

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.

WELCOME TO CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK:

Catholic Schools Week is an annual U.S. celebration which takes place the last week in January each year. This year's theme is: **Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community**. Catholic Schools Week emphasizes the unique environment Catholic schools provide, focusing on holistic formation of the person — spiritual, intellectual, and character development, fostering a sense of belonging, safety, and service — and telling the story of Catholic education's positive impact on the lives of young people, families and society.



THE CHAPEL INDOOR PICNIC:

Put **Sunday, February 15th** on your calendars — the date our annual indoor Chapel picnic. Our Indoor Picnic has been a long-standing tradition at Our Lady Chapel. What better way to spend a winter day — and the Sunday before Lent starts — than by having an indoor picnic in the middle of winter. So here it comes once again. It will be a great event for the entire family. The picnic will be held in the Commons from 11:00 AM – 1:15 PM. 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. **A signup sheet has been posted on the easel in the narthex** if you plan to attend and/or bring your favorite side dish or desert if you can.



FAITH EDUCATION:

Faith Education will not meet on Sunday, January 25th because of the weather. Class dates for February will be February 1st, 8th, and 22nd. Faith Education is an important part of every young person's religious 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.**



2025 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:

If you would like a copy of your 2025 Contributions to Our Lady Chapel, please call the chapel office [440-473-3560] and we will be glad to send it out to you. We have been doing it this way for a number of years now. We have found in the past that many have their own records and do not need to receive this statement. As good stewards, we are trying to cut postage expenses from a mass mailing. Let us know if you need the statement sent to you and we will be glad to get it to you. Thanks for your understanding.

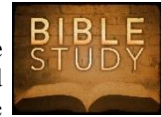


ALTAR SERVERS and LECTORS:

We continue to be in need of servers and lectors. **Any student who is in the 3rd [and up] grade is invited to become an altar server; any student who is in the 5th [and up] grade is invited to become a lector.** These are both wonderful ministries — a great way to serve God and the faith community. If you would like to take advantage of these opportunities, please give your name to Father John. You do not have to attend Gilmour to be an altar server, lector, or to be involved in any other ministry at Our Lady Chapel. **Adults are also welcome...especially in our Lector Ministry. Please call the chapel office [440-473-3560].**



NEXT BIBLE STUDY — THURSDAY, JANUARY 29th:



Our next Virtual Bible Study will be on Thursday, January 29th at 6:30 PM. Bible Study usually meets 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: God’s call to Repentance

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.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday, January 25: 3 rd Week in Ordinary Time	10:00 AM In-Person & Live Stream
Monday, January 26: Ss. Timothy and Titus	NO MASS
Tuesday, January 27:	NO MASS
Wednesday, January 28: St. Thomas Aquinas	NO MASS
Thursday, January 29:	10:00 AM – Funeral Mass for Br. Robert Lavelle, C.S.C.
Friday, January 30:	NO MASS
Saturday, January 31: 4 th Week in Ordinary Time	5:00 PM In-Person only
Sunday, February 1: 4 th Week in Ordinary Time	10:00 AM In-Person & Live Stream

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.



A REFLECTION ON THIS WEEK'S THEME:

What should it mean to follow Jesus? This question looms over the Scripture Readings for this 3rd Week in Ordinary Time. The most straightforward answer comes in Matthew's Gospel. Jesus calls, and Peter, Andrew, James, and John to respond — not grudgingly, not eventually, but “immediately”! They leave their fishing, they leave their father, and they're on their way [Matthew 4:12-23]. Matthew's gospel has been called a “training manual for disciples,” and shortly the call of the disciples, Jesus will deliver the Sermon on the Mount — perhaps the greatest manifesto of discipleship in all of the gospels. But it is not first and foremost Christ's teachings, but rather Christ's personal call, that animates these first disciples to leave the shores of Galilee and embark on The Way.

