

CLOSING PRAYER:

~ Regina Caeli ~

**Queen of Heaven,
rejoice, alleluia.
For the One
whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.
Has risen,
as he said, alleluia.
Pray for us to God, alleluia.
Rejoice and be glad,
O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.**

**O God,
who gave joy to the world
through the resurrection
of Jesus Your Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ,
grant we beseech You,
that through the intercession
of the Virgin Mary,
His Mother,
we may obtain t
he joys of everlasting life.
We ask this
through Christ our Lord.
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.

FAITH EDUCATION — FALL OF 2016:

We need you to register your child for Faith Education, if you have not already done so. A simple call to the chapel office can get this accomplished. **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.

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

This is absolutely the last week for this project. When you are buying school supplies for yourself or for your family, please consider getting something for the students at St. Adalbert. 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. The Fall term of the school year is quickly approaching. 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!].



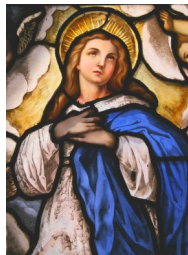
Here is how you can be a part of this outreach. Simply shop for items on the list. **If you do not have time to shop, simply place an envelope in the collection basket and mark it "St. Adalbert's" or drop it off in the chapel office.** "Come Grow with us" — as together, we work and plant our seeds of 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.

PAUL TODD in CONCERT:

Renowned entertainer, composer, arranger and singer Paul Todd and his son, Paul Todd Jr. will be performing two concerts at Our Lady Chapel on Saturday, August 20th at 3 PM and 7 PM. Paul has performed in theaters and concert halls around the world and is currently the music director at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Naples, Fla. The performances will benefit the ministry of Fr. Pedro Opeka and the life-changing work he has done for the poor in Madagascar for more than 25 years. Tickets for the concerts can be purchased through **PaulToddConcert.com** or by calling **800-965-9324.** If you have any questions, please call Patty or Father John at the chapel office [440-473-3560].

**THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY:**

Monday, August 15th is the **Feast of the Assumption** of Mary into heaven. It is not observed as a Holy Day this year because it falls on a Monday. **But all are encouraged to attend Mass on that Day.** When the course of her earthly life was completed, the Blessed Virgin Mary was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven, where she already shares in the glory of her Son's Resurrection, anticipating the resurrection of all members of his Body. [Catechism of the Catholic Church, #974]. Mass schedule for the holyday will be as follows: **Wednesday** vigil Mass at **5:30 PM.** Mass on **Monday** will be at **5:30 PM.** The following prayer is taken from the Byzantine Liturgy:



In giving birth, you kept your virginity; in your Assumption, you did not leave the world, O Mother of God, but were joined to the source of Life. You conceived the living God and, by your prayers, will deliver our souls from death. Amen.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

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

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

- For Mel Eckersley, father of Sarah Cox, who is seriously ill with cancer.
- For Cheryl Kazel, sister of Daniel ['86] and Gilmour counselor, Jamie, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- 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.
- For Jay Cusick who is undergoing treatment for cancer.

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 [8/6/16] ----- \$ 1,160.00

Total Offerings: Sunday [8/7/16] ----- \$ 236.00

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.



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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

- For Connie Allerton, wife of former Holy Cross Brother, Norbert Allerton, who is recovering from a stroke.
- For Mary Shea, mother of Theresa Stark who is recovering from a mild stroke.
- For Stan Cox who is undergoing medical testing
- For Carol Carr, Gilmour Trustee, who is undergoing medical treatment.
- For Kay Passalacqua, who is undergoing medical treatment.
- For Tom Slater, who is undergoing treatment for lymphoma
- For Halle Markel ['14], sister of Hannah ['16] who is recovering from surgery.
- For Father Dan Begin, pastor of St. Mary [Bedford] who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Janice Treer who is undergoing treatment for a heart condition and kidney failure
- For Brother Robert Brown, C.S.C., who is undergoing treatment for dementia.
- For Beth Call, cousin of Sylvia ['18] and Stephanie ['20] Leonor, who has been diagnosed with Lymphoma.
- 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 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 Todd King ['87], brother of Christie ['91] King, who is undergoing treatment for microconda
- 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 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 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.



BLESSING OF OUR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS — AUGUST 27-28:

Our school year has begun. As our Students and Teachers begin the journey of 2016-2017, we want to share a blessing upon them. As a faith community, we want your school year to be filled with the joy and excitement of life, as well as the presence of God. **Join us at our Masses on the weekend of August 27-28 for this special blessing of our students..**



SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday, August 14: 20 th Week in Ordinary Time	10:00 AM
Monday, August 15: Assumption of Mary into Heaven	5:30 PM [Eucharistic Chapel]
Tuesday, August 16:	5:30 PM [Eucharistic Chapel]
Wednesday, August 17:	5:30 PM [Eucharistic Chapel]
Thursday, August 18:	5:30 PM [Eucharistic Chapel]
Friday, August 19:	5:30 PM [Eucharistic Chapel]
Saturday, August 20: 21 st Week in Ordinary Time	5:00 PM
Sunday, August 21: 21 st Week in Ordinary Time	10:00 AM

UPCOMING CHAPEL ACTIVITIES:

August 14 -----	K-42 Retreat Team Meeting	11:30 AM
August 15 -----	Mass for the Feast of the Assumption	5:30 PM
August 16 -----	Faculty Retreat Day OLC Council Meeting	8:30 AM 6:15 PM—8:00 PM
August 18 -----	New Student Orientation Freshman Class Mass	2:00 PM 9:00 PM
August 19 -----	Freshman Morning Prayer Service	7:00 AM
August 22 -----	Opening of School Convocation Class Meetings	9:30 AM Throughout the day
August 23 -----	Middle School parent/athlete Meeting	4:45 PM
August 26 -----	Lower School Opening Prayer Service	2:30 PM
August 27 -----	LifeTeen Empower Gather Blessing of Students and Teachers	8:30 AM—4:30 PM 5:00 PM Mass
August 28 -----	Blessing of Students and Teachers	10:00 AM Mass
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REFLECTION ON THE THEME FOR THE WEEK:

Those who are in the know about such things, tell us that the human brain can think of one thing per second and then change channels. Just try to think about that for more than a second. Apparently we are constantly passing images along from our senses through our minds quite rapidly. On occasion while celebrating a parish liturgy, I want to stop the ritual prayers and just quietly ask everyone what they are thinking about. I know they would laugh at me — and then at themselves. Our minds — like our hearts — are wanderers. I would imagine that the Apostles at the Last Supper were day-dreaming — perhaps wondering when this celebration was going to get over.

This week we could do well to get in touch with our distractions, our day-dreams, and our wanderings. All of us would like to believe that when we pray we should be able to pray without distractions. But the reality is that we don't. Let us try to focus on what brings this distractions about — what are we wanting, missing, regretting. Prayer begins with the truth of our hearts — and distractions might be part of that truth.

Down-in-the-mud Jeremiah has been at it again [Jeremiah 38:4-13]. There is a war going on, and Jerusalem is surrounded with the army of Babylon. Jeremiah is experiencing the consequences of the burning-word of God within him — he has been telling everybody to surrender and all will go well. This does not go well with the soldiers and the royal officials who complain to King Zedekiah who turns Jeremiah over to them.

They put Jeremiah out of commission temporarily as a prophet by dropping him into a dried-up well. Upon hearing this, an official of the King's court relates to the king that the Prophet will die in that well. So the king now relents and has Jeremiah raised and brought to him for a chat. While we do not hear this conversation, we know that the King does listen to what Jeremiah says, and surrenders to the enemy. This surrender does not result in death, but life to the king, his family, and the city of Jerusalem.

Luke's Gospel continues to build on the teachings of Jesus which talk about the dangers of greed and about the followers of Jesus who must stay awake, attentive, and responsive as servants of the serving-Lord. While this teaching is dramatic and hard to hear, Jesus continues to challenge his disciples.

Jesus tells them that He, who proclaimed the blessedness of the peacemaker, has come “not to establish peace on earth” — “Division” is His blazing, heart-driven desire. He refers to this as a “baptism” with which He wishes to immerse the earth [Luke 12:49-53]. Jesus uses the example of family to drive his point home — family unity will be split. This is not an appealing message — as with Jeremiah, Jesus is calling for a decision to surrender. This surrender will cause separation even within loving families.

I know a family whose teenage son has declared that he is an atheist. Atheism is a God-given right. What is probably going on is that the mother and father are no longer to be considered gods and lords of this young-person's life. Jesus is asking for a little more thought and a decision to follow Him and His ways. King Zedekiah had to make such a decision and the followers of Jesus have all had to do the same. The big decision is to move outside the city-walls of our senses and the security of those walls. Trusting, walking into the dark, going without knowing — these are tremendous violations of our present-day cultural ways.

Making decisions is the natural process for us humans; we make thousands of them each day. Our senses take in all kinds of information — some of which we accept, some discard, and much we are not aware of. Our minds move us to a “yes” or “no” — that is what the will does. We can eat peanut

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FOR THE DECEASED:

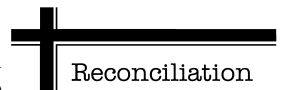
- For Jean Kloos.
- For Darlene Douglas.
- For James McDonnell [‘53]
- For Sister Theresa Sullivan, S.N.D.
- For Victoria Bergstrom
- For Antoinette Cavasini
- For Cheryl Proctor
- For Mary Jerse, mother of Father William Jerse [St. Jerome Parish].
- For James Sickora.
- For Norma Leahey
- For Lindsay Giannobile.
- For Brother John Platte, C.S.C.
- For Kathy Muniak
- For Patricia Brooks, mother of Carl [;89] and Frank [‘91]
- For Sister Mary Francis Dunham, S.N.D.
- For Christopher Feighan, cousin of Kathleen Berry
- For Carl Plumlee

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS:

- For the safety and well being of all who are involved in and attending the Olympic Games..
- For all teachers and students as school begins.
- 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.

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



CALLED TO BE A PROPHET?

Years ago there was a horrible accident at one of our local amusement parks — a woman was thrown from a roller coaster type ride and killed. The investigation following the accident showed her death was totally preventable. She simply hadn't been "locked in." The young man in charge of that function was too embarrassed to tell her that because she was overweight he couldn't click the latch on the belt which would have held her on the ride.

Many of us can identify with that worker. We'd also like to live as hassle-free a life as possible — avoiding situations which would create tension between ourselves and others. On one hand, he certainly avoided the tension which could have resulted from telling her she was too obese to be on that ride. But on the other hand, his reluctance to speak out cost her life.

All of God's prophets frequently find themselves in parallel situations. They're chosen by God or the risen Jesus to be the conscience of the people — they are called to proclaim God's word. Yet, the Scripture Readings for this 20th Week In Ordinary Time give us many good reasons why prophets are often tempted to keep their mouths shut — "Jeremiah ought to be put to death," the princes say [Jeremiah 38:4-3]. One way to make certain that the prophet doesn't deliver God's word is to kill the prophet — works every time.

