

CLOSING PRAYER:

~ A Prayer as the School Year Opens ~

Gracious God, we come to you
at the beginning of this academic year
with our many feelings, expectations, fears and hopes.
Help us to remember, however,
that we have the comforting assurance from you:
"I will always be with you."

Loving God,
for all of us this is a time of transition.
It is transition from the work and leisure of summer
back to the classroom.
It is transition from time spent with family and friends.
Give us patience with ourselves as we transition
as well as patience with one another.

Faithful God,
this beginning is totally new for each time we begin.
Turn the anxiety of separation and comfort
to openness to new opportunities.
Turn the anxiety about learning
to a quiet confidence in the face of blessing.
Give us a new perspective
to see persons, events, and academic work
as an invitation to develop the many gifts
you have given us to be used in service for others.

Creator God,
Bless us with your gifts of awe and wonder
of all of life's experiences —
the way our minds and hearts have been changed,
and the many opportunities that lie ahead.
Give us the gift of discernment
to make the right choices about the future.

Finally, God,
give us the seven gifts of the Spirit —
wisdom, understanding, right judgment,
courage, knowledge, reverence, and awe and wonder.
Amen.

CAMPUS MINISTRY OFFICE:

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

ENTRANCE TO THE CHAPEL:

Due to the construction around the Commons, the entrance by Fr. John’s office [double white doors] has been closed to all traffic. **Please enter the Chapel and/or offices at the main front entrance by the Shrine, ONLY!** Thank you.



FAITH EDUCATION:

Faith Education will begin shortly. **With that in mind, it is very important that you register your child early** so that we will know how many teachers we will be needing. **Even if your child attended class in the past, because we are restructuring our program, you will need to register.** Our Faith Education classes for the year will begin on **Sunday, October 1st at 8:45 AM.** Please join us as we come together to begin our faith journey for this year by entering into prayer and worship together. **If you have any questions, please contact Patty in the Chapel Office [440-473-3560].** Thank you for taking care of this important



BLESSING OF OUR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS — AUGUST 26-27:

Our school year begins next week. Giving everyone a few days to “settle in”, we would like to gather our Students and Teachers as they begin the journey of 2023-2024, by sharing a blessing of God 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 this weekend of August 26-27 for this special blessing of our students and teachers.**



ST. ADALBERT SCHOOL SUPPLIES:

Once again we are assisting the students at St. Adalbert School. **We have received a list of supplies the children need: Single-subject spiral notebooks; pencils, school glue; glue sticks; crayons [any size box].** Here is how you can be a part of this outreach: Simply shop for items on the list, and **return the items** when 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.”** 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. Adalbert! Contact Patty in the Chapel Office [440-473-3560] if you have any questions. **Please return your items ASAP.**



SERVING THE LORD IN THE POOR — SEPTEMBER 16th:

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. **On Saturday morning at 9 AM, they need help setting up items for distribution and preparing for the food pantry to open. It serves around 150 clients each time. 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. This is a wonderful way to serve others. Please consider this opportunity.

LIFE and PRAYER:

Transforming every activity into prayer is the secret to experiencing life in every breath — the secret to being fully alive.

—Matthew Kelly

PRAYER REQUESTS:

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

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

- For Joe Bucar, housekeeping employee, who is undergoing treatment for Parkinson’s Disease
- For Nada Kucmanic, who is recovering from surgery.
- For Frank Cunningham, who is under the care of hospice
- For Jim Milan, nephew of Father Jim Foster, C.S.C., who is critically ill as a result of an accident.
- For Kathy Hudak, aunt of Brother John Draves, C.S.C., who is critically ill following a brain aneurysm
- 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], who is undergoing treatment for viral pneumonia.
- For John Roddy, brother of Tim Roddy [*87], brother of Gilmour Marketing associate, Mary Roddy Stretar, and cousin of Daniel [*83], Mike [*85], and Matt [*86] Roddy, who is undergoing treatment for a recurrence of cancer.
- For Sue Ryavec, mother of Ron Ryavec [*16], who is undergoing treatment for breast cancer.
- For Tracey Fairchild, mother of Colton Fairchild [*24], who is recovering from surgery.
- For Brother Julian Przybyla, C.S.C, who is under the care of hospice.
- For Teresa Kozak, Spanish instructor, who is recovering from injuries sustained in an accident.
- For Susan Locke, who is undergoing treatment for breast cancer.
- For Jerry Baum, who is undergoing treatment for an aggressive form of leukemia.

FOR THE DECEASED:

- For Kyle Jackson, former Gilmour Student.
- For Barbara Adamski, grandmother of Gracie Hruska [*25]
- For Father Harold Essling, C.S.C.
- For Ora Dee Chappelle, mother of long-time track coach, James Chappelle
- For Helen Eged, family friend of Chapel associate, Patty Szaniszló
- For Henry Bohlke, uncle of Shannon Traynor [*20]
- For Tom Lerette, uncle of Father Matt Hovde, C.S.C.

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS:

- For an end to Christian Genocide in the state of Manipur in northeast India.
- For an end to the war in Ukraine.
- For an end to violence and racial injustice in our society.
- 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.

