**Universal Prayer**

**Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**

**January 12 & 13**

We pray for the Church: that we may recognize our calling to be daughters and sons of God who have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit and sent to share the Good News with others.

We pray for catechumens, candidates, and inquirers of the Catholic faith. May their search for Christ and a Christian Community lead them to an ever-deepening experience of Emmanuel, God-with-us.

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.

We pray for unity among all Christians. May the mercy of God - which is at work through our common baptism - help us forget past sins and division, and become one truly unified Body of Christ.

We pray for the poor, neglected, and oppressed people of the world. May all baptized Christians serve as heralds of God’s justice, even amid the social and political criticisms they may receive.

We pray for a new dawning of peace and reconciliation: that those who strive for peace may not tire, and that God will open new opportunities for opponents to recognize the good in one another.

We pray for all who will be attending World Youth Day in Panama: that God will keep them safe, help them to grow in faith, and become dynamic disciples who share what God has done for them.

We pray that the souls of the faithful departed will rest in the peace of Christ, especially Dorothy Roesel (row-sell), sister of Jane Rutter – and Lester Haukapp, brother of Jeannie Haukapp…

5:00  …and for **Rafael Morán – and Ann Langhauser** who are remembered in this Mass.

8:30  …and for **Patricia Vollmer** who is remembered in this Mass.

10:30 …and for **Vernon Kombrink – and Dottie Boehmer** who are remembered in this Mass.