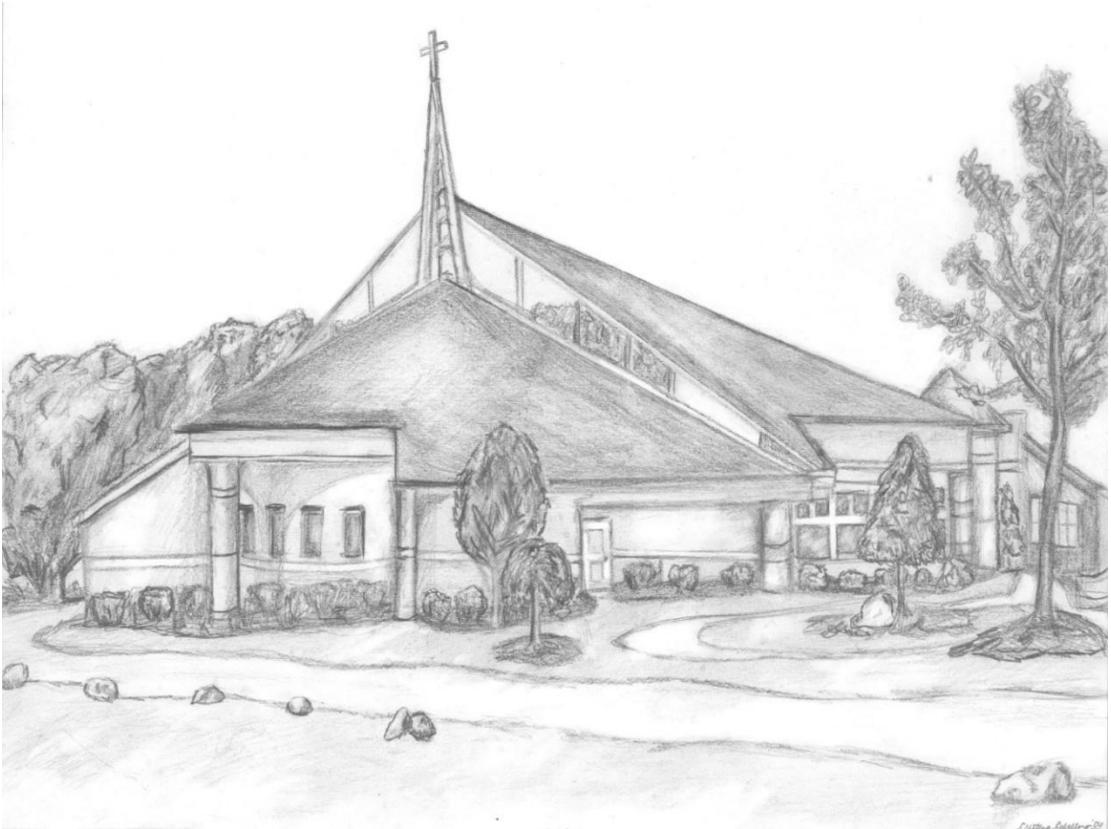


Our Lady Chapel



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.

LABOR DAY:



Monday, September 1st, we take time to celebrate the final holiday of the summer — **Labor Day**. Besides reflecting on summer, the holiday, by its very title, invites us to reflect upon the contributions that each person makes toward the building of the human family. All of us are called by God to continue to participate in the work of creation. Each of us, because of our baptism, is called to bring to life, through our talents and energies, to that small piece of God’s kingdom on earth. **We will celebrate Mass at 9:30 AM on Monday.** We would be honored if you and your family will join us.

FAITH EDUCATION REGISTRATION — FINAL CALL:



It is time to register for Faith Education classes (Grades K—8) which will begin on Sunday, September 7th. 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. **Please contact Patty or Father John in the Chapel Office for more information.**

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Congratulations to all of the members of the Gilmour Class of 2026 who were Commissioned as Eucharistic Ministers over the summer months: Roma Alvarez, Alexander Batchik, Lizzie Covington, Emily Currid, Valentina DiCenso, Zinyah George, Annie Goff, Ryan Panzica, Ricky Piunno and Aubrey Terranova. We would also like to congratulate Gilmour parent and Chapel Council member Jason Parker on being Commissioned in June. We are truly blessed. We always welcome those who would like to join this ministry [and the other ministries] at Our Lady Chapel. We have a need for Eucharistic Ministers at our weekend Masses, particularly since the pandemic. 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 in their Senior year of High School] are welcome to participate in this very special ministry. **Training sessions are coming up in the fall, so if you would like to join this ministry, please give your name to Father John.** Thank you.

