

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.

THE CHOSEN –SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18th:

We have had a wonderful response to our somewhat monthly gatherings to watch episodes of *The Chosen*. Our meetings are monthly! **Our next meeting will take place after Sunday Mass on October 18th from 11:30 until 1 PM.**



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. We will present the episode in the Chapel, and follow up with a discussion in the Commons, with a light lunch. If you have any questions, please contact Father John or the chapel office [440-473-3560]. Make plans to join us this Sunday.**

BLESSING OF ANIMALS — SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4th:

On **Sunday, October 4th**, our Chapel community will gather after Mass at **11:35 AM** to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. In the spirit of this celebration, we welcome your family to bring your pet to be blessed. If you cannot bring your pet, bring a photo to share. Weather permitting, we will meet outside in the Grotto area right outside the Chapel. **If it rains on this day, the event will be postponed until the following Sunday.** We hope you will join us!



COFFEE & DONUTS — ALSO ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 4th:

Also on **Sunday, October 4th**, following Mass, we will have a **Coffee & Donut Social!** **Concurrent with our Pet Blessing, we will be offering special treats and coffee for refreshments.** Weather permitting, we will gather outdoors in the Grotto area right outside the Chapel. Come and spend some relaxing time with family and friends after Mass. **If it rains on this day, Coffee & Donuts will be postponed until the following Sunday, October 11.** We hope you can plan to join us!



BLANKET SUNDAY WEEKEND — OCTOBER 3-4th:

The weekend of October 3 - 4th marks the 40th Annual Blanket Sunday Collection to help the poor. This collection is sponsored by the Diocesan St. Vincent de Paul Society. Due to sanitary concerns and lack of storage space, we will gratefully accept your financial donation and do the shopping for you, making your money go even further with bulk purchases of blankets and other items needed by poverty-stricken and unhoused neighbors. So please “blanket” someone for the winter—and give yourself a warm feeling! You may also donate online at www.svdpcle.org.



THE VIRTUE OF RESTLESSNESS:

Restlessness is the sign that our heart does not move by chance, in a disordered way, without a purpose or a destination, but is oriented towards its ultimate destination, the 'return home'. The authentic approach of the heart does not consist in possessing the goods of this world, but in achieving what can fill it completely — namely, the love of God, or rather, God who is Love.

—Pope Leo XIV

A DISCUSSION OF “*MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS*” — OCT. 7th:

This year's Bible Study will begin with a special discussion/conversation on Pope Leo's Encyclical: **Magnifica Humanitas — On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence**. This discussion/conversation is open to any one — not just to the regular Bible Study members. **Please email Fr. John [blazekj@gilmour.org] to join in the Bible Study. The discussion will be a virtual experience, so you can enter in from the comfort of your own homes.**

More details to follow in the coming weeks. If you would like to begin to read the document, or to find summaries of it, go to Vatican.va to download a free copy. Mark your calendars and be part of this wonderful activity that will deepen your spiritual journey. Join us. You'll have a blast, and celebrate your faith along the way.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday, October 4: 27 th Week in Ordinary Time	10:00 AM In-Person & Live Stream
Monday, October 5:	NO MASS
Tuesday, October 6:	NO MASS
Wednesday, October 7:	NO MASS
Thursday, October 8: Our Lady of the Holy Rosary	NO MASS
Friday, October 9:	NO MASS
Saturday, October 10: 28 th Week in Ordinary Time	5:00 PM [In-person only]
Sunday, October 11: 28 th Week in Ordinary Time	10:00 AM In-Person & Live Stream

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

Our OCIA program [formerly known as RCIA] has begun, but it is not too late to join us. 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.

THE SOURCE OF EVERYTHING:

You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you

—St. Augustine

REFLECTION ON THE THEME FOR THE WEEK:

The Scripture Readings for this 27th Week in Ordinary Time are all about nurturing the spirit of cherishing and protecting what God has given us. We will hear a poem [Isaiah 5:1-7] and an allegory or kind of parable about vineyards [Matthew 21:33-43]. It would behoove us to dwell on what constitutes our sections of God's garden.

We can so easily take things “for granted” instead — or “as granted” by God. If all is a gift, and we are those to whom creation has been given, then as good tenants, we are challenged to care for creation. But there is a deeper meaning here. We have been given Jesus. We have been given our faith, and the grace to live that faith in following Jesus in “fruitful” lives. Faith — as with any gift — can become an easy-come, easy-go thing. We have been entrusted with a treasure which forms us to be different from the attitudes and actions sponsored by the worldly tenants of the modern greedy garden of now! Our task is to live the treasure of God — Word and Sacrament — that we hear and receive, cherishing the earthen vessels which this treasure in-fleshes.

