

**CLOSING PRAYER:**

~ **Prayer of Blessing** ~

On the day  
when the weight deadens  
on your shoulders,  
and you stumble,  
may the clay dance  
to balance you.

And when your eyes  
freeze behind the grey window  
and the ghost of loss  
gets in to you,  
may a flock of colors —  
indigo, red, green, and azure blue —  
come to awaken in you  
a meadow of delight.

When the canvas frays  
in the sea of thought  
and a stain of ocean  
blackens beneath you,  
may there come across the waters  
a path of yellow moonlight  
to bring you safely home.

May the nourishment  
of the earth be yours,  
may the clarity  
of light be yours,  
may the fluency  
of the ocean be yours,  
may the protection  
of the ancestors be yours.  
And so may a slow wind  
work these words  
of love around you,  
an invisible cloak  
to mind your life.  
Amen.

**CAMPUS MINISTRY OFFICE:**

The Campus Ministry Office is located in **Our Lady Chapel**.  
phone: [440] 473-3560. e-mail: [jbcsc@ix.netcom.com](mailto:jbcsc@ix.netcom.com)

# Our Lady Chapel



*Our Lady Chapel is a Roman Catholic community founded in the love of the Father, centered in Christ, and rooted in the Holy Cross tenets of building family and embracing diversity. We are united in our journey of faith through prayer and sacrament, and we seek growth through the wisdom of the Holy Spirit in liturgy and outreach, while responding to the needs of humanity.*

**BLANKET SUNDAY — THIS WEEKEND:**

This weekend, **October 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>**, marks the **28<sup>th</sup> annual Blanket Sunday Collection** to aid the needy. The collection is sponsored by the Diocesan St. Vincent de Paul Society. This year, due to lack of storage space, we will sponsor a **cash only** collection. We will gratefully accept your cash donations and do the shopping for you, making your money go even further with bulk purchases of blankets and other items needed by low income families. **ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE ON THE TABLE IN THE NARTHEX. Just drop the envelope in the collection basket** and we will take it from there. Thank you.

**WOMEN'S DAY OF RETREAT — SAVE THE DATE:**

**Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:30 PM – 9:00 PM** in the **Lennon Board Room** for our very popular **Fall Women's Retreat**. All Women of Our Lady Chapel and Gilmour Academy — and their guests and friends — are invited to join us for this retreat. **Father John** will facilitate our evening of reflection. The evening will begin with Mass at 5:30 PM, followed by a refreshing dinner that you won't have to cook. **Cost for the evening is \$20.** [Please know that ability to pay for the retreat is not a condition for attendance]. The evening of reflection will begin around 7:00 or so. If you can't make it for Mass or even for dinner, come anyway when you can. It will be a wonderful evening of spiritual renewal. So **mark the date on your calendars** and give yourself a treat in the Lord. **Sign up on the retreat sheet which is located on the easel which in the narthex of the Chapel, or call Patty in the Chapel Office [440-473-3560].**

**MEN'S RETREAT — SAVE THE DATE:**

The Fall Men's retreat is scheduled for **Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM**. Come and share in this evening of prayer and reflection sponsored by Our Lady Chapel and the Gilmour Men's Club. The retreat brings together men of the Chapel and Gilmour Communities in an evening of spiritual conversation. The retreat begins with **Mass in Our Lady Chapel at 5:30 PM** followed by **dinner and discussion in the Lennon Board Room**, concluding around 9:00 PM. Even if you can't make the Mass at 5:30, please join us when you are able to get there. **Cost for the evening is \$15.** [Please know that ability to pay for the retreat is not a condition for attendance]. **Reserve your spot today by signing the "sign-up" sheet located on the easel in the narthex of the chapel, or by contacting Patty in the Chapel Office [440-473-3560].** We hope to see you at this wonderful spiritual opportunity for the men of Our Lady Chapel and Gilmour Academy.

**PRAY THE ROSARY:**

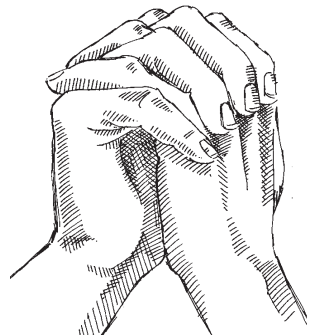
Please join us as we **pray the Rosary every Saturday at 4:25 PM** in the Eucharistic Chapel. In the words of Pope John Paul II: "The Rosary of the Virgin Mary is a prayer loved by countless Saints and encouraged by the Magisterium. Simple yet profound, it still remains, at the dawn of the third millennium, a prayer of great significance. It has the depth of the Gospel message in its entirety. Through the Rosary, the faithful receive abundant grace, as though from the very hands of the Mother of the Redeemer." Please join us.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

Jesus calls us to pray for one another. Please keep all these people in your prayers.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:**

- For Allen Evans who is recovering from open heart surgery.
- For Alice Jaqueth, mother of Former Dorm proctor, Christine Jaqueth, who is seriously ill with pneumonia.
- For Lisa Mehling, niece of Sister Mary Ann Mehling, who is undergoing treatment for diabetes.
- For Moddie Davis, mother of Glenda ['13] Davis who has been diagnosed with cancer.
- For Barbara Carr who is seriously ill with brain cancer.
- For Amy Wargo who is ill.
- For Brother Paul Kelly, C.S.C., who is undergoing treatment for Leukemia
- For Daniel Saunders, father of Lower School Head of School, Yvonne Saunders, who is in rehab following hip replacement surgery..
- For Tony Viola who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Justin, who is undergoing medical testing.
- For Gina Cortese, cousin of Liz ['12] and Hannah ['14] Bencivenni, who is undergoing treatment for brain cancer.
- For Joan Janovetz, sister of Judy Morgan who is recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- For John DiCillo, husband of Gilmour teacher, Bonnie DiCillo, father of John ['83], David ['84], Dawn ['86], and Daniel ['88], who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For John Nagy, who is seriously ill with inoperable cancer.
- For Don Behner, who is under the care of hospice.
- For James Hlavin ['52] who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Garrett Gulden who is undergoing treatment for leukemia.
- For Anne Travassos, who is recovering from cancer surgery.
- For Michael Shea, brother of Lower School Teacher, Theresa Stark, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Michael Thatcher who is critically ill with cancer.
- For Monica Starks, mother of Faith ['20] and former Gilmour student, Monica Joy, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Janine Yardy, daughter of Geraldine Mockler, who is seriously ill.
- For Phylis McGinley, grandmother of Middle school Head of School, Elizabeth Edmondson, great-grandmother of Mollie ['21] and Abigail ['23] Edmondson, who is seriously ill.
- For Christian Connors, son of technology associate, Kevin Connors, who is continues in rehab
- For Mary Kampman, mother of Mark ['81], Matthew ['85], Dean ['86], and Douglas ['88] who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Ray Sharnsky, long time Gilmour teacher and coach, who is undergoing treatment for an infection.
- For Stephanie Batt ['04], daughter of Debbie Moss Batt, who is undergoing medical testing.
- For Karen Wanders, mother of upper school teacher, Jonathan, who is undergoing treatment resulting from a brain aneurysm.
- For Dan Hathey, technology associate, who is undergoing treatment for cancer and a stroke.
- For Betty Herten, aunt of Hope ['13] and James ['15] Herten, who is undergoing treatment for leukemia.
- For Dan Houlahan who is in rehabilitation following a brain aneurysm.
- For Sister Barbara Johns, I.H.M., who is undergoing treatment for cancer.



