

CLOSING PRAYER:

~ A Prayer for the Family ~

**We are all a Family
born into the mind of God even
before our physical existence became a reality.
God planned every detail of our being,
the color of our eyes and hair,
a dimple here, a freckle there,
making us unique individuals
who would fit perfectly into our family.**

**God did not create our diverse personalities
to push us into conflict
but to give balance to our lives
by drawing from each other's strengths
as well as complimenting each other's weaknesses.
Knowing we would need each other
to accomplish this special purpose for our lives,
God wove certain traits
and characteristics into each of us
to benefit the entire family.**

**We place our complete trust in the Lord,
the God of life.
God helps us
to grow,
to mature,
to share,
and to love,
in family.
Amen**

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.

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WELCOME TO OUR MEMORIAL MASS WEEKEND:

As part of our observance of remembering our deceased loved ones during this month of November, we celebrate Our Memorial Mass Weekend. A special welcome to all of you who are joining us for this special time of prayer. Throughout this month, we have been gathering the list of names that you have been sending in; we also remember all those whose names are posted on our memorial wall in the narthex of the Chapel. If you still would like to send in a list of your deceased loved ones, please e-mail them to Father John at jbsc@ix.netcom.com, or you can just drop the list into the collection basket or hand them to Father John. **Any name you submit will be remembered in all prayers and Masses said in Our Lady Chapel throughout the month of November.** Thanks for joining us for this special time.

**MAKE YOUR FAMILY'S ADVENT WREATH — NEXT SUNDAY:**

Again this year, we are going to be making family Advent Wreaths on **Sunday, November 23rd** at **11:30 AM** in the **Commons**. **Cost of the Wreath is \$20** — this includes trimmings, candles, and everything else you will need. Please know that cost is not a reason to not make an Advent Wreath; please contact **Father John**. **Sign up sheet is located on the easel in the Narthex of the Chapel, or you can call the chapel office [440-473-3560]. LAST DAY TO SIGN UP FOR THIS EVENT IS THIS WEEKEND** because we need to purchase all of the materials. **If you have any questions, please contact the chapel office.**

**MEN'S RETREAT — DECEMBER 2nd:**

The Fall Men's retreat has been rescheduled for **Tuesday, December 2nd**. 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.

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

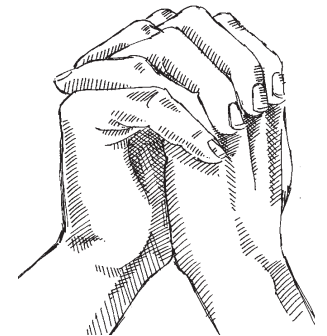
We are beginning to plan for our RCIA program which will begin in a few weeks. If you know someone who has been away from the Catholic Church for a while, or who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, or who presently is not a Catholic but would like to pursue this avenue of faith; 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.**

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

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

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

- For Catherine King, who is under the care of hospice.
- For John Russo, father of Jennifer ['93], who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Rhonda Stefanski, wife of Marc ['72], who is critically ill with cancer.
- For Rory Bourke ['60] who is undergoing serious surgery.
- For Betty Hersch who is critically ill.
- For Dora Lukacevic, who is undergoing medical treatment.
- For Janet Mehling, sister-in-law of Sister Mary Ann Mehling, who is seriously ill with cancer.
- For Carol Pike, mother of former Gilmour student, Libby Pike, aunt of Bryon ['08] and Natalie ['11] Pike, who is seriously ill as a result of Bile Duct cancer
- For Laura Waltz ['88], sister of David ['80], John ['83], Michael ['85], and Diane ['86] Hollis, who is recovering from surgery.
- For Laszlo Nagy, father of Richard ['16] and Joshua ['27] Nagy, who is recovering from surgery.
- For Ronald Connolly who is undergoing treatment for pancreatic and liver cancer.
- For Steve Hovancsek, uncle of former Gilmour student, Christian Horvath, who is critically ill with cancer.
- For Dennis Jancsy who is seriously ill with cancer.
- For Emily Kuhar, niece of former Middle School Administrator, Patricia Brockway, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Brother Bernard Klim, C.S.C., who is hospitalized for medical testing.
- For Ilona Balasy who is recovering from back surgery.
- 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 Brother Paul Kelly, C.S.C., 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 Monica Starks, mother of Faith ['20] and former Gilmour student, Monica Joy, who is undergoing treatment for kidney disease.
- 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 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.



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FOR THE DECEASED:

- For Donald Telzero.
- For Michael Thatcher.
- For Sister Deanne, S.N.D.
- For Kevin Gribus
- For Bambina Ciancibello.
- For Nick Elliott
- For Elizabeth McAlpine, grandmother of Luke [‘24] and Peter [‘26] Daberko
- For Olga Connor.
- For Joanne Zienka
- For Albert Rhoa, father of Michael [‘80] and Matthew [‘81] Rhoa, and father-in-law of former Gilmour Business Manager, Hugh Tarpley
- For Suzanne Dougherty, grandmother of Sarah [‘02] and former Gilmour student, Brian Helfrich.
- For Teri Levine.
- For Father John VandenBossche, C.S.C.
- For Joseph Andrejcek
- For Irene Pataki.
- For James Lasch, father of Mary Ann [‘72], Carol [‘79], and Susan [‘87] Lash.
- For Sister Josephmarie Bonosky, S.N.D.
- For Brother Timothy O’Connell, C.S.C.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

- For Allison Sanborn, who is recovering from multiple surgeries.
- 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.