Though Jeremiah is eventually delivered from the princes' hands, I presume every time he opened his mouth again to tell the people what the Lord wanted of them, he remembered this near miss. The next time he might not be so lucky. In fact there comes a time for Jeremiah when he wishes that he had never been born! [see Jeremiah 20].

This "prophecy thing" is very important for Christians. The earliest Christian author, Paul, presumes each of our communities is blessed with at least one person who has the Spirit's gift of prophecy. He's convinced that other Christs can't function correctly unless their members understand what the risen Jesus wishes them to do. That seems to be one of the reasons that Luke's Jesus wants his followers to know that he "has come to set the earth on fire. Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division" [Luke 12:49-53]. Those who dare imitate him must be aware of the divisions in society such an imitation will bring about.

Perhaps that's why the unknown author of the Letter to the Hebrews insists that we constantly "keep our eyes fixed on Jesus" [Hebrews 11:32-33, 12:1-4]. Only by focusing on him will we be able "to persevere in running the race that lies before us."

Before any of Jesus' disciples suspected he was divine, they were certain he was a prophet. Though he never demanded that they imitate his divinity, they knew from the beginning he expected them to integrate some of his burning prophetic charism into their own lives.

Normally we expect our sacred authors to tear into their readers for not listening to the prophets and carrying out their words. But both the author of Hebrews and Luke's gospel look at prophecy from the other side. Both tear into us for not being brave enough to proclaim even the small bit of God's word with which the Spirit has gifted us. Though the vast majority of us aren't "full-time" prophets, as other Christs we frequently run into situations in which we say nothing where something should be said. We shouldn't pretend to be overly pious, but especially among family and friends neither, for instance, should we hesitate to confront racial or prejudicial remarks. Certainly wouldn't want anyone close to us to be flung off the ride.

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



butter, and our minds would still say that peanut butter ice cream is a big "no". So our imaginations can present data to our minds for a choice as well. A faith-decision to walk the ways of Jesus needs some information which Jesus gives His disciples, but some information has to be provided by our memory and imaginations. We are invited to live less dominated by greed and possessiveness. This is pretty clear, but we would have to imagine what that would mean and our memories would remind us of times when we had nothing. Faith is not easy. Deciding for the unknown future is not easy. Being an atheist is not easy either because it also demands an act of faith.

It is a puzzlement why some believe in a God and others find that impossible and even humorous. The faith to which Jesus invites His followers moves them past the impossible to lives which reflect the very person and mission of Jesus. It is much easier to follow from a safe distance and not have our lives changed by His relationship with us. The good things about this is that Jesus keeps attentively calling all outside the comfort-walls and into the life of real living, which in truth can be quite humorous. Marital love and commitment is a tremendous leap of faith. Love is a faith act, and faith is a love act. It is the commitment that costs and results in insecurity; and who desires that?

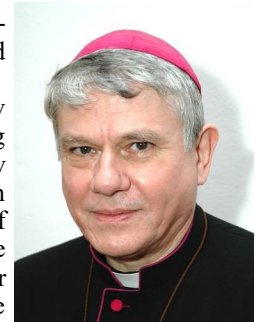
— taken from the writings of Father Larry Gillick, S.J., which appear on the internet

THE BATTLE IS ON:

Luke's Gospel presents a rather shocking statement of Jesus — "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" After noting his anguish over his pending passion and death, Jesus adds: "Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division" — a division which will pit even family members against one another.

We see that this is true even in the life of Jesus himself — the fidelity of Jesus to the cause of God generated opposition from his family and hometown friends as well as the religious and political establishment which culminated in his death on the cross. Christ's message can serve as a fiery weapon that attacks personal prejudice, family dysfunction, cultural bias, and societal injustice. Historically, Christ's faithful witnesses have run into a firestorm of opposition as the powerful have protected their privileges with violent persecutions and coercive intimidation.

For example, we can recall the faithful witness of the Czech priest, Vaclav Maly, who just a year after his ordination in 1976, signed Charter 77 demanding that the Communist regime respect human rights. Over the next 12 years, Valcav was under constant surveillance, arrested and interrogated over 250 times, and on one occasion brutally tortured — all in an effort to make him soften his criticism of the Communist government. Relying totally on Christ who brought fire to the earth, Fr. Maly persevered as a faithful witness to Gospel truth — playing a major role in the Velvet Revolution which toppled the government in 1989, and led to the election of the playwright Vaclav Havel. Maly declined the opportunity to participate in the government, opting instead to continue to share in Christ's mission as a priest and later as a bishop.



In a lengthy private conversation with Maly in Prague, he reminded me that Christians in the United States have an obligation to stand up for Gospel truth against the dominating idols of our culture — consumerism and individualism. His example encourages us to resist those destructive trends as completely as possible — just as he refused to soften even slightly his criticism of the totalitarian government.

How can you be a more faithful witness to Christ who came to set the earth on fire?

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

REMEMBER:

Happiness is an attitude. We either make ourselves miserable, or happy and strong. The amount of work is the same.

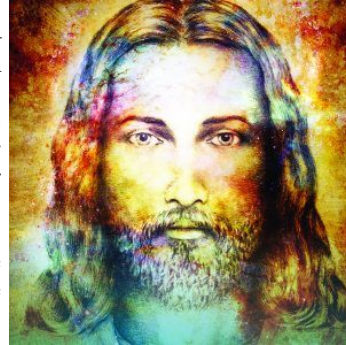
—Francesca Reigler

CAUSING DISCOMFORT FOR THE COMFORTABLE:

The experience of the human spiritual journey cannot be summed up easily — for there are as many different experiences as there are humans. No two journeys are alike. Most stories of conversion span years or decades, yet that is not to discount or discredit those stories of being “knocked off a horse” and the light of God breaking through one’s blindness. The reality is that whatever our testimony of faith, the desire for God has been written into each human heart and we are constantly being drawn to our Creator — as the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* reminds us.

