

# 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.*

## **APOLOGIES TO THOSE WHO DIDN'T RECEIVE THE MESSAGE:**

On Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, there was no 5PM Mass at Our Lady Chapel because Father John was at Brother Robert's Funeral at Notre Dame. Father was unable to locate an available priest to take his place. Father understands that a few people unknowingly came for Mass on that date. We sincerely apologize that this miscommunication occurred. God bless you, and please continue to remember Brother Robert Lavelle, C.S.C., in your prayers.

## **THE CHAPEL INDOOR PICNIC— SUNDAY, FEB. 15: THIS IS THE LAST CALL TO SIGN UP FOR OUR CHAPEL PICNIC.**

February 15<sup>th</sup> is 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 of the chapel if you plan to attend. Potluck is welcome, so bring your favorite side dish or desert if you can.**



## **FAITH EDUCATION:**

**Our next Faith Education Class will meet this Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. Other class dates for February will be February 22<sup>nd</sup>; March dates: 1<sup>st</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.** 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.**



## **BIRTHDAYS:**

It is especially important to celebrate birthdays. We just celebrated the birth of Jesus a month ago, and we know how special a day that is. The birth of Christ means that the infinite God has chosen to put on human flesh in order to be with us. Something similar could be said at our birth. God has loved God's creation so much that like a mother and a father, God has chosen to bring to life something unique when God created us. We have the opportunity of discovering the love God has for us with ability to discern our purpose in life according to God's plan.

We can celebrate graduations, weddings, and promotions, but it is in celebrating our birthday that we recognize the love and gift that God has given us. This should make it a priority. In real way birthdays can be celebrated often when we acknowledge the gift of life that God has given us.

So here are some things to reflect upon:

- Do you feel joy when you realize the significance of your birthday?
- How important is the celebration of the birthdays of family members?
- What ways of celebration are meaningful to you?

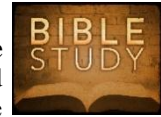
—Brother Carl Sternberg, C.S.C.



## **HONESTY IS IMPORTANT:**

Honesty with God, others, and self demands a huge amount of courage and humility. —Eamon Tobin

**NEXT BIBLE STUDY — THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19:**



**Our next Virtual Bible Study will be on Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup> 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, February 8: 5 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	10:00 AM In-Person & Live Stream
Monday, February 9:	NO MASS
Tuesday, February 10: St. Scholastica	NO MASS
Wednesday, February 11:	NO MASS
Thursday, February 12:	NO MASS
Friday, February 13:	NO MASS
Saturday, February 14: 6 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	5:00 PM In-Person only
Sunday, February 15: 6 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	10:00 AM In-Person & Live Stream

**FIRST RECONCILIATION:**

Over the course of the next couple weeks, many of our second grade children will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. This is a moment of great grace for them and for each of us. To meet Jesus in his loving embrace of mercy and forgiveness is an important part of our journey to God, our Father. Let us pray for **Nico Chiellino, Andrew Comar, Emily Dudley, Bryce Dennison, Matthew Giavara, Jackson Impullitti, Juliana Jeschelnig, Cameron Joyce, Piper Kilkenney, Vincent Langenmayr, Maeve Lazuka, Avery Matejka, Cooper Pinkerton, Julian Rondinelli and Anthony VanAntwerp.** And let us also pray that we will all grow into a deeper appreciation of the blessings of this special sacrament.



**SURRENDER:**

God doesn’t need your strength; he wants your surrender.

—Matthew Kelly

## A REFLECTION ON THIS WEEK'S THEME:

Everybody knows that this Sunday, here in the United States, is not an ordinary Sunday — it is SUPER BOWL SUNDAY! It is the day the football championship is decided and mighty are the preparations. There are house-parties, gatherings in local watering holes, wagers of all kinds — and those are mostly for people who do not even like football! Millions upon millions of dollars are spent on TV advertising, and on the entertaining show at half-time — most of us don't know who is Bad Bunny. It is a social-sports event. The two teams have been preparing specifically for this game for the past two weeks, but though they say they are ready, they also are wondering what is coming — does the other team have some surprises which will make them “not ready”?

