

Parish Intentions for January 2019

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

January Intentions . . .

- That those who received a copy of *In His Likeness* during Advent from our parish might find it to be an inspiration and guide in being transformed into a disciple of Jesus Christ.
- For the success of our Alpha Program, that those who are most in need of a spiritual reawakening, or have drifted away from the Church, or are seeking God, might accept the invitation to participate in Alpha, be open to the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives, and discover a personal encounter with Jesus .
- For our new group of RCIA inquirers, as well as those continuing their journey to join our Catholic community at Easter, that they may be drawn to an ever closer relationship with Jesus.
- That our government and its leaders might be guided by the common good, Gospel values, the dignity of all human life, and a preferential option for the poor and vulnerable in their deliberations.
- For our MSU upperclassmen who will be on retreat mid-January, that they will be given the grace to discern their spiritual charisms & an openness of heart to discover God's particular call in their life.
- As we celebrate Catholic Schools Week at the end of this month, let us pray for all of our students, teachers and administrators at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish School and at Lansing Catholic High School, that they might all be co-learners in their faith, open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit as they grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ.
- For our school and religious education students who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation early next month that they come to know how merciful and forgiving Our Lord is.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for January: Evangelization -- Young People

That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

Bishop Boyea has called for a Year of Prayer, so that the Diocese of Lansing and each of us can discern the particular ways in which God is calling us to form missionary disciples. In addition to the prayer below, Bishop Boyea asks each family or household to pray a Marian devotion once a week, asking for the intercession of Mary, our patron and the first disciple.

Year of Prayer Forming Missionary Disciples

Father,

You invite each of us to share in the life and ministry of your Son, Jesus.

Send your Holy Spirit to form our parish as a community of missionary disciples.
Teach us how to hear Jesus, to love Jesus, and to share your gift of salvation with everyone we meet.

Through the witness and intercession of Mary,
guide me to deepen my commitment as a disciple of Jesus.

Lead our parish to grow as an intentional community,
committed to go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

We ask these blessings in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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