

CLOSING PRAYER:

~ A Prayer at Day's Beginning ~

**Most Holy Trinity,
Your goodness has brought me
to the beginning of this day,
and now I offer it to you
with its thoughts, words, and actions —
together with any crosses and contradictions
that I may encounter.**

**Give your blessing to this day,
your gift to me,
so that it may be animated with your love
and so bring glory and honor
to your divine majesty.**

**Glory to the Father,
who when I did not exist
created me by his power
in the likeness of his own image;**

**And to the Son,
who when I was lost
redeemed me by his precious blood;**

**And to the Holy Spirit,
who by his grace and goodness
justified me in baptism
and many times afterward when I had fallen.**

**To all the Holy Trinity,
I offer all praise,
and by your grace
I endeavor to live this day
in your presence.
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.

CAMPUS MINISTRY OFFICE:

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QUINCEAÑERA:

On **Saturday, June 13th at the 5:00 PM Mass**, we celebrating the Quinceañera of **Isabella Schauer**. This important custom is observed throughout Mexico, central America, and other Latin American countries. **We as a faith community are blessed to share in this important day in the Isabella’s young life.** This important tradition signified that at the age of fifteen a girl enters maturity and makes the transition into adult womanhood — a defining moment for s young woman. girls while playing an iconic role in the lives of others. Today, this important celebration is shared by the Quinceañera’s family and friends. Every Quinceañera celebration starts with a Mass of Thanksgiving. It is a significant cultural ritual within the Hispanic community that solidifies the Quinceañera’s commitment to her faith and is an occasion wherein the community gives thanks for the blessing of the Quinceañera and is full of symbolic practices. At the beginning of Mass the procession begins with the court of honor. The court is traditionally composed of 14 damas [girlfriends] and 15 chamberlânes [male escorts]. The Quinceañera then follows escorted by her parents. During the Mass, the young girl receives Holy Communion, makes an act of consecration to the Virgin Mary, gives the Virgin Mary a bouquet of flowers, and receives gifts with special meanings that are blessed by the priest. After the Mass, the celebration continues with a reception. Today is a day full of faith and love.. Congratulations, Isabella.



SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

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| Sunday, June 14: 11 th Week in Ordinary Time | 10:00 AM |
| Monday, June 15: | 5:30 PM [Eucharistic Chapel] |
| Tuesday, June 16: | 5:30 PM [Eucharistic Chapel] |
| Wednesday, June 17: | NO MASS |
| Thursday, June 18: | 5:30 PM [Eucharistic Chapel] |
| Friday, June 19: | 5:30 PM [Eucharistic Chapel] |
| Saturday, June 20: 12 th Week in Ordinary Time | 5:00 PM |
| Sunday, June 21: 12 th Week in Ordinary Time | 10:00 AM |

STEREOTYPING:

If I am estranged from myself, then I am also estranged from others too. If I am out of touch with myself I cannot hope to touch others. It is only as I am connected to my own core that I am connected to others. It is only too easy as I walk along a crowded pavement, rush into a supermarket, watch people crossing the road as I draw up at the lights, to dismiss them, to fail to see them as human beings, or simply to pass some superficial judgment on clothes or appearance, labeling them, putting them into some pigeon-hole.

—Esther de Waal

PRAYER REQUESTS:

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

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

- For Eddie Keating, [’85], son of Carole, brother of Kelly [’83] and Karen [’86], who is recovering from brain surgery.
- For Vinny Heiman, former Gilmour coach, and grandfather of Megan Porter [’17] who is under hospice care.
- For Bill Slattery [’77] who is preparing for cancer surgery.
- For Brother Donald Fleischhacker, C.S.C., who is undergoing treatment for pneumonia.
- For John Burkey, uncle of Rachel Burkey, member of music ministry, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Jack Sutter, who is undergoing treatment for pancreatic cancer.
- For Annie Trivassos who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Jay Mulhollen, brother of former Gilmour housekeeping employee, Debbie Bowen, who is undergoing treatment for lymphoma
- For Brother James Reddy, C.S.C., who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Nicholas Zanella.
- For Jan Botek, wife of Fred, mother of Fred [’85], grandmother of Matthew [’14], Jonathan [’17] and Daniel [’21] Botek, who is undergoing treatment for dementia.
- For Janet Surman, sister-in-law of chapel associate, Patty Szaniszló, who is undergoing serious medical treatment.
- For Teddy Prusock, nephew of Lower School associate, Nina Prusock, who is undergoing neurological testing.
- For Jimmy Vickers, father of Lower School teacher, Caroline Holtz, who is seriously ill.
- For Phillip McNulty, nephew of Janet and Mike Heryak, cousin of Lillian [’09], Rosa [’12], and Edwin [’17] Heryak, who is undergoing treatment for Crohn’s Disease.
- For Susan Cangelosi, mother of Lou [’09] and Marissa [’12], who has been diagnosed with cancer.
- For Brother James Gulnac, C.S.C., who is under hospice care for cancer.
- For Kay Yunker, aunt of Mary Schmidt, great-aunt of Maggie [’12] Schmidt who is under the care of hospice.
- For Dan Hathey, former Gilmour Tech Employee, who is under the care of hospice.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

We are currently discerning a new group of Eucharistic Ministers who would undergo training within the next month. If you feel that the Lord is calling you to this ministry, we would be delighted to include you in that ministry here at Our Lady Chapel. Both adults and teens [must be going into Senior year of High School] are welcome to participate in this very special ministry. We are need of ministers for both our Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses. **Contact Father John or the chapel office [440-473-3560] if you feel called to this ministry.** We are always in need of Eucharistic Ministers.



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.



