

Parish Intentions for March 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:

March Intentions . . .

--For all those who have been victims of sexual abuse in our campus, parish and East Lansing communities, that they might experience the compassion and healing presence of Christ, and that our communities make the sacrifices and changes needed to insure the safety and wellbeing of all and to promote justice, forgiveness, healing, and holiness as we move forward.

--For the safety and well-being of all those traveling over MSU's spring break, and that those students who are participating in Alternative Spring Break experiences might be witnesses of their faith in the service & ministries they perform, and discover Christ in those whom they serve.

--That during the upcoming season of Lent, our parish family through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, as well as the many Lenten experiences offered in our parish, might deepen their relationship with Jesus and their commitment to be his missionary disciples.

--For all those participating in our EC small groups or any parish small group, that through this experience of sharing faith based on the Scriptures they may grow closer to Jesus Christ and to one another.

--In solidarity for all those participating in the "40 Days For Life" Campaign this Lent, let us pray and fast for an end to abortion, and an increased commitment to the dignity and protection of all human life from the moment of conception to natural death.

--For our catechumens and candidates as they celebrate the Rite of Election/Call to Continuing Conversion March 10 at St. Gerard, Lansing, and continue their faith journey to the Easter sacraments, that they may be open to the gift of God's life they are about to receive, embrace the Christian way of life and become faithful witnesses of Christ's message to the world.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for March: Evangelization -- Christian Communities

That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

Bishop Boyea has called for a Year of Prayer, so that the Diocese of Lansing and each of us can discern the particular ways in which God is calling us to form missionary disciples. In addition to the prayer below, Bishop Boyea asks each family or household to pray a Marian devotion once a week, asking for the intercession of Mary, our patron and the first disciple.

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.

***An Evening of Prayer for Forgiveness,
Unity and Healing***

Friday, March 1

7:00 pm

St. Thomas Aquinas Church

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION TIMES

Mondays, 4:00-5:00 pm at SJSC

Tuesdays, 7:30-8:30 pm at SJSC

Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00 pm at SJSC

Fridays, 9:00 am-3:30 pm at STA (Benediction at 3:00 pm)

Come for 10 minutes or for an hour to sit with Jesus and know His presence and peace!

Ash Wednesday Services

March 6, 2019

St. Thomas Aquinas Church

6:30 am, 8:10 am, & 7:00 pm

St. John Church & Student Center

12:15 pm & 5:30 pm

Thank you for your commitment to our parish intercessory prayer ministry!