

CLOSING PRAYER:

~ A Prayer of Comfort ~

**You never need to think of yourself as forsaken,
because Jesus has called you His own.**

**You never need to think of yourself as alone,
because Jesus is with you always.**

**You never need to think of yourself as rejected,
because Jesus holds you in His arms.**

**You never need to think of yourself as defenseless,
because Jesus is your protector.**

**You never need to think of yourself as inadequate,
because Jesus is your provider.**

**You never need to think of yourself as useless,
because Jesus has a purpose
and plan for your life.**

**You never need to think of yourself as hopeless,
because Jesus is your future.**

**You never need to think of yourself as defeated,
because Jesus is your victory.**

**You never need to think of yourself as weak,
because Jesus is your strength.**

**You never need to think of yourself as perplexed,
because Jesus is your peace.**

**You never need to think of yourself as needy,
because Jesus is your daily provider.**

**You never need to think of yourself as unappreciated,
because Jesus is your everlasting reward.**

Lord, I give you thanks.

I am truly blessed.

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 — SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1st:**

Our Faith Education classes for the year will begin on **Sunday, October 1st at 8:45 AM.** Please gather in the Chapel narthex to find your child's teacher and be directed to their classroom area. Please join us as we come together to begin our faith journey for this year by entering into prayer and worship together following class, at our 10 am Mass.

If you have a child you wish to register for our program, please contact the Chapel office as soon as possible. Contact Patty in the Chapel Office [440-473-3560]. Thank you for taking care of this important responsibility.

**BLESSING OF ANIMALS — SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1st:**

On **Sunday, October 1st,** our Chapel community will gather after Mass at **11:35 AM** to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. In the spirit of this celebration we welcome your family to bring your pet to be blessed. If you cannot bring your pet, bring a photo to share. Weather permitting we will meet outside in the Grotto area right outside the Chapel. **If it rains on this day, the event will be postponed until the following Sunday.** We hope you can join us!

**COFFEE & DONUTS — SUNDAY OCTOBER 1st:**

On **Sunday, October 1st,** also following Mass, we will have a **Coffee & Donuts gathering outdoors, in the Holy Family Shrine area.** Come and spend some relaxing time with family and friends after Mass. If you are participating in the Pet Blessing after Mass, stop for your Coffee & Donuts after the Blessing has concluded. **If it rains on this day, Coffee & Donuts will be postponed until the following Sunday, October 8.** We hope you can plan to join us!

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

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| Monday: | Ezra 1:1-6, Luke 8:16-18 |
| Tuesday: | Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Luke 8:19-21 |
| Wednesday: | 1 Corinthians 1:26-31, Matthew: 9:35-38 |
| Thursday: | Haggai 1:1-8, Luke 9:7-9 |
| Friday: | Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Revelation 12:7-12a, John 1:47-51 |
| Saturday: | 2 Timothy 3:14-17, Matthew 13:47-52 |
| 26th Week in Ordinary Time: | Ezekiel 18:25-28, Philippians 2:1-11, Matthew 21:28-32 |

WISE WORDS:

Put yourself in God's hands; he will not abandon you.

—St. Andre Bessette

PRAYER REQUESTS:

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

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

- For Paula Sieminski, mother of Andrew Sieminski ['18], who is undergoing treatment for cancer
- For Nora Beach, wife of Gilmour Religion Instructor, Bob Beach, mother of Hannah ['98] and Miriam ['99] Beach, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Denise Shade, wife of Loren Shade, mother of Michael, Madeline, and Charles Shade, who is recovering from an injury incurred in an accident.
- For Sister Mary Ann Lavelle, C.S.J., sister of Brother Robert Lavelle, C.S.C., who is in hospice care.
- For Jill Thompson, who is undergoing treatment for mental health issues.
- For David Winchester, uncle of Athletic Director, Sean O'Toole, great-uncle of Owen ['18], Connor ['20], Kelsey ['24], and former Gilmour student, Erin O'Toole, who is under the care of hospice.
- For Shirley Smith, sister-in-law of Brother Charles Smith, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Marion Greene, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Laura Pizmoht, mother of Francie ['28] and Jane ['31] Pizmoht, who is undergoing medical treatment
- For Loretta Seidl, sister of Brother Robert Lavelle, C.S.C., who is undergoing medical treatment.
- For Father Gerry Papen, C.S.C., who is undergoing treatment for severe pneumonia

FOR THE DECEASED:

- For Michael Feeney, grandfather of Eddie ['25] and Abbey ['27] Steiner.
- For Allee Bell, Sr., grandfather of AJ ['26] and Lauren ['28] Bell.
- For Mary Dolores Dean, grandmother of Father Peter McCormick, C.S.C.

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS:

- For the victims of the excessive flooding in Libya
- For an end to violence as a means to resolve differences.
- 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.

NOVENA TO BLESSED BASILE MOREAU:

Blessed Basile Moreau was the founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross, to which Fr. John and the Brothers at 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.

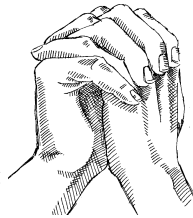


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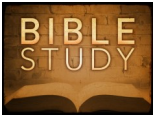
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- For Tim LaGanke, grandfather of Casey Lennon [*30], who is critically ill with Lymphoma.
- For Beth Budaji, mother of Kate Budaji McKay [*06], who is seriously ill.
- For Brother Robert Dailey, C.S.C., who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For 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 Megan Schaefer Wenker [*09], who is critically ill with 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 Paula Smith, mother of Tyler [*10] and Alec [*13] Smith, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Andy Andino, Sr., grandfather 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 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 Mike Heryak, husband of Janet, father of Lillian [*09], Rosa [*12] and Edwin [*17] Heryak, who is seriously ill.
- For Miguel Valdehita, who is undergoing treatment for Covid.
- For Joe Bucar, housekeeping employee, who is undergoing treatment for Parkinson's Disease
- 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 John Roddy, brother of Tim Roddy [*87], and brother of Gilmour Marketing associate, Mary Roddy Stretar, uncle of Katie Stretar [*29], 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 Susan Locke, who is undergoing treatment for breast cancer.
- For Jerry Baum, who is undergoing treatment for an aggressive form of leukemia..



