

August Intentions . . .

--For our MSU students, parishioners, and pastoral staff members attending the Evangelical Training Camp in early August, that they may be open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit as they pray, reflect, and discern how we might intentionally engage our whole parish community in deeper discipleship and evangelization this year and in the years ahead.

--For all students heading back to school at the end of this month, that as they continue to grow in knowledge & understanding of life through their classes, they might also grow in a knowledge and understanding of their faith that leads them to be disciples of Jesus Christ.

--For teachers and professors as they begin a new academic year, that they might seek the wisdom of the Holy Spirit so as to effectively impart knowledge that respects the growth of the whole person, while nurturing the faith life of each person.

--For the success of our outreach & welcome to incoming MSU students through *Spaticipation* and our many other welcoming events as the MSU school year begins, that students might encounter a sense of warm welcome and belonging, while finding a spiritual home away from home.

--That all parishioners engage in providing a sense of warm Christian hospitality as we welcome students, visitors, and regular parishioners into our parish family from their summer travels and activities.

--That we might continue to pray for those family members, friends and others 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.

The Holy Father's universal prayer intention for August: Artists

-- That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation