

Parish Intentions for May 2018

On behalf of Fr. Mark and our parish leadership team, we ask that you include the following intercessions as part of your personal prayer throughout the month of May:

May Intentions . . .

--For our MSU students . . . for those taking final exams, for graduates beginning a new chapter in their lives, and for all embarking on summer pursuits . . . may they seek the guidance of God's Spirit in all they do through daily prayer and weekly Eucharist.

--For those students about to celebrate their First Communion, may they experience God's love in this special celebration of the Eucharist and, with the rest of their parish family, continue to grow deeper in their relationship with Jesus through the Eucharist.

--During this month of May, in which we honor Mary, the Blessed Mother of Jesus, may we take the time to renew our own devotion to the Blessed Mother, so that we might draw closer to her Son.

--For all mothers, grandmothers, step-mothers, godmothers, adoptive mothers, birth-mothers, and spiritual mothers – those who have nourished us and strengthened us in our daily lives and especially in our faith -- that they may know our love and gratitude, and continue to deepen their relationships with the Blessed Mother and Jesus, which ultimately benefit all their children.

--For victims of religious persecutions, violence, crime and injustice, and for victims of sexual assault and harassment, as well as those we remember who died in active military service as we celebrate Memorial Day at the end of this month.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for Evangelization for May: The Mission of the Laity

That the lay faithful may fulfill their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

--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.