

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

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**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:**

- For John Weathers, who is undergoing treatment for liver cancer.
- For Mike Hiscar, who is seriously ill with a rare medical condition.
- For Bruce Schwartz, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Bill Barrett, who is undergoing treatment for pancreatic cancer.
- For Joseph Sikes, a 2-year-old children who is hospitalized with a brain tumor.
- For Nick Salupo, uncle of long-time Housekeeping Employee, Natasha, who has been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease.
- For Sarah Johnston, Head of Old Trail School, who is recovering from cancer surgery, and undergoing further treatment.
- For Dale Rusnik, uncle of Jakob Bennish ['30], who is undergoing treatment for many medical issues.
- For Michelle Redmond who is having ongoing health issues
- For Chuck Vanmeter who is undergoing treatment for cancer of the mouth.
- For Danny McDonald, infant son of Therese Roche McDonald ['01] who is undergoing treatment for epilepsy.
- For Christopher Geschke, who is undergoing treatment for autoimmune illnesses.
- For Margaret Carlin, who is preparing for hip-replacement surgery.
- For Lois Grano, who is undergoing medical treatment.
- For Serena DiCillo, daughter of David DiCillo ['84] and Polly Duval DiCillo ['84], and granddaughter of long-time Gilmour teacher, m Bonnie DiCillo, and niece of John ['83], Dawn ['86], and Dan ['88] DiCillo and Laurie Duval Muller-Girard ['81]
- For Doris Azzarello, who is recovering from Knee surgery.
- For Jim Houstutler, who is recovering from surgery

**PRAYERS FOR OTHERS:**

- For a family going through a difficult time.
- For an end to violence and racial injustice in our society.
- For all those struggling with various addictions.
- For an end to sexual abuse and lack of respect for human persons.
- For a greater respect for human life, from the moment of conception until natural death.
- For all caregivers.
- For all service men and women serving our country, and for their families.
- For a greater awareness of our call to create a more humane and just society.

**FOR THE DECEASED:**

- For Jack Landskroner
- For Theresa Dragga.
- For Father Jerome Lukachinsky.
- For Annie Phinnessee, aunt of Food Service Associate Director, Bobbie Bonner.
- For Dominic Picone, nephew of David Sarver ['79]
- For Hailey Tookey.
- For Jessica Summers.
- For Sister Joanne Becker, C.S.C.
- For Robert Kociolek, brother of Father Charlie Kociolek, C.S.C.
- For Sister Carmen Davy, C.S.C.

# 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.*

**NO CHAPEL PICNIC TODAY:**

Normally today after Mass we would be gathering for our Chapel Summer Picnic. But because we are not totally out of the woods yet with COVID, we will wait to begin both of Chapel Indoor and Outdoor Picnics beginning in 2022. **Our Indoor Chapel Picnic will take place on Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup> and our Chapel Outdoor Picnic will take place on Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup> — both following our 10 AM Mass.** We look forward to our community being back together again to celebrate each other during these special times. So mark your calendars.

**FAITH EDUCATION FOR OUR CHILDREN:**

**We are going to resume Faith Education Classes for our children, beginning in the fall.** So it is important that you register your child. If you have a child — or know of a child — who is not enrolled in a Catholic School, and who needs to receive faith education, please enroll them in our Faith Education experience. Our **Faith Education Program** will help to fulfill your on-going religious education. **Our program runs from grades K-8. Students in grades 9-12 are encouraged to participate in our Life Teen Program.** We look forward to having your child join us in learning about and sharing our faith. **Please call the Chapel office [440-473-3560] with the needed information in order to enroll your child in our program. Enrollment for next fall can be made at this time.**

**SATURDAY EVENING MASS & WEEKDAY MASS TO RESUME:**

Both Saturday Evening Mass and Daily Weekday Mass will resume with the beginning of the New School Year. **Saturday Evening Mass will resume on Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 PM. The Daily Weekday Masses will resume on Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>.** **The Daily Mass Schedule will be announced each week;** the schedule will fluctuate based upon the many other Masses that Father John says throughout the School days. So mark your calendars..

