

CLOSING PRAYER:

~ A Prayer for Those Who Want ~

O Lord,
There's a lot of suffering in the world —
you know that better than I do.
Poverty, sickness, and hunger;
pain, loneliness, and fear.

You never promised us paradise in this world;
But when I look at what I have
And how little they have,
How can I not feel guilty?

I know their suffering is partly my fault,
For while I don't actively will it,
I know that I affirm it
by living the comfortable kind of life that I do.

Please forgive me, Father;
but more than that,
instill in me
an active, genuine awareness, and concern
for those whose suffering
I don't really know,
so that I might identify more
with their suffering and need,
and do what little I can
to help their situation.

I know that there are basic things
that should be theirs regardless.
Help me to find a way —
because they are my brothers and sisters
and your sons and daughters.
Amen.

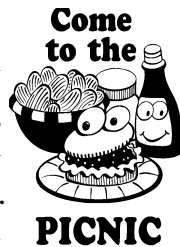
Our Lady Chapel



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.

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.

**TAKE US OUT TO THE BALLGAME:**

The deadline is approaching to order your tickets for our outing to the **Lake County Captains game on Friday, July 15th**. The game starts at 7:00 PM, but the evening will begin with an all-you-can-eat picnic dinner at 6:30 PM and ends with fireworks after the game. **Menu includes hamburgers, barbecued chicken, pasta salad, baked beans, chips, cookies, lemonade, iced tea and water, and** will be available for 90 minutes. **Cost is \$20 per adult, \$17 for children age 4-12. Payment is due by Sunday, June 19th.** Please make checks payable to “Our Lady Chapel.” **Payments will be collected after Masses the weekend of June 18-19, or you can drop your payment at the chapel office.** Once purchased, tickets are non-refundable. 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.

**PLANTING SEEDS OF HOPE AND GOODNESS CONTINUES:**

Once again this year, we are going to undertake our **Planting Seeds of Hope and Goodness school supply program.** Our Lady Chapel is working to assist the needy children of **St. Adalbert's Parish.** Come join us as we work together to help these children get the next school year off to a good start come this Fall. While Fall seems to be a long ways off, we need to begin this project now — even as the summer months provide challenges of their own to each of us.



The following is a list of school supplies that need adopting to help with this effort — **Facial tissue boxes; hand sanitizer; hand soap; pocket plastic folders; Clorox wipes; white chalk; No.2-pencils; paper towels; large pink pencil erasers; black ink pens; notebook paper; crayons-jumbo 8 pack; pencil pouches; single subject notebooks** [any and all quantities of these supplies are welcome!].

Here is how you can be a part of this outreach. Simply shop for items on the list. Kindly **return the items between now and August 7th** to Our Lady Chapel. **If you do not have time to shop, simply place an envelope in the collection basket and mark it “St. Adalbert’s” or drop it off in the chapel office.** “Come Grow with us” — as together, we work and plant our seeds of hope and goodness to this community. Thank you in advance for your generosity and helping the children of St. Adalberts! Contact Patty in the Chapel Office **[440-473-3560]** if you have any questions.

LESSON LEARNED:

The Sufi tells a story about a spiritual seeker who was distracted by the sick, crippled, and beaten down who continuously passed by as he tried to pray. Finally he cried: “Great God, how is it that a loving creator can see such things and do nothing about them?” Out of the silence, God said: “I did do something about them — I created you.”

PRAYER REQUESTS:

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

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

- For Sister Anna Neuland, C.S.C.
- For Janice Treer who is undergoing treatment for a heart condition and kidney failure
- For Jim Fraser, who has been diagnosed with cancer.
- 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 Nathan Breitsch, grand-nephew of Brother Ken Kane, C.S.C., who injured his back in a fall.
- For Justin Tarr who is critically ill with brain 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.

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].**

**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.

**BECOME A GIFT:**

A gift can be refused or dishonored, one can vainly imagine oneself deserving of a gift, a gift can be squandered or misconstrued, one may despise or be threatened by the generosity of the giver, but no responses such as these in any way negate the event of the gift, impair its value, or impeach the donor. It is thus when one person makes a gift to another; it is no less so when a gift is made by God.

—William Stringfellow

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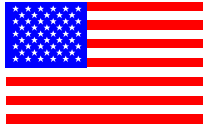
PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

- For Brother Robert Brown, C.S.C., who is undergoing treatment for dementia.
- For Brother Charles Beck, C.S.C., who is critically ill.
- For Beth Call, cousin of Sylvia ['18] and Stephanie ['20] Leonor, who has been diagnosed with Lymphoma.
- For Pat Gump, who is recovering from injuries sustained in an accident.
- For Brian Bielak, son of former Gilmour teacher and coach, David Bielak, who is undergoing medical testing.
- For Mary Jane Litwinowicz, who is seriously ill with cancer.
- For Rose Oehlstrom, who is recovering from surgery.
- For Kaitlyn 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 Polack, who is under the care of hospice
- For Brother Romard Barthel, C.S.C., who is on hospice care.
- For Joseph Morek ['14] who is recovering from surgery resulting from a military accident.
- For Elaine Willey, sister of Father John, who is under the care of hospice.
- 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 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.