DID YOU KNOW?

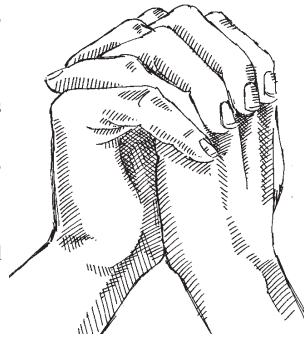
Listen to your prayers, because they locate your level of spiritual maturity.

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

- For Vivi Johnson who is recovering from cranial surgery.
- For Andor Geczi, who has been diagnosed with cancer.
- For Donna Farkas who is recovering from surgery.
- For Lexi Pappadakes, who is preparing for surgery on June 10.
- For Rosemarie Lemieux who is ill.
- For Mike Hiscar, who is experiencing heart complications.
- For John Schuld, father of Mary Schmidt, grandfather of Maggie [‘12], who is recovering from a heart attack.
- For Deanne Nowak, Director of Institutional and Curriculum Research, who is recovering from surgery.
- For Mary Eble, grandmother of Kiley Eble [‘15], who is under the care of hospice.
- For Robert Heltzel [‘65], father of Jennifer [‘91] and Kathleen [‘93] Heltzel, who is undergoing medical treatment
- For Thomas Young, uncle of Kris Rogers, great uncle of Harry [‘22], who is under hospice care..
- For Nina Curran who is seriously ill with cancer.
- For Roger Mallik, brother of Jan Leavitt, uncle of Katie Leavitt, who continues treatment for lymphoma
- For Brother Tom Maddix, C.S.C., who is undergoing treatment for leukemia
- For Bob Hurtt, Uncle of Gilmour Religion teacher, Sarah Reed, who is undergoing treatment for lymphoma
- For Mark Steffens, grandfather of Emily [‘15] and Natalie [‘18] Kirk, who is undergoing treatment for pancreatic and liver cancer.
- For Matt Barry [‘13], brother of Tim [‘12], who continues treatment for cancer.
- For Thomas Bares, audio-technical associate, who is undergoing medical treatment.
- For Maria Ricci, friend of Linda McGraw, who is ill.
- For Gloria Cotton, former director of Residential Life, who is critically ill.
- For Josh Rankin, son of Liz Peca Rankin [‘98] who is undergoing treatment for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy
- For Jeff Warner, brother of Denise Calabrese, who is undergoing treatment resulting from a stroke and seizure.
- For Janice Feenstra, sister of Lisa Habe, aunt of Jack [‘19] and Will [‘20] Habe who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Janet Mehling, sister-in-law of Sister Mary Ann Mehling, who is seriously ill with 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 continues in rehab following an accident
- 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 Head of School, Jonathan Wanders, who continues in treatment and rehabilitation
- For Betty Herten, aunt of Hope [‘13] and James [‘15] Herten, who is undergoing treatment for leukemia.

**WELCOME FATHER SWEANY:**

Father Tom Sweany will be our presider on **Saturday, June 20th** at our **5 PM Mass**. Father John will be at Notre Dame joining in the celebration of **Brother Dan Kane, C.S.C.’s 60th anniversary**. Congratulations to Brother Dan, and a warm welcome to Father Tom..

CHAPEL PICNIC:

Put this date aside; mark your calendars! Sunday, July 12th is the date for our annual Chapel outdoor picnic. Every year, the Chapel picnic has been a great event for the entire family. The picnic will be held rain or shine from **11:15 AM – 1:30 PM**. **Family Mass takes place at 10:00 AM** and the picnic begins right after Mass — what a wonderful way to continue our celebration of community. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and beverage are provided. The rest will be pot luck. **Families should sign up and also bring your favorite side dish or desert to share if you can. Indicate what you are bringing on the Sign-up Sheet. Even if you are unable to bring a dish to share, please come anyway.** In order to properly prepare for our picnic, we ask that you please **RSVP to Patty [440-473-3560]** in the chapel office, or **sign-up on the sheet located on the easel in the narthex of the Chapel**. Hope to see you there.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

Our Lady Chapel opened at Gilmour Academy in September, 1995 — which means that it has been used by students, parents, alumni, and the community for nearly 20 years. And in just a few months, we're going to celebrate our 20th anniversary! Many of the details are still in the planning stages, but we want to share some of the plans with you now. Mark your calendars for **Sunday, September 13**. On that day, **Bishop Roger Gries** will join us to offer a special Mass celebrating our anniversary. Then, **following Mass we're going to have a party**. Most of the details are still being finalized, but it definitely is something that you are not going to want to miss.

We'll keep you advised over the next few months as more details are confirmed, so check the bulletin regularly. But in the interim, if you'd like to get involved in the planning and execution of our celebration, please call the chapel office and leave your contact information with Patty [440-473-3560].

**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 July of 2015. There is a **basket in the narthex of the Chapel** to collect any donations you may have. Thank you for your help!

**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.



REFLECTION ON THE THEME FOR THE WEEK:

All gifts have a hole — an emptiness embedded in them. This hole is also an invitation. A doughnut is a wonderful symbol for much of life. It can have so many promising attractions — sugar, chocolate, caramel, coconut shreds, sprinkles, and coatings of sweetness. In the middle — at its center — is an encounter with reality. While in the middle there is nothing, by our eating the circle, our middle circle becomes even more something.

The Jesuit poet, Gerard Manly Hopkins once pictured our seeing the gifts, but not the hand that offers them. Gifts are what they are — and also what they are not. We long always for both the infinite and the finite; we have wonderful promises which will eventually disappoint our longings — as they should. We can lick the ice cream cone quickly because it is so good, but the quicker we do the licking, the quicker the ice cream cone is gone — with only the taste lingering. Fullness is a temporary condition. All that is “outer” leads to the “inner” where there is the invitation to keep searching for the Searcher Who is always giving — and that is the gift. We are always left with a graceful and quite holey disappointment.

