

CLOSING PRAYER:

~ **A Prayer for peace of mind and heart** ~

Eternal, Holy God,
I come to You burdened with worries, fears, doubts, and troubles.
Calm and quiet me
with peace of mind.
Empty me of the anxiety
that disturbs me,
of the concerns that weary my spirit,
and weigh heavily on my heart.

Loosen my grip on the disappointments
and grievances
I hold on to so tightly.
Release me from the pain of past hurts,
of present anger and tension,
of future fears.

Sometimes it's too much for me, Lord —
too many demands and problems —
too much sadness,
suffering,
and stress.

Renew me spiritually
and emotionally.
Give me new strength,
hope,
and confidence.
Prepare me to meet
the constant struggles of daily life
with a deeper faith
and trust in you.

Let your Love set me free —
for peace,
for joy,
for grace,
for life,
for others.
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.

ST. ADALBERT SCHOOL SUPPLIES:

Once again this year, we are assisting the students at St. Adalbert School with their school supplies. The following items are needed: **#2 Pencils, Pink Erasers, Crayons, Colored Markers, Glue & Single-Subject Spiral Notebooks.** We will add more items to this list if we receive further communication from the school. 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 4th**.

**COUNTDOWN TO THE FEST BEGINS:**

Don't miss **the FEST!** All ages are welcome to spend the day at the 25th annual Catholic family FESTival on **Sunday, August 3rd** at the **Center for Pastoral Leadership** in Wickliffe. The FEST! brings *Maverick City Music, Danny Gokey, Ben Fuller, and Seph Schlueter* to the main stage along with faith-based activities for all ages. Come and enjoy delicious food along with great displays and presentations. The FEST! **Mass begins at 8:00 PM.** Join thousands from across the Diocese as we celebrate our faith with an outside Mass followed by an amazing American Fireworks Display. The day begins at **noon and continues through 10:00 PM.** All of the many events, activities, displays and directions can be found at www.thefest.us. The FEST! is FREE and open to all. It's a great family day. Make plans to come to the FEST!

**A YOUNG ADULT GROUP — MEETS TODAY:**

A Young Adult group is alive and well at Our Lady Chapel. Their **next meeting will be a social gathering at the Chapel Picnic next Sunday, July 13th.** The Topic for Discussion will be catching up with each other on all that has been going on in our lives. The group has been meeting share some time in faith, and also to support each other in life's journey, as we continue to grow and become the people that God wants us to be. If you are interested and would like to be part of this new adventure, please join us at the Chapel Picnic, or contact members Richard Jones, Stephanie Leonor, Joe Gurney, or Edwin Heryak. Of course, you can also contact Father John at the chapel if that would be easier for you. God bless you.

**SERVING THE LORD IN THE POOR — SAT. JULY 19th:**

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.

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.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

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

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

- For Jill Thompson, who is undergoing treatment for mental health issues.
- For Josephine Fernando, who is in hospice.
- For Thomas Noble who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Brother Dan Kane, C.S.C., former long-time instructor at Gilmour, who is under hospice care.
- For Toddy McMonagle, wife of Judge James McMonagle ['62], mother of James ['80] Coakley, and sister of Francis ['67] and Clare ['72] Coakley, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Tara Hyland Zittel ['07] who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Mary DiLisi, mother of Rick ['82], Greg ['83], and Jennifer ['96] DiLisi, grandmother of Tomasso ['16], Jack Michael ['19], and Anna Marie ['22] Solomon, who is in rehab following serious surgery.
- For Andre Polsinelli, who is undergoing treatment for Parkinson's Disease.

**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED:**

- For Joseph Toth, husband of Joyce, father of Jeff ['84], Jim ['86] and Jennifer ['94] [anniversary]
- For Richard Herman.
- For Alberta Nieberding.
- For Brother Tom Maddix, C.S.C., former teacher at Gilmour.
- For Sister Cecilia Nagel, C.S.J.
- For Carol Hutchison, mother of former Religion Instructor, James Menkhaus.
- For Mary Jean Theilen
- For Thomas Coyne.
- For Mike Heryak, husband of Janet, father of Lillian ['09], Rosa ['12] and Edwin ['17] Heryak, father-in-law of Andy Tran and Matt Orehek, grandfather of Theodore, Benjamin, and Magdalena Tran.
- For Mary Carmen Stafford, grandmother of Gianna ['18] and Vince ['22] Stafford
- For Father Bob Villegas, C.S.C.

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS:

- For the victims of the severe flooding in Texas, and for the first responders.
- For an end to the war between Russia and Ukraine, and the political issues in Gaza and Iran.
- For a greater respect for human life, from the moment of conception until natural death.
- For all caregivers.
- For an end to violence in our society in all of its forms.
- For all service men and women serving our country, and for their families.