INDEPENDENCE DAY MASS — JULY 4TH:

Our nation has such superb mottoes: “Liberty and Justice for all.” “Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.” “All are created equal.” “In God we trust.” How do you make these words ring true? As Christians, how do we live in peace and good will as one nation with other peoples? On July 4th, we give thanks to God for the land placed in our care, and for all peoples who call this land their home. On **Monday, July 5th**, we will observe the holiday with a **Mass at 9:30 AM**. We hope you will be able to join us and celebrate the heritage of our nation.



SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

PLEASE NOTE: Father John is away this week on Retreat with our Teens at LTLC. There will be **no weekday Masses** during this time. **Masses will take place over the weekend as usual.** Sorry for any inconvenience this causes.

Sunday, June 26: 13th Week in Ordinary Time	10:00 AM
Monday, June 27:	NO MASS
Tuesday, June 28: St. Irenaeus	NO MASS
Wednesday, June 29: Sts. Peter and Paul	NO MASS
Thursday, June 30:	NO MASS
Friday, July 1:	NO MASS
Saturday, July 2: 14th Week in Ordinary Time	5:00 PM
Sunday, July 3: 14th Week in Ordinary Time	10:00 AM

UPCOMING CHAPEL ACTIVITIES:

June 25-July 2 -----	LTLC	
July 4 -----	Independence Day Mass	9:30 AM
July 6 -----	Summer Bible Study	7:00 PM — 8:30 PM
July 10 -----	Chapel Outdoor Picnic	11:30 AM — 1:30 PM
July 15 -----	Chapel Community at the Captain’s Game	6:30 PM Picnic
July 17 -----	Commissioning of Honduran Mission Trip at the Family Mass	10:00 AM
July 19 -----	OLC Council Meeting	6:15 PM—8:00 PM
July 20 -----	Summer Bible Study	6:30 PM — 8:15 PM
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REFLECTION ON THE THEME FOR THE WEEK:

Have you ever had this happen to you? I had the occasion recently to meet face-to-face four separate people of whom I had “heard of” in years past. I was actually shaking hands with writers and people who are well-known. When I mentioned who I am, they all said the same thing: “Oh, I have heard of you for a long time.” Hmmm, what had they heard? They probably think I am very holy because I write these Reflections. It is not always easy to live with one’s past or name. They were meeting “me” whom they do not really know — a “me” whom I having been learning about for a long time, and there’s more to face. To most of you, it might go something like this. You meet someone and you say: “That name sounds familiar.”

At the Eucharist we are met face-to-face — histories to histories. We present our gifts — including our poverty, our worries, and our attempts at being more than he knows we are. Jesus offers us his embrace of our truth with the truth of his compassion. In a way he says, “Oh, I have heard of you for many years.” We long for affirmation and recognition. The Eucharist is all of that and more. Jesus knows the darkest corners of our lives — this closet into which He chooses to come so unashamedly gentle.

Elijah has had a hard time of it lately. His being a prophet has involved his having other false prophets put to the sword. He has fled the land to a distant place. He has heard God speaking that he, Elijah, must return and anoint several new kings — but more importantly, he has to anoint his successor, Elisha. Elijah is certainly a busy man.

Elijah comes to Elisha and throws his cloak over Elisha — the prophetic garment was a symbol of property rights [1 Kings 19:16-21]. Elisha receives his state as both servant and possessor of Elijah’s powers of miracles. The transmission is instantaneous and as many times happens in God’s ways of calling, Elisha has an excuse to not respond quickly. As also happens in Scripture, Elisha gets the picture quickly, leaves his former ways and trustingly follows his call.

Luke’s Gospel has several distinct and important features [Luke 9:51-62]. It is a turning point — literally. Jesus from this point on has turned toward Jerusalem where he will be lifted up on the cross and raised up after his resurrection. The word “resolutely” speaks of his determination to fulfill his identity as priest, prophet and king. From here on, Luke presents Jesus as working slowly upward and directly to the city of Jerusalem.

The group travels into a village of Samaria where they are not welcomed. James and John ask Jesus if they should call down destructive fires on the Samaritans. Jesus rebukes them and they leave having better things to do as they journey. The dispute between Jews and Samaritans is about proper interpretation of scriptures and also about where exactly the proper place of worship is — in which territory has God truly appeared. John also speaks of this conflict between Jews and Samaritans [see John 4:9]. Even to this day, there is a battle for scriptural turf and possession of the truth.

But the main focus of Luke’s gospel centers on the theme of “call and response.” Three persons are attracted to Jesus and the disciples. Jesus presents them with the basic principles of being one of his followers. There is an invitation offered to face the tensions between self-possession of one’s personal kingdom and self-donation for the Kingdom of God. There are healthy and normal desires for home and family-relations. The Gospel closes with an image of perseverance. Jesus seems to be talking of himself as well as to those who wish to follow him. Fidelity is never an easy journey.

Fifty-three years ago this summer I kissed my last girlfriend goodbye — as well as my parents and even my older sister — and turned my face resolutely toward Florissant, Missouri and the Jesuit Novitiate. My two best friends drove me and all my worldly possessions toward my adventurous destiny.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

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

FOR THE DECEASED:

- For John Tomaselli.
- For Scott Seifert [*85], brother of Brian [*86]
- For Emil Hronek
- For Phil Pollina [*57]
- For John Menosky, father of Anne [*83].
- For Gerald Rock, brother of Brother Thomas Rock, C.S.C.
- For Angela Widina
- For Sister Ignatius Schumacher, C.S.C.
- For Eleanor DeStasio.
- For Dixon Whitney, grandfather of Jason [*16] and Adam [*18] Burlingham.
- For Maryanne DeVincents
- For Carol Polefko
- For Sister Rose Johnson, O.S.U.
- For Jeanne Casey.
- For Mae Gunning, grandmother of Jeremy Melbye [*07]

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS:

- For our Muslim brothers and sisters as they observe the sacred month of Ramadan
- For all those on vacation.
- 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.