We should not forget that whatever the immediacy of their response, the disciples do not leave their flaws, misunderstandings, or humanity behind — a theme made refreshingly clear in the recent series, *The Chosen*. Nor does the second generation of believers. To dispel any illusions, you may have about the assumed idealism of the early Christian community, read Paul's letters to the Corinthians. The scandals, in-fighting, and polarization in first-century Corinth could match anything we see in recent headlines in today's world. In this light, St. Paul's exhortation today speaks through the ages, for division and rivalry are never markers of the Spirit. Likewise, we Catholics should not “belong to Pope Benedict or Pope Francis or Pope Leo”, for we ultimately belong to Christ [1 Corinthians 1:10-17]. May our church communities strive to exemplify the unity in diversity that Paul labored so mightily to bring about in Corinth.



As healthy and appropriate as our human-relational processes are, God is “totally other” than our way of conduct. God is the Seeker, the One Who is asking, the One Who waits to be gracious to us. It is God who labors with our freedom and attracts us by the smallest and greatest gestures. It is God who seeks our heart, giving us an experience of love and forgiveness — and life.

The opening reading from Isaiah the Prophet ought to sound familiar to us — the reading was used as the opening reading at Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve [Isaiah 9:1-4]. It is a promise of deliverance — an historical review leading to a prophetic and hopeful oracle. Distress and gloom have abounded, but gladness and light have replaced them. Two places are mentioned — Zebulun and Naphtali. They were not “shining lights” — until now. The historical truth symbolized by darkness gives way to the delights of a “great light” which leads to freedom from the oppressors and capturing foreigners. All the trappings of war, violence, suppression have “taken wing” and the heaviness of the rods of captivity give way to the experiences of harvest festivals.

Matthew's Gospel makes an introductory mention of these two geographical places as places Jesus visited after His leaving home. Since Matthew is writing for the Jewish converts, he will often remark upon how Jesus lived up to and lived out the “Messianic” prophecies. It is within the context of fulfilling these prophecies that Jesus “drafts” his first four followers.

We have no scriptural picture of Jesus leaving Mary and Joseph and heading into His salvific journey. He departed from the known into the believed. He moved beyond living according to the dictates of the Law to His living according to a specific relationship with the Father Who had baptized Him with His being the “Beloved”. Imagine how Mary, who was left behind, had to live her call to faith as Jesus heads down the road leading to everywhere.

The journey of Jesus leads him into the lives of others. First it was Simon Peter and his brother Andrew. “At once” they left what was familiar to them and followed Jesus. “At once!” Jesus went

along the shore and James and John “immediately” left their boat and father to follow Jesus. “Immediately!”

Perhaps all four were bored with the dragging of nets and the familiar — the predictable is very unexciting. More likely the quickness of their responses is Matthew’s way of presenting the dramatic nature of the call of God. Matthew has these four people respond “without hesitation” because the call of Jesus just seems right and good — and besides, they are promised better fishing somewhere else.

Jesus and the band of quick-discerners went around the area catching new kinds of fish. They did the good which the people needed done. They healed and spoke of the Good News which was then beginning to happen. The past is moving into the “Kingdom” of the active God. Illnesses and sicknesses were a sign of evil and sin. Jesus begins the work of salvation by beginning His battle with the Prince of Darkness. And what is amazing is that the “demons” know exactly Who Jesus is and what His kingdom is.

In preparing young people for marriage, I often ask both persons to give me some factual reasons why they are marrying this person sitting next to them. They usually fumble around for words and images, but if they really love each other, the answer always is relational — it is relational; it just is sound; it is right; and it is mysterious.

Jesus is the initiating relator Who invites us to move past “logic” and to enter into the world of “living.” Logic in relationships is imprisoning — it binds us to our minds. Discernment is not a decision-making faculty, but a way of living beyond gravity. It does not demand information about what’s coming next. It is a growing sense that the inviting, self-initiating, loving God is laboring to bring us out of the familiar into the freedom of faith. Discernment asks only: “Who’s in charge?”

