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Regular Business Hours:

- Monday-Thursday: 9:00 am-5:00 pm
- Friday: 9:00 am-5:00 pm
- Saturday: 9:00 am-4:30 pm
- Sunday: 9:00 am-2:00 pm

In the event of an emergency after regular business hours, please call the emergency Night Service number at (440) 942-6499.

Gesu School: (216) 932-0620 - www.gesu.com

Schedule of Masses:

- **Saturday Vigil:** 4:30 pm
- **Sunday:** 8:00 am, 10:00 am & 11:30 am
- **Monday-Friday:** 6:45 am & 8:30 am
- **Anointing Mass:** Noon on the third Wednesday of each month
- **Holy Days:** 6:45 am, 8:30 am, 12:00 pm & 7:00 pm
- **Legal Holidays:** 10:00 am only
- **Reconciliation Saturday:** 3:00 – 4:00 pm (or by appointment)

*Communal Reconciliation Services are scheduled during Advent and Lent.*

*For additional information and updates (including Christmas and Easter) refer to the Weekly Bulletin, Church website, or eNewsletter.*
Dear Gesu Parishioners,

Fall has a wonderful way of settling us into a routine again after a restful summer, which I hope you all enjoyed. What follows is your 2019-2020 Parish Directory. I welcome you to browse through the pages, and invite you to participate in something which speaks to your spirit – a program, ministry, commission or community activity. When we immerse ourselves in something greater than ourselves, extraordinary things happen.

In these pages, you’ll learn the many ways that the parish serves our community: faith formation, service to the poor and needy, sacramental service, caring for the sick and those mourning the loss of a loved one. We provide for and inspire our young people through faith formation and opportunities for service. And of course, we take time to celebrate together with events like “Come Home to Gesu” and the Parish Block Party. It’s really quite remarkable when you consider all that occurs in a given day, month or year.

Please make use of this Directory and reach out to us often. We are here to accompany you through the journey of life, especially to celebrate with you on joyous occasions and walk with you in your sorrow. We are here to help you find God in your life and to help you answer the difficult questions. Please join us throughout the year and embrace being a special part of the Gesu community.

God Bless,

Karl J. Kiser, SJ
Pastor
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*Please Note: This directory is confidential and is intended for the exclusive use of Gesu parishioners.*
Parish Information

Parish Membership
We are happy to welcome new parishioners to Gesu. You are asked to register at the Parish Office at your earliest convenience. For current parishioners, please notify the office of any changes to your address, phone, or email. If you are moving, or if your adult children have moved away from your home, we ask that you notify the Parish Office. If your child is 23 or older, we invite them to contact the Parish Office to register as an adult.

Sacramental Scheduling & Preparation
For information on Baptism, First Reconciliation & Communion, Confirmation and Marriage, please see refer to these sections under the Faith Formation on page 15.

Sick Calls
If you or a member of your family is ill, in the hospital, or homebound, please call the Parish Office day or night for Anointing of the Sick. If you would like have Communion brought to you or a family member, we will be happy to make arrangements for you.

Funerals
Please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible following the passing of a loved one. Funeral arrangements must be made by the family and your Funeral Director before publication in the newspaper. Death notices of Gesu parishioners and family members, with links to full obituaries, can be found on www.churchofthegesu.org.

Gesu School

Gesu Catholic School, a “Blue Ribbon School of Excellence” is dedicated to providing a rich and diverse curriculum that is integrated with Catholic faith values. Students are guided and supported to reach their own academic goals while discovering new strengths and interests. Helping to develop and strengthen a deeper faith as well as a passion for learning in each student is successful due to collaboration between parents, parishioners and a dedicated faculty and staff. The mission of the school is to provide a community and curriculum which meet the needs of the whole child in an atmosphere that fosters critical thinking and lifelong learning skills. For more information, visit the school website at www.gesu.com or contact Lucy Lemmolo, principal.

STREAM Education at Gesu School
Recent renovations have created exciting new learning spaces which are designed to engage students of all ages in areas such as robotics, programming, technical design, architecture and project based learning. The center also includes an Art Studio on the lower level, a 2nd floor science lab, a beautiful Learning Commons and Library. With these innovated renovations it is possible for Gesu School to prepare our students for a 21st century world with an increased focus on science, technology, religion, engineering, arts and math.

Preschool Program
The Gesu Preschool offers classes for 3, 4 and 5 year old children. The preschool’s integrated curriculum uses a center-based approach where learning occurs through active exploration and interaction in a “hands-on” environment. Registration is held in late January. To learn more, contact Debbie Lautenbach at (216) 932-0620 (x129) or dlautenbach@gesu.com.

