

CLOSING PRAYER:

~ Prayer for the Earth ~

**All-powerful God,
you are present in the whole universe
and in the smallest of your creatures.**

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

**Pour out upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.**

**Fill us with peace, that we may live
as brothers and sisters,
harming no one.**

**O God of the poor,
help us to rescue
the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,
so precious in your eyes.**

**Bring healing into our lives,
that we may protect the world
and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty,
not pollution and destruction.**

**Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain
at the expense of the poor and the earth.**

**Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognize that we are profoundly united
with every creature as we journey
towards your infinite light.**

**We thank you for being with us each day.
Encourage us, we pray,
in our struggle
for justice, love and peace.**

~ Pope Francis

Our Lady Chapel



Our Lady Chapel is a Roman Catholic community founded in the love of the Father, centered in Christ, and rooted in the Holy Cross tenets of building family and embracing diversity. We are united in our journey of faith through prayer and sacrament, and we seek growth through the wisdom of the Holy Spirit in liturgy and outreach, while responding to the needs of humanity.

CAMPUS MINISTRY OFFICE:

The Campus Ministry Office is located in **Our Lady Chapel**.
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FIRST COMMUNION:

On Saturday, April 23rd, our 2nd graders will make their First Communion in a private, intimate family ceremony. Few of us will argue the fact that one of the times we are closest to God is at our First Communion. The faith and openness of a child to Jesus is inspiring. May we all receive the Eucharist with so deep a faith. Congratulations to our children who are celebrating this special bond with Jesus: **Xavier Babic, Malina Carlino, Joseph Daly, Reid Fistek, Katelyn Lennon, Braxton Malanaphy, Emmanuel Mascha, Harrison Schwabauer and Dwan Smith.** Congratulations to all of our children, and also to their parents who have nurtured them in the faith and the love of Jesus. May we always remember that as people of faith — the Church — we too play a very important role in bringing each other into deeper relationship with Jesus.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:**

On April 30, 2000, Pope John Paul II declared that the 2nd Sunday of Easter was to be called **Divine Mercy Sunday**. The message and devotion to Jesus as the Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to **The Divine Mercy** had begun to spread. The message of Divine Mercy is nothing new; it is a reminder of what the Church has always taught through scripture and tradition — that God is merciful and forgiving, and that we, too, must show mercy and forgiveness. But in the Divine Mercy devotion, the message takes on a powerful new focus. The message is a call to all to a deeper understanding that God's love is unlimited and available to everyone — especially to the greatest sinners.



On Sunday, April 24th at 11:30 AM we will be singing the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. We hope that you will join us for this special devotion.

EASTER FLOWERS:

Once again, we would like to ask for help in offsetting the cost of our Easter flowers. As has been our custom, we will remember your loved ones in prayer throughout the entire Easter Season. Following Easter, the flowers will be planted outside in areas surrounding the chapel. As we celebrate together the new life of Easter, we share also in the renewing of the world of nature. Please say a prayer for our loved ones and for their families. **If you would like to add your loved ones to this list of remembrances, please turn in your list of names to Father John.** We will publish this list throughout the Easter Season.

**THE DESCENDING WAY OF JESUS:**

Jesus presents to us the great mystery of the descending way. It is the way of suffering, but also the way to healing. It is the way of humiliation, but also the way to the resurrection. It is the way of tears, but of tears that turn into tears of joy. It is the way of hiddenness, but also the way that leads to the light that will shine for all people. It is the way of persecution, oppression, martyrdom, and death, but also the way to the full disclosure of God's love. In the Gospel of John, Jesus says: "As Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so must the Son of man be lifted up" (John 3:14-15). You see in these words how the descending way of Jesus becomes the ascending way. The "lifting up" that Jesus speaks of refers both to his being raised up on the cross in total humiliation and to his being raised up from the dead in total glorification.

Each one of us has to seek out his or her own descending way of love. That calls for much prayer, much patience, and much guidance. It has nothing at all to do with spiritual heroics, dramatically throwing everything overboard to "follow" Jesus. The descending way is a way that is concealed in each person's heart. But because it is so seldom walked on, it's often overgrown with weeds. Slowly but surely we have to clear the weeds, open the way, and set out on it unafraid.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

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

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

- For Fletcher Linsz, brother of incoming student, Logan Linsz ['26], who is undergoing treatment for Hodgkin Lymphoma.
- For Agnes Miranda, grandmother of David ['12], Agnes ['14] and Matthew ['25], who is seriously ill with a tumor.
- For David Matis, husband of former Middle School Director, Paula Mattis, father of Kim ['89] and Bill ['91] Mattis, who is under the care of hospice.
- For Blasé Iuliano, son of Gary Iuliano ['77], who is encountered problems in preparing for brain surgery.
- For Susan Silbiger, former Gilmour Teacher, who is recovering from a broken hip.

