



2470 Miramar Blvd., University Heights, OH 44118

PENTECOST SUNDAY

"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming." - Jn 16:13

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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 Thomas Pipp, SJ Interim Administrator

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

Marcia Leous Faith Formation

Amy Zucca Outreach Coordinator

Mark Ehrbar Music Ministry

PARISH DIRECTORY

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Parish Office Fax (216) 932-0731

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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.



Begin by taking a moment to calm yourself, focus on your breathing and become aware of the life force that flows through your veins. Center yourself in the words and affections of St. Augustine's Prayer to the Holy Spirit, "Breath in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy." Sanctifying, bringing things to wholeness, blessing, restoring and creating are just some of the fruits of the presence of the Holy Spirit. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is not always about proclaiming loud cries of praise or singing alleluia from a roof top. It is about unfolding and encountering the ordinary in an extraordinary way. Being filled with the Holy Spirit means being filled with the fullness of God's life and in touch with the power and wonder of God's presence. It's about becoming holy.

It is not just for saints or people who have a religious vocation. Holiness is for the ordinary, simple run-of-the-mill person who desires to love God, others and all of creation. When an ordinary, humble person becomes connected with life and the wondrous power of God's love, they begin to live life more deeply, a bit more reverently, desire a simple fare and find themselves relishing in ordinary beauty. Their senses become attuned to the Author of life and they realize that they are not alone. The Holy Spirit connects all of the dots of human experience and existence, bringing everyone to center on the Divine Presence. The Holy Spirit does not just breathe "on me" but "in me" and is the force behind every breath I take. Take a moment to soak that thought in. There is the Divine Presence of the Holy Spirit in me, right now. When a person becomes in touch with truth, they know that when inspired by the Holy Spirit, his or her actions are not solely their own. They realize that they are moved by Divine Grace and drawn to things not found in secular affairs.

We live in a world where it is hard to discover truth. Real truth is veiled by so many impostors that it is hard to find, especially for those who are young. It is easy to get fooled and duped and often, without full conscious awareness of doing so, we choose to walk down a path of self-absorption and destruction. It is only the Holy Spirit, through the ministry of the church most especially, who guides us to truth and shows us the way to be the graced and holy human beings God made us to be. The wonders and inspirations of today's Feast of Pentecost are necessary to share with both those we love and those who only casually cross our paths. The first disciples, touched by the Holy Spirit, brought the Gospel to the ends of the earth one step at a time. Is it unrealistic to ask that we assist in that same mission by helping people understand who they are and who God is one at a time? Ask the Holy Spirit to alleviate the fear in your heart that prevents you from doing so.

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This Week at Gesu

MONDAY 5/24

Mass.....7:30 am - Church Faith Formation Commission Mtg......7:00-8:30 pm - Zoom

TUESDAY 5/25

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

WEDNESDAY 5/26

Mass	7:30 am - Church
Legion of Mary	8:00-9:00 am - Church Narthex
Rosary for Life	8:00 am - Church

THURSDAY 5/27

Mass	7:30 am - Church
Christian Life Community3:	45 pm - Sacred Heart Room
Boy Scout Troop 620 Mtg	7:00 pm - McAuley Hall

FRIDAY 5/28

Mass	7:30 am - Church
Grade 8 Awards	9:30 am - Church
Grade 8 Awards Luncheon	11:00 am - Family Center

SATURDAY 5/29

Bible Study - 1st & 2nd Chron	icles12:00-2:00 - Zoom
Confession	3:00-4:00 pm - Nativity Room
Mass	4:30 pm - Church

SUNDAY 5/30

Holy Trinity Sunday

Mass......8:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:30 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 in the Narthex. 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. Because of continuing COVID concerns, we will do our best to minister to them as permitted.



REST IN PEACE

Linda Schafer Sister of Diane Pederson

Thomas Conway Brother of Richard, William, Terry, Neil and Peggy

Michael Raleigh Geraci Brother of Kevin (Angela)



MARRIAGE BANNS

Meghan Sluzynsky & **Theodore Dellas** May 29, 2021

> Elise Venditti & **Patrick Milligan** June 5, 2021



PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS THIS WEEK

Rosary for Life Wednesday, May 26

8:00 am - Church



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.