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.



GO FOR IT:

Do not be content with showing friendship in words alone, let your heart burn with loving kindness for all who may cross your path.

— Bahá'u'lláh

WORLD YOUTH DAY & KRAKOW, POLAND 2016:

The time has come for us to take the next step in our Pilgrimage to World Youth Day 2016. **There will be a meeting on Monday, November 24 at 7:00 PM in the Lennon Board Room for all those who have already expressed an interest, as well as those who still would be interested in joining us.** Over 40 people have expressed an interest. **Chris Dube from Dube Travel** — who has arranged many trips to World Youth Days over the years — will be with us, conducting a webinar to go over the itinerary and other information on Poland and the amazing saints that we will encounter there — including St. John Paul II.



This life-changing pilgrimage will include not only the events of World Youth Day, but also excursions to Wadowice — the home town of St. John Paul II; Auschwitz and the German concentration camps; as well as Czestochowa — home to the monastery at Jasna Gora and the famous icon of the Black Madonna. Our plan is to have pilgrims attend catechetical sessions each morning, followed by evening cultural and spiritual events. Our group will officially welcome, celebrate mass, and take part in the Stations of the Cross with the Holy Father, Pope Francis. The official dates for our proposed itinerary are **July 22 — August 1, 2016.**

This invitation remains open to **Our Lady Chapel Families** as well as all **Gilmour Families**. Chaperones must be 21+ years old. Children under 16 years of age will be required to be accompanied by a parent. In order to secure the appropriate hotel accommodations in Old Town — less than one minute away from Market Square, the center of World Youth Day — we need to act as promptly as possible. **Please contact the chapel office — Father John or Patty at 440-473-3560 to let us know that you will be attending the webinar.**

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday, November 16: 33rd Week in Ordinary Time	10:00 AM
Monday, November 17: St. Elizabeth of Hungary	5:30 PM [Eucharistic Chapel]
Tuesday, November 18:	5:30 PM [Eucharistic Chapel]
Wednesday, November 19:	5:30 PM [Eucharistic Chapel]
Thursday, November 20:	5:30 PM [Eucharistic Chapel]
Friday, November 21: Presentation of Mary	5:30 PM [Eucharistic Chapel]
Saturday, November 22: Christ the King	5:00 PM
Sunday, November 23: Christ the King	10:00 AM

A PROVERB:

Our greatest glory comes not from never failing but rising every time we fall.

—Confucius

REFLECTION ON THE THEME FOR THE WEEK:

There are only two weeks remaining in Ordinary Time. And what's left adds up to a kind of "pre-exam review" — what have we learned over these past weeks of the liturgical year? We all have watched and listened to the Master; His words to us have been simple and direct; yet his actions have spoken louder than His words.

But we are also invited to review our own actions, for our choices reveal what our values are. What have we invested our time into becoming? Has our outward living reflected what inwardly we have received through the gift of faith? We live with our fears — those fears are wonderfully natural to an aware human. And the supernatural gift of faith doesn't take away all our fears, it allows us to know where to place the energies of those fears — in the love and presence of God.

Usually during the liturgy of the word, the first reading and the gospel always go easily together. So, as we enter into this 33rd Week in Ordinary Time a good question is who put these two together this time so that only the great homily-givers can bring forth a single theme? What does having a good wife [Proverbs 31:10-31] have to do with investing money or burying it [Matthew 25:14-30]? So if you think there was a liturgical mistake, perish the thought.

Our reading from Proverbs occurs at the very end of the Book. What we need to remember is that the Book of Proverbs is one book in a long line of Wisdom Literature. In the Hebrew Scriptures, wisdom is personified as feminine — as a "she". And so, this reading is not about a wife and all her duties being her beauties — this whole chapter is a mother's prayerful instruction to her son. Wisdom as a worthy, wife-like companion. All the wonderful features of a loving wife are figured as the profile of true wisdom. The possessor of wisdom takes Her to his or her heart — as a woman or man takes her or his spouse to their loving centers.

True wisdom leads a man or woman to reach out beyond themselves — embracing the poor and needy who in turn will increase their lives with sensitivity and grace. The works of this cherished gift are to be praised because true wisdom comes from and leads to a worshiping relationship with God. So read these verses and hear these words, not about a view of what a good wife is, but what a good life is.

Matthew's Gospel [25:14-30] is the middle parable of three-parable teaching of Jesus that deals with the last days of Jerusalem and the end of the world. The parable of investing or "subvesting" money needs some help to enjoy. This image is not the investing our abilities and burying them, but the image is about money and its value. While at first it might appear that this is what Jesus is talking about, these parables are meant to get our attention and then confront us with something deeper than the obvious or apparent. They are meant to be remembered, as we remember a good joke or heart-touching story. So we have to "un-figure" the image. The fellow who buried his little money because he knew his master was a bit of a miser at first might seem to be prudent, practical, and not to be punished. But in the end, he gets thrown out one talent poorer for his effort at burying is money.