**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

Jesus calls us to pray for one another. Please keep all these people in your prayers

**FOR THE DECEASED:**

- For Howard Birt.
- For Robert Anfang
- For Steve Ondrejcek
- For Father William Wiethorn, OFM Cap, diocesan director of religious.
- For Bernadette Ambrose, mother of Dominick Ambrose [‘81]
- For Brother Alexander Stroz, C.S.C.
- For Sister Mary Peter Brumter, O.P.
- For George Gillette, father of Brother Francisco Gillette, C.S.C.
- For Helen Dundon, mother of Thomas [‘78], Mark [‘82], and Sean [‘84]
- For Sister Mary deAngelis, S.N.D.
- For Edward Martin.
- For Patrick Carbone, uncle of Barb Fisco [‘87]
- For Mickie Angie, grandmother of Dan [‘05] and Jeff [‘11] Angie.
- For Jean Lally, great aunt of Emily [‘15] and Natalie [‘18] Kirk
- For Alice Mortensen, great aunt of Emily [‘15] and Natalie [‘18] Kirk

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:**

- For Mary Snodgrass who is recovering from cancer surgery.
- For Patricia Constantino, mother of Nancy [‘83] and Patty [‘85] Constantino, who is recovering from serious kidney surgery.
- For Ronald Connolly who is undergoing treatment for pancreatic and liver cancer.
- For George Prusock, husband of LS associate, Nina, who is undergoing medical treatment.
- For Rita Banjoff, who is undergoing treatment for congestive heart failure.
- For Steve Hovancsek, uncle of former Gilmour student, Christian Horvath, who is critically ill with cancer.
- For Fred Angie Sr., grandfather of Dan [‘05] and Jeff [‘11] Angie., who is recovering from surgery
- For Dennis Jancsy who is seriously ill with cancer.
- For Patricia Weaver, who is suffering from complications from back surgery.
- For Catherine King, who is under the care of hospice.
- For Sophia Pecjak, cousin of Avery Chenin [‘81] who is undergoing treatment for myocarditis
- For John Russo, father of Jennifer [‘93], who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Janice Feenstra, sister of Lisa Habe, aunt of Jack [‘19] and Will [‘20] Habe who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Matt Barry [‘13], son of Dean [‘84], brother of Timothy [‘12], who is undergoing treatment for leukemia.
- For Bob Meyo, brother of former Gilmour Trustee, Ray Meyo, uncle of Lisa [‘93] and Joe [‘94] Meyo, who is under hospice care.
- For Chris Biggins who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Cheryl Arndt, Gilmour housekeeper, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Pastor Henry Charles who is ill.

**R.C.I.A [Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults]:**

We are beginning to plan for our RCIA program which will begin in the fall. If you know someone who has been away from the Catholic Church for a while, or who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, or who presently is not a Catholic but would like to pursue this avenue of faith; if you know someone who is not fully initiated [Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation] in their Catholic faith — then consider having them join our RCIA program. **Please contact Father John [440-473-3560] for more information.**



**SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Father John will at Notre Dame be with the Freshman Class on Thursday and Friday of this week. Masses will resume. **Masses will take place over the weekend as usual.** Sorry for any inconvenience this causes.

Sunday, October 12: <b>28<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
Monday, October 13:	<b>5:30 PM</b> [Eucharistic Chapel]
Tuesday, October 14:	<b>5:30 PM</b> [Eucharistic Chapel]
Wednesday, October 15: <b>St. Theresa of Avila</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b> [Eucharistic Chapel]
Thursday, October 16:	<b>NO MASS</b>
Friday, October 17: <b>St. Ignatius of Antioch</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
Saturday, October 18: <b>29<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
Sunday, October 19: <b>29<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>

**FAITH EDUCATION:**

Here are the dates for Faith Education for the months of October and November: **October 19<sup>th</sup> and November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.** Our Sessions go from **8:45—9:45 AM** each time we meet, with the hope that our children would then **participate in our 10:00 AM Family Mass.** We have a number of families who attend the chapel regularly who have children who attend non-Catholic schools. Our **Faith Education Program** will help to fulfill your on-going religious education. Our program runs from grades K-8. Students in grades 9-12 are encouraged to participate in our Life Teen Program. **Please contact Patty in the Chapel Office (440)473-3560 if you have any questions.** Thank you for taking care of this important responsibility



**LIVE LIFE:**

“Humans have two great spiritual needs. One is for forgiveness. The other is for goodness.”

— Billy Graham

**REFLECTION ON THE THEME FOR THE WEEK:**

There is an old saying about fatigue making cowards of us all. There is some truth in this. Becoming tired has various effects on our spirits as well as our bodies. Physically, fatigue can make us drop things, lessen awareness of our senses, and tends to isolate us socially. Spiritual fatigue, however, is an area that we give little thought to — maybe we think it is heretical to imagine even thinking or saying that we can grow tired of God, prayer, the sacraments and the whole idea of religion. Tired can be the same as being bored. We long for the new and different in our lives — something to excite our minds. We often say to others: “What’s new?” Usually we get back a somewhat tired: “Not much.”

