

CLOSING PRAYER:

~ A Prayer to a Loving God ~

Almighty and eternal God,
I ask you to help me
build a faith and trust in you
that neither the slings
and arrows which come my way
can overcome.
Be a strong right arm around me.

You let the stars shine in the night
— when things are very dark
and everything seems to be going wrong —
Let in enough light to help me.
Through the word I hear,
the bread of life I share,
the cup of Blessing that I take,
make me stronger in faith.

Speak to your blessing upon me, O Lord.
Help me to understand
what trusting in you
and not in myself —
really means.
You are the rock
upon which I stand,
the ground beneath my feet.
Give me a stronger faith.
Like the tree
planted by the waters
I need to be rooted,
and strong.
Amen.

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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.

IMPORTANT SCHEDULE CHANGE NEXT WEEKEND [one time only]:

Because of graduation, and the Baccalaureate Mass, we will have changes in the Mass times for the weekend of May 28th and May 29th. Saturday evening Mass on May 28th will be at 4:30 PM, and Family Mass on Sunday, May 29th will be at 9:00 AM. This is a one time change because of graduation weekend.

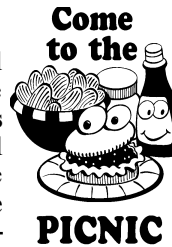
TAKE US OUT TO THE BALLGAME:

Join the Our Lady Chapel community as we head to **Classic Park in Eastlake on Friday, July 15th**, to watch the **Lake County Captains** battle the Cedar Rapids **Kernels** — a Minnesota Twins farm club. The **game starts at 7:00 PM, but we'll begin at 6:30 PM with a picnic dinner in the right field picnic plaza and conclude with fireworks!**

Cost is **\$20 for adults** and **\$17 for children** [ages 4-12]. The meal includes a 1-½ hour, all-you-can-eat buffet featuring the Captains BBQ menu — two entrees, two sides, chips, cookies and beverages — plus a box seat ticket to the game. The final menu will be determined later. **Payment will be collected in June, but sign up today on the easel** so we reserve enough tickets. The sign-up sheet is located on the Easel in the narthex of the Chapel, **or call Patty in the Chapel Office at 440-473-3560**. See you at the game.

**CHAPEL PICNIC:**

Put this date aside; mark your calendars! Sunday, July 10th 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.

**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 2016. There is a **basket in the narthex of the Chapel** to collect any donations you may have. Thank you for your help!

**A NOTE OF THANKS:**

We the pillow case dress makers want to thank you for all your donations. The many pillow cases, fabric scraps, rick rack, trim and buttons have been a huge help with this project. Together we have made approximately 400 dresses that have gone to different missions in El Salvador, Haiti, Honduras, Madagascar, Panama and Uganda. We appreciate your continued support. Thank you again.

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

- For Marie Fecske who is recovering from serious surgery.
- For Jenn Clegg who is recovering from Kidney transplant surgery.
- For Francine Gren, step-mother of Kitchen Associate, Val Gren, who is hospitalized.
- For James Kazel, father of Daniel ['86] and Gilmour counselor, Jamie, who is in rehab following surgery..
- For Cheryl Kazel, sister of Daniel ['86] and Gilmour counselor, Jamie, who is undergoing treatment for cancer..
- For Mary Burkey, grandmother of chapel musician, Rachel Burkey, who is recovering from a heart attack.
- For Romano Bruno, great uncle of Richard Jones ['20] who is critically ill.
- For Nancy Collins who is under the care of hospice.
- For Carmella DeJohn who is seriously ill.
- For Tony Stricker who is undergoing treatment for a brain condition.
- For Eva Shea, aunt of lower school teacher, Theresa Stark, who is undergoing treatment for pancreatic cancer
- For Ann Ally, mother of former Gilmour teacher Deshia Joseph, who is under the care of hospice.
- For Kate Wilson, Niece of Brother Ken Kane, C.S.C., who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Justin Tarr who is critically ill with brain cancer.
- For Jim Spicer who is undergoing treatment for brain and lung cancer.
- For John O'Brian who has been diagnosed with a serious form of cancer.
- For Bill Slattery ['77] who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For John Burkey, uncle of religion instructor, Rachel Burkey, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Annie Trivassos who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Nicholas Zanella, who is undergoing medical treatment
- 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 Teddy Prusock, nephew of Lower School associate, Nina Prusock, who is undergoing neurological testing.

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS:

- For the Victims of the Egyptian Air disaster.
- For a person who lost their job
- For an end to violence in our society.
- For the families who are grieving the loss of loved ones.
- For an end to human trafficking..
- 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.

A PROVERB:

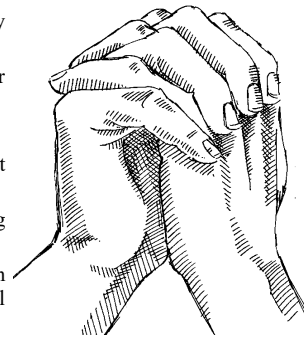
If you only place a small value on yourself, the rest of the world will not raise the price. —John Maxell

