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Gesu Alumni Come Home to Celebrate a Century of Catholic Education and Spiritual Formation

By M.B. Dillon

Two years of planning and hard work paid off on July 30, 2022 as 1,000-plus alumni came home to Gesu from across the U.S. to celebrate 100 years of Catholic education at their alma mater. Graduates joined current staff, students and parishioners at a giant block party replete with food trucks, drinks, tents, school tours, photo sessions, music and dancing. The con-celebrated Mass in beautiful Gesu Church was standing-room only.

"I think the most important aspect of it was the sense of coming together; a celebration with everybody coming out of the pandemic and a host of other challenges for an inter-generational gathering of young and old," said **Gesu pastor Rev. Lorn Snow S.J.** "A thousand people came from various places yet they still seem rooted in this parish.

"It's at Mass where we're most authentically who we are. We are Christ in the world. We not only celebrated Mass, but we saw that lived out in the party afterward when everyone got together and reminisced about good times," Fr. Snow said. "A number of people talked about struggles at Gesu. Detroit was not immune to them either. But we triumph because we have the source in Jesus and the Eucharist. Celebrating the Mass was a way of saying, 'This is who we are; children of light.' We are called to bring that light to others." The celebration coincided

with the weekend of the feast day of St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus.

Anita Sevier, Gesu director of advancement who spearheaded the event, said, "The day turned out better than expected – no major glitches and we had great support from the many who attended." Former classmates Lorraine McLaughlin and Mary Finneran provided a big highlight, said Sevier. "Lorraine and Mary both attended the reunion from the class of 1940. Both are 95 years old. Alumni traveled from Arizona, California, Colorado, Washington D.C., Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, Montana, North Carolina, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Vermont, Washington and Wisconsin. The most came from Michigan, of course."

Karen Rease Clark '77 served as centennial chairperson for Gesu Church and School. "I'm the mother of three Gesu graduates and I live in the parish," said Clark, whose two siblings also attended Gesu. "I knew it would be successful; we had wonderful volunteers. I loved seeing my classmates; many of them I hadn't seen since 1977. We had a warm, sunny day and everyone seemed to be having a great time at the celebration. Mass was beautiful. The music was great and so were the food trucks.



Alumni take pictures of the class pictures in the Gesu social hall. Photo Credit: Cesar Cuellar

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“The most important thing,” Clark said, “is that Gesu continues to be a beacon in the city of Detroit providing exceptional education for children. And it will continue that way. Gesu is so inclusive and very loving. That is part of the reason I wanted to participate.”

Karen’s daughter **Katherine Clark ‘06** said her Gesu years were “a treasured time because of the great teachers, great priests and the people you go to school with who support you in your faith.” Visiting with former classmates and looking out at the crowd, she said, “It’s incredible to see so many people who are part of the Gesu community from so many decades. This is the definition of what community is.”

Ruby Head Duffield ‘73 grew up down the street from Gesu School on Oak Drive. “My Dad, Thomas Head, is class of ‘37,” she said. “He and his two brothers are on the memorial wall in the church, veterans who served.

years. They kept the quality high and found ways to make things work for families who couldn’t afford Gesu.” The late Fr. James Serrick, who served from 1977-1987, played a key role in strengthening bonds at Gesu, Fr. Wright said. “Fr. Serrick started the parish renewal program, getting new and old parishioners sharing their life stories and getting to know each other. That was a big, significant step forward.” The neighborhood’s good housing stock, combined with strong relationships among the people of Gesu were big factors too, said Father.

Gregory Craft ‘72 flew from Dallas to reunite with siblings and old friends. “The Class of ‘72 had the most donors, and the most people registered,” said Craft. “Gesu was my launching pad for life. I learned everything I needed to know to survive right here. The Sisters taught us that you are not just an American, you are a citizen of the world, and a Catholic.” Around a large table in the parking lot, the Craft and Moons families shared laughs and memories. Monica Moons ‘75 said of the Crafts and others around her, “this is my family.” “We love each other for who we are,” echoed Craft.

For **Paul Diehl ‘69** and his seven siblings who all attended Gesu, the Gesu experience spans four generations, as the family’s architectural firm built the church and school, and renovated the church 50 years after its construction. “From a very young age, my dad would take us to early morning Mass. We had a natural feel for it. That was 50-60 years ago, but we still feel that pull. There’s a strong attachment,” Diehl said. “There was an openness at Gesu that was very receiving of the neighborhood,” he added. “Gesu has only done more of that over the years.”

Roots also run deep for **Jay and Susan Bartush**, siblings who attended Gesu in the 1950’s and 60’s. The J. Addison Bartush and Marion M. Bartush Family Foundation established a \$100,000 challenge grant to celebrate Gesu’s 100th. “We want it to be an important gift to jumpstart the school for the next century,” said Jay Bartush.

Recent Gesu grads value their experience too. Savoring food-truck treats with former classmates, **Bethany Klueg ‘20** said, “I enjoyed getting the opportunity to work on the solar panels when I was here. We got money for the school, which was great.” **Seth Kirk ‘20** said his Gesu education paved the way for him to go to U of D Jesuit, where he’s a junior. “It’s almost like family here,” he said.

At a table in the sunshine, **Lauren, Jabari and Ava Prempeh** ate dinner together. “I’ve been coming here my whole life, and it’s a great place,” said Lauren, a 5th-grader. Her sister Ava, a 2021 graduate, said, “My education at Gesu was very excellent and prepared me well for Mercy High School.” Said Jabari, a 7th

- In memory of Mo, Jim & Maggie Oswald**
Mrs. Ann Marie Oswald Bennett ‘72
Ms. Mary Oswald ‘73
Jim Oswald ‘75
Katie Oswald Wherity ‘79
- In memory of Anne Marie Peck**
Yvonne Reed ‘72
- In memory of Katherine Peek**
Ms. Karen Peek
- In memory of Angelique Penn**
Julia Penn
- In memory of John & Vera Persiani**
Dennis Lakomy and Darlene Frederick
- In memory of Dr. Eugene & Olga Pettis**
Ms. Erica Pettis
- In memory of Dewey and Marian Picard**
Dr. Donald Picard
- In memory of Robert and Krisseda Pryor**
Kimberly Stodghill (Mintet-Walker) ‘74
- In memory of Carol Elaine Randolph**
Dr. J. Sharon Randolph-Nevins
- In memory of Consuelo & Fortunato Rausa**
Romeo and Milagros Larena
- In memory of Burnett & Olivia Reamer**
Ms. Susanne McMillan
- In memory of Dr. George & Betty Reno**
George Reno and Bridget McCormick Reno
- In memory of Jim, Robert & Carol Reome**
Mr. Richard Reome
- In memory of Nora Reome**
Mr. Richard Reome
- In memory of Thomas Roach Sr.**
Colleen and Joseph Wagner
- In memory of Shirley Jean Robinson**
Mark Josaitis & Gladys Josaitis
- In memory of Margaret Ann Rogers, my sister**
Kathleen Rogers
- In memory of Barbara & Frank Schowalter**
Ms. Barbara Tourangeau

