

**CLOSING PRAYER:**

~ Prayer for a Blessing on One's Work ~

O Lord, my God,  
Creator and Ruler of the universe,  
it is Your Will  
that human beings  
accept the duty of work.  
May the work I do  
bring growth in this life to me  
and those I love  
and help to extend the Kingdom of Christ.

Give all persons work  
that draws them to You  
and to each other  
in cheerful service.  
I unite all my work  
with the Sacrifice of Jesus  
that it may be pleasing to You  
and give You glory.

I beg Your Blessing  
upon all my efforts.  
With Saint Joseph  
as my example and guide,  
help me to do the work  
You have asked  
and come to the reward  
You have prepared.  
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.*

**WELCOME FATHER SWEANY:**

We welcome Father Tom Sweany, pastor emeritus of St. Anselm parish, who is joining us throughout this weekend for our Masses. Father John is out of town this weekend. Father Tom, we are delighted that you are able to join us throughout this weekend. God bless you.

**LABOR DAY:**

On **Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup>**, we take time to celebrate the final holiday of the summer — **Labor Day**. Besides reflecting on summer, the holiday, by its very title, invites us to reflect upon the contributions that each person makes toward the building of the human family. All of us are called by God to continue to participate in the work of creation. Each of us, because of our baptism, is called to bring to life, through our talents and energies, that small piece of God's kingdom on earth. **Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 AM on Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup>**. We would be honored if you and your family will join us.

**ST. ADALBERT SCHOOL SUPPORT CONTINUES:**

Student enrollment at St. Adalbert School has doubled. The need for ongoing support is important — especially at this time. **Therefore we have decided to continue our support with school supplies, responding to their monthly needs — No. 2 Wooden Pencils, Glue or Glue Sticks, Kleenex, Paper Towels and there is a special need for Backpacks.** Any and all quantities of these supplies are welcome!

Here is how you can be a part of this outreach. Simply shop for items on the list. Kindly **return the items** whenever you come to Our Lady Chapel. **If you do not have time to shop, simply place an envelope in the collection basket and mark it "St. Adalbert's" or drop it off in the chapel office.** 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.

**WOMEN'S DAY OF RETREAT — SAVE THE DATE:**

**Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM.** We will begin with Mass together in the Chapel, and then move to the Lennon Boardroom to continue our prayer and reflection together. Because of COVID, it has been several years since we gathered together for this time of Spiritual Renewal. **Father John** will facilitate our evening of reflection. **There is no cost for the evening.** [If you can't make it for Mass, come anyway when you can.] It will be a wonderful evening of spiritual renewal. So **mark the date on your calendars** and give yourself a treat in the Lord. **Sign up on the retreat sheet which is located on the easel in the narthex of the Chapel, or call Patty in the Chapel Office [440-473-3560].**

**MEN'S DAY OF RETREAT — SAVE THE DATE:**

**Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM.** We will begin with Mass together in the Chapel, and then move to the Lennon Boardroom to continue our prayer and reflection together. Because of COVID, it has been several years since we gathered together for this time of Spiritual Renewal. **Father John** will facilitate our evening of reflection. **There is no cost for the evening.** [If you can't make it for Mass, come anyway when you can.] It will be a wonderful evening of spiritual renewal. So **mark the date on your calendars** and give yourself a treat in the Lord. **Sign up on the retreat sheet which is located on the easel in the narthex of the Chapel, or call Patty in the Chapel Office [440-473-3560].**

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

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

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:**

- For William Rogal, father of Music Minister, Jill Rogal, who is undergoing treatment for kidney issues.
- For Curtis Jackson, incoming Freshman at St. Edward HS, who is critically injured as an innocent bystander in a shooting.
- For Judy Collins, aunt of Chief Academic Officer, Elizabeth Edmondson, great-aunt of Mollie ['21] and Abbie ['23] Edmondson, who is undergoing treatment for brain cancer.
- For Gia Parker ['23], daughter of Johanna Fabrizio Parker ['92], who is recovering from appendicitis surgery.
- For Melanie Lowrey, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For William Stepanek ['76], brother of John ['78], Michael ['79], Timothy ['82], and Brian ['89] Stepanek, who is under the care of hospice.
- For Emma Yuhas, who is recovering from major surgery.