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- For Katilyn Wene, teen-age daughter of former Kitchen Associate, Stephanie Toma, who is undergoing treatment for meningitis.
- For Robert Vandall who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Donna Pollack, who is recovering from surgery
- For Norb Alerton, former Holy Cross Brother, who is recovering from kidney surgery.
- For Brother Romard Barthel, C.S.C., who is on hospice care.
- For Steven Ciuni, father of Joseph ['77], grandfather of Joseph ['03], Jane ['04], Thomas ['06] and Michael ['08] Ciuni, who is undergoing rehab following a stroke.
- For Candy McKinnon, mother of Gilmour instructor, Katy McKinnon, who is recovering from multiple surgeries as a result of a fall.
- For Joseph Morek ['14] who is recovering from surgery resulting from a military accident.
- For Elaine Willey, sister of Father John, who are undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Stephen Ungrady, father of Emily ['19], who is recovering from a stroke
- For Jim Virant, grandfather of Noah Virant ['20], who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Todd King ['87], brother of Christie ['91] King, who is undergoing treatment for mirocondra
- For John DiCillo, husband of long-time Gilmour teacher, Bonnie, father of John ['83], David ['84], Dawn ['86] and Daniel ['88] DiCillo, who is seriously ill with lymphoma.
- For Jenny Blender, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Dorothy Kazel, mother of Daniel ['86] and Gilmour counselor, Jamie, who is undergoing treatment for cancer..
- For Mark LaCasse, brother of Upper School Associate, Linda Wheeler, uncle of Molly ['06] Wheeler, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Sue Nyberg, godmother of Katie Leavitt, who is seriously ill with cancer.
- For Drew Franco, son of Brian ['90], nephew of Jeff ['88] and Kristin ['94] Kirkpatrick, who is struggling with a seizure disorder.
- For Michael Palumbo, father of Michael ['14], Marisa ['15], and former Gilmour student, Christian, who is undergoing treatment for cancer
- For Colleen Lowman, grandmother of Religion instructor, Rachel Burkey, who is seriously ill.
- For Dennis Kavran, father of Dennis ['86] and Jennifer ['95], grandfather of Adam ['14] and Madeleine ['16] Miller, who is undergoing further treatment for cancer.
- For Donna Farkas who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Lexi Pappadakes, who is undergoing treatment for complications from surgery..
- For Rosemarie Lemieux who is ill.
- For Matt Barry ['13], brother of Tim ['12], who continues treatment for cancer.
- For Maria Ricci, friend of Linda McGraw, who is ill.
- 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 Karen Wanders, mother of upper school Head of School, Jonathan Wanders, who is seriously ill.
- For Betty Herten, aunt of Hope ['13] and James ['15] Herten, who is undergoing treatment for leukemia.



FAITH EDUCATION — June 5:

Faith Education for this year continues. 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 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. **Dates for June: June 5**



SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday, May 22: Feast of the Blessed Trinity	10:00 AM
Monday, May 23: 8th Week in Ordinary Time	5:30 PM [Eucharistic Chapel]
Tuesday, May 24:	5:30 PM [Eucharistic Chapel]
Wednesday, May 25:	5:30 PM [Eucharistic Chapel]
Thursday, May 26: St. Philip Neri	5:30 PM [Eucharistic Chapel]
Friday, May 27:	5:30 PM [Eucharistic Chapel]
Saturday, May 28: Feast of the Blessed Trinity	4:30 PM [note special time]
Sunday, May 29: Feast of the Blessed Trinity	9:00 AM [note special time]

UPCOMING CHAPEL ACTIVITIES:

May 22 -----	EDGE meeting	11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
May 26 -----	Upper School Awards Ceremony	8:00 AM
May 27 -----	LS Blessing & Promotion Ceremony	9:00 AM
May 28 -----	Chapel Saturday Evening Mass	4:30 PM
	Baccalaureate Mass [St. Francis]	6:45 PM
May 29 -----	Chapel Sunday Family Mass	9:00 AM
	Graduation	11:00 AM
May 30 -----	Memorial Day Mass	9:30 AM
May 31 -----	MS Rite of Passage	8:30 AM
June 3 -----	Faculty Gathering	11:00 AM
	Memorial Service for Class of 1956	6:15 PM
June 3 -----	Chapel Council Strategic Planning Mtg.	8:30 AM—12:00 PM

REFLECTION ON THE THEME FOR THE WEEK:

There is quite a difference between delight, indulge, and entertain. Delight has a sense of depth which is a stirring of the soul. Entertain and indulge have more to do with our senses and minds. A friend of mine and I recently visited the statue of *The David* in Florence, Italy. Upon seeing it, my friend was struck speechless for 15 minutes as delight surpassed his senses and comprehension. Did he enjoy it; was it entertaining; did he indulge his senses? Words failed him then — and even now — in describing what was received. Have you ever had a similar experience?

To celebrate the Blessed Trinity, we all need to take time to delight our souls into speechless praising or nodding of heads, or simple acceptance of who and what is around us. We can pray and reflect on the fact that each of us is sent and meant to be a delight to others in our little ways. The Scriptures are filled with reminders of how God delights in us and how we need to delight in him — “For the Lord takes delight in his people” [Psalm 149:4. Step back, admire, be amazed, and enter into the wonder of God. There simply are no words to describe this experience. Like beholding the state of *The David*, all we have to do is gaze.

The Book of Proverbs is an “Owner’s Manual” for the Jewish mind, heart, and hands. All the chapters tell the reader about a spirit of right living. Some proverbs seem cute and clever, but the sincerely religious follower of the Holy Law, would find comfort in the little hints these proverbs were offering. There are sayings for almost every occasion — a sort of greeting-card store presentation. They are actually centered around discipline, restraint, just judgment, and relational sensitivity. They answer the big question: “WWMDN” — What would Moses do now? They are meant for the young, the searching, the ignorant, and those who wish to understand the sayings of the sages and Jewish elders.

Wisdom is presented as a person who boasts of being a partner in the process of creation [Proverbs 8:22-31]. Before everything visible was, before anything attractive was, this “someone” existed with God who is eternal. God as craftsman, delighted with the play of this Wisdom and this Wisdom delights to be at play with the “human race.” All this finds meaning in learning how to live properly in relationship with others and also with God.

Thus we are given an affirmation of the goodness of creation and of ourselves so that we might reverence and use well the particulars of creation. Discernment, discretion, reverence, and worship all have to do with our being made aware of the absolute giftedness of creation and especially our own, in which God takes “delight”.