Bonnie-Jean Kennedy Wayne Schmidt Joseph Trzcinski Theresa LoPresti Rvan S. JoeAnn Franklin **Rita Huebner** Frank Gilmore Lou Cherry Melissa Currance Alique Topalian Paul & Lynette Trolli Marian Amanda Jadon Michael Kalp Denise Mastro Tara Conklin Jamie Chitwood Jonathan Sedor Margaret Elliott Maryan Baughman Robert Schmidt George Coleman Patricia Dye Heather Pederson Ellen Ferreri Sandy Bonnot Mary Jo Rourke Margaret Trenkamp Jacob Gordon George Martin

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 Nick Gundersen 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 Rossy **Claire Gascoigne** Sarah Kuhar Michael Markiewicz Janet Markiewicz 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.

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



FR. KISER FAREWELL RECEPTION

Please join us in bidding farewell to Fr. Kiser this Sunday, <u>May 23</u>, on the Front Lawn. Stop by any time between 12:30 & 3:00 pm. (The Family Center is our rain-out location.)

DISPENSATION TO BE LIFTED

Together, the Bishops of Ohio have decided that the general obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days (including the Saturday/Vigil Mass) is to be reinstated. This will take effect in each of the Dioceses of Ohio the weekend of June 5-6, 2021. As has always been the case, those who have a serious reason are exempt from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. This includes those who are ill, have significant health risk factors or care for someone who is immuno-compromised or ill, as well as those who have significant fear or anxiety of contracting the coronavirus in a large group of persons. Nevertheless, these persons should observe the Lord's Day and are encouraged to spend time in prayer on Sunday, meditating on the Lord's passion, death and resurrection; an appropriate way to do this is through viewing a broadcast of the Sunday Mass. Masses that are broadcast through various media are not intended as a substitute nor do they fulfill the obligation for the persons who are able to gather for a Sunday celebration and other Holy Days of Obligation.

To read the full release, go to https://bit.ly/3oCH3o8.

SACRISTANS NEEDED

Have you ever considered helping out here at Church and wondered how? We would really like to expand our team of Sacristans at our weekend Masses. We are so grateful for those who have served in this role and would love to expand the group. It only takes about 15 minutes before Mass to set up and about 5 minutes after Mass to clean up.

Our present team is one person at each Mass, but we would love to add others so that we could alternate weeks, etc. Great training is provided! (It's not difficult at all!) Invite a friend to join you, or even your family. If interested, please contact Sr. Kathleen at **kflannery@churchofthegesu.org**.

GESU WELCOMES NEW PARISHIONERS!

Maureen Brennan Marissa Haas Eric & Jasmine Reed Gavin & Laura Stefanski Matt & Lindsay Wilson Kevin & Amanda Esterburg Paul and Milica Kuester Andrew & Christine Van Sickler Walter Stepanenko





MONDAY 5/24 Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87; Jn 19:25-34

7:30 am Kathy Nolan

TUESDAY 5/25

Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50; Mk 10:28-31

7:30 am Mary Michaels

WEDNESDAY 5/26 Saint Philip Neri

Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17; Ps 79; *Mk* 10:32-45

7:30 am

Family of Matthew Kaminski

THURSDAY 5/27

St. Augustine of Canterbury

Sir 42:15-25; Ps 33; Mk 10:46-52

7:30 am Ian Tookey

FRIDAY 5/28

Sir 44:1, 9-13; Ps 149; Mk 11:11-26

7:30 am Joseph Amato

SATURDAY 5/29

St. Paul V; BVM

Sir 51:12cd-20; Ps 19; Mk 11:27-33

SATURDAY VIGIL & SUNDAY 5/30

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps 33; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

James Lavelle
Elmo Sebastian
Anne Raguso
Parishioners of Gesu



May our parish children experience the peace and love of Jesus in the Eucharist on the day of their First Holy Communion and throughout their lives. May they learn to respond with gratitude to God for this great gift! Congratulations to this weekend's First Communicants:

