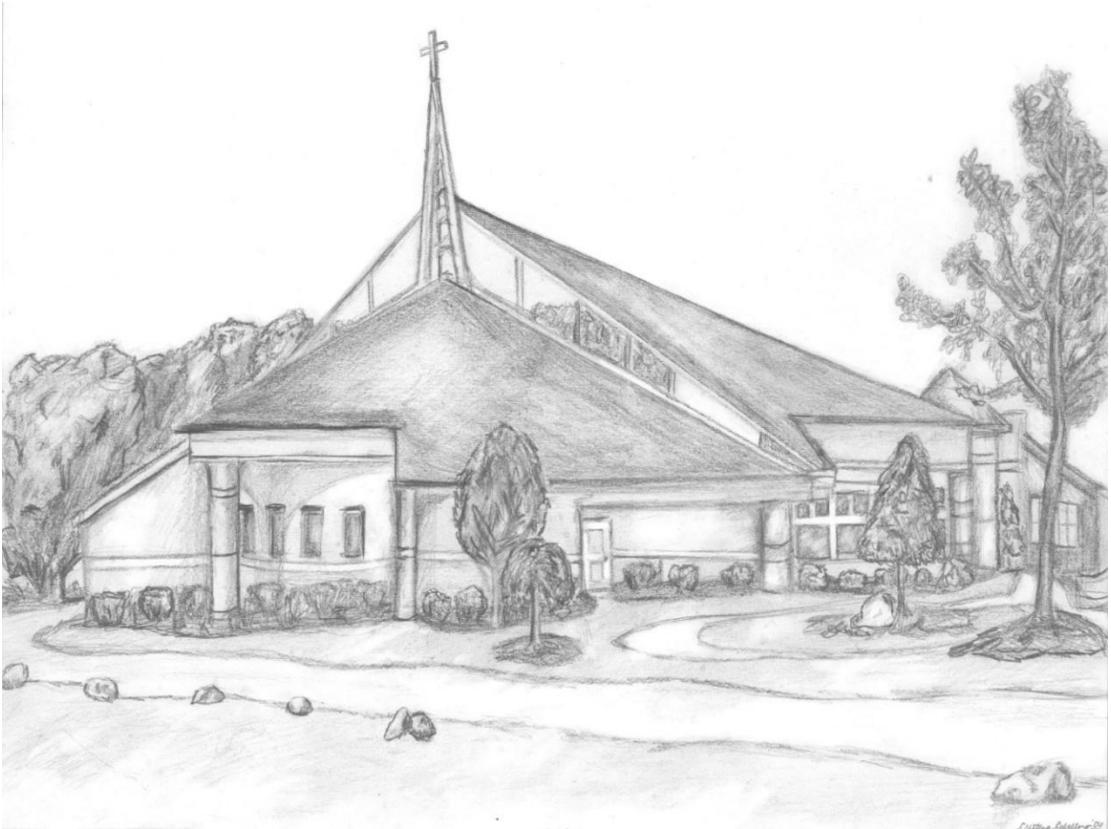


# Our Lady Chapel



*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.*

## FAITH EDUCATION SCHEDULE:

Faith Education is off this weekend, due to Gilmour's Gala event. Classes will resume next Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. Our schedule for October is: October 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Faith Education is an important part of every 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.**



## BLESSING OF ANIMALS — SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5<sup>th</sup>:

On Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, our Chapel community will gather after Mass at 11:35 AM for a special blessing of our pets! In the spirit of the celebration of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Fr. John will be offering this special blessing. If you cannot bring your pet, bring a photo to share. We will meet, weather permitting, outside the Chapel in the brick paved area. **We will have Coffee & Donuts on this special occasion as well!** In the event of rain, our Pet Blessing will be postponed until the following Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. We hope you can join us!