**FOR THE DECEASED:**

- For Graham Tobin ['24] [anniversary]
- For Robert Dubbs ['74]
- For James Piggford, father of Father George Piggford, C.S.C.
- For Timothy McGlynn
- For Father Joseph Tate, C.S.C.
- For Sister John Margaret Dietzen, C.S.C.
- For Barbara Tarajcak
- For Mary Conway, grandmother of Cody Barber ['03]
- For Bob Hovel.
- For Jerome Chandler, former Holy Cross Brother
- For Sherry Smith
- For Sister Ellen Ann Mach, S.N.D.
- For Donald Wallace, uncle of Shannon Traynor ['20]
- For Sister Mary Brooks, C.S.C.

**PRAYERS FOR OTHERS:**

- 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.

**DON'T OVERCOMPLICATE THINGS:**

We have a tendency to overcomplicate life. In our pursuit of happiness, we often ignore the one thing that will allow us to achieve it — the following of God's will.

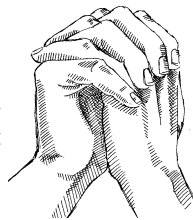
—Gary Zimak

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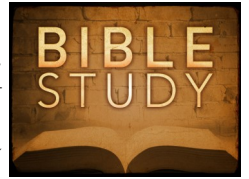
**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:**

- For Sabrina Kumar, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Marina McCarter, grandmother of Aaron [‘25] and Mason [‘28] McCarter, who is ill
- For Joe Weber [‘52], who is seriously ill.
- For Michael Bares, brother of James [‘80] Bares and Religion Instructor, Eileen Pryatel, uncle of Michael [‘08, Meghan [‘13], and Kevin [‘15] Pryatel, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Susan Plavcan, sister-in-law of Linda McGraw, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Sharon Wilson, wife of Brother Ken’s nephew, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For David Francisco, who is recovering from triple bypass surgery.
- For Tom King, who is recovering from a stroke.
- For Marty Szakaly, brother of Father Tony Szakaly, C.S.C., who is seriously ill.
- For Luca Palazzo, who is critically ill with cancer.
- For Dale Rusnik, uncle of Jakob Bennish [‘30], who is undergoing treatment for many medical issues.
- For Tricia Ashkettle, who is undergoing treatment for brain cancer.
- For Matthew Gebhart, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For John Roddy, brother of Tim Roddy [‘87], son of Kathleen Roddy, former teacher's aide in the Montessori, and brother of Mary Roddy-Stretar, Marketing Associate at Gilmour, and cousin of Daniel [‘83], Mike [‘85], and Matt [‘86] Roddy, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For James Law, husband of LS resource associate, Elana Law, who is undergoing treatment for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
- For David Mattis, husband of former Middle School Director, Paula Mattis, father of Kim [‘89] and Bill [‘91] Mattis, who is under the care of hospice.
- For Fletcher Linsz, brother of Logan Linsz [‘26], who is undergoing treatment for Hodgkin Lymphoma.
- For Frank Nannicola, grandfather of Cassie [‘17], Frank [‘18], and Mia [‘19] Nannicola, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Michael Nestor [‘98], who is undergoing treatment for a rare form of cancer.
- For Elaine Hocevar, mother of Greg [‘97], Matthew [‘98], Ryan [‘00], and Sarah [‘01] Hocevar, who is awaiting a heart transplant
- 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 Bernice Girgash, aunt of Basketball Coach and Counselor, Dan DeCrane, and great-aunt of Mackenzie DeCrane [‘36], 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.



**NEXT BIBLE STUDY — WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>:**

**Our next Virtual Bible Study will be on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> 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: Brokenness and Repentance.**

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:**

Sunday, September 4: 23 <sup>rd</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	10:00 AM In Person & Live Stream
Monday, September 5: Labor Day	9:30 AM In Person
Tuesday, August 30:	NO MASS
Wednesday, August 31:	NO MASS
Thursday, September 8: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	NO MASS
Friday, September 9: St. Peter Claver	NO MASS
Saturday, September 10: 24 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	5:00 PM In Person
Sunday, September 4: 24 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	10:00 AM In Person & Live Stream

**R.C.I.A [Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults]:**

We are beginning to form our RCIA program for this year. If you have been thinking about investigating the Catholic faith, or if you know someone who has been thinking about it; if you have been away from the Catholic Church for a while, or are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith; if you know someone who is not fully initiated [Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation] in their Catholic faith — then consider joining or having them join our RCIA program. **Please contact Father John [440-473-3560] for more information.**



**GOD PROVIDES:**

Just as God, by the ministry of nature, gives to each animal instincts needed for its preservation and the exercise of its natural properties, so too, if we do not resist God’s grace, He gives to each of us the inspirations needed to live, work, and preserve ourselves in the spiritual life. —St. Francis de Sales