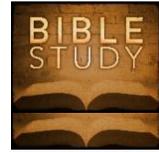


PILGRIMAGE FOR THE YEAR OF HOPE—SUN. SEPT. 14th:

Our Lady Chapel is planning a Pilgrimage to the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Downtown Cleveland, following Mass on Sunday, September 14th, as part of the observance of the Jubilee Year in the Church. The Jubilee Year is a special year of grace, in which the Church offers the faithful the possibility of obtaining plenary indulgences. The Cathedral in Cleveland has been designated as a **Sacred Site**, at which the plenary indulgence may be obtained by pilgrims who make the journey. We will have a sign-up sheet on the Easel in the Narthex of the Chapel. **Please sign up if you are interested in making this journey with Fr. John and other members of our Chapel community. Gilmour Transportation will be provided for you, to & from the Cathedral.**



NEXT BIBLE STUDY — WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd:



Our next Virtual Bible Study will be on Wednesday, September 3rd 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 as a community prayer, Part 3

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, August 31: 22 nd Week in Ordinary Time	10:00 AM In-Person & Live Stream
Monday, September 1: Labor Day	9:30 AM In-Person only
Tuesday, September 2:	NO MASS
Wednesday, September 3: St. Gregory the Great	NO MASS
Thursday, September 4:	NO MASS
Friday, September 5:	NO MASS
Saturday, September 6: 23 rd Week in Ordinary Time	5:00 PM In-Person only
Sunday, September 7: 23 rd Week in Ordinary Time	10:00 AM In-Person & Live Stream

O.C.I.A [Order of Christian Initiation for Adults]:

We are beginning to plan for our OCIA program [formerly known as RCIA] which will begin shortly. Why the name change? OCIA refers to the entire journey of faith discernment, whereas RCIA refers only to the Ritual aspects of the journey.



If you know someone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, or who presently is not a Catholic but would like to pursue this avenue of faith; or investigate it; if you know someone who is not fully initiated [Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation] in their Catholic faith; or someone who has been away from the Catholic Church for a while — then consider having them join our OCIA program. **Please contact Father John [440-473-3560] for more information.**

REFLECTION ON THE THEME FOR THE WEEK:

“The main thing is to keep the main thing, the main thing.” This was one of the main points which our Gilmour faculty reflected on during a recent “Day of Retreat and Renewal”. And low and behold, the scripture readings for the 22nd Week in Ordinary time are all about keeping things in focus, in proportion, in view, in truth and all in relationship with God, who is the main thing.

Humility opens us up to God’s many blessings. We need to put aside our personas, our pretenses and be freed to allow our persons to reveal the very person God is still creating. We take our proper place at the marriage banquet of life. We rejoice in our being invited to welcome fearlessly all God’s invitations to eat what is put before us.

The readings for the 22nd Week in Ordinary Time take us to the section of Hebrew Scriptures known as Wisdom Literature. Ben Sirach, or the Book of Ecclesiasticus, is a compilation of hymns praising the Creator, poems celebrating Israel’s history of being God’s people, and many proverbial sayings affirming the blessings which flow from observing the Law of Moses.

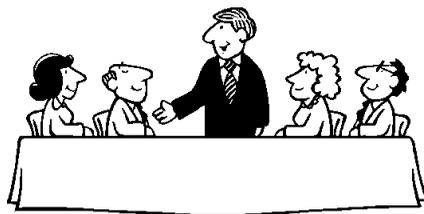
The Church offers us a sample of verses [Sirach 3:17-29] which have a theme, but are not logically connected necessarily. The whole book seems to ramble through various human ways and temptations — all virtues preventing temptation and violation of God’s Law. The whole third chapter centers around “parental guidance suggested.” A Parent is explaining to their child how keeping the law is reverencing God and honoring the parents. These verses are extensions of the Commandment to honor one’s parents. The general theme is that by being virtuous and humble, the child will be favored by others and by God and thereby bring honor and blessing to the child’s parents who have raised the child according to God’s Law. They have kept the Law by raising children who do the same by humbly observing the truth of God in one’s life.

This is central to the virtue of humility. We are advised not to seek beyond what we can handle. Chapter 39 beginning with verse 15 of this book expands this thought. The Law contains enough — more than we need to understand life, God and all that God wants us to know about how to live these lives. It is a form of humility to accept what is revealed; ponder all of that, and many will be the blessings that follow. This wisdom or humility urges acceptance of our human truth as children whom God teaches, leads, nourishes and asks for gratitude as a blessed response.

In Luke’s gospel [14:7-14], Jesus is invited to a leading Pharisee’s house; all are watching him closely. This event takes place just following the curing of a man with dropsy on the Sabbath and right in the midst of the lawyers surrounding Jesus in the Pharisee’s very house. Jesus turns to them, and in so many words says: “What do you think of them apples?” They don’t think much about “them apples”. Then Jesus tells them all a parable which at first hearing seems to be about the protocol of hosting a banquet. Jesus does not indulge in Advice-Column issues.