Israel’s history with God has been a roller-coaster at best. Currently the Israelites are in captivity all because Israel has not been faithful to the covenantal practices and customs of their relationship with God. But enough is enough. The Lord now uses the symbol of tree-trimmings and replanting of those highest clippings to be replanted back in Jerusalem — God is going to bring back Israel, making the valleys raised and the mountains made low [Ezekiel 17:22-24]. The branches of the tree will be the faithful and loyal kings who will form the new kingdom of Israel and all creation — symbolized by the birds of all kinds, who will return to their original innocence pictured in Genesis after the flood [see Genesis 7]. God is faithful and God’s mercy is God’s existence. The lowly trees will branch above the lofty who will wither and be brought low. It is the Lord Who speaks and does it.

In Mark’s gospel, Jesus tells a string of parables; he begins with the parable of the seed sown in various types of soil, continues with the parable of a lamp’s not being hidden under a bushel, and then returns to the parable about seeds growing unnoticed [Mark 4:26-34].

Growth in all things occurs because it is of God’s Goodness — growth is not attained by mere human intellectual processing and or solving. Things grow while you are even sleeping or distracted, and even while you are trying to pray — imagine that! The Kingdom of God parable is like a tiniest of all seeds which also grows into the largest shrub and gives shade and rest to the birds of the air.

These pictures of the “Kingdom of God” are spoken and heard within the context and experience of the Roman kingdom which was occupying Israel during the time of Jesus. This Kingdom will not be established by any kind of force, nor reinforced or regulated by outside authorities. It is established quietly, in the inside where the heart is attracted to Divine Goodness. It is identified by the fruits or actions of Faith, Hope and Love.

Yet Jesus knows all too well that our faith is fragile. We have all heard the parables and His teachings, but our faith — like a mustard seed — is slowly growing with groaning and terror.

Often it can seem that God — at least sometimes that’s how Jesus talks — expects faith and trusting should be easy. Jesus asks Peter to leave everything to follow Him [see Mark 8], and later invites Peter

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FOR THE DECEASED:

- For Andrea Sike.
- For Michael Pezzente, Sr.
- For Sister Elizabeth Niesen, C.S.C.
- For Richard Dougherty, brother of Brother Fulgence Dougherty, C.S.C.
- For Mary Koberna, grandmother of Norma Rasoletti [anniversary]
- For Walter Devor
- For Paul Sekely.
- For Margaret Kilbane.
- For Anna Roche
- For Marie Parchem
- Raymond Byrne
- Jacqueline Cihon
- For Joe Polakowski.
- For Dominic Galati.
- For Chrissy Kulinsky, aunt of Denise Calabrese.
- For Father Ken Wolnowski, pastor emeritus St. Peter [Lorain]
- For Mary Lou Wallenhorst
- For Lenore Faulhauber.

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS:

- For the people of Nepal.
- For the families who are grieving the loss of loved ones.
- For an end to human trafficking..
- For the unemployed.
- For those who struggle with family relationships.
- For a greater respect for human life, from the moment of conception until natural death.
- For all caregivers.
- For a special intention.
- For all service men and women serving our country, and for their families.

ALTAR SERVERS and LECTORS:

We continue to be in need of servers and lectors. **Any student who is in the 3rd [and up] grade**

is invited to become an altar server; any student who is in the 5th [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].



LIVING THE DREAM:

One of the “parables” in Fr. Ed Hays’ classic book, *Twelve and a Half Keys*, describes an encounter between a young man and the Devil. When the young man discovers Satan’s identity, he instinctively surmises that the devil is trying to buy his soul. “Hardly,” the Devil states, “although I must confess that’s the common belief. I mean that I am interested in souls — but I do not buy secondhand souls. What I want to buy from you is your Dream.”

“I don’t understand,” says the young man. “Why would you want to buy my Dream and not my soul?”

“Because, my young friend, if I were to obtain your soul I’d have just a soul, but if I’m able to purchase — at a fair price, mind you — your Dream, then I’ve changed the course of history! Your soul affects only you, but your Dream — ah, that’s something different. Your Dream touches the lives of countless people and, who knows, maybe people yet to be born? The effect of your Dream is cosmic. That’s why I’m interested in it.”

We Christians constantly thank Jesus for dying for our sins, but we forget he also had a Dream — a Dream that he passed on to those committed to imitating his dying and rising.

The evangelists tell us that Jesus began his public ministry by proclaiming: “The kingdom of God is close at hand” [Matthew 4:17]. Scholars believe “the kingdom of God” in this context refers to God working effectively in our daily lives. The historical Jesus’ Dream — his “Good News” — revolved around helping those around him achieve the same insight that he had into God’s unique presence in their lives — an insight which would not only change their lives, but the lives of everyone they encountered.

Of course, there’s some “fine print” in the process of experiencing God: repentance. Those who are serious about achieving this experience are, like Jesus, expected to completely change their value systems. People are now to be at the center of their lives — especially those in need. Rules and regulations are to be relegated to the background of our relationships. Service to others is to be front and center. Only when we become “other-oriented” will God’s presence begin to be evident to us.

That means, as Paul reminds the Corinthian community, that we’re constantly walking “by faith, not by sight” [2 Corinthians 5:6-10]. Like all dreamers, we’re committed to doing things which don’t make sense if we’re not guided by a deep faith in our dream. Sight only arrives after the dream is lived.