Gesu School PTO
The Gesu School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) serves as the liaison organization between parents and staff, promoting communication, parent education service to the school and conducts fundraisers to support the school. Meetings are held on the second Monday evening of the month at (7:30 PM) in the Sacred Heart Room. Contact: Kristie Lane and Karen Horn for more information.
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Parish Leadership

In September of 2012, Gesu Parish embarked on a major undertaking with the help and guidance of Fr. Tom Sweetser, SJ, of the Parish Effectiveness Project to evaluate our parish, its leadership and many projects, activities and ministries.

Through the use of a survey and hundreds of conversations with parish leaders and parishioners, we worked together to form a new model of “being parish” ensuring the inclusion of parishioners, good communications, and structures that foster good decision-making on all levels.

The Parish Assessment and Renewal Process helped us to design a working model involving the Parish Pastoral Council, five Commissions (Worship, Faith Formation, Outreach, Community Life and Administration) and the parish staff. The Commissions meet monthly for a common Leadership Night where the best of insights and ideas might find their way into the life of the parish. Each Commission is represented on the Pastoral Council that meets periodically throughout the year. This faith-filled leadership body, guided by the Holy Spirit and the Gospel, works in conjunction with the pastor and parish staff to discern the needs of the parish, as well as guide the parish in building a strong Catholic faith community.

The role of the Pastoral Council is to:

**Mission**
Explore the core values and essentials of the parish as a whole, articulate them, and use them to guide and direct the parish.

**Vision**
Work together to help form a vision rooted in our Mission Statement, aware of the growing needs of our parish, the surrounding demographic area, and our neighboring parishes and institutions.

**Focus**
This council strives to provide a common direction and a focus for the parish as a whole, and for the five Commissions in their respective ministries and activities.

The role of each Commission is:

**Link**
To connect with each organization or ministry associated with its area.

**Assess**
To evaluate what is going on and hold individuals and groups accountable for what they said they would do.

**Vision**
To dream what could happen in their area of ministry and to set goals for the future.

**Funnel**
To set up ministry groups to accomplish the goals. (Form the group, give it a job description and timeline to follow, provide support and encouragement as they work towards those goals.)
Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council is one important component of our parish leadership. It is aligned with the five Commissions, looking with a strategic lens at the present and future of the parish, and identifying themes or directions around which to build goals and programming. In its consultative role to the pastor, the Council also addresses concerns and needs of the whole parish community.

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Worship Commission

The Worship Commission is to give direction to the liturgical life of the parish, as well as foster and promote the spiritual growth of all parishioners, enabling them to understand what it means to be a baptized Catholic Christian called to be “full, active and conscious participants” in the Liturgy.

For information about any of the groups listed below, please contact Sr. Kathleen Flannery, OSU, at kflannery@churchofthegesu.org or Mark Ehrbar at mehrbar@churchofthegesu.org, (unless otherwise noted).

Members of the Worship Commission:

- Mark Ehrbar+  
- Michelle Creger  
- Jim Grover  
- Erin Ryan  
- Sister Kathleen Flannery OSU+  
- Linda Elliott**  
- Kristie Lang  
- Scott Sturm*  
- Rev. Dr. Jim O’Donnell+  
- Janet Grover  
- John Mulligan  
- Nancy Taylor**

** Co-chairs  
*Parish Council  
+ Staff Resource

Ministries

Altar Servers
Altar servers are young people in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades who assist at Masses, weddings and funerals. Servers are encouraged to extend their ministry into their high school years. Contact Hilda Walter at hwalter@churchofthegesu.org for more information.

Art and Environment Committee
Parishioners provide an artistic expression of the liturgical seasons throughout the Church year through seasonal focus pieces and floral arrangements. Contact Sr. Kathleen for more information.

Baptism Helpers
Those involved in this ministry assist the families at the time of the celebration of Baptism at weekend liturgies or on Sunday afternoon.

Eucharistic Ministers
Eucharistic Ministers assist in the distribution of Communion at weekend Liturgies, and are available for other liturgical events throughout the year. They serve on a regular schedule particularly at the Mass they usually attend. Diocesan training is required. The ministry is open to adults and seniors in high school. Contact Hilda Walter at hwalter@churchofthegesu.org for more information.

Eucharistic Visitors (also see Outreach Commission)
Eucharistic Ministers take Communion to the sick and/or homebound in nursing homes, hospitals and homes. Contact Ashley Ponce at aponce@churchofthegesu.org for more information.

Funeral Attendants
Adults assist at funerals in setting up, providing support for families and friends on arrival, and being available to the priests and younger servers during the funeral Mass. Scheduling is on an as-available basis.
Lectors
Lectors proclaim the Word of God at weekend Liturgies, and other liturgical events throughout the year. Training is provided. We also encourage young people to consider this ministry. Contact Pat Murphy at patkupiec@gmail.com for more information.

Ushers
Men and women are encouraged to join this dedicated group that assists in the hospitality of our worship life. They take up the collection and are available for any needs throughout Mass. Contact Mike Scalabrino at mscalabrino@roadrunner.com for more information.