PROVIDE A RIDE:

Volunteers needed to provide rides “to and from” Mass for members of Our Lady Chapel — both Saturday Evening Mass at 5 PM and Sunday Mass at 10 AM. **This ministry will involve only providing rides to the Chapel for Mass.** Volunteers must be 21 or older. Please provide your name and phone number so that we can form a call list. We have a growing need in the chapel and would like to provide this service to our members. **Contact Tina Newton at 440-991-6670**

**SPEAK THE LANGUAGE:**

Compassionate love, shown in kind deeds of mercy, can speak a language of its own when no other communication is possible.

—Father Andrew Apostoli

METANOIA:

No two biblical calls are exactly the same. Though they contain the same basic elements, each is just a little bit different. Take Elijah and Elisha as an example [1 Kings 19:16,19-21]. Elijah permits Elisha to return home to kiss his mother and father goodbye — something Jesus forbids his prospective disciple to do [Luke 9:51-62]. Perhaps that's why it's good to zero in on the elements of the calls that are the same — the elements which apply to everyone, no matter his or her historical situation.

In every biblical call, God — or Jesus — expects the person to change his or her basic focus. What they once thought important, they now relegate to the perimeter of their priorities; what they once kept on the periphery, they now put front and center. At the start of his public ministry, the gospel Jesus labels this turnabout “repentance” — “metanoia” in Greek. In his mind, it's an essential personality trait in anyone who would dare follow him — a 180 degree change in one's value system.

In the situation of receiving a “call,” it includes a demand that one's relationship with Jesus be more important than other relationships — even those relationships we have with our parents. Luke's Gospel is clear about this. When Jesus invites someone to “Follow me,” the man replies: “Lord, let me go first and bury my father.” Jesus stuns us with the response: “Let the dead bury their dead. But you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.”

Scholars remind us that most probably the man isn't on his way to the local funeral home to make arrangements for his deceased father. That's simply not how people were buried in Jesus' day and age. Rather, he's telling Jesus: “I'll follow you, but because my father wouldn't understand such a drastic move, let me wait until he dies and I bury him. Then I'll follow you.” That seems to be why he says: “Let the dead bury their dead.” In other words: “Haven't you noticed that your father — by not being part of my reform of Judaism — is already dead? Let someone just as dead as he is bury him. Nothing, or no one — not even parents — should stop you from being truly alive.”

Jesus presumes that just as we must eventually die physically to enter eternal life, so we must die right here and now to receive life right here and now. And the main way he expects us to die is to undergo a metanoia.

In just what does the life the risen Jesus offers us today consist? In Paul's letter to the Church at Galatia [5:1,13-18] he states his belief that it's a freedom we can't achieve any other way — “For freedom, Christ set us free. For you were called for freedom, brothers and sisters.”

Yet because our basic metanoia revolves around focusing on the importance of others, we're never free to put others down or use them for our own purposes. On the contrary, we're called and expected “to serve one another through love.” Other Christs simply can't go through life doing “what we want.”

We're to be as free as the historical Jesus was free — free to give himself to those around him, no matter the consequences. Such freedom eventually enabled him to accept death for those others.

Perhaps many of us are willing to follow Jesus in certain areas of our daily lives — those areas which don't cost us very much. But few of us are willing to slaughter the yoke of oxen around which our peaceful lives revolve. We haven't quite yet achieved that kind of freedom.

—taken from the writings of Father Roger Karban, 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.



When we arrived at the beginning of the driveway — half way in — Jim turned off the ignition, turned to me and said: “Gilly, if you want to go any further into this God-forsaken looking place, you turn the key.” Without a second thought, I did, and the rest is “His-story”. My two companions dropped me off and told me that they were staying overnight in St. Louis and would be back at ten the next morning in case I came to my senses — they would be waiting out on the road. At ten the next morning, I stood at my window and smiled when I heard them beep the car horn several times as they set their faces resolutely to get as far away as fast away as possible. For my part, I turned my face and creative mind toward the possibilities of regaining all or part of the goodies I had brought and turned in so generously the afternoon before. Fidelity to being resolute, I was to find, is not as easy as reading about.

Jesus stayed faithful to his being raised on the cross. He remains faithful to our irresolute turnings toward our own personal “establishings” of our little kingdoms. Our fidelity is not totally to our commitments, but to his faithful commitment to being our Savior. He saves us from ourselves, our attempts at perfection. How can we live with ourselves who so constantly are not constant? To whom are we faithful? With Paul we moan that all the good we want to do, we do not and those things we would rather not do, well, we easily do them [see Romans 7:19]. Our baptismal promises center around Jesus being our personal and universal Savior. We live with ourselves, because he does.

Fifty years later I find myself still trying to figure out ways to regain all that I want to surrender and I get away with it now and then. Then and then again he finds me, turns my face toward a raising of my face toward his kingdom and all he has and continues offering. It has been a great ride toward his rising and my being raised.