The prophet Ezekiel demands something similar from his people. He’s prophesying during the Babylonian Exile. Jerusalem and its temple are in ruins. The captives listening to him are living in a foreign country — hundreds of miles from the Promised Land. They can only dream of that “tender shoot” eventually “putting forth branches and bearing fruit” [Ezekiel 17:22-24]. Yet, if they don’t do anything to make that dream a reality, they and their descendants will never see the “withered tree bloom.” Judaism, as they know it, will simply die.

That seems to be why, when Jesus talks about his Dream, he frequently employs “growth” imagery. In Mark’s gospel, for instance, Jesus describes the kingdom of God as a seed that takes a long time to grow, and as a bush which eventually becomes so large that “the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade” [Mark 4:26-34].

The gospel Jesus presumes we’re committed to this “faith thing” for the long term. We won’t immediately surface God working in our lives every time we give ourselves for others. But if we stop giving, the Dream for which Jesus died will never become real.

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



to get out of a boat and walk on water [see Matthew 14]! God asks Mary to believe she is pregnant and she does, but has very good questions first [see Luke 1]. God is always asking that we be not afraid, and that just might be because God knows we will be and are usually quite frightened. We don’t like the dark, the unfamiliar, and all the complexities — but that what it is like to follow Jesus.

Seeds of the Kingdom grow into fruits of faith very slowly — hiddenly. And God — “Who sees in secret” — does the cultivating through our experiences of life’s invitations to trust in the little things.

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

CLEAN OUT THOSE CLOSETS AND SERVE OTHERS:

Summer is quickly approaching — another time to once again clean out the closets. Clothing that no longer fits, or has been replaced by new items, can become 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 [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 summer 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].**

**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, or email Elina Gurney at gurney.oh@gmail.com.** Come as a family or by yourself.

**BEING ALIVE:**

Contemplation is life itself, fully awake, fully active, fully aware that it is alive. It is spiritual wonder. It is spontaneous awe at the sacredness of life — of being. It is gratitude for life, for awareness, and for being. It is a vivid realization of the fact that life and being in us proceed from an invisible, transcendent and infinitely abundant Source. Contemplation is, above all, awareness of the reality of that Source.

—Thomas Merton

STAY THE COURSE:

A man walked into a store. He found Christ behind the counter. He asked: “What do you sell here?” Christ replied: “You name it.” The man continued: “I want food for all, good health for kids, adequate housing for everyone, and abortion to cease.” Gently Jesus answered: “Friend, I do not sell finished products here — only seeds. You must plant them and water them. I will do the rest.” When Jesus told this parable of the smallest seed in the world [Mark 4:26-34], His disciples were in a downer. They had worked so hard and so little had happened. The famous mountain had been in labor — and only a mouse had been born. Their work, begun with a bang, was about to close down without a notice.

Given their depression, Jesus tells them the parable of the minuscule mustard seed. Though its beginnings are modest, its final height is awesome. Jesus wanted the disciples to realize that despite their few numbers and the opposition against them a great Church would arise from their labors. The history books show how correct He was. Someone has noted that masterpieces come from the smallest beginnings. From eight notes come every hymn, song, and symphony ever composed. Arguably the greatest piece of music ever written is Beethoven’s Ninth Symphony — all of it from eight notes. All literature is born from the twenty-six letters of the alphabet. From them came the Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, and the Gettysburg Address.

But one does not have to produce masterpieces to have an effect. Small acts make a difference. Graduating college seniors hear much nonsense from commencement speakers. However, Sydney Schanberg, the Pulitzer Prize journalist, whose reports formed the 1984 film, *The Killing Fields*, was a blessed exception. He told the graduates before him: “You are often told you can change the world. But that is rubbish. What you can do is make the world modestly better.” He went

on to speak of their own classmates who assisted the homeless and fed the hungry over their college careers. These people made a difference. They themselves grew and developed. They were helping people one by one. Bigger is not necessarily better. His message was it is a great thing to do a little thing well.

Find a cause. Go for it. Take Gandhi’s advice: “First they ignore you. Then they laugh. Then they attack. Then you win.” We wish to see objects grow in a flash. Yet, Christ is telling us that though you cannot see it, the mustard seed is maturing. It will become among the largest of all plants. It will climb to eleven feet. No wonder birds flock to its branches for “R & R”, and travelers crawl into its shade for lunch and a nap.

A story is told of an experiment performed by a physicist. She wanted to show her students the effect that a small object can have on block of iron. The block was hanging from the ceiling. The physicist began throwing paper balls at the metal. At first nothing happened. Then after a time the iron began to vibrate, then sway, and at last move freely. The poet Lucretius wrote: “Dripping water hollows a stone.”

Everything must begin somewhere. No one emerged fully grown from his/her mother’s wombs. If Christians could learn to bring together their modest contributions to the commonweal, can you imagine what a force for good we would be for those about us?

Jesus is saying to us: “Develop where you are planted.” He warns us to that often we quit growing



and never can be. There is a condition innate to love itself. To be love, something must be received as gift. Conversely, if love is snatched by force rather than respectfully received as gift, we have another word for that — we call it rape.

The original sin of Adam and Eve wasn’t sexual, but it was an act of rape. They wrongfully took what was intended as gift. Our culture, which rewards aggressiveness and tells us that we are foolish not to take for ourselves the good things we want, too often invites us to do the same thing.

The story of Adam and Eve was written centuries after the Ten Commandments were given. It is an attempt to summarize all of the commandments in a single condition — “You may receive, but you may never take!” That’s also the lesson in Jesus’ gentle correction of the rich young man. The man had asked: “What must I do to possess eternal life?” [Mark 10:17-22]. Jesus’ answer: “If you would receive eternal life, you must, like the young African boy, stand before life with empty hands and wait until it is given you.”

