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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.*

## MOTHER'S DAY:

What a blessing motherhood is — not just the physical “giving birth,” but the nurturing and special love that mothering involves. Motherhood is often seen as a glimpse of God's love, characterized by nurturing and comfort. The prophet Isaiah reflects this relationship between God and motherhood — “As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you” [see Isaiah 66:13]. Many mothers shape lives of their family through quiet perseverance and prayer, serving as spiritual anchors for all the members of the family.



Mary is looked upon as the model of Motherhood. Her relationship to Jesus — her support, her enduring love, her spiritual and maternal identification, stand as a reminder of the power of motherhood in our lives.

We take time this weekend to celebrate the blessings of mothers. Today, and everyday, they are a special blessing to each of us. There is a special blessing for our mother on the back cover of the bulletin this week.

## IMPORTANT SCHEDULE CHANGE COMING MAY 26: [one time only]:

Because of Graduation, we will have a change in the Mass time for the Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> Masses. **Mass on Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> will be the Baccalaureate Mass at 5:00 PM, and will take place in the Athletic Center.** All are welcome. **Mass on Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> will be at 9:00 AM and will take place in the chapel.** This is a one-time change because of graduation which takes place later that morning. Sorry for the inconvenience that this may cause you. It is the only time all year, that Mass times change.

## PLAY BALL!

Our Lady Chapel is going back to Classic Park to watch the Lake County Captains. **Join us on Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> as the Captains take on the West Michigan Whitecaps.** Game time is 7:00 PM and gates open at 6:00 PM. **Our Picnic dinner will be served shortly after 6:00 PM.** This year's menu will include Italian Sausage, Chicken Sandwiches, Mac & Cheese, Chips, Cookies and beverages. The meal will be available until 7:30 PM. Cost is \$30 per person and includes the buffet and a box seat ticket. The game will be followed by fireworks celebrating America's 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday. You will need to RSVP: please put your name on the Sign-Up Sheet on the easel in the Chapel narthex. Or you can call the Chapel Office [440-473-3560] or email Patty in the Chapel Office at: szaniszlop@gilmour.org. The last day to sign up will be Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. We will notify you when the tickets come in, and you may pick them up and pay for them in the Chapel Office.



## MEMORIAL DAY:

**Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>,** is the observance of **Memorial Day.** Holidays are always time for family and friends; the time off from the routine of the workday, offers us an opportunity to give attention to other important aspects of our lives. Let us take time this Memorial Day to celebrate the heritage of those who have gone before us, particularly those who have given their lives in the service of our nation. Please join us for **Mass at 9:30 AM** in our chapel.



## REALITY CHECK:

We are never more than one grateful thought away from peace of heart. —Brother David Steindl-Rast, OSB

## NEXT BIBLE STUDY — WEDNESDAY, MAY 13:



Our next Virtual Bible Study will be on Wednesday, May 13<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: Learning to listen to God’s voice**

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, May 10: 6 <sup>th</sup> Week in Easter	10:00 AM In-Person & Live Stream
Monday, May 11:	NO MASS
Tuesday, May 12:	NO MASS
Wednesday, May 13:	NO MASS
Thursday, May 14:	NO MASS
Friday, May 15:	NO MASS
Saturday, May 16: The Ascension of Jesus	5:00 PM In-Person only
Sunday, May 17: The Ascension of Jesus	10:00 AM In-Person & Live Stream

## THE CHOSEN – SUNDAY, MAY 17:

We had a wonderful group of people join us for our last episode of *The Chosen* during Lent. The viewing was followed by a very inspiring sharing among those present. **Our NEXT gathering will take place on a Sunday, May 17<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 for this life-giving experience. If you have any questions, please contact Father John or the chapel office [440-473-3560].**

## REFLECTION ON THIS WEEK'S THEME:

Two weeks from now is the great celebration of Pentecost. We are preparing to be more available to the promptings of that Spirit which comforts, protects, guides, and encourages the fuller experience of who each of us is. Each of us has been baptized into that Spirit; each of us is invited to live in hope so distinctly that people will ask us for an explanation. The bottom line here is that we all need to become more of a sacramental people — we need to be bolder in our living and revealing God's word and work.