In the other parables of ownership, God takes center position — so too here. God has given something valuable to three different persons. For the sake of the story, we will say that Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob received the first and the larger amount of this valuable "thing". The

**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!

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

Monday:	Revelation 1:1-2:5, Luke 18:35-43
Tuesday:	Revelation 3:1-22, Luke 19:1-01
Wednesday:	Revelation 4:1-11, Luke 19:11-28
Thursday:	Revelation 5:1-10, Luke 19:41-44
Friday:	Revelation 10:8-11, Luke 19:45-48
Saturday:	Revelation 11:4-12, Luke 20:27-40

Feast of Christ the King: Ezekiel 34:11-17, 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, Matthew 25:31-46

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**FAITH EDUCATION:**

Here are the dates for Faith Education for the months of November and December: **November 16th** and **23rd**, and **December 7th** and **14th**. 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



BE IN IT FOR THE LONG HAUL:

I recently came upon a unique Eleanor Roosevelt quote: “Success in marriage depends on being able, when you get over being in love, to really love.” It’s that kind of insight that we need when we approach the Scripture readings for this 33rd Week in Ordinary time. The fervor with which we start relationships and projects never lasts. The only force which keeps them going is our determination to make them go.

The author of Proverbs [31:10-31] — in describing the “worthy wife” — agrees. “Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting” — It’s clear that what might have attracted her husband to her in the beginning isn’t what’s keeping him in the relationship now. Though most modern wives cringe when they hear the “wifely” qualities for which our sacred author praises this special woman — this is one determined marriage partner! Nothing comes in the way of her dedication to her husband and her family. She’s going to be a faithful wife and mother, come hell or high water, until the day she dies.

Paul expects the same determination from his community in Thessalonica [1 Thessalonians 5:1-6]. But he’s not concerned with “hell or high water” breaking into their lives — he’s more worried about something which didn’t happen — the risen Jesus’ Parousia. The earliest followers of Jesus never imagined they’d be into this dying/rising stuff for more than a few months — or at most a few years. They expected the Christ — Paul’s term for the risen Jesus — to arrive quickly and take his disciples with him to their eternal reward. But, almost 20 years after Jesus’ death and resurrection — when Paul writes 1 Thessalonians — that event still hasn’t taken place. Slowly but surely, their faith experience is changing from a short term to a long term experience.

Though Paul is still encouraging his readers not to give up hope in Jesus’ imminent Parousia, he’s also forced to encourage them to adapt to this unexpected set of circumstances. Just as a married couple is obliged to begin to love after their “in love” period vanishes, so other Christs are obligated to continue to imitate Jesus in their daily lives even after their fervor for his return starts to cool. One’s determination to carry through on his or her commitment is more powerful than the circumstances in which that commitment is actually lived — “Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober.” Until the in-love returns, we’ve got a lot of actual loving to do; until Jesus returns, we’ve got a lot of dying and rising to do.

Perhaps that’s why Matthew — writing more than 40 years after the historical Jesus’ death and resurrection — has his Jesus tell a parable about the talents three servants receive [Matthew 25:14-30]. Those who manage to increase their money are complimented — “Well done, my good and faithful servants. Since you were faithful in small matters I will give you great responsibilities.” The one who returns the same amount he was given is cut down by his master — “You wicked, lazy servant!” Then, in an anti-Robin Hood statement, the master says: “To everyone who has, more will be given, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.”

Matthew’s Jesus seems to be talking about one’s faith. To those who act on their faith, more faith will be given; those who don’t act on their faith will eventually find their faith has disappeared. When it comes to Christian faith — like our love of others — if you don’t use it, you’ll lose it.

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

A PROVERB:

They who give have all things; they who withhold have nothing.

—Hindu Proverb



Prophets received the second amount. The resident Pharisees received the least and the last. The Patriarchs and the Prophets did something with their valuables. The Pharisees, living their relationship with the Master more out of fear, tied it up and sat securely on top of it.

A day of reckoning is coming. This parable is about faith as a precious valuable. What one does with faith is a personal relationship experience. Faith does away with the security of absolute assurance. Faith — like love itself — is a growing-in-trust affair. The Pharisees twisted the love relationship to a fear relationship, and in doing so they relied on their execution of laws and rituals for their security. To those who have faith and who live it through their investments of hope and love, discover even deeper faith.

Those who fearfully hide their lives and their faith behind coverings of pretense will lose even the faith that they have. This faith is a relational reality, and so is not measured by standards of pounds and inches. God offers the gift of faith and the grace to live it. Trusting relationships take time, patience, and a leap. Patience and trust are concepts; leaping is the problem.