**NEXT BIBLE STUDY — JULY 21<sup>st</sup>:**

**Because of the many family graduations occurring during this time,** we will return to our normal Wednesday bi-weekly meetings of our Virtual Bible Study on **Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM.** The Bible Study is open to everyone — all middle and high school students, college students, young adults, and all adults. We will all come together to be enriched by God's word. It's a great time, and a good witness of our faith to others. If you can't come at 6:30, come when you can. Gather our favorite snack and/or drink, but be prepared to be nourished on God's word. **Our topic for this Bible Study will be: The Mass as a prayer.**

**If you text or email Father John [blazekj@gilmour.org] he will send you the zoom link and password. This is an important stop to prevent negative intruders.**

We also need your help — we need future topics. **So, if you have a topic that you would like us to discuss, please let Father John know.** Mark your calendars and be part of this wonderful activity that will deepen your spiritual journey. **We will meet every other week — topic to be decided at the end of the previous meeting.** Join us. You'll have a blast, and celebrate your faith along the way..

**THE WAY FORWARD:**

We live in a time when the good faith of peoples is doubted more than ever before. Expressions throwing doubt on the trustworthiness of each other are bandied back and forth. We cannot continue in this paralyzing mistrust. If we want to work our way out of the desperate situation in which we find ourselves, another spirit must enter into the people. We must approach them in the spirit that we are human beings — all of us — and that we feel ourselves fitted to feel with each other; to think and will together in the same way.

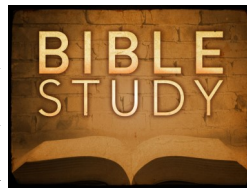
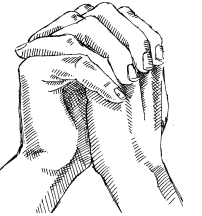
— Albert Schweitzer

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- For Dennis Hager, who is critically ill with Kidney Failure.
- For Billy Wessel, uncle of long-time Housekeeping Employee, Natasha, who is critically ill with COVID-19
- For Cailin Stubbs, mother of Kiki [‘23] and Trevor [‘26] Bilant, who is undergoing medical treatment
- For Mary Curran, mother of Megan [‘10], Carolyn [‘12], and Catherine [‘17] Curran, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Nick Pudar, who is recovering from brain surgery and undergoing further treatment.
- For John Zippay, who is critically ill.
- For Addison McKito, sister of Aidan McKito [‘24], who is undergoing treatment for Hodgkin's Lymphoma.
- For William Foster, father of Will Foster [‘21], who is undergoing rehab resulting from a brain aneurysm.
- For Vicki Veldon, aunt of Allie [‘11] and Joseph [‘12] Lencewicz, who is critically ill as the result of Myeloma
- For Gary Knupp who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Darlene Lonardo, mother of Joseph Lonardo [‘00], and grandmother of Angelina [‘22] and Giana [‘22] Lonardo, who is undergoing treatment for leukemia.
- For Kelly Lozick Brown, who is undergoing treatment for cancer
- For Frank Nannicola, grandfather of Cassie [‘17], Frank [‘18], and Mia [‘19] Nannicola, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Jill Shemory, mother of Adam Shemory [‘08], who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Kevin Bogdon, who is undergoing treatment for Lymphoma.
- For Christine Maharg, mother of Lily Maharg [‘21], who is seriously ill with cancer.
- For Sammy Tidy, a young person, who is undergoing treatment for leukemia.
- For Dave Howard, uncle of Gilmour Art instructor, Susan Southard, who is battling cancer.
- For Brian Fitzgerald, who is seriously ill with brain cancer.
- For Margaret Malarney [‘24] who is seriously ill.
- For Bernice Girgash, aunt of Basketball Coach and Counselor, Dan DeCrane, and great aunt of Lexie DeCrane [‘34], who is undergoing treatment for cancer..
- For Krishna Gupta, Sister of Science teacher, Neena Goel, aunt of Nikhil [‘13] and Nupur [‘17] Goel, who is undergoing treatment for a brain bleed
- For Tara Hyland [‘07], who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Chris Nash, cousin of Basketball Coach and Counselor, Dan DeCrane, and 2<sup>nd</sup> cousin of Lexie DeCrane [‘34], who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Karuna Singla, Sister-in-law of Science teacher, Neena Goel, aunt of Nikhil [‘13] and Nupur [‘17] Goel, who is undergoing treatment for bone cancer.
- For Melita Chiacchiarri, mother of Mark [‘94], mother-in-law of Michelle DeBacco [‘96] who is undergoing further treatment for cancer.
- For Mike Heryak, husband of Janet, father of Lillian [‘09], Rosa [‘12] and Edwin [‘17] Heryak, who is undergoing treatment for MSA.
- For Tom Podnar, father of Lower School art teacher, Eileen Sheehan, who is awaiting a heart transplant.
- For Jan Poorman, who is under the care of hospice.