Music Ministries

Magis Ensemble
Serving as the cornerstone of our music ministry, the Magis Ensemble serves at our 10:00 am Sunday morning liturgy. In addition, this group is also present for all major liturgies in the parish throughout the Church year. Magis Ensemble is made up of choral singers and executes repertoire that represents the broad spectrum of sacred music in the Catholic tradition. Along with featured choral pieces, the vast amount of music sung by the Magis Ensemble is the song of the assembly. Rehearsals take place approximately one Wednesday evening per month, as well as Sunday mornings from 9:00-10:00 am. Singers of all (or any) experience are welcome!

Loyola Chamber Orchestra
The Loyola Chamber Orchestra is a group of professional, Cleveland-based musicians who elevate the liturgical experience of feasts and special liturgies. The whole group, which represents instruments of the brass, string, woodwind and percussion families plays four times a year (Christ the King, Christmas Eve, Easter Vigil, Pentecost). Other liturgies may include smaller ensembles derived from the Loyola Chamber Orchestra.

Bell Choir
Our Bell Choir “rings” periodically throughout the year. Rehearsals are scheduled only to prepare for the coming Mass where bells will be used. Anyone is welcome to be on our roster, regular availability not required.

School Liturgy Choir
Made up of members of our day school. The School Liturgy Choir sings at school Masses on Friday morning and periodically on Sundays.

Children’s Choir
Open to some of our youngest parishioners. This group sings at the 4:30 Mass on Christmas Eve as well as at First Communions. Second through eighth graders are welcome.

Opportunities for prayer

Children’s Liturgy of the Word
CLOW is an opportunity for young children to hear the Word of God at their own level of understanding. This is offered during the Liturgy of the Word at selected Masses on the weekend. An adult leads the session during the Liturgy of the Word, and children return to their parents after the homily. Adults and teens interested in being leaders are most welcome. Contact Juli Paskay at paskayj@roadrunner.com or (513) 259-3491 for more information.
Eucharistic Exposition & Benediction
On the first and third Friday of the month from 1:00 to 5:00 pm in the Marian Chapel, the parish offers the opportunity for this time of prayer. If you are interested in this form of prayer, would like to commit to a specific hour (optional) or would like more information, contact Diane Mackay at dicove@att.net or (216) 509-2890.

Charismatic Prayer Group
This group meets on Monday evenings from 7:30-9:00 pm in the servers’ sacristy of the church. Its purpose is to give praise to God through song, prayer and scriptural reflection based on the teachings and traditions of the Church. Contact Pete Cicotti at (216) 932-0198 for more information.

Rosary (also see Outreach Commission)
The recitation of the Rosary takes place in the church or Marian Chapel. Consult the weekly bulletin for this schedule.

Taize Prayer
This contemplative sung prayer form takes place once a month from October to May in the Marian Chapel.
Faith Formation Commission

The Faith Formation Commission, in conjunction with the Church of the Gesu staff, oversees all aspects of faith formation in the parish, children through adults. The core and context of all faith formation at Gesu is grounded in the spirituality of St. Ignatius - true to our tradition as a Jesuit parish.

Please call the parish office at 216-932-0617 for more information about any of the programs listed below, contact the Staff Resource people: Marcia Leous at mleous@churchofthegesu.org; Mary von Carlowitz at mvoncarlowitz@churchofthegesu.org; or Jenny Lee at jlee@churchofthegesu.org (unless otherwise noted).

Members of the Faith Formation Commission:

Macarena Calzado*        Mary Beth Javorek        Amy Resch
Patrick Carney*          Jenny Lee+                  Tad Resch
Joe Gehring**            Marcia Leous+                Mary von Carlowitz+
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Ignatian Identity

The Ignatian Identity Committee explores ways of supporting the spirituality of St. Ignatius of Loyola and the Jesuit religious order. This committee assists parishioners in deepening their understanding of Ignatian spirituality and fostering their spiritual growth through Ignatian practices. Saint Ignatius was the founder of the Jesuits, or Society of Jesus, which is the religious order that has served Gesu Parish since its founding.

Ignatian Prayer and Faith Sharing
Each month, there is a gathering for prayer in the Ignatian traditions of imaginative Gospel Contemplation, Lectio Divina, and the Examen. A facilitator guides participants in prayer and reflection with a focus on Sacred Scriptures for the coming Sunday. Contact Hilda at hwalter@churchofthegesu.org for more information.

Ignatian Retreats
These experiences are based on the Spiritual Exercises, a collection of prayers, meditations, reflections and directions that St. Ignatius used to guide individuals who wished to grow in their love for God, others and self. Each retreat offers the opportunity to meet regularly with a group and/or spiritual companion and can be adapted to meet the needs of one’s daily life commitments.