FOR THE DECEASED:

- For Judith Colasante
- For Marjorie Gavin, mother of Neil Gavin ['78]
- For Barbara Durkin
- For Eileen Corrigan
- For Mary Margaret Rhoa, mother of Michael ['80] and Matthew ['81]
- For Benjamin Long
- For Margaret Williamson
- For Christine Treu, mother of Libby Treu ['07]
- For Michael Kilroy ['71]
- For Thomas Kilbane, cousin of Head of School emeritus, Brother Robert Lavelle, C.S.C.
- For Frances Sichko
- For Dorothy Divis

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS:

- For Sister Suellen Tennyson, M.S.C., and the Marianite Sisters of Holy Cross, who have experienced assault and violence in Burkina Faso, West Africa
- For the people of the Ukraine and the people of Russia; for an end to the war; and for all people of the world to work more ardently for peaceful resolutions to political and social issues.
- For Thomas ['65] and Carolyn Brigham, and Hannah LeBerteaux ['05], whose homes were destroyed in the Colorado fire.
- For a family going through a difficult time.
- For an end to violence and racial injustice in our society.
- For a growth in awareness of the blessing of family life.
- 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.

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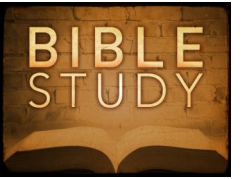
PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

- For Brendan Hearn [‘26], brother of Kelsey [‘22], who is recovering from a serious injury suffered in a lacrosse game.
- For Frank Nannicola, grandfather of Cassie [‘17], Frank [‘18], and Mia [‘19] Nannicola, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Father Harry Cronin, C.S.C., who has an inoperable aneurism and is in hospice care.
- For Michael Nestor [‘98], who is undergoing treatment for a rare form of cancer.
- For Brian Fitzgerald who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Vicki Giancola, mother of Vince Giancola [‘23], who continues treatment for cancer.
- For Les Richardson, father of Gilmour Nature Specialist, Darci Sanders, who is recovering from brain surgery.
- For Patrick Byers [‘65], who is seriously ill with a brain bleed following a fall.
- For Elaine Hocevar, mother of Greg [‘97], Matthew [‘98], Ryan [‘00], and Sarah [‘01] Hocevar, who is critically ill and awaiting a heart transplant
- For Barry Cooper, cousin of AVI associate director, Bobbie Bonner, who suffered a stroke and has brain bleed.
- For William Rogal, father of Jill Thompson, who is undergoing rehab following surgery
- For Joseph Borkey [‘82], brother of Jeff [‘80] and Jerrod [‘87] Borkey, father of Christian Borkey [‘16], and uncle of Jerrod [‘12] and former Gilmour student, Ian Borkey, who is undergoing treatment for cancer
- For Mary Goers who is undergoing treatment for pancreatic cancer.
- For Serena DiCillo, daughter of David DiCillo [‘84] and Polly Duval DiCillo [‘84], and granddaughter of long-time Gilmour teacher, Bonnie DiCillo, and niece of John [‘83], Dawn [‘86], and Dan [‘88] DiCillo and Laurie Duval Muller-Girard [‘81], who is recovering from a bone marrow transplant
- For Mary Curran, mother of Megan [‘10], Carolyn [‘12], and Catherine [‘17] Curran, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Addison McKito, sister of Aidan McKito [‘24], who is undergoing treatment for Hodgkin’s Lymphoma.
- For Darlene Lonardo, mother of Joseph Lonardo [‘00], and grandmother of Angelina [‘22] and Giana [‘22] Lonardo, who is undergoing treatment for leukemia.
- For Christine Maharg, mother of Lily Maharg [‘21], who is seriously ill with cancer.
- For Margaret Malarney [‘24] who continues rehab and medical care.
- For Bernice Girgash, aunt of Basketball Coach and Counselor, Dan DeCrane, 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 seriously ill
- For Tom Podnar, father of Lower School art teacher, Eileen Sheehan, who is awaiting a heart transplant.
- For Father James Caddy, former pastor of St. Francis, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Paul Tuggey, grandfather of Charlie Tuggey [‘21], seriously ill following a heart attack.



NEXT BIBLE STUDY — WEDNESDAY, APR. 27th:

Our next Virtual Bible Study will be on Wednesday, April 27th at 6:30 PM. Bible Study continues to meet bi-weekly. 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 your favorite snack and/or drink, but be prepared to be nourished on God’s word. **Our topic for this Bible Study will be: Divine Mercy**
If you text or email Father John [blazekj@gilmour.org] he will send you the zoom link and password. This is an important step to prevent negative intruders.



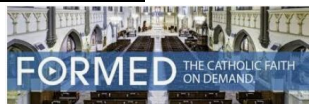
We also need your help — we need future topics. **So, if you have a topic that you would like us to discuss, please let Father John know.** Mark your calendars and be part of this wonderful activity that will deepen your spiritual journey. **We will meet every other week — topic to be decided at the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

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

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| Sunday, April 24: Divine Mercy Sunday | 10:00 AM In Person & Live Stream |
| Monday, April 25: Feast of St. Mark, Evangelist | NO MASS |
| Tuesday, April 26: | NO MASS |
| Wednesday, April 27: | NO MASS |
| Thursday, April 28: | NO MASS |
| Friday, April 29: St. Catherine of Siena | NO MASS |
| Saturday, April 30: | NO MASS |
| Sunday, May 1: Third Sunday of Easter | 10:00 AM In Person & Live Stream |

PROGRAM AVAILABLE TO CHAPEL FAMILIES:

Through a grant, the Diocese of Cleveland has obtained the wonderful spiritual program called **FORMED**. We are able to participate in this program through St. Francis of Assisi Parish since we lie within their boundaries. **FORMED** has many aspects to it. You can prepare for Sunday Mass by watching an insightful five-minute video by renowned Catholic teachers; you can enjoy a movie with your family that is both nourishing and entertaining; you can enrich your marriage with the award winning video series *Beloved: Finding Happiness in Marriage*; you can help your children grow in character and embrace the beauty and wonder of the Faith; and many more.