As we move toward the end of the liturgical course, the challenge is presented to us. Jesus is calling for lives of faith in Him in response to what He has said about us as the beloved. This belief is more than conceptual — it is to take flesh in our life-giving investments which are risky and insecure. These investments are to be made in the actions which involve those in need, in trouble, and/or in hope of our arrivals. Being given-to is a delight. Being asked to do something with that which has been given — that’s a different story. Jesus has been coming to us during these past weeks of the Liturgical course to give us our identities, our mission, and the promise of a bountiful payoff. That payoff is around the eschatological corner. This is the wisdom of Jesus. This beloved quality of faith reaches out — it does good things, and is to be praised as it is lived.

—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.

**RUN THE RACE:**

If we want our children to serve the Lord, they must hear about him from us. It is not enough to rely on the church or those with more knowledge to provide all their Christian education. We must reinforce the lessons of the Bible in our homes.

GO FOR IT:

I know a man with Down syndrome who is a bus boy in a greasy spoon. He smiles and is kind to all. He uses all his limited talents. He lives the dictum that the woods would be silent if no birds sang their song except those that sing best. The apostles must have looked upon Jesus as a dreamer. Rumor said He had managed a successful carpentry shop in Nazareth and set up a financial trust for His mother. But he certainly didn't appear to be a monetary guru. What could you say of a man who, when the IRS came knocking, found tax dollars in a fish's mouth? [see Matthew 27:17]. He acted as though this was the most natural place to find them. He was hardly equipped to work in the real world.

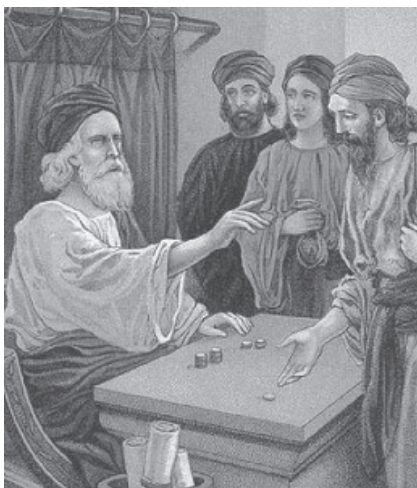
Then the Teacher unloaded a smart bomb on them. He spread the Parable of the Talents over them — and, by extension, over us. It was the final parable and last major speech before His murder. Like Cana, Jesus may have kept the best to the last. The first thing the twelve learned was that Jesus had a sophisticated knowledge of finance — He was aware not only of low interest savings banks but also of the more profitable field of the stock market. He was a natural hedge fund manager. Once again His followers received a valuable insight into the forever unfolding mosaic that is Christ.

Jesus was continually displaying fresh facets of His personality to his disciples — and, furthermore, He does the same for us even to this day. That unfolding plays a vital part of His ongoing charm for a billion and a half people. It is the reason that of all people who ever lived, Jesus has been written about the most. It was common for the rich to leave their millions in the hands of agents while they beat the winter ice in Florida. The wealthy man of this parable [Matthew 25:14-30] parceled his money out to three agents and jetted out. The first two ran off to a Wall Street stock wizard. He doubled the dollars by buying blue chip stocks.

The third ran scared. He was not about to risk anger from his employer. So, he buried the money among the tulip beds. He did not even have the wisdom to put the money in a savings bank to draw “nickel and dime interest” and get a free tool chest. He was a bust as an risk-taker. The chief returns home from Palm Beach tanned and fatter. Before he shows the color slides to his bored in-laws, he checks the books. He jumps out of his monogrammed velvet sandals with his first two agents — their profits will pay off his maxed out credit cards and the loan-sharks. He gives each a bonus and sends them off to Las Vegas with expenses paid. Then he yells at the Caspar Milquetoast still blowing dirt off the dollars he had just dug out of the tulip bed. FEAR [False Evidence Appearing Real] — as someone defines it — had paralyzed the useless servant.

The chief shouts: “You're fired.” Here is a fresh dimension of the Christ. He is a gambler. Christianity without boldness is Christianity without the prime beef. God encourages us to jump into life and run the risk of growing. Jesus doesn't want “Milquetoasts” in His company — He wants creativity. Mere avoidance of serious sin does not make for good Christians. We must use all the gifts God gave us. If we are not moving forward, chances are good we march full speed backwards. The Nazarene does not want us to hide in church, but move out into the street.

Jesus would tell us: “You are never more wonderful than when you are taking big chances.” Jesus



that when we submit to it, we become freer and more mature. It's also what brings joy into our lives. It's no accident that the book in which Lewis describes this experience is called: *Surprised by Joy*.

There's a great paradox at the heart of life that's hard to accept — namely, that freedom lies in obedience, maturity lies in surrender, and joy lies in accepting duty and obligation. Jesus clearly taught and embodied this paradox. He was the freest human person to ever walk this planet; yet he insisted constantly that he did nothing on his own — that everything he did was in obedience to his Father. He was the paradigm of human maturity, even as his life was one within which he habitually surrendered his own will. And he was free of all false religion, false morality, and false guilt — even as he constantly drew upon moral and religious imperatives deep inside of his own soul, and inside of his own religious tradition.

Simone Weil — that extraordinary philosopher and mystic — guarded her freedom so deeply that despite her belief in the truth of Christ, she resisted baptism because she wasn't sure that the visible church on earth merited this kind of trust. Despite fierce instinctual resistance, she knew what she ultimately wanted and needed — she needed to be obedient. We spend our whole lives, she once stated, searching for someone or something to be obedient to because unless we give ourselves over in obedience to something greater than ourselves, we inflate and grow silly — even to ourselves. She's right.