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].



BASKETBALL SKILLS CAMPS:

Once again this summer, Gilmour Varsity Boy’s Basketball Coach, Dan DeCrane, along with many of his players, is hosting a series of Basketball Skills Camps at various local parishes for grades 3-8. There are 2 camps remaining: the first camp [Skills Camp] is July 16-18 and will take place at St. Francis of Assisi Parish from 9 AM-12 noon; the second camp [Shooting Camp] is July 21-22 and will take place at St. Paschal Baylon Parish from 9 AM-11:30 AM.



To Register: Gilmour.org/BasketballSkills

Come and enjoy some time with your friends, and get better at the game of basketball. You will have a lot of fun and improve yourself at the same time.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

- Monday:** Exodus 1:8-22, Matthew 10:34-11:1
- Tuesday:** Exodus 2:1-15, Matthew 11:20-24
- Wednesday:** Exodus 3:1-12, Matthew 11:25-27
- Thursday:** Exodus 3:13-20, Matthew 11:28-30
- Friday:** Exodus 11:10-12:14, Matthew 12:1-8
- Saturday:** Exodus 12:37-42, Matthew 12:14-21

16th Week in Ordinary Time: Genesis 18:1-10, Colossians 1:24-28, Luke 10:38-42

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.

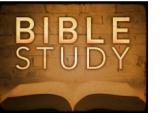
WEEKLY OFFERING:

A collection box is located just inside the center door when you enter the chapel. Please place your offering in the collection box. 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: Saturday [7/5/25] _____ \$ 1,135.00
Total Offerings: Sunday [7/6/25] _____ \$ 717.00

NEXT BIBLE STUDY — WEDNESDAY, JULY 23rd:

Our next Virtual Bible Study will be on Wednesday, July 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: The Mass is a community prayer

Mark your calendars and be part of this wonderful activity that will deepen your spiritual journey. **We usually 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 13: 15th Week in Ordinary Time	10:00 AM In-Person & Live Stream
Monday, July 14: St. Kateri Tekakwitha	NO MASS
Tuesday, July 15: St. Bonaventure	NO MASS
Wednesday, July 16:	NO MASS
Thursday, July 17:	NO MASS
Friday, July 18:	NO MASS
Saturday, July 19: 16th Week in Ordinary Time	5:00 PM In-Person only
Sunday, July 20: 16th Week in Ordinary Time	10:00 AM In-Person & Live Stream

FAITH EDUCATION REGISTRATION BEGINS:

It is not too early to begin thinking about registering for Faith Education classes which will begin in the fall. Faith Education is an important part of every young person’s formation. Please make sure that you have not forgotten this important responsibility for your children. 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.** Thank you for taking care of this important responsibility.



BUILDING A LIFE:

With the light and the strength of the Holy Spirit, let us build a Church founded on God’s love, a sign of unity, a missionary Church that opens its arms to the world, proclaims the word, allows itself to be made “restless” by history, and becomes a leaven of harmony for humanity.

—Pope Leo XIV

REFLECTION ON THIS WEEK'S THEME:

We prepare for special visitors in special ways. We always want to make them feel comfortable, and to make their stay enjoyable. We ask ourselves — and perhaps others — what foods they like, and what activities would please them. All these efforts are visible signs of affection and intimacy.

Do we ever think about getting our personal house in order so the Special Guest — Jesus — whom we receive in the Eucharist, will be pleased, delighted, and feel welcomed? What is special about the Eucharistic Presence — the Visitor Who never goes away, Who has made his home in us, whose delight is in us always? Maybe one of our acts of preparation might be to be more attentive to welcoming him into those places in our personal lives where we would rather not have any visitors. What do we want to do with the dark corners — our hiding places and messiness — where God is waiting to welcome us?

In the Book of Deuteronomy, Moses presents all the laws, customs, and ordinances which the people of Israel are bound and covenanted to observe. When they fulfill these, then the Lord will delight in the resulting prosperity of their fields, their cattle, and their fruitful bodies. Moses' words are words of comfort — though the laws are many and detailed, they are not meant to be strange or disorienting to the minds and hearts of Israel. For through these words, God will continue to circumscribe their hearts so that they all will know to whom they belong. These words of the Law are in a “head-language” and a “heart-vernacular” so that there is no need for certain wise persons to interpret them. They are clear when thought about, and comforting when experienced; they are God's way of loving them, and for them, in response, to love God [Deuteronomy 30:10-16].

Many Jews have the Word of God affixed to doorposts in a little box called a *mezuzah*; some also wear the Word of God in little cloth or leather pouches over their hearts and foreheads — these are called *tefilin*. Moses claims that these Laws will keep them close to God as God is close to them. They are not unreasonable, or violent to the human spirit.