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

SEEING THROUGH THE EYES OF FAITH:

Jesus used many parables to teach the people about the kingdom of God. In his teaching, Jesus did not propose philosophical arguments or use abstract language; rather, he told stories, drawing on familiar experiences of ordinary people. His parables were designed to get people to think more deeply about life — to examine common assumptions, to broaden narrow perspectives, to make better moral judgments, and to live as more effective disciples.

In Mark’s Gospel [4:26-34], Jesus compares the kingdom of God to seed which takes root and grows apart from the attention or knowledge of the sower. One implication of the parable is that God’s reign is growing in our world in mysterious ways that we can easily miss as we go about our daily tasks. More is going on in human affairs than meets the eye. God’s grace silently accomplishes great things. The parable challenges us to see the world with eyes of faith, to probe beneath the external appearances of life, to discern the mystery dimension of experience, to try and align ourselves with the direction and dynamics of the kingdom.

We can imagine individuals responding to the parable of the seed. A married couple begins to look for ways to help each other grow spiritually. A corporate executive driven by the lure of ever greater financial rewards decides to redirect her energy into becoming a deeper, more authentic person. After making a marriage encounter, a husband realizes that he cannot read his wife like a book — making her newly mysterious to him. A lifelong Catholic comes to see that going to Mass is not merely an obligation, but an opportunity to come closer to Christ. A woman upset with the church hierarchy looks for signs that Pope Francis is having a positive influence on his fellow bishops. A citizen depressed by the moral deterioration of society consciously looks for positive signs — lower rates of violent crime, a reduction in sexual promiscuity, fewer teenage pregnancies, as well as a growing percentage of young people doing volunteer service projects and actively caring for the environment. A veteran deals with depression by helping other veterans who are suffering physically and emotionally.

How can you deepen and expand your awareness of God’s reign secretly growing in our world?

—taken from the writings of Father Jim Bacik which appear on the internet

RESPOND TO THE CALL:

No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another.

—Charles Dickens



ON NOT COMMITTING THE ORIGINAL SIN:

Theologian, James Mackey, once shared this story in a classroom: A man he knew was part of a hunting expedition in Africa. His group was camped in a jungle. One morning, the man left camp early, hiked a few miles into the bush by himself, and shot two wild turkeys. Buckling these to his belt, he was walking back towards camp, when he heard noises and realized he was being followed. Frightened, his hands tight on his rifle, he scanned the woods for movement.

His fear was quickly dispelled. What he saw stalking him was a young boy, about twelve years old, naked and hungry. He realized instantly that what the boy wanted was not him, but food. He stopped, opened his belt, let the turkeys fall to the ground, and backed away. The young boy ran up to the turkeys, but didn't pick them up. Instead he looked towards the man, and, in his own language, began asking him for something. Not understanding what the boy was asking, but sensing that he wanted permission to take the birds, the man began gesturing to him that it was okay. But the boy still was not at ease. He kept asking and gesturing for something.

Finally, in desperation, the boy took several steps back from the turkeys and stood silently with his hands out, open in front of him — waiting until the man came and placed the turkeys into his hands. Then he ran off into the jungle. He had — despite his hunger and need — refused to take the birds. He had waited until they were given to him.

This story, in essence, captures what makes for the opposite of original sin. This young boy did what Adam and Eve didn't do — he accepted that life had to be given him and that he could not take it all on his own, no matter how desperate he was.

How is this so? To answer that, we need to look at what constituted the original sin. What did Adam and Eve do that so badly violated God's plan? How is their action the opposite of this young boy's?

The story of the fall of Adam and Eve is colored throughout — especially at the end [nakedness and shame] — with sexual imagery, so much so that we can easily conclude that their transgression was of a sexual nature. It wasn't. The sexual motif in the story is a metaphor — an image of rape. Adam and Eve took, as by force, something which can only be received in love.

The condition that God gave Adam and Eve might be summarized this way: "I am giving you life. I will bath you in life. But you must receive it and never take it. As long as you receive it, it will always be life-giving, but on the day you begin to take, rather than receive, your actions will begin to deal death, distrust, alienation, nakedness, and shame." That single commandment encapsulates all morality.

Sometimes we ask why God gave a commandment to Adam and Eve in the first place — why a condition? Why not paradise without conditions? The question is a valid one, but, in answering it, we must be careful to not see the commandment as a test — as some arbitrary thing that God might have asked or not asked. The condition here isn't arbitrary — it is something inherent within love itself. How so? God made a love-contoured universe. In such an order of things, everything is gift. Nothing may be snatched, grabbed by force, or claimed by right. Life can only be received as gift — respectfully, and in its own time. It's the same with love. Something is only love and it can only give life, when it is freely given and gratefully received. This condition is part of love's DNA. Love is not unconditional



because we prefer groaning. Some years ago I heard of an Oscar winning actor who owed his career to an elderly woman. As a young man, he received bad notices. Finally he resolved to give up his dreams of becoming an actor. Then a note arrived in his mail box from an anonymous fan. She had heard of his despondency. She wrote but four words: "Keep acting — you're good." That small note gave him the courage to continue. From her four words grew an Oscar winner.

I have worked for years with teens. They often have sorrowfully spoken to me of how little or no encouragement they receive from their own families, friends, and even teachers. Cannot you and I substitute for those silent people? Cannot we do for them what the fan did for the actor? Our compliment need be no more than four words. Begin today. Encourage others. And remember the advice of Winston Churchill: "The difficulty is not to be expected in the beginning but rather when one attempts to stay the course." —taken from the writings of Father James Gilhooly, which appear on the internet.