We need to stop obeying false voices inside of us. Neurosis is not to be confused with conscience. But, that being admitted, there are some “shoulds” that we should do!

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

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 11/8/14] ----- \$ 1,019.00

Total Offerings: Sunday [11/9/14] ----- \$ 1,634.00

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.



CATEGORICAL IMPERATIVES:

There's a well-known axiom that I will phrase more delicately than its usual expression. It goes this way: "Every time you tell yourself that you should do something, you pay a bad price." The insinuation is that we are forever mistaking the voice of neurosis for the voice of conscience, and putting ourselves under false obligations that rob us of both of freedom and maturity.

Is that true? Yes and no. The axiom sounds more clever than it is. It says that there should not be any "should" in our lives — but that statement is self-contradictory. Still it needs to be given its due. There's wisdom in its instinct — even if it is expressed with the subtlety of a sledgehammer.

It has this positive challenge: Many times when we feel a nagging obligation inside — "I must do this! I should do that!" — the imperative is not coming from God or truth, but from some other voice that is being falsely heard as the voice of God. Put more technically, most of the voices we hear inside that demand that we do something are psychological and emotional rather than moral or religious. They don't tell us what's right or wrong — or what God wants of us — they only tell us how we feel about certain things. For example: a feeling of guilt does not indicate that we did something wrong — it only tells how we feel about what we did, and that feeling can be healthy or unhealthy. Perhaps we didn't do anything wrong at all, but are only wounded and neurotic. Sorrow and contrition are better indicators of morality than any feeling of guilt.

So where do these feelings of obligation and guilt come from? They come from nature and nurture, from genetics and socialization, and from our unconscious and from our wounds. Freudians, Jungians, and Hillmanians offer different explanations, but they all agree on the main thing — many of the voices inside of us that speak of right and wrong and demand that we do this or that are not moral or religious voices at all. They may well have important things to teach us, but, if we take them as the voice of God and morality, we will end up acting out of something other than God and conscience. Many of the "should" that we feel inside of us are not the voice of conscience at all.

But, with that being said, some important qualifications need to be added. Simply put, sometimes the voice of obligation that we feel inside is profoundly moral and religious — God's voice. False voices speak inside, but so, too, do true ones. C.S. Lewis, for example, in describing his own conversion, shares how he didn't want to become a Christian, but something inside of him told him that he had to become one. Despite being "the most reluctant convert in the history of Christendom," at a point in his life, he came to realize "that God's compulsion" was his liberation. He became a Christian because, paradoxically, in a moment of genuine freedom, he came to know that he had no other choice existentially except to surrender himself to something — God's compulsion, which presented itself to him as an obligation.

"God's compulsion" is precisely a deep and authentic "should" inside us, and the great paradox is



told us to "Launch out into the deep: [Luke 5:4]. Some of us have received short straws. Still we are supposed to give life a first class run with these gifts. The ultimate aim in the Christian life is to say before the funeral director nails down our coffin: "I have given life my best shot." The bus boy with Down syndrome will be able to say that.

We can sin not only by deed, but also by omission. The ancient Confiteor says it well: "I confess what I have done and what I have failed to do." A melancholy line in a John Denver folk song says: "I am sorry for the things I didn't say and didn't do." What you are, says a savant, is God's gift to you; what you become is your gift to God. Mark Twain advises: "The safe thing is to run risks; the risky thing is to play it safe."

—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 right 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. 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 with any questions or concerns that you have. Karen, is a member of our chapel 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. Hope to see you there.

TAKING GOD TO OTHERS:

The task of taking God to others is not that of handing somebody a Bible or some religious literature, but of transubstantiating God — the way we do with the food we eat. We have to digest something and turn it, physically, into the flesh of our own bodies so it becomes part of what we look like. If we would do this with the word of God, others would not have to read the Bible to see what God is like — they would need only to look at our faces and our lives.

—Ronald Rolhesier



WALKING IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST:

We are coming to the end of the Liturgical Year — next weekend is the final weekend of the liturgical year — the Feast of Christ the King. Throughout this past year, we have been accompanied by St Matthew through the various events in the life of Christ. We have reflected on his birth, his public ministry, and the parables and miracles. In particular we have seen the events of his last days and of his resurrection mostly — all through the eyes of Matthew.

Each of the Evangelists has their own particular perspective or view point. Matthew was an Apostle — one of those chosen by Christ to be among his closest followers. We know that Matthew was a Jew, and that his occupation was that of a tax collector. We remember that Jesus saw him in the counting house and said “Follow me”, and Matthew simply got up and literally followed him [Matthew 9:9].

In his Gospel Matthew does not make a fuss about his call — for him it is a simple matter of fact. Jesus called and he followed. For Matthew, nothing more to be said. This alone is something that has the ring of truth about it. Matthew was a Jew, and he is concerned to present his Gospel to the Jews. He pays a lot of attention to Jewish tradition, and paints a picture of Jesus as completely Jewish — his life was a fulfilment rather than an abolition of the Law.