We are living within the influence of the same old Eucharist and wandering each day to living the same old renewal of the New Covenant. There is nothing boring — only bored persons. We all need to tiredly — yet tirelessly — seek the very new in the very same old. What is new in the Eucharist — and in our daily lives — is our living the lives God gave us — that life that Jesus died for. The bells, which are sometimes rung during parts of the Mass, are not meant to wake up the community — the reception of the Eucharist is itself a “wake-up call” — a call to be a living liturgy in all aspects of our lives. What’s new? I am — and so are you. That is...if I am not too tired! Check your spiritual fatigue.

Isaiah’s teaching for this 28<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time is a poem for the hungry listener. While these words were originally spoken as a hymn of thanksgiving for God’s care for the city of Jerusalem against all invaders, what we hear is a prediction — in tasty figures — of a “time to come” when the promised Messiah would bring about all fruitfulness and abundance. On that day, all peoples will have their sight sharpened so as to be able to see the goodness of the providing God.

This people is hungry for the presence and presents of God — especially safety and protection from their enemies. The “mountain” — the symbol of dominion, defense, and the presence of God — will be unavailable to destruction if the people keep relating the stories that lead to their saying: “For the hand of the Lord will rest on this mountain.”

Matthew’s Gospel [22:1-14] is the parable for the great banquet. In the parable, the characters are really quite easy to identify — the King is God, and the marriage banquet is the result of the Messiah’s coming and dominion. The son is the Messiah, and the servants are the ancient prophets. The invited are all of us — especially the Gentiles and sinners. The one you really want to know about is the apparent contradiction to the joyous feast — the person without a wedding garment is a real curve ball. Who is this mystery guest?

The theme of this parable might just be: “There is no free lunch.” Everyone is invited to the kingdom, or feast. The garment is the Baptismal garment, which represents the practical living out the acceptance of being invited. This is a central theme of Matthew’s gospel. In this parable, Jesus moves from invitation into the realm of acceptance to vocation or doing the deeds of faith. This fellow represents the spiritless, actionless, and those caught up in indulgence. The insult of this parable is to the Pharisees and elders whom Jesus pictures as eating well, but doing nothing for the Jewish people into whose care they have been entrusted.

The person who came into the wedding feast without a garment is obviously more interested in eating than he was in being properly dressed for the occasion. This is “selfish eating” to say the least. Commenting on this incident someone once wrote the following satirical piece: “Put in your mouth, the

**ALTAR SERVERS and LECTORS:**

We continue to be in need of servers and lectors. **Any student who is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> [and up] grade is invited to become an altar server; any student who is in the 5<sup>th</sup> [and up] grade is invited to become a lector.** These are both wonderful ministries — a great way to serve God and the faith community. If you would like to take advantage of these opportunities, **please give your name to Father John.** You do not have to attend Gilmour to be an altar server, lector, or to be involved in any other ministry at Our Lady Chapel. **Please call the chapel office [440-473-3560].**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

**Monday:** Galatians 4:22-5:1, Luke 11:29-32

**Tuesday:** Galatians 5:1-6, Luke 11:37-41

**Wednesday:** Galatians 5:18-25, Luke 11:42-46

**Thursday:** Ephesians 1:1-10, Luke 11:47-54

**Friday:** Ephesians 1:11-14, Luke 12:1-7

**Saturday:** 2 Timothy 4:10-17, Luke 10:1-9

**29<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time:** Isaiah 45:1-6, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, Matthew 22:15-21

**ATTENDANCE:**

If you attend Mass regularly here at Our Lady Chapel, it would be helpful if you filled out a form [name, address, phone number, children, etc.] indicating this fact, if you have not already done so. Such information not only helps us to know who is attending Our Lady Chapel; it also is of great assistance to us in record keeping [for our friend, the IRS] of any contributions which you may make.

**ENVELOPES:**

- When you need a **new supply** of envelopes, please feel free to take a supply of them from the table in the vestibule, or call Father John at the Campus Ministry Office [473-3560].
- When you **use** your envelope, please make sure that **your number** is on it. If you need to know your number, please call the Campus Ministry Office. Thanks.

**WEEKLY OFFERING:**

Baskets will be passed during the “Preparation Rite” and will be brought to the altar as part of the Offerings to help offset chapel daily operating expenses. When you choose to use the envelopes, your donations to Our Lady Chapel will be acknowledged so that you have a record for the IRS.

**Total Offerings: Saturday 10/4/14] ----- \$ 830.00**

**Total Offerings: Sunday [10/5/14] ----- \$ 1,454.00**

**A PROVERB:**

To get what we’ve never have, we must do what we have never done.

## DO YOU REMEMBER THE ROYAL WEDDING?

Do you remember watching the Royal Wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton a few years ago. After watching that lavish display, how could anyone ignore or reject an invitation to such a significant event? The key to understanding Matthew's parable [22:1-14] revolves around a proper understanding of Jesus' first words — "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to..." At the heart of this conversation is the biblical phrase "the kingdom of God" or "the kingdom of heaven". What we have to remember is that neither of these phrases refers to the eternal life that we're expecting to experience after our physical death. Rather the phrases refer to God working effectively in our lives right here and now — long before we're escorted through those pearly gates.

It's relatively easy to appreciate why someone would ignore or reject that kind of an invitation. At the very beginning of his public ministry, Jesus tells us that accepting this invitation entails repentance — a complete change in our value system. What we once thought important, we now push to the periphery of our lives; what we once thought insignificant is now front and center in everything we do.

As we hear over and over in the gospels, a sign we're working on this repentance is when people have become more important for us than our careers, wealth, institutions, or even laws. Lots of people simply aren't willing to take such a drastic step in order to experience God's presence in everyone they meet and everything they do.

In the 50 year interval between the historical Jesus telling this parable and Matthew's writing it down for his readers, things happened which were eventually integrated into the original narrative. The church, for instance, had suffered persecution at the hand of some of their fellow-Jews, and Jerusalem was destroyed by the Romans. At one point someone even joined this story of a rejected wedding feast to another parable which revolved around someone flaunting the dress code for such an important occasion.

Yet Jesus' basic message still remains — those who should have been the first to hear and respond to the good news of God's kingdom among us ignored it. An unexpected and unprepared people were the fortunate individuals who eventually accepted it. This was a powerful message for Matthew's Jewish/Christian community which was dealing with an influx of Gentiles into the church. Some among Matthew's readers would have put these non-Jews into the same category as the sinners and outcasts of the historical Jesus' day and age — the people who came to the feast.