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

ENCORE CHAMBER MUSIC:

This summer, Gilmour's campus is home to the prestigious programs of Encore Chamber Music. A select group of musicians from all over the world will call Gilmour home over the next few weeks. They will utilize Gilmour's campus to learn, explore and experiment as they find their own artistic identities in a wildly creative atmosphere.

Critically acclaimed violinist Jinjoo Cho [‘06] is the founder and executive director of Encore Chamber Music. Jinjoo has earned numerous prestigious awards for her music and has performed as a soloist throughout North and South America, Asia and Europe at venues including Carnegie Hall, Severance Hall, the Herkulessaal of Munich, Seoul Arts Center, and more.

This summer, you will have the incredible opportunity to hear Jinjoo — along with many other world-renowned musicians, perform right here on Gilmour's campus.

Encore Chamber Music invites the Gilmour community to listen to musical performances by acclaimed musicians. Free and low-cost concerts will take place at Our Lady Chapel throughout the summer. Additionally, Gilmour will host "Unplugged" musical events — Jinjoo will perform at all these "Unplugged" events — where guests are invited to enjoy a special picnic lunch while they listen to performances by guest artists and Encore faculty members. To view the full event schedule or to purchase tickets, go to encorchambermusic.org, or purchase them at the door.

FAITH EDUCATION — FALL OF 2016:

It's not too early to begin thinking of enrolling for Faith Education for this coming fall. **Faith Education will begin on Sunday, September 11th.** 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.



THE GREAT JOURNEY:

Pope St. John XXIII told us: “You may be the only Bible that someone may ever read.” Dag Hammarskjöld — the late Secretary General of the United Nations and Nobel Peace Prize laureate — wrote but one book. And even then it was not published until after his death in an airplane crash in Africa in 1961. But what a volume it is! It will be read and prayed over up to a day after the Parousia. It is titled *Markings*. In it, Secretary Hammarskjöld wrote: “The longest journey is the journey inwards of him who has chosen his destiny.” Luke’s Gospel [9:51-62] points out that the Christ is about to begin His own “longest journey.” It is a trip by foot, but also it is a “journey inwards” as he moves without hesitation to complete the destiny marked out for Him by the Father.

But the reality is that Christ is constantly on a journey. Mary, while bearing Him in her womb, journeyed to spend time with her cousin Elizabeth. Mary and Joseph of course journeyed to the city of Bethlehem for His birth. Subsequently they journeyed with the Infant to Jerusalem to present Him in the Temple to the Father. Then faithfully they journeyed with the Boy to the capital city to celebrate the solemn Passover.

But all these trips — outlined by the skillful and clever Luke — are comparatively speaking but sidebar journeys. Luke has been preparing us all this time for “the great journey” which begins now with the journey to Jerusalem — a journey which culminates in the procession of palms. With that entry, Luke wants us to reflect that the Master is preparing Himself for His death, resurrection, and ascension. For obvious reasons, scholars call Luke’s long account of “the great journey”, the “Journey Narrative”. It occupies over a third of the Lucan Gospel, and is found in Luke’s Gospel alone.

And so Luke begins: “Now as the time drew near for Him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem.” This “great journey” is a type for the journey that each Christian and Catholic must take. All of us should be walking resolutely on the road that will take us to the heavenly Jerusalem. Obviously we will need instruction for such an important march. And happily we will find them in Luke’s Gospel. The “journey of Narrative” is a textbook of pilgrim instruction. It is a “how-to” manual of Christian discipleship. They tell us how we shall walk with the Nazarene on this none too easy and slippery road. In the Lucan manual, the words retreat or defeat will never be mentioned. At all costs, we must keep advancing. And, if we stumble and fall, we must like our Master pick ourselves up and move forward once again.

The type of disciples that Jesus is looking for is illustrated in a story told by a preacher. The Church was undergoing persecution in a certain country. The Catholics of one village gathered together for the Eucharist in their church. Suddenly their door loudly burst open. Standing before them was a soldier menacingly brandishing a machine gun. He shouted: “If you do not really believe in your Christ, get out immediately to save your lives.” A number of people slinked out one by one. The soldier kicked the door after them. Then he said to those remaining: “I too believe in Jesus. We are better off without those people.”

None of those terrified people who remained in that church had looked back — they had no intention of retreating. Rather, they wanted to move forward at all costs into the Kingdom. None of them believed in good weather discipleship. Each was in for the long haul. And, as they were, so must we be in our own “great journey”. Do not be one of those many who, as the preacher says, talk cream and live skim milk.

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

A PRAYER OF BLESSING:

Dear God, you bless me with so many blessings. How can I ever thank you? Your mercy is bountiful; limitless. May I always rejoice with everyone in you. Amen.

any warm feelings of God — even as he remained faithful in that darkness. Strange how it can feel — feeling like Jesus.

There’s a fervor that comes from the wetness of fertility that can make the soul swell with feelings of creativity, warmth, and immortality. God is in that. But there is also an aridity that comes from a deeper place, a heat that threatens to dry out the very marrow of the soul, a dryness that shrinks all swelling — especially pride — and leaves us vulnerable and mortal by bringing the soul to kindling temperature. God is in that dryness no less than in the wetness of fertility because in that painful longing we feel the Eros of God and the motivation of Christ.