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**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 6/6/15 ----- \$ 590.05

Total Offerings: Sunday [6/7/15] ----- \$ 1,169.00

A PROVERB:

Sometimes God is silent, but most often we just are not listening.

TELLING A GOOD STORY:

A very large part of the teaching of Jesus is given in parables. This is not something we are very much used to today — although everyone loves a good story. We get most of our information from newspapers, TV, and social media — we don't go in much for parables. In the modern world we are more interested in facts and data rather than parables or imagery. But the thing about parables is that they are ambiguous — you can read almost anything you like into them. Parables are examples or stories that you can turn over and over in your mind — constantly discovering new insights into them.

We always have to remember that Jesus was speaking to people who were living in a very different age than ours. The main mode of communication was speech — there were no newspapers or TV or even very many books. The people living at the time of Jesus were part of a largely oral society, and storytelling was very important to them. Besides being a good way of passing the time, storytelling gave people something to think about — it helped develop their memories and gave them the opportunity to exercise a considerable amount of creativity.

Those people who are of Irish descent are familiar with the importance of the Shanakee — the storyteller or bard who kept the traditions of the clan alive, usually in the form of stories and narrative poems. Every culture has its own equivalent. Therefore, it is very understandable that Jesus would use parables to communicate his message in this very largely oral culture. Not all his listeners would fully understand what Jesus meant in every case, but everyone would be able to find some nugget of wisdom in his stories. Not only this, but parables do transmit down the centuries in a very accessible way — even though we are far removed in time and geography, we can understand quite well what Jesus means.

The two parables that Jesus tells in Mark's Gospel [4:26-34] are not very complicated. In the first one, the seed is strewn on the land; it grows and it is eventually harvested by the farmer. The seed is us, and the farmer is God. It is our job to grow and to produce a good crop which the farmer can harvest. The other parable is very similar. Here the smallest seed of all grows into the biggest tree which in turn gives shelter to the birds of the air. Here the tiny seed represents the followers of Christ which grow into a great tree which can give shelter to the rest of creation.



Comedians say: “never let the facts get in the way of a good story.” The same goes for parables. Factually, the mustard seed is not the smallest of the seeds; nor does it grow into the biggest tree of all. But we know what Jesus means, and we realize that the choice of mustard is also significant since mustard has a strong flavor just as Jesus' disciples ought to bring a strong flavor to the world.

What Jesus does is give images and examples so that even the simplest person can get the gist of his message. His parables are accessible to all — even if some do not understand them fully at the first hearing. In time their meaning becomes more and more clear.

One of the things we notice about these particular parables is that there is no ambiguity in them. In the one case the seed is sown, it grows and is harvested. In the other, the smallest seed grows into the biggest tree and it gives shelter to the birds of the air. The seeds do not go their own way — rather, they do what they are supposed to do. The seeds sprout or grow into a tree; the seeds do nothing other than what they were intended to do. And this is another lesson for us.

We are members of the greatest society the world has ever seen — we are members of the Kingdom of God; we are members of the Church. No matter what the media may comment, we are part of the only truly relevant organization in the world. We give meaning to the whole purpose of existence. No matter what the media may say, the Church continues to grow. For the Lord — not people — gives the growth.

Therefore, when you are confronted with media attacks upon religion — a media, which by the way, does not represent the basic perspective of the people but tries to formulate a perspective based on its own preconceived agenda — remember the Church is forever. When you don't find yourself living up to your own expectations and visions — even though you have tried over and over...even for many years — remember the Church is forever.

And when you are confronted with immorality on all sides — when you are convinced that the world is coming to an end because so many people are behaving so poorly, and also because you, as we all, are often inclined to join them — do not despair. The church not only lives on through the muddle and the mire — it actually grows. We all grow as long as we do everything we can to stay united to the Church. For in the face of turmoil, outside us and within us, God gives his Church growth.

As St. Paul tells the Corinthian Church: “We walk by faith, not by sight” [2 Corinthians 5:6-10]. In the Lord, the miracle of growth continues within each of us.

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

WORLD YOUTH DAY & KRAKOW, POLAND 2016:

It is not too late to join us on our pilgrimage to Poland for World Youth Day 2016. The time has come for us to **start putting down deposits so that we can finance this trip over a period of time.** We will begin to contact those who have expressed interest. We have a link to the presentation which Chris Dube from



Dube Travel did for us, so that you will be able to get all the details of our pilgrimage. Our pilgrimage to WYD will begin with our departure on **Friday, July 22.** Monday, we will visit Auschwitz and the German concentration camps, and see the place where St. Maximilian Kobe was martyred. We will then begin our trip to Krakow, stopping at Czestochowa — home to the monastery at Jasna Gora and the famous icon of the Black Madonna. During our stay in Krakow, we will journey to Wadowice — the home town of St. John Paul II, and visit the Church of the Divine Mercy and the Shrine of St. Faustina Kowalska. We will be staying at a hotel located on the square in Krakow, within walking distance of almost all of the events of WYD.

We will be attending catechetical sessions each morning, followed by evening cultural and spiritual events — daily Mass, the sacrament of reconciliation, adoration, and many other experiences. Our group will officially welcome, celebrate mass, and take part in the Stations of the Cross with the Holy Father, Pope Francis.

We will return to Cleveland on **Monday, August 1.** Over 40 people have expressed an interest thus far in this pilgrimage. The 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. **Please contact the chapel office — Father John or Patty at 440-473-3560 to confirm your place on this life-changing pilgrimage**

WORDS OF WISDOM:

“Have no fear of moving into the unknown. Simply step out fearlessly knowing that I [the Lord] am with you, therefore no harm can befall you; all is very, very well. Do this in complete faith and confidence.”