**THE GOSPEL’S “BOTTOM LINE”:**

A pastor sent his parish into bankruptcy because he gave wood to the poor to bring warmth to their homes in bitter winter. When he had no money left, he sold the rectory dining room furniture for more wood. He was ridiculed by his peers for being a bad administrator. But he was embraced by Christ on his death. We must accept it as a given that not only does Christ believe in life after death — He also believes just as strongly in life before death. Furthermore, He believes not only in bread for the poor, but roses too.

Mark’s Gospel [6:7-13] clearly states that Jesus sent the apostles on a two-fold mission — they must preach repentance for people’s sins, and in addition they must cure them of their physical ills and wants. The Teacher is interested not only in souls, but bodies as well. He is anxious both to develop the spiritual life of people as well as their humanity. To say otherwise would be equal to presenting a counterfeit and plastic Christ to the world. Jesus is in the business of saving people — body and soul. Jesus reminds us quite clearly in the Gospels that hunger is one disease that is 100% curable.

God must love the poor. He made so many of them. God did so to make it easier for the rest of us to get into Paradise. We accomplish this by holding out a loaf of bread and cherry jam to them along with some substantive assistance. Nowadays that substantive aid goes by the name of empowerment — we must help them to build ovens and grow cherries.

It cannot be said that all Catholics accept this as a given. Many do not. There was a college student a few years ago who bitterly indicted their campus minister in the school paper. Their complaint was that they came to Mass to worship God and to be inspired. They were fed up with hearing about the poor. The latter were living by the thousands in the neighborhood around the college. The campus minister replied: “I’m sorry about that. I did not write the rulebook.” Asked the student sweetly: “What rulebook?” “The Gospels,” the campus minister replied.

If you read through the Gospels, one discovers quickly that the Nazarene spent more hours assisting the great unwashed than He did about speaking of His Father. If the reader of the Gospels would tear out the pages of the Bible that speak of the needy and God’s assistance of them, we would wind up with a book so abridged that no publisher would publish it. Many rabbis of Christ’s time said religion consists primarily in sacrifice. Some scribes would correct them and say that religion is concerned principally with the Law. But Jesus would buy neither definition. According to Him, religion consists in love of God and one’s neighbor — especially the ones who find themselves with empty bellies.



Christ’s Church belongs primarily to the downtrodden. If the opposite is the case, then the Church has seriously violated its charter. Furthermore, when the Church favors the poor over the middle or upper class, we should not complain — like the college student. After all, most of us in the United States are the direct descendants of the very poor. Some of us are their children — or at the very least their grandchildren. Many immigrants came to this country with no shoes. Furthermore, when the preacher turns us upside down to shake money out of our pockets for the poor, we should not moan. Rather, we should learn to say: “This is exactly what the Church should be doing. And, if it were not, we should be kicking and screaming until it began to do so.” The following quotation is inscribed in the wall of the Canterbury cathedral of Augustine, Anselm, and Thomas a Becket — “Poverty is carrying your water four miles; poverty is being old at 40 and dead at 45; poverty is having no crops to scare birds away from; poverty is having no money to worry about.”

