

**CLOSING PRAYER:**

**~ A Prayer of a Humble Servant ~**

God has created me  
to do Him some definite service.  
He has committed some work to me  
which He has not committed to another.  
I have my mission.  
I may never know it in this life,  
but I shall be told it in the next.

I am a link in a chain,  
a bond of connection between persons.  
God has not created me for naught.  
I shall do good;  
I shall do God's work.  
I shall be an angel of peace,  
a preacher of truth in my own place,  
if I do but keep His commandments.  
Therefore, I will trust the Lord.  
Whatever I am,  
I can never be thrown away.

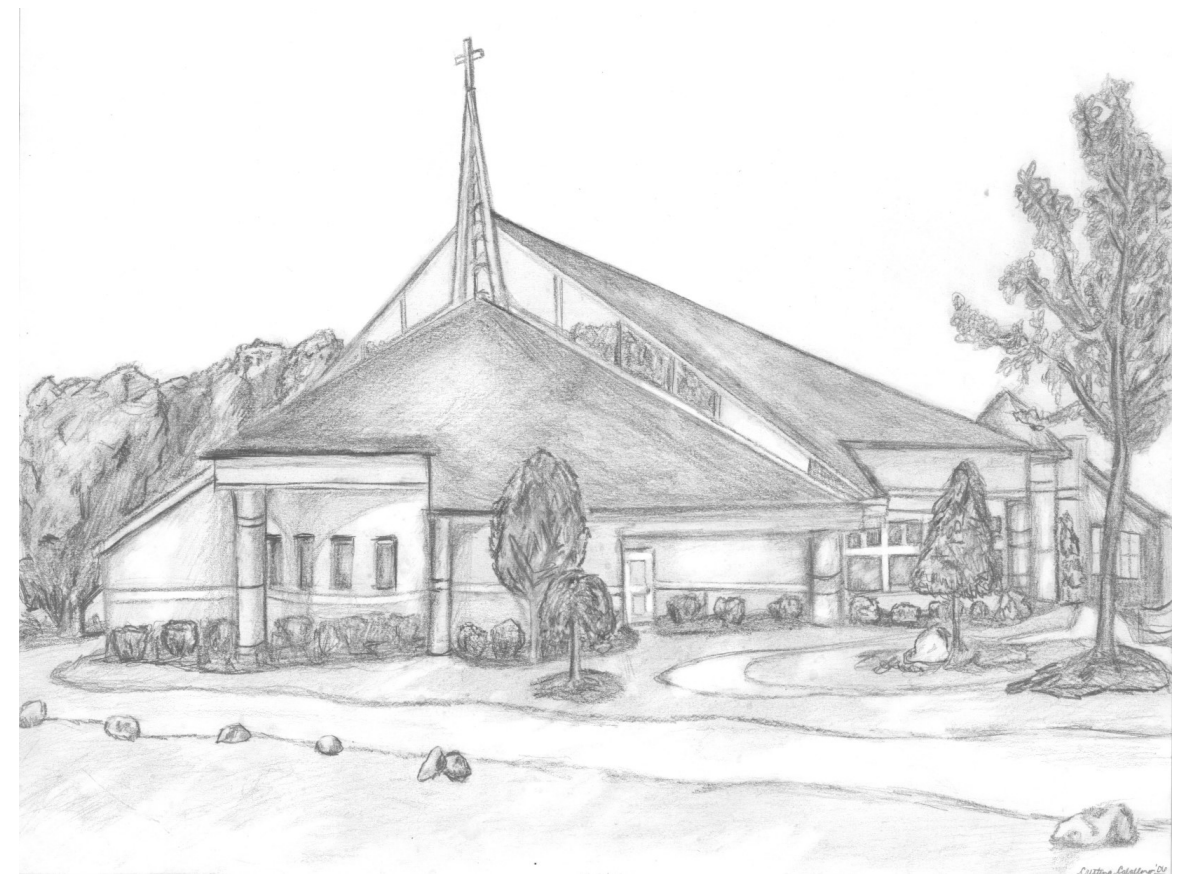
If I am in sickness,  
my sickness may serve Him,  
in perplexity,  
my perplexity may serve Him.  
If I am in sorrow,  
my sorrow may serve Him.  
God does nothing in vain.  
He knows what He is about.  
He may take away my friends.  
He may throw me among strangers.  
He may make me feel desolate,  
make my spirits sink,  
hide my future from me.  
Still, God knows what He is about.  
Amen.