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday:	Amos 2:6-16, Matthew 8:18-22
Tuesday:	Amos 3:1-4:12, Matthew 8:23-27
Wednesday:	Acts 12:1-11, 2Timothy 4:6-18, Matthew 16:13-18
Thursday:	Amos 7:10-17, Matthew 9:1-8
Friday:	Amos 8:4-12, Matthew 9:9-13
Saturday:	Amos 9:11-15, Matthew 9:14-17

14th Week in Ordinary Time: Isaiah 66:10-14, Galatians 6:14-18, Luke 10:1-12

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 [6/18/16] ----- \$ 524.00
Total Offerings: Sunday [6/19/16] ----- \$ 729.00

EXPANDING OUR WORLD:

To offer hospitality to a stranger is to welcome something new, unfamiliar, and unknown into our life-world. Strangers have stories to tell which we have never heard before — stories which can redirect our seeing and stimulate our imaginations. The stories invite us to view the world from a novel perspective.

—Thomas Ogletree

FOLLOWING JESUS — BE READY FOR SURPRISES:

Following Jesus is not without its surprises. It's best to be forewarned. Here's fair warning. Soren Kierkegaard once said that what Jesus wants is followers not admirers. He's right. To admire Jesus without trying to change our lives does nothing for Jesus — or for us. Yet how exactly does one follow Jesus? Classically we have said that we do this by trying to imitate him. But that posits a further question — how do we imitate Jesus?

A negative example might be useful here. Many of us remember the “Jesus people” of the late 1960's — with their rather raw, literal approach to following Jesus. They tried to look like he looked. They put on flowing white robes, grew beards, walked bare-foot, and tried, in appearance and dress, to imitate the Jesus that centuries of Western artists painted for us. Obviously this is not what discipleship means — not only because we don't know what Jesus looked like [although we do know that he was not the fair-skinned, fair-haired young man of Western art] — but, more importantly, because attempts to mimic Jesus' physical appearance miss the point of discipleship entirely.

More subtle is the attempt to imitate Jesus by trying to copy his actions. The algebra here works this way — Jesus did certain things, so we should do them too. He taught, healed, consoled the downtrodden, went off into the desert by himself, stayed up all night occasionally and prayed, and visited the homes of sinners. So we should do the same things — we should become teachers, nurses, preachers, counselors, monks, social workers, and non-judgmental friends to the less-than-pious. In this view, imitation is carrying on the actions of Jesus.

This kind of imitation, however valuable as ministry, still is not quite what is required in terms of real discipleship. In the end, it too misses the point because one can be preacher of the gospel and not really be imitating Jesus — just as one can be a truck driver [not something Jesus did] and be imitating him. True imitation is not a question of trying to look like Jesus, nor of trying to duplicate his actions. What is it?



Perhaps one of the better answers to that question is given by John of the Cross, the great Spanish mystic. In his view, we imitate Jesus when we try to imitate his motivation, when we try to do things for the same reason he did. For him, that is how one “puts on Christ.” We enter real discipleship when, like Jesus, we have as our motivation the desire to draw all things into one — into one unity of heart, one family of love.

John of the Cross offers some advice regarding how this can be done. We should begin, he says, by reading the scriptures and meditating the life on Jesus. Then we should pray to Christ and ask him to instill in us his desire, longing, and motivation — in essence, we should pray to Jesus and ask him to make us feel the way he felt while he was on earth.

Some surprises await us however, he points out, if we do this. Initially, when we first begin seriously to pray for this, we will fill with fervor, good feelings, a passion for goodness, and a warm sense of God's presence. We will feel that we feel like Jesus — and that will be a very good feeling indeed. However, if we persevere in our prayer and desire to imitate him, things will eventually change, and in a way that we least expect. The warm feelings, fervor, and passion — that snug feeling that we feel like Jesus — will disappear and be replaced by something infinitely less pleasant. We will begin to feel sterile, dispassionate, and dry. God's presence will feel neither warm nor steady, and we will be left wondering: “What's wrong? How did I lose the way?”

However, as John of the Cross assures us, nothing is wrong. Rather our prayer has been answered. We prayed to Jesus, asking him to let us feel like he felt, and he granted our request. Exactly. For a large part of his life and ministry Jesus felt exactly as we are now feeling — dry, sterile, and not buoyed up by

IT'S ALL OR NOTHING:

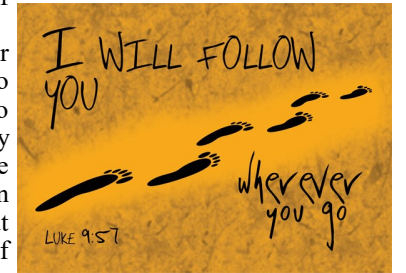
Luke's Gospel [9:51-62] is all about following Jesus. When a prospective disciple says to Jesus: “I will follow you wherever you go,” the Lord replies that he himself has “nowhere to rest his head” — suggesting that discipleship is difficult because it does not fit easily into the ordinary ways of the world. Following Jesus puts us on a counter-cultural journey with unexpected challenges and surprising opportunities. A young man, in and out of drug rehab programs, heard Christ's call and stopped hanging out with his buddies in the drug scene, while developing a new set of friends who share his Christian values.