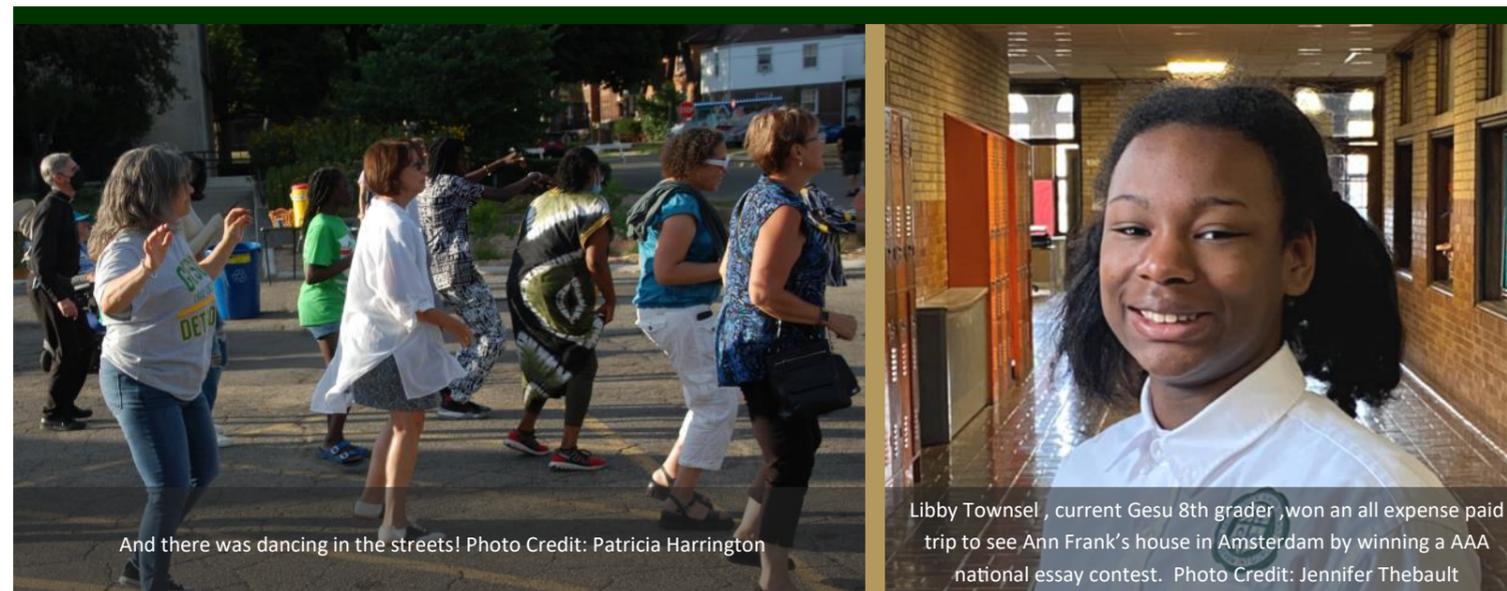
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Mr. Emmett P. Feely
- In memory of Robert C Schultz**
DiAnne Patterson Schultz
- In memory of John C Schwarz**
Marcia Markey ‘72:
- In memory of James Serrick, S.J.**
Joseph Kozely
- In memory of my brother Larry Smith and my sister Dr. Joanne Smith-Repicky**
Karen Smith-Valenti ‘68:
- In memory of Ed, Patricia & Jim Snyder**
Ms. Carol Hermes
- In memory of Joan & Ted Stacy II**
Ms. Kathleen Stacy
- In memory of Don Stevens**
Kevin Lesinski ‘70
- In memory of Joseph and Mariam Stodghill**
Kimberly Stodghill (Mintet-Walker) ‘74
- In memory of John & Winifred Stuckey**
Edward Stuckey and Elizabeth Miller
- In memory of Paul & Virginia Sullivan Family**
Patricia Davio ‘57
- In memory of Jesse & Gloria Taylor**
Ms. Rhonda Taylor
- In memory of Mr. & Mrs. J.W. Vincent**
Ms. Eileen Vincent
- In memory of Bill Viviano ‘56**
Dr. Charles Schewe
- In memory of Ralph Ward**
Mr. Rikki Ward
- In memory of Ralph & Beatrice Ward**
Mr. Rikki Ward
- In memory of Jason Wright**
Dennis and Elizabeth Wright
- In memory of Paul & Lenora Yerby**
Ms. Carol Yerby

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“This reunion is fabulous,” Duffield added. “I have to say it’s really weird to be drinking wine in the Gesu parking lot. I think it’s remarkable that Gesu is still open. It’s a testament to the people of the parish who work here who have done so much to preserve the wonderful sense of community Gesu provides. That sense of community has carried me through my life.”

Christopher Cavanagh attended the reunion with brothers J.C., Phil and David. “I went to Mass here a million times. Not until today did I notice the World War II honor roll in church listing all the veterans from the parish. Six people were killed in action,” said Christopher, son of the late former Detroit Mayor Jerome Cavanagh and one of eight children. **J.C. Cavanagh** recalled his mom telling him to be sure to pick up his little sister after school on her first day of kindergarten. “I was halfway home before I remembered. I hauled back in a panic,” said J.C.. “There Elizabeth Angela was, waiting for me in the doorway.” The Cavanaghs formed a close relationship with Gesu associate pastor Fr. Celestin Steiner, who also served as president and chancellor of the University of Detroit. “We were baptized by Fr. Steiner, and I was named after him,” J.C. said.

Rev. Gary Wright S.J., Gesu associate pastor from 1981-’87, con-celebrated the Mass and enjoyed reflecting at the homecoming. “In the ‘80’s, I was director of novices for the Jesuits. Fr. Snow was a novice then, when I was director,” Fr. Wright said. “I credit the I.H.M. Sisters who ran the school for so many



And there was dancing in the streets! Photo Credit: Patricia Harrington

Libby Townsel, current Gesu 8th grader, won an all expense paid trip to see Ann Frank’s house in Amsterdam by winning a AAA national essay contest. Photo Credit: Jennifer Thebault



In Memory, Cont.

In memory of Sharon Kelly

Mr. Walter Kelly

In memory of Paul Koehler

Ellen Koehler '73

In memory of Ann E. Koen

Timothy Koen '70

In memory of Charles A. Knaus, '59

James Knaus '60

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert A. Knoth who were married at Gesu Church in November, '36.

Linda Gostinger '59

In memory of Margaret & Joseph Kolinski

Peggy Kolinski / Wescott '59

In memory of Richard L Kramer & Jim Kramer '79

Michele Kramer McNary '74

Julie Kramer Koehler '78

In memory of Mary Anne Kublin

Dr. John Kublin '48

In memory of Cay McCarthy

Ms. Lisa Quadrini

Amy Kessler

Edward Stuckey and Elizabeth Miller

In memory of Rick McCarthy '65

Mr. Lawrence Sullivan

In memory of Kirk Patrick McCarthy '72

Mr. Mark McCarthy '68

In memory of John & Catherine McCarthy Family

Ms. Anne Marie McCarthy

In memory of Edward & MaryEllen McCormick

George Reno and Bridget McCormick Reno

In memory of Justin & Bob McKnight

Diane McNight Vieson

In memory of Dr & Mrs. Robert McKnight

Connie Sfire '63

In memory of Cass & Elsie Miller

Edward Stuckey and Elizabeth Miller

Although we are eternally grateful for the financial donations we have received in the past year, we will delay printing a list of our donors until our Spring edition to make room for all the comments we received for the Centennial Celebration. Alumni have let us know that they enjoy hearing from schoolmates. This issue contains alumni comments and "In Memory and In Honor" from the Centennial Celebration registration process and those included on donation cards for the past year.