## THE CHOSEN – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12<sup>th</sup>:

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. With fall upon us, we are revisiting *The Chosen*. **Our first gathering will take place on Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm. We will continue to gather once monthly, viewing a new episode each month, followed by discussion.**



*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 1<sup>st</sup> 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. **Join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month. If you have any questions, please contact Father John or the chapel office [440-473-3560].**

## WOMEN'S EVENING OF RETREAT — TUES, OCT. 28<sup>th</sup> :

Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 PM – 8:15 PM, we will host our annual **Women's Fall Retreat**. All women of Our Lady Chapel and Gilmour Academy, and their guests, are welcome. We will begin with Mass together in the Chapel, and then move to the Center for Performing Arts building for a light supper, and spiritual discussion, led by **Father John**. **There is no cost for the evening, but we will accept free will donations to offset the cost of our food service.** [If you can't make it for Mass, come anyway when you can.] It will be a wonderful evening of spiritual renewal. **So mark the date on your calendars and give yourself a treat in the Lord. Sign up on the retreat sheet which is located on the easel in the narthex of the Chapel, or call [440-473-3560] or email: szaniszlop@gilmour.org.**

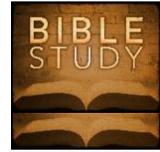


**NEXT BIBLE STUDY — WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24<sup>th</sup>:**

**Our next Virtual Bible Study will be on Wednesday, September 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: Who are the Angels?**

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, September 21: 25 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	<b>10:00 AM</b> In-Person & Live Stream
Monday, September 22:	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tuesday, September 23: St. Pius of Pietrelcina	<b>NO MASS</b>
Wednesday, September 24:	<b>NO MASS</b>
Thursday, September 25:	<b>NO MASS</b>
Friday, September 26:	<b>NO MASS</b>
Saturday, September 27: 26 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	<b>5:00 PM</b> In-Person only
Sunday, September 28: 26 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	<b>10:00 AM</b> 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:

Luke's Gospel for this 25<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time [Luke 16:1-13] is rather puzzling. It is about the dishonest steward who when he faced dismissal marked down the debts owed to his master by various of the master's debtors. He did this in order that once he became unemployed, these men would be obligated to help him. When the master finds out about his actions, he unexpectedly praises the steward for his dishonesty.

By telling this parable, we might be left with the idea that Jesus too is condoning the actions of this dishonest steward. But we know that this cannot be — Jesus would never approve of dishonesty or double-dealing. Actually, when we take a closer look at what Jesus says, we see that Jesus draws a conclusion from the story — he says: “The children of this world are more enterprising in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.” By this we understand that Jesus is contrasting the actions of the children of this world — namely the pagans or unbelievers — with those of the children of light, who are obviously the Christians.

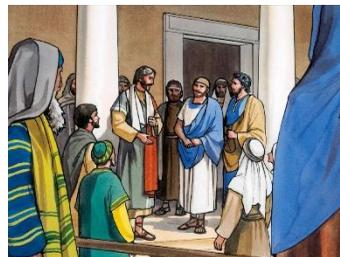
Jesus does not want us to be like the pagans, but he wants us to be just as enterprising as they are — but in our case to be enterprising in relation to those things which will ensure that we reach heaven. As we have so often noted, Jesus wants us to acquire the virtues because it is our practice of the virtues that will enable us to gain entry into his Kingdom. So, what we need to do is to put as much energy into acquiring these virtues as the pagans put in to aggrandizing themselves and gaining worldly advantage.

St Luke follows up this story with a few sayings of Jesus relating to the relationship between the Christian and the material world. The first of these sayings is this: “Use money — tainted as it is — to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity.” Here it is clear Jesus is speaking about the poor. He is telling us to use our money not to find worldly advantage, but rather spiritual advantage. We know that one of the essential tenets of the Gospel is that the poor have a privileged place in his Kingdom; so, therefore, using our money to help them will have the effect of enabling us to enter the Kingdom more easily.

Every Christian should be sensitive to the needs of the poor. Of course, it is very difficult to know who the real poor are. I remember talking to a person who was selling the magazine for the homeless called the *Big Issue*, I asked him about his life and it turned out he wasn't homeless at all — in fact, I was astonished when he told me he was saving up to buy himself a boat!