The image of banquet is well known to Jesus’ table companions. He uses this at-hand object to offer one more view of the “kingdom of God” or his ways of holiness. This image was used in last week’s gospel reading also — “the first will be last and the last will be first”. God has invited some to the “banquet” and they have taken the first place at the table of life. Now remember who are listening to this parable,

particularly after the curing of the man on the Sabbath. The Pharisees are becoming aware of what they were expecting to hear. Jesus is saying that the banquet has become a bit of a “scratch my back and I will scratch yours” religion affair. You be good to God and God will be good to you. Jesus is turning things over again and so turning to the person who invited him — Jesus gives him something new. The



“kingdom” is a new banquet to which the poor, crippled, the lame and the blind are even now being invited. They will take the places of those invited first and those will face the embarrassing experience of being replaced. The repayment for including these new-comers will be at the resurrection of the righteous. It takes humility to be honest, or perhaps better, does it take honesty to be humble?

The real humility asked for by Jesus is our acceptance of being invited even though we are poor, crippled, lame and blind in all their forms. We are invited to approach the tables of our lives as invited guests whose truth is more interior. Though we are blinded by our “crippledness”, and poor because of our being lame, we are invited higher than we would be by our own natural personal negativity. We would expect less and we receive more. That takes humility. The self-righteous assume a higher place by their judgments of themselves based on perfect execution of the Law. Jesus invites those who are surprised that God’s judgment of them is more compassionate than their own judgment of themselves. Perhaps true humility is this being delightfully surprised always. God then is not just. We do not receive what we deserve. We are invited higher, because we have been invited deeper.

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

We list the Scripture readings for the week, with the hope that you will take some time in your busy day to reflect on God’s word in your homes. We hope you can make good use of it.

Monday: 1Genesis 1:26-2:3, Matthew 6:31-34
Tuesday: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Luke 4:31-37
Wednesday: 2 Corinthians 4:1-7; Luke 22:24-30
Thursday: Colossians 1:9-14; Luke 5:1-11
Friday: Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 5:33-39
Saturday: Colossians 1:21-23; Luke 6:1-5

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Wisdom 9:13-18; Philemon 9-17; Luke 14:25-33

SERVING THE LORD IN THE POOR — SAT. SEPT. 20th:

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.

THE CHOSEN :

We had a wonderful group of people join us for our initial showing of an episode of *The Chosen* during this past Lenten season. 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. Please plan to join us on October 12th. If you have any questions, please contact Father John or the chapel office [440-473-3560].**

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 [8/23/25] _____ \$.00
Total Offerings: Sunday [8/24/25] _____ \$.00

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.

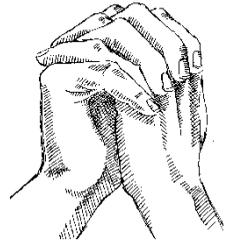


PRAYER REQUESTS:

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

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

- 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 Tara Hyland Zittel ['07] who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Andre Polsinelli, who is undergoing treatment for Parkinson's Disease.
- For Mary Vislosky, who is critically ill with pneumonia.
- For Anna Sasin, mother of Brother Ben Sasin, C.S.C., who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Karen Walsh who is ill.
- For Raj Chahan, who is recovering from surgery.
- For Al Connors, grandfather of Alex Keene ['10], who is critically ill.



PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED:

- For Thomas Hackworth, father-in-law of upper school English Instructor, Jason Simon.
- For Hugh O'Neill, brother of Peggy O'Neill-Laise ['73], grandfather of Charlotte Slater ['27], and cousin of William O'Neill ['51].
- For Michael Adamik
- For Richard Hibbard, uncle of Father Matt Hovde, C.S.C.
- For Frank Nannicola, grandfather of Cassie ['17], Frank ['18], and Mia ['19] Nannicola.
- For Mary Duhigg.
- For Dennis Woods.
- For Brian Toohey, grandfather of Madeline ['13], Collin ['16] and Lizzie ['26] Covington.
- For Mary Lange Klisch, sister of Father Bill Lies, C.S.C., and Father Jim Lies, C.S.C.
- For Josephine Fernando, mother of Melvyn ['83] and Raymond ['88], and mother-in-law of Imelda Deogracias Fernando ['88].
- For John Sexton, father of Heather Sexton Gilbert ['85]
- For John Raffaele, father of Brock Raffaele ['09]

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS:

- For the victims of the school shooting in Minneapolis, and for their families.
- For an end to the war between Russia and Ukraine, and the political issues in Palestine 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.

CLOSING PRAYER:

~ Prayer for a Blessing on One's Work ~

**O Lord, my God,
Creator and Ruler of the universe,
it is Your Will
that human beings
accept the duty of work.
May the work I do
bring growth in this life to me
and those I love
and help to extend the Kingdom of Christ.**

**Give all persons work
that draws them to You
and to each other
in cheerful service.
I unite all my work
with the Sacrifice of Jesus
that it may be pleasing to You
and give You glory.**

**I beg Your Blessing
upon all my efforts.
With Saint Joseph
as my example and guide,
help me to do the work
You have asked
and come to the reward
You have prepared.
Amen**

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