In memory of Luanne, Lou, Tom, Mary, Michael & Joe Offer

Ms. Anne Marie Offer

In memory of Mary Jo Lacey

Patrick and Elaine Havern

In memory of Frank & Ann Lakomy

Dennis Lakomy and Darlene Frederick

In memory of Robert Law

Ms. Joyce Law

In memory of Bennie Lewis Jr., my husband

Jean Lewis

In memory of Alexis Loomis

Dr. John Loomis

In memory of Victoria Suane Loomis

Dr. John Loomis

In memory of John Loomis Sr.

Dr. John Loomis

In memory of Billy Don Lucas

Ms. Rose Marie Lucas

In memory of Diane Marable

Mr. Edward Marable

Robert Marable '76

In memory of Edward and Dorothy Marable

Robert Marable '76

In memory of Alexander P. Markey Jr.

Robert Markey and Lynn Markey

In memory of Grace Mather

Mr. Thomas McGrath

In memory of Maria Montbriand

Raymond Montbriand

In memory of Ita, Bill, Tom & Dan Moss

Mr. James Moss

In memory of Bill Moss Family

Peggy Moss Schram

In memory of deceased members of the Moss Family

Peggy Moss Schram

In memory of William (Bill) Moynihan III '70

George Reno and Bridget McCormick Reno

In memory of Terrence Nagle '49

Colleen (Kelly) Nagle and Jim Nagle

In memory of Kay Norton

William and Vivian Norton

In memory of Mike O'Donnell '59

Craig Minbiole and Barbara Minbiole

In memory of Paul O'Hara '38

Joanne Thompson O'Hara

Colleen (Kelly) Nagle and Jim Nagle

In memory of Paul & Colleen (Mickey) O'Hara

Colleen (Kelly) Nagle and Jim Nagle

In memory of Colleen Ryan O'Hara '42

Colleen (Kelly) Nagle and Jim Nagle

In memory of Harry Oderman

Mrs. Mary Ann Oderman

In memory of Thomas Ignatius Offer

Louis Offer and Melinda Offer

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grader, "I'm not going to lie. At Gesu, it's more like family, especially to me since I've been going here since preschool. We have a good curriculum and I enjoy the people. They're my friends and the teachers seem caring."

Fr. Snow said, "What's impressed me a great deal is the overall hopefulness. We didn't gather together in a sense of despair saying we're not going to make it, but with a real sense that there's a lot more of this mission that needs to be celebrated, accomplished and to be worked out. There's a strong level

Alumni Comments

In this issue, we are printing all the comments we have received from alumni and friends as they donated to Gesu School and Church. Due to the great number of comments Gesu received, we will delay listing all financial donors until the June edition. Thank you for your donations!

1940's

Pauline Weinberger Brennan '43: I am so sorry to have missed the 100th anniversary. Congratulations!

Daniel & Gerri Burress '47: We were all blessed. Gesu church and school provided the Burress boys (5 of us) with an exceptional educational, ethical, and spiritual foundation which prepared us for the many challenges we would meet as we matured to adulthood. I was the youngest and am the last one still standing. Thank you, and best of luck as you continue with your good work.

Daniel Burress '47: Two friends of ours, Marge and Gary Dobry, accompanied us to the celebration. As we were leaving the school I recognized the last name (Sinnett) on the baseball type shirts of two women who were in front of us as we were leaving the school. As we reached the sidewalk I inquired if they were related to "Denny." They looked around and smiled, telling me that he was their father who had unfortunately recently passed. I responded that their father and I attended college together. That of course led to a disclosure that they previously attended Gesu. Finally, after more discussion I introduced them to our friends, the Dobrys. When they heard our friends name the women's faces and expressions lit up like a Christmas tree. "Are you Ms. Dobry, my first-grade teacher here at Gesu?" You see, Marge Dobry was a first-grade teacher at Gesu for about 8 years, (50 years ago) and that chance meeting made the day for both teacher and former student. Marge and my wife both taught at St Patrick's school in Brighton, and of course I was aware that Marge previously taught at Gesu and encouraged her to join us at the celebration after learning she had not received any communication from Gesu. Small world.

Jane Philipp Bouton '48: I was delighted to hear about the upcoming reunion, but I'm sorry that I will not be able to attend. Although I live in DC, I am spending the summer with my daughter who lives in the UK on the Isle of Wight. I remain in good health. I would like to hear if any of my classmates attend-

of commitment to the love and service of our neighbors.

"I'm deeply moved by a sense of great love people have for the Jesuits," Father added. "Sometimes in our culture, world and among the media, Jesuits don't get positive press. To feel the love and a great appreciation of the Society's commitment here is great. People buy into our charisms, ideals and spiritualism. It's pretty palpable."

ed the reunion. Please accept my donation to Gesu School- I have many fond memories of my eight years there as a student.

Mary Joanna Thompson O'Hara '49: We both (husband Paul O'Hara, deceased 2009) graduated from Gesu. Made lifetime friends. It was a wonderful eight years.

1950's

George Kelly '50: Go Giants.

Susanne Reamer McMillan '50: In memory of my parents Burnett and Olivis Reamer who brought me to Gesu in 1941.

Anthony Saia '50: We moved to a Brookdale Senior Living Community in April of 2022 in Henet, CA. Love it here!

Mary Nichols '55: Loved all my 8 fun years!!!

Albert A. Risdon '55: Thought we might be able to attend on July 30th, but unable to do so. All the best to all.

Eileen Behmer '56: Great memory of Sr. Sharon, Sr. Grace Ellen and Sr. Jonathan.

Patricia Davio '57: All of us Sullivans have fond memories of our years in Gesu parish and Gesu school.

John Farrell '57: In gratitude for the excellent educational, ethical, and spiritual foundation I received at Gesu. These blessings were gracefully and lovingly dispensed by, among others, Sister Paetra, Sister Ann Pauline, Sister Valerie, Sister John Elizabeth, Sister Jonathan, Mrs. Enderby, and Mrs. Roy. Also, in thanks for the classmates who contributed so much to the many happy memories of youth that I still enjoy and treasure.

Karen Roth (Knoth maiden) '57: Gesu was the foundation of a great education. I still have so many fond memories of my teachers and classmates.

Louise Thibodeau Winhusen '57: Many fond memories of Gesu Church and Gesu School. Loved May Day and Holy Thursday rites, and putting on special shows at school.



Alumni Comments, Cont.

Mary Grace Warner-Dunlop '57: I am still practicing medicine! "Integrated Healing M.D. P.L.L.C.

Mary Kathleen Hughes '58: Enjoying retirement after 40 years teaching in Catholic schools.

Linda Gostinger '59: Thanking my parents for making sure their four children had a Catholic education with the Jesuit priests and the IHM Sisters knowing we would have an excellent education. My brother, Michael was a successful steel salesman, married with two children, Amy and Tim. My sister, Karen, earned her Doctorate from MI State University, and went on to be Asst. Superintendent in Southfield Schools, and Grosse Isle School District. I, Linda, earned my Masters from U of Michigan from the Horace H. Racham School of Graduate Studies and was a high school teacher for 43 years teaching at Garden City High School, and Port Huron Northern High School, the subjects: Biology, Life Science, Health, Psychology. Married John have three successful children, Katie, Steve, and Brian. My brother, Patrick, worked for the State of MI in the Dept of Social Services and is in a band as the lead guitar player, has two children, Kim and Geoff. I support Gesu because of the excellent education we received to become successful in our life endeavors.