The belief that experiencing God's kingdom right here and now is part of God's plan of salvation. This is obviously what Paul is referring to in his letter to the Church at Philippi when he reminds us that when we take the steps necessary to cross into the kingdom of heaven, our entire outlook on everything changes. As Paul puts it: "In every circumstance, and in all things, I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need. I can do all things in him who strengthens me." Paul is not focused on the things most people judge as essential to their well-being. Paul's value system has shifted 180 degrees.

Jack Shea once remarked that Jesus was concerned with answering just three questions: [1] "What do you want out of life?"; [2] "Where do you get it?"; and [3] "How much does it cost?" The answer to the last question probably stops a lot of us from even exploring the first two.

—taken from the writings of Father Roger Karban, which appear on the internet



whole Meal at this table so that when you stand up you will stand up with and for others. Eat of the Meal of Truth that you may truthfully reveal the preparer of the banquet. Take one hearty heart-pill of holiness that any attacks of the heart by the Evil One might be resisted. Eat well and often of the Bread which is served with every course so that your feet will lead you, being the True Staff of Life. Drink deeply of the Cup of Living Wine that you may generously bring life after you have eaten and drunk at the banquet of Infinite and Abounding Love."

The person was thrown out because the Meal of ingesting the Person and Teachings of Jesus remained undigested — caught in their throat. Jesus makes each "me" into a "we", and that intimacy with Him brings fruitful life to me and through me to His — and our — sisters and brothers. There is no free lunch — no taking Him inside. Rather what goes in must come out — grace leading onto grace. The multiplying effect of being invited into Christ is moving Him into life around us. The cost of the Lunch is paid way long after our being invited.

—taken from the writings of Father Larry Gillick, S.J., which appear on the internet

## SERVING THE LORD IN THE POOR:

For the past year, our teens have been volunteering at **Our Savior Lutheran Church Food Pantry** [located right across the street from the chapel]. The Pantry is open on the **third Saturday of every month from 11:00 AM – 1:30 or 2:00 PM.** Our Savior Lutheran's Food Pantry was formed to serve those in emergency situations and/or with on-going need in the cities of Mayfield Heights, Mayfield Village, Highland Heights and Gates Mills. The Food Pantry respects social and cultural diversity and upholds the worth and dignity of those it serves. All those in the area with need will be served equally, as supplies allow. The food pantry is a member of the Greater Cleveland Food Bank. During the course of the past year, the food pantry at Our Savior Lutheran Church served an average of 141 households each time. Our teens have loved this ministry and have been very faithful to it. **We would now like to open this ministry up to our entire Chapel Community. If you would like to help on any given third Saturday, please call Patty at the chapel office [440-473-3560] to let us know that you are going to volunteer.** Come as a family or by yourself.



## CLEAN OUT THOSE CLOSETS AND SERVE OTHERS:

Fall is here. Another change in seasons, and another time to once again clean out the closets. Clothing that no longer fits, or which was replaced by new items, becomes great items for others. Always remember the words of Jesus: "The poor you shall always have with you" [Matthew 26:11]. Please continue to bring your **gently used** men's, women's and children's clothing to the Lennon Board Room, or place it in the cedar chest which is located in the chapel narthex of the Chapel [just press the key button to open the chest]. We partner with Fatima Center to help provide clothing for general use. Also, **business work clothing for this season is especially needed. The Fatima Center helps men and women prepare for job interviews.** If you have some of these items, this would be a good time to send them along. Clothing for all seasons is accepted, but please try to keep in mind that storage facilities are limited at Fatima — so it would help if you could focus on fall items at this time. You may pick up a tax form when you drop off the clothing here at Our Lady Chapel — there are forms in the cedar chest. Clothing may be brought on the weekend, or during the week. Thank you. **If you have any questions, please contact Patty in the chapel office [440-473-3560].**



**JESUS LOVED A GOOD PARTY:**

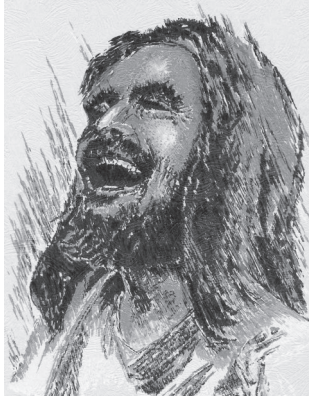
Cannibals in New Guinea invited a priest to visit under a truce. They had heard about Jesus and they wanted to see what influence He had on the priest's life. The priest was gloomy. He never smiled. They decided to forget about Christ. They concluded that once the truce was over, they would not eat the priest. His tough hide would cause them heartburn. Hilaire Belloc wrote: "Wherever the Catholic sun does shine, there is always laughter and good red wine." Would Belloc say that about us? We are told that it takes seventeen face muscles to smile but forty-three to frown. Laughter is the only tranquilizer yet developed that has no side effects. Our expression is the most important garment we wear.

Yet, how many of us know fellow-Christians who never smile? They walk about with an eternal mad on their face. They are people one avoids. Undertakers on the job are happier looking than they. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus reminds His Jewish audience that when the Messiah comes, they will enjoy a first class sit down supper with Lenox China and Baccarat crystal [Matthew 22:1-14]. The menu is alluded to in the prophecy of Isaiah — "juicy red food and pure choice wines" [Isaiah 25:6-10]. Notice not wine, but wines. White with the lobster and red with the filet mignon. It will be the mother of all parties. This is one six star banquet that weight-watchers should avoid. Jesus compares living in His company to the equivalent of a party.

His Church should be a happy place. To sign on with Him should be as great an occasion as going to a banquet filled with warm laughter, prime ribs, aged wines, chocolate-dipped strawberries, and brandy from Napoleon's cellar. We should remind ourselves of this wedding parable. Often the charge against the Church is it removes "joie de vivre" from life.