One could then deduce that when we finally turn to God and form a real relationship with Jesus Christ, all our longing ceases — we have found the object of our true desire. Won’t the rest of life be endless bliss?

To somewhat paraphrase the Lynn Anderson song from the 70’s — “Jesus never promised you a rose garden.” At least you won’t find it on earth. Of course, to love God and serve him is the most fulfilling life one could live. We certainly hold to that as believers. But fulfillment does not mean constant happiness or a life without trial. Certainly, our conversion is a constant ongoing process. Even when we have found our way through several thresholds of conversion into an intentional discipleship, our journey has still, in many ways, only begun. There will be tests of faith along the way. Some will be small, and others quite significant. Unfortunately, sometimes those tests and trials will come from a curious source — our family and friends. These are the ones who should be happiest for us in our journey.



Just this past Easter — like many Easters before — thousands were baptized and received into full communion with the Church. The desire for God that was written onto their hearts at birth had led them not only to the person of Jesus, but also the body of Christ. But the decision to follow Jesus in this way can be a source of ridicule and anger on the part of those who loved them before this decision was made. While working with the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults [RCIA] for over two decades, I had witnessed adult children being disowned by parents, friends ostracized by friends, and siblings constantly debating each other. The divisions were fueled by prejudice, ignorance, and fear of the unknown. This is not the experience for all, but for those who do walk this difficult road, the earthly pain joined with the joy of heavenly grace is all too real.

Depending on where you are in the world, the chance of having such an experience can greatly increase. While Catholic Church communities are flourishing in the southern United States, prejudice against Catholics is still common. In other parts of the country, as well as in parts of Europe and Oceania, apathy toward religion and atheism are on the rise, making many ask the would-be-disciple a simple question in a puzzled tone: “Why?”

But here is a question that is worth asking: Shouldn’t our faith at times, if being fully lived out, be a source of discomfort for those we meet? I remember an old priest friend of mine once told me that if his homilies never ruffled any feathers, he wasn’t accurately preaching the Gospel. In Luke’s Gospel, Jesus seems to support this line of thinking. Jesus spoke of not bringing peace to all, but instead division. He suggests that families will be at odds with one another over the message he brings [Luke 12:49-53]. The reality is that the truth is not always what we want to hear. The good news of Jesus Christ is liberating for many, but is also a mirror for others in which they see a reality about themselves they do not wish to see. Sometimes, the message of the Gospel is too hard for some to digest. I think of St. Augustine before his conversion — hearing the Gospel, wanting to be holy and follow Jesus, but just not yet.

Today, Christians all over the globe are victims of prejudice, ignorance, hatred, and fear. If we hide our faith because we are only comfortable in those “Kumbaya” moments of peace, love, and

those who are doing the excluding. But that is antithetical to true religion — and true wisdom.

Where is God? God is on the side of the victim, standing with the one who is excluded, especially present in the one being ridiculed, and dying in the one who is being put to death. True Christianity knows this: It worships the scapegoat — the one who is surrounded by the halo of hatred.

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

DRESSES FOR HONDURAS:

One of the nurses in our Gilmour Clinic is involved in a **dressmaking project** for the children of Honduras. They have devised a method of making sundresses out of common pillowcases, and then adorning them with other items for decoration. And that is where you come in. **If you have any old buttons, ribbon, ric-rac, lace or other sewing trim**, please bring them in. The group would like to collect these items to help decorate the dresses they are working on. This is an on-going project; the dresses will be sent to Honduras every time there is a mission trip. The next trip is scheduled for March of 2016. There is a **basket in the narthex of the Chapel** to collect any donations you may have. Thank you for your help!

**EUCHARISTIC 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.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

Monday:	Revelation 11:19-12:10, 1 Corinthians 15:20-27, Luke 1:39-56
Tuesday:	Ezekiel 28:1-10, Matthew 19:23-30
Wednesday:	Ezekiel 34:1-11, Matthew 20:1-16
Thursday:	Ezekiel 36:23-28, Matthew 22:1-14
Friday:	Ezekiel 37:1-14, Matthew 22:34-40
Saturday:	Ezekiel 43:1-7, Matthew 23:1-12

21st Week in Ordinary Time: Isaiah 68:18-21, Hebrews 12:5-13, Luke 13:22-30

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GOD AS VICTIM:

“And there shone on them in that dark hour a light that has never darkened; a white fire clinging to that group like an unearthly phosphorescence, blazing its track through the twilights of history and confounding every effort to confound it with the mists of mythology and theory; that shaft of light or lightening by which the world itself has struck and isolated and crowned it; by which its own enemies have made it more illustrious and its own critics have made it more inexplicable; the halo of hatred around the Church of God.” G.K. Chesterton wrote those words more than sixty years ago. One of the things that, for him, gave the church credibility is the fact that, invariably, it is surrounded by a halo of hatred.