Peggy Kolinski / Wescott '59: I spent 8 wonderful years at Gesu and am grateful for the terrific education I received there.

1960's

Michael E. Cooney '60: Hope the celebration went well. Sorry we could not attend.

James Knaus '60: Hoping that the Class of 1960 attends and contributes generously.

Patricia Clark Hartwig '61: My 4 siblings and I attended this fine school and so did my father William F. Clark.

Chip Dawson '61: Single mom who made sure we had the best educational opportunities.

Patty Fallon '61: Looking forward to seeing members of the Class of 1961 as we celebrate 61 yrs. since graduation!

Patty Fallon Nichols '61: In honor of our beloved parents Mary Delores Ulrich & John Joseph Fallon who provided all seven of us with a strong foundation for our Catholic faith as well as the opportunity and privilege of an excellent Catholic education provided by the religious communities of the IHM Sisters and the Jesuit Priests.

Shirley Najor '61: Remembering our brother Winston (Winnie) Najor class of '66.

Ed Fisher '62: Both Gesu alums, Mom & Dad gave me the gift of a Gesu education, for which I will be forever grateful.

Katharine McEvoy '62: The incredible education triangle (Gesu, Immaculata & U of D) that our parents (Joe & Lindy) gave us has come back 10-fold. Michael, Mary Jo, Debby, Kathy, Jim & Chris. Thank you, Mom & Dad, for the gift of a lifetime. I still love diagraming sentences (gracias Sr Charles Borromeo). Gesu school/parish made my childhood pure joy.

Gilbert Fox '63: Hearty best wishes class of 1963! Wish my wife

and I and our 8 kids and 15 grandkids could join you. The California-Michigan drive is a bit too much! Best of luck. Please thank J. Bartush, my classmate from all those years ago. I wish I could talk to my mother about this gift."

Tom Isaia '63: Nine years of a terrific education! Affects the entire rest of your life.

Mark Petrini '63: Mark Petrini, alumnus 1963

Maceo Foster '64: In remembrance of my Gesu classmate and wonderful childhood friend, Mr. Thomas Offer

Tom O'Brien '64: Such a great school, parish, neighborhood & people/friends!

John O'Neill '64: The IHM sisters loved us and while attending U-D across the street, the Charismatic Prayer Group were a source of encouragement, love, and healing. I continue to attend Gesu when in town and occasionally via Zoom.

Gerard Simony '64: Looking forward to the reunion.

Eileen Vincent '64: The school has left a big impression on me for my entire life.

Catherine Porretta Pasquale '65: Looking forward to seeing old classmates.

Judith Whittaker '65: I enjoyed the 100th year celebration. Good company, good music, good food! Fun time for all!

Bruce Angel '66: Retired registered nurse!

Kris Anhut Moravek '66: In gratitude to my parents for the gift of a Gesu education.

Kris Anhut Moravek '66: Looking forward to the Centennial Celebration on July 30. Just welcomed our 5th grandchild on July 10th! We now have 2 grandsons and 3 granddaughters keeping us busy!

Leslie Bullo '66: In memory of my brother Brian Doherty.

Michelle Chutorash Van Camp '66: Keep going Gesu Strong!

Mary Chris Foxworthy '66: Hoping the class of 1966 has a large turnout!

Nigel Fullick '66: Enjoyed my impromptu visit to the school last year- after 50+ years and hope to see some of my classmates from the 60's. Church and school look wonderful as did The High and the University- Great memories.

Deborah Grobbel Johnson '66: Loved my time at good ole Gesu!

Paul Hathaway '66: Hello Gesu Giants! Looking forward to viewing and touring my old grade school this summer.

Peggy (Leichtweis) Matta '66: Great education and great memories! Looking forward to celebrating Gesu and the start of the next 100 years!

Richard Lindeman '66: Happy 100! Best wishes for another successful 100!

Thomas Leger '66: Great school and community!

Michael Parker '66: I attended Gesu from 1965 until 1969. K thru 3rd grade. My family relocated upon my completion of 3rd grade. My few years at Gesu provided me with great mo-

In memory of John P Devlin '55

Mr. Dennis Devlin

Mrs. Patricia Lee

In memory of Fr. Norm Dickson S.J.

Edward Stuckey and Elizabeth Miller

In memory of Gerry & Jo Diehl

Paul Diehl and Patricia Montemurri

In memory of Gabrielle, Malcolm & Michael Dooley

Maureen Dooley '68

In memory of Brian John Doherty

Ms. Mary Celeste Riley

Barbara Hathaway '76

In memory of John & Rosemary Doherty

Richard Hathaway and Barbara Doherty

In memory of Robert & Lorli Dolson

Ms. Kristine Dolson Molmen

In memory of Paul Donat

Ms. Judy Heintz

In memory of William Duggan Sr.

Mr. Patrick Duggan

In memory of Jack Dunleavy

Mr. Albert Risdon

In memory of Eileen Callanan Dunlop

William Dunlop

In memory of Sr. Elizabeth Girardot, IHM

Mrs. Mary Gallant

In memory of Girardot Family

Mrs. Mary Gallant

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Golata

Marybeth Dillon-Butler and Patrick Butler

In memory of Helen Gunow

Robert Gunow and Gail Gunow

In memory of Jack & Betty Halpin

Mary Halpin '55

In memory of Alice Hagerty

Mr. Michael Hagerty

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. James E. Haggerty

Sr: My Grandparents who raised me, and were longtime members and benefactors of Gesu Parish

Mary Vasilchik '72

In memory of George & Margaret Hanafee

Joseph Hanafee & Elizabeth LaPlante

In memory of Stephen Hansknecht

Karen Fisher '72

In memory of Bill & Katie Hathaway

Mr. Edward Hathaway

Mrs. Mary Kathryn Hathaway

Richard Hathaway & Barbara Doherty

Gesu School is always in need of band instruments. If you have a flute, trumpet, trombone, clarinet, or snare drum not being used at your home and would like to donate it, please contact the school.

In memory of Sheila Duvall

Keisha Duvall '88

In memory of Rita Ellis

Ms. Kathleen O'Shea

In memory of Clida Ellison

Ms. Rosemary Tinetti

In memory of Edna Enderby

Mr. Donald Enderby

In memory of Jane Martin Feely '48

Mr. Emmett P. Feely

In memory of Tom Feely '49

Mr. Emmett P. Feely

In memory of Edward F. Fisher Sr.

& Carol C. Fisher

Ed Fisher '62

In memory of Michael Fox & Family

Mr. Gilbert Fox

In memory of Howard Fox Family

Mrs. Suzanne Skibley

In memory of Montoi Floyd

Toya Harris '85

In memory of Peter & Peggy Fullick

Nigel Fullick '66

In memory of Catreea Heslip

Larry Cooper and Anne Cooper

In memory of Rita & Wally Hilker

Ms. Mary Jane Hilker

In memory of John Hooper

Mrs. Barbara Donahue

In memory of Helen Ann Horgan

Mr. Thomas Horgan

In memory of Katie Horgan '69

Mr. William Patrick Colombo

In memory of Blaise Gamble Howe

Mr. Andrew Howe

In memory of Ed & Mary Jane Hughes

Ms. Mary Kathleen Hughes

In memory of Virginia Hull

James and Emanel Rothwell

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Stanton C. Hunton

Dr. Julianne Hunton Phillips

In memory of Jocelyn Jones

Therese Comor '84

In memory of Dorothy V. Junior

Devona Junior-Anderson '86

Shawn Junior



In Memory

The following names were gathered from the Centennial Celebration registration and from response cards returned with Gesu donations.