Obviously the Jewish members of Matthew’s community came into conflict with the Jews as a whole, and so this is one of Matthew’s concerns. In his writing, we can see how he sharply criticizes the Scribes and Pharisees. Also it is interesting to note that there is no reference to the People of Israel being called Jews until after the Crucifixion — as if the use of this name stresses their rejection of Jesus.



Taking a look at the Parable of the Talents [Matthew 25:14-30], we observe first that a talent was not a coin — it was a weight in silver of about 36 Kilos — so it was a very considerable treasure that this man was trusting to his servants. One talent was probably equivalent to a whole lifetime’s wages for such a servant. The master had entrusted them with something precious beyond their wildest dreams.

The second point is that the Master took a very long time to come back. This is a tiny but important detail in Matthew’s Gospel. It shows the Master’s love for his servants that he gave them more than ample time for the treasure of the talents to yield bounteous fruit.

What is the precious thing that God has entrusted to us? It is, of course, the Good News of Salvation. The great treasure that we have been given is the gift of the Gospel — the realization that Jesus is our Savior, and that through our faith in him we will find salvation. It is what we do with this gift that makes all the difference.

We are surely all at quite different stages in relation to this gift of faith. Some of us may not even be sure whether we have it or not. This might be a particular problem for some of our young people — but not only them. There are many adults who suffer doubts and experience long periods of darkness and disbelief.

Others of us might find it a bit of a burden, knowing and believing in Jesus and his message but feeling quite inadequate to the task of transmitting the Gospel to others.

Then some parishioners might feel full of faith, and have put a lot of effort into carrying out the precepts of the Gospel over many years and who yet feel that for one reason or another God has let them

the talent. All Glory belongs to Him.” A man once held a bulletin article I had written in my face. Actually, it was about two inches from my nose — and considering that I am Italian, probably not that close to my face after all. Any way, he complained: “Why can’t your homilies be as good as your articles?” I replied that the articles were my homilies. But what I should have said is that “God gave me a greater talent in writing than in speaking” — thus putting the focus on God instead of on myself. All our talents, all our gifts flow from God. None of us have the right to take credit for them. We emphasize this at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer when the priest holds up the Body and Blood of Christ and says: “Through Him, and with Him, and in Him, O God Almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.” And we all say: “Amen.” God is the source of all talent. All glory is His.

“But,” a person might object, “God gave me talent, but I have to work hard to develop the talent.” A state champion swimmer has to get up early to put in an hour or more in the pool before school starts, and then go to swim practice for two or more hours a day. A doctor, who so many claim is the finest ever, has had to work hard to get through Medical School and Residency, and now spends as much time as possible developing his or her knowledge to serve his or her patients better. Everyone can point out how hard he or she works to develop his or her talents. But our talents came from God, and must be developed to serve God. He is the focus — not us. His is the glory — not ours.

We share in His Glory only to the extent that we have allowed Him to be seen in our efforts. Nothing that we do should be about us. All our gifts should be seen as just that — gifts from God. This is a message we need to convey to our children and Teens. The Lord tells us in the parable that the Master will come for an accounting of how we used the particular talents He has given each of us. The first two servants in the parable returned more than they received — allowing the Master’s possessions to grow. God is calling us to develop what we are given to allow His Kingdom to grow.

If we ever stopped to look at our God-given talents, we would all be in awe. So many people feel that the world is going “to hell and a handbag.” But if we truly looked at ourselves, we would not feel that way. In fact, it is safe to say that we should be very positive about the world’s future because of the way that we are developing God gifts every day. The world needs people like you because you bring God’s love into the world.

Will the world end soon? Maybe “yes”; maybe “no”. We can’t be concerned with worrying about the exact day or hour — that is none of our business. But what we have to be concerned with is doing our part to prepare for the Lord’s coming — either at the end of all time or the end of our time. If we develop the talents that God has entrusted to us, the day will come when He will say to us: “Well done, good and faithful servants.” —taken from the writings of Father Joseph Pellegrino which appear on the internet

CHRISTMAS FAMILY GATHERING:

‘Tis the Season for **Christmas Family Gathering, Sunday, December 7, 11 AM to 1 PM, in Gilmour’s Athletic Center:** All families are invited to attend the Lower School’s Christmas Family Gathering. This is a family-friendly event filled with holiday cheer, including crafts, music, an appearance by Balloon Bender Dave, hot brunch, exclusive silent auction and photos with the one and only Santa Claus! There will also be an exciting raffle. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children [ages 3 – 18] and children 2 and under are free. Gilmour families will receive an invitation in the mail! Others are welcome to join us. To volunteer for this event or if you have any questions, please contact LSPO President **Caren Nakhooda** at cnakhooda@gmail.com.



DEVELOPING YOUR TALENTS:

Every few years someone makes a dire prediction that the world is coming to an end on a specific date. Each prediction is vehement, expressed with certainty — and wrong. Last January a teen confronted me with: “Christ is supposed to come again this year. What do you think about that?” I responded: “I think I’d better look busy?” Seriously, I have never been concerned with any end of the year predictions.