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

**CHOICES:**

Every single event in life that happens is an opportunity to choose love over fear. —Oprah Winfrey

**COME TO THE FEST:**

The FEST 2021 is only 5 weeks away! Join us for our Annual Catholic Family FESTival on **Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup> from noon until 8:00 PM. Gates open at 10 AM.** This year, there will be both an in-person and virtual format of The FEST! This year **FEST 2021 will be held at Brookside Reservation in Cleveland’s Metro Parks** [the address is 3900 John Nagy Blvd., Cleveland, OH 44144]. It’s a great new venue and we are looking forward to seeing you in-person. The reason for the move is to accommodate more people safely — but there is a limit. It still will be a day of faith, family, and fun. **There is a \$10 fee for The FEST** [if someone is unable to pay this, there will be a FEST In-Need Fund which will help underwrite the cost of tickets on a case-by-case basis]. Come and hear the best of the best of the national Christian artists: *We Are Messengers, Tauren Wells, Danny Gokey, for King & Country*. The day also includes dynamic activities for all ages, opportunities for prayer and reflection, and a large outdoor Mass will conclude the day.



This year’s theme for the FEST is **Take Courage**. After a year of being tossed about in the storm [see Matthew 14:27], our future is bright and hopeful because the Lord is with us. He said to those earlier followers — and each of us — “Take Courage, it is I.” We can walk forward into a bright and hopeful future not because the storm or the pandemic has passed, for our Courage and our Hope come from the Lord. With Jesus, we walk together into a future full of hope and promise. Together we will ‘take courage’ and celebrate the faithful love of God in our lives.

**And don’t forget, if you can’t join us in person, the FEST will also be virtual.** So whether “in-person” or virtual, join in for a day of faith, family and fun.

**SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:**

Sunday, July 11: <b>15<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b> Public Mass & Live Stream
Monday, July 12:	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tuesday, July 13:	<b>NO MASS</b>
Wednesday, July 14: <b>St. Kateri Tekakwitha</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
Thursday, July 15: <b>St. Bonaventure</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
Friday, July 16:	<b>NO MASS</b>
Saturday, July 17: <b>16<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
Sunday, July 18: <b>16<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b> Public Mass & Live Stream

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

Father John is available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with you. Please call him [440-473-3560] to arrange for this experience. All social distancing will remain in place. Always remember the Lord’s invitation: “I will give them a heart with which to understand that I am the Lord. They shall be my people and I will be their God, for they shall return to me with their whole heart”. [Jeremiah 24:7].





**A REFLECTION ON THE THEME FOR THE WEEK:**

The readings for this 15<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time are all about being called. Amos says he was a shepherd and a trimmer of trees — today we call that an arborist — when the Lord called him away from his work and told him to go, to prophesy to God’s people [Amos 7:12-15]. Paul, in his letter to the Church at Ephesus, talks in multiple ways about the followers of Christ being chosen and destined to live a very unique and special life [Ephesians 1:3-14]. In Mark’s Gospel, the 12 apostles are literally called, and sent, by Jesus. There’s no question what He is calling them to do. He summons them and then He sends them out, two by two, giving them specific instructions about what they are to do and how to do it [Mark 6:7-13].

At the heart of being called is this whole idea of wants and desires. Wants are natural, pedestrian, easily experienced. Desires are deep-down things, taking time to feel them and worth the adventure of the seeking. For example, when I was younger, we were not allowed, upon arriving at the dinner table, to say that there was something for dinner we did not “want”. When that announcement was made by a young arrival, that person was sent to his/her room until dinner was over. That happened only once per child. To this day I don’t say that bad four-letter word “want” — I even tremble typing it. I usually say that I do not wish, or I would rather have.

In the Spiritual Life, prayer becomes the intersection of God’s desire and our desire. To get through this intersection takes time because there are layers of selfishness and fear. God meets us where our deep desires percolate. This takes honesty, patience and a rawness of heart.

How often do we think about the fact that we are called? Each day when we open our eyes and a new day has dawned for us, we are called. We are called to rise, and then we are called to do something — oftentimes many things. Most days we have a to-do list a mile long and obligations that we take for granted, at work and/or at home.