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus takes the initiative and invites another individual to follow him. When the man asks permission to go first to bury his father, Jesus says: “Let the dead bury the dead. But you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” The call to follow Christ by joining in his mission to spread the reign of God demands immediate action — it cannot be indefinitely delayed pending other events, even the death of a loved one. Christian discipleship has an urgency about it; now is the moment of decision; this is the hour for action on behalf of the kingdom. A couple who passively endured a troubled marriage for years heard Luke's Gospel and immediately began marriage counseling, which has enriched their marriage.

Still another man tells Jesus that he wants to follow him, but asks for the opportunity to say farewell to his family. Jesus responds: “No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God.” Following Christ is the most important thing life, the highest priority — it requires total dedication that is not concerned with keeping options open or worried about other missed opportunities. Effective Christian disciples keep their hand to the plough working wholeheartedly for the cause of God in the world. A single woman totally devoted to advancing her career was struck by a homily on this Gospel that emphasized keeping our priorities straight. After a lot of prayerful reflection leading to a firm decision, she began devoting more time and energy to her family and friends as well as to her parish social justice program. She now feels more fulfilled and has no regrets about her new set of priorities.

How could you deepen and expand your commitment to follow Christ?

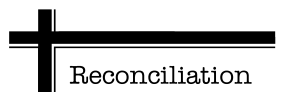
—taken from the writings of Father Jim Bacik which appear on the internet

**CATHOLIC RENEWAL MINISTRIES' ANNUAL CONFERENCE:**

All are invited to attend **Catholic Renewal Ministries' 34th Annual Conference to be held on July 15th and 16th at Magnificat High School in Rocky River.** Guest speakers will be Jim Murphy, Paco Gavrillides, Nellie Cruz Krawczynski, Fr. Damian Ference, Fr. Bob Franco and Bishop Richard G. Lennon. This year's theme is **Proclaim God's Mercy.** The conference opens on Friday at 7:00 PM. **Contact Shirley or Tom Fumich at 440-327-1226** for registration information, or visit www.crmweb.org. **Advance registration through July 6th is \$30, and at the door \$35.** Come experience the healing power and gifts of the Holy Spirit.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

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



THE JOURNEY IS FILLED WITH MANY BLESSINGS:

Jesus — knowing that his time was coming — took the road resolutely towards Jerusalem. This we are told by St Luke [Luke 9:51-62]. As Jesus sets out on his journey, a few incidents happen which define the “resoluteness” of Jesus — this determination to go towards his destiny and to face his suffering and death on the Cross.

First, Jesus is rejected by the Samaritan villagers who won’t receive him because he is heading towards Jerusalem. This is no surprise to Jesus since there is a well-known and deep rooted enmity between Jews and Samaritans. The disciples get it wrong and want to punish the Samaritans, but Jesus has no time for any of this kind of talk and simply moves on.

As he carries on with his journey, Jesus encounters three people and interacts with them. The first person offers to follow Jesus wholeheartedly but Jesus responds with the enigmatic words: “Foxes have their holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay down.” We hear nothing more about this person, and we have to assume that despite his extravagant offer to unequivocally follow Jesus he hasn’t actually done so.

The other two people also want to follow Jesus, but want to either bury their father or to say farewell to their family. We can imagine Jesus still resolutely walking towards Jerusalem while these two people are left far behind confused and befuddled as to what to do with their lives.

The point here is that following Jesus is something that has to be made the very first priority in our lives. Yes, we all have responsibilities — we all have our family obligations — and we must meet them, but what we must not do is put these things before following Jesus. Jesus is resolute — he is determined to meet what faces him in Jerusalem. If people follow him then that is good, they follow him as the Apostles do; but if they don’t follow him it is not going to divert Jesus from his course. He is going to Jerusalem come what may.

That first person makes an extravagant promise — “I will follow you wherever you go,” he says but then goes nowhere. There are plenty of people like this in the world — people who are full of good intentions, people who want to do the right thing, people who want to make a good impression. But as soon as the tiniest obstacle comes up they fall away, their declared intentions evaporate in a second.

We certainly do not want to be people like that — people whose faith is just a flash in the pan. We have all chosen to be Christ’s disciples; precisely how we came to choose this course of action may not be entirely clear to us, but choose it we did, and we want to follow through on this decision. We are determined to make this deep-rooted decision of faith into something concrete, something lasting, something truly worthwhile.

We do not want people to regard us as people who treat the things of faith lightly or as of no consequence. Like Jesus we realize that we are on a serious journey and that we have a destiny to meet. We realize that faith isn’t something that can be taken lightly — we know that it is a serious matter and that following through our decision of faith is of vital importance and is a matter of the utmost seriousness for ourselves and for the world.

I just want to go back a bit to the account of the Samaritan village and to James and John who want to call down fire from heaven on its citizens. Presumably this fire from heaven is thunder and lightning. Mark, in his Gospel, nicknames James and John — “Sons of Thunder” [see Mark 3:17] — it certainly sounds as though they were being true to their name.

Of course, this could be one of Jesus’ jokes — they want to call down lightning on the village but this is something that they were quite incapable of doing. So maybe it was at that point that Jesus gave them this nickname “Sons of Thunder”. We remember that John was very young; and we can infer from this that James probably wasn’t very much older. And so everyone probably thought that this was a great



crusade. Kill the reputations of those who would dare mock us. Refuse to recognize their dignity.” Really, is that why we wage a battle for the Kingdom of Heaven? Don’t you get it, James and John, and [put your own name here]?