Novena of Grace
This is an annual nine-day period of prayer to honor the anniversary of the canonizations of Saints Francis Xavier and Ignatius of Loyola (1622). Saint Francis was the first and greatest missionary of the Society of Jesus and contemporary, and friend of St. Ignatius, founder of the Society. The Novena of Grace includes a special Mass, daily prayer services and speakers. Contact Fr. Michael Vincent, SJ, at 932-0617 or mvincentsj@churchofthegesu.org for more information.
Adult Spiritual Growth
Gesu Parish provides opportunities for enriching all faith dimensions of an adult life. Experiences that promote a deeper appreciation and understanding of the Catholic faith include, but are not limited to: Bible studies, book clubs, retreats, speakers and discussions. For information on the these programs call the parish office or watch the bulletin.

Bible Study
The Church of the Gesu offers regular group opportunities throughout the year for exploring the Bible.

Book Club
The Gesu Book Club meets monthly to discuss various Catholic works of literature and share fellowship.

Generations of Faith
Generations of Faith events, organized around a Catholic topic of interest and open to people of all ages, take place periodically throughout the year.

Parish Retreats
Retreat experiences at the Church of the Gesu and at the Jesuit Retreat Center in Parma, OH, help parishioners to develop a deeper spiritual connection with God and one another.

Sacramental Preparation
Gesu Parish prepares individuals to celebrate the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Reconciliation and Marriage. Sacramental preparation is a community experience, and young people, their families and the parish community are all encouraged to participate in this process.

Baptism
Contact the Parish Office at (216) 932-0617 for general information about the celebration of Baptism at the Church of the Gesu and to begin the registration process. This includes attending a Baptism class, which is required for parents who bring their first child to this sacrament. Baptism sponsors (godparents) are encouraged to attend as well.

First Reconciliation and First Communion
Children normally celebrate the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist during the second grade year although older children are welcome. Parent meetings and family sessions supplement the classroom experience. First Reconciliation is celebrated on a weekday evening during the season of Advent and First Communion is celebrated at regular parish Masses during the Easter season.

Confirmation
Confirmation is a Sacrament of Initiation that completes the grace we received in Baptism. At Gesu, young people who are in the ninth grade or older, and who have received the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist, are invited to participate beginning in the fall of each year. Preparation involves catechesis and instruction in faith, led by a team of dedicated parishioners. It is augmented by an annual retreat. Special sacramental preparation sessions are also held for our teens and their parents and sponsors. All sessions are held on Sundays, beginning in October. Registration takes place online.

Marriage
Couples desiring to celebrate the sacrament of Marriage are asked to meet with a staff member who will begin the marriage preparation process. Contact Laura Bertsch at lbertsch@churchofthegesu.org for more information.
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
This process welcomes adults who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and guides them towards the celebration of the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and/or Eucharist. The RCIA also offers participants an opportunity to experience the parish community that shapes Catholics.

RCIA Adapted for Children
This program is specifically designed for those who are 7 years old and older who have not yet celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism. During this formative year, students are guided along their faith journey as they prepare for full initiation into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil with the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation while simultaneously attending PSR classes or religion classes in a Catholic elementary school.

Adaptive Needs Sacramental Prep
This program provides thoughtful preparation and religious instruction for children with mental and/or physical disabilities to celebrate the Sacraments and learn how to participate in the Mass.

Gesu ROCK Youth Ministry
Based on the Church’s framework for Catholic Youth Ministry, we are committed to fostering the total personal and spiritual growth of every young person. Gesu ROCK will empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today. We aim to draw the teens of our parish into responsible participation in the life, mission and work of the Catholic faith family through a wide variety of relevant programming that will enhance and deepen the spiritual, catechetical, social and service-oriented facets of each teen. Events are scheduled for 6-8th graders and 9-12th graders. The 6-8th graders meet on Wednesdays and the 9-12th graders meet on Sundays. Check out the Facebook page @GesuROCKYouthMinistry or the Instagram page @GesuROCK19 for a current listing of activities. For more information, contact our Youth Minister, Jenny Lee, at jlee@churchofthegesu.org.
Parish School of Religion (PSR) at the Church of the Gesu

We offer a variety of programs to support parents in their role as the primary educators in the ways of our Catholic faith for those children attending public or other private schools. For information on the following programs please contact Co-Director of Faith Formation: Mary von Carlowitz.

Grades Pre-K to Grade 5
The PSR program serves to support parents in the spiritual development and faith formation of their children. Children in grades PreK-5 gather at Gesu School from 10:00-11:15 am on Sunday mornings. Classes are periodically supplemented by family programs and intergenerational gatherings that foster both parental involvement and a connection with our faith community.

Grades 6-8
Junior High PSR offers a faith formation program for students in grades 6, 7 and 8. Our program meets each Sunday during the Catechetical year, from 10:00-11:15 am and is an interactive learning model which centers upon Catholic beliefs, scriptures and morality in light of our Ignatian identity. Our primary goal is to help our youth grow in their Catholic faith by incorporating prayer, catechesis, scripture exploration, small group discussions, and service opportunities.