NEXT BIBLE STUDY — WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th:

Our next Virtual Bible Study will be on Wednesday, September 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: Heaven, Hell and Purgatory

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, September 24: 25 th Week in Ordinary Time | 10:00 AM In Person & Live Stream |
| Monday, September 25: | NO MASS |
| Tuesday, September 26: | NO MASS |
| Wednesday, September 27: St. Vincent de Paul | NO MASS |
| Thursday, September 28: | NO MASS |
| Friday, September 29: Ss. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels | NO MASS |
| Saturday, September 30: 26 th Week in Ordinary Time | 5:00 PM In Person only |
| Sunday, October 1: 26 th Week in Ordinary Time | 10:00 AM In Person & Live Stream |

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.



BE THE LABORER FOR THE LORD:

The parable of the workers in the vineyard is probably one of the most familiar of all the parables [Matthew 20:1-16]. Our sympathies spontaneously go out to the person who labored all day and yet who receives the same salary as the one who labored only for one hour. But even so, we still realize that this parable is more about the generosity of God than about our perception of fairness.

I knew a parishioner owned a vineyard, and at harvest time I would sometimes go to help them — if only for the generous lunch afterwards. The owner once hosted a visit from a group of parishioners and explained the whole process of vine growing and wine making. It was interesting to hear him talk about pruning. I, of course, knew that vines had to be pruned, but I did not realize that there were several prunings, and neither did I realize how precise the pruning has to be. It soon became obvious that running a vineyard was a full-time occupation. He also told us that it depends a great deal on how the vine is grown as to how difficult the pruning is. If the vines are grown low to the ground then the pruning requires a lot of bending down and is therefore much harder work.

I imagine it was pruning that those chaps in the parable were hired to carry out. But it can't have been very easy work — especially in the heat of the day. The man who was hired at daybreak would have had just cause to be envious of the one hired just for an hour in the comparative cool of the evening.

But let us turn our focus from the seeming injustice described by Jesus in the parable to its actual setting in the vineyard. Each one of us is called to serve in the vineyard of the Lord which is the world around us. Each one of us has work to do for the Lord. We are Christians after all — the followers of Christ on earth, and we carry on his ministry in the world of today. We do what Christ did — we preach the Good News of the Kingdom; we heal the sick; we forgive the sinner; we spend time alone with God in prayer, we serve in his vineyard. We are his hands and his feet and everything we do is done in his name.



The world is our vineyard, and we care for the vines, its people — metaphorically we prune them and we protect them from frost and from predation. Some have a special role as priests, others as catechists or teachers, but all of us are workers in the vineyard of the Lord. All of us are baptized and confirmed into ministry in imitation of our Lord and Savior. And we find that it is a fulltime occupation.

Our Christian life, therefore, is not merely restricted to going to Sunday mass and saying morning and night prayers. Our Christian life is like a seamless robe because our every thought and word and deed we intend to be an expression of our commitment to Christ. We are his apostles today and our apostolate, the term we give to the work of an apostle, is carried out in our homes, in our workplaces and in our leisure activities. Our vineyard is the world around us.

Not a few of us have been conscious of these things for a great number of years, perhaps even for our entire adult lives. We feel that we have done our duty and slaved tirelessly over decades for the sake of the Kingdom. It is only natural that we might become a little envious of those who hear the call of the Lord only late in life. Like the man in the parable we might harbor feelings that we have been unfairly treated when we see the latecomers treated exactly as ourselves.

But when such feelings rise to the surface, we ought to instantly realize that they are entirely unworthy of the true Christian. These are thoughts put into our minds by the evil one. Because what we are actually meaning when we think such thoughts is that it would have been really quite good if we could have lived a life of sin or at least lived a life apart from God and only chosen to embrace him at the eleventh hour!

But when we expose this way of thinking to the daylight, we see how flawed it is, and we realize that we are truly blessed to have been chosen by God at all — let alone to have been called so early in our lives. We are indeed blessed and amply rewarded by God. He repays us for our labors with the joys of eternal life; in fact, there is nothing greater he could give us. And indeed, he either gives us eternal life or nothing at all.

So, the reaction of the faithful and wise Christian is not to bemoan that so many come late, but to rejoice that so many are saved at all. If we do need some human consolation or extra pats on the back, as it were, then we should remind ourselves what it is we are about, remind ourselves of the true nature of our work for the Lord. It is, of course, building up his Kingdom here on earth and winning souls for heaven.

With this understanding every additional laborer coming into the Vineyard of the Lord is another soul won for Christ. Every additional laborer is the result of the cumulative efforts of the entire Church and a new outpouring of the grace and mercy of God. What greater cause of rejoicing could there be that, no matter how late the hour, more and more are being recruited into the Vineyard of the Lord and saved for eternal.

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

SERVING THE LORD IN THE POOR — OCTOBER 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. **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 us know in the chapel office [440-473-3560] if you would like more information or if you would like to help. This is a wonderful way to serve others. Please consider this opportunity.

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 Chapel. 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].**

**BECOMING:**

We become what we love, and who we love shapes what we become.

—St. Claire of Assisi