This weekend, we celebrate Mother's Day in the US. To anyone who has lost their mother, this observance brings a void which is filled with many memories and feelings. Mother's Day is all about relationship — a relationship that never goes away.

In John's Gospel, Jesus talks about his Father-Son bond with God — and of course their relationship was absolutely more than a regular father-son. Jesus says: "realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you" [John 14:15-21]. There is a connection that is beyond death. Jesus rose again, and if we accept him, he lives in each of us. He says: "In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me." We are still connected even beyond this world and into the next. He hasn't just left us here; he's given us his love that doesn't die.

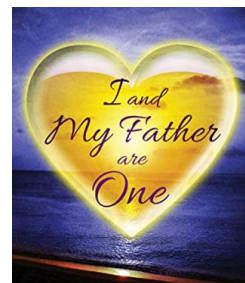
Jesus set himself as a precedent. His love continues and he continues to love us, and we continue to love him. And love does not die. Those we love who have gone before continue to love us too, and we continue to love them. Jesus says: "whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him." Love never dies.

Steven — the first martyr for Christ — is a victim of the persecution of the early Church. Saul, who himself would become a follower of Jesus, greatly encouraged and assisted in this purge. The Book of Acts describes Philip's going away from Jerusalem with many others who were fleeing the persecution. He travels to Samaria and begins to preach about Jesus and performing many miracles. In that town also was a man named Simon the Magician, who has been working the crowds of Samaria before Philip arrives. As Philip preaches, many forsake Simon and become baptized. Even Simon desires a bit of the action and asks if he can strike a deal with Philip by his purchasing with money some of the Spirit with which Philip works his miracles. Philip points out to Simon that this baptism is a free gift as is the Holy Spirit. Even Simon joins the crowd in baptism [Acts 8:5-17].

Peter and John arrive from Jerusalem; they witness the great fervor of the people and then lay hands on those who have heard the Good News and desire to live as "good words" themselves. The Holy Spirit urges incarnation — that is, that those who believe in their hearts might be freed to give flesh to God's goodness within them. The early Church grew through the work of the Spirit and the works of those who lived what they believed.

Next weekend, we will be celebrating the mystery of the Lord's Ascension into Heaven. With that in mind, John's Gospel continues the final instructions and prayers of Jesus over His Apostles. He is going to first leave them after this discourse by giving His life on the cross. He then will leave them after His resurrection through His being taken up out of their sight in the Ascension. The words we hear from Jesus are a comforting reminder that though He will be leaving them, He will send a kind of "holy Lawyer" to be their Advocate, Consulter, Inspiration, and Encourager.

Jesus speaks to His friends about the centrality of "loving" Him. This is a rather difficult spiritual reality — how to "love" God and thereby fulfill the First Commandment that Jesus asks about here. At first hearing, it can sound as if God will love us if we keep each commandment. This could mean also



that each Commandment had to be observed quite perfectly in order to allow God’s love to flow. This is very dangerous Theology, resulting in a crippling Spirituality.

In the business world, if I do something which is expected and required, then I might be appreciated; but in either case, I certainly expect to be paid accordingly. In school when we do everything correctly and politely our teachers are expected to smile and give us a gold star and a good grade. Do we love God by doing the “good works” and then God loves us in response? Absolutely not! God does not love us because we keep the commandments.

The “Spirit of truth whom the world cannot accept” is this Advocate or Spirit of God Who is given to us and to all people of this world as a reminder. The Spirit is sent to confirm the world in the simple truth that we are in Christ Who is in the Father. The “world” cannot accept being that dependent or intimately united. The “world” — and we are a part of that world — wants its own freedom of identity and behavior. To love God is to accept the God-given truth that I am and we are and all is a God-given truth. Accepting this truth is the work of the Spirit as well as living that truth. The good we do is not a price we pay, but a revelation of who we really are in Christ Who is in the Father.