But let’s explore God’s message here in more depth. Amos was not the most popular of prophets in Israel. He has had plenty of confrontations with the “powers to be”. He is an independent speaker of God’s word — a former shepherd and tree-trimmer. God has called him to tend the flock of leaders and trim their luxurious and unjust ways. Amos is given three visions of destruction in Israel — one of locusts, one of a drought, and one which shows Israel’s collapse. He begged the Lord to relent of this plan — and God did. But despite this concession on God’s part, the indulgent leaders of Israel have continued their irreverence for God’s laws, and they have made the temple an unholy place.

Amaziah — a priest of an unfaithful sect in Bethel — tells Amos to leave, and take his false visions and predictions with him. Amos answers simply that he has only been doing what God has called him to do — he would have rather stayed back on the farm, and there has been no personal profit to his being a prophet. What Amos has been given to say and do, he does and says — and what he does and says takes great faith and self-acceptance.

Mark’s Gospel [6:7-13] pictures Jesus handing out some travel plans as well. The learning period for the disciples is over — the “twelve” have heard and seen enough of the person and gestures of Jesus to be ready to extend Him. Jesus is giving them final instructions; it’s like an airport security check — or better, an insecurity check.

At airports, travelers are examined for almost everything — especially anything of a dangerous nature to the plane or fellow passengers. Jesus is examining His followers for anything that would be harmful to their freely assisting Jesus in His healing those who have been injured or sick. Jesus strip-



searches them for anything they would be relying on for their supporting personal frailty or fears. There can be no “back-up” tunics or “sacks” of money to be trusted for their gaining positions of power. They are given authority — an interior sense rather than an outward credential. They seem to want to go and we hear that they were quite successful.

The heaviest burden we tend to carry in any relationship — and this applies to our relationship with Jesus and His invitations — is our desperate need to be effective, look good, and be successful. Going on a trip or vacation we take all kinds of things — “just in case”; we want to “be prepared”. People who travel usually bring along a convenient commodious carry-on — as long as there is room in various pockets and corners, why not take an extra this and a few more these. We fear getting caught short; we are fearful of not being adequate to the task.

Amos, Jesus, and His apostles seemed to have a freedom from externals — it’s what is on the inside that they are called to share. Their authority was what they had received rather than what was going to assist their need to be productive. They had to say and do what was in them, and the more direct and difficult the message, it seems the more they had to say it — unassisted by Power-Point or hand-outs. They were the message.

Intervention, confrontation, direct honesty are all difficult human interruptions — very frequently they deal with casting out demons or bad spirits. When we are freed from our being overly concerned with what this means to us, and more concerned about how this confrontation will bring life to the other, then we are in and on the mission of the “Twelve”. We are asked to wear the sandals of the pilgrim — freed from pretense and anything which would cover over our own human poverty. We hold the walking stick guiding our unclear paths. This stick is not for pointing out or for instructing others; rather it is meant to be a sign of our own reliance on the Sending God.

Jesus is more interested in the healing, recovery and liveliness of the others. Amos was more interested in how God was calling Israel back to life. We — along with the Apostles — are invited by our relationship with Jesus to go to confront what is not life, so that others might live.

Did somebody say that following Jesus was easy?

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

**SERVING THE LORD IN THE POOR — JULY 17<sup>th</sup>:**

Our Savior Lutheran Church Food Pantry has instituted **new procedures** because of the Coronavirus. **Thus they help pre-packing nonperishables in bags on Thursday evening beginning at 5 PM.** They will continue this prepacking on Friday if needed. Check with Elina Gurney on this. **On Saturday morning at 9 AM, they need help packaging the items from the foodbank into the prepacked bags.** Only volunteers will be allowed in the Church building, so you will be protected against the virus. Clients will remain outside in their cars. **The food pantry is then open from 9:30 AM—1:30 PM on Saturday.**



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.

**Please let Elina Gurney know if you would like to help. You can do this through the chapel office [440-473-3560] or by emailing Elina Gurney at [gurney.oh@gmail.com](mailto:gurney.oh@gmail.com).** In this critical time, this is a wonderful way to serve others. Please consider this opportunity.

**WE ARE BEING CALLED-OUT:**

Christianity is just too damned dull! What leads to this is the refusal to preach the dangerous and unnerving news concerning Jesus risen from the dead.

— Stanley Hauerwas