Many argue that the Gospels have people do the deeds which they dislike, and avoid the activities which they want to perform. Have you ever seen those pictures which show Jesus laughing His head off? The fact is that such pictures — while "different" touch upon a very important truth — Jesus was anything but gloomy. Firstly, children were constantly pestering Him. Kids avoid sad sacks. Secondly, had He disliked parties, would He have walked many miles to the Cana wedding reception? The record suggests He was so anxious to get to that party He crashed it [see John 2]. Thirdly, because He went to so many parties, His enemies called Him "a glutton and wine drinker" [Matthew 11:19]. Fourthly — even though most of us would probably not do this — Jesus hosted a gourmet supper party the night before His death. It was the Passover — a time of celebrating God's intervention into the life of his people [see Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22, and John 13]. It was a joyous occasion — even though the ending was not what the disciples expected. Jesus loved pleasant times, loud laughter, and good red wine. He loved to party hearty. His playful sense of humor caused him to use amusing illustrations, puns, and jokes. He spoke them with a full smile. It's a pity that we don't have Him on video tape in living color. His stories raised a chuckle, even a giggle, on the part of His spellbound audience. The pattern of his life was homey and earthy.

The Gospels tell us that Jesus often went into the mountains alone [see Matthew 14]. Why? GK Chesterton speculates that in addition to spending some time with his heavenly Father, Jesus oftentimes went off to smile and laugh and all that had taken place. People often made funny senseless remarks and requests to him. He did not want to offend them by laughing in their faces. If Jesus had given us an eighth sacrament, it might have been the Sacrament of Laughter. Jesus would have enjoyed Locke's definition



this is because its other dimensions seem more sacred. Our reluctance to accept this is evident in the simple criticism that is made of people who go to church principally because of its social aspect — "She doesn't go to church to pray! She just goes for the socializing, for the chance to talk with others!" That is always voiced as a negative when, in fact, it a good reason, among others, to go the Eucharist. The ritual of the Eucharist was given to us because we are social in our very make-up. To go to church to socialize is reason enough to be there.

I wish I had known that as child — when I went to church on special feast days, like Christmas or Easter, and heard the priest using the word "celebration" to describe our Eucharistic gathering, and never — not even for a second — connected that with the much-anticipated family dinner we would be having once we got home from church. I wish too that people would know this when they stay away from church because of boredom or anger or because they feel their presence there is only social and not an act of prayer.

One of the reasons we go to church is to pray, but we go there, too, for the same reason we go to the family table every evening — it's good to be there, no matter what!

—taken from the writings of Father Ronald Rolheiser, O.M.I., which appear on the internet

**DRESSES FOR HONDURAS:**

One of the nurses in our Gilmour Clinic is involved in a **dressmaking project** for the children of Honduras. They have devised a method of making sundresses out of common pillowcases, and then adorning them with other items for decoration. And that is where you come in. **If you have any old buttons, ribbon, ric-rac, lace or other sewing trim**, please bring them in. The group would like to collect these items to help decorate the dresses they are working on. This is an on-going project; the dresses will be sent to Honduras every time there is a mission trip. The next trip is scheduled for March of 2015. There will be a **basket in the narthex of the Chapel** to collect any donations you may have. Thank you for your help!

**AMAZON.COM:**

Please remember that when you want to buy something from Amazon.com, you need to first go to [www.ourladychapel.org](http://www.ourladychapel.org) and click on the Amazon logo at the bottom of the home page! Because of this simple step — and at no cost to the purchaser — Our Lady Chapel receives a percentage of all purchases that are made from Amazon.com. Ever since we have begun this program, we have consistently been receiving significant checks from Amazon that are being credited to help pay for chapel expenses. This affinity program remains in effect throughout the year, so we ask everyone to continue to remember to start your purchases at Amazon on the Our Lady Chapel home page! Thank you.

**CHILDREN'S BULLETINS:**

Each week, we are making available a **Children's Worship Bulletin**. There are **two editions: [3-6] and [7-12]**. They are available on the table as you leave. The Bulletin focuses on the readings for the week. These are wonderful tools for your children to learn more about the scripture readings for the week. We hope you will take them for your families or your grandchildren. Thanks.

**A REMINDER:**

Pearls don't just lie on the seashore. If you want one, you must dive for it.

—Chinese Proverb

### THE EUCHARIST AS A CELEBRATION OF EVERYDAY LIFE:

We sometimes forget that Jesus was born in a barn — not a church — and that the God of the Incarnation is as much about kitchen tables as ecclesial altars. God is as much domestic as monastic. This is important to keep in mind as we try to understand the Eucharist. The Eucharist is the body of Christ — a continuation of the Incarnation — and, like Jesus' birth, is meant to bring the divine into concrete, everyday life.

We must always remember that among other things, the Eucharist is meant simply to be a family meal, a community celebration, a place — like our kitchen tables and living rooms — where we come together to be with each other, to share ordinary life, to celebrate special events with each other, to console and cry with each other when life is full of heartaches, and to be together simply for the sake of being together.

“It is not good for the man to be alone” God said just before creating Eve [Genesis 2:18]. God did not mean these words just about Adam — but about every man, woman, child, and creature forever. Nothing is an island — not even a molecule or an atom. Everything is meant to be in relationship. The Eucharist honors that.

When Jesus gave us the Eucharist, he intended it to be a ritual that invites us to come together as a family in every circumstance of our lives. In faith — just as in nature — we are meant to come together with others when we are happy and when we are sad, when the occasion is festive and when the occasion is mundane, when we celebrate new life and when we bury loved ones, when we give ourselves to each other in marriage and when we need reconciliation, when our energy is high and when our energy is low, when we feel the need for each other and when we want distance from others, and when we have no other reason to be together other than the fact that our nature invites us there.



The Eucharist invites us to gather as family. The very essence of family life is sharing with others both the special and the ordinary moments of life. Families gather together to celebrate occasions — birthdays, weddings, graduations, transitions, illnesses, wakes, and funerals. At these times, the atmosphere is more charged, the energy is higher, and there is a clearer sense that this is an occasion that merits our coming together.

But families that sustain themselves also gather regularly — ideally daily — irrespective of whether there is a special occasion or not. They don't just gather when the energy is good — when everyone is at his or her best, when nobody is bored or angry, and when some occasion merits the effort. They come together regularly — despite tedium, boredom, low energy, busyness, distractions, and interpersonal tensions — because they recognize, however inchoately, that family life is as much about sharing the mundane, the distracted, the sports scores, and the tensions of life, as it is about sharing special and joyous moments. The weekday supper of hotdogs and beans, wolfed-down in 20 minutes with the conversation going no deeper than the sports scores, is not exactly the same stuff as the fare of the Christmas dinner or the conversation that takes place at a wedding or a funeral, but it is equally as important in creating family and keeping a family together. Families are for everyday, just as they are for special occasions. So too is the Eucharist.