Keeping the commandments of Jesus by our doing things begins with our receiving firstly the command that Jesus is. This Command is to allow ourselves to be loved and to accept our being in Christ. Jesus saves us first from false identities and being lost in the search. The Spirit is sent to continue our becoming more in Christ.

The life of St. John Paul II — and now Pope Francis — was guided by this Holy Spirit. His writings, spoken words, and his actions all increased the experience of the Spirit of God in the Church. John Paul was not a magician — though he did change things mysteriously — but in some way he was a miracle worker of sorts. The increase was not in numbers especially, but in the Church’s expressing the “truth which the world cannot accept.” Especially significant is St. John Paul’s work on the sacredness of human life — the sacred creation, salvation, and blessedness of each person. The work of Christ’s Spirit is not done yet.

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

## SERVING THE LORD IN THE POOR — SAT. MAY 16:

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. 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].



## SUFFERING FOR GOOD:

“If it be God’s will that you suffer, it is better that you suffer for good deeds rather than for evil ones” [1 Peter 3:16]. A young girl comes to a pregnancy center. She has a difficult decision to make. She is pregnant and wants to know more about the baby. If she chooses to bring the baby to term, than she’ll miss her prom, and people will talk about her. If she chooses to eliminate the baby’s life now, people will forget about her condition and her life will appear to go on normal. But she knows that she will always remember the baby she had killed. She chooses to do what is right. That choice means immediate suffering, but knowing forever that she the world is richer for a new life that for whom she is giving birth. If it be God's will that you suffer, it is better that you suffer for good deeds rather than for evil ones.



A son asks for a graduation party with all the fixings. That means he wants one with a keg and drinks. He says: “The kids are going to drink anyway — at least they will be supervised here.” They know he is right. They also know that if they don’t give in, he’ll make life difficult for them. However, they know that they can’t be responsible for what the other kids do outside their home, but they are responsible for what happens inside their house. Maybe even if they are alcohol free, the kids will drink after the party; maybe they won’t. They know they can’t win, but they also know that if they stand up to what they know is right, they can’t lose.

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She really needs a better job. She knows that a few words from her in the right place would jeopardize her boss’s position. If he were gone, someone else would be moved up. Then she could see a promotion in her future. All she would have to do is say that he has harassed her. Besides, about a year and a half ago he asked her if she’d care to have a drink with him. He’s married and has kids. She said she didn’t like to mix work with her personal life, and he never brought it up again. He has always been professional with her and a gentleman. Still, he has a bad reputation. Some say he’s a low-life — always dating other girls. Now the company is investigating him and calling her in. She needs a promotion. But she also knows it would be a lie to claim harassment. True, her chances of a promotion are limited if he keeps his position, but she decides to tell the truth. If it be God’s will that you suffer, it is better that you suffer for good deeds rather than for evil ones.

The retired couple want to get married. When their first spouses died years ago, neither thought they would ever marry again, but they met each, grew comfortable in their relationship and decided that they would like to marry. If they do marry, they will lose some of their retirement benefits. If they just move in together, they would keep these benefits. The only thing is that they know that this is wrong. What would they tell their children and grandchildren and even great grandchildren? How do they justify living as husband and wife and not being married after they have been the ones adamant that the faith be passed on to the children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren? It looks like they can’t win. “But,” they reason, “with the Lord we really can’t lose.” If it be God’s will that you suffer, it is better that you suffer for good deeds rather than for evil ones.

We have to make continual choices in our lives. Many times these choices seem to be a choice of which suffering we are going to accept. We may suffer if we choose what we know is the right thing to do. We may suffer if we choose that which we know is not right. We are fooling ourselves if we think that we will not have to answer in this life and the next for choices we know are not the best. We

are forgetting what Christianity is. If we want to enjoy the joy of the Jesus' resurrection — if we want the eternal life of Easter — then we first must join Him in accepting suffering for good on the cross. If it be God's will that we suffer, it is better that we suffer for good deeds rather than for evil ones.