—St. John Paul II

THE LORD GIVES GROWTH:

The ancient Hebrews understood agriculture. Their lives were dependent on the crops they cultivated and the animals they raised. Yet, they knew that the wonder of growth belonged to the Lord. No one knew this fact greater than St. Paul who wrote in his first letter to the Church at Corinth: “Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth” [1 Corinthians 3:6-7].

When Ezekiel prophesied that the Lord would take a sprig from a tree and turn it into a noble cedar, the people recognized in this prophecy that growth is always in God’s hands [Ezekiel 17:22-24]. They knew that God would do more for them than they could imagine. Israel — a nation in exile at the time of this prophesy — would become the nation that the whole world would respect. Every kind of bird — all the nations of the world — would live under the tree of Israel. God’s wonders, like the wonders of agriculture, were too wonderful to understand.

The people who listened to Jesus also shared the wonder of the soil. The farmer works hard during the day, but the farmer can’t make the seed grow into a plant, and the plant produce fruit — God causes the growth [Mark 4:26-34]. In our modern terms, the farmer creates the best environment for growing, but God causes the growth. The farmer had to be patient. Jesus’ point is that the Kingdom of God is like the plants in God’s hands. The workers in the Lord’s fields must do their best to create the proper environment for growth — but God causes the growth.

The parable comforts the people of the early Church in face of discouragement when their efforts don’t seem to be getting them anywhere. They are a development of the Jewish faith and are rejected by that faith. That is pretty hard to explain to the pagans to whom they preached Christ. Persecuted on every side, they had to just trust God to give growth to his kingdom. And God does give growth. The Church lives on despite the persecution from the Romans, despite internal dogmatic fights and debates of the second through fifth centuries, despite the Fall of Rome and conquest of the barbarians, despite the corruption from within and outside in the Middle Ages and the Renaissance, despite the onslaught of rationalists in the last two centuries, despite the clergy sex abuse scandals, despite internal attacks, despite the new attack on priests and faithful by the “holier than thou” — the Church still lives on, and grows. God gives the growth. He does wonders with our feeble efforts. He turns that which is insignificant into that which is substantial.

There are many times that we expect too much of ourselves and others. To make matters worse, we expect too much to happen too soon. Sometimes parents expect their 15 year olds to act like 21 year olds. Sometimes we get thoroughly disappointed in ourselves because we are not the perfect people we like to imagine ourselves being. Sometimes we are impatient with how we or others are progressing in life. We may be upset with our home situations, our marriages, our families, our jobs — or what have you. What we have to understand is that none of us are self-made men and women. If we trust in God, He will give growth. This growth might be very subtle — nothing we can put our fingers on. But after a while it suddenly occurs to us: “God has brought us a long way.” If we trust in God, the growth that He gives us will be more than we could imagine. We are all small seeds, but God can make of us great trees. However, if we think that we can do everything ourselves — and if we don’t trust in God — we won’t get anywhere. None of us can make ourselves or others grow.



Our problem is that most of the time we do everything other than that for which we were intended. We constantly go our own way and ignore the path that is set before us by God. We choose to indulge ourselves and to take the line of least resistance rather than doing what God wants. We fool ourselves into believing that we can keep the largest share of our lives for ourselves and give only a small part of it to God. It is as if we are saying: “An hour on a Sunday will be enough for him.”

But God does not want only a small part of us — he wants all of us; he wants the lot. God does not want us to keep anything back for ourselves, but rather that we should give everything to him. He does not want us to serve him only for an hour here or there — God wants us to serve him all the time.

The mistake we make is thinking that what we give to God is something that we take away from ourselves. But this is far from the case. The very words of Jesus tell us that we will be rewarded a hundred fold for whatever we do for God. But somehow we don’t believe it. At this point our faith fails us, and we feel it necessary to constantly hold back from giving God what he wants, which is all of us.

The lesson we need to learn is that God already owns us — he created us, and it is only his power that keeps us in being; everything that we have comes from him in the first place. If we show a true and deep generosity of spirit and hand our lives over to him then it will be completely transformative for us. We will be filled with the love of God and enabled to live grace-filled lives bringing joy to all we meet. The lesson of life is that everything comes from God, and everything returns to him. Our job is not to hold back anything for ourselves, but to give everything freely and joyously to him who is our Lord and Savior. —taken from the writings of Father Alex McAllister, S.D.S., which appear on the internet

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

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| Monday: | 2 Corinthians 6:1-10, Matthew 5:38-42 |
| Tuesday: | 2 Corinthians 8:1-9, Matthew 5:43-48 |
| Wednesday: | 2 Corinthians 9:6-11, Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18 |
| Thursday: | 2 Corinthians 11:1-11, Matthew 6:7-15 |
| Friday: | 2 Corinthians 11:18-30, Matthew 6:19-23 |
| Saturday: | 2 Corinthians 12:1-10, Matthew 6:24-34 |

12th Week in Ordinary Time: Job 38:1-11, 2 Corinthians 5:14-17, Mark 4:35-41

FAITH EDUCATION:

It’s time to begin registration for our Faith Education Program for Next School Year. Our Sessions go from **8:45—9:45 AM**, with the hope that our children would then **participate in our 10:00 AM Family Mass. Register your family for next year’s classes by contacting Patty in the Chapel Office [[440-473-3560].** If you have any questions, please call Patty in the chapel office. Thank you for taking care of this important responsibility

**REMEMBER:**

It is when we are most vulnerable that we are our most beautiful.