Isaiah sings a poetic prophesy to the inhabitants of Israel [Isaiah 5:1-7]. Using an agricultural image, he speaks to Israel about its being a choice vine planted by God, who is the friend of the prophet. The song hits a sour note, however, when we hear that though the fields were fertile and the vine was healthy, no crops came forth at harvest time — a real disappointment. The prophet's Friend declares that the fields will be left to rot and ruin with no rain clouds to nourish them. The fertile land of Israel is the vineyard, and the people planted there are God's vine. God looks for justice and virtue, but all there is to be found is bloodshed and vengeance.



Have you ever tried to learn how to develop a vineyard? Vineyards are an extremely complex operation. Vineyards require incredible work, chemistry, joy, struggle and stamina. If you ever watched the process of caring for a vineyard, you would walk away with tremendous respect for vineyard owners and their teams. Your outlook on each glass of wine that you “toast” would change; it would become extremely more meaningful.

In Matthew's Gospel [21:33-43], it is important to take note of the audience for whom this parable is intended — the details of the parable are also important. A vine or vineyard is planted and prepared precisely for producing good fruit and wine. The whole enterprise is entrusted to a group of production engineers by the owner. But in this case, plenty of fruit results. But the tenants keep it for themselves. After sending messengers — prophets to encourage production — the owner sends his son. The engineers plan to kill him and so possess the whole vineyard for themselves.

The parable is Matthew's central theme. The hedge protecting the vineyard was the history of the sacred covenants and the customs and laws associated with that sacred relationship and history. The hedge has perversely protected the “wretched men” who have not rendered the vineyard fruitful. The fruitfulness — the produce — is the important reality for which the vineyard had been generously planted. Jesus is the stone — once rejected — Who becomes the cornerstone of the new “hedge.” The kingdom intended to be fruitful, is taken from His listeners' hands and given to the people who will take care to produce the works of mercy, justice, and protection of the gifts of the vineyard.

This parable can seem to be a winner-loser story, but it is so much more than that. Those who are to follow the teachings of Jesus are a continuation of the relationship which God begun with creation, and extended through the covenants. Those people are not the “winners” — they are the challenged. We who set our lives upon that Cornerstone have much to do to take care of the vineyard. All that is created — all who are created — these are blessings meant to increase the presence of the “Owner.”

Rather than a “winner” we need to see ourselves as a “weeder”, a cultivator, a waterer, a nourisher, and a servant of all who are in the vineyard. We have to lean on the “hedge” for encouragement and comfort. The “hedge” is all the history of God’s revelational love. Our own life of faith is the product of other vine dressers and servants who cared for this vine and became part of God’s saving history.

The great consolation is that Jesus is not off on a journey and waiting to hear that the harvest has taken place. Jesus is laboring with us and through us all to bring about the Kingdom. The kingdom is not ours; we belong to it and are responsible for keeping it His. His work is helping each of us bring forth the produce which reveals Jesus. So each of us is constantly being weeded, and at the same time sent to feed, weed, seed this world with His gestures, personality, and farming techniques.

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

OUR HOLY CROSS REFLECTION FOR THIS WEEK:

Being Human in a Technical Age. Pope Leo, in his landmark encyclical *Magnifica Humanitas* gives us a blueprint of how to live in this technical world now and in the future. With the development of artificial intelligence, he sees many possibilities that can add meaning to our lives.

However, there are areas that can become very destructive. Pope Leo states that what we can never lose is our humanity and become less human by having the technological world dictate who we are now, and who we might become.

Pope Leo writes: “Rather than speed and fragmentation, the human person still yearns to receive care and recognition from attentive minds, kind words, and hearts capable of tenderness. I urge everyone to cherish places and live where physical presence remain crucial such as shared meals, Christian community gatherings, and lives spent in loving and serving the poor. These are signs of humanity” [#239].

We cannot afford to lessen our humanity as we use these new resources. Love needs to remain the goal for future progress. All creation God makes out of love, and love is its ultimate purpose.

- Has artificial intelligence played a part in your life?
- If so, how has it helped or hindered your growth in becoming more human?
- What are some positive and negative possibilities of artificial intelligence?

