

**CLOSING PRAYER:**

**~ A Prayer of the Flock ~**

O Lord,  
you are my shepherd,  
I shall not be in want.  
In verdant pastures  
you give me repose.  
Beside restful waters  
you lead me;  
you refresh my soul.

O Lord,  
you guide me  
in paths of righteousness  
for your name's sake.  
Even though I walk  
through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod  
and your staff,  
give me comfort.

You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies.  
You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
Only goodness  
and kindness  
follow me all the days of my life;  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord  
for years to come.

—Psalm 23

# 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:**

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**FIRST COMMUNION:**

This Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders, along with one of our 5<sup>th</sup> graders & one of our 6<sup>th</sup> graders, will be making 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: **Kamran Bazljoo, Philip Chadwick, Michael Cutler, William Cutler, Francis Daberko, William Gabel, Karl Ghoul, Joseph Impullitti, Mabel Kiminas, Sawyer Kiminas, Gemma Newton, P.J. O'Brien, Morgan Schwabauer and Jonathan Walker.** 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.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:**

At all our Masses on the weekend, April 27-28, we will be celebrating the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Illness and suffering have always been part of human life. In illness, we experience our powerlessness, our limitations, and our mortality. Every illness can make us glimpse death. Illness can lead to anguish, self-absorption — sometimes even despair and anger against God. It can also make us more mature — helping us discern in our lives what is not essential so that we can turn toward that which is. Very often illness provokes a search for God and a return to Him.

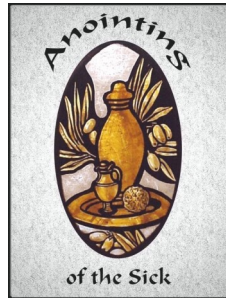
The Church believes and confesses that among the seven sacraments, there is one very special sacrament which is intended to strengthen those who are being tried by illness. The **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** was instituted by Christ our Lord as a true and proper sacrament of the New Testament. It is alluded to by Mark in his gospel, but is recommended to the faithful and more fully explained in the letter of James the Apostle [James 5:14-15].

Most of us remember the time when the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick was conferred exclusively on those who were at the point of death; it's very name — "Extreme Unction" [Last Anointing] reminded us of this practice. But it is clear from the scriptures that this was never the intent of the sacrament. The early Church had an entirely different approach to this sacrament; the Vatican council restored this approach and returned the sacrament to its original name. Today, this beautiful sacrament allows us a special encounter with God during those times of illness in our lives. The cross always leads to the resurrection; sickness leads to salvation.

**When are the times when we can receive this sacrament? There are many occasions — during any serious illness; before surgery; the elderly; mental and emotional illness; spiritual struggle; approaching death. Who determines when an illness is serious? You do!** Whenever you feel you need the sacrament you should receive it. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick has been the vehicle of many powerful encounters with God in the lives of people. **If you have or know of friends or relatives who should receive this sacrament, please try to arrange for them to be here. If there is a problem with local transportation, please let us know.** Join us for this special occasion.

**LIVE LIFE:**

—"The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time." —Thomas Edison

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

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

**PRAYERS FOR OTHERS:**

- For an end to the war between Israel and Hamas.
- For an end to the war between Russia and Ukraine.
- For an end to violence as a means to resolve differences.
- 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.

**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED:**

- For Ty Reighard, son of Learn-to-skate coordinator, Brandy Hemphill.
- For Alec Temoyan, nephew of Chief Advancement Strategy Officer, Ray Murphy.
- For Father Ken Silvia, C.S.C.
- For Luke Allen
- For Denise Motzer, sister of AVI associate Audrey