- Owen Brown Ivy Collins Lucy Killeen William Mead Mary O'Donoghue Tomas Quilter James Uhrich
- Grant Clifford Warren Croniser Luke Parnin Juliet O'Donoghue Rory O'Donoghue Ryan Ragor Hattie Znidarsic

PARISH COUNCIL IS LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

Would you like to help steer a vibrant parish as it plans for the future? Do you like to dream of what could be and figure out how to make it happen? If this describes you, consider a role on Gesu's Parish Council. We need people willing to share their ideas about building and growing our parish community to better meet the needs of all parishioners. At this time, we are looking to add two members-at-large as some members are completing their terms. As a memberat-large, you serve a two-year term, just five meetings a year, starting this fall. For more information or to indicate your interest, send your name and contact information to mcreger@churchofthegesu.org.

IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY FOR TODAY



The Society of Jesus worldwide and the entire Ignatian family begins a very special year on May 20 to "celebrate St. Ignatius' spiritual journey from the 500th anniversary of his conversion in 1521 to his canonization in 1622." The following article written by a Jesuit from

Cameroon, Africa, "helps explain conversion as a process of recovering from blindness to better sight." Visit: https://bit.ly/3aCUz5p.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING: LIVING OUT OUR FAITH



Featured Article

The recent Derek Chauvin conviction for the killing of George Floyd inspired feelings of relief and vindication in many, including the author

of this month's feature article, Fr. Bryan Massingale. The verdict, nonetheless, was not viewed as a cause for celebration. It was rather seen as a wake-up call not only for our nation and its policing philosophy and social values, but for our Catholic Church in terms of "its complicity in the country's racism."

The article continues, "This jury verdict is a summons to the Catholic community to embrace the teaching of Pope Francis, who in discussing George Floyd's killing declared, 'We cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form and yet claim to defend the sacredness of human life.' The challenge for American Catholics is to profess a commitment to antiracism as an essential dimension of being pro-life."

To read the full text of this commentary, visit https:// bit.ly/3xosPuZ.

IGNATIAN THREADS

Pentecost: Jesus sends us The Spirit so we can live out the truths he taught. How do we perceive and receive the Spirit of God? Do we open the door of our hearts to let the Holy Spirit come in and make a dwelling place? As we often do before an Ignatian Examen, we breathe in the Spirit of God's presence and let out the cares and distractions of our day. We hear in the Gospel that the "Advocate" will come. By definition, an Advocate is a supporter, promoter, sponsor - what a wonderful promise! As Ignatius surely did, we can trust in the same "Spirit of truth" that will guide each of us. Do we have an awareness

of the Holy Spirit working in our lives? Do we allow the Spirit of God to fill our longing hearts so that our everyday actions reflect the truths of our faith?





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AMDG

April 15, 2021

Dear Gesu Parishioners,

We wanted to take a moment to share our sincere gratitude with the Gesu Community for Fr. Kiser's leadership over the last four and a half years as our pastor. Fr. Kiser has graced our community with his faithfulness, compassion, leadership and sense of humor. During his time, our community has grown in many ways, especially during the last year. When he joined us in the Fall of 2016, he was eager to meet parishioners and hosted several listening sessions to learn about Gesu Parish and set goals for the future.

This effort was successful and has provided much vibrancy to our community. His introduction of One Book, One Parish encouraged everyone not only to read a good book, but to learn more about mortality, saints and the Corporal Works of Mercy. He worked closely with current Principal Lucy Iemmolo to set a plan to increase teachers' compensation and has provided support to make sure the school is exceeding academic standards and maintaining a strong enrollment. Over the past 18 months, Fr. Kiser has worked closely with the Parish Pastoral Council on Gesu's strategic plan. Together, the Pastoral Council launched goals for the parish to achieve by 2025 – nearing Gesu's Centennial anniversary in 2026. Most recently, Fr. Kiser established a successful fundraising program that is providing the financial resources to address plant and capital needs on our campus and is also growing our endowment. These are just a few highlights of his time with us, in addition to visiting the sick, celebrating numerous weddings, First Communions and baptisms, and consoling grieving families at funerals. On top of that, with the help of the parish staff, he has steered the ship through the pandemic!