—Brene Brown

4 WAYS TO TRANSFORM YOUR TEEN YEARS:

I remember the day when I turned 13. My whole family came over to my house for a party and I locked myself in my room. Part of me was excited to be a teenager — to go to high school, learn how to drive a car, go to Life Teen, and become more independent. But another part of me — the part of me that wanted to hide in my room — was terrified. I did eventually come out to open presents and eat cake after a couple renditions of “Happy Birthday”. I did eventually start to live my teenage life — it wasn’t as overwhelming as I thought.

Looking back on my teenager years, here is the advice I wish I could have given myself on my 13th birthday:

1. **Make Memories.** There are so many opportunities to make memories that last a lifetime as a teenager. Don’t be afraid to put yourself out there and enjoy life. Go to the dance with that cute guy or girl that asks you. Sign up for that summer trip. Go on that retreat. Stay up and have those deep conversations about life. Play glow and the dark ultimate frisbee at midnight. Spend time with your family. Try out for that play or sports team. You’ll never wish you had spent more time watching *Netflix* instead of living life.
2. **Forgive.** Your relationships with your family and friends will change a lot in your teenage years. You will say things you wish you could take back, and so will the people around you. Don’t torture yourself holding grudges or needing to get back at everyone who was mean to you. Not everyone will apologize. Don’t wait until someone asks to forgive them. The hurt was real, but holding on to anger only hurts you more. If that is really hard don’t be afraid to find a parent, mentor, youth minister, counselor or priest to help you let it go.
3. **Stand Up.** If you are passionate about serving the poor, or the Pro-Life movement, or human trafficking, or even recycling, do something about it. Organize a canned good drive at your Church, organize a mission trip, host a speaker at your school, or join the recycling club. Don’t be afraid to defend your beliefs about morality and religion. When someone offers you a drink or drugs at a party, it’s okay stand up and say no. If someone is Jesus bashing, it’s okay to respectfully disagree and share how much Jesus means to you. It can be hard to do at first, but standing up for what you believe is powerful. Your voice, your drive, your commitment can be a force of change in the world.
4. **Get to Know God.** There is so much that changes in your teenage years — including you. Why not get to know God who created you, knows you perfectly, and has a fantastic plan for your life? Let God be the constant in your life in the midst of all the changes of your teenage years. God is a person; treat Him like He’s a person. Make time in your life to get to know Him. Go to Mass. Hang out at youth group. Find other friends who want to get to know God, too. Get yourself to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Join a Bible study or start one. Ask a holy person you know to coffee, and ask them about their faith. Listen to praise and worship while you do your homework. Pray for 10 minutes every day when you wake up and before you go to bed. Tell God about your day on the way to class. Find a way to connect to God and do it!



Being a teenager is doable, even if it can seem overwhelming sometimes. Know that you are never alone. There are many people who love you and support you — and your biggest fan is God.

—written by Emily Pellarin, an associate of the Bible Geek

LIFETEEN and EDGE BIBLE STUDY BEGINS JUNE 16th :

Once again this summer, we are going to gather at various summertime places to do our Bible Study. **High School and Middle School [6-7-8] Students** will join together with many of our **college students** who will be in the area for the summer. It will be a great time, and a good witness of our faith to others. **Adults are also welcome.** Recall last summer when a number of people came up to us and asked us what we were doing, and when they found out we were doing a Bible Study, they were moved. **Our first gathering will take place on Tuesday evening, June 16th. We are meeting at the Popcorn Shoppe in Chagrin at 6:30 PM. After we treat our sweet tooth, we will move across the street into the park for our Bible Study. The topic will be “the devil”. Mark your calendars and be part of this wonderful summertime activity. During the summer months, we will meet for Bible Study on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Join us. You’ll have a blast.**



CATHEDRAL SUMMER FAMILY FESTIVAL:

On Friday, July 3rd, the Holy Spirit Prayer Center Charitable Foundation, in conjunction with the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, is sponsoring a **Cathedral Summer Family Festival to benefit Homeless Families.** The event will take place outdoors behind the Cathedral [Est 9th and Rockwell] from **12 noon until 9 PM.** The Event is Free — and so is parking in the Cathedral Garage. The Festivities begin with **Mass at noon**, and throughout the day, there will be a Veteran Honor Guard Ceremony, a cook-out, Cathedral tours, and much Family fun. A **youth and young adult “Festival of Praise”** will take place, and the day will conclude with a **live concert by John Finch, beginning at 7 PM.** Donations of Personal Hygiene products — Anti-Diarrhea Tablets, Aspirin, Baby Wipes, Band-Aids, Cortisone Cream, Cotton Swabs, Dental Floss, Deodorant, Feminine Hygiene Products, Listerine, Nail Clippers, Neosporin, Razors, Shampoo, Soap, Thick Socks, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, and Underwear — will be accepted.

COME TO THE FEST:

The FEST 2015 is less than two months away! Join us for our 15th Annual Catholic Family FESTival on **Sunday, August 9th from noon until 10:00 PM** as we bring together 39,000+ from across our region for a day of faith, family, and fun — and it’s FREE. Come and hear the best of the best of the national Christian artists: **MercyMe, Steven Curtis Chapman, Building 429** and **Matt Maher.** The day also includes dynamic activities for all ages, opportunities for prayer and reflection, a large outdoor Mass followed by fireworks and more. We need your help to make this amazing day possible — please consider donating two hours of your time by volunteering for The FEST. Volunteers get a FREE t-shirt and are essential to making this event possible. For more information, or to register to help, go to www.theFEST.us. **TOGETHER we can make this a great day for thousands from across our region!**



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.