Well, that is not completely true! I did think that the world might come to an end when the Tampa Bay Buccaneers won the Superbowl XXXVII in 2003 — that was 12 years ago! But that was a matter of confusing sports ecstasy with divine rapture. Jesus makes it quite clear in Matthew’s Gospel: “No one knows the day or the hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the son, but only the father” [Matthew 24:36]. The Father, the Creator, is the only one who knows when his creation will come to a conclusion.

But that doesn’t mean that we shouldn’t be prepared for the end. In his letter to the Church at Thessalonica, Paul says that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night, when the people least expect [1 Thessalonians 5:1-6]. Some of these people took Paul too literally and quit working and caring for their families — just bracing themselves for the end. Paul had to write them again and tell them that those who refused to work, should not eat [see 2 Thessalonians 3:10].

Perhaps time will not end before we die, but when we die, our own personal time comes to an end. We spend the month of November praying for our loved ones and all the souls of the faithful departed who have died. Death is a reality everyone has to face. How then, should we prepare for the Lord to come — whether it is at the end of all time or the end of our own personal time? Instructions are available throughout the Bible, but particularly in Matthew’s Gospel [25:14-30]. The parable of the Talents comes in the gospel where Jesus is speaking about the end of time.

In the parable, the master entrusts his possessions to three of his servants, and then goes on a journey. When he returns, he calls them to see how they invested them — rewarding the first two who had returned more to him than he had given them, and punishing the third who buried the talent in the ground. By burying the talent, the ancient law said that the servant was no longer responsible for it. That is why the Master in the parable was so upset with the third servant. To the ancients, a talent was a unit of weight. The weight was determined by the amount of water needed to fill a vessel called an amphora. Since the various ancient people had different sizes of amphoras, a talent for the ancient Greeks was 57 pounds, for the Romans 71 pounds, and for the Egyptians 60 pounds.

Our definition of talent is quite different. For us, a talent is the natural aptitude or skill someone has. Some have musical talent; some are talented technicians; some are talented athletes, and so forth. We all have natural gifts. We were given these talents by God. We are expected to develop them to serve God and his people. Quite often an athlete will begin an interview after a sporting event in which he or she excelled with: “First of all, I give all glory to God.” The athlete is right. God is the source of all our talent. The athlete sees his or her developing this talent as returning the gift to God. To the athlete, the focus should be on God — not him or her. We all need to do this regarding the many talents the Lord has entrusted to each of us. Perhaps someone has said to you: “You are such a good mother, such a good father.” Or perhaps someone has said to us: “I’m no where near as good at this as you are.”

Our response — at least to ourselves should be — “Whatever I do well, I credit God as the source of

down badly. They certainly haven’t lost their faith, but they feel a bit depressed about it and don’t know where Christ is leading them.

Still others might be experiencing a new joy as they experience some wonderful grace or blessing from God. At various times in our life we might go through one or more of these reactions.

The parable tells us that faith is a real and wonderful gift from God. It is something that comes entirely unbidden — as in the parable, the servants are given no clue in advance what the master is about to do. Faith is also given to us according to our ability to deal with it — each in proportion to his or her ability, as it says in the parable.

But the most important aspect of the Parable is that the Master will eventually return. The parable is about Christ’s Second Coming, and the judgment we will all face at the end of time. We know that we will be called to account for how we have handled this gift of faith that we have been so generously given.

This first thing to realize is that it is not a burden — it is a gift. The second thing to realize is that the man who is punished is condemned because he has buried his talent — he has refused to deal with it. He has simply ignored the gift and literally buried it.

So the message of hope is that whatever stage of life you are at — whether you are doubting, whether you are struggling to make sense of the Gospel message, whether you are teaching the love of Christ to your children, whether you are rejoicing in some new grace or blessing, whether you are going through the dark night of the soul, whether you are groping in darkness and searching for some chink of light; whatever it is that might be happening with your faith at least something is happening!

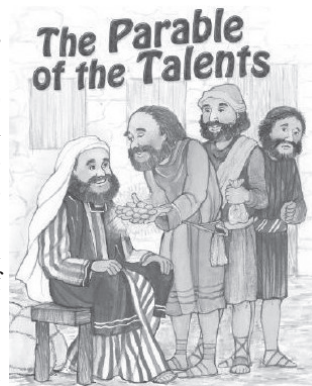
You are immersed in it, you struggle with it, you rejoice in it, you share it, you search for it, you deepen it, you love it, and you even at times might hate it. But you are engaged with it!

Yes we will face judgment, and we will have to give an account of ourselves. And it will surely be a long and convoluted story; however we will have a wonderfully sympathetic listener — one who knows the story all along because he was an essential part of it — and one whose judgment will be merciful and who wants above all other things our happiness. Christ’s whole aim is to give us joy — not a superficial joy, but a deep and lasting and fulfilling joy based on a life of engagement with him.

