Universal Prayer

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

January 5 & 6

We pray in communion with the Church for the monthly intention of Pope Francis. That young people will follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

Just as the magi found Christ by the light of the star, we pray that all members of the Church will act as lights in our world of darkness, shining for those who are deeply in need Christ’s love and mercy.

We pray for the Bishops of the United States gathered for retreat this week. May the Holy Spirit guide them and their retreat leader as they continue to study and discuss ways to respond to the clerical sexual abuse crisis.

We pray for migrants, refugees, and those living in fear under tyrannical rule or government oppression. May they experience justice, peace, and dignified treatment in their new homeland. And may all corrupt leaders of the world undergo conversion of heart.

We pray for the members of our diocesan clergy who are currently experiencing serious health issues, especially Fr. Don Blaes, Monsignor Ken Schaefer, Fr. Joe Rascher, Fr. Richard Mohr, and Deacon Michael Rowland. May God’s Spirit of hope be with them and their parish families during this difficult time.

We pray for our young parishioners returning to school for the spring semester. May they open their hearts and minds to the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, as they seek to advance their education and discern their vocation in life.

We pray for our parishioners who are currently visiting our sister parish, Our Lord of Esquipulas, in Guatemala. May their visit deepen our relationship with their community, and help both parishes better understand how we can support one another in building up the Kingdom of God.

We pray that the souls of the faithful departed will rest in the peace of Christ…

5:00  …and for Ted, Stephanie & James Bohnak who are remembered in this Mass.

8:30  …and for James Papproth – and Cy and Lucy Weissert who are remembered in this Mass.

10:30 …and for Norberta Espada – and Annie Medina who are remembered in this Mass.