Wisdom is God’s wanting to be known. Wisdom is God’s love for creation making sure we don’t miss the main events of that same divine embrace. We would be the “fools” and “ignorant” if left to our own limited perceptions, but She, Wisdom, plays on the surfaces of things so that we see more wisely “the deep down things” around us.

In the creed, we pray: “We believe in one God, the Father almighty;” “we believe in Jesus Christ His only-begotten Son, our Lord;” “we believe in the Holy Spirit.” Now that’s a mouthful! This is a tremendous mystery which is surpassed only by the mystery of why people try to explain it.

John’s Gospel [16:12-15] takes us back to Jesus’ last discourse at the Last Supper. Jesus is reverencing the inability of his closest friends to understand clearly all that He is and has been about. And so he laments: “I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now.” We still cannot bear it — meaning understand or carry the infinite within our finite minds and hearts. The “Spirit of truth” will continue to and continuously wait for the time of readiness when these truths can be digested. Readiness is an essential quality, and Jesus is encouraging His followers to be ready. Readiness makes us eager to

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FOR THE DECEASED:

- For Donna Veres.
- For Willow Alderman, infant niece of Kitchen Associate, Eva Alderman.
- For Janet Twiggs, sister of Father Richard Warner, C.S.C.
- For Connie Kolb, aunt of Gilmour teachers, Whitney Daley and Erin Thompson
- For Dominic Longo [‘90]
- For Al Levay
- For Jeanne Kazmerack, grandmother of Nicole [‘14], Laura [‘15], Julia [‘17], and Megan [‘19] Brzozowski.
- For Deborah Mandley
- For John McCormack [‘55]
- For Julius Rasoletti, husband of Norma [birthday]
- For Father James Patton, pastor emeritus of St. Cyprian Parish [Perry]
- For Arlene Borkey, sister-in-law of Gilmour Trustee, Jack Borkey, aunt of Jeffrey [‘80], Joseph [‘82], and Jerrod [‘87] Borkey, great-aunt of Jerrod [‘12] and former Gilmour Student, Ian [‘17] Borkey.
- For Zechariah Before.
- For Gregory Naah
- For Paula Dangah
- For Scott Seifert [‘85], brother of Brian [‘86]
- For Brother John McLaughlin, C.S.C.
- For Kelly Katzenmeyer.
- For Jeanne Bender, mother-in-law of Kitchen Associate, Kathy Bender.
- For Eleanor DeStasio.
- For Dale Dardis
- For Sister Lois Petersen, O.S.U.
- For Rose Mirenda, grandmother of Dominic DiPuccio [‘82], and great-grandmother of Dominic [‘14], Matt [‘17], Sophia [‘19] and Armand [‘19] DiPuccio.
- For David Paulus
- For Father Maurice Amen, C.S.C.
- For Brother Jarlath D’Souza, C.S.C.
- For Rudi Licursi, grandfather of Maureen [‘05] Licursi.
- For Mike Porter, father of Megan [‘17] Porter [anniversary]
- For Heriberto Jaime, uncle of Patsy Schauer.

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.



KNOWING THE TRINITY TODAY:

In listening to the Scripture Readings for this Feast of the Most Holy Trinity, we must remember that the definition of the Trinity that we learned in our Baltimore Catechism — “three persons in one God” — wasn’t formulated until the Council of Nicaea in 325 CE — more than 130 years after John’s gospel was written. It certainly wasn’t a “dogma” his disciples understood either on Easter Sunday evening — or on the day after Jesus’ ascension. It took many generations before his followers were able to put their experiences of him/her into such precise words.

Yet, even before followers of God encountered Jesus of Nazareth, they knew when they were dealing with someone who is totally “other” — someone who went far beyond any definitions or metaphors that they could apply to one another.

This is certainly clear in the Book of Proverbs. The author actually personifies God’s wisdom. Though scholars presume he or she is speaking metaphorically, scholars are convinced that this insight comes from the writer’s experience of God in everyday life. God’s ability to bring meaning to that life is something which symbolically stands outside any “normal” individual’s personality. If we’re expected to make sense of creation, God’s wisdom must have been “poured forth” before creation began. To surface meaning in creation is to surface God in creation [Proverbs 8:22-31].

Centuries after Proverbs was composed, people began to experience Jesus of Nazareth. And the more they experienced this itinerant preacher, the more they experienced dimensions of God that they had not surfaced or noticed before. As Paul of Tarsus realized in his own life, when he gave himself over to the risen Jesus in faith and love, he also received the same Spirit which had driven Jesus throughout his earthly ministry. Amazingly, he reminds the Christian community in Rome that one of the places he most noticed this Spirit was in a situation he never could have imagined his/her presence before it actually happened — affliction [Romans 5:1-5].

Affliction is usually something we try to avoid. Yet, because of the Spirit’s presence, Paul began to recognize a unique endurance, character and hope that he could attain no other way. Instead of affliction being a lack of something, the afflicted Apostle found himself overwhelmed with “the love of God” — a love that only could have come through the Spirit which Jesus had instilled in his followers. What a Spirit-filled insight!

Writing about 35 years after Paul’s martyrdom, John reflects on even more aspects of Jesus’ divine personality — especially when it comes to his Spirit. Though he’s convinced that the risen Jesus totally identifies with God as Father, he is also certain that Jesus’ Spirit is the force which breaks the limits of this Galilean carpenter’s earthly ministry. John’s Jesus assures us: “I have much more to tell you, but you can’t bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth” [John 16:12-15].

Followers of Jesus don’t just repeat what the historical Jesus said and did. They believe the Holy Spirit is leading them through doors the historical Jesus never went through — doors that most of his early disciples didn’t even know existed. One example which immediately comes to mind is slavery. No Christian biblical author ever condemns slavery as such. Paul even sends the runaway slave Onesimus back to Philemon, his master — something Christians wouldn’t even think of doing today. Without Scriptural backing, we can only blame Jesus’ Spirit for leading many Christians to the forefront of the abolition movement.