For a variety of reasons, we have been slow to take this aspect of the Eucharist seriously. Perhaps

of laughter as “sudden glory.”

Early Christians got the point. They were called “hilaris” — that is the Latin adjective from which the word “hilarious” comes. They possessed a “certain holy hilarity.” They went about their lives with a bounce in their steps and a smile on their faces. They were fun people to hang around with. Their attitude was one of celebration.

They attracted millions of converts. The latter wanted a piece of that joy. Wouldn't you? When Beethoven wrote his *Ode to Joy*, he might have been thinking of the joyful news of Jesus.

So smile often. Let people sense Jesus does make a serious difference in your life. Worship God at the Eucharist on Sunday, and smile with Him through the week. The authentic way of finding joy is by focusing on the three letters of the word “JOY” — J: place Jesus first. O: place others second. Y: place yourself last. Become “pro choice” — choose to save life rather than destroy it. Choose to forgive rather than curse. Choose to smile rather than frown. And always remember: “Blessed are the joy-makers”.  
—taken from the writings of Father James Gilhooley, which appear on the internet.

### SOULCORE:

“SoulCore” is a core workout that is meditative on the rosary and similar to yoga or Pilates in style. It's a deep sensory experience that combines candlelight, aromatherapy, and spiritual music to provide participants the opportunity to renew and strengthen body, mind, and soul while contemplating the mysteries/fruits of the rosary.

“SoulCore” was born out of the desire — the calling — to strengthen our physical bodies, while at the same time, strengthening our souls through prayer. The logo of “SoulCore” — the A intertwined with the M — means “Under the Protection of Mary.” We deepen our devotion to Jesus and Mary by praying the rosary; it helps us to remain aware that we are constantly under the protection of Jesus and Mary. Richard Beyer beautifully described this experience: “In meditating on the mysteries of the rosary, Jesus also helps us to interpret and understand the meaning of his life and death. The more we reflect on the lives of Jesus and Mary through the mysteries, the more we become like them in mind and heart. By means of the rosary, the Spirit of God gradually transfigures our hearts and minds to resemble those of Christ and his Mother.”

**Join us on Wednesday evenings at 7:15 PM or Friday mornings at 8 AM in the Athletic Center's Upper Room for one hour of “SoulCore”.** [The Upper Room in the Athletic Center by following these simple directions — When you enter the Athletic Center, turn left and go through the doorway into the hallway to the pool locker rooms. ON your right you will find steps that lead up to the Upper Room]. During each session we will meditate on a different set of the mysteries. Please bring your own exercise mat and a set of light handheld weights. While most of the exercises focus on core strengthening, we also do at least one decade of arm focused exercises each session. Please note also that everyone is welcome — no matter your fitness level. Every exercise we do in “SoulCore” is an invitation — and you are encouraged to participate at your own level. Prayer and meditation is the true focus of “SoulCore”.

Contact Karen Hostoffer at [KLHostoffer@gmail.com](mailto:KLHostoffer@gmail.com) with any questions or concerns that you have. Karen, a member of our chapel community, looks forward to bringing this new program to the Gilmour Academy community. There is no charge for the sessions, although a free will offering of \$5 to \$10 is appreciated to help defer the cost of insurance, licensing, and continuing education. If you would like more information about the program, also check out the “SoulCore” website — [www.SoulCoreProject.com](http://www.SoulCoreProject.com). Hope to see you there.



**THE ROAD TO HOLINESS:**

Jesus' parable of the wedding feast is a very interesting one [Matthew 22:1-14]. We can easily see who the various characters represent — the host is God the Father, the Son is Jesus, the servants are the Prophets, and the banquet is the Feast of Heaven; the people to whom the first invitation is given are the Jews; but when they fail to come to the wedding, for whatever reason, the invitation is then opened up to the Gentiles.

However among scholars, there are conflicting views about the wedding garment and what it represents. But the vast majority of scholars agree that what the garment represent is this: although the invitation to God's Kingdom is now open to people seemingly chosen at random — good and bad alike — there are some standards, and failure to meet those standards results in the ungrateful guest being cast out.

For the past several weeks, the parables have been addressed to the Chief Priests and the Elders of the People — and so is this one. All these parables are meant to highlight the fact to the senior Jewish leaders that they have effectively misused the privileged relationship that God had given them; thus, through the sacrifice of Christ, the invitation was now to be extended to the whole world.

Those first invited to the banquet have various excuses — “one went off to their farm, another to their business, and the rest seized the servants, maltreated them, and killed them.” The invitation so graciously given has been ignored — the messengers of God have been maltreated, and even killed. It is unbelievable that those who hear God's invitation should be so preoccupied with their own affairs that they reject it. Even more unbelievable is that some of them turn on God's Prophets to attack and kill them.

Of course, this rejection of God's messengers is not something confined to the past — it is just as much present today. The people of today's world are far more preoccupied with making money or indulging their own desires rather than ensuring their entrance into the Kingdom of God. This is an ever present problem for humanity. We have a kind and gentle God who does not force himself upon us, but simply invites us to share eternal life with him. The initiative as to whether we take up his offer is completely left to us. The problem is that we are so preoccupied with other things — so distracted with the things of this world — that most of us don't even hear the gracious invitation of our Creator God.

However, we — the members of the Church — have heard the invitation. We have understood God's plan for us, and we are glad to follow him and we choose each day to embrace the life he has prepared for us.

We should note that those who come in the second batch of guests are not necessarily any better than the members of the first group. The main thing is that they have taken up the invitation — they have responded to the call of God. Like those in the first group, we still do get distracted from time to time. We still fall into sin and frequently forget the correct direction of travel; but hopefully because we have



Jesus gave us the ideal example by giving himself for us. We are all our happiest when we are able to give of ourselves to others. If we want to be happy, we have to follow the Lord. If we want to whoop it up at the wedding banquet of the King, we need to wear our wedding garment. Pray for the determination, perseverance and courage to be active in your Christianity.

—taken from the writings of Father Joseph Pellegrino which appear on the internet

**JOY OR MISSED OPPORTUNITY:**

Matthew's Gospel [22:1-14] compares the kingdom of heaven to a king who prepares a sumptuous banquet to celebrate his son's wedding. When the invited guests refuse to come, the king sends his servants to invite everyone they find on the streets — filling the banquet hall with guests. In this part of the parable, Jesus uses the scriptural image of a lavish banquet to suggest the ultimate triumph of God's abundant grace. The prophet Isaiah had first spoken of such an image when God would provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines [Isaiah 25:6-10]. For Jesus, this great feast represents not only a final victory of divine grace, but also a present reality filled with opportunities for spiritual growth. God's healing, reconciling and liberating grace is available now. The reign is already here in our midst. Open to all, the kingdom is filled with resources for personal growth, deeper relationships, and societal transformation.