Recently, I was approaching Westminster Cathedral when a couple of young women, who were sprawled on the pavement in Victoria Street drinking rather strong beer, started shouting at me. Because I was a priest, they thought that I ought to be giving them money. They called me a hypocrite when actually just the week before we had taken up a collection here in the Church to raise a lot of money for the homeless center run by the Sisters of Charity. If they were really homeless, then they would have been grateful for this. But these people were clearly freeloaders — and probably not poor at all. They were perfectly capable of working, but yet would rather beg for money to pay for booze than earn a proper living.

The real poor are hidden — they have their pride and would never beg. Rather they prefer to struggle along doing their best to raise their children and living a poor but honest life. These are the ones we really need to be helping. But it is not easy; we need to establish a relationship with them, we



need to become friends so that we can support them and help them out in thoroughly practical ways. This is how we show our commitment to the Christian faith. This is how we put into practice the teaching of Jesus.

At the end of Luke's Gospel, Jesus says this: "No servant can be the slave of two masters — you will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn." The two masters are, of course, a self-seeking materialistic form of life, or a spiritual and heavenly form of life — paganism or Christianity; the Devil or Jesus. We cannot be beholden to both; we have to choose — materialism or faith, Jesus or the Devil.

A lot of us are tempted to sit on the fence and try to avoid making this choice. We may like to feel religious, but we also like to own many material possessions. We say our prayers, but we are also in thrall to fashion or to materialism, we want the latest gadget, we find ourselves thinking that acquiring more and more makes us better and better people. We start to measure our worth in terms of money in the bank or in the size of our house. Now there is nothing wrong with success — nothing wrong with living a comfortable life. The problem arises when these things become an end in themselves. The problem arises when we find ourselves ignoring the spiritual aspect of life in favour of these far more worldly concerns.

What Jesus is telling us is that we need to make a decisive choice in life. We need to definitively choose between the world and the spirit. Yes, have material things, seek success in work, live a comfortable life. But be cautious of these things. Understand well that they are not an end in themselves. Realize that the things of the spirit need to be given priority. Make more room for prayer; attend to the needs of the poor; do your best to live an honorable life; put more energy into acquiring the virtues than you put in to increasing your income. This is how to live the Christian life.

As Jesus says: "You cannot be the slave of two masters." So, choose your master. Make your choice and stick to it. Be astute in those things which will gain you a place in heaven. Pray to God, frequent the sacraments, attend to the poor, love your neighbor. Do these things and you will find favor with God. Do these things and you will ensure your eternal destiny.

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

## **A PRAYER FOR BUILDING RELATIONSHIP:**

Our relationships with one another are priceless and should be cherished and nurtured. As important as these relationships are to us, they can't begin to replace, or fill the emptiness that comes as a result of neglecting our relationship with God. Our relationship with Him — like all others — requires time, attention, and nurturing. It doesn't matter how great things may be going in our lives; if we aren't spending time with Him, we will find ourselves feeling secluded and alone. It is the light of His love that reaches to the core of our souls and fills the emptiness with fullness of joy. There is no human relationship that can fill the longing within us for God — nothing satisfies our souls like Him. **O Lord, teach me your ways, and help me to be constantly aware and able to recognize my neglect of our relationship. You are always present; I am the one who has misplaced my priorities. I treasure my relationship, for you are my life and my source of everything. Without you in the midst of my life, there is an empty space that leaves my soul aching and longing for you, my companion and friend.**

**SERVING THE LORD IN THE POOR — SAT. SEPT. 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.

**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.

**COLLECTING FOR THE FOOD PANTRY:**



**Our Lady Chapel’s Council group has decided to begin an ongoing food collection to assist the Food Pantry. Any non-perishable food items are welcome.** We have bins in the Chapel Narthex for your donations. Thank you!