In memory of Joseph Angel

Joyce Angel '68

In memory of Sr. Helen Ann, IHM

Mr. Daniel Thompson

In memory of William Allen

Ms. Marian Andrews

In memory of The Ambler Family

Thaddeus Jones and Rita Jones

In memory of John Anhut

Kristine and James Moravek

In memory of Catherine Coughlin Anhut '37

Kristine and James Moravek

In memory of William F. Anhut Sr.

Mr. William Anhut

In memory of R. Thomas Armstrong

John & Lorraine McLaughlin

In memory of Grady and Margaret Ashworth

Kimberly Stodghill (Mintet-Walker) '74

In memory of Reginald Ayala

Mr. Kevin Ayala

Gail Ayala Taylor '79:

In memory of Maureen Baugh

Mr. Robert Baugh

In memory of Belian Family

Gerald and Sally Belian

In memory of Claudia Bellaimey '76

Therese Bellaimey

In memory of Connie & Jim Bernardi

Ms. Rosemarie Bernardi

Barbara Douglas '75

In memory of Armeshia Blacksheare

Judith Whittaker

In memory of Melanie Lynn Blaine '77

Ms. Ame Blaine

In memory of Gaetano Bosco

Donald and Gina Bosco

In memory of Josephine Bosco

Donald and Gina Bosco

In memory of Walter Brame

Shirley Brame Banks

In memory of John & Georgiale Breen

James Slowik and Amy Kessler

In memory of Dick & Pat, Mike, & Anne Brennan

Ms. Mary Patricia Brennan

In memory of Michael Brennan

Mrs. Barbara Donahue

In memory of Patricia Brickley Mitchell

Gerald Brickley and Meghan Sickler

In memory of Don Bridenstine

Mark & Michelle Bridenstine

Paul Bridenstine & Anne Bridenstine

Mr. Robert Kroha

In memory of George F. & Neddra L. Brooks

Dr. Lillian Brooks

Jason Brooks '83:

In memory of Lee and Ellen Butcher

Darlene Frederick & Dennis Lakomy

In memory of Jean Forte Ceru

Mr. John Ceru

In memory of Paul and Eleanor Ceru

Ms. Kathleen Ceru Turan

In memory of Theresa & Richard Church

Mary Sloan '72:

In memory of Gus & Mary Anne Chutorash, and Ronald & Richard Chutorash

Michelle Chutorash Van Camp '66:

In memory of Mother Clara

Ms. Marian Andrews

In memory of William & Mary Catherine Cooney

Ms. Julia Cooney

In memory of Angie, Jerry and Bob Crongeyer

Annette Collins '68

In memory of Richard & Pauline Cunningham

Mr. Richard Cunningham

In memory of Nancy Dillon Dawson

Chip Dawson '61

In memory of Linda Demarey

Ms. Eileen Behmer

ments that I still remember.

Patrick Duggan '67: My Dad, part of the Greatest Generation, made sure all his kids received a great education.

Thomas Howe '67: A great school within a great neighborhood which provided so many great memories and a great education. It was the special families that were a part of Gesu parish that I cherished then and now! We are all truly indebted to Gesu!!

Linda (Jefferson) Evans '67: Gesu was my foundation in so many ways. Looking forward celebrating 100 years of excellence along with my '69, '71 & '73 siblings!

Paul Janisse '67: Although I give to charitable causes, it feels so much more rewarding to support Gesu School's efforts to educate and help prepare today's children for all of their tomorrows. Love to all of the Gesu Community both past and present!

Linda Keimig '67: Gesu Parish has provided a "rock-solid" foundation for so many Detroit families for 100 years! The Church and School continue to be such an essential part of the community. Looking forward to seeing everyone in July!

Mary Leger Chavanak '67: I am blessed to share that my life is full and happy. My husband Richard and I have three sons, Tim, Andrew & Paul. Three granddaughters Evelyn, Isabelle & Abigail. One grandson Evander. We are both enjoying a healthy retirement.

Mark Petrini '67: in attendance 1958-1963 (K-5th)

Joyce Angel '68: Great memories of a great school and education!

Richard Baugh '68: I hope we get a large turnout from 1968!!

Annette Collins '68: Always with gratitude, I recall the great blessings of a fine education, the taught/influenced love of our Lord and our faith, critical thinking, debating, athletic and social skills and the valued life of loving service, passed on by the IHM Sisters, our holy priests, teachers, and staff as well as from our enormous Gesu community/family. +You will show me the path to life, fullness of joys in your presence, the delights at your right hand forever. + Psalm 16:11"

Melva Craft-Blacksheare '68: I started Gesu in 5th grade with Sr. Mary Faith as my first teacher. I remember going to Mary Reparatrix after school on Tuesdays to learn how to sew from the cloistered nuns. I participated in Girl Scouts, Jr Great Books and was a cheerleader in 8th grade. My four children went to Gesu also. I've participated as a parish member for many years. My daughter Armeshia and Mother Lucille were eulogized at Gesu. Gesu will be forever family.

Mark McCarthy '68: Always a Gesu Giant

David Mueller '68: Get out and vote! On the fence of coming.

Ann Reno Love '68: Looking forward to attending and catching up with my Gesu friends!

Marie Thibodeau '68: Hope to see a lot of folks from the class of '68!!!

Ann Ward '68: Great community to grow up In Detroit! Keep going so many more generations can benefit.

Henry Bodiya '69: What a great education, friends for life, and such a wonderful gift to the neighborhood.

Julie Brewster '69: Our family enjoyed many happy years with Gesu Parish and School.

Kimberly Bright '69: I appreciate the excellent education I received at Gesu!

Paul Diehl '69: Thank you to everyone continuing to help the Gesu community.

Lawrence David Duffield; Donna Duffield '69: Wonderful memories of Gesu school and all the friends, many still friends today!

Eric Hansknecht '69: Alright.

Lynn Stevens Naoum '69: Awesome teacher/woman who had a profound impact on the course of my life.

Karen Peek '69: Honoring my mother's love and commitment to the school and parish.

Ann Samul '69: Looking forward to seeing my childhood friends!!

1970's

Kathleen Barrett '70: My happiest days as a child were spent within the walls of Gesu. What wonderful memories of the teachers and students that helped guide me.

Timothy Koen '70: Ann graduated from Gesu in 1969. A brilliant mind and great sense of humor. Ann excelled at everything she did.

Dennis Kramer '70: So many great memories and lifelong friends!! We are all very lucky to be part of the Gesu Community.

Gene Leger '70: I would love to serve as a deacon at the Mass!

Kevin Lesinski '70: I'm looking forward to seeing my classmates and fellow alums at the reunion in July!

Vanusa Lesinski: Looking forward to meeting my husband Kevin's classmates and friends from Gesu.

Timothy Mack '70: Looking forward to seeing everyone!!! One of the best things that ever happened to me was moving into Detroit, and the Gesu neighborhood, in 1967.

Joseph Moynihan '70: Wonderful education and memories

Celeste Orse-Hatchett '70: Appreciated the very good education we received at Gesu. Also, in the class of '71. Liked the comment of class of '72 being 50 years special! That's special! Loving it!!