But there’s a problem. If we acknowledge Jesus’ Spirit as the force behind such a radical change in our culture, into what areas is that same Spirit leading us today? Maybe we’d feel more comfortable if we could conveniently forget about that Spirit dimension of God’s personality.

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



immerse ourselves into what it is that we are desiring. Whenever we can prove something — or have it validated — it reduces our readiness and our appetite. Clinging to or possessing Jesus reduces our faith to a “rational expression.”

The great gift of God to us is longing. The wonderful mystery of this God is not so much that there are three relational Persons who are distinct, yet co-equal and co-eternal. Rather, the mystery is that this triune God knows us and delights in us and delights us.

But this can happen only to a certain point — a threshold which allows us to reach but not grasp, to long but not to have. So Jesus came to us according to us — in human flesh — and leaves us “hanging” or desiring more. The gift of the Third Person — the Spirit — is to aid us in our being human “longing” for God in the delights and disappointments of our lives.

God reverences our hearts and its ways. We want God in the enjoyment of everything we wish would not end. All things end, and the end is the beginning of the beyond toward which the Spirit leads us in truth. Yes, there is also this human desire for it all and right now! The Spirit tells us also, deep in our hearts and not merely in our heads, that the “all” and the “now” would never be enough. So “longing” is the beginning to “belonging”. Good going God! You know us better than we know ourselves!

Jesus is the “history of God”, and the Spirit helps us read, understand, and live from it. What we do say is that there are some things we only play with — such as the experience of being loved by somebody. We cannot figure that out either. If we do, then it is not really love. Being loved goes beyond human reason because love is deeper than tangible, visible — it is only acceptable.

The celebration of the Feast of the Trinity is a celebration of our being loved enough to keep us asking, searching, pondering, being warmed by anything which keeps us alive in faith, and interested in watching the play of God who delights amidst our “human race.”

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

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AN AMAZING STORY:

A story has it that the fifth century Augustine of Hippo was taking his summer holiday along the North African seashore. Walking along the water's edge on a delightful day, he was pondering the mystery of the Trinity. All this genius was getting for his efforts was a severe headache. Finally he thought he was coming close to breaking the code of the mystery. He was about to shout: "Eureka!" Suddenly at his feet was a boy of five. The bishop asked the boy what he was doing. The youngster replied: "I am pouring the whole ocean into this small hole." Augustine said: "That's nonsense. No one can do that." Unintimidated by the towering giant above him, the child replied: "Well, neither can you, Bishop Augustine, unravel the mystery of the Trinity." Then the boy disappeared.

Whether this account is apocryphal or not, I leave to your good judgment. But I think we all get the point — the Trinity will remain a mystery forever and then some. This morning over coffee and a toasted raisin muffin, I read a highly favorable review of a book by Jack Miles in *The New York Times*. Miles calls his tome **God: a Biography**. The review opens with this paragraph: "You cannot plumb the depths of the human heart, nor find out what a person is thinking. How do you expect to search out God, who made all these things, and find out His mind or comprehend His thoughts?"

The youngster of St. Augustine's story would shake his head in approval of these lines. Now you better understand the daunting task as we celebrate this feast in honor of three Persons in one God. The early seventeenth century poet John Donne wrote breathlessly: "Batter my heart, three person'd God; for you as yet but knock, breathe, shine, and seek to mend." Having just as breathlessly repeated that prayer, should we attempt to turn our backs on the Trinity and get on with our lives? Inasmuch as the Teacher spoke of God as Father an awesome forty-five times at the Last Supper [see John 13-19], we would be most unwise to do so. Recall this part of Jesus' prayer: "Holy Father, keep those you have given me true to your name" [John 17:11]. Nor can you disregard or neglect the Holy Spirit — "I shall ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate — the Spirit of truth" [John 14:16].

Forget the Trinity and we do so at our own peril and also serious loss. There is much spiritual richness to be wrestled from a devotion to the Trinity. For example, we can know we are told a lot about Jesus but only through the Spirit can we know Jesus. Would you want to pass that opportunity up? I like the spin that the Benedictine Daniel Durken puts on the triune God. He quotes a poem by Sister Mary Ignatius that closes: "That God is not up, but in!" Durken then argues that we must remember the Father, Son, and the Spirit are not up there somewhere in the heavens but rather in each of our honorable selves. When Jesus departed this earth, he instructed his disciples to baptize "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" [Matthew 28:20]. So Durken advises the Sacrament of Baptism drops us not only into water but also into the Trinity. The Trinity in turn is delighted to take up residence in us.

So, just as the triune God is in us, so too are we in the triune God. People say of New York City: "It's sure a nice place to visit, but I wouldn't want to live there." Happily the Trinity does not say the same of us. Rather, Father Durken says that the Trinity with all appropriate flourishes announces: "We're not just visiting — we're staying." The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit have pitched a four season tent in each of us. They are in our spirits to be cultivated, called upon, prayed to, messaged — you name it. If one understands that, then the sky is literally the limit. The fourteenth century German Dominican, Meister Eckhart, concluded our subject best with amusing language. "God laughed and the Son was born. Together they laughed and the Holy Spirit was born. From the laughter of all three the universe was born."

—taken from the writings of Father James Gilhooley which appear on the internet



of fiery, fascinating life, suddenly I beheld rising up from the depths of those same eyes what seemed like a cloud, blurring and blending all that variety I have been describing to you. Little by little an extraordinary expression of great intensity, spread over the diverse shades of meaning which the divine eyes revealed, first of all penetrating them and then finally absorbing them all. And I stood dumbfounded. For this final expression, which had dominated and gathered up into itself all the others, was indecipherable. I simply could not tell whether it denoted an indescribable agony or a superabundance of triumphant joy."