WEEKLY OFFERING:

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

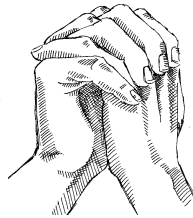
Offerings-----[Saturday, August 12]-----[Mass, Online, Mail-in]-----	\$ 80.00
Offerings-----[Sunday, August 13]-----	\$ 690.00
Offerings-----[Saturday, August 14]-----[Holy Day Vigil Mass]-----	\$ 350.00
Offerings-----[Saturday, August 15]-----[Holy Day]-----	\$ 10.00

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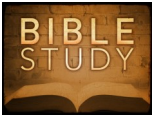
PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

- For Tim LaGanke, grandfather of Casey Lennon [*30], who is critically ill with Lymphoma.
- For Vivian Klick, mother of Linda Monitello, grandmother of Anthony [*17] and Angeline [*19] Monitello, who is recovering from cancer surgery.
- For Beth Budaji, mother of Kate Budaji Mckay [*06], who is seriously ill.
- For Brian Ponader, who is seriously ill following a stroke.
- For Brother Robert Dailey, C.S.C., who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Jennifer Burger [*06], sister of Rachel [*10] and Paul [*16] Burger, who is undergoing treatment for rare form of breast cancer.
- For Sister Grace Corbett, S.N.D., who is under the care of hospice.
- For Tom Lerette, uncle of Father Matthew Hovde , C.S.C., who is terminally ill with cancer.
- For Megan Schaefer Wenker [*09], who is undergoing treatment for lung cancer.
- For Gia Cefferati, aunt of Rylyn [*23] and Jackson [*25] Anderson, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Carl Grassi, father of US Science instructor, Jessica Simonetta [*05] and grandfather of Clare Simonetta [*39], who continues to recover from open heart surgery.
- For Kevin Kennedy, who is undergoing treatment for pancreatic and lung cancer.
- For Maria Ruiz, mother of Elina Gurney, grandmother of Joseph and Christina Gurney, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Susan Vance-Johnson, sister of Chief Advancement Strategy Officer, Ray Murphy, who is undergoing treatment for pancreatic cancer.
- For Chuck Shade, father of Loren Shade, grandfather of Michael, Madeline, and Charles Shade, who is in seriously ill with several health issues.
- For Chuck Campanella, father of Anthony Campanella, who continues in rehab following serious surgery.
- For Bill McGinley, father of Chief Academic Officer, Elizabeth Edmondson, and grandfather of Mollie [*21] and Abby [*23] Edmondson, who is undergoing health treatment.
- For Paula Smith, mother of Tyler [*10] and Alec [*13] Smith, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Andy Andino, Sr., father of Music Director, Andy Andino, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Jill Shemory, mother of Adam [*08], who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Carol Lowen, mother of Denise Shade, grandmother of Madeline, Michael, and Charles Shade, who is undergoing treatment for Breast Cancer.
- 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 Susan Plavcan, sister-in-law of Linda McGraw, 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 Michael Nestor [*98], who is undergoing treatment for a rare form of 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 Melita Chiacchiari, mother of Mark [*94], mother-in-law of Michelle DeBacco [*96], grandmother of Aurelia [*28], and Olivia [*30] Chiacchiari, 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.



NEXT BIBLE STUDY — WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23rd:

Our next Virtual Bible Study will be on Wednesday, August 23rd 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: Mary in Scripture

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, August 20: 20 th Week in Ordinary Time	10:00 AM In Person & Live Stream
Monday, August 21: St. Pius X	NO MASS
Tuesday, August 22: The Queenship of Mary	NO MASS
Wednesday, August 23:	NO MASS
Thursday, August 24: St. Bartholomew	NO MASS
Friday, August 25:	NO MASS
Saturday, August 26: 21 st Week in Ordinary Time	5:00 PM In Person only
Sunday, August 27: 21 st Week in Ordinary Time	10:00 AM In Person & Live Stream

DISCOVERING SELF IN DISCOVERING GOD:

For Thomas Merton, the spiritual life is a journey in which we discover ourselves in discovering God, and discover God in discovering our true self hidden in God. Merton writes: “The secret of my identity is hidden in the love and mercy of God. But whatever is in God is really identical with Him, for His infinite simplicity admits no division and no distinction. Therefore I cannot hope to find myself anywhere except in Him. Ultimately the only way that I can be myself is to become identified with Him in whom is hidden the reason and fulfillment of my existence. Therefore there is only one problem on which all my existence, my peace and my happiness depend: to discover myself in discovering God. If I find Him I will find myself and if I find my true self I will find Him.”