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

- Monday:** Ezra 1:1-6, Luke 8:16-18
- Tuesday:** Galatians 2:19-20, Matthew 16:24-27
- Wednesday:** Ezra 9:5-9, Luke 9:1-6
- Thursday:** Haggai 1:1-8, Luke 9:7-9
- Friday:** Haggai 2:1-9, Luke 9:18-22
- Saturday:** 1 Corinthians 1:26-31, Matthew 9:35-38
- 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time:** Amos 6:1a, 4-7, 1 Timothy 6:11-16, Luke 16:19-31

**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 [9/13/25] ----- \$ 130.00**  
**Total Offerings: Sunday [9/14/25] ----- \$ 540.00**

## **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 Tara Hyland Zittel ['07] who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Andre Polsinelli, who is undergoing treatment for Parkinson's Disease.
- For Anna Sasin, mother of Brother Ben Sasin, C.S.C., who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Kathy Pender, mother of Marc ['83] and Michael ['90], grandmother of Matthew ['11] and Charlotte ['13] Pender, and Katherine ['17] and Tyler ['19] Clark, who is recovering from surgery
- For Kate Tzefronis, sister of Charlie ['24], 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 Richard Fletcher ['97] who is recovering from open heart surgery.
- For a Gilmour parent who has been diagnosed with leukemia.

### **PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED:**

- For Rocco DiPuccio, father of Dominic ['82], and grandfather of Dominic ['14], Matthew ['17], Sophia ['19], Armand ['19], Lena ['20], Michael ['22], and Isabel ['25] DiPuccio, and father-in-law of Katie Heltzel DiPuccio ['93]
- For Gilbert Diaz, nephew of Senior Lizandra Burgos-Ramos
- For Charles Kirk
- For Michael Schmunk, father of annual giving officer, Nicole Rodenfels.
- For Alma Wilkinson, mother of Montessori Toddler and after care assistant, Kathy Sonnhalter, and grandmother of Kevin ['13] and Christopher ['17] Sonnhalter, and Edward ['09], Ryan ['14], Sean ['16], and Patrick ['19] Kelley
- For Beverly Rae Resch, mother of Jennifer Resch Hofmann ['89] and Ed Resch ['90], and grandmother of Thaddeus Resch ['13] and Gwyneth Resch Randazzo ['18], and sister-in-law of Michael Resch ['68].
- For Mary Fox, grandmother of Father Drew Clary, C.S.C.
- For Alan Conners, grandfather of Alex Keene ['10].

### **PRAYERS FOR OTHERS:**

- For the victims of the school shooting in Evergreen, Colorado, 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 of a Native American ~**

**O Great Spirit, who art before all else and who dwells in every object,  
in every person and in every place, we cry unto Thee.  
We summon Thee from the far places into our present awareness.**

**O Great Spirit of the North, who gives wings to the waters of the air and rolls the  
thick snowstorm before Thee, Who covers the Earth with a sparkling crystal carpet  
above whose deep tranquility every sound is beautiful.**

**Temper us with strength to withstand the biting blizzards, yet make us thankful  
for the beauty which follows and lies deep over the warm Earth in its wake.**

**O Great Spirit of the East, the land of the rising Sun, Who holds in Your right hand  
the years of our lives and in Your left the opportunities of each day.**

**Brace us that we may not neglect our gifts nor lose in laziness the hopes  
of each day and the hopes of each year.**

**O Great Spirit of the South, whose warm breath of compassion melts the ice that  
gathers round our hearts, whose fragrance speaks of distant springs and summer  
days, dissolve our fears, melt our hatreds, kindle our love into flames**

**of true and living realities. Teach us that he who is truly strong is also kind,  
he who is wise tempers justice with mercy,  
he who is truly brave matches courage with compassion.**

**O Great Spirit of the West, the land of the setting Sun, with Your soaring mountains  
and free, wide rolling prairies, bless us with knowledge of the peace which follows  
purity of striving and the freedom which follows like a flowing robe in the winds of a  
well-disciplined life. Teach us that the end is better than the beginning  
and that the setting sun glorifies not in vain.**

**O Great Spirit of the heavens, in the day's infinite blue and amid the countless stars  
of the night season, remind us that you are vast, that you are beautiful and majestic  
beyond all of our knowing or telling, but also that you are no further from us than  
the tilting upwards of our heads and the raising of our eyes.**

**O Great Spirit of Mother Earth beneath our feet, Master of metals, Germinator of  
seeds and the Storer of the Earth's unreckoned resources, help us to give thanks  
unceasingly for Your present bounty.**

**O Great Spirit of our souls, burning in our heart's yearning and in our innermost  
aspirations, speak to us now and always so that we may be aware of the greatness**

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