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1. CONTEMPLATING THE FACE OF CHRIST

"[The Church] knows that her primary task, especially at a moment full of great hopes and signs of contradiction, is to introduce everyone to the great mystery of God's mercy by contemplating the face of Christ."

Pope Francis, *Misericordiae Vultus*, 25

PRAYER INTENTION

May every parishioner grow in companionship with the living Presence of Jesus Christ here at St. John's in the Eucharist, in the Word and in the faces of our suffering brothers and sisters.

2. RECEIVING THE BEAUTY OF GOD IN MARRIAGE & FAMILY

"All the love God has in himself, all the beauty God has in himself, all the truth God has in himself, he entrusts to the family. A family is truly a family when it is capable of opening its arms to receive all that love."

Pope Francis, *September 26, 2015*

PRAYER INTENTION

May the desire to embrace Marriage and Family as a vocation to love increase and become ever more fruitful within our parish.

3. TRANSFORMING OUR LIVES THROUGH CONFESSION

"...the transformation of each individual Christian and the reform of the Church begins in Confession."

Pope Francis, *November 20, 2015*

PRAYER INTENTION

May every parishioner experience the mercy and healing of Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, in order to become an instrument of His mercy, healing and hospitality for others.

4. REQUESTING VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD, RELIGIOUS LIFE & PERMANENT DIACONATE FROM OUR PARISH

"...the fundamental 'center of vocational pastoral care' is the family, the domestic church and first and fundamental place of human formation, which can germinate in young people the desire for a life conceived as a vocation, to follow with commitment and generosity."

Pope Francis, *November 21, 2015*

PRAYER INTENTION

May every parishioner pray for and actively support those whom Christ personally calls to the priesthood, religious life and permanent diaconate, all "vocations to love" within the heart of the Church and our parish.

5. BUILDING AN EVANGELIZING COMMUNITY THROUGH THE PARISH SCHOOL

"...many of our brothers and sisters are living without the strength, light and consolation born of friendship with Jesus Christ. Catholic schools, which always strive to join their work of education with the explicit proclamation of the Gospel, are a most valuable resource for the evangelization of culture."

Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, #49,#134

PRAYER INTENTION

May St. John the Evangelist school grow and flourish as a place of authentic formation of young hearts and an essential parish response to Christ's call to evangelize culture.