Kim Porter-Hoppe '70: Thank you!

Betsy Reid '70: Best Elementary School ever!

Doris Vansen '70: Looking forward to seeing everyone on the 30th.

Michael Whalen '70: A wonderful parish community in which to grow up! Lifetime friends and cherished memories of so many learning experiences!

Peter Bauer '71: I am very grateful for the education and period of personal growth.

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Alumni Comments, Cont.

Annie Bussinger '71: I have such fond memories of my grade school years at Gesu. The very first Earth Day made a huge impact on me, thanks to all of the teachers who went all out for that important day. I commute by bicycle and have for many years and I thank all of the cool nuns for being so passionate about the importance of this so very important stewardship!

Mary Celeste Doherty-Riley '71: Please say a prayer for my beautiful, recently deceased brother Brian John Doherty, who died at age 68 from cancer.

Leo Gabriel '71: God be with you.

Penelope Milliman '71: We Faber kids lived in Grosse Pointe until moving to Gesu (for me, fifth grade, Sr. Ann Matthew). We didn't realize it till years later, but we had a magical childhood growing up in that Detroit neighborhood where every home seemed to have a minimum of 10 kids each. We were never at a loss for playmates. Walking to and from Gesu each day are some of my fondest memories. The education we received from our beloved nuns and teachers, the faith instilled by our church and the friendships that continue today...have carried us a long way in our lives. I will forever be grateful for my years in the Gesu Parish.

Steven Miranda '71: Our parents had the foresight to send us to Gesu, a decision which proved to be a great investment in our future. Who knew what the future held? Our parents, those great lay teachers and most of all, the tough yet immensely wise IHM nuns.

Ron Robinson '71: Great memories and lifelong friends.

Judy Valenti '71: I loved going to Gesu! Best grade school experience ever! I made friendships that continue to this very day. I will always remember that Pete Smith was the only classmate that beat me in gym for our time clocked as we ran individually around the gym in 8th grade!

Eve Arnold '72: A great tradition of religious education.

Gregory Louis Craft '72: Gesu is a part of my foundation, my upbringing, my religion, and launching pad in life.

Tom Dooley '72: Looking forward to this great event!!

Joseph Laframboise '72: Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend. Best wishes to all of you.

MaryBeth Lagrou (Kray) '72: I have so many wonderful memories of the families and friends I grew up with at Gesu. I am grateful for the solid foundation, good education and many lifelong friendships. I wish every kid could have a Gesu!

Dana Mitchell '72: Good luck

Mary Segura '72: Hoping to see others celebrating our 50-year class reunion!

Christopher Sharbatz '72: Class of 1972. 50 years for us. We should be considered special at the reunion.

James "Andy" Stevens '72: '72 Gesu Giants, league football champs!!

LaRon Talley-Mitchell '72: Living in Dexter, Michigan. Received a master's degree in adult education and MBA

Kathy Witkowski-Jacobs '72: Stolat Gesu!

David Zink '72: Lots of great memories back in the day!

Ruby Duffield '73: Thank you for organizing this event. Growing up in the University District was an incredibly enriching experience and Gesu was a big part of that. Looking forward to July 30.

Carla Graham '73: It provided me with a wonderful educational and religious experience.

Janet Kubicki – Bilse '73: Can't wait to see everybody again! Looking forward to it!

Christopher Miranda '73: Looking forward to catching up with classmates from '73. See you there!

Mary Sinnett '73: Thanks for picking Gesu, Mom!

John Barrett '74: I have fond memories of my years at Gesu.

Chris Bauer '74: The older you get, the more you appreciate having your Gesu education, Gesu friends and the value of Gesu's commitment to our neighborhood.

Eric Drummond '74: Look forward to seeing old friends after many, many moons.

Elizabeth James '74: Gesu opened my mind, spirit and heart. It prepared me to live a thoughtful and loving life. Eternal gratitude to those who set me on my path. I'll forever be a Gesu Giant!

Sue McElhone '74: My parents, Chuck and Ginny purposefully moved us to the city to provide a rich and diverse upbringing.

Patty Ortiz '74: Fond memories of 8 years of growing up in the Gesu community - best wishes for continued success!

Donna V Smith '74: Thank you for your ongoing educational and ethical standard of excellence.

Teresa Stevens '74: So grateful for the excellent education received!

Kimberly Stodghill (Mintet-Walker) '74: My brother Ron and I are looking so forward to seeing some of our classmates. Time has flown indeed!

Anne Byrne '75: Incredible community- thank you for contributing to my wonderful childhood!

Teresa Dooley '75: Forever grateful for Gesu and the lifelong connections and friendships.

Barbara Douglas '75: In memory of my parents who instilled their love of lifelong learning to my siblings and me.

Patricia Heppler '75: Go Gesu Giants!

Kathleen Stacy '75: Received a BSW from Wayne State in 2005. Retired in January 2022 from Chrysler corporation after 36 years. I have fond memories of Gesu and the wonderful community of my childhood.

Juliane Bauer '76: I am so grateful my parents sent us to Gesu. My friends ask why I attend my grade school reunion and not high school. I tell them the Gesu is a community I feel connected to, a place of happy memories! Thank you all for being Gesu!

Michelle Cieslak Knoles '76: Wonderful memories and still many friends!!

In honor of Lorraine McLaughlin on her 95th Birthday

Mrs. Mary Finneren
Eric Hawkins
Will Massengale & Sarah Massengale
Sam Quinney & Kelly Quinney
Anne Vonguionneau & Werner Vonguionneau
Donald & Karen Wasik

In honor of Kathy Sinnett

Mary Sinnett '73
Larry Sullivan '66

In honor of Agnes Stevens

Ms. Margaret Stouffer

In honor of Agnes M. & Donald F. Stevens

Teresa Stevens '74:



Mary Finneran and Lorraine McLaughlin graduated 72 years ago!
Lorraine celebrated her 95th birthday by directing donations to Gesu. Photo Credit: Jennifer Thebault

In honor of fellow teacher Maria Montbriand

Linda McMillan:

In honor of Thomas & Rosemary O'Rourke

Kathleen O'Rourke Jefferson '66

In honor of Jim, Mo and Maggie Oswald

Ann Oswald Benett '72

In honor of Katherine Peek

Karen Peek '69

In honor of fellow teacher Tammy Piotrowski

Linda McMillan

In honor of Albert & Mary Mays Porter, my parents

June Porter

Carmen and James Preston

Carla Preston '85

In honor of Matthew Randolph

Victor Randolph '72

In honor of Katie Reese

Janet Kubicki – Bilse '73

In honor of Ann and James Reilly

Sarah James '84

In honor of Florence & John Rittersdorf

Linda Keimig '67

Jim Keimig

In honor of Steve Sage

Jim Kolinski '68

In honor of Mike Seay and all students who have passed away

Kristie Mimms '82

In honor of Lawrence H. Sims, OD

Keith Sims '73

In honor of Brook Stevenson

Tiffany Franklin '88

In honor of Paul & Virginia Sullivan

Larry Sullivan '66

In honor of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse J. Taylor

Rhonda Taylor '76

Michelle Thomas '76

In honor of Constance West Tedla

Isaac Tedla

In honor of Rodney Thompson

Walter Douglas White '77

In honor of Richard K. Uhl

Kevin Uhl

In honor of John & Virginia Vincent

Tom Vincent '69

In honor of Richard Watson

Timothy Watson

In honor of Fr. Nathan Wendt, S.J.