Every time we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, we bring our best and our worst selves to be blessed and called for the unexpected surprises of our ordinary days. We prepare ourselves for being attentive to how God has been active within the moments of each day. Going to church is made more meaningful by our every-day experiencing of just how God has been coming to us.

It is within this context that we need to reflect upon the readings for this 5<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time. The prophet Isaiah [58:7-11] gives voice to God's call to a penitential life. It is not a call to “hang one's head”; rather it is a call that more positive and life-giving — it has more to do with what one does for the good of others, rather than what penance does for oneself. It's all about love and serving others.

The prophet speaks of gloom and darkness — this is personal, soul-felt shame for anyone who fails to respond to God's invitation. For the person who can give food to the poor, clothe the naked, give shelter to the homeless, the personal gloom and doom will be lifted and midday brightness will occur. The sins of darkness are those of deliberate neglect of strangers and kin. But there is a divine payoff when the request from God is heard and accomplished — the prayers addressed to God will likewise be heard and God will say: “Here I am!”

We are 10 days away from the beginning of our Lenten Journey. This attitude of mind and heart is what God wants to give us during Lent. We can ask for these graces, and they can be our Lenten practices. We can ask to be renewed in this call in our relationship with the poor, in our interaction with the most vulnerable, even in the way we advocate for those seeking justice. We are all called to be light.

Matthew's Gospel [5:13-16] continues Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. These are the instructions of Jesus on how to be a disciple. The Beatitudes are the beginning of Jesus' socio-religious platform. They involved good works that are not to be hidden — our works are to be revelations of the Light of Christ. God is to be tasted and seen as the spice of life and the light of life within us.

I recall a parade that I attended when I was quite young. Ahead of the first marching band was a little-older-than-me girl with white boots, spangled skirt, red, white and blue top and a headdress of plumes. The young girl appeared so confident and in charge — I hated her for that. She twirled a baton and threw it high and caught it without missing a step. I hated her high stepping and showing off as she strutted right down our street. I hated her showing off, and I hated I wasn't she. Her light was shining, and in my sidewalk-standing gloom, she seemed full of pride — a sin which was not allowed in our Irish-Catholic house and hearts.

Jesus is telling His disciples that there is a difference between showing-off and showing-up. Showing-off is a play of pretense. Showing-up is a display of truth. Jesus is telling His friends that their truth is His light in them and their spirit is seasoned by His preserving flavor within them. If they



stay faithful to whom Jesus claims them to be, then their flavor and light will display the God Who strutted the Divine stuff through creation and now through Jesus.

Each of us is in a constant process of revealing ourselves — even if we are not aware of it, or really sure of the self we are revealing. Every gesture speaks volumes, and others can read the signs and hear the wordless statements. We are followers of Jesus Who heard and believed Who He was. As followers, we hear, and yet find it hard to believe who He says we are. We have first-hand evidence of our un-defining self-centeredness. How can I be what He says, when I say what I am by my pretenses and showing-offs.

What Jesus came to save us from is the eternal consequences of not knowing who we are, and acting thusly. He is Savior from and Savior for. The “for” is the living as the highest form of God’s creative love. Jesus is telling us that though mountains and stars and fantastic beauty can display the awesomeness of God, it dwindles before the gestures of compassion, generosity, self-sacrificing and creativity of a light and salty human being who knows who she/he really is.