**PLAY BALL!**

Our Lady Chapel is going back to Classic Park to watch the Lake County Captains. Join us on **Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>** as the Captains take on the Fort Wayne Tin Caps. Game time is **7:00 PM** and that's when our picnic dinner will be served. While our menu has not been determined yet, there are new options this year such as breaded chicken breast & Italian sausage sandwiches, with mac & cheese, chips & cookies. The meal will be available until 8:30 PM. **Cost is \$35 per person and includes the buffet and a box seat ticket. The game will be followed by fireworks and a faith witness by members of the Captains team. The last day to sign up will be Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

We are currently discerning a new group of Eucharistic Ministers who would undergo training within the spring months. 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.**

**FAITH EDUCATION:**

Our Faith Education classes meet on **Sundays from 8:45—9:45 AM. This is followed by Mass in Our Lady Chapel at 10 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]. **Upcoming class dates: April 28 and May 5.** Thank you for taking care of this important responsibility.

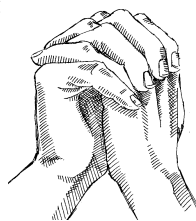


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**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:**

- For John Zippay, family friend of Bernadette and Stephen Ritley, who is critically ill.
- For Jill Thompson, who is undergoing treatment for mental health issues.
- For Nora Beach, wife of former Gilmour Religion Instructor, Bob Beach, mother of Hannah [\*98] and Miriam [\*99] Beach, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Chuck Campanella, father of Anthony Campanella, who continues in rehab.
- For Mike Heryak, husband of Janet, father of Lillian [\*09], Rosa [\*12] and Edwin [\*17] Heryak, who is seriously ill.
- 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 Pam Spicer, wife of former Gilmour coach, Bob Spicer, who is under the care of hospice.
- For Richard DeBacco, father of Michelle Chiacchiari [\*96], father-in-law of Mark Chiacchiari [\*94], grandfather of Aurelia [\*28] and Olivia [\*30] Chiacchiari, who is undergoing treatment for lymphoma
- For Debbie Langer, friend of Cindy Frimel, who was diagnosed with brain cancer.
- For Denise Mardano, who is battling liver cancer.
- For Sheila Fitzpatrick, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Joseph Michael, father of former Gilmour LS religion teacher, Colleen Michael, who is undergoing treatment for ALS.
- For Father Ken Molinaro, C.S.C., who is under the care of hospice.
- For Loretta Peterson, mother of Christopher [\*69], Mark [\*70] and Guy [\*73] Peterson, who is ill.
- For Sister Colette Livingston, O.S.U., who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Nada Kucmanic, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Patty Szaniszlo, Chapel Office Associate, who is undergoing medical treatment.
- For Bob Lisowski, father of Father Robert Lisowski, C.S.C., who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Daniel Cavoli, who is undergoing treatment for a rare neurodegenerative disorder
- For Father Tom Lemos, C.S.C., who is seriously ill.
- For Father Dick Potthast, C.S.C., who is undergoing medical testing.
- For Father Jim McDonald, C.S.C., who is undergoing rehab following multiple surgeries for a broken ankle.



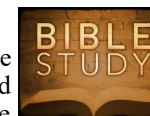
**WOMEN’S EVENING OF RETREAT — TUESDAY, MAY 7:**

Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM will be our annual Women’s Spring Retreat. All women of Our Lady Chapel and the Gilmour Academy Women’s Club and their guests are invited to join us. We will begin with Mass in Our Lady Chapel at 6:00 PM, and then move to the Center for Performing Arts for a light supper, and our evening of discussion, led by Fr. John. There is no cost for the evening, but we are requesting a free will offering to offset the cost for refreshments. If you cannot make it for Mass or for dinner, you are still welcome to attend the evening of spiritual conversation — come when you are able! Mark the date on your calendars and give yourself a treat in the Lord! Sign up on the retreat sheet located on the easel in the narthex of Our Lady Chapel or contact Patty in the Chapel Office at (440) 473-3560 or by email at: [szaniszlop@gilmour.org](mailto:szaniszlop@gilmour.org).



