

September Prayer Intentions

For our incoming Catholic MSU students, that as they grow in knowledge & wisdom at Michigan State University, they will grow in their faith at St. John's / St. Thomas in the years ahead, and that the Freshmen Ignite experience helps form Christian friendships that will last for years, and even for a lifetime.

As we celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 17, we pray that all students & catechists (religious education, school, RCIA, campus ministry, adult faith formation) might grow together in a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and become his missionary disciples to others.

As we begin a new catechetical year, that all parishioners & visitors might encounter a sense of warm welcome, hospitality and belonging in their spiritual home at our parish, and might endeavor to reach out, invite, & welcome others to be part of our East Lansing faith family.

For the men & women beginning their journey of faith in our RCIA this September, and for those already in the RCIA, that they might experience God's providential love through the welcome of our faith community.

That as our parish and campus ministry pursue their alliances with Evangelical Catholic, we might be open to God's Spirit in discerning, inviting and training small group leaders who will lead others into a deeper relationship with Christ.

That we continue to pray for those family members & friends by name, who have fallen away from the Church:

Prayer for the Return of Non-practicing Catholics

O Good Shepherd, you never cease to seek out the lost,
to call home the stray, to comfort the frightened,
and to bind up the wounded.

I ask you to bring _____ (pause to mention names)
back to the practice of the Faith,

and to remove all obstacles that prevent them
from receiving your abundant mercy,
which flows sacramentally through the heart of your holy Church.

Through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God,
their Guardian Angels, their Patron Saints and the ever-prayerful St. Monica,
may you pardon their sins and unshackle them from whatever
hinders their freedom to come Home.

For you, O Good Shepherd, have loved us to the end
and offered yourself to the Father for the salvation of all.

Amen.

Holy Father's Intention for Evangelization for September: Parishes That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

Witness to Hope Campaign Prayer

O God, Hear our humble prayer.

Pour your Holy Spirit upon every person within our
diocese

that all may come to know, love and serve you

as faithful and generous witnesses
to the enduring hope found only in You.

With the help of Mary, our Mother
may we bear witness to the glory of God with great
joy.

Bless this campaign by igniting a new enthusiasm
for the sacred mission we share as disciples of your
Son, especially as we care for those who experience
despair.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,
the source of our Hope,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.