—taken from the writings for Father Joseph Pellegrino, which appear on the internet.

## THE HOPE THAT SUSTAINS US:

The letter of St. Peter was most probably written by a disciple of Peter, the first pope, sometime after his martyrdom in Rome during the persecution of Nero from 64 to 68 AD. The letter was most likely addressed to Christian communities in northern Asia Minor — today modern Turkey. A very common theme of Peter's writing is his constant encouragement that Christians endure the suffering that comes from the world to those who believe as we live out our faith in a hostile environment. Peter advises us to reverence Christ as "Lord in our hearts." Christ himself, the righteous one, suffered for our sins, was "put to death in the flesh," and was brought to life in the Spirit," that he might lead us to God.

Peter reminds us as Christians: "Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope." We should do this with "gentleness and reverence," keeping our "conscience clear" so that those who malign and defame us will themselves "be put to shame" [1 Peter 3:8-18]. In the midst of suffering, we are well advised to turn to Christ dwelling in our hearts, who saved us from our sins by his death and resurrection. We have a responsibility to give an explanation to anyone interested for the hope Christ inspires in us.

Let us imagine ordinary individuals giving effective witness to their Christian hope. Over the years, a father picked key moments to share with his growing son the many ways his Christian faith helped him manage some of the crosses of life — like the death of his mother, and a demotion at work. A wife talked her husband into doing a Marriage Encounter by emphasizing her hope that their marriage could be more mutually enriching. A grandmother comforts her collegiate granddaughter — who remains upset that the presidential glass ceiling is still intact — by sharing her own experience of women's progress as a sign of hope for the future. A geology professor long worried about apathy over global warming found new hope when he saw the positive response of his students to the encyclical *Laudato Si* by Pope Francis.

Are you prepared to give an explanation for the hope that sustains you?

—taken from the writings of Father Jim Bacik 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.

<b>Monday:</b>	Acts 14:5-18; John 14:21-26
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8
<b>Thursday:</b>	Acts 15:7-21; John 15:9-11
<b>Friday:</b>	Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17
<b>Saturday:</b>	Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21

**The Ascension of Jesus:** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

We are beginning the process of discerning those in our chapel community who feel called to Eucharistic Ministry. 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. If you are interested, please give your name to Fr. John, or call the Chapel office [440-473-3560].



**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.

<b>Total Offerings: Saturday [5/2/26]</b>	-----	<b>\$ 340.00</b>
<b>Total Offerings: Sunday [5/3/26]</b>	-----	<b>\$ 588.00</b>

**KNOW THIS:**

There is no limit to the presence of God — the Kingdom of God has no boundaries. We can define the Kingdom as the redemptive presence of God. This redemptive [or saving] presence of God can be found in our everyday personal experiences. Whenever people love one another, forgive one another, bear one another’s burdens, work to build up a just and peaceable kingdom — wherever people are humble of heart, open to the Creator and serving their neighbor — God’s redemptive and liberating presence is being manifest.

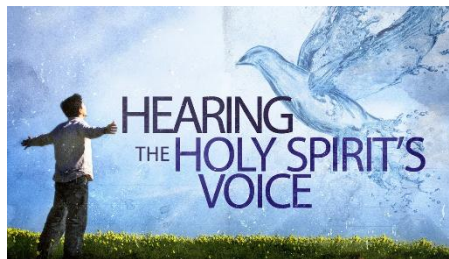


## LISTENING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT:

At the beginning of the last century, one of the most desirable and attractive technical jobs was to serve as a radio operator on one of the luxury ships that regularly crossed the Atlantic Ocean. To hold this job, you had to understand the operation of the primitive radios that were available at that time. But you also had to master Morse code — a technical language of longer and shorter beeps that could be sent over the radio by which the ships could communicate with one another.

On one occasion, one of the most successful cruise lines advertised a position for a radio operator. The waiting room for the line's office where the interviews were taking place was filled to capacity. Over 50 people were waiting to interview for the job. They were talking to one another in voices loud enough to make themselves heard over the public address system which every so often would announce that the interviews would soon begin.

