

Parish Intentions for September 2019

On behalf of Fr. Gordon and our pastoral staff, we ask that you include the following intercessions as part of your personal prayer throughout the month of September:

Honoring the Archangels (9/29) & Angels (10/2)

Monthly Prayer:	St. Michael Prayer / Guardian Angel Prayer
Monthly / Season Focus:	Discipleship (Feast of Exaltation of the Cross, 9/14)
Social Justice Principle:	Solidarity (emphasizing Subsidiarity)
Beatitude/Virtue of the Month:	Fortitude

September 2 --	Labor Day -- 9 am Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas
September 4 --	Begin 33-day Marian Consecration (ending on October 7, Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary)
September 8 --	Welcome Sunday at St. John's for MSU Students
September 15 --	Faith Formation Open House and Pre-School Blessings at STA New parish RCIA inquiry group begins at St. John

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--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 15, 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 experience 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 small group leaders in our parish, that they may grow deeper in their own faith as they prepare to facilitate small faith-sharing groups to help other grow spiritually through praying, reflecting upon & sharing the Scriptures among themselves.

--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 our Diocesan Workshop on September 18, might be a means to continue and foster the discipleship and evangelization of our people, parishes and diocese as they seek to deepen their relationships with Jesus Christ, in order to be missionary disciples carrying on Jesus mission in mid-Michigan.

Holy Father's Universal Intention for September: Politicians, Scientists, and Economists

That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

**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.