I quote his words, not as an attempt to offer an apology for the church today as it suffers through a period within which it is frequently an object of intense hatred. Defensiveness is not the purpose here — especially since I am one of those persons who is not entirely sorry that a lot of anger is currently being directed towards us in the church. Some of this anger is justified after a few centuries of privilege; all of it will, I submit, be helpful in fueling an important period of purification within the church. I would rather be a priest in a time of anti-clericalism than in a time within which priests and church are unduly privileged. It is far easier to live the gospel in the former situation. Thus, we, inside the church, should have a curious gratitude for all that anger that is being directed against us today. Besides, as Chesterton points out — paraphrasing Jesus — the church will always be hated.

Our own culture creates a category of persons that it deems expendable and then subsequently victimizes through exclusion, ridicule, scapegoating — and often through actual death. The point here is not to defend the church, but to make a critical point about God and the theology of God — a theology which is often grossly misunderstood.

And the point is this: Christianity is the only religion which worships the scapegoat, the one who is hated, excluded, spat upon, blamed for everything, ridiculed, shamed, and made expendable. Christianity is the only religion that focuses on imitating the victim and which sees God in the one who is surrounded by the halo of hatred.

There are some important lessons to be learned from this — not the least of which has to do with where we see God, truth, and goodness. We need, today, some correctives since we live in a culture which, not unlike most cultures in the past, scapegoats some persons to the benefit of the others, and then identifies God and holiness with those who have created the scapegoats.

God is not to be confusedly identified with the myths of success, power, glamour, and popularity. Never confuse God and what is holy with current cultural religion which, antithetical to Christ, worships the included, the glamorous, the ones who aren't shamed and ridiculed, and the ones who seem important and indispensable. The God of our culture and the God that is preached in so many of our churches is not the God who dies on a cross, is hated, spat upon, and is excluded and scapegoated in ignorance. Our culture does not worship a crucified God. The God Jesus revealed, is still, in our very own culture, excluded, mocked, scapegoated, made expendable, and often killed, mostly in the name of God and truth. Where do we see this?

Our own culture — like every other culture past and present — creates a category of persons that it deems expendable and then subsequently victimizes through exclusion, ridicule, scapegoating, and often through actual death. Who constitutes that category shifts slightly from time to time, but there is always a common denominator, it includes always those who are the weakest.

Thus, for instance, our culture, marginalizes and scapegoats the sick, the poor, the handicapped, the unborn, the unattractive, the non-productive, and the aged. These we deem expendable and subsequently decertify in terms of full status within the human race. Worse still, we identify God and holiness with



understanding, then we are like a fine piece of glassware untested by fire. It is the fire that solidifies us into the beautiful thing that God created us to be. Jesus never portrayed that this would be easy. Those in our days that preach a prosperity gospel or a faith that eliminates all darkness from our lives are selling something that Jesus never offered. Yes, the kingdom of God is in our midst and death has no power over us because of Jesus' cross and resurrection, but we exist in the now and not-yet.

One day, all tears will be washed away and all will be made new. But until then, we are to lift each other up and help each other stand. We are to speak up for those who have no voice — even if society chooses to hurl stones at us. We are to speak love to hate, and truth to deceit. We must remember that Jesus is a “stone that will make people stumble, and a rock that will make them fall” [see 1 Peter 2:8]. As a disciple, don't be afraid if someone's feathers get ruffled along the way. If you love someone, then you owe that person the whole truth, and nothing but the Truth.

—taken from the writings of Tracy Welliver., which appear on the internet

SHARING IN GOD'S ONE SPIRIT:

The Holy Spirit is God's very own life shared with us and residing within us [see John 20:22]. When we pray, we are steadfastly refusing to abandon this Presence — this True Self, this place that already knows we are beloved and one with God. But our false “contrived” self is so needy that we must practice living in this presence through conscious choice — prayer — not just once, but preferably many times every day. Contemplative prayer is “our daily bread” that keeps us nourished so we can dare to believe the Gospel, to trust the Divine Indwelling, and to remember our God-given identity. Gradually, we learn how to abide in this spacious place more and more, how to draw our strength, dignity, and solace from this Stable Source. When we live from this place of conscious unity, we are indestructible.

The True Self cannot really be hurt or offended. The false self — our egoic identity — is offended every few minutes. But if we notice when we take offence, and what part of us is offended — always a provisional identity — this will train us to gradually reside more and more in the Big Truth. This is what Jesus' final prayer at the Last Supper is all about [see John 14-16]. Thomas Keating charts conversion as a series of necessary humiliations to the false self.

In order to fully experience the intrinsic union we already have with God, who is Love, it seems that we need to first be love ourselves in some foundational way. Contemplation helps us to rest in this love; as we gradually take on the likeness of love, we will see love over there too. What you see is what you are. That's why Jesus absolutely commanded us to love. This is necessary for the mirroring process to begin! Our inner state of love is alone able to receive and reflect the ultimate outer Love [see 2 Corinthians 3:18].

Sometimes people will come up to me and say: “Oh, Richard, you're so loving!” But I know that I'm not — and I know they are! They are seeing themselves in me. Spirit recognizes Spirit. To know the Truth, one must somehow be abiding in that Truth, and the deepest Truth of every human is Love, as we are created in the image and likeness of an infinitely Loving God [see Genesis 1:26-27], which Christians call Trinity.

If we are in a state of negativity — what Julian of Norwich calls “contrariness” — we won't be love or see love. We must watch for this contrariness. This contrary self often takes three forms — comparison, competition, and contrariness or oppositional energy. Our false self is actually relieved and empowered when it has something to oppose. The clearest identifier of untransformed people is that they are living out of oppositional energy, with various just show how others are wrong or inferior.

The True Self needs none of these games to know who it is — it is a child of God, sharing in God's own Spirit.