**SEEING LIFE THROUGH THE EYES OF JESUS:**

Luke’s Gospel [14:25-33] begins with Jesus telling a great crowd: “If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.” Given the great emphasis Jesus puts on loving our neighbor — and even our enemies — we cannot take this passage literally. The Aramaic language and the Oriental culture shared by Jesus tended to make comparisons by means of sharp contrasts. In the Hebrew Scriptures, for instance, God says he hates ritual sacrifices but wants obedience and love [Hosea 6:6] — which we interpret not as a total repudiation of ritual worship, but rather as a reminder that living a life of fidelity to God is more important. In a similar way, we can interpret the Gospel as a teaching us that following Christ is even more important than the fundamental obligation of attending to our family members. Our most important relationship is to God. Our highest calling is to participate in the mission of Christ. Spreading the kingdom deserves our best efforts. Living these Gospel priorities actually helps us develop more loving personal relationships — including within our family circle as the following examples indicate.



A husband and wife both worked extra hours so they could give their two children every possible material thing they wanted. At some point, they both came to realize that their children were out of control, spoiled, materialistic gluttons with insatiable desires for more and more things. Dismayed, they reflected on Luke’s Gospel which led to a conscious decision to get more serious about practicing their Catholic faith, to simplify their own lifestyle, and to commit themselves to the arduous task of redirecting their teenage children. Realizing that family history and cultural trends were against them, they turned to God, asking forgiveness for their misguided childrearing, and for strength to remain faithful to their new spiritual lifestyle, hoping that over time their good example would have a positive impact on their children.

Their initial efforts encountered great opposition — intensified by a large dose of teenage rebellion. Over the long haul, however, frequent conversations, consistent discipline and shared prayer made a difference gradually reorienting their children's priorities to reflect Gospel values. Today they can laugh about the past, and rejoice in their shared Christian journey with gratitude to God.

What can you do to get your priorities more in line with the Christian value system?  
 —taken from the writings of Father Jim Bacik which appear on the internet

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

- Monday:** Genesis 2:4-9, 19-25, 1 Thessalonians 5:11-24, Matthew 11:25-30
- Tuesday:** 1 Corinthians 6:1-11, Luke 6:12-19
- Wednesday:** 1 Corinthians 7:25-31, Luke 6:20-26
- Thursday:** Micah 5:1-4, Romans 8:28-30, Matthew 1-23
- Friday:** 1 Corinthians 9:16-27, Luke 6:39-42
- Saturday:** 1 Corinthians 10:14-22, Luke 6:43-49

**24<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time:** Exodus 32:7-14, 1 timothy 1:12-17, Luke 15:1-32

**A CARROT, AN EGG, AND A CUP OF COFFEE:**

A young woman went to her mother and told her about her life and how things were so hard for her. She did not know how she was going to make it and wanted to give up — she was tired of fighting and struggling. It seemed as one problem was solved, a new one arose.

Her mother took her to the kitchen. She filled three pots with water and placed each on a high fire. Soon the pots came to boil. In the first she placed carrots, in the second she placed eggs, and in the last she placed ground coffee beans. Without saying a word, she let them sit and boil. In about twenty minutes she turned off the burners. She fished the carrots out and placed them in a bowl. She pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl. Then she ladled the coffee out and placed it in a bowl. Turning to her daughter, she asked: “Tell me what you see.”

“Carrots, eggs, and coffee”, the girl replied.

Her mother brought her closer and asked her to feel the carrots. She did so, and noted that they were soft. The mother then asked the daughter to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed that the egg had become hardboiled. Finally, the mother asked the daughter to sip the coffee. The daughter smiled as she tasted its rich aroma. The daughter then asked: “What does it mean, mother?”

Her mother explained that each of these objects had faced the same adversity — boiling water. Each reacted differently. The carrot went in strong, hard, and unrelenting; however, after being subjected to the boiling water, it softened and became weak. The egg had been fragile; its thin outer shell had protected its liquid interior, but after sitting through the boiling water, its inside became hardened. The ground coffee beans were unique, however. After they were in the boiling water, they had changed the water.

“Which are you?” the mother asked. “When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a carrot, an egg or a coffee bean?”

**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](http://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].**



**WEEKLY OFFERING:**

**Thank you to those who have begun to send in weekly offerings. We really appreciate it.** Thanks for not forgetting about us.

**Offerings-----[Saturday, August 27]-----[Mass, Online, Mail-in]----- \$ 660.00**  
**Offerings-----[Sunday, August 28]----- \$ 130.00**