—Blessed John Henry Newman

**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.*

**CHAPEL OUTDOOR PICNIC — SUNDAY:**

Our Chapel Outdoor Picnic is this Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. Every year, the Chapel picnic has been a great event for the entire family. The picnic will be held rain or shine from 11:15 AM – 1:30 PM at the Lower School Patio & Dining Hall. Family Mass takes place at 10:00 AM and the picnic begins right after Mass — what a wonderful way to continue our celebration of community. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Pulled Chicken, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Cookies, and beverages are provided. So here it comes once again. It will be a great event for the entire family. **Pot Luck (non-perishable) sides & desserts are welcome!** Come and enjoy family and friends. **Swifty and a face-painter friend will join us, as well the Euclid Beach Rocket Car.**

**THE FEST IS COMING — AUGUST 4<sup>TH</sup>:**

Join us on Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup> for the FEST. This year's diocesan family FESTival takes place on the grounds of the Center for Pastoral Leadership, 28700 Euclid Ave, Wickliffe, OH 44092. It's the perfect family day and an amazing one-take trip. Come and hear the best Christian artists [*Casting Crowns, We the Kingdom, Cochren & Co., and Caleb and John*] for FREE. There are activities, events, and fun for the entire family. The day also includes opportunities for prayer, Confession, and more. **Bishop Malesic and Bishop Woost** will bring the FEST day to a close with a beautiful outdoor Mass at 8 PM. This will be followed by an incredible American Fireworks display. This highlight of the summer — the perfect day of faith, family and fun — is all for FREE thanks to our sponsors [**Marc's, Sherwood Foods, Baron's Bus Lines, and the Diocese of Cleveland**]. Check out all the details by going to: [www.theFEST.us](http://www.theFEST.us). Mark your calendars and spread the word for the best day of the summer — the FEST.

**FAITH EDUCATION REGISTRATION BEGINS:**

It's time to begin registration for our Faith Education Program for Next School Year. **All children who will be part of our Faith Education program need to register [even if you were a part of the program last year].** Our Sessions go from 8:45—9:45 AM, on Sunday mornings, with the hope that our children would then participate in our 10:00 AM Family Mass. **Register your family for next year's classes by contacting Patty in the Chapel Office [440-473-3560].** If you have any questions, please call Patty in the Chapel office. Thank you for taking care of this important responsibility.

**FAITH AND DAILY LIVING:**

If it is of course necessary to remember that faith implies the acceptance of truths proposed by authority. But this element of submission in faith must not be so over-emphasized that it seems to constitute the whole essence of faith — as if a mere unloving, unenlightened, dogged submission of the will to authority were enough to make a “person of faith”. If this element of will is over-emphasized, then the difference between faith in the intellect and simple obedience in the will becomes obscured. In certain cases this can be very unhealthy because actually if there is no light of faith, no interior illumination of the mind by grace by which one accepts the proposed truth from God and thereby attains to it, so to speak, in His divine assurance, then inevitably the mind lacks the true peace, the supernatural support which is due it. In that event there is not real faith. The positive element of light is lacking. There is a forced suppression of doubt rather than the opening of the eye of the heart by deep belief.