—taken from the writings of Father Richard Rohr, O.F.M., which appear on the internet



LIGHTING THE FIRE:

A priest was getting on a bus. Somehow his shoe came off and fell into the street. Since he could not retrieve it, he took off the second one. He threw it out the window in the direction of the other one. To a puzzled looking passenger, he said: “The person who finds the first shoe now will have a good pair to walk about in.”

I have just returned from retreat. Hopefully I am filled with grace, but certainly I am filled with gossip from my fellow priests. They were filled with information about new assignments from our bishop. The shocker is that a certified firebrand among us has been sent to a very proper and wealthy parish as pastor. The priest in question has been lining up on the side of the poor, disenfranchised, and the oppressed ever since he was ordained a quarter of a century ago. Wherever he goes, fire follows him. He has all the scars — many of them quite glorious and even enviable — that go with such a career. Everyone at the retreat had an opinion — pro and con — on the appointment. Most dared not speak them publicly since the bishop himself was present. But the one point on which all agreed is that the parish will become a different creation. Given his track record, the new pastor will most assuredly bring fire to the parish in question.

The “well-to-do” there will never be the same again. Those who are rich may well come to feel that they are among the hunted. But Luke’s Gospel tells us that fire is precisely what the Teacher brought to the earth [Luke 12:349-53]. Therefore, can we fault a priest if he himself brings that same torch to a small corner of the Teacher’s Church? Do you really think the Christ would fault him especially since he is but following His example? Obviously our bishop does not fault him. Could it be that the bishop is telling his priests, religious, and laity that it is we who are lukewarm Christians?

Is Jesus telling us that the Church needs more people like the pastor under discussion? I believe the answer to both questions is a resounding “yes”. And this affirmation would come even though the bishop might not agree with all the tactics of the pastor in the past. Admittedly this appointment will appear strange to those among us who, in Joseph Donder’s words, “are accustomed to depicting Jesus beautifully, with large eyes, a shapely beard, carefully dressed in soft colors, with a sweet glow all over Him.” After all, we are living out our lives when we drink our coffee without caffeine, our milk with little or no fat, and our beer with few calories and less taste. No doubt some industrious scientist — tomorrow’s Nobel Prize laureate — is already working to develop a sizzling porterhouse steak without meat. And, if developed, we will eat it. So, what is more natural to us than to swear allegiance to a counterfeit Jesus! This would be a Christ who gives us comfort but demands little in return.

All too often we are looking for a Teacher who picks us up but who never asks us to carry Him. Could it be our watered down Christianity is the very element which is keeping our seminaries and convents empty? Our young people may very well feel that any resemblance between the Christ of today’s Gospel and the Christ their parish is selling is purely coincidental. Perhaps then it is time for us to cease attempting to get the prophet out of our city so we can honor him — or onto a cross so we can love him. “Words, words, I’m sick of words,” shouted an exasperated Eliza Doolittle of *My Fair Lady* fame about her patronizing Henry Higgins. The time for words were done. So, she sang in a piercing voice, “Show me.” Is this not what Luke’s Christ is saying to each of us in this powerful Gospel? As Albert Camus once said: “Christians should get away from abstraction and confront the bloodstained face history has taken on today.” When people are troubled, we cry to Christ: “Why aren’t you there?” And Jesus responds: “Why aren’t you?”

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



drinking and drugs, those who refuse to let others take advantage of them physically, will all be given some sort of nasty label. Life would be much easier for them to go along with the crowd. But being rooted in the Lord demands that they be a minority. Consider the parents of our parish. They will be criticized this school year for setting moral standards within their homes. Their own children will tell them that they need to get real and allow them to go along with what everyone else’s parents allow them to do — basically, contemporary immorality. Many parents will have to put up a terrible struggle to stand for what is right and true in their own homes, with their own children. But living for the Lord is worth the struggle.

Consider our senior citizens. Their challenge to follow Christ means trusting in him as their bodies and the bodies of their loved ones begin to fail. For so many of our seniors their challenge means being a care giver when they are exhausted. Every day presents a new challenge for seniors to embrace faith and trust and hope in the Lord and live in the Light of Christ when, physically, life might be getting a bit darker. But this is the challenge that draws them nearer to God. Actually, by meeting the challenge of faith and hope they are bringing God nearer to our world.

Every day we hear of a new challenge that confronts a parishioner or a family. This family has to deal with emotional problems. That family with physical problems. This family has financial problems. That family has marital problems. All of these challenges of life, all of the daily crises we all face, all lead us to God if we embrace them with selflessness with faith, with trust in God, and with love. Hang in there. Trust in God. You do not struggle alone.

Jesus is grounded in reality. Life is full of challenges and struggles. And the greatest of these challenges are rooted in our standing for what is right and true, standing for God. But each challenge met, each crisis overcome, forms each us into more loving people.

The author of the Letter to the Hebrews says it best: “Do not grow despondent and abandon the struggle” [Hebrews 11:32-33, 12:1-4]. And always remember the promise of Jesus: “know that I am with you always” [Matthew 28:20]. —taken from the writings for Father Joseph Pellegrino, which appear on the internet.