Charles and Andrea Wendt

In honor of Benjamin A. Williams

Janet Williams

In honor of Nicole Williams '82

Ms. Genevieve Williams

In honor of Mrs. Regina Williams

Michelle Thomas '76

In honor of Vernon and Carol Witkowski

Julie Brewster '69

In honor of Bill Wright

Martha Wright





In Honor

This list is a combination of messages sent in with the Gesu response card and registration for the Centennial Celebration.

In honor of 100 Years!

Ronald and Kathleen Samul

In honor of the Class of 1959

Tim Kuras

In honor of I.H.M. Sisters

Mr. Harold LeDuc

In honor of Mary Andrecovich

Lynn Stevens Naoum '69

In honor of Sr. Anna Patrias, 1970s teacher and our great aunt!

Johanna Antrassian

In honor of those who are no longer with us from the Class of '66

Bruce Angel '66:

In honor of Richard Antoine & Dorothy O'Brien

John Dorr and Patricia Dorr

In honor of Reginald Ayala

Kathryn Ayala '76

In honor of Dr. William & Margaret Beauregard

John and Corrine Beauregard

In honor of Armeshia Cecile Blacksheare

Jason Blacksheare '90

In honor of Elaine Bradley

Carla Glamb Rivers '83

Erica Wilson '83

In honor of Don & Eileen Bridenstine

Mr. Dan Bridenstine

In honor of Ms. Barbara Brown

Sterling White '08

In honor of James Butler

Bruno Pigott '74

In honor of Ella Randolph Cooke

Marcia Cooke

In honor of Fred and Madelyn Cooney

Tim Cooney '70

In honor of Allison Cutuli

Ms. Caroline Cutuli

In honor of Rev Norman Dickson S.J.

Marie Schimelfening

In honor of Gerald & Jo Diehl

Paul Diehl '69

In honor of the Dooley family

Tom Dooley '72

In honor of the many branches of the Head family who attended Gesu.

Ruby Duffield '73

In honor of William Duggan, Sr.

Patrick Duggan '67

In honor of Robert & Maureen Duffield married in Gesu Church

Lawrence Duffield '69 & Donna Duffield

In honor of Rita Ellis who always kept us connected to our Gesu friends and families!

Kathleen Whalen O'Shea '76

In honor of Jeanine Ellis, Joe Ostrowski, and any other of our 1980 classmates that we have lost.

Linda Ernst '80

In honor of Fr. Peter Etzel S.J.

Edward Stuckey and Elizabeth Miller

In honor of Gilbert Fox

Robert Latson '84

In honor of my loving mom Mavis Fraser

Dawn Fraser-Green

In honor of Ivan Gaskill

Michelle Gaskill-Hames '87

In honor of my teacher, Sr Florence Gillet

who also taught my Auntie Barbara Tear

Kimberly Bright '69

Thank you to all of our Gesu donors!
We can't do it without you!

In honor of Barbara Glamb

Carla Glamb Rivers '83

Erica Wilson '83

In honor of Gary Grobbel

Deborah Grobbel Johnson '66

In honor of Robert and Marie Handley

Ms. Catherine Handley

Peter Handley and Amy Handley

In honor of John Hooper

Patricia Harrington

In honor of Mrs. Horgan, my third-grade teacher.

She inspired me to be the teacher I am today.

Fawn Haney Day '76

In honor of Helen Cheviron Hathaway '35,

and John C Hathaway '64

Joseph E. Hathaway '67

In honor of Wally & Rita Hilker

Renee Derra '83

In honor of Soichiro "Patrick" & Cynthia Hiram

Ann-Nora Hiram

In honor of Robert & Elaine Howe

Robert Howe Jr '64

In honor of Alice & Harvey James

Elizabeth James '74

In honor of David & Marty Jones

Thaddeus Jones and Rita Jones

In honor of Shawn Kaley

Peter Kaley and Mary Kaley

In honor of John & Alex Leidlein

Andrew Leidlein '80

In honor of Susan McGrath

Mr. Thomas McGrath

In honor of Dr and Mrs CF Miranda

Steven Miranda '71

Martha Manare '76: Looking forward to a celebration with my Gesu family.

Benny Milton '76: Looking forward to seeing all of my Class of '76 alumni!!!

Janis Mueller '76: Best school and church in Detroit and a great neighborhood.

Barbara Novak '76: Looking forward to the reunion and seeing Gesu school again!

Catherine Partalis '76: Great childhood memories and friends come to mind.

Dan Bridenstine '77: Congratulations on Gesu's Centennial Celebration! Keep up the great work.

Mark Jones '77: Can't wait!

Francesca Ortiz '77: A great foundation for my life.

Tina Pickett '77: Excellent education that I received and good memories!

Karen Rease-Clark '77: Gesu School continues to be a strong foundation of education and values for children. Go Gesu!!

Kyra Lewis Leverett '77: Wonderful memories, lifelong friendships and strong academic foundation

Walter Douglas White '77: In memory of fellow classmate and teammate (football and basketball), Rodney Thompson. Gone too soon.

Carlyle Wimberly '77: Keep up the good work.

Maria Woodruff-Wright '77: I continue to be blessed by the education and friendships that were cultivated at Gesu.

Kimberley Brown Naylor '78: I have Great memories of a great school and education! Gesu was my foundation to my wonderful life!!!

Daina Perry Howze '78: Gesu gave me the Christian values and discipline that I have today.

Vincent Trent '78: The formidable years of my life growing up in Detroit.

Julie Walton '78: Looking forward to seeing the school again after 44 years.

Kelly Dean '79: I had the best educational experience, both academically and socially at Gesu!

Amyre Loomis '79: Hi all! Gesu School is forever in my heart...

Suane Loomis '79: Oh, Happy Day!!

Jill McCoy '79: Giants!

Lia Shreve '79: I am so excited to attend Gesu's Centennial Birthday. So many great memories & friends for a lifetime!!!!

Maureen Stapleton '79: Gesu Giants 1979. Hope to see ya there.

1980's

Bill Manns '80: Gesu is an amazing Church and School; my life would not be the same if I had not attended Gesu. Thank you for pouring so much into me and the other alums.

John McElhone '80: Names, faces and memories of friends

and teachers are filling my heart and mind in this moment! So many good times!

Linda Ernst '80: Looking forward to seeing all the friends, classmates, and hopefully teachers to celebrate all the learning, love and life lessons we shared.

Marchette Richardson '80: Because I made some of my best experiences there.

Monique Guest '80: Gesu is a family that has kept many of us together. Looking forward to seeing you all.

Raynette Owens '80: Hello my Gesu Giants. Keep up the good work!

Cheryl Day '81: Happy 100 years!

Cara Massey '81: Great childhood memories and a wonderful education.

Karen Van Antwerp '81: Being part of the Gesu community brings joy to my heart!

Katherine Loomis '81: My educational and spiritual experiences, friends, teachers, and classmates all contributed to the shaping of me as a human being. I loved being a part of the Gesu community!

Lillian (Rene) Brooks '81: Looking forward to the celebration!

Earl King '82: Gesu is an institution of higher learning that has supported the community and contributed to the success of so many leaders and I would like to contribute to the continuation of this legacy.

Carla Glamb Rivers '83: Grateful for the love and memories of our mothers and the best friend (Erica Bradley) I made at Gesu over 45 years ago because our moms brought us there. May they both RIP.