James and John wanted a religion that was fierce — a religion that would hurt all who opposed it. Jesus didn’t come to establish a Kingdom of pain. He knew that people would try to hide hatred under the guise of religion. He didn’t want a religion that would call down fire on people — at least not physical fire. The fire He wanted to call down was the fire of the Holy Spirit — “I have come to set the world on fire, and how I wish it were aflame” [see Luke 12:49]. His life was not about physical power. His life was about service — service through love. His religion would be all about leading others to God.

We are called to lead others to God. This includes that relative, or that neighbor who really irritates us. This includes that person who has really hurt us — or, worse, has hurt someone whom we love. We can’t say: “Lord, I’m not going to let go of my hate, but I still want to follow you.” That is the same as saying: “Lord let me take care of this or that, and then I’ll follow you.” We have got to be committed to the Kingdom of God — the Kingdom of Love. We can’t hold anything back. We have got to sell out for The Lord.

Do we realize that the battle is taking place right here, and right now. We go to Church, we say our prayers, all as though we are doing things to keep God happy. We act like the Frozen Chosen, duty bound Catholics with our neat check lists of what we have to do to keep God happy.

We don’t practice our faith to keep God happy. He is God. He doesn’t need us to be happy. Religion is about our roles in the battle of the Kingdom of God against evil. It is about fighting Satan. The devil, evil, sees the determination of committed Christians and will do everything it can to destroy us. We have got to acknowledge that we have been called to arms against a powerful spiritual foe, and we have to defeat him by realizing, making real, our own unique reflections of the Lord’s love. For only love can destroy evil. This is the fire that will destroy the enemies of God.

There is a battle to be waged and a world that needs us to fight for good — fight for the Kingdom, and commit to The Lord. Catholicism is a way of life. It is who we are. Every action of our lives must serve The Lord. We must sell out for Him. May we have the courage to let Jesus Christ set us on fire with His Love.

—taken from the writings for Father Joseph Pellegrino, 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.

**HOPE:**

“Divine hope is not like earthly hope. The latter is subject to disappointment, for however strong our security, it can either be realized or not realized. But hope in God is not subject to disappointment; it gives us the holy, invincible certainty that we shall obtain what God has promised.”

—Luis Martinez

SELLING OUT FOR THE LORD:

Throughout this coming week, the LifeTeen Leadership Conference/Retreat takes place at Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas — about forty minutes from Kansas City. There will be close to 500 Teens there — mostly rising juniors and seniors — 15 to 17 year olds. This retreat is not open to anyone — it is only for those chosen by their youth ministers and priests as being potential leaders in our Church. In reality, they are chosen by God.

So, here you have all these exceptional Teens, attending a large number of talks, having one prayer experience after another; and yet, the main goal of the week will be to get them each to make a commitment to Jesus Christ and His Church. You might think that this sounds superfluous. You might think that these Teens were already committed to the Lord or they wouldn't be there. That would not be totally true. The commitment of the Leadership Conference/Retreat is to take a leap of faith — to sell out for Jesus Christ. It is not a matter with being satisfied with making minor changes in life to be more Christian. It is a call to make a radical commitment to the Lord. This retreat is a life changing event which will result in others also changing their lives. The discussion leaders, prayer leaders, and those who present talks at our youth retreats — as well as the leaders of our campus ministries, and also many of our seminarians and religious sisters — are all young people who made the Leadership Retreat and sold out for the Lord for the remainder of their lives.

In many ways, we are all like the Teens as they arrived at the Leadership Conference. We want The Lord in our lives, or we would not be here right now. But like some of the Teens, there are those areas of our lives that we hold back from The Lord — we do not totally sell out for Him. We say that we are committed to our faith, but we really don't want The Lord present when we are joining in with the world's celebration of materialism, or agreeing with the immoral aspects of our society, or simply joining in with the gossip of the neighborhood.

It's like Luke's Gospel [9:51-62] — "When the days for Jesus' being taken up were fulfilled, he resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem". Some translations even say it more strongly — "He set his face like flint towards Jerusalem." Nothing was going to impede his commitment to the Kingdom of God. He knew that Jerusalem would be the place of His Passion and Death. But He also knew that He would change the world by submitting in obedience to the Father and by dying for love of us. Peter protested when Jesus announced his Passion — "God forbid, Lord" [see Matthew 16:22]. Jesus called Him Satan — only the devil would try to thwart God's Plan. Thomas said: "Let's go with him and die with Him" [see John 11:16]. The future doubter had the courage within him to sell out for The Lord. But many of the people who were captivated by Jesus' words — who wanted to stay united with Him — could not bring themselves to sell out for Him — "Let me do this, first Lord. Let me do that." Perhaps, many of us do this too. We want The Lord, but we want Him on our terms, at the times and places we determine.

Read what Paul says: "My brothers and sisters, you are called to freedom, not slavery". Paul writes this to the Church at Galatia [5:1,13-18]. Paul is also writing this to us. He is telling us that we have the ability to be free to love with every fiber of body and with the might of our souls. But we have to commit to Him, totally, with our entire lives.

"Lord, the Samaritans will not welcome you. Should we call down fire from heaven to consume them?" Really? — really, James and John? Is that what you think this is about — this commission by the Father, publically proclaimed at the Lord's baptism, and detailed with Moses and Elijah at the Transfiguration. Do you really think this is about sending fire on the ancient enemies of the Jews? — "Kill all those who refuse to join us. Kill the Jews. Have an inquisition. Kill the Moslems. Call a



joke to give them these young boys the absurd nickname "Sons of Thunder".