CLEAN OUT THOSE CLOSETS AND SERVE OTHERS:

Summer is here — and fall is approaching. It is 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 and fall items at this time. You may pick up a tax form when you drop off the clothing here at Our Lady Chapel — there are forms in the cedar chest. Clothing may be brought on the weekend, or during the week. Thank you. **If you have any questions, please contact Patty in the chapel office [440-473-3560].**

**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].**



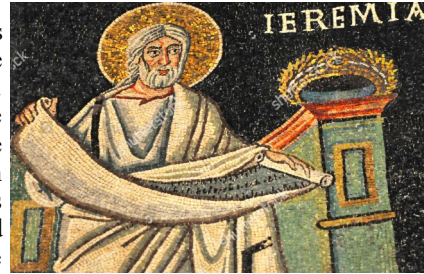
WITHSTANDING THE CHALLENGE:

As you are all aware, the new school year begins next week. There will be new opportunities for our young people to grow — and through them for our families will continue to grow. There will be new challenges for the children and their folks, new hurdles to overcome — from understanding a difficult subject matter to learning to get along with others. Although the school year begins with enthusiasm, it is going to take a lot of hard work for our young people to finish the school year successfully. And so it is with every aspect of our lives, enjoying success and conquering a goal always results from accepting the challenge, and sacrificing time and energy. It demands accepting temporary setbacks while remaining true to our course.

The young couples whom I marry — looking so picture perfect that they belong on the cover of a bridal magazine — have to meet the challenges of sacrifice and commitment if they really want to have happy marriages. Happily married couples all know that marriage has brought them out of themselves as individuals, turned them away from their own natural selfishness, and taught them to give and thus to truly love. Marriage is a personal challenge which they embrace, and which leads them to real love.

And it is this reality that grounds us in our faith. Our faith is not afraid to speak about both happiness and sadness. It is not afraid to speak about both virtue and vice. It tells us that if we attempt to love God without loving others, we are living a sham life — a make believe faith. Faith encourages us to base all relationships on respect — particularly within marriages. Faith tells us to understand the meaning of the word sacrifice and to realize that all that is worthwhile from learning demands sacrifice. With all our liturgical splendor, with our deep understanding of the mysteries of our faith, Catholicism is fundamentally grounded in reality. So today we come upon Jeremiah the prophet having a bad day — a real bad day [Jeremiah 38:4-13].

Jeremiah had been called to be a prophet from his mother's womb. Jeremiah was a royal prophet — he was the prophet at the King's court. He should have been held with the deepest respect. But he refused to butter up the king by just telling the king what he and the people wanted to hear. Because Jeremiah stood for the truth, he was berated and mocked. He was thrown into a cistern where he would have died if the King had not stood up against his own counselors and saved Jeremiah's life. Jeremiah's life should have been wonderful, beautiful, and full of honor. But being true to the Word of God resulted in his being treated with contempt.



The persecution which Jeremiah experienced was something that afflicted all the prophets due to their determination to stand up for God's word — to stand for what was right and good and true, no matter what others would say about them or do to them. Grounded in reality, our faith tells us that it is also difficult for us to stand for what is right and true. It is difficult to stand for the Lord because we will be persecuted and mocked.

Yet we have to meet the challenges of life, and we have to overcome all the barriers to the truth that society and we ourselves put in our way. This is what Jesus did — He stood for the truth and was put to death. He was not going to compromise the Word of the Father. If this meant denouncing the leaders of the Temple, he would do so. If this meant criticizing his closest followers, he would do so. If this meant journeying to Jerusalem where he knew he would die, he would do so.

The people who first heard the Gospel of Luke proclaimed had to recognize that the strife and division they experienced from all who persecuted the Early Church had its root in their determination to stand up for the truth — to stand for what was right and good. It is in this context that we need to grasp what Jesus is saying to us. The strife and the sword that the Lord's presence in the world will instill results from Christians accepting and embracing the challenges of Christian life. Consider the young people who will be in middle school and high school this year. Those who refuse to go along with the

BAPTISM AND THE CROSS:

Luke's Gospel [12:49-53] focuses on the cross. Jesus speaks about his baptism — that is, his passion and death. St. Paul says that he endures the cross for the sake of the joy that lies ahead [see 2 Timothy 4:8]. World Youth Day was a privileged experience — a great blessing. But it also involved some shared suffering — a lot of walking under hot sun or drenching rain; waiting — sometimes long waits, for example, when our bus broke down and we spent several hours at a service station whose rest room didn't work. Shared experiences — especially shared suffering if accepted patiently — can bring people together. The cross unites us.

At World Youth Day, Bishop Robert Barron spoke to young people about cross. In the Night of Mercy he led us in Eucharistic Adoration. He challenged us to embrace the cross. He used the example of Fr. Jacques Hamel who ISIS terrorists murdered a few days before. Bishop Barron observed that the twentieth century had more Christian martyrs than the other centuries combined. Today in fact is the 75th anniversary of one of the most famous martyrs. If you visit the Auschwitz Concentration Camp you see scenes of the worst human darkness. But you also see one scene of astounding brightness — the spot where a Franciscan friar named Maximilian Kolbe gave his life in place of a condemned man. Outside the starvation bunker where he spent his last ten days they have a placard with Kolbe's picture and a description of his heroic act. He died on August 14, 1941. Franciszek Gajowniczek, whose life he saved, survived



What St. Maximilian Kolbe did for Franciszek, Jesus has done for you and me. St. Maximilian Kolbe is one of a vast throng of modern martyrs. That martyrdom continues as the example of Fr. Jacques Hamel shows. These martyrs — most of them obscured by sheer numbers — remind us of something we easily forget. Even though we have not suffered as others have, we will not have fulfillment or peace apart from the cross.

Pope Francis spoke powerfully about that in his homily to youth. He described the three great obstacles we face in trying to follow Jesus. The Baptism of Jesus is intimately tied up to this cross. Because of our bus breaking down, our delegation didn't get to visit Auschwitz — instead we went to Wadowice — the church where St. John Paul was baptized. His heroic life challenges us to live the meaning of our baptism. Baptism challenges us to embrace the cross — “There is a baptism with which I must be baptized and great is my anguish until it is accomplished.”