Erica Wilson '83: My best friend's mom Barbara Glamb and my mom Elaine Bradley sent us to Gesu School for a good education.

Therese Comor '84: I met her in 4th grade (Jocelyn Jones) and we became great friends. We worked together in Social Studies. I miss her, I love her and I think of her almost every day.

William Guest '84: Can't wait to see everyone.

Monica Hickson '84: Love Gesu!

Robert Latson '84: Gesu Church and School is more like a community of like-minded individuals who love and support your every action. I have grown with my class of '84 through the good times and the bad and sad and I must say you all are my true-blue friends and I love you so, so much.....over and out.

John Anderson '85: Can't wait to see everyone!

Toya Harris '85: RIP to all of our classmates! We love and miss you.

Shawn Jones '85: Gesu was and is the best Catholic school in the state. There was a warmth in the environment and the faculty. I had a hard life when I was a kid and coming to school was an escape for me. This school taught me religion and I learned the love and grace of God there that carried me thru life!





Alumni Comments, Cont.

Gretchen Mayberry-Mckay '85: I support Gesu because it was my family outside of my family. It was my home away from home. We had so much fun. It was always something to do at Gesu! Not to mention, we had an awesome principal, Sister Stella! Go Gesu Giants for life!! Class of '85

Veronica Milton '85: I am grateful for my mother who paid for my tuition. Without her and God, I would not have had this wonderful experience.

Carla Preston '85: Gesu Giants Rock! Gesu was a wonderful place to learn, meet new friends and enhance my Catholic faith. Thank you to the fantastic staff especially Sr. Stella, Sr. Cecelia, Sr. Norine. Cheers!

If at the reunion, you added a name to the Gesu Memory Board, a Mass will be said at Gesu on Saturday, November 26, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. to hold those people in prayer.

Michelle Gaskill-Hames '87: Gesu Church and School provided me with an exceptional educational and spiritual foundation as a child and young adult. I am eternally grateful! Congratulations on 100 years of blessings and may God pave the way for 100 more!

Donna Johnson '87: All the way to heaven 87, where the foundation for true friendship began

Keisha Duvall '88: Shelia Duvall

Tiffany Franklin '88: We miss you Brook!

Pamela Morton '88: I support Gesu because my educational foundation began there. I was enrolled from kindergarten to eighth grade.

Susan Matous '89: Happy 100th Anniversary Gesu

1990's

Kelly Campos '90: So excited to bring my family to see the old stomping grounds!

Christina Floyd '95: This was the best educational foundation to get me where I am today. Sister Stella and Father Dillon were invaluable to us in those years at Gesu.

2000's - 2021

Sterling White '08: Always gotta remember the important pillars of your life.

Joseph J. Moch '17: Thank you Gesu for your dedication!

Arnell Smith My son (**Arnell '18**) attended Gesu School from preschool through junior high. Gesu produce excellent students with strong values. Additionally, it was a privilege to interact

with many of the students and parents over the years.

Madison Jackson '20: I've been at this school since I was in pre-school!!! I love it.

Keith Morales '21: We've all gone through a lot

Parishioners and Friends

Sandra Battle: Gesu, a wonderful and caring community

Therese Bellaimey: Looking forward to this celebration!

Brittany Betties: This is the parish I grew up coming to!

Jack Betts: Gesu is a diverse community of warm, considerate people and clergy.

Rachel Brennan: Gesu has been my parish for over 50 years. My late husband went to Gesu School as well as our 5 children. 4 graduated from Gesu and my youngest transferred to U of D High School after the 7th grade.

Fadrah Crowe: May Gesu have 100 more years of great memories!

John Daniels: Gesu formed us so deeply! We lived in Gesu from 1970 - 2000. Worship, outreach, community, and faith formation in a racially and economically diverse congregation made us so much more than we would have been otherwise. We are who we are today because of Gesu. We aim to become who we are to become because of the foundations and relationships that give our lives direction - toward God's love in action, in everything, everywhere.

Fr. Jeff Dorr, SJ: Gesu Church and School is an incredible institution that touches and has touched the lives of a tremendous number of people. It is an honor for me to be able to spend my first years as a priest at Gesu!

John Dubosh: It's a great parish!

Darlene Frederick: Thank you for providing an outstanding Catholic education for all current and future students!

Sarah Gryniecicz: Gesu is such a wonderful heart of love and faith in Detroit. We're thrilled to be a part of the community

Patricia Harrington: Gesu is an awesome community of people. Thank you for all you've been to me and John.

Ann-Nora Hirami: THE Jesuit church I feel so invested in and THE Catholic school in Detroit that never fled to the suburbs.

Michael Hovey: Keep up the good work!

Dennis Lakomy: Thank you for providing an outstanding Catholic education to all current and future students!

David and Deborah Lalonde: Gesu remains in our prayers. We hope that you are all well (parents of a Jesuit Volunteer, Jason Lalonde who volunteered at Gesu in 2018-19).

Joyce Law: Congratulations on 100 blessed years.

Cathy Lee: In honor of 100 years of faith, service and community.

Jean Lewis: I am a long-standing parishioner and my children, Kyra & Vincent received an excellent education at Gesu.

Duke Marlin: I have many friends that are alumni.

David Massaron: It is a great school and offers strong values for a diverse student body.

Emmett Moten: I support Gesu because of the close community, and to serve God.

Glory Palmer: Congratulations on 100 years! God bless this loving community!

DiAnne Patterson Schultz: It has been a wonderful journey; may it continue to be!

June Porter: I am grateful to my parents for moving to the University District when I was young and joining Gesu parish, 50 years ago. As an adult, I still call Gesu my home church and truly appreciate the Jesuits for maintaining a church and school in Detroit for 100 years.

Kathleen Rogers: Congratulations and blessings to Gesu on its Centennial Celebration. May Gesu Parish continue its ministry to the Detroit community for years to come.

Kathleen Samul: Gesu has provided our family with a thoughtful and meaningful place to practice our faith for 45 years. We have celebrated weddings, births, sacraments, and the end of life with the Gesu Community. We appreciate the support of the Jesuits and the parish teams that have always been there for our family.

Kathy Saunders: Started my teaching career at Gesu. Those five years set the foundation for my entire successful career! Recently retired after thirty plus years of teaching.

Carrie Simmons: I joined Gesu church with my late husband, Judge Louis F. Simmons, over 30 years ago. The Gesu Parish community has been very supportive of my family for so many years. Congratulations to Gesu Church for its' 100th anniversary!

Donald Taylor: I look forward to meeting everyone at the 100th Centennial celebration!

Isaac Tedla: Great church/ community

Michelle Thomas: Gesu was my first stop when my family moved to Detroit. I grew up in Gesu Church, school and community. I've developed lifelong relationships and hope to see classmates I haven't seen in a long time.

Kevin Uhl: My father cherished Gesu school & church.

Sean Joyce Whipp: So deeply thankful to God for the witness of the Gesu community

Janet Williams: My Dad. He was a devout Roman Catholic. He loved the Church.

Tonya Williams: We look forward to seeing everyone!

Elizabeth Wright: Gesu Church and school are blessings to our community. Praying that this Catholic foundation continues for another century. God's blessings to all of our Gesu Family, community and friends.



July 30 was a great day to meet with classmates and friends. Thank you to all who attended and supported Gesu's Centennial Celebration
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