—An excerpt from Thomas Merton's *New Seeds of Contemplation*

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

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

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:**

- For John Zippay, family friend of Bernadette and Stephen Ritley, who is seriously ill.
- For Jill Thompson, who is undergoing treatment for mental health issues.
- For Mike Heryak, husband of Janet, father of Lillian ['09], Rosa ['12] and Edwin ['17] Heryak, who is seriously ill.
- For Debbie Langer, friend of Cindy Frimel, who was diagnosed with brain cancer.
- For Denise Marzano, who is battling liver cancer.
- For Nada Kucmanic, who is seriously ill from cancer.
- For Josephine Fernando, who is seriously ill.
- For Sean O'Toole, Gilmour Athletic Director, father of Owen ['18], Connor ['20], Kelsey ['24], and former Gilmour student, Erin, who is recovering from surgery.
- For Mary Vislosky, who is seriously ill as a result of bone cancer.
- For Brother Joseph LeBon, C.S.C., who is under the care of hospice.
- For Cathy Force, mother of Erika DiCello Lacroix ['90], Grandmother of Andre ['23] and AJ ['25] Lacroix, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Lawrence Wynn, Gilmour Strength and Conditioning Coach, who is recovering from surgery.
- For Brother Thomas Cunningham, C.S.C., who is seriously ill with various health issues.
- For Eileen Urbanek, Associate at Miklus florist for Our Lady Chapel, who is recovering from a stroke.
- For Agnes Mirando, grandmother of David ['12], Agnes ['14], and Matthew ['25] Mirando, who is terminally ill.
- For Bob Willey, brother-in-law of Father John, who is undergoing medical treatment.
- For Chuck Campanella, father of AVI associate, Anthony Campanella, who is in rehab following medical treatment.
- For Linda McGraw, who is recovering from surgery.

**SERVING THE LORD IN THE POOR — JULY 20<sup>th</sup>:**

Our Savior Lutheran Church — across the street from the Chapel — 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 unloading the trailers and setting up items for distribution and preparing for the food pantry to open. It serves around 150 clients each time. The food pantry serves clients 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 join us for a great experience.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

Father John is available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with you. Please call him [440-473-3560] to arrange for this experience. All social distancing will remain in place. Always remember the Lord's invitation: “I will give them a heart with which to understand that I am the Lord. They shall be my people and I will be their God, for they shall return to me with their whole heart.” [Jeremiah 24:7].



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**PRAYERS FOR OTHERS:**

- For an end to political polarization.
- 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 Barbara Vaughn, long-time Glen Oak and Gilmour teacher
- For Bob O’Hara, brother of Father Tom O’Hara, C.S.C.
- For Mary Beebe, mother of Brother Jonathan Beebe, C.S.C.
- For Julia Yapell [‘76]
- For John Schubert, former teacher at Gilmour, brother of Leland [‘60]
- For Joseph Seiler, father of former Admissions associate, Christina Hollis, father-in-law of John Hollis [‘83], grandfather of Thomas [‘13], Nicole [‘14], Justin [‘16], John [‘18] and Joseph [‘20] Hollis.
- For Thomas Young, brother of Father John Young, C.S.C.
- For Sue Pickerill, mother of Gingy Lennon.

**ATTENDANCE:**

If you attend Mass regularly here at Our Lady Chapel, it would be helpful if you filled out a Registration Form [name, address, phone number, children, etc.] indicating this fact, if you have not already done so. Such information not only helps us to know who is attending Our Lady Chapel; it also is of great assistance to us in record keeping [for our friend, the IRS] of any contributions which you may make.

**ENVELOPES:**

- When you need a **new supply** of envelopes, please feel free to take a supply of them from the table in the vestibule, or call Father John at the Campus Ministry Office [473-3560].
- When you **use** your envelope, please make sure that **your number** is on it. If you need to know your number, please call the Campus Ministry Office. Thanks.

**WEEKLY OFFERING:**

Baskets are located on the pillars just inside the center door when you enter the chapel. Please place your offering in the basket. Baskets will not be passed during the offertory time. Your offering will help offset chapel daily operating expenses. When you choose to use the envelopes, you can request a printout of your offerings for the year to submit to the IRS. God bless you.

