who need repentance. At this end of today's Gospel in Mark, we have an insight into the concept of the Trinity: the voice of the Father, the Baptism of the Son, and the descent of the Spirit. This is an extraordinary passage. Having "witnessed" Jesus

become a visible sign of the dawning of God's kingdom, we are called to be part of that mission to convert hearts and establish relationships in God's love.



### **IGNATIAN PRAYER & FAITH SHARING**

The next virtual Zoom gathering of Ignatian Prayer & Faith Sharing will be Thursday, <u>January 14</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!

# CALLED TO ONE TABLE: A PRAYER FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

Dear Jesus, you came into this world as a migrant. We welcome you, Jesus. There was no room for your family at the inn. We welcome you, Jesus. Along with the angels in heaven, We welcome you, Jesus.

- Along with the shepherds who wandered the hills, We welcome you, Jesus.
- Along with the Magi who traveled from the east, We welcome you, Jesus.
- Your family became refugees fleeing from Herod. We welcome you, Jesus.

In Egypt you were an alien.

We welcome you, Jesus.

In your public life you did not have a place to rest. We welcome you, Jesus.

Dear Jesus, we see you today. We welcome you, Jesus.

- In refugees fleeing war and violence, We welcome you, Jesus.
- In immigrants seeking a better life, We welcome you, Jesus.
- In migrant workers who enrich our land with their labor, We welcome you, Jesus.
- In seafarers and other people on the move, We welcome you, Jesus.

Let us pray: Dear Jesus, you are the refuge of people on the move. We ask you to grant immigrants, refugees and other migrants peace, protection and comfort. Help us all recognize that whenever we welcome the stranger in your name, we welcome you. Teach us to recognize your presence in every human being. Bring us together as one family at the banquet table of your love, with you who live and reign with the Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

- Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers, Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

# Surviving or Thriving: HOPE IN A TIME OF PANDEMIC

As we celebrate the ringing in of a New Year, few of us would have anticipated that our lives would continue to be besieged and turned upside down from a potentially deadly virus. Life in the midst of a pandemic has altered virtually every aspect of society. Every aspect of life has been impacted, including our life at home and our day-to-day activities.

In times that are steeped in extraordinary stress, it takes courage, commitment, and creativity to deal with that stress. Everyone is vulnerable in times like these, including parents, children, educators, seniors that live alone, and all those that suffer from despair.

But there are signs of hope, even throughout these darkest of nights, there is no pandemic, there is no crisis that can extinguish the Light. Let us allow the Light of Christ to enter our hearts and let us lend a hand to those who need it most. In this way, God will be born anew in us and among us.

Wherever you may be, as we welcome in 2021, know that you are not alone. Take refuge in the inspiration that the passages in this Surviving or Thriving series invite you into...Welcome, beautiful soul!

Read "How Can I Show My Kids What It Means to Be Catholic When We Can't Go to Church?" at http://bit.ly/3pMkQDq



# CHILDREN'S Corner

### SHARING THE GOSPEL

This morning you helped your mother bring in the groceries. You washed part of his car for your dad. You took a bowl of soup to a sick neighbor. Imagine God's voice coming from the clouds: "You are my own dear child. I am pleased with you." The good things you do make God happy. He sends you help when you need it. He gives you little happy surprises during the day.

### PRAYER

Lord, I am proud to be your child. I love you.

### SOMETHING TO DRAW

Draw God saying to Jesus from the clouds: "I am pleased with you."

### MISSION FOR THE WEEK

I will tell my family and friends that I am proud of them.

Catholic Social Teaching & the Pandemic. WEIGHING THE RESPONSE

The recent availability and distribution of two different COVID-19 vaccines in the United States has given citizens a reason to hope. Nonetheless, ethical questions regarding the vaccine have surfaced. For example, how can we ensure equitable distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine, not only in our nation but worldwide? What are the moral implications of receiving COVID-19 vaccines that were developed or tested using cell lines or tissue originating from aborted fetuses? What is our responsibility to the poor and most vulnerable of the world with regard to the vaccine? Explore the Catholic Church's

response to these questions and others based on a recent statement published by the Vatican's coronavirus commission and the Pontifical Academy for Life. Visit: http://bit.ly/3rJTvDH

FEATURED ARTICLE

# Shelter the Homeless and Welcome the Stranger

Two weeks ago we celebrated the Feast of the Holy Family. That Feast reminds us that Jesus, Mary and Joseph were forced to escape persecution and death by fleeing into exile in Egypt. It reminds us that, at the outset of his life on this earth, Jesus was a homeless migrant and a refugee.

Today, more than 80 million of our sisters and brothers have been forcibly displaced from their homes and communities by persecution, conflict and violence. Tens of millions more, seeking to escape hunger, poverty and climate catastrophes, have undertaken the same journey as the Holy Family in the hope of finding security and a more dignified life. At least forty percent of these migrants and refugees worldwide are children.

