



# NEWSLETTER

## James A. Hansen Council #13122

### St. John's Parish –Darwin, MN

### January 2018

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#### January Birthdays

Dennis Berglund	Jan 5	Philip Hansen	Jan 19
Joseph Schmitz	Jan 11	Benno Roehl	Jan 25
Dale LaPlante	Jan 14	George Olson	Jan 27

#### January Calendar

January 1, Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God  
 January 2, Regular Meeting, Ed Center, 7 PM.  
 January 7, Pancake Breakfast after 10 AM Mass. Proceeds go to [Birthright of Hutchinson](#)  
 January 22, MCCL March for Life, St Paul; Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children  
 January 30, Officers meeting

#### Chaplains Comments

Greetings, Brother Knights

During this month, we focus on things that are important in our lives as Christians. First, we continue to celebrate the fact that God is with us. God wants to be in our lives, and in our world. We continue to keep the Christmas feasts through January 8, the Baptism of the Lord. Are we continuing to make ourselves ready to meet God every moment of every day?

On the feast of the Epiphany, January 7, we celebrate Immigration Sunday in Minnesota.

We are expected to see God in the faces of immigrants and refugees among us. Pope Francis was pretty clear about this in his Christmas Vigil Homily.

"The faith we proclaim tonight makes us see God present in all those situations where we think he is absent. He is present in the unwelcomed visitor, often unrecognizable, who walks through our cities and our neighborhoods, who travels on our buses and knocks on our doors."

More information about Immigration Sunday can be found on the Minnesota Catholic Conference website, <https://www.mncatholic.org/advocacyarea/immigration-sunday-mn/>.

We are reminded to honor all people and honor all life. We know that every life is to be respected and nurtured from conception to natural death. We are to be advocates for life. One of many ways we can do this is by participating in the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children on January 22. There are rallies at our state capitol and nation's capitol that day. The Mass for the day will be for the unborn. Please participate as much as you can in prayer and advocacy for life.

All are encouraged to participate in various pro-life events, including the annual march for life in St. Paul on January 22. We have a bus going. Please contact Wes Edwards for more information.

In his Urbi et Orbi message to the world, Pope Francis calls the world to see the face of the newborn Christ in the faces of children who suffer with anything from being refugees, to facing war daily, to being victims of human trafficking, poverty, and many other problems in our world. He calls all people of the world to make a commitment. The commitment is to make the world more human and more worthy for our children today and in the future. I hope we make this commitment a resolution in the new year. I pray for a new year of peace, tranquility, food for the hungry, shelter for the homeless, and dignity for all people. May Christ always fill our hearts with the great gift of charity, as we see Him in the faces of everyone we meet.

Have a blessed New Year.

Fr. Brian

Please note the following articles. The first is on the activities in St Paul on January 22nd. The second is the call to observe this day through the penitential practices. Participating in the first is a great way to observe the second. Please join us on January 22 on the pilgrimage to St Paul. Sign up at the meeting or the breakfast. Wes Edwards, Lecturer.

### MARCH FOR LIFE

Prayer Service for Life

Date(s): Monday, January 22; Time: 10:30 a.m.

Location: Cathedral of Saint Paul, Saint Paul

Please join us and Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda for the Annual Prayer Service for Life. This prayer service commemorates the millions of lives lost to abortion and the many women and men wounded by abortion's aftermath. All are invited and welcome.

Immediately following the prayer service, we will walk to the state capitol for the MCCL March for Life rally.

Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life sponsor the MCCL March for Life Noon Friday, January 22, 2018 at the Minnesota State Capitol, 75 Rev Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Boulevard., St Paul, MN 55155 - Many people come every year to revitalize themselves in their defense of life. It is a time to meet and greet old friends and discover some friends you haven't met yet. For citizens of greater Minnesota, it provides an opportunity to speak out at their State Capitol and to meet with their elected officials.

The councils at each location are responsible for getting the word out in any fashion they choose. At Darwin I will be contacting the CCW and our MCCL and ProLife couple with the information as well as putting it in the bulletin, on our web site and Facebook page. Note: Litchfield and Darwin may double up a little in our Area Faith Community Bulletin but there will be unique info such as pickup time and contact person(s) for each city.

### [January 22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children \(USCCB\)](#)

A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer. Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae*, no. 100\*

The over 56 million abortions since the 1973 decisions of *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* reflect with heartbreaking magnitude what Pope Francis means by a "throwaway culture." However, we have great trust in God's providence. We are reminded time and again in Scripture to seek the Lord's help, and as people of faith, we believe that our prayers are heard.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), no. 373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children": "In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion."

As individuals, we are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or giving alms. Another way to take part is through participating in special events to observe the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*. Call your local diocese or parish to find out what events might be taking place in your area.

*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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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

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