



# NEWSLETTER

## James A. Hansen Council #13122

### St. John's Parish –Darwin, MN

### February 2018

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<p><b>February Calendar</b></p> <p>Watch the bulletin for the many events occurring in our parish and area faith community</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">4<sup>th</sup>, Pancake Breakfast for Catholic Charities</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">6<sup>th</sup>, Family Fun Night at the Education Center</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">13<sup>th</sup>, Mardi Gras</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">14<sup>th</sup>, Ash Wednesday</p>		
<p><b>Chaplains Comments</b></p>		
<p><b>Brother Knights</b></p> <p>As we come to the month of February, we are reminded of many good events. First, we celebrated the Presentation of the Lord on Friday, February 2. This feast reminds us that Jesus Christ is the Light of the World. We are to let that light shine before others.</p> <p>Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14. Lenten guidelines will be printed in our Area Faith Community Newsletter. Please refer to these as you celebrate your prayer, fasting and almsgiving this Lenten season. We begin this great season with a day of fasting. It happens to fall on Valentine's Day. Because the 14<sup>th</sup> is a day of fast, I recommend that you celebrate your love with your spouse by celebrating Valentine's Day with Mardi Gras, February 13.</p> <p>I hope that all of us will begin a new habit as we come close to the Lord during Lent. Our FORMED website has ideas. Dynamic Catholic offers Best Lent Ever, with daily reflections and ways to change our lives for good. Their website is <a href="https://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever">https://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever</a>. The Knights of Columbus site also has good advice, teaching, and many other resources available to us to nurture our faith and the faith of our families. Information can be found at <a href="http://www.kofc.org">http://www.kofc.org</a>. Please take time to make a good commitment to pray more, to give of yourself more, and to fast from those things that keep you from truly following Jesus. Our Lenten Newsletter and bulletins will also have offerings for us. Please take advantage of the activities in our parishes, especially the Sacrament of Penance. We all need God's forgiveness.</p> <p>Blessings this month and always. Vivat Jesus!</p> <p>Peace Fr. Brian Mandel</p>		
<p><b>Brother Knights</b></p> <p>I wanted to start off by saying thank you to all who braved the weather during the march for life. If not anything else, it showed how devoted the right to life supporters are.</p> <p>GK Eric Menke</p>		

## KC Pancake Breakfast

St. John's KC Pancake Breakfast in support of Catholic Charities will be following mass at St. John's on **Sunday, February 4th**. Hope you can join us.



### Please Come and Join Us

Sunday morning breakfast can always use helpers. We will be missing a couple regulars on the 4<sup>th</sup> of February so if you can pitch in it will be greatly appreciated.

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Next Tuesday is our family fun night. Please bring you family and friends for relaxing evening with KC brothers and families. If you know someone that may be interested in the KCs bring them along and introduce them to our group. It's pot luck so you know there will be lots of good food. Your participation will guarantee a good time.

Reflecting on questions about the dignity of life can lead us to God's goodness and love

THE SPIRIT of the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C., is extraordinary. It is not only peaceful but also full of hope and joy. It is forward-looking as it seeks to create a culture of life and love. And while it draws people of all ages, the crowd tends to be young, including many millennials and young families. Standing in the crowd, you feel as though you're at a version of World Youth Day — filled with the conviction that human life is God's precious gift and that each person, from the moment of conception, is endowed by the Creator with inviolable dignity and, indeed, "a right to life."

When I attend the March for Life each January, I invariably catch a cold, but it's worth it. I come home with a renewed determination to resist what Pope Francis calls "the throwaway culture" and to foster genuine love and respect for human life, especially when it is defenseless.

I often ask myself what draws so many people to this event. What makes them travel great distances, spend sleepless nights on buses, and stand for hours on cold, soggy ground? Is it merely a political movement, or is it something more? The answer, I think, is that the Lord is at work in the minds and hearts of these good people and many more like them. The word for it has to be "conversion" — the Lord is converting minds and hearts to the Gospel of Life. And I would further offer that this process of conversion takes place within us on three levels — intellectual, moral and religious.

Read the rest of it here: [http://www.kofc.org/en/columbia/supreme\\_chaplain/2018-01-lori-chaplain.html](http://www.kofc.org/en/columbia/supreme_chaplain/2018-01-lori-chaplain.html)

*Please pray for all of our brothers and members of their families that are in need of prayer*

*Brothers Al McLean, Larry Ostlund, Jack Haverkamp, Steve Levinski, George Olson, Bernie Funk, Bruce Boniwell and Tim Benoit*

*Please continue to pray for our seminarians, Samuel Rosemeier and Nathan Hansen as they pursue their vocation of the*

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### SAFE—SOUND—SECURE

In case you haven't heard, we have Joe Furey back as our agent. So if you have a need to talk to our KC Insurance Representative you can call his at (320) 290-9832 or at his work phone (320) 558-2308. His email is [joe.furey@kofc.org](mailto:joe.furey@kofc.org). Joe was at St. John's last weekend and was hoping to be here for the pancake breakfast on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.

### Editors Notes

Electronic newsletter: If anyone has changed your email address or is now using email please send your email address to me at: [westonfe@gmail.com](mailto:westonfe@gmail.com)

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