**NEXT BIBLE STUDY — WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24<sup>th</sup>:**

Our next Virtual Bible Study will be on Wednesday, April 24<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: The Ascension of Jesus. What does it mean?**

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, April 21: 4 <sup>th</sup> Week in Easter	10:00 AM In Person & Live Stream
Monday, April 22:	NO MASS
Tuesday, April 23:	NO MASS
Wednesday, April 24:	NO MASS
Thursday, April 25: St. Mark the Evangelist	2:00 PM; 6:00 PM
Friday, April 26:	NO MASS
Saturday, April 27: 5 <sup>th</sup> Week in Easter	5:00 PM In Person only
Sunday, April 28: 5 <sup>th</sup> Week in Easter	10:00 AM In Person & Live Stream

**MEN’S RETREAT — THIS THURSDAY, APRIL 25**

This Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00—8:30 PM will be our annual Spring Men’s Retreat. All men of Our Lady Chapel and the Gilmour Academy Men’s Club and their guests are invited to join us. We will begin with Mass in Our Lady Chapel at 6:00 PM, and then move to the Center for Performing Arts for a light supper, and our evening of discussion, led by Fr. John. There is no cost for the evening, but we are requesting a free will offering to help offset the cost for refreshments. If you cannot make it for Mass or for dinner, you are still welcome to attend the evening of spiritual conversation — come when you are able! Mark the date on your calendars and give yourself a treat in the Lord! Sign up on the retreat sheet located on the easel in the narthex of Our Lady Chapel or contact Patty in the Chapel Office (440) 473-3560 or [szaniszlop@gilmour.org](mailto:szaniszlop@gilmour.org) by Tuesday, April 23.



**THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SHEPHERD:**

The 4<sup>th</sup> Week in Easter is always about Jesus as the Good Shepherd [see John 10]. It is for this reason that it is often called “Good Shepherd Sunday” and is kept as a day of prayer for priestly and religious vocations. I don’t know how deeply you have studied the Gospel of John, but if you have read it through, you will have noticed that it is strikingly different from the other three Gospels — and one of those differences is that there are no parables in it. When you consider that in the Synoptic Gospels, the parables form the core of Christ’s teaching, this makes John’s Gospel markedly different.

Instead of parables, John has Jesus using metaphors which often come with the prefix: “I am”. Examples of these are: I am the True Vine, I am the Light of the World, I am the Bread of Life — and of course, I am the Good Shepherd.

Actually, the word we translate as “good” is rendered in the original Greek as “kalos”. It can be translated as “good”, but also as “beautiful” or “honorable”, and sometimes as “ideal”. However, when we say in English that Jesus is the “Good” Shepherd it could have the possible negative connotation of being a bit sappy or pious.

Accordingly, it would probably be better if we translated the word as “ideal”. Jesus is telling us that he is the perfect shepherd — the one whom all other shepherds should take as their model. This fits well with the Church’s choice of this as Vocations Sunday. Jesus is the one, true, ideal shepherd which all who aspire to be pastors in the Church should take as their exemplar.

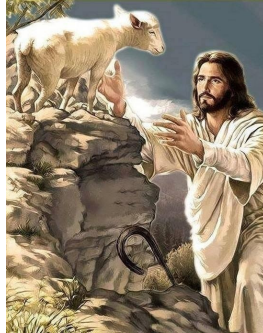
One of the key jobs of a shepherd is to protect his flock. Sheep are vulnerable to attack by predators; they have no real defense — which means that they need to be guarded twenty-four hours a day. Often in the evening several shepherds would come together and put their sheep in an enclosure on the hillside and take turns in watching during the night. That’s why Jesus specifically identifies the wolf as the enemy of the sheep.

Jesus also talks about him knowing his sheep. If we had a hundred sheep put in front of us, we would be unable to tell one from another because, according to us, they all look the same. But to the shepherd each sheep has its own unique characteristics. The shepherd might not actually give them individual names, but he knows one from another. He knows how much milk they produce, and is aware of which diseases they are prone to; he knows which ones are good, and which ones need more TLC — to the shepherd, the sheep are a collection of unique individuals.