God cannot be deciphered, circumscribed, or captured in human thought; but, from what can be deciphered, we're in good, safe hands. We can sleep well at night. God has our back. In the end, both for humanity as a whole and for our own individual lives, all will be well, and all will be well, and every manner of being will be well.

God is good.

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday:	1 Peter 1:3-9, Mark 10:17-27
Tuesday:	1 Peter 1:10-16, Mark 10:28-31
Wednesday:	1 Peter 1:18-25, Mark 10:32-45
Thursday:	1 Peter 2:2-12, Mark 10:46-52
Friday:	1 Peter 4:7-13, Mark 11:11-26
Saturday:	Jude 1:17-25, Mark 11:27-33

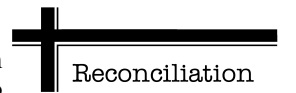
Body & Blood of Jesus: Genesis 14:18-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, Luke 9:11-17

CLEAN OUT THOSE CLOSETS AND SERVE OTHERS:

Spring is here— and Summer is coming. 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 spring and 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].**

**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



GOD’S INEFFABILITY — WHAT’S REVEALED IN JESUS’ EYES?

God is not very well understood. A colleague of mine was fond of saying that. It’s a wise comment. Anyone who claims to understand God is deceived because the very first dogma we have about God affirms that God is ineffable — that means that we can know God, but never adequately capture God in a concept. God is unimaginable. God cannot be circumscribed and put into a mental picture of any kind. Thank goodness too. If God could be understood, then God would be as limited as we are.

But God is infinite. Infinity — precisely because it’s unlimited — cannot be circumscribed. Hence it cannot be captured in a mental picture. Indeed, we don’t even have a way of picturing God’s gender. God is not a man, not a woman, and not some hybrid — half-man and half-woman. God’s gender, like God’s nature, is intellectually inconceivable. We can’t grasp it and have no language or pronoun for it. God, in a modality beyond the categories of human thought, is somehow perfect masculinity and perfect femininity all at the same time. It’s a mystery beyond us.

But while that mystery cannot be grasped with any rational adequacy, we can know it intimately — and indeed know it so deeply that it’s meant to be the most intimate of all knowledge in our lives. It’s no accident that the bible uses the verb “to know” to connote sexual intimacy. There are different ways of knowing, some more inchoate, intuitive, and intimate than others. We can know God in a radical intimacy, even as we cannot conceptualize God with any adequacy. And that’s also true of all the deep realities in life, we can know them and relate to them intimately, but we can never fully understand them.

So where does that leave us with God? In the best of places! We are not on a blind date, struggling to develop intimacy with a complete stranger, with an unknown person who could be benign or malignant. God may be ineffable, but God’s nature is known. Divine revelation, as seen through nature, as seen through other religions, and especially as seen through Jesus, spells out what’s inside God’s ineffable reality. And what’s revealed there is both comforting beyond all comfort and challenging beyond all challenge. What’s revealed in the beauty of creation, in the compassion that’s the hallmark of all true religion, and in Jesus’ revelation of his Father, takes us beyond a blind date into a trustworthy relationship. Nature, religion, and Jesus conspire together to reveal an Ultimate Reality, a Ground of Being, a Creator and Sustainer of the universe, a God, who is wise, intelligent, prodigal, compassionate, loving, forgiving, patient, good, trustworthy, and beautiful beyond imagination.

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, once, in a mystical vision, saw all of this hidden inside the eyes of Jesus. Staring at a painting of Jesus on a church-wall one day, Jesus’ eyes suddenly became transfigured and this what Teilhard saw: “These eyes which at first were so gentle and filled with pity that I thought my mother stood before me, became an instant later, like those of a woman, passionate and filled with the power to subdue, yet at the same time so imperiously pure that under their domination it would have been physically impossible for the emotions to go astray. And then they changed again, and became filled with a noble, virile majesty, similar to that which one sees in the eyes of men of great courage or refinement or strength, but incomparably more lofty to behold and more delightful to submit to. This scintillation of diverse beauties was so complete, so captivating, and also so swift that I felt it touch and penetrate all my powers simultaneously, so that the very core of my being vibrated in response to it, sounding a unique note of expansion and happiness.

“Now while I was ardently gazing deep into the pupils of Christ’s eyes, which had become abysses



THE TWO-FOLD MISSION OF THE TRINITY:

On this Feast of the Most Holy Trinity, Jesus speaks to us from his Final Discourse at the Last Supper [John 16:12-15]. Preparing his disciples for his departure, Jesus speaks of the “Spirit of truth,” who will “guide you to all truth” and declare “the things that are coming.” The Spirit will “glorify” Jesus, who shares “everything that the Father has.”

Nowhere in the New Testament — including John’s Gospel — do we find a developed doctrine of the Trinity. It was not until the fourth century that the Church achieved an enduring consensus on the Trinity — which is represented by the traditional Nicene Creed or the Apostles Creed that we proclaim at Mass. We are monotheists who believe in “one God.” At the same time, we are Trinitarian monotheists who believe in the Father, who made all things, the Son who is of one being with the Father, and the Holy Spirit who with the Father and Son is adored and gloried.

Reading John’s Gospel from the later perspective of the Trinity does highlight the Father’s love for us by sending his Son to die and rise for our salvation, and by sending the Holy Spirit to guide us to the truth. The doctrine of the Trinity, with its two missions, encourages us to recognize the threefold way we experience the one God, as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

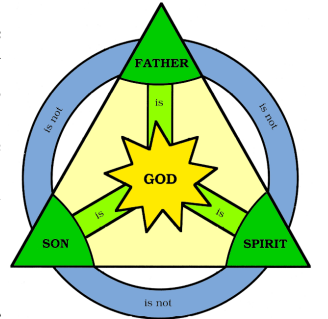
For example, Sue, a grad student in pharmacy, feels loved by the God she likes to call her Father. She believes that the Father created her in love, calls her by name, and has a plan for her life. Most days she spends a few minutes talking to the Father in her own familiar words, confident that God hears her. When discouraged and confused, Sue asks God to hold her in his strong and gracious arms — often finding comfort in this intimate embrace.