Home Schooling Grades 1-8
Under certain circumstances, this option offers parents the opportunity to work with their child/ren at home as the primary teachers of the Catholic faith. Parents are responsible for covering all of the textbook material and discussing the topics with their children, on a weekly basis as they learn their grade-level Catholic social teachings and catechism. Families that choose to participate in this program are still expected to participate in all family-centered Intergenerational events and grade level activities in order to foster a connection with our parish community.

High School 9-12
High School PSR meets on Sunday mornings from 10:00-11:10 am in Gesu School for those teens that are not enrolled in a Catholic high school. This secondary/high school catechetical program follows a curriculum which addresses Christian morality, God and Religion, Jesus and Christianity, the Catholic Church and what it means to be “Catholic” in our world, witnessing to the gospel values. Every teen that wishes to be confirmed, must be enrolled in either a Catholic high school or the parish High School PSR program.

Family Catechesis
This innovative program will combine parish-based group meetings with the entire family (grades preK-8, as well as parent/s), the first Sunday of each month from 10:00-11:15 am, October through May and are a part of the PSR curriculum.

Vacation Bible School (VBS)
VBS is a weeklong summer experience of fun and learning for children from 4 years to 4th grade.
Outreach Commission

The Outreach Commission is comprised of committees and projects with the mission of caring for the sick, providing resources to those in need, and promoting social justice. For more information about any of the groups listed below, please contact Outreach Commission Staff Resource person, Ashley Ponce at aponce@churchofthegesu.org (unless otherwise noted).

Members of the Outreach Commission:

| Joe Aquilina | John Kealy | Ashley Ponce+ |
| Trudy Aquilina | Angel Krsacok* | Deb Straniero |
| Bill Hitch** | Steve Moylan* |

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Service Committees/Projects

**Advent Angel Tree Project**
Volunteers publicize, coordinate, collect and deliver donated Christmas gifts for families and individuals served by a number of area organizations. Contact Steve McDermott at stevem.sm9@gmail.com for more information.

**Bread Ministry**
Volunteers pick up bakery donations from Heinen’s every Tuesday and deliver them to the Fatima Family Center in Hough. Contact Deb Straniero at dstran118@gmail.com for more information.

**Catholic Worker Storefront**
On the first Saturday of the month, volunteers cook and serve a hot breakfast at the Catholic Worker Storefront on Lorain Avenue. Contact Kevin Brodar at kbrodar@utuia.org for more information.

**Gesu Hunger Project**
Volunteers pick up bakery donations from several Heinen’s locations every week (Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays), and deliver donations to the Thea Bowman Center in Mount Pleasant. New volunteers are always welcomed and needed. Schedules rotate and volunteers commit to the day(s) that work best for them.

**Honduras Mission**
Each February and July, a group of 30 parishioners travel to Honduras on a mission to work with those served by our partner, Sociedad Amigos de los Niños.

**Our Lady of Peace Food Pantry Collection**
Volunteers sort and deliver the food that is donated by parishioners for those served by Our Lady of Peace food pantry. Contact coordinators Mary Beth Soeder and Jenny Lambert at marybeth115@hotmail.com for more information.

**Red Cross Blood Drive**
The Gesu Red Cross Team invites parishioners to share in corporal works of mercy by donating blood through the American Red Cross. Gesu has established a schedule of six Red Cross blood drives a year,
so that parishioners may donate blood here at Gesu every time they are eligible to do so – every 56 days. Other Gesu ministries are invited to “sponsor” one of these drives by volunteering to make telephone calls, bake cookies, and recruit their members, supporters, parents and friends to give blood. Contact Sue Norcia at srn3g@sbcglobal.net for more information.

**Ronald McDonald House**
Quarterly, volunteers cook and serve breakfast or dinner for those staying at the Ronald McDonald House. Contact Matt McGinty at mmcginty99@gmail.com for more information.

**Sagrada Familia Meals & Latina Project**
Three times a year, on the second Saturday of the month at La Sagrada Familia Parish on the West Side of Cleveland, we prepare and serve food to approximately 150-200 individuals, from the surrounding community, who are in a variety of situations of need. We strive to provide a sense of friendship and community. In partnership with the Latina Project, we host monthly gatherings offering meals and fellowship for women and their children in situations of need. If interested in either of these meals, contact Cathy Markiewicz at coasterkatt@yahoo.com for more information.

**Service Day**
Each year, nearly 1000 Gesu parishioners fan out city-wide to serve the greater Cleveland community. Service Day provides an opportunity for parishioners to volunteer at 50+ northeast Ohio organizations. The day concludes with the 4:30 pm Mass and a parish dinner in the Family Center. This year, Service Day will be Saturday, December 7, 2019.