—taken from the writings of Father Phil Bloom., 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.

BEFORE AND AFTER THE GOLD —**AN INTERVIEW WITH GABBY DOUGLAS:**

Gabby Douglas wowed the world at the 2012 Summer Olympics when she won the gold medal in both the team and the individual all-around competitions — and she hasn't stopped wow-ing us since. While she hasn't achieved all the fame of 2012, she has been a rock upon which our 2016 Olympic team is built. The whirlwind of fame that comes along with the medals and the fame has led to countless interviews, thousands of fans, a book, and now — a movie! Gabby's life was made into a movie by *Lifetime*.

With all the fame you'd think that Gabby would be too-cool-for-everything. But she's an incredibly down-to-earth, God-loving, young woman who's not that different from you — or mostly me I guess, considering that she loves listening to T-Swift and eating Chick-Fil-A which are two of my favorite pastimes.

After her movie just came out, she had some time to answer some questions about her life — how she's gotten through trials, and what she hopes you take away from the movie. Here's the interview:

Can you tell me about your faith journey? When did you become a Christian and how has that relationship with God impacted both your life and your gymnastics? You know, faith plays a big role in my life. It started when I was very young. My mom involved my siblings and I in the faith — she introduced us to the Bible and taught us about Jesus and it's been a part of my life for such a long time. We do Bible studies, and if you watch the Olympics footage or any footage, you can see my mouth moving — that's me praying. I always have to pray before a competition.

Has anyone ever made fun of you for your belief in God or for praying? Not that I've really come across. A lot of people have been coming up to me and saying thank you for saying all the stuff that you did about your faith. If someone's going through that, then I'd tell them to pay no mind to that person who's making fun of you. Keep to your own resolve and whatever works for you. Just keep doing it, and who knows? Maybe down the road if you're praying you can inspire other teens to pray or say motivational things to help them.

You've struggled sometimes with being bullied and have had some hard times. What advice would you give to somebody who maybe feels defeated or feels like others are trying to hold them down to make themselves better? If they're being bullied, I'd tell them to speak up, tell an adult or a friend, and if you feel like you've been defeated just keep going. And I know that may sound like: "What, keep going? But I'm so down." I had a point in my life when I had my ups and downs, and six months before the Olympics I wanted to quit because I was at my lowest point. I was homesick and things in the gym were getting really hard for me since I was pressed for time because of the Olympics, and I wanted to quit and work at Chic-Fil-A or do another sport. But it was my foundation that kept me on track, saying: "hey, please don't give up." So guys, if you feel defeated, keep going. You don't want to look back and have regrets. Just keep pushing through and you guys can do it.

It can be easy to doubt God's plan during those times of hardship. What would you say to someone who is doubting God's plan for their life? I'd say "don't doubt and trust!" I had to stop with the "what-if's." If I'm like... what if I don't make it? What if... I had to stop with that and just believe. If you just trust and believe then everything's going to be okay. If we doubt and if we fear — then it's going to happen. If I'm on the beam and I'm thinking "oh my gosh, what if I fall?" I'm going to fall because I'm thinking it. I would tell those teens just don't doubt and just believe.



You're only 18, and you've already accomplished so much in your life. How do you stay grounded and humble through it all? Well I'm really blessed to have such a supportive family. And they definitely keep me grounded. My sisters, my brother, my mom — we were just raised up just being humble, and my mom taught us to never forget where you came from. My mom definitely raised us well, and my faith also keeps me grounded and humble. Gymnastics — it keeps me humble and down to earth too because I realize when I start getting cocky and being like yes I can do this, I start messing up more. So in gymnastics you have to be very disciplined. So it's all the different sorts of things that keep my head from being too blown up.

So when people see this movie, and they get to experience your story and all of the emotion and the passion that lies in it, what do you hope that they walk away with? I just hope that they'll become inspired and motivated in their own lives and to think okay if she can do it then I can do it. If she can overcome the obstacles that she overcame, then I can overcome this one in my life and I'm going to go after my dream and achieve my goals, and I won't let anything or anyone stop me.

—taken from the writings of Christina Mead, an associate of the Bible Geek

LIFE TEEN:

Our LifeTeen regular meetings will begin again on Sunday, August 28th. 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. Our LifeTeen Group has a Faith-Service-Social component, and we look forward to your participation. **Respond to your texts and/or emails, or call the chapel office [440-473-3560] to be notified.** Please join us for a wonderful experience. Please continue to remember all our teens and young people in your prayers.



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MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP — THE EDGE:

Our EDGE regular meetings will begin again on Sunday, August 28th. 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. Please join us for a wonderful experience. Please continue to remember all our teens and young people in your prayers.

**BRINGING UP THE OFFERTORY GIFTS:**

Would you and your family or group like to bring up the gifts at the offertory at Mass? In the past, our Council people have invited people to bring up the gifts, and we have found that many — if not most — of you like to be asked. But in using this method, we may be leaving people out, especially if it is done as a "last minute item". So, we are posting a sign-up sheet on the Easel in the narthex of the chapel.

If you or your family or group would like to bring up the gifts on a certain Saturday or Sunday — or if you are open to doing this at any time — please call the chapel office [440-473-3560]. We look forward to opening this beautiful experience to all in our community.

**LIVING IN HOPE:**

Expect to have hope rekindled. Expect your prayers to be answered in wondrous ways. The dry seasons in life do not last. The spring rains will come again.

—Sarah Breathnach