FORMED provides amazing content 24/7 for you to grow in your faith. **It’s free and easy to register.** Go to stfrancisgm.formed.org, click “Register” and enter your name, email address, and desired password; if you have previously registered with **FORMED**, you will need to know or update your password. You can only enter **FORMED** this this way. Once you are logged in, you can download the app from the App Store or Google Play Store — just search for **FORMED**. Enjoy. Please contact Father John if you have any questions.

HARVEST FOR HUNGER and THE CLEVELAND FOOD BANK:

This year’s Harvest for Hunger campaign is more important than ever. Living through a pandemic has created unthinkable hardships for many Northeast Ohio neighbors, children, and families. In addition to easing the burden of tough choices these people have to make — like choosing between paying for groceries or paying to heat their homes. The Harvest for Hunger Campaign provides the gift of security and hope at a time when it is needed most.

The Greater Cleveland Food Bank has been very grateful for the outpouring of support we’ve received from the community in response to COVID-19. This crisis has exacerbated the situation for so many families who were already struggling. Even though we don’t know what the future will hold, we know that it will take months and even years for our clients and community to recover. With your support, the Food Bank and our agency partners will be here for the long haul.



Here is a list of food items that the Foodbank needs — Beans, Peanut Butter, Canned or Boxed Entrees, Pasta Sauce [low sodium please], 100% Juice, Cereal, Canned Protein [Tuna or Chicken], Whole Grain Rice and Pasta, and Canned Fruits and Veggies. **Place the items you bring in the boxes in the Narthex** and we will take care of them from there. **Cash donations may also be made. Please put them in the collection baskets at the door of the chapel and make sure that the envelope is clearly marked toward this purpose.**

SERVING THE LORD IN THE POOR — MAY 21st:

Our Savior Lutheran Church, across the street from Gilmour, has a Food Pantry which distributes food to the community on the **third Saturday of each month**. They welcome volunteers. If you want to volunteer, they have instituted some **new procedures** because of the Coronavirus. **Thus they help pre-pack nonperishables in bags on Thursday evening beginning at 5 PM.** They continue this prepacking on Friday if needed. Check with Elina Gurney on this. **On Saturday morning at 9 AM, they need help putting 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. In this critical time, this is a wonderful way to serve others. Please consider this opportunity.

NOVENA TO BLESSED BASILE MOREAU:

Blessed Basile Moreau was the founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross, to which Fr. John and the Brothers of Gilmour belong. We have two booklets with Novenas to Blessed Basile Moreau. One is used for a personal intention or healing; the other is used when praying for the intention or healing of someone other than yourself. The Novenas were composed by Father Thomas Looney, C.S.C. Many have received blessings and healings through the intercession of Blessed Basile Moreau, and now we want to extend this invitation to you and your family. Please see Father John and he will be glad to give you the booklets.



LIFE TEEN and EDGE:

Our Life Teen and EDGE youth group is meeting in-person again. We will meet for an hour beginning at 11:30 AM following our 10 AM Sunday Mass in the Lennon Board Room. If you are unable to join us, there are many resources available for you on the Life Teen website — lifeteen.com. There are numerous blogs and videos for you to connect



with. The Life Teen national office continues to release many new programs. **Please contact Father John for more information. And please join us each Sunday for our Mass at 10 AM — in person or live-streamed, and then come to our Life Teen/EDGE gathering after Mass.** And above all, let us continue to join each other in prayer. **Father John is available for you. Please contact him [cell: 216-570-9276].**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

- Monday:** 1 Peter 5:5b-14, Mark 16:15-20
- Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37, John 3:7b-15
- Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26, John 3:16-21
- Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33, John 3:31-36
- Friday:** Acts 5:34-42, John 6:1-15
- Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7, John 6:16-21

3rd Week in Easter: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Revelation 5:11-14, John 21:1-19

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 a Senior in High School] are welcome to participate in this very special ministry. We are in 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.



CAMP GILMOUR 2022:

Camp Gilmour is back and safer than ever. With nine weeks of new offerings and old favorites for children as young as 3, Camp Gilmour has something for everyone! Join us for Preschool Camp [ages 3-5]; Day Camp [ages 5-12]; sports camps; and experiential camps exploring the fine and performing arts, drones, outdoor adventures, service, engineering and more. **Camps offered June 6-August 5.** Complimentary math and reading enrichment offered each morning for day campers. Before Care available beginning at 7:15 AM and After Care available until 6 PM. Register today at gilmour.org/summercamp.