Fr. Kiser has been a blessing to our community in many ways, and we are forever grateful for the time that he has spent with us. As we bid him farewell and the best of luck in his new role as Provincial of the Midwest Province of Jesuits, please keep him in your prayers.

Fr. Kiser will celebrate Mass with us on May 23 (Pentecost Sunday) at 11:30 am and a COVID friendly Open House will follow the liturgy, either outside or in the Family Center. He will be available to share his goodbyes with parishioners, so if you like, please stop by to greet him. Also, if you are interested in making a gift in Fr. Kiser's honor, he has asked that you please direct it to the Gesu Endowment for financial assistance for Gesu School.

Michelle Creger Parish Pastoral Council Chair Shane Bigelow Gesu Endowment Fund President

PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE & THE GREEK ISLES

Following in the Steps of St. Paul

Hosted by Fr. Lorn Snow, SJ 11 Days: November 9-19, 2021

We will visit: Athens, Corinth, Mykonos, Ephesus, Patmos, Santorini, Delphi, Kalambaka and Thessaloniki. The trip also includes a 3-day Cruise to the Greek Isles & Turkey.

The cost is \$3,879 per person from Cleveland. For more information please contact Jane Lewis at (216) 321-7248.

CCA MEMORIAL DAY MASSES

The Catholic Cemeteries Association, Diocese of Cleveland, Memorial Day Mass Schedule

Join us for Mass to honor those who gave their lives serving God and country. Mass will be celebrated at the following locations on May 31, 2021 at 10:00 am except where noted:

- All Saints, Northfield | 480 W. Highland Road
- All Souls, Chardon | 10366 Chardon Road
- Calvary Cleveland | 10000 Miles Avenue
- Calvary, Lorain | 555 N Ridge Road W | 9:00 am
- Holy Cross, Akron | 100 E Waterloo Road
- Holy Cross, Brook Park | 14609 Brook Park Road
- Resurrection, Valley City | 6303 Center Road
- St. Joseph, Avon | 32789 Detroit Road
- St. Mary, Cuyahoga Hts. | 4720 East 71 St | 9:00 am
- St. Agnes Church, Elyria | 611 Lake Ave. | 9:00 am
- St. Mary Church, Olmsted Falls | 25615 Bagley Road | 9:00 am

Masses at our cemetery locations will be outdoors and socially distanced. Please bring a lawn chair and an umbrella in case of inclement weather. Church Masses are indoors and follow diocesan protocol for COVID safety. If you have any further questions, please contact Rhonda at **rabrams@clecem.org** (216) 930-4866 or visit our website at **www.clecem.org**.

HOLIDAY WORSHIP PACK SURVEY

For those who picked up a Spring Family Worship Pack, the Faith Formation Commission would appreciate your feedback! Please fill out a short survey, at https://forms.gle/5WBWcMfQWdoxFVJbA.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS



The following scholarships are available for the children of Gesu Parish. For complete information, please visit **www. churchofthegesu.org/scholarshipfunds**. Families applying for financial aid will need to complete an online application and submit the necessary supporting documentation to FACTS

Grant & Aid Assessment by **May 31, 2021**. Candidates will not be considered for aid unless the application form is complete and supporting documentation has been provided.

The Fr. Francis Dietz, SJ Scholarship Fund offers

financial assistance for a Catholic School education to children of Gesu Parish whose needs warrant full or partial grants. Students attending a Catholic High School or students in the seventh or eighth grade at Gesu School are eligible. Student applicants must be members of Gesu Parish and must prove financial need. They must demonstrate a desire for a Catholic High School or Gesu School education, and intent to apply themselves to the best of their ability to the school's scholastic and moral principles.

The Fr. Robert J. McAuley, SJ Scholarship Fund

offers financial assistance to children in grades kindergarten through six, attending Gesu School, whose needs warrant full or partial grants. Candidates need to be registered members of Gesu Parish and must be attending or planning to attend Gesu Catholic School this fall. The family must prove financial need. They must demonstrate the desire for a Gesu Catholic School education and intent to apply themselves to the best of their abilities to the school's scholastic and moral principles.

CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY TALK AT OUR LADY OF PEACE

On Wednesday, June 9, Our Lady of Peace is hosting Fr. Casey Cole, O.F.M., American Franciscan Friar, Catholic priest, writer and blogger for a talk on the Corporal Works of Mercy. Fr. Casey runs his own online blog and YouTube channel called *Breaking the Habit* and is the author of the books, *Let Go: Seven Stumbling Blocks to Christian Discipleship* and *Called: What Happens After Saying Yes to God.* Join us at 5:30 pm for Mass in the church, followed a BBQ and Talk in Cummins Hall at 6:30 pm. Please RSVP at office@olpchurch.com or call (216) 421-4211. Our Lady of Peace is located at 12601 Shaker Blvd.

CHILDREN'S Corner

SHARING THE GOSPEL

One day one of your best friends may move away, and you won't see him every day. You can still stay close to your friend by talking on the phone, writing letters, or sending e-mail messages. Jesus knew he would be leaving. He would not see his friends every day. Jesus promised to send his Spirit to them. When they were confused, the Spirit would show them the truth. When they missed him, Jesus would send them messages by the Holy Spirit. Through the Spirit, Jesus could always stay close to his friends.



PUZZLE

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

The Spirit takes my message and tells it to you.



PRAYER

God, thank you for sending your Spirit so I can stay close to Jesus, too.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Draw a picture of God's Spirit whispering in your ear.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Before you sit down to read a Bible story, ask God to send his Spirit to help you. When you listen carefully to God's word, the Spirit can send you a special message from Jesus!

THEA BOWMAN CENTER SEEKING VOLUNTEER

Thea Bowman Center is currently seeking a volunteer who has the following capabilities:

- Ability to make phone calls
- Computer skills (needed to make updates within current food pantry list)
- Good communication skills
- · Good grammar skills
- Able to volunteer for one month

If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering, please contact Tammara Caldwell-Willis at **t.caldwell-willis@theabowmancenter.org** or (216) 491-0699 Ext. 211.

SCAM WARMING

Please be aware that emails from individuals pretending to be Fr. Kiser and ChurchoftheGesu were recently sent out to some of our parishioners. If you receive any type of communication from Fr. Kiser soliciting money or gift cards, please disregard it. Father and our Gesu staff would never solicit funds in this manner. If you receive emails asking for your personal information, please disregard them. Gesu will never ask for this information through email. If you ever have any questions whether you have received a legitimate request, simply call the parish office at (216) 932-0617 to confirm.

Phishing emails are one of the most common online threats, so it is important to be aware of the tell-tale signs and know what to do when you encounter them. Here are five ways to spot phishing attacks.

- 1. The email asks you to enter or confirm personal information.
- The email addresses do not look genuine -Legitimate emails from Gesu will be sent from an @churchofthegesu.org email address.
- 3. The email is poorly written.
- 4. There is a suspicious attachment.
- 5. The message is designed to make you panic.

When in doubt, throw it out: Links in emails, social media posts and online advertising are often how cybercriminals try to steal your personal information. Even if you know the source, if something looks suspicious, delete it.

Please report suspected phishing to your mail service provider. (i.e., Yahoo, Gmail, Hotmail, AOL, etc.)

SVDP RACE FOR HUNGER RELIEF MATCHING GIFT CAMPAIGN:

Double Your Donation to Feed Hungry Families

This past year during the pandemic, St. Vincent de Paul Society hunger centers served 9,260 NEW people who found themselves in need of emergency food for the very first time (this is in addition to the other 120,000 people that SVDP normally serves). Please help by donating to this matching gift campaign today.



Matching Gift Campaign for SVDP Hunger Centers svdpcle.org

Not only will your contribution be doubled, but every dollar of your gift will feed up to four people. Donate at **svdp cle.org** or send a check to: SVDP Race for Hunger Relief, 1404 E. 9th Street-3rd Floor, Cleveland, OH 44114.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE Rosary for Life: Wednesday, May 26

Join us immediately following the 7:30 am Mass for the Rosary in the main Church. Our prayers will focus on upholding the sanctity and dignity of human life.