This image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd is a good one. Jesus needs to protect us from the Evil One and he recognizes that we are highly individual — each with our own unique personalities and particular problems. He has oversight of us all as a group, but he also knows each one of us by name. In fact, you could say that Jesus knows us better than we even know ourselves.

Christ leads us principally by means of the sacraments and through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. By Baptism, he leads us into the fold of the Church; in the Eucharist, he feeds us with his body and blood; in reconciliation, he leads us to repentance and heals us of our ills. And in the evening of life he gently leads us into his kingdom of love and peace.

The logical follow through from this metaphor of Jesus as the Good Shepherd is that we are his sheep. This begs the question as to whether we are as good sheep as we should be. It might be worth looking at what constitutes being “good sheep”. Firstly, if Jesus knows his sheep, then the sheep also ought to know the shepherd and be very familiar with him. For us this means studying the scriptures and staying close to Jesus in prayer. We ought to know Jesus very well; we should be completely familiar with him and be aware of his wishes for us. Our deepest desire ought to be to please him in all things.



Also, a good sheep follows where the shepherd leads. Some sheep are prone to straying and frequently get themselves into tricky situations. But good and obedient sheep stay close to the shepherd and go where he leads them. Bad sheep follow anyone who comes by, but when dangers come along these false shepherds run away and leave the sheep unprotected. So, if we are to be good sheep, we need to stay close to our true shepherd and follow his commands in all things.

The good sheep also joyfully accepts the food that its master offers. He brings them to rich pastures where they can fill themselves with nourishing grass [see Psalm 23]. He stops them from eating toxic plants and in this way keeps them safe. We too need to take what the Lord gives us; we ought to enrich ourselves spiritually by frequenting the sacraments and nourishing our souls with prayer and spiritual reading. We should avoid consuming the poisonous food that the devil offers because we know that this corrupts us at a very profound level. Rather we need to stick to the rich and healthy pastures which Jesus leads us to and stay away from all that can do us harm.

From all this we can see how, without stretching the metaphor too far, it is important for us to accept Jesus as our good and ideal shepherd as well as for us to commit ourselves to being good and biddable sheep. Jesus is not only our shepherd — he is our Divine Savior; he has given his life for our salvation and we ought to do our very best to follow where he leads.

I ought to say a word about vocations. Although we can experience a call to service in the Church at any age, we would be wise to address our young people since God often calls people to become priests and religious in their youth. It is important for our young people to develop a rich life of prayer because it is in prayer that God makes his wishes known to us. It is vital for our young people to develop a good habit of prayer and to realize that this is not something to be confined to the times we go to Mass. We should pray in the morning and the evening and at other times during the day. If we are waiting at the bus stop or if we find a few minutes in the classroom waiting for others to finish their work, then these moments can also be filled with prayer.

Prayer is essential in the life of a Christian. Without prayer, we will be unable to know where God is leading us in life and will be more likely to go astray. With prayer as an important element of our life we will be more easily able to recognize the path on which God is leading us and therefore more likely to find a true and fulfilling vocation in life.

The Church needs priests as well as religious brothers and sisters. If God is calling you, it is important that you recognize this at an early stage so that you can take up your calling and find fulfilment in ministry to others in the Church. You can be assured that we are all supporting you in this vital discernment with our own prayers.

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

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

<b>Monday:</b>	Acts 11:1-18, John 10:1-10
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Acts 11:19-26, John 10:22-30
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Acts 12:24-13:5a, John 12:44-50
<b>Thursday:</b>	1 Peter 5:5b-14, Mark 16:15-20
<b>Friday:</b>	Acts 13:26-33, John 14:1-6
<b>Saturday:</b>	Acts 13:44-52, John 14:7-14

**5<sup>th</sup> Week in Easter:** Acts 9:26-31, 1 John 3:18-24, John 15:1-8