We are called by our faith to see in each of these people the face of Christ who, as Pope Francis repeatedly stresses, pleads with us to help. Indeed, "the faith we proclaim makes us see God present in all those situations where we think he is absent. He is present in the unwelcomed visitor, often unrecognizable, who walks through our cities and our neighborhoods, who travels on our buses and knocks on our doors." And so we are called to welcome newcomers "in their neighborhoods and schools, in their places of work and worship, with heartfelt hospitality, openness, and eagerness both to help and to learn from our brothers and sisters, of whatever race, religion, ethnicity, or background."

### Welcoming the Stranger Among Us: Unity in Diversity (USCCB 2000)

The Corporal Works of Mercy are the concrete expression of the Gospel's call to solidarity with those who are suffering, vulnerable, and in need. In seeking to welcome the stranger, may we heed the admonition of Saint Pope John Paul II thatsuch solidarity "is not a feeling of vague compassion or shallow distress at the misfortunes of so many people, both near and far," but "is a pervasive determination to commit oneself to the common good...because we are all really responsible for all."

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### What does Gesu Parish do?

- Collect NEW socks and underwear (and diapers) in the narthex bin for the Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry Men's Shelter, West Side Catholic Center, and Zelie's Home.
- Volunteer with the SVDPS or Ozanam Center at St. Philomena Church. Contact Pat Hawkins or the parish office for more information.
- Items for the Donation Station in the Thompson lot.
- Deliver food donations to the Thea Bowman Center and Salvation Army Rehabilitation Center. Contact Tom Tomsic or the parish office for more information.

### What can you do?

- Educate yourself about the plight of the homeless, migrant worker, immigrant, and refugee.
- Watch the Netflix docuseries, Immigration Nation
- Explore the Diocese of Cleveland Catholic Charities Migration & Refugee Services website found at http://bit.ly/37BLxo6 and look at "How You Can Help" by volunteering, mentoring a refugee family, renting to refugees, hiring refugees, or donating.
- Donate to the West Side Catholic Center to help our area's homeless at **www.wsccenter.org/give**.
- Volunteer with Habitat for Humanity.

### Mercy in the City January: Read Chapters 11 - 14

Ch.11 - After her interaction with Leroy, Kerry realized that she had failed to see him as a real person. Have you ever had an experience that changed your perspective on the people around you?

Ch. 12 -In this chapter Kerry describes a simple, single act of mercy when a stranger handed her a sturdier bag and bottle of water for her sick friend. Do you think small actions like this matter? If so, why don't more people do things like this?

Ch. 13 - Kerry's open-door policy for houseguests has resulted in both positive and negative experiences for her, with the positive greatly outweighing the negative. Can you describe a time when you opened yourself to the unknown? What happened?

Ch. 14 - What did you think about Kerry's experience with the men in the homeless shelter?

### GESU PRESCHOOL 2021–2022 REGISTRATION



Please join us

Thursday, January

21, at 7:00 pm in the Family Center gymnasium. We will have an overview of our program, a look into our classrooms, and registration packets

will be available at that time. If you are planning to attend, please RSVP to Judi Herbert, our admissions director, at **jherbert@gesu.com**. We look forward to meeting you! Be sure to wear a mask. Our chairs will be set up for social distancing. We offer the following programs:

### Three-Year-Old-Program

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

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

### Four-Year-Old Program

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

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

### 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 KINDERGARTEN 2021–2022 REGISTRATION

Families interested in the Gesu Kindergarten for September 2021 will find the following information helpful in planning. Gesu School will have three All-Day Kindergarten classes that meet daily from 8:00 am - 2:40 pm.

### Parent Information Meeting

A Parent Information Meeting will be held on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>January 12, 2021</u> in the Family Center at 7:00 pm. This meeting is optional and is intended for families new to Gesu School or families who have not recently had a Kindergarten student to become familiar with the Gesu program. If you plan on attending, please RSVP to Judi Herbert at **jherbert@gesu.com**. This event is for adults only and masks are required.

Registration (see Admissions Priorities below.)

• Gesu families who currently have other children attending Gesu School in grades K-8 will be able to register beginning on January 4, 2021. Please note (Continued on next page)

that Kindergarten registration will be done online this year. More detailed information will be forth coming.

- Gesu parishioners new to Gesu School will receive the online Kindergarten registration information at the meeting on January 12. Parents unable to attend the meeting should contact the Admissions Director at (216) 932-0620, ext. 117 or jherbert@ gesu.com.
- Catholic families not registered at Gesu and non-Catholic families will receive the online Kinder garten registration information at the meeting on January 12. Parents unable to attend the meeting should contact the Admissions Director.

### **Documentation**

The following documentation will be required at the time of registration:

- The child's Birth Certificate (The child must be five years of age by September 30th.)
- Baptismal Certificate, if applicable. (If baptized at Gesu, please provide the date.)
- Immunization Records
- Legal Custody information (if applicable)
- A recent Photograph of the child
- Registration Fee: \$125.00 (non-refundable if accepted)

Registration will be considered complete when all required information and documents have been submitted and the registration fee has been paid.