In the midst of this activity, a young man entered the room and filled out an application for the job. He then sat down by himself for a few moments. Suddenly he stood up and went through a door marked "private." A few minutes later he returned with a big smile on his face and announced that he had been hired for the job. This caused one of the applicants to protest: "Look, we were here hours before you arrived. Why was it that you went in for your interview before us?" The young man replied: "Any one of you here could have landed this job, but you weren't listening. Over the PA system there was a constant message being sent in Morse code. The message was this: "We desire to hire a person who is always alert. So, if you hear this message, come immediately into the private office."



This story is a good image of our relationship to the Holy Spirit. The Spirit of God is always with us, and yet we have to listen to appreciate that presence. We know and believe that the Spirit is always with us because Jesus has promised us that this is the case. In John's Gospel, Jesus says: "I will ask the Father and he will send you another advocate to be with you forever — the Spirit of Truth" [John 14:15-21]. We know that we have the Spirit because Christ has promised the Spirit to us and Christ's promises are trustworthy.

To truly appreciate the gift of the Spirit, it is perhaps helpful for us to remember what Christ has not promised us. Christ has not promised us that life would be easy. He has not promised us that we would never have to face divorce or rejection or pain. He has not promised us that we would always have a job or that we would always have our health. He has not promised us that we would always be successful or that we would never make a mistake. These are all promises which perhaps we hope would have been made to us, but they are to be found nowhere in the scriptures.

What is found in the scriptures is a greater promise. Time and time again, Jesus promises us the gift of his own Spirit so that he would be in our lives forever. We believe in that promise, and yet we know that we will have to listen if we can benefit from the gift of that Spirit.

The Spirit of God is not always the loudest sound in our ear. The Spirit of God is not always the brightest light in our eye. Often the Spirit of God is found in the subtext of our lives. The presence of God's Spirit is often discernable under the activities and responsibilities that fill up our days. Like a constant message in Morse code playing out beneath a louder announcement, God's Spirit continually assures us of the presence of God. Therefore, we must be careful lest we allow ourselves to become deaf to that Spirit because of all our responsibilities and preoccupations. We must not allow our

disappointments over the gifts that we have not received deaden our joy over the gifts which the Spirit has given us.

Even if we have to struggle in life, we are called to discern God's presence in the strength that allows us to continue to move forward. Even though we might have to face hardship and pain, we are called to recognize God's Spirit in the love of the people who still share life with us. Even though we might have to cope with sickness and death, we are still called to hear the sound of the Spirit in the life that continues and promises us a tomorrow.

The admonition of John's gospel is to believe and to listen. To believe that the Spirit of God is always with us at every moment of our lives, and to listen so we can hear the sound of the Spirit as it moves under our everyday schedules. Yes, we are called to listen, so that we might recognize the message of God's Spirit — the message of love that keeps sounding under all the activities and challenges of life.

—taken from the writings of Father George Smiga, which appear on the internet.

### **LIFE AS PARTICIPATION:**

After conversion, you don't look out at reality — you look out from reality. In other words, God is not "out there" — you are in God and God is in you. You are in the middle of Reality! You're a part of it. It's a mystery of participation. After his conversion experience, Paul is obsessed with the idea that "I'm participating in something that's bigger than me." In fact, he uses the phrase "in Christ" 164 times to describe this organic unity and participation in Christ — "I live no longer, not I; but Christ lives in me" [Galatians 2:20]. "In Christ" is his code phrase for this new participatory life.



This is a completely different experience of life. I don't have to fully write my private story. It's being written with me and in me. I am already a character on the stage. I am being used, I am being chosen, I am being led. After conversion, you will know that your life is not about you — you are about life. You are about God. You're an instance of both the agony and the ecstasy of God that is happening inside of you, and all you can do is say yes to it. After transformation, it's not about doing it right — it's about being in right relationship. It's not about being correct; it's about being connected.