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

SERVING THE LORD IN THE POOR — SAT. FEB. 21st:

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 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.

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. 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].



THE CHOSEN – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8th:

We had a wonderful group of people join us for our last episode of *The Chosen* in January. The viewing was followed by a very inspiring sharing among those present. **Our NEXT gathering will take place on Sunday, February 8th, 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 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. **Join us for this life-giving experience. If you have any questions, please contact Father John or the chapel office [440-473-3560].**

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:** 2 Timothy 1:1-8; Titus 1:1-5; Luke 10:1-9
- Tuesday:** 2 Samuel 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mark 3:31-35
- Wednesday:** Wisdom 7:7-10, 15-16; Matthew 23:8-12
- Thursday:** 2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29; Mark 4:21-25
- Friday:** 2 Samuel 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mark 4:26-34
- Saturday:** Philippians 4:4-9; Matthew 18:1-5

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 5:1-12a

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 [1/17/26] ----- \$ 615.00
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PRAYER REQUESTS:

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

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

- For Andre Polsinelli, who is undergoing treatment for Parkinson's Disease.
- For Denise Linkov, cousin of Anna Akkus, who is a civilian war prisoner, and who is ill.
- For Veronica Pauer, sister of Brother Charles Smith, C.S.C., who is under the care of hospice.
- For Michael Gray, brother of Brother Shaun Gray, C.S.C., who is critically ill.
- For Arthur Lafave, grandfather of Ursuline College Student, Annie McCarthy, who is seriously ill.
- For Jan Leavitt, who is recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- For Bill Kral ['87], brother of Jennifer ['86] and Michael ['90] Kral, who is recovering from brain surgery.
- For Ivana Brkic, Director of Counseling Services, who is recovering from foot surgery.
- For Jackie Rusnik, sister of Margaret Benish, and aunt of Jakob Benish ['30], who is recovering from a stroke.
- For Ray Murphy, former Chief Advancement Strategy Office at Gilmour, who is preparing for cancer surgery.
- For Sharon Healey Lisinski, former Gilmour Montessori teacher, who is undergoing treatment for Thyroid Cancer.
- For Sister Barbara Morsher, S.N.D. and Sister Cecelia Liberatore, S.N.D., both of whom are under the care of hospice.



PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED:

- For Shirley Baskin, mother of Hockey Coach, Andy Baskin, and grandmother of Brynn ['23] and Blake ['26] Baskin.
- For Bill Beaumont ['68], brother of Tim Beaumont ['72]
- For Father James Thornton, C.S.C.
- For Peter Zwick
- For Brother James Kozak, C.S.C.
- For Maryann Kennedy, wife of Larry Kennedy ['66]
- For Br. Robert Lavelle, Headmaster Emeritus of Gilmour Academy

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS:

- For a greater openness to the needs of others, especially during this time.
- 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 its forms.
- For all service men and women, and for their families

ATTENDANCE:

We continually aspire to something “more” that no created reality can give us; we feel a deep and burning thirst that no drink in this world can satisfy. Knowing this, let us not deceive our hearts by trying to satisfy them with cheap imitations! Let us, rather, listen to them! Let us turn this thirst into a step stool, like children who stand on tiptoe, in order to peer through the window of encounter with God.

—Pope Leo XIV

CLOSING PRAYER:

~ A Winter's Prayer ~

Lord:

**In the midst of Winter,
when the days are cold
and winds can pierce
..... remind us of the warmth
of your love.**

**In the midst of Winter,
when days are short,
dawn comes late,
and dusk arrives early
..... remind us that in the darkness
your light still shines.**

**In the midst of Winter,
when the flowers of spring
still lie hidden in the earth,
when leaves are off the trees,
and the world can seem bleak
..... remind us that Easter
is but a short time away.**

**And when in our lives
we feel as if we are experiencing
a season of winter,
reach out to us
with the power of your resurrection
so that we may feel
the warmth of your love
and see your light
that alone can take away
the darkness of our soul.
Amen**

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