### MEN'S CLOTHING NEEDED

Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry Men's Shelter at 2100 Lakeside Avenue is in need of clothing donations. Men's clothing of all types - underwear, socks, pants, shirts, shoes and more, are all needed. Please drop off donations at the front of the church underneath the tables as you go in. If you prefer to have your items picked up, please call Carole Kealy at (216) 225-5142. Your help will really brighten the lives of these men.

Adam: What is a million years like to you? God: Like one second. Adam: What is a million dollars like to you? God: Like one penny. Adam: Can I have a penny?

God: Sure, just a second.

### NEW SOCK AND UNDERWEAR DRIVE



Do you have sock and underwear drawers at home? The homeless don't. There are two main reasons socks and underwear are among the most valuable pieces of clothing to people without permanent

housing. First, feet work overtime when there's no cozy home (and laundry room) to return to each night. The other reason is that socks and underwear are the most requested and least often donated or, when they are, they cannot be sanitized and put to use.

For our Corporal Works of Mercy, "Shelter the Homeless/Welcome the Stranger" focus during the month of January, we are collecting NEW socks and underwear for the Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry Men's Shelter, West Side Catholic Center, and Zelie's Home. All sizes for boys, girls, women and men are welcome. Diapers are underwear too. Thick, taller (not ankle), warm, non-colored socks are preferred, especially white tube socks, for winter. So please add socks, underwear and/or diapers to your shopping list and drop the packages off in the narthex bin.

### MONTHLY SUNDAY GRIEF SUPPORT

Catholic Cemeteries Association continues with our free monthly in-office grief support groups on January 17 with limited seating for social distancing. We offer a comfortable, private, and safe environment where you are free to talk about your grief. Meetings do not build off each other so you can stop in any month and fit right in. You do not even have to talk, but come and listen and be in the presence of those who understand. The January topic is "Facing the New Year with Hope and Love" but discussions follow whatever is on your heart. We meet the 3rd Sunday of every month from 3:00-4:00 pm at the following locations: Saint Joseph Cemetery, Avon (NEW office); Holy Cross Cemetery, Akron (office); Holy Cross Cemetery, Brook Park (office); Calvary Cemetery, Cleveland (office); All Saints Cemetery, Northfield (office); All Souls Cemetery, Chardon (office).

Meeting sites are sanitized and seating is arranged so everyone is at a safe distance. Participants are requested to RSVP so we can plan appropriate social distancing at each location. It is required that participants wear protective facial coverings. To RSVP or for questions, please contact Rhonda at 216-930-4866.

# GESU SCHOOL RAFFLE



The annual Gesu School Raffle mailing has been sent to all parishioners. If you are interested in supporting our Blue Ribbon Catholic School, please return your ticket stubs with a check

payable to Gesu Catholic School. Your ticket(s) will be entered into the weekly drawing and will allow you a chance at all \$6,500 drawn throughout the year. Thank you for your support!

### **GESU NEWS & VIEWS**

We apologize for the delay in receiving our fall issue of Gesu News & Views. Though it was mailed in late November, we are aware that many of our parishioners are still awaiting its arrival due to postal service delays. For those who wish to view a copy online, an electronic copy is available at https://bit.ly/3of2rP2. We appreciate your patience.

### 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.

### PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers or personnel associated with the Church, please contact the Diocesan Response Service Office at (216) 334-2999 or via email at **response\_ services@dioceseofcleveland.org**. You are also asked to immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior.

### SUPPORT GESU SUNDAY OFFERING

If you are able, please continue to support the Gesu Sunday Offering. There are 4 simple and secure ways to do this:

- 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.

### PARISH DIRECTORY

The 2020-2021 Gesu Directory is now available on our website. Visit **churchofthegesu.org** and select Gesu at a Glance / Resources / Parish Directory. It's a great resource for learning about all the different parish ministries and organizations. We have a limited number of printed copies. Please call the Parish Office if you'd like one.

### HELP US UPDATE OUR RECORDS

Please help us update our database records. Does Gesu have your most current information? Please submit your name, address, cell phone and email to **hwalter@churchofthegesu.org** and we will update our files. If you have adult children or Gesu classmates that wish to update their records, please send their info along too! Thank you for keeping in touch!

### TEXT TO GIVE

Giving to Church of the Gesu is easy with Faith Direct Text-to-Give. To give via text, follow these steps:

- 1. Text \$ amount to (216) 930-2992
- 2. Register your credit/debit card
- 3. Save this number as a contact in your phone to make future giving faster and easier.

All gifts are tax deductible and will be properly acknowledged by the Development Office. We are grateful for your support!

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# AMAZON SMILE

Please consider shopping Amazon Smile today and support Gesu Church and School! Amazon Smile has the same great products and prices as Amazon with an added bonus - a portion of eligible purchases will be donated back to Gesu just by choosing Gesu Parish in University Heights as your preferred charity! Shop all year long on Amazon Smile and support Gesu. Share with your friends and family! Happy shopping at **www.smile.amazon.com**.



### **GESU BULLETIN**

### **Bulletin Submissions**

All information and materials for the bulletin should be emailed to **bulletin@churchofthegesu.org** by 5:00 pm nine days prior to publication. **Submis**sions for the January 23/24 bulletin are due by <u>Friday, January 15</u>.

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