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

CLEAN OUT THOSE CLOSETS AND SERVE OTHERS:

Fall is here, and winter will be fast approaching. 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 winter 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].**



COMPARE AND DESPAIR:

Raise your hand if you're a competitive person. Oh yeah? I'm more competitive than you. I've had a healthy sense of competition for most of my life. My brother and I — just 14 months apart in age — are the only two kids in our family. I spent most of my childhood years trying to prove that I was better than him in sports — although let's be honest, neither of us were really that great here — in school — he always said he was smarter than me; I said that was just because he'd had an extra year of school — in our family — who do Mom and Dad love more? That's a healthy question to ask, right?

That carried on through middle school and into high school, where I actually got excited about taking the ACT because it was, competitively, the moment I'd been waiting for. I was determined to score higher than him. Here was a level playing field where I could finally prove — once and for all — that I was actually the smarter one.

We ended up tying. Don't worry. I'm over it. Really!

We all fall into that trap of comparing ourselves to one another. How do we stack up against the competition? Whether we're measuring ourselves against our siblings, classmates, teammates, best friends, or even total strangers like celebrities, we're constantly sizing up the competition. Where do I rank? Am I as good as he or she is at ___? Am I better than him or her at ___?

Hey, a little competition never hurt anybody — it can drive us to do our best, and stretch us to reach goals that we never thought we could achieve. A little competition is a good thing. But in this endless battle of comparing ourselves to one another, nobody wins. There's an old saying I try to keep in mind: "Compare and despair." I first heard that phrase from a priest I really like named James Martin, SJ. The guy has written some really stellar books on the spiritual life, and is even the official chaplain of *The Colbert Report*.

Compare and despair — because every time we make comparisons, there's always a winner and there's always a loser. Think about it — we always end up thinking or saying either "I wish that I could be more like that," or the opposite — and just as harmful — "Well, at least I'm not like that."

And let's be honest — when we're comparing ourselves to others, aren't we the ones who usually lose? I'm not as funny as Jimmy Fallon; I'm not as smart as Mark Zuckerberg; I'm not as flawless as Beyoncé. That may be true, but I've got news for you on that front — neither is she.

Here's a great step one — let's stop comparing ourselves to things that aren't even real. I know we've all heard that things are photo-shopped — that's nothing new. But have you ever actually seen the process? If you check this girl at the beginning of the ad, and compare her to the image on the billboard at the end, you wouldn't even recognize her as the same person — because she isn't. That girl that we all see on a billboard doesn't even exist. Not even the model in the photo can live up to the image.

And they don't just do it to girls, and they don't just do it to pictures. Check out any movie featuring Tom Cruise. He's 5'7" — which isn't super tall for a Hollywood leading man — so directors will use all kinds of tricks to make him appear taller than his costars. Is it really that big of a deal if he isn't the tallest guy in the scene?

Forget everything you think you know when it comes to "real life" in pop culture. And even when it comes to comparing ourselves to the people we actually share our days with, the truth is that we can't ever know the full reality of their situation. St. Paul writes to the Church in Corinth: "Among human beings, who knows what pertains to a person except the spirit of the person that is within?" [1 Corinthians

2:11]. Every perfect Instagram comes with a filter, right? I'm sure your class valedictorian, your starting quarterback, and your homecoming queen all have their struggles behind the scenes.

Perhaps you've seen or heard the quote: "Comparison is the thief of joy"? It's true. Comparisons ruin our joy when they cause us to dwell on the negatives rather than focusing on the positives — so the best weapon we have in this war against comparisons is gratitude. When we're grateful for what we do have, it's a lot harder to focus on the things we don't like about ourselves, or the things we wish we had. Maybe you don't love the color of your hair — but you know?... you've got some killer eyes! You might struggle in English, but have mad skills in math. Maybe you wish you were more outgoing or loud, but you have a beautiful ability to be patient with others.

God is very creative. Be grateful for His talent at making countless individuals, bodies and hearts and minds and souls, who are all so different from one another. Recognize the good in others — without comparing yourself to them. Acknowledge what it is that's cool about them, and try to look also at what is good in you. You have I also try to look at what's good in me. And I have a lot to be grateful for.

Honestly, the thing that's helped me the most in my own struggles with comparison is to take my eyes off others and turn them toward God. He will tell you the truth of who you really are. God is a really good Dad, and so grateful for your life — "because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you," He says [Isaiah 43:4].

Chances are that we will all sit around a dinner table some Thursday in November and discuss all the things that we are thankful for. Each of us possess unique quirks and gifts and talents that make you, you. And know that your family and friends — not to mention your God — are grateful for you, too.

—written by Rachel Allen, an associate of the Bible Geek.

**LIFE TEEN:**

Our next gathering will be on **Saturday, November 15th from 6:30 PM—8:30 PM. This will be a fun-filled social with a fire pit and a night-time scavenger hunt.** Life Teen normally meets right after Sunday Mass — from **11:30 AM—1:00 PM** in the **Lennon Board Room**. 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. On **Sunday, November 23rd, we will be making Advent Wreaths for your homes.** [see the announcement for this below]. 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 **Sunday, November 23rd** when we will be making an advent wreath for our home. **Instead of having lunch, we will enjoy donuts after Mass before beginning our advent wreath.** Our next gathering after that will be on **Sunday, December 14th, when we will watch the Movie "God is not Dead"** [see the announcement for this below]. 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.