Update on Zelie's Home

Zelie's Home is a caring community based in Garfield Heights that empowers pregnant and parenting women to take positive and effective action on behalf of themselves and their children by providing physical, emotional, spiritual and professional support. Zelie's Home reflects Catholic social teaching of affirming human dignity, solidarity and the call to community and participation. The last few months have expanded support services to include a financial literacy and car seat safety program. More information can be found on **zelieshome.org**.

Zelie's Home Birdies for Babies Golf Outing June 13 - 12:00-7:00 pm

Shale Creek Golf Club in Medina will host a golf scramble to benefit the mothers and babies at Zelie's Home. Please visit the website above to register or to offer a sponsorship.



A YEAR OF THE CORPORAL WORKS OF MERY By Cathy Pressimone

What a year. We have been together, apart, living a year that will be referenced throughout history. During this year, we rediscovered the things in life that matter the most. We lived with deprivation - socially, physically and emotionally. We learned that we could do without. We learned that, many times, others were faring worse than us - a lot worse. And we learned the value of our faith on a deeper level.

This year of COVID-19 was the year that Gesu chose to focus on the Corporal Works of Mercy. After reading Kerry Weber's book, *Mercy in the City*, programs were put into place that would take the corporal works into the community - in spite of the COVID restrictions. Not only did the established Outreach Committees continue their missions, but the parish also stepped up its efforts to live the Corporal Works of Mercy.

In October, food banks received copious amounts of food and cash to help the hungry whose ranks had swollen due to job losses and food shortages. In November, as the deaths from the virus began to increase exponentially here in Ohio and across the world, we looked at programs that buried the indigent and homeless as we continued to pray for the dying and deceased - victims of the pandemic. Gesu's generosity continued and the Christmas Angel Tree Project provided holiday cheer to over 350 people. As the New Year arrived, Gesu continued to give to the needy - this time in hundreds of pairs of socks and underwear that were donated to homeless shelters. In February, the Rice Bowl Project illustrated the parish's willingness to give alms to the poor, contributing over \$1,200. In March, food, money and assistance were offered to help support the Veteran's Affairs medical mission and there was an increased effort in prayers for the sick and imprisoned as the opportunities to visit were restricted. In April, a Care for Our Common Home Conversation was held to look for ways

that Gesu can focus some of its work around the new corporal work "Care of Creation." Throughout May, awareness of the need to protect the vital resource of water and the continued hunger in our community was the main focus.

I am new to this parish; my family moved to Ohio and into Gesu parish at the end of last May, in the middle of the worst pandemic in modern history. It was a challenging time for relocation, but we found ourselves at home in a parish that is caring, compassionate and willing to be Christ to others. Even when life was onerous and at times heartbreaking, the family of Gesu continuously fulfilled Jesus' command to care for His littlest ones.

What does Gesu Parish do?

• Gesu Catholic School students Hiked for Hunger on May 21st. These are some of the agencies Gesu's Food Fund supports: Greater Cleveland Food Bank, Meals on Wheels, Westside Catholic Center, St. Pat's Hunger Center, and Our Lady of Peace Food Pantry.

• Saturday, May 22nd Gesu's volunteer group worked at Shaker Lakes Nature Center planting some native plants/shrubs throughout their habitats.

What can you do?

Educate yourself on water and environmental issues. Here are some good resources:

• Alliance for the Great Lakes, **greatlakes.org**, works to protect our most precious resource, the Great Lakes, and organizes Adopt-a-Beach which coordinates beach cleanups and signups. Visit: **adopt.greatlakes.org/s/find-a-cleanup**.

• Drink Local Drink Tap: **drinklocaldrinktap.org**. They specialize in deep boreholes and gravity-fed tap systems mainly at schools, of which water sources serve the community as well.