It is possible, however, as the parable suggests, to refuse the invitation to the feast — to miss the opportunities to cooperate with God's grace, to ignore the immense resources available in the kingdom. A woman, who was forced by circumstances to divorce her insensitive, self-centered husband, spoke truly when she said that he missed a great opportunity to get to know a good person who loved him. A retired accountant has passed up all the adult religious education opportunities provided by his parish on the assumption that his grade school understanding of the faith is good enough for him. A woman who quit school to get married at a young age and has raised four children wants to go back to finish her college education, but can't summon the courage to give it a try. An attorney has maintained his habit of attending Sunday Mass, but has done little to make it a more fruitful experience. These examples can prompt reflection on ways we have missed opportunities to tap the spiritual resources so abundantly available in the kingdom.

The parable also suggests the good news that God is a gracious host who wants everyone to share in the blessings of the banquet. Our God wants all people to be saved and to participate in the feast of grace already present in our daily experience. Where God reigns, there are always new opportunities for spiritual growth. For example, spouses can help each other come closer to Christ by praying together. Individuals can find deeper meaning in their daily work by viewing it as their contribution to the spread of the kingdom in the world. American students can gain more from their collegiate experience by befriending international students. Worshipers can get more out of the Sunday liturgy by reflecting on the scripture readings ahead of time. Parishioners can gain a deeper understanding of their faith by attending parish-sponsored religious education programs for adults. The Gracious Host has indeed prepared a lavish banquet for all of us. We can always find new ways of drawing on that abundant resource.

—taken from the writings of Father Phil Bloom which appear on the internet.





**WEARING OUR CHRISTIANITY:**

This is not a good weekend for you if you are on a diet. Isaiah the prophet talks about the banquet of the Lord, where there will be juicy, rich food [Isaiah 25:6-10]. Heaven will be pastry without cholesterol. Matthew's gospel talks about the wedding banquet that a king prepares for his son — only to have the invited refuse to come and even mistreat his servants [Matthew 22:1-14]. The King then invites strangers to the meal, who have a whopping great time.

Then — in what really is a second parable added on — the king spots a person without the proper wedding garment. The king gets really upset and throws the person out of the banquet where there will be a weeping a gnashing of teeth. Perhaps you might wonder: “Why was the Host so upset over this person's clothes?” — after all, this is a traveler or a vagrant, how can he or she be expected to have a fine wedding garment? But this is the wrong question to ask — something we always have to be careful about regarding scripture.

This parable is not about wearing clothes — it's about wearing Jesus Christ. St Paul tells us in his letter to the Church at Rome to “Put on the Lord Jesus Christ” [Romans 13:14]. The person who came without the proper clothes is a Christian in name only — one who refuses to put on Jesus Christ throughout his or her life. This is the person who accepts the invitation of the Lord, but refuses to exercise his or her responsibility in the Christian community.

We are invited to share the intimacy of the Banquet of Heaven. We are invited into God's presence. God does not ask a lot from us to be with him — but he does expect us to wear our Christianity. The way we respond to his love must be evident to the world. People should know that we are Christians by the way we live our lives.

Sometimes we priests joke that our lives would be much easier if it weren't for the people. Truthfully, it is serving the Lord through the people and being a witness to their Christianity that makes our priesthood wonderful.

One of the most edifying aspects of being a priest is our continual exposure to the active Christianity that so many men and women embrace. It is inspiring to go to the homes of the elderly, and find others there cheerfully caring for them. Or the times when parishioners bring to our attention a person who is in need of help or support.

There are people who sponsor families — not only at Thanksgiving and Christmas — but also throughout the year. There are families who adopt children — giving them the experience of a home instead of an institution. And anytime there are moments of crisis, people always come forward to offer to take care of the children, cook for the family, etc. There are so many people who are willing to jump in when they learn about a special need or personal anxiety. This is what makes a parish come to life — this is living Christianity. As Christians we have to recognize that none of this should be exceptional.

We can't just say we are Christians — we have to live our Christianity. Living our Christianity may not always be public, but — and this sounds like a contradiction — living our Christianity is always evident, even when not public. For example, a person may be very generous to another person, and no one — not even the recipient of the generosity — knows who is providing for the person. Most often, such generosity is not self-centered — it is a loving embrace for others. All of us want to be happy. Jesus came to bring happiness to the world. We can be happy if we follow the Lord.



initially responded to God's invitation we will soon come to our senses and return again to the path of fidelity.

But what about that wedding garment — what is that all about? Once we set out on the road to salvation, we need to equip ourselves with whatever is necessary to be good citizens of the Kingdom of God. What this means is that we must assiduously acquire the virtues. The living out of the virtues is an essential requirement of anyone who wants entrance to the Kingdom of God. It is these virtues that are represented in the story as the wedding garment.

And the virtues spring out of our baptismal commitment — it is there that we are born as children of God; it is there that we seek to live the virtuous life. What are these virtues that we need to live — goodness, purity, hope, perseverance, temperance, prudence, courage, justice, fidelity, patience, self-control — just to name a few.

These are all the qualities that enhance human life. The opposite to a virtue is a vice — something that breaks us down or perverts our true nature. Vices are negative traits — things which are immoral or sinful, and which breakdown our character. Examples include lust, avarice, envy, anger, gluttony, sloth, and pride.

It is important to understand that both virtue and vice are habitual aspects of our nature. This means that the more we do a certain thing, the more it becomes part of our character — it becomes more easily repeatable and eventually defines who we are. The way to human completeness is to acquire good habits rather than bad habits, for those whose lives are given over to negative habits are on the road to destruction. Good habits lead us to wholeness.

Have you ever heard this saying — as a tree leans, so shall it fall? The more you fill your life with all that is good, true, and beautiful, the more likely you are to end your life living in this way. And for the Christian this means ending up living eternal life in bliss with the saints in the Kingdom of God.

The equation is simple. The choice is ours. We are all invited to the wedding banquet, but we must not neglect to put on the wedding mantle of the virtues so that we are fully accepted into the Kingdom of Heaven and all the joys it promises.