O God, help me become aware of how I want to let AI influence my spirituality.

—Brother Carl Sternberg, CSC



FAITH EDUCATION: OCTOBER 4th:

Our next session will be on **Sunday, October 4th**. **Dates for the month of October are: 4, 11, and 25.** 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. **If you have not already done so, please contact Patty or Father John in the Chapel Office for more information and to enroll your child [440-473-3560].** Thank you.



WOMEN'S EVENING OF RETREAT — TUES, OCT. 27th:

Tuesday, October 27th from 6:00 PM – 8:15 PM, we will host our annual **Women's Fall Retreat**. Our theme will be “Our Lady Chapel Women of Faith.” All women of Our Lady Chapel and Gilmour Academy, and their guests, are welcome. We will begin with **Mass together in the Chapel, at 6:00 pm** and then move to the Lennon Boardroom for a light supper, and spiritual discussion, led by **Father John**. Even if you can't make it for Mass, join us for dinner & discussion. It will be a wonderful evening of spiritual renewal! **So, mark the date on your calendars** and give yourself a treat in the Lord. **There is no cost for the evening, but we will be accepting free-will donations. 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: szaniszl@gilmour.org.**



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: Galatians 1:6-12; Luke 10:25-37
Tuesday: Galatians 1:13-24; Luke 10:38-42
Wednesday: Acts 1:12-14; Luke 1:26-38
Thursday: Galatians 3:1-5; Luke 11:5-13
Friday: Galatians 3:7-14; Luke 11:15-26
Saturday: Galatians 3:22-29; Luke 11:27-28

28th Week in Ordinary Time: Isaiah 25:6-10a; Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22:1-14

COLLECTING 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 now being accepted. We have bins in the narthex of the Chapel to accept your donations. The next date that the Food Pantry will be open for distribution will be **Saturday, September 19th**.

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



LECTORS 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]**

PRAYER REQUESTS:

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

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

- For Jacqui Lundi, Maintenance Associate, mother of Connor Lundi ['17], who is recovering from surgery.
- For Sarah Finucane ['08], sister of Katy Finucane ['06], who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Jennie Shaw, friend of Advancement Associate, Meg Wanick, who is undergoing medical treatment.
- For Michael Pryatel ['08], Son of Religion Instructor, Eileen Pryatel and Steven ['78], and brother of Steven ['10], Meghan ['13], and Kevin ['15] Pryatel, nephew of Mark ['76] and Keith ['79] Pryatel, who is undergoing medical treatment.
- For James Cissell, father of Denise Shade, who is undergoing medical treatment.
- For Rebekah Klein, daughter of former Gilmour teacher and coach, Jeff Klein, who is critically ill.
- For Lois Grano, who is under the care of hospice.
- For Maren Monitello, daughter of Bob and Linda Monitello, who is going through difficult times.
- For Vivian Klick, mother of Linda Monitello, grandmother of and Anthony ['17] and Angeline ['19] who is undergoing medical treatment.
- For Gabriella Kowardy, who is undergoing medical treatment.
- For Ryan Andino, a member of our music ministry, who awaits treatment for a foot injury.
- For Terry Tintor, who is battling blood cancer.
- For Brother David Martin, C.S.C., who is recovering from foot surgery.
- For Archie Callicott, who is recovering from open heart surgery.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED:

- For Geoff Morton ['55], brother of Chris ['56] and Michael ['61] Morton.
- For Brother Donald Shapker, C.S.C.
- For William Haas, grandfather of Sophia ['26] and Samuel ['29] Haas.
- For Eileen Turoff,
- For Pavo Pavic.
- For Luke Durst

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS:

- For a woman having a difficult pregnancy.
- For Father Snell Nord, C.S.C., who is being held captive in Haiti
- For a greater openness to the needs of others, especially during this time.
- For an end to war and hostilities among nations.
- 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

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.



CLOSING PRAYER:

~ A Prayer for Life ~

**O God of infinite care,
sparks of your divinity
lie deep within all creation.
Our hearts swell
with awe and wonder
at your unspeakable miracle.**

**Yet violence can also seize our hearts.
We see climate change
desecrate creation.
We know war ravages our globe.**

**Be merciful and patient with us,
loving God.
Transform us.
Let our innate goodness
shine through every thought
and action we take.**

**Help us become your holy people
of Gospel nonviolence.
And let justice
and peace reign everywhere.
Amen.**

—Sister Mary Ellen Vaughan,

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