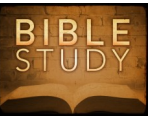
**Total Offerings: Thursday [ 7/4/24] ----[Independence Day]----- \$ 32.00**  
**Total Offerings: Saturday [ 7/6/24] ----- \$ 97.00**  
**Total Offerings: Sunday [7/7/24] ----- \$ 411.00**

**KNOW THIS:**

Those who say “it can’t be done” are usually interrupted by others doing it. —James Baldwin

**NEXT BIBLE STUDY — WEDNESDAY, JULY 31<sup>st</sup>:**

**Our next Virtual Bible Study will be on Wednesday, July 31<sup>st</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 Spirituality of St. Ignatius**

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, July 14: <b>15<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b> In-Person & Live Stream
Monday, July 15: <b>St. Bonaventure</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tuesday, July 16:	<b>NO MASS</b>
Wednesday, July 17:	<b>NO MASS</b>
Thursday, July 18:	<b>NO MASS</b>
Friday, July 19:	<b>NO MASS</b>
Saturday, July 20: <b>16<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b> In Person only
Sunday, July 21: <b>16<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b> In-Person & Live Stream

**ST. ADALBERT SCHOOL SUPPLIES:**

Once again this year, we are assisting the students at St. Adalbert School with their school supplies. We have received a list of supplies which the children need. Here are their most requested items: **#2 Pencils, Pink Erasers, Crayons, Colored Markers, Glue, Single-Subject Spiral Notebooks & Loose-leaf Paper.** 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; we will have boxes in the narthex marked “St. Adalbert.” **If you do not have time to shop, simply place an envelope in the collection box and mark it “St. Adalbert’s” or drop it off in the Chapel office.** Together, we will work and plant our seeds of hope and goodness with their 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. We will be concluding our school supply drive by **Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup>.**



**REMEMBER:**

God does not fit in an occupied heart.

—St. John of the Cross

**REFLECTION ON THIS WEEK'S THEME:**

Unfortunately, too often the American work ethic makes a connection between material success and being part of the elect or elite. Certainly, the Gospel message would never agree with this. Similarly, there is a deep divide between “what I desire” and “what I want”. “What I desire” depends on how I answer the question: “How am I?” — “What is my truth?” When people ask you about how you are today, seldom you — or any of us — answer the question honestly. You may not even have asked yourself how you are, and if you did, you wouldn’t want to share your true condition with everyone. Desire is often prelude to the gift. On the other hand, “what I want” is much more natural and pedestrian; it is more easily experienced, whereas desires are deep-down things, taking time to feel them and worth the adventure of the seeking.

I was raised in a family of six children; we were not allowed, upon arriving at the dinner table, to say that there was something for dinner we did not “want”. When that announcement was made by a young arrival, that person was sent to his/her room until dinner was over. That happened only once per child. To this day I don’t say that bad four-letter word “want” — I even tremble typing it! I usually say that “I do not wish”, or “I would rather have”.

In the Spiritual Life, prayer becomes the intersection of God’s desire and our desire — which does take our time to find beneath the layers of selfishness and fear. God meets us where our deep desires percolate; it does take honesty, patience and a rawness of heart.

Amos is a very lovable prophet; we see him getting his “walking-papers” [Amos 7:12-15]. Amos always says what’s on his mind — even to God — so it is easy to understand why he is in prophetic hot water. Amos is an independent speaker of God’s word — a former shepherd and tree-trimmer. God has called him to tend the flock of leaders — they need to trim their luxurious and unjust ways. Amos has been given three visions of destruction in Israel — one of locusts, one of a drought, and one which shows Israel’s collapse. He has begged the Lord to relent, and so God did, but these indulgent leaders of Israel have continued their irreverence for God’s laws, and they have made the temple an unholy place.

Amaziah, a priest of a false sect in Bethel, tells Amos to get out with his false visions and predictions. Amos answers simply that he has only been doing what God had called him to do. In a very cute statement, Amos goes on to tell Amaziah, that he is doing this only because God told him — he would have rather stayed back on the farm, and there has been no personal profit to his being a prophet. The message that Amos brings to Amaziah is not a pleasant one, and it is clear that Amaziah really doesn’t have any intention of changing his lifestyle. Thus what Amos has been given to say and do is not easy, but he is very faithful — this takes great faith and self-acceptance.

