We pray that the victory of the crucified Christ will be the strength of all believers, especially those facing persecution for their faith and beliefs.

We pray that families and mentors will encourage young people to consider a vocation to the priesthood or religious life, and that parishioners Nick Fleming and Joel Seipp, currently in formation for the priesthood, will be strengthened by the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

As our country remembers the terrorist attacks of September 11th, 2001, we pray for those still mourning and suffering from its effects — for all victims of terror throughout the world — for those who have carried out these attacks — and that, through conversion of hearts, our world may see an end to terrorism.

As the Church in the United States celebrates Catechetical Sunday, we pray that parents and all those who hand on the Catholic faith will zealously and effectively live and proclaim the gospel.

We pray for Bishop Braxton and our diocesan priests who gathered for prayer, study, and reflection this past week. May the Holy Spirit guide their leadership of our diocese, so that we may continue effectively proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ in Southern Illinois.

We pray that all Christians will live an active life of faith by performing good works that benefit the poor, sick, and marginalized of our world.

We pray that all the souls of the faithful departed will partake of the Heavenly Banquet…

8:30 …and for Joseph Rademacher – and – Patricia Vollmer who are remembered in this Mass.

10:30 …and for Joe Burroughs who is remembered in this Mass.