**St. Pat’s Hunger Center**
One Tuesday evening every four to six weeks, volunteers cook and serve dinner at St. Pat’s Hunger Center.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society**
The St. Vincent de Paul Society serves as a temporary bridge for people in various situations of need, such as a loss of income, job, a family member, etc. Volunteers also help organize and pass out food and clothing at the Ozanam Center at St. Philomena Church. If in need of assistance, please contact the Parish Office at (216) 932-0617. If interested in volunteering, please contact Pat Hawkins at hawks.p@att.net.

**Peace and Justice**

**Fair Trade Initiative**
As part of our commitment to becoming a Fair Trade Congregation, we are committed to using Fair Trade products, advocating for social justice, educating ourselves and others, and promoting environmental justice. Annually, we hold a Fair Trade Festival, hosting vendors selling coffee, food, clothing and other items made by artisans who earn a fair wage for their work.

**Legion of Mary**
The Legion of Mary, the largest worldwide lay apostolate in the Catholic Church, is committed to the spiritual formation of its members, who in turn reach out to others through spiritual works of mercy. The Legion of Mary was founded in Dublin in 1921 and has been active in the United States since 1931. “Our Lady of Perpetual Help”, the Gesu Parish Legion of Mary chapter, has a year-round open invitation to parishioners for enrollment as active or auxiliary members. You are welcome to be a guest at one of its meetings to become familiar with the responsibilities and benefits of membership. For more information, contact Christie Okocha at ndaoko@msn.com or DianeMackay at dicove@att.net.
Respect Life Committee
Members participate in spiritual, educational and service activities to promote the sanctity and dignity of all human life from conception through natural death. Meetings are held after the Rosary which is scheduled for the last Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the Marian Chapel. Check the bulletin or contact Debbie Bruening at debbruening1@gmail.com for more information.

Pastoral Care
Adaptive Needs Ministry (also see Faith Formation)
The Adaptive Needs Ministry reaches out to those parishioners of all ages with special needs, and to their family members. We aim to create a more welcoming environment for God’s special children in His house. We offer support and encouragement for families with special needs members. This support can include, but is not limited to, PSR and Sacramental assistance, prayers and meals, youth and young adult involvement and special programming. Contact Angela Young at maryangelayoung@yahoo.com for more information.

Bereavement: All Souls Day of Remembrance
The committee plans the Mass of Remembrance, and the meal which follows, for parishioners who have been bereaved in the past year.

Eucharistic Visitors to the Homebound
Eucharistic Ministers take the Eucharist to homebound parishioners or those temporarily recovering from illness or surgery.

Eucharistic Visitors: McGregor
Each week Eucharistic Ministers visit McGregor to conduct a Communion service and take Communion to Catholic residents unable to attend the service.

Eucharistic Visitors: Montefiore & Menorah Park
Eucharistic Ministers take Communion to patients at Montefiore and Menorah Park weekly.

Gonzaga Drivers
Volunteers help senior and handicapped parishioners by providing rides to church, doctors’ appointments and simple errands.

Pink Posse/Healing Rosary
Pink Posse is a support group for women in our parish who are going through a breast cancer journey. We gather socially on a semi-regular basis in support of women who want to discuss shared experiences in terms of treatment and moving forward. We also prepare meals for women/families who are going through surgery and treatment, as needed. In addition to our special ministry to those touched by cancer, we host a monthly Gesu Healing Rosary for all members of our parish who are in need of healing in mind, body or soul. All are welcome. Contact Deb Straniero at dstran118@gmail.com for more information.

Administrative
Outreach Budget and Project Oversight
A committee of five volunteers oversees the Outreach Commission’s budget, ensuring that allocated funds are spent responsibly and that these expenditures and projects are in line with the mission of the Commission.
Community Life Commission

The Community Life Commission is made up of a number of organizations, including both support and social groups. All of the groups in the parish have a purpose of building a deeper sense of Christian community for all ages and interest groups.

For more information about any of the groups listed below, please contact one of the Community Life Commission Staff Resource people, Fr. Michael Vincent, SJ or Lori Wright, Parish Executive Assistant, unless otherwise noted.

Members of the Community Life Commission:

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50+ Club
The Gesu 50+ Club is open to all members of the parish but is most popular with seniors. Monthly events, including luncheons, dinners, performances and bus trips, are held from September-June. Contact Jane and Dale Lewis at dale38jane@aol.com or Micki Maniscalco at micki.maniscalco@gmail.com for more information.

Athletic Advisory Committee
The Athletic Advisory Committee provides support, guidance and supervision to the Athletic Director in the administration of the athletic programs of the parish and school. The Committee meets regularly with the Athletic Director to address issues related to the athletic programs, and develops and assesses the handbook and policies that govern the programs. Contact Chris Koehler at kkoehler@frantzward.com or Dana Snelling at dmrs@msn.com for more information.

