

Universal Prayer
150th Anniversary Mass
October 7 & 8

We pray for the Holy Father, Pope Francis, and our Bishop, Edward Braxton. May they, and all leaders of the church, be guided by the Holy Spirit in their ministry of shepherding the Church.

We pray that families and mentors will encourage young people to consider a vocation to the priesthood or religious life – and that our parishioners currently studying for the priesthood and diaconate will be strengthened by the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

We pray for our world, ravaged with violence, and for a conversion of heart of all who seek to inflict violence. We remember especially the victims of the recent attack in Las Vegas, their loved ones, and all those who have provided care for them.

In this Respect Life month, we pray that lawmakers and interpreters of the law in every nation will open their minds and hearts to the most vulnerable in our society, and pass and support laws that value life at all stages.

We pray for the Poor Clare Nuns in Belleville and throughout the world. May their patroness intercede for them in their ministries to the Church and the world, and richly bless their order with new vocations.

We pray for our sister parish in Guatemala, and for all who benefit from our parish's outreach ministries. Through our efforts, may we continue to spread the Joy of the Gospel to those who are in need.

We pray for our partner parish, St. Nicholas, and for all parish partnerships throughout our diocese. May we continue to strengthen our bonds so that, together, we may continue building the Kingdom of God in Southern Illinois.

We pray that all the faithful departed will partake fully in God's eternal banquet, especially our deceased pastors, benefactors, and parishioners. And for **Robert and Clara Schachner** who are remembered in this Mass.