Joe, a hard working truck driver, has a very Christ-centered spirituality. He senses that Jesus listens to him when he talks to him like a good friend. He finds inspiration in the Gospel stories that portray Jesus casting out demons and forgiving sinners. Last Palm Sunday, he got teary when he heard in the Passion the part about Jesus feeling abandoned on the cross. Joe does not often speak openly about his relationship with Christ, but his family recognizes by his actions how important the Lord is in his life.

Beth, a senior member of a religious order, has recently been more aware of the activity of the Holy Spirit in her life. As she looks back, she is more conscious of how the Spirit has guided her through crucial decisions that confronted her. It is as though the Holy Spirit has been a light unto her path. Her prayer has now become less wordy and more receptive to the subtle promptings of the Spirit. She often uses Spirit language to speak about the mission of the Church because it sounds more open and inclusive. These examples suggest the value of reflecting on our spiritual life from the perspective of the Trinity.

Which person of the Trinity most influences your own spirituality?

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



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.



CONTEMPLATE THE MYSTERY:

As we travel through the liturgical year, we take in turn the wonderful sayings and miracles of Jesus, we contemplate the great events of salvation — his birth, the Last Supper, his passion and death, his resurrection and ascension into heaven, the birth of the Church at Pentecost, and the Eucharist on Corpus Christi. But today we contemplate the greatest mystery of all — the Blessed Trinity — the source of all that was, is and is to come. Today we contemplate the inner mystery of God himself.

We contemplate — what else can we do in the face of God but contemplate? To contemplate is to turn our gaze on him, to empty our hearts and minds of all other thoughts. In contemplation we become aware of his majesty, his glory, and wonder at his greatness and the extraordinary depth of his love. There is no higher form of prayer than this — just to spend time away from all our other preoccupations and in reverent silence become aware of his presence which is ever with us. It is so unfortunate that we constantly push this presence into the background.

Yes, by all means recite your usual prayers; pray over the scriptures; ask God for all your needs; turn to him for forgiveness; offer him your heart and mind and indeed your whole life. But don't finish your prayers at this point — no, go on, and with your mind's eye just gaze on his majesty and glory. Say nothing; just spend some time wondering at the greatness and gentleness of God.

Don't worry about how long you should do this — or whether you are doing it well or not, or whether it is time for something else. Empty your mind of everything else and just "be" with him. He who is the source of your being surely deserves some moments of your time so don't be mean and give him just a few seconds every now and then. This is the one who will in due course draw you into eternal communion with him so let yourself get used to his presence here and now.

I say that this is the highest form of prayer, but it is also the most essential form of prayer. Every other prayer — in fact our whole life, leads to this.

We contemplate the mystery of God. It is not a mystery in the sense of a puzzle, but a mystery in the sense that we are full of wonder and awe in his presence — a mystery in the sense that our human understanding can only begin to appreciate.

But God has, in fact, chosen to reveal quite a lot about himself to us. This gradual revelation can be traced through the pages of the Old Testament, and then the culmination of revelation is set forth in the Gospels in the person and words of Jesus. Today we celebrate the revelation that he is three persons in one God — Father, Son and Spirit. This wasn't handed down from the mountain in tablets of stone like the Ten Commandments, but it was revealed directly to us by God himself in the person of Jesus his Son. Jesus himself is the personal revelation of God; he is God made manifest in the world and to the world.

Jesus taught us that he came from the Father; he told us to call him Abba; he taught that the Father is the creator and sustainer of all things; and he taught us that he is love. When Jesus returned to the Father, he sent us the Holy Spirit — the Paraclete, the Spirit of Truth — who would guide and protect the Church — keeping it holy and free from error in matters of faith.

Pontius Pilate famously said: "What is truth?" [John 18:28]. But Jesus tells us that the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth and that he will guide us to the complete truth. What is this truth? It is all that we Christians have come to believe that God has revealed to us.

Perhaps we should rephrase Pilate's question — not "What is truth?, but "Who is truth?" And the answer is: "truth is God alone." God is love, God is true, God is one. There is no error in him; there is no



The world needs us to provide others with an experience of the spiritual. This is the mission — this is the command — that Jesus gave before his Ascension: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations" [Matthew 28:20]. The mystery of the Trinity is more than an esoteric doctrine of faith. It is a model for the Christian lifestyle. We are called to be in the world, intimate, yet not of the world, transcendent. We are called to bring Mystery amid the mayhem.

—taken from the writings for Father Joseph Pellegrino, 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:

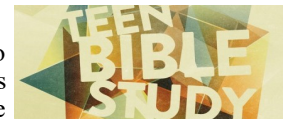
Baskets will be passed during the "Preparation Rite" and will be brought to the altar as part of the Offerings to help offset chapel daily operating expenses. When you choose to use the envelopes, your donations to Our Lady Chapel will be acknowledged so that you have a record for the IRS.

Total Offerings: Saturday [5/14/16] ----- \$ 1,019.00

Total Offerings: Sunday [5/15/16] ----- \$ 1,260.00

LIFETEEN and EDGE BIBLE STUDY — this Summer:

Once again this summer, we are gathering at various summertime places to do our Bible Study. **High School and Middle School [6-7-8] Students**, as well as our **college students** who are in the area for the summer will come together to be enriched by God's word. It's a great time, and a good witness of our faith to others. **Adults are also welcome. Our first gathering of the summer will take place at Chagrin Falls City Park [across from the Pop Corn Shop on Wednesday, June 8th at 6:30 PM.** Places that we have gather in the past have included Chagrin Falls Park, Pizzazz by John Carroll, and Mitchell's Ice Cream Factory on Cleveland's West Side. It is amazing to see people come up to us — or look over at us — and ask what we are doing. When they find out that we are doing a Bible Study, they are moved. **What we need is suggestions on Spiritual topics that you would like to discuss.** So give your ideas to Father John or to one of the leaders of LifeTeen or EDGE. Mark your calendars and be part of this wonderful summertime activity. **Normally during the summer months, we will meet for Bible Study on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, but at times it will vary because of schedule conflicts.** Plan on joining us. You'll have a blast.