And so resolve today to live a life that is true, good, and holy. Resolve to shun evil and all that is destructive to your human nature. Let us pray that by following the right path we end up as members of God's Kingdom enjoying eternity with the one who understands us better than anyone.

—taken from the writings of Father Alex McAllister, S.D.S., which appear on the internet

**REACHING OUT:**

**Ed Boulware** continues his project to help collect **USO Care Packages** for our troops across the world and their families. **One of the greatest needs** that the troops have during this time is their families — many of the families of our troops suffer greatly because of the lack of income when the “breadwinner” is overseas. **Thus, the USO has begun collecting packages for the families of the troops.** The items needed are common household non-perishables and paper products. **Letters, cards of encouragement, and children's drawings for our troops will continue to be sent to them. Food supplies will be distributed to their families.** Ed and his wife, Marie, continue to take all donations to the “drop off area in Chagrin Falls. **Drop off donations in the office at Our Lady Chapel.** If you have any questions, please call **Ed Boulware at 440-564-9345.**

**THE ONLY WAY TO GO:**

Jesus is the way — he is not an add on, an extra, an option, or a supplement.

**FAITH IN THE STORM — WHEN BELIEVING ISN'T EASY:**

I recently turned the big one-eight. Looking back on this past year, I know the Lord helped me through many tough moments, and through them I learned one really important truth — the only way that we're going to survive is if Christ is at the center of our lives. What this means is this — [1] trusting in Him every second of every day; [2] giving Him everything; and [3] letting Him be in control. Charles Spurgeon once wrote: "If Christ is not all to you, He is nothing to you. He will never go into partnership as a part Savior of men. If He be something, He must be everything, and if He be not everything, He is nothing to you."

That may seem harsh, but Christianity isn't a nonchalant commitment — we're either "all in" or "all out". Of course God will always love and support us no matter where we are in our walk with Christ. Perhaps you've never been to church. Maybe you go to Confession every weekend. We are all at different points in our spiritual journey. Sometimes our faith is easy — like when we are linking arms with thousands of other teens at a LifeTeen conference, or when we are on retreat singing *Oceans*.

However, sometimes living our faith is really hard.

I'm almost finished reading a book entitled: *It is Well* by Chris Faddis. This is probably one of the most profound books I have ever read. Chris Faddis tells of the battle that he and his family went through in dealing with his wife's cancer and her journey from earth into heaven. This book has completely changed the way I view my faith. I suggest you read it.

I don't want to spoil it for you, but in order to get my point across, he talks about "life in the storm." No matter who we are, at some point in our life we will all be caught in a storm. Nonetheless, as Angela, her husband, and her kids show through their lives, we must trust and have faith in God no matter what.

There have been some tough moments this year. In these moments, the Lord called me to have faith even though I'm not sure where He is leading me. Last Fall, I missed about two days of school from what I believe to be some kind of an anxiety attack. I felt very detached those few days, but I had no idea why I was experiencing these strange feelings. For a while I had a difficult time shaking these feelings. And to make matters worse, I began struggling with even more anxieties — anxieties about past worries, college decisions, the future, and even my faith. I wrestled with these anxieties for a while, and though I have certainly been able to manage them better, this is something that I still struggle with today.

Often I wonder why did this happen? I felt fine in the beginning of the school year. I've had worries like this in the past — but nothing that has trapped me as much as these anxieties did. After praying and reflecting on this question a great deal, I strongly believe that this was Jesus telling me to wake up.

Before, I had trouble making Christ a priority in my life — and yet wanted a relationship with Him so badly. Throughout this past year, I have literally given everything to Jesus. Praying got me through the tough days, and relying on the support of my family helped when I was really struggling.

I know that God does not want me to be anxious all the time — God never chooses to inflict suffering on us. **I also know that Jesus used this experience — this cross — to help me grow closer to Him, to show me His love, and to show me what it means to live with true blind faith.**



Maybe you are going through something really tough right now. Maybe you need greater faith to ease your anxieties about something going on in your life — that college admission letter, or that math test tomorrow. Whatever your anxieties, remember what the prophet Jeremiah said: "Blessed are those who trust in the Lord. They are like trees planted by water that send out their roots by the stream. They do not fear when heat comes — for their leaves remain green; nor are they anxious in the year of drought, for they do not cease to bear fruit" [Jeremiah 17:7-8].

This is harder than it sounds, but trust me — and, more importantly, trust the Lord — it's worth it.  
—written by Cassie Brouillard, a teen who writes for Life Teen.

**LIFE TEEN:**

Our next gathering will be on **Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>** when we will be examining the topic of **evangelization and daily life**. Life Teen is open to **all high school aged young people**. **Just call the office and let us know that you are going to be coming**. We ask you to do this because there will be food involved. Come and try us out. We have a great deal of fun together and we grow in our faith at the same time. **Respond to your texts and/or emails, or call the chapel office [440-473-3560] to be notified**. Please continue to remember all our teens and young people in your prayers.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP — THE EDGE:**

Our next gathering will be on **Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>** we will be carving pumpkins and joining in some Halloween Fun. **This Edge Night will run from 6:30—8:00 PM**. Bring your friends. Come and find out what **the EDGE** is all about. If you have not joined us before, that's OK. **Just call the office and let us know that you are going to be coming**. We ask you to do this because there will be food involved. Our EDGE Youth Group has a Faith-Service-Social component, and we need your help. Join in on an exciting happening. **Call the Chapel Office at 440-473-3560**. Join us for a fun filled faith experience. All are welcome.

**EUCCHARIST — FOOD FOR LIFE:**

When we invite friends for a meal, we do much more than offer them food for their bodies. We offer friendship, fellowship, good conversation, intimacy, and closeness. When we say: "Help yourself", "take some more", "don't be shy", "have another glass," we offer our guests not only our food and our drink, but also ourselves. A spiritual bond grows, and we become food and drink for one another other. In the most complete and perfect way, this happens when Jesus gives himself to us in the Eucharist as food and drink. By offering us his Body and Blood, Jesus offers us the most intimate communion possible. It is a divine communion. —Henri Nouwen

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

Father John will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with you on **every Saturday** between **3:30 – 4:00 PM**. Confessions are also available "by appointment." The Reconciliation Room is located in the small chapel directly across from Father John's Office.

**THE PRICE:**

Time is the price you must pay for intimacy with God.