

Parish Intentions for October 2017

During this month of October . . . on behalf of Fr. Mark and our pastoral staff, we ask that you include these intercessions as part of your prayer throughout the month:

That through the *Witness to Hope* Campaign we may open our eyes to see & appreciate our gifts, rejoice in those gifts, tend those gifts well, and put our gifts at the service of the Lord. **

That as we celebrate “Respect Life” month, we might pray for an increased commitment to the dignity and protection of all human life, from the moment of conception to natural death.

That during this month of October, dedicated to Mary, we may grow in our devotion to the Blessed Mother and ask her intercession in deepening our relationship with her son, Jesus.

As we celebrate MSU’s Homecoming this month, may we continue to be a parish family who truly welcomes and celebrates the presence of all who come to visit with us as a faith community, especially those who have returned after either being alienated or just having drifted away from the faith.

As our parish youth programs of religious education and youth ministry begin this month may they bring all students to a better understanding of and deeper relationship with the person of Jesus Christ through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Father's universal prayer intention for October is: Workers and the Unemployed

“That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.”

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.

** Let us continue to pray for the success of our capital campaign, Witness to Hope:

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.

Thank you for your commitment to our parish intercessory prayer ministry!