Mark’s Gospel [6:7-13] pictures Jesus handing over some travel documents as well. The training period for the disciples is about to come to an end — they have heard and seen enough of the person and gestures of Jesus to be ready now to “extend Him”. And so, Jesus conducts kind of an airport security check, — or better, an insecurity check.

At airports, travelers are examined to see if anything they are carrying would be dangerous to the plane or fellow passengers. Jesus is examining His followers for anything that would be harmful to their freely assisting Him in His healing those who have been injured or sick. Jesus strip-searches them for anything they would be relying on for their supporting personal frailty or fears — no “back-up” tunics or “sacks” of money to be trusted for their gaining positions of power. They are given authority, which is an interior sense rather than an outward credential. They seem to want to go, and we hear that they were quite successful.



The heaviest burden we tend to carry in any relationship, and so too with Jesus and His invitations, is our desperate need to be effective, look good, and be successful. Going on a trip or vacation, we take all kinds of things, “Just in case” — “You never know”. People commodious carry-ons — as long as there is room in various pockets and corners, why not take an extra this, and a few more these? We fear getting caught short, or we fear not being adequate to the task. We want to cover all our bases.

Amos, Jesus, and His apostles seemed to have a freedom from externals because of what they had inside them to share. Their authority was what they had received rather than what was going to assist their need to be productive. They had to say and do what was in them; and the more direct and difficult the message, it seems the more they had to say it — unassisted by Power-Point and hand-outs. They had, and they were the message.

Intervention, confrontation, direct honesty are all difficult human interruptions — and most often experiences of casting out demons and bad spirits. When we are freed from our being overly concerned with what this means to us, and freed to be concerned about how this confrontation will bring life to the other, then we are in and on the mission of the “Twelve”. We are asked to wear the sandals of the pilgrim — freed from pretense and anything which would cover over our own human poverty, and hold the walking stick guiding our unclear paths. This stick is not for pointing out, or for instructing others, but is meant to be a sign of our own reliance on the Sending God.

Jesus was more interested in the healing, recovery, and liveliness of the others. Amos was more interested in how God was calling Israel back to life. We, as with the Apostles, are invited by our relationship with Jesus, to go to confront what is not life, and to be more involved with how the other or others will look, rather than how we will. This should be our prayer: “Dear Lord, the path of the American Dream may not be the path of a Divine Call. Responding to Your call requires courage and gives no preferential option for the rich. It entails trust that my existence is more than a random series of events. It asks me to recognize the many natures of what I can call gifts. I often call myself ‘lucky’, but I quickly realize the better word is ‘blessed’. Help me, O God, to trust in You as I discern my path.”

Did somebody say that following Jesus was easy?

—taken from the writings of Mike Cherny and Father Larry Gillick, S.J., which appear on the internet

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

**Monday:** Isaiah 1:10-17, Matthew 10:34-11:1

**Tuesday:** Isaiah 7:1-9, Matthew 11:20-24

**Wednesday:** Isaiah 10:5-16, Matthew 11:25-27

**Thursday:** Isaiah 26:7-19, Matthew 11:28-30

**Friday:** Isaiah 20:1-22, Matthew 12:1-8

**Saturday:** Micah 2:1-5, Matthew 12:14-21

**16<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time:** Jeremiah 23:1-6, Ephesians 2:13-18, Mark 6:30-34

**YOU ARE PART OF THE PROCESS:**

The authenticity of the Church’s mission does not come through success nor through the gratification of the results, but by going forth with the courage of trust and the humility of abandonment to God. Going forth professing Jesus and with the power of the Holy Spirit. It is the awareness of being small and weak instruments which, in God’s hands and with his grace, can accomplish great deeds." —Pope Francis