**DISCOVERING THE DIGNITY OF GOD:**

To welcome the stranger is to acknowledge him as a human made in God's image; it is to treat her as one of equal worth with ourselves — indeed, as one who may teach us something out of the richness of experiences different from our own. The stranger's gifts may come to a family circle or to a society. Yet the undocumented foreigner...is too often not greeted with hospitality or even acknowledged as a human being in God's image.

—Ana Marie Pineda

MYSTERY AMID MAYHEM:

We live in the information age. When in doubt, go to your smart phone or computer and Google your question. The Age of Information has provided us with whatever facts we need at our finger tips, but it has also assaulted the very concept of faith. Because explanations can be found for most of the questions we may have, we feel cheated when we come upon unanswerable questions — questions like: "Why do good people die?" "What happens after death?" "Does God exist?" "What is God like?" "Who, really, is Jesus Christ?" "How has the past become the present and the future?" "How is it that the Christ can be with the Father and yet still with us?"

People of faith realize that mystery can be found throughout life. Instead of questioning the unknowable, people of faith see in the very presence of mystery the presence of God — the Holy One. Holy means "completely separate from the material world".

Sadly, many people refuse to recognize the existence of Mystery. Their lives revolve around the here and now — the physical. They have led our society into mayhem. "If it feels good do it," is the modern expression of ancient Hedonism. It has resulted in a total lack of responsibility for actions, a total rejection of the greater good of society, and a total assault against the concept that we are accountable to God for our lives.

It has produced the insanity that really reached a new lows in the arguments supporting partial birth abortion that refuse to consider the possibility that the child feels pain and suffers. The rejection of the spiritual — the rejection of Mystery — has led to chaos in our society. In the middle of this, we celebrate the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity. It is important for us to note that for us in 2016, it is not the details of the dogma that are important — what is important is the fact that the unknowable exists.

More than that, the Holy — that which is completely separate from physical life — has infused the life of the believer with the spiritual — with the Life of God. The Eternal Creator of the universe shocked us by establishing an intimate relationship with us. At baptism we receive his life. Our bodies are sacred — holy — because we are the dwelling place of God. He has bestowed infinite dignity upon us to such an extent that we have been given the right to call the Second Person of the Trinity, Jesus the Christ, our brother. As Christians we have been called to restore Mystery amid the mayhem of our society.

We do this by focusing our lives on the One who is both transcendent and intimate — Jesus Christ. He is one of us — with us always. He is the eternal Son of the Father, present at the dawn of Creation, sitting at the Right Hand of the Father, sending his Spirit, the Holy Spirit to empower us to make sense out of the irrationality of life, to put the Order of God into the chaos of materialism. Every action of our lives must be grounded in our union with Jesus Christ. You folks who come to church this weekend are serious Catholics. You come to church for more than the sentiments of Christmas and Easter. You do not attend Mass to keep other people happy — you attend Mass because you need the Lord in your lives and in the lives of your families.

Perhaps you are attend to ask God to help you make Him real for your children. Perhaps you are here asking Him to help you experience His Presence in others and provide others with an experience of his presence. Perhaps you are here asking God to help you draw closer to Him every day of life that you have left. Probably you are here for all these reasons. You are here to bring the Holy Order of Mystery into a world of chaos. You and I are Christian because the world desperately needs us to be Christian. The world needs us to establish a close relationship with others, while at the same time live for the Lord.



evil; there is no disunity. God is above all, and is over all, and brings all things together in himself. In due time the whole created order will come to this realization and will bow down and worship him in humble adoration.

All these things we believe as Christians — all these things we know to be true.

And the Blessed Trinity is the highest model for our Christian life. Three distinct persons, yet one God; each person living in harmony and perfect unity with the others. The three persons of the Trinity have their own roles and function but there is no disunity only perfect harmony.

The Church of God on earth aims to reflect this unity. This is Christ's wish and prayer for us — "May they all be one. Father, may they be one in us, as you are in me and I am in you" [John 17:21].

We are a living community of faith and as such we really do strive for the unity Christ prays for. There are plenty of problems along the way caused by sin and our human failings, but we really do long for that unity that Christ desires for us.

In the risen life of heaven we will be taken up into God and become one with him. This is our true destiny, but it is a destiny that through our Baptism has already begun for us. So let us strive to reach this goal with the help of the Holy Spirit and let us do nothing that causes division or damages this community of faith. Let the people around us realize that something extraordinary is happening within us. Let them see that the unity, that the truth, that the love of God is shining forth from within us, and that God is really present among us.

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

LIFE TEEN:

Our final regular LifeTeen meeting of this year will take place on Sunday, June 5th when we will **honor our graduates and discuss our Summer Bible Study — a very popular series of gatherings each summer.** Come and try us out. Life Teen generally 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. 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.** If you can't join us on June 5th, **our next meeting will our first Summer Bible Study [see article on page 13] which will take place on Wednesday, June 8th.** Please join us for a wonderful experience. Please continue to remember all our teens and young people in your prayers.