After conversion, you don't experience self-consciousness so much as what the mystics call pure consciousness. Self-consciousness implies a dualistic split, with me over here thinking about that over there. Your mind remains split until you have a mystical experience. Then the subject/object split is overcome. You can't maintain it forever, but you'll know it once in a while, and you'll never be satisfied with anything less. In unitive experience, you're freed from the burden of self-consciousness; you are living in, through, and with another. That's the same as the experience of truly being in love. Falling and being in love — like unitive experience — cannot be sustained at the ecstatic level, but it can be touched upon and then integrated within the rest of your life.

True union does not absorb distinctions, but actually intensifies them. The more one gives one's self in creative union with another, the more one becomes one's self. This is mirrored in the Trinity — perfect giving and perfect receiving between three who are all still completely themselves. The more one becomes one's True Self, the more capable one is of not overprotecting the boundaries of one's false self. You have nothing to protect after transformation, and that's the great freedom and the great happiness we see in converted people. There's no "little richard" here that you need to protect because it's precisely that little richard that got in the way and has now passed away — with no noticeable losses. Or as Paul puts it: "Because of Christ, I now consider my former advantages as disadvantages — all of it is mere rubbish if only I can have a place in him" [Philippians 3:7-8].

—Father Richard Rohr, O.F.M.

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

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

### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

- For Krishna Gupta, sister of Science teacher, Neena Goel, and aunt of Nikhil ['13] and Nuper ['17] Goel, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For James Cissell, father of Denise Shade, who is undergoing treatment for senior related medical issues.
- For Jacqui Lundi, Maintenance Associate, mother of Connor Lundi ['17], who is critically ill.
- For Kate Jackson, sister of Lower School Art Teacher, Eileen Sheehan, and aunt of Rita ['33], Bridget ['35], and Gretchen ['37] Sheehan, who is recovering from a serious medical condition.
- For Daria Classen, Gilmour ice-skating coach, who is recovering from a serious injury.

### PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED:

- For Andrew Futey, grandfather of Gregory ['08] and Kaitlin ['11] Futey
- For Kori Johnson, student at Hathaway Brown.
- For Charles Schmook
- For Sister Mary Bryan Gabel, S.N.D.
- For Ruth Buganski, mother-in-law of Athletic Director, Sean O'Toole, and grandmother of Owen ['18], Connor ['20] and Kelsey ['24] O'Toole.
- For Father James O'Donnell, associate of St. Malachi parish

### PRAYERS FOR OTHERS:

- For our graduating seniors and their families.
- 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 war with 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

## COLLECTION FOR THE FOOD PANTRY:

As you already know, Our Savior Lutheran Church — across the street from the Chapel — has a Food Pantry which distributes food to our community on the third Saturday of each month. They serve around 150 clients each time. **Our Lady Chapel's Council group has decided to begin an ongoing food collection to assist them.**



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 is a member of the Greater Cleveland Food Bank, and we are pleased to collaborate with them, in bringing hope to our neighbors.

**All non-perishable food items are welcome. Also, PET FOOD is being accepted at the present time.** We have bins in the narthex of the Chapel to accept your donations. The next distribution date is at the Food Pantry will be **Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you!

## BEAUTIFUL MUSIC:

We are all at once both a composition and a composer. We have the ability not only to compose the future of our own lives, but to help compose the future of everyone around us and the communities in which we live.

—Maya Angelou

**CLOSING PRAYER:**

**~ A BLESSING FOR OUR MOTHER ~**

**Loving God,  
You are the source of all life  
and your presence is shown to us  
through the gift of our mother.  
We thank you for her life,  
her care,  
and the love and value of family life  
that she has taught us.  
As a mother gives life  
and nourishment to her children,  
So you watch over your people.**

**Bless our mothers.  
Let the example of her faith  
and love  
shine forth as a bright morning star.  
Help her to hear your voice,  
and to follow you each day.  
May she teach her children  
to love and worship you.**

**Grant that we,  
her family,  
may we honor her  
with a spirit of love  
and profound respect.  
May you, O God, fill her with joy  
and holiness in your presence.  
Amen.**

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