Universal Prayer  
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 29 & 30

We pray for the Bishops and lay people who will gather in Rome for the upcoming Synod concerning the Faith and Vocational Discernment of Young People. May the Holy Spirit inspire their conversations so that our youth will become fully integrated into the life of the Church, and share the joy of the gospel through their vocation.

We pray for the Holy Spirit’s presence upon the men of our diocese discerning the vocation of deacon, especially parishioners Dan Kimutis and Len Ratajczyk. May God’s blessing and grace be with their families to enliven and encourage their prayer, and may these men draw us all into the justice of God’s Kingdom.

We pray that the wisdom of God will guide lawyers, judges, and legislators in the holy work of securing justice for the poor and powerless.

We pray that care for the sick, poor, and marginalized of our society will reveal the compassion of Christ to them, and that the world will recognize this ministry as a crucial part of Christ’s mission.

We pray in solidarity with our sister parish, Our Lord of Esquipulas in Guatemala, as they mourn the death of parishioner Ana Ruiz. May Ana’s example and work inspire members of both parishes to continue cultivating our relationship, so that, together, we may strengthen the Body of Christ.

We pray that, through our Christian hospitality and fellowship, our parish Oktoberfest will serve as a vehicle for evangelization; and that, through our profits, we will continue to build the Kingdom of God in our community.

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

8:30 …and for Marianne Morie – and – Pat Bugger who are remembered in this Mass.