So it is that the spiritual life centers around the one problem of an identity found in faith. Our true self is a self in communion. It is a self that subsists in God’s eternal love. Likewise, the false self is the self that stands outside this created subsisting communion with God that forms our very identity. As Merton puts it: “When we seem to possess and use our being and natural faculties in a completely autonomous manner, as if our individual ego were the pure source and end of our own acts, then we are in illusion and our acts, however spontaneous they may seem to be, lack spiritual meaning and authenticity.” —Father Richard Rohr, O.F.M. 3

WE ALL ARE CALLED TO SHARE THE STORY:

Matthew's Gospel seems to present us with a somewhat different aspect of Jesus' character than we have seen until now [Matthew 15:21-28]. Jesus seems unusually brusque and dismissive of the Canaanite woman. She wants a demon cast out from her daughter and is remarkably persistent — even resorting to shouting after Jesus and his companions in an effort to embarrass him into exorcising the girl. Jesus responds that he is sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel — implying that his miracles and healing are only for the Jews. Of course, we know that this is not so. There are many examples where Jesus worked miracles in the case of non-Jews. One of his more famous healings is the Centurion's servant [see Matthew 8 or Luke 7].

We know that Jesus came to redeem every single human being — not just the People of Israel. However, we sometimes get the impression from the Scriptures that Jesus only widened his mission to include the Gentiles after the Jews rejected him [see Romans 11]. It was God's plan from the very beginning that the work of salvation includes the whole of humanity.

This leaves us with the question of what was going on in this incident with the Canaanite woman. My suggestion is that Jesus was drawing her out. By first ignoring her, and then declaring that his mission was not directed at pagans like her but to the Jews, he was actually getting her to demonstrate the depth of her faith.

The woman is remarkably persistent, and she has a ready answer to Jesus' objection that his mission is not directed at the pagans. She says that even the dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table. Her faith is profound. At that moment her daughter gets well again.

But there is another piece to this story — an important one at that. The Canaanite woman's faith clearly demonstrates that faith does not belong exclusively to the Jews. And there are numerous other examples of this fact scattered through the Gospels. Yes, the Jews were the Chosen People, and Scripture is clear that the Messiah was to come from among their number. But they did not have a monopoly on faith. Salvation was never intended to be only for the Jews; in fact it is intended for everyone. But in our society today — where secularism is predominant, and the great majority of people have no use for organized religion — it is a challenge for us to know how to make this truth more widely known.

We have been entrusted with a message of great importance for the world; it is our task to make Christ known and to help people to see that he has made salvation possible for the whole human race. The difficulty we face today is that most people do not even recognize that there is any necessity for salvation. While many people living around us live by an excellent moral code, most of them do not realize that this has its origins in the Christian way of looking at the world.

Many of us find it even difficult to pass on the truths of the faith to our own children. Young people today are being constantly bombarded by all kinds of views pushed at them by the media. And often-times our own ideas about God and our place in relation to him ends up being pushed to the side-lines of our thought and life.

What we have to try to convey to others is that our faith in God — and all that comes with it — is not part of a folk-tale that we have mistaken for a set of truths. We want other people to understand that our particular beliefs are part of a great stream of thought and culture that stems ultimately from God himself. We want others to appreciate that our faith has been tried and tested and not found wanting by many of the greatest thinkers in history.



What we believe is no fairy tale; rather it is a set of truths that are fundamental to any right-thinking view of our place in the world. Actually, it is the world-view peddled by the mass media that is fanciful.

We know that there is no true fulfilment to be found in a purely materialistic view of the world. We know that much of what is presented to us as an enlightened modern way of looking at things is in fact deeply flawed, and is more likely to lead to our destruction rather than our fulfilment.

In the face of all this we need the persistence of the Canaanite woman. We need to continue to proclaim our faith. We need to constantly explain to others the profound understanding of the world and our role in it that is part and parcel of our faith. We should talk to people about sin and its destructive power and explain to them how we can overcome it.

All of this is not easy, but we can't be gifted with the secret of everlasting life and end up keeping it to ourselves. Let that Canaanite woman be our example; let us be quick with our arguments and have answers ready for those who dismiss our faith and belittle our beliefs.

While Christ's dealing with the Canaanite woman at first appears to be anything but inviting, it did rouse in her a great expression of faith. Let us be like her and be fearless in explaining to others those things that bring true meaning and purpose to our lives.

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: 1 Thessalonians 2:2b-8, John 21:15-17

Tuesday: Isaiah 9:1-6, Luke 1:26-38

Wednesday: Judges 9:6-15, Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday: Revelation 21:9b-14, John 1:45-51

Friday: Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Matthew 22:34-40

Saturday: Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Matthew 23:1-12

20th Week in Ordinary Time: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7; Romans 11:13-15, 29-32; Matthew 15:21-28

SUPPORT LANCER ATHLETICS:

How would you like to win a new car? Thanks to the generous sponsorship of Medina Auto Mall and the Northeast Ohio Buick GMC Dealers, Gilmour Academy is raffling off a brand new **2023 GMC Acadia SLE**! All ticket proceeds will be directed to the Campaign for Lancer Athletics, benefiting each and every Gilmour student. You can enter to win by visiting gilmour.org/car. Tickets are available for \$100 each and **one lucky winner will be drawn at the final regular season home football game vs Brush on Friday, October 6 [winner doesn't need to be present to win]**. Don't miss your chance. Buy your tickets today! Participants must be 18 years of age or older to purchase a ticket.

**A PROVERB:**

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.
—Proverbs 3:5-6