LIFE TEEN

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP — THE EDGE:

Our final regular EDGE meeting of this year will take place on Sunday, June 5th when we will **honor our 8th graders who are moving into a venture in their life's journey. We will also discuss our Summer Bible Study — a very popular series of gatherings each summer.** Come and try us out. EDGE generally meets right after Sunday Mass — from **11:30 AM—1:00 PM** in the **Lennon Board Room.** Our EDGE program is open to **all middle school aged young people [Grades 6-7-8].** 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 look forward to your participation. All are welcome. If you can't join us on June 5th, **our next meeting will our first Summer Bible Student [see article on page 13] which will take place on Wednesday, June 8th.** Please join us for a wonderful experience.

**LIVE LIFE:**

True humility is not thinking less of yourself — it is thinking of yourself less."

—C. S. Lewis

A CASE TO END BULLYING:

Let me tell you a story. There was a boy — we’ll call him Logan — that I took care of at the hospital where I’m a nurse. He was at the hospital because he attempted to commit suicide by shooting himself in the head. He was only 14 years old. He lived because miraculously the bullet grazed off his head, leaving him mostly neurologically intact. Every inch of the walls of his room were covered with get well cards, pictures, and a poster that his team had all signed with encouragement, and “we love you, man” notes. Everyone at his school had rallied around him with their support.

It turns out that Logan had tried to kill himself because he was being bullied – by those very same people at his school, and by his athletic team. The team that — now that he was lying in a hospital bed surrounded by monitors, IV poles, medications, and a ventilator — sent him warm and kind well wishes.

All I could think — as my heart ached for this boy who thought that he was worthless — was “Why do we do things too little, too late?” Why is it so much easier to say sorry after you hurt someone than to avoid that thing that will hurt them in the first place? Why are we constantly in a state of action and reaction? We do whatever we want, and then we deal with the consequences — mostly by professing our innocence.

Our culture has a responsibility problem. We forget that we need to take care of each other. These are our brothers and sisters. These are people that God has breathed life into with gentleness and joy and declared: “You are good, my child.” We are our brother and sister’s keeper.

So why do we not take care of each other? Why do we find people of all ages bullied to point of thinking that life is not worth living? Bullied often does not mean “physically abused”; more often it is more subtle, but equally destructive. This kind of bullying — online and in person — goes by many, many faces — belittling; exclusion; rumors; cruel “jokes”; and rejection.



Here are some things I want you to know:

1. **Most people are deeply insecure.** They don’t need your help to find their weaknesses. Chances are when someone gets made fun of, or has their flaws pointed out to them, they have already realized it. They have already felt bad about it. They don’t need your help to feel small. They need you to build them up.
2. **Stop trying to dominate.** It’s not okay to push people over in order to get what you want. There is more to life than trying to be the coolest or most popular.
3. **You will never regret being kind to people.** This is important, so I’m going to say it again. You will never regret being kind to people. You will look back on your life and you will remember the tears on the face of the girl you made cry in home room, the look on your brother’s face when you made fun of him in front of your friends, and the feeling of shame from not including someone who just needed a friend. You will look back on those and feel a pit in your stomach, but you will never look back on or regret a time when you built someone up.
4. **You have an effect on people.** It’s time to stop the “hands off” attitude and accept that what you do is never just about you. Your actions — or lack of actions — have a direct positive or negative effect on people. It’s not ok to push someone to the breaking point and then apologize when you broke them.
5. **Making fun of people does not mean you have a good a sense of humor.** You may be charismatic, sharp, and good at impressions or biting remarks — but that’s not humor.
6. **Girls, you need to stop being fake cruel to each other and having an attitude problem.** Sweetness will always attract people to you, and being gentle is the strongest attribute you

could have. Being genuine with each other will bring you true friendships and being kind is so much more fulfilling than being sarcastic.

If you are the one being made fun of or belittled, please know that your life is worth so much. The amount of love God has for you is more than enough to wash away every hurt that you have experienced. He is the perfect one to go to because every torment, every pain, He has experienced before you, and for you, 2000 years ago, and He knows that it hurts. A prayer that I like to repeat is: “I can do all things through Him who strengthens me” [Philippians 4:13].

You have so much to offer the world I want to cry because you just don’t even know it. You think you aren’t seen — but you are! You think that you can’t make someone’s life better — but you can! Stop limiting yourself and telling yourself that your job as a teen is just to “kind of” make it through school and do something with your life — but also just mainly to have fun.

Your purpose is so much greater than that. God created you to know, love, and serve Him. Jesus says that the most important commandments are to “love God and love your neighbor” [Matthew 22:36-40]. That’s a pretty short list. Obviously there is some fine print, but it’s pretty clear that if we trying to know, love, and serve God on this earth in order to spend eternity with Him in Heaven, it’s incredibly important to love each other. Mother Teresa has a quote that says: “If we have no peace it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.”

Repeat that to yourself when you want to make yourself feel better by making someone else feel smaller. We belong to each other. When that girl says something dumb because she is trying to seem cool around you and your friends, we belong to each other. When that comment is on the tip of your tongue, and it will embarrass or humiliate someone but you will look so cool and funny in front of your friends, we belong to each other.

Far too many teenagers try to commit suicide over cruel, demeaning Facebook posts, over a ruined reputation, and the despair caused by knowing that every single day of the week they have to go and face cruelty at school. And age is not a boundary here — there are some very young kids who have lost all hope and try to kill themselves over the things that we play off as: “aww, come on, we were just messing with you.”

This stuff is real, and it’s time that we started to see the ways that we are putting people down around us.

I took care of another boy — we’ll call him Brian. Brian shot himself in the head at the age of 12. He lived, but I will never forget the look on his face when he awoke in his hospital room. It was a look of disappointment. He was disappointed because he would rather be dead than have to live with the kind of torment he went through at school.

This is real stuff. God is counting on you — and so are the others. You’re incredible, and you have no idea the effect you can have on someone — to hurt them or to help them. Now go be awesome.
—taken from the writings of Blair LaPanne, an associate of the Bible Geek.

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].**

MOTIVATION:

Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.

—St. Catherine of Siena