Luke's gospel contains a beautiful and equally threatening parable [Luke 10:25-37]. A scholar of the law asks Jesus a question — it is meant more as a beginning of a discussion than a simple request for information. Jesus, in his usual manner, answers a question with a question. The man knows well the dictates of the Law, and responds correctly. According to the Book of Leviticus, loving one's neighbor is a sacred responsibility of the faithful Jewish person [19:18]. So to extend the discussion — and perhaps get the upper hand — the scholar asks the obvious question — and who is my neighbor. Jesus takes it out of the scholar's hand, and lays it on his heart.



A foreigner becomes the hero by placing himself in the vulnerable position of not being anybody's neighbor. The beaten man sets up the tension. The two religious figures — who do not tend to the man — heighten the heroism of the despised Samaritan. Jesus is telling this story to move from the Law to the Good News.

Perhaps the two who pass by on the “opposite side” have their religious reasons — their being faithful to their understanding of the laws of physical purity are righteous in their eyes. The good news of Jesus expressed in the parable is that “unlawful” love of the injured is the new and complete righteousness. Keeping our eyes and hearts open to the robbed is more blessed than keeping our eyes on keeping legal strictures.

A foreigner is moved with compassion flowing from his head and heart. Jesus is the compassionate stranger to our fallen, robbed-of-innocence humanity. Jesus is on “our side”; he takes us in to the “inn” of his embrace after tending to our wounds through the Sacraments. “Oil” and “wine” are the healing “bandages” of his touch.

The “good news” is that we are relieved of sinfulness — we are healed and sent back on our

journeys. We are to “Go and do likewise.” Selfishness in its various forms of protection, personal image, and indulgence, are very close to our minds and hearts. This interior law is not so far away or high above us. We do not need anybody to teach us how to be greedy, egocentric, or lazy. Nobody had to teach me that whenever my mother put the frosting bowl between my sister and me, that if I smacked her with my spoon, she would run crying to my mother, and I could quickly scoop up all my unjust, but delightful desserts.

There are two forms of “good news”. One is the “selfish” good news that each of us can, by our own determination, walk on the “opposite” side. We can talk ourselves into not ignoring the wounded, the needy, the immigrant, and render our concern from a safe, distance. The other “good news” which we keep hearing and making the center of our lives invites, attracts, and frees us is the selfless law of Jesus which is warming to the heart when we hear it. The other “good news” of our ignoring-selves still remains in effect; it is seductive and operative. So again, the Gospel of Jesus puts us in tension.

We ask also about just who is our neighbor whom we should care for and whom can we pass by and with whom not have to share our frosting? We would say that our neighbor is the one who will appreciate our gestures of generosity. Our neighbors are those whom we know. Our neighbors are those who are similar to us; think the way we do; and act in accordance with our values. This is natural and warming to the heart and mind.

Jesus' teaching is his whole life of including, embracing, and saving us in our being stripped, beaten by the ways of the world within and around us. He has brought us from our own being half-dead back to full life. As my mother had to do, Jesus keeps teaching us to share, to extend His compassion, and work to heal. In doing this, he lives through our stoppings, and we really do put ourselves in position to receiving truly our just desserts.

When we hear or read such a parable, we would, at times, want to pass by on the other side of Jesus pretending we haven't heard or haven't understood. This is one of those parables about which Mark

Twain once commented about the whole New Testament: “That is one of those books you hope everybody else reads.” —taken from the writings of Father Larry Gillick, S.J., which appear on the internet

THE CHOSEN :

We had a wonderful group of people join us for our initial showing of an episode of *The Chosen* this past Sunday. The viewing was followed by a very inspiring sharing among those present. **Allowing for a break for summer months, we will begin again in the fall with a monthly gathering, as we continue the journey of faith together**



The Chosen is an American Christian historical drama television series. Created, directed, and co-written by filmmaker Dallas Jenkins, it is the first multi-season series about the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth. Primarily set in Judaea and Galilee in the 1st century, the series depicts the life of Jesus through the eyes of the people who interacted with him, including the apostles and disciples of Jesus, Jewish religious leaders, Roman government and military officials, and ordinary people. In contrast with typical Bible-focused productions, Jenkins has given more depth to his scripts by adding backstories to various characters from the gospels without contradicting the material of the gospel. **Beginning in the fall, our series will resume on the 2nd Sunday of each month, October 12th. Please plan to join us. If you have any questions, please contact Father John or the chapel office [440-473-3560].**

COME HOME:

Jesus is the host who wants to gather us around the table, the Good Shepherd who invites his people to a table where the cup is overflowing [Psalm 23]. This is not a stern, harsh Lord, but the lamb of God who says: “Come into my home.” We can read the whole Bible with this image in mind. God is continually inviting us to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of our life [Psalm 27:4]. The Lord wants to be our home.

—Henri Nouwen