We who follow the divine Drum Major are invited, required, and encouraged to strut His stuff by going public with the gifts God has shared with us. Yes, shared, they belong to God and are designed to display the person and mission of Jesus. He has given us our marching orders, and the grace to let it all out. —taken from the writings of Father Andy Alexander, S.J., and Father Larry Gillick, 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:** 1 Kings 8:1-13; Mark 6:53-56  
**Tuesday:** 1 Kings 8:22-30; Mark 7:1-13  
**Wednesday:** 1 Kings 10:1-10; Mark 7:14-23  
**Thursday:** 1 Kings 11:4-13; Mark 7:24-30  
**Friday:** 1 Kings 11:29-12:19; Mark 7:31-37  
**Saturday:** 1 Kings 12:26-13:34; Mark 8:1-10

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time:** Sirach 15:15-20; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37

## SERVING THE LORD IN THE POOR — SAT. FEB. 21<sup>st</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 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.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

We have begun the process of discerning those in our chapel community who feel called to Eucharistic Ministry. We have a need for more Eucharistic Ministers, particularly within our younger families who come here regularly, as well as with those who regular attend the Saturday Evening Mass. If you feel that the Lord is calling you to this ministry, we would be delighted to include you here at Our Lady Chapel. Both adults and teens [must be going into Senior year of High School next year] are welcome to participate in this very special ministry.



**ALTAR SERVERS and LECTORS:**

We continue to be in need of servers and lectors. **Any student who is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> [and up] grade is invited to become an altar server; any student who is in the 5<sup>th</sup> [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].**



**ATTENDANCE:**

If you attend Mass regularly here at Our Lady Chapel, it would be helpful if you filled out a Registration Form 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 [1/31/26] ----- \$ 0.00**  
**Total Offerings: Sunday [2/1/26] ----- \$ 682.00**

**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].



## **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 Arthur Lafave, grandfather of Ursuline College Student, Annie McCarthy, who is under hospice care..
- 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 Jackie Rusnik, sister of Margaret Benish, and aunt of Jakob Benish ['30], who is recovering from a stroke.
- For Dale Rusnik, brother-in-law of Margaret Benish, and uncle of Jakob Benish ['30], who is undergoing treatment for multiple health issues.
- For Ray Murphy, former Chief Advancement Strategy Office at Gilmour, who is recovering from 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.
- For Father Ken Molinaro, C.S.C., who is critically ill.
- For Charles Dottore, a young person, who has been diagnosed with MS
- For John Kealey ['62], father of Christine Spencer ['90], who is undergoing medical treatment.
- For Suzanne Wrobel, wife of Ed Wrobel ['62], who suffered a stroke a few days ago.



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

- For Brother James Kozak, C.S.C.
- For Maryann Kennedy, wife of Larry Kennedy ['66]
- For Br. Robert Lavelle, Headmaster Emeritus of Gilmour Academy
- For Father Bill Persia, C.S.C.
- For James Sullivan, grandfather of Liam McCrone ['28], and Michael ['29] and Annie ['29] Sullivan.
- For Mary Kay Carroll, mother of Colleen ['87] and Kevin ['89] Carroll
- For Gloria Ann Spicer, mother of Father Kevin Spicer, C.S.C.
- For Robert Simpson, grandfather of Nathan Griffith ['27]
- For Brother John McMuldren, C.S.C.

### **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

**CLOSING PRAYER:**

**~ A Prayer of Beatitude ~**

**O Loving God,  
I sing to you  
A song of sacrifice,  
A song of thanksgiving.  
You have called me  
in Christ  
to learn that  
you are Father  
of us all.  
Love that begets me,  
Love that sustains me,  
May my life  
be a response  
to that love.**

**I offer you  
the gift of myself.  
May I rest  
not on my own strength  
but on the God  
who made me**

**Let me be a comfort  
to all those in Sorrow.  
May I be ever mindful  
of the gift of mercy  
as you have been merciful to me.  
Make me an instrument  
of your peace,  
and a channel  
of your grace  
and your love.  
Amen.**

**CAMPUS MINISTRY OFFICE:**

The Campus Ministry Office is located in **Our Lady Chapel**.  
phone: [440] 473-3560 [office] or 216-570-9276 [cell].  
e-mail: blazekj@gilmour.org