Athletics Booster Board
The Gesu Booster Club is a volunteer organization dedicated to promoting, coordinating and financing youth athletics for both Gesu School and PSR children in grades 1 - 12. Booster Club Board Meetings are held monthly. All are welcome. Volunteers are also needed to serve as coaches and to help with the Booster fund raisers. Contact Mike Soeder at episoed22@sbcglobal.net

Parish Block Party
The Gesu Parish Block Party is an annual summer gathering of parishioners along Miramar Boulevard. This is one of the parish’s most popular events. Free food is offered along with BINGO, music, games and entertainment. Volunteers are always needed. Contact Joe Gehring at jgehring07@jcu.edu for more information.

Bowling League
Adults of all skill levels are welcome to join us at 7:00 pm on Monday nights at Freeway Lanes of Solon. We play for 33 weeks starting in early September. It is never too late to join! Contact Bryan Barrett at doccar725@aol.com for more information.
Scouts BSA (Formerly called Boy Scouts of America)
Scout Troop 620 has been an established troop in Gesu Church since 1960. Membership in Scouts BSA is open to all youths of the parish who are ten years of age or older and have completed the 5th grade. The focus of the troop is on character development, service, hiking, camping and spending time outdoors. Contact Brett Young at troop620.gesu@gmail.com for more information.

Cub Scouts (Grades 1-5)
Membership in Cub Scout Pack 620 is open to all youths of the parish in grades 1-5. The objectives of the group are citizenship training, character development and personal fitness. Contact Kevin Lloyd at gesu.cubscouts@gmail.com for more information.

Donut Sunday
The parish offers donuts after Mass periodically throughout the year. This is a great opportunity to meet new parishioners and catch up with friends. Watch the weekly Bulletin and parish website for upcoming Donut Sunday dates. Contact Jenny Lambert at jennymaloney@hotmail.com or Mary Beth Soeder at marybeth115@hotmail.com if you’d like to help.

Early Childhood Programs (Happy Together & TOPS)
Happy Together is a parent/child class for children, ages 18-30 months, which utilizes a playgroup setting and meets once per week. The TOPS (Time Out for Parents) Program is a drop-off program for 2-3 year-old children, that also meets once per week from 9:30-11:30 am. Both programs meet in the lower level of Gesu School. For more information, contact Karen Smith at bjkcsmith@roadrunner.com.

Fun with Fitness
Fun with Fitness, an easy fitness class designed for seniors. Includes light aerobics, hand held weights work, resistance work and stretching. Come and interact with fellow parishioners and be prepared to laugh and have fun! Contact Beth Parnin at funwithfit@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Funeral Receptions
Following a funeral at Gesu, a reception may be held in McAuley Hall if the family requests it. A parish staff member can help facilitate the catering arrangements. A group of volunteers provides baked goods and beverages, and takes care of set-up and serving. The committee welcomes anyone willing to assist with this ministry. For more information contact Lori Wright, Parish Executive Assistant.

Girl Scouts
The Girls Scouts of the USA program is open to all girls of Gesu Church from kindergarten through high school. Contact Melissa Hensel at mhensel@gesu.com for more information.

Knights of Columbus
The Heights Council of the Knights of Columbus is a fraternity of Catholic gentlemen devoted to supporting Gesu Parish through acts of charity, financial support and community outreach. Contact Vance Minter at kc3087gk@gmail.com for more information.

Men’s Softball
If you are interested in being part of the men’s softball league, contact Blair Campomizzi at blaircampomizzi@gmail.com for more information.
New Parishioner Welcoming
The New Parishioner Welcoming Committee has the goal of welcoming new parishioners, helping them meet others and introducing them to the various organizations and opportunities in the Parish. Contact Mary Gorman at mgorman@churchofthegesu.org for more information.

Pancake Breakfast
The Annual Pancake Breakfast is held on a Winter Sunday morning in the Gesu Family Center. After each Mass, individuals and families can socialize, purchase a delicious and reasonably priced homemade pancake breakfast, and purchase tickets for a drawing held after the Noon Mass. This opportunity to get together is also the major fund raiser for our annual Parish Block Party in August. Join neighbors and friends for this yearly event. If you’d like to help with this event, contact Rachel Morse at giannelli05@gmail.com for more information.

Women’s Guild
All women of the parish are members of Gesu Women’s Guild. This dynamic group of women provides service to our parish, hosts opportunities for prayerful reflection, and hosts a major fund-raising event that provides an opportunity for the women of the parish to socialize. Contact Jane Vogelsberger at janevogelsberger@gmail.com or Kara Moore at karacmoore@yahoo.com for more information.

**Women’s Guild Mission Statement:** Increasing the awareness of Gesu Parish and the vibrancy of family and community through the willingness to serve.

