

**Universal Prayer**  
**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 16 & 17**

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 those continuing to suffer from the devastation of the recent hurricanes. May they feel God's Spirit of comfort present amid their loss and despair.

As the Church in the United States celebrates Catechetical Sunday, we pray that parents and all those who hand on the Catholic faith will zealously and effectively live and proclaim the gospel.

We pray that each of us will strive to treat our neighbor with forgiveness and understanding – modeling the endless compassion and mercy of God the Father.

We pray for the sick, poor, homeless, and marginalized. May our care for them be a reminder of the tender compassion of Jesus.

We pray that all the souls of the faithful departed will share fully in Christ's promise of Eternal Life...

**5:00** ...and for **Clete Schwaegel** who is remembered in this Mass.

**10:30** ...and for **Frank and Caroline Furmanek – and – Lawrence and Helen Bild** who are remembered in this Mass.