• The City of Cleveland offers water conservation tips: www.clevelandwater.com/blog/save-moneythese-summer-water-tips

Employment Opportunities

Development & Communications Assistant

Gesu Parish, in University Heights, seeks a parttime Development & Communications Assistant to provide administrative support to the Development Office and participate in fundraising activities including donor relations, communications and special events.

We are seeking a candidate who has knowledge and experience with a development office, has a strong administrative background, provides attention to detail with assignments, has ability to multitask and has strong interpersonal skills. A few responsibilities include data entry, gift acknowledgments, social media postings, coordinating annual projects and assistance with special events. The position reports to the Development & Communications Director.

Send cover letter and resumes to humanresources @churchofthegesu.org or to:

Church of the Gesu 2470 Miramar Blvd. University Heights, OH 44118 Attn: Development Office

For a complete job description visit the Employment Opportunities page on the website **www.churchofthegesu.org**.

Drivers Needed - FARE-Cle

You can be a "driving force" in helping special populations! FARE-Cle is an "Uber-like" service which provides transportation for special needs populations. FARE-Cle is currently hiring drivers. Reliable transportation allows people with disabilities to be active participants in our community. Hours are flexible and rewards are invaluable. Please contact: **fare-cle.org**.

Community Outreach Coordinator

St. Peter The Rock Media/AM 1260 The Rock is seeking a Community Outreach Coordinator. For a full job description, please visit https://am1260therock.com/job-opportunity/. Interested candidates should send a letter of interest and resume to bboguski@am1260therock. com. No phone calls please.

FAITH DIRECT

Making plans for the summer? Make sure to plan for your offertory as well! When your summer travels take you away from Sunday services, eGiving lets you continue to support Gesu Church and the ministries you cherish. You can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Recurring gifts sustain our parish through the busy summer months. You'll provide us with consistent support, even if you're away on a Sunday, so the programs, services, and ministries that mean so much to our community will never miss a beat.

Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/OH283, or text "Enroll" to (216) 930-2992.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

April Collections

	Monthly	Year-to-Date	
	Offering	Offering	
4/1/2	21 - 4/30/21	7/1/20 - 4/30/21	
Sunday Offering	\$39,458	\$851,759	
Faith Direct	\$39,537	\$410,174	
Christmas/Easter	\$20,098	\$80,787	
Holy Days	\$5	\$5,452	
Total Contributions	\$99,098	\$1,348,172	
Budget	\$125,000	\$1,287,000	
Variance from Budget	(\$25,902)	\$61,172	
Other Monthly Collections			
Honduras Mission	\$190	\$1,200	
Food Fund	\$1,927	\$17,460	
Corporal Works of Mercy	\$2,190	\$4,053	
Fund for Gesu	\$7,535	\$21,739	
Monthly Special Collections			
Eastern Europe	\$165	\$215	
SVDP	\$10	\$3,472	
Catholic Home Mission	\$372	\$714	
Operation Rice Bowl	\$914	\$1,044	
Catholic Relief Services	\$100	\$862	
Holy Land/Good Friday	\$771	\$121	

BRICKS & PAVERS IN THE PIAZZA

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



member 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.

DONATIONS TO GESU SCHOOL FINANCIAL AID FUND

Donating to Gesu Catholic School's Financial Aid fund has never been easier! If you would like to make a contribution, you can now donate online by visiting our Faith Direct Give Now page. Visit https:// membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/OH283 and choose Gesu School Financial Aid Fund. All gifts for Gesu School's financial aid fund are fully tax deductible and you will receive a tax receipt for your records. Thank you for your generosity!

MARDI GRAS – THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Thank you very much for your generous support of Mardi Gras! Your sponsorships, donations, and raffle ticket purchases helped to raise over \$60,000 for Gesu School. These funds will be used to upgrade the classrooms, specifically new white boards, tack boards and Clevertouch technology (interactive white boards) to improve the teaching and learning environment for teachers and students. Your support is greatly appreciated! If you didn't have a chance to tune in, the virtual program can be found at https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=3S0VKBT1iRg.

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 June 5/6 bulletin are due by 5:00 pm on <u>Friday, May 28</u>.**

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