**Women’s Guild Service Opportunities:**
- **Wake Services:** Attend wakes of parishioners and host a prayer service
- **Greeting Card Rack:** Sell cards and books outside of the Marian Chapel
- **Church Women United:** Attend events and develop relationships with neighboring Christian churches

Young Families
Gesu Young Families is for parishioners with children from birth to elementary school age. The purpose of the group is to provide interesting, fun and helpful activities for parents and children. During the year, various social, spiritual, recreational and community service opportunities are offered, including playgroups. Contact Emily Edwards at dollaei@yahoo.com for more information.
Administration Commission

The Administration Commission is responsible for coordinating the temporal affairs of the parish: how money is acquired, how it is spent, how the physical plant is maintained and how the parishioners are kept informed about what is happening in the parish. The Administration Commission coordinates with the following subcommittees: Finance Council, Endowment Board and Investment Committee, Buildings and Properties Committee, Communication Committee, and any other committee or task group the Administration Commission deems necessary.

For more information about any of the groups listed below, please contact the Administration Commission Staff Resource person, Therese Blumenthal, Director of Finance & Operations.

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Finance Council
The Finance Council assists the pastor in the development, implementation and oversight of the parish budget for both the church and the school. Council members work directly with the Director of Finance & Operations and meet six times a year to review the operations of the parish and to consider other matters that come to the attention of the Council as requested by the Pastor. Contact Therese Blumenthal for more information.

Collection Counters
Two teams of collection counters share the responsibility of counting the Sunday offerings (each team meets on a biweekly basis).

Endowment Board/Investment Committee
The Endowment Board meets quarterly to review investment performance and to steward Endowment funds. Contact Shane Bigelow at shane@ownum.io for more information. The Endowment Investment Committee meets quarterly to make investment decisions pertaining to the Endowment and Scholarship Funds. Contact Andy Schuler at andrew.schuler@pnc.com for more information.

Buildings and Properties Committee
The Buildings and Properties Commission is responsible for supporting the maintenance and upkeep of the interior and exterior of all parish properties. Membership on this commission is open to all parishioners, especially those who have an understanding of building construction and maintenance. Contact Therese Blumenthal for more information.

Communication Committee
The Communication Committee supports Gesu Parish’s communication efforts, including working with the Pastoral staff to maintain an up-to-date website, social media accounts, and Parish e-Newsletter. This committee serves as a resource to other parish groups, helping them, as appropriate, with publicity.
and communications efforts, including consultation on production of brochures, signs, bulletin boards and other materials. The committee will provide support to the Parish Bulletin as needed and oversee the Gesu News & Views publication. Contact Mary Kate Farrar at mkfarrar@churchofthegesus.org for more information.
Parish Communication Resources

The following vehicles can be referenced when looking for information. You are also invited to use them to share information about parish programs and events that you’re working on.

Parish Website
The parish website is a useful tool to communicate important information to church members and the community at large. The web address is www.churchofthegesus.org. For more information, contact Brittany Lynch at communications@churchofthegesus.org.

Weekly Bulletin
The Bulletin is a weekly publication that includes spiritual, educational and social information. Articles for publication must be submitted by Friday at noon (9 days before the publication date) and can be emailed or typed and placed in the Bulletin mailbox at the Parish Office (email submissions are preferred). For more information, contact Brittany Lynch at bulletin@churchofthegesus.org.

Gesu News & Views
Gesu News & Views is a newsletter published three times a year for parishioners, school families and alumni. To submit articles, information and photos, contact Mary Kate Farrar, Director of Development.

Parish e-Newsletter
The Parish e-Newsletter is sent to your email inbox every other week and includes parish updates, community news and events. To join the mailing list, send your email address to the Parish Office at gesucleveland@churchofthegesus.org.

Social Media
“Like” us on Facebook at Church of the Gesu and “Follow us” on Twitter @GesuCleveland for the latest parish information, news and events.
Church of the Gesu, a Jesuit Parish

In the mid-1920’s, one of the fastest growing parts of metropolitan Cleveland was the Cleveland Heights area. Idlewild Village was renamed “University Heights” when the news became public that the Society of Jesus, a Catholic religious order, known as the “Jesuits,” was moving its college from Ohio City to the East Side. Bishop Joseph Schrembs had planned to form a new parish in the area, and figured that the Jesuits would be able to staff a new parish near the college. The Jesuits named the parish “Gesu” (the Italian word for “Jesus”) after the Jesuit “Mother Church” in Rome, and the first Masses were held in 1926. Due to the Great Depression and other factors, John Carroll University’s campus did not open until 1936. Today, the Jesuits on the Gesu Parish Staff and at JCU form one community that lives at Schell House, next door to Gesu Church.

Mission Statement:

GESU PARISH, a Catholic community in the Jesuit tradition, is committed to:

Eucharistic Living: We center our lives in Christ and the celebration of the Eucharist.

Lifelong Learning: We engage, at all ages, in learning and being formed in the image of Christ.

Generous Serving: We use our gifts to serve God and others.

All for the greater glory of God.