So while Luke stresses here that Jesus is resolute and determined to reach Jerusalem we ought not to think that he was without humor — or any other of his generous characteristics. As his journey progresses we see that he still responds to those who need healing — he never fails to take the opportunity to teach the people by means of parables.

It should be the same with us too. Yes, we know we are on a journey; we know we have a destiny, we know that God has some specific tasks in mind for us. So we are determined to reach the goal of heaven and push aside anything that prevents us from reaching our final destination. But we don't lose our humanity in the process; we don't sacrifice our true nature. We remain open and generous towards those who live around us; and we certainly remain true to our nature as human beings and we take delight in being at one with those who live around us.

A Christian is not an other-worldly creature; a Christian is not someone who is living on a completely different planet from everyone else. We share the concerns and worries of those around us, we live in the real world, we remain human, we retain our human warmth and fellow-feeling with everyone else.

Determined as we are to reach heaven and to bring as many people with us as possible — this can only go hand in hand with love for our fellow human beings. These two things are absolutely inseparable. They were inseparable in the life of Christ and they are inseparable in our lives here and now.

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

CLEAN OUT THOSE CLOSETS AND SERVE OTHERS:

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

**AMAZON.COM:**

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

MAKE THIS YOUR PRAYER:

To love is to give life. To love as Jesus does is to give our lives in self-sacrificing acts of generosity and kindness. Lord, help me give life, joy and peace especially in the troubling moments of life. Amen.

RUNNING ON EMPTY:

We all have those days — you know, the ones when we hit snooze far too many times, when we are frantically trying to find something we misplaced, or showing up to school to find there's a test we had forgotten about. They are not fun days. On top of all that, we drag due to lack of sleep from the night — or month — before. Doing anything more strenuous than watching *Netflix* seems impossible.

In my own life, it seems like I am always playing catch up or struggling to plan ahead. Like many of you, I'm a doer — I love crossing items off my list and feeling a sense of accomplishment. It bothers me to sit around when I am an efficient multi-tasker.

While there is nothing wrong with being driven, there comes a time where Jesus is calling us to rest. And, by rest I don't necessarily mean take a nap — although there is nothing wrong with that. We can best be fruitful when we are giving from the surplus of our prayers and charity.

Jesus invites all those who are running on empty to Him — “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light” [Matthew 11:28-30].

Being tired goes further than desiring sleep. While sleep is essential, we need to recognize how draining and demanding our busy schedule is. Time management needs to be a priority in our lives — not only to complete our tasks, but to help us keep Christ as our focus.

The reality of our days are crammed with so many different things. It's seldom that we take time to be still. Even when we are at rest our minds are usually still active and easily distracted by the constant texts or Instagram notifications. Christ tells us to “be still and know that I am God” [see Psalm 46:10]. It comes to a point where we need to stop striving to do what seems like the next best thing, and just “be.” We need to make a point to carve out a time for silence in our day — a time where we can truly be still to encounter the one who loves us for just being.

There are many people who God has put on our path — some lift us up, and some may drag us down. We need to discern those relationships that we are being called out of as well as being open and available for new relationships. Authentic friendships are a gift from God. He created us to be in community. And when we are, we are most fully alive. Let's allow the positive relationships to help fill us up.

When we continue to run on empty — or halfway — we sell ourselves short and we don't give 100% to our relationship with God. He desires all of us — whether we are running on empty or if our tanks have been full — we need to continue to seek him.

—taken from the writings of Kelly Colangelo, an associate of the Bible Geek.

WORDS CALL US TO COMMUNITY:

The word is always a word for others. Words need to be heard. When we give words to what we are living — these words need to be received and responded to. A speaker needs a listener. A writer needs a reader.

When the flesh — the lived human experience — becomes word, community can develop. When we say: “Let me tell you what we saw. Come and listen to what we did. Sit down and let me explain to you what happened to us. Wait until you hear whom we met,” we call people together and make our lives into lives for others. The word brings us together and calls us into community. When the flesh becomes word, our bodies become part of a body of people.

**INCREDIBLE:**

When you love without limits, you are like God.

LIFE TEEN:

Our LifeTeen regular meetings will begin again in August. Normally we meet 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.** Join us for **Our Summer Bible Study [see article below]**. **Our next session will take place on Wednesday, July 6th.** Please join us for a wonderful experience. Please continue to remember all our teens and young people in your prayers.

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

Our EDGE regular meetings will begin again in August. Normally we meet right after Sunday Mass — from **11:30 AM—1:00 PM** in the **Lennon Board Room**. Come and try us out. 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. Join us for **Our Summer Bible Study [see article below]**. **Our next session will take place on Wednesday, July 6th.** Please join us for a wonderful experience. Please continue to remember all our teens and young people in your prayers.

**LIFETEEN and EDGE BIBLE STUDY — JUNE 22:**

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** and **Adults** 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 next gathering of the summer will take place at Mitchell's Ice Cream [1867 W 25th St, Cleveland — almost next to the West Side Market] on Wednesday, July 6th at 7:00 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. **Topic for this session will be: “Bad Women of the Bible”.** **We also need 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.

**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 PROVERB:**

Be not afraid of growing slowly; be afraid of only standing still.

—Chinese Proverb