

RESPECT LIFE EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



JANUARY 22, 2019 IS THE 46TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ROE V. WADE SUPREME COURT DECISION THAT LEGALIZED ELECTIVE ABORTION IN THE UNITED STATES.

As a result of this tragic decision, over 60 million unborn babies have been aborted since 1973. January is a time when we turn special attention to prayer and action in support of a culture of life. Many events and activities are taking place at All Saints and in the broader community. Please consider participating in some way. More information is available online at www.allsaintschurch.com/respectlife and in the Gathering Space.

WEEKEND OF JANUARY 19/20 @ ALL SAINTS

- **Learn about and support the work of *Pregnancy Choices Life Care Center***

Information about our local Life Care Center will be available in the Gathering Space. Learn about their compassionate support and life-saving work. All Saints Parish will be making a parish tithing contribution to the Life Care Center. In addition, special baby bottles will be available for individuals and families who want to add their financial support. Fill the bottles with a gift of cash, coin and/or check (payable to Pregnancy Choices) and return it to All Saints by February 11. All donations support Pregnancy Choices' mission of supporting life-affirming choices by offering guidance and information to women, men, teens and families who are experiencing challenging pregnancies.

More information is at www.mypregnancychoices.com



- **Blessing of Children in the Womb**

The Church welcomes with joy those parents who, recognizing that all life is a gift from God, seek a blessing for their unborn children. Such a blessing sustains parents; unites the parish in prayer for unborn children; and fosters respect for human life within society. On January 19/20, we will celebrate the *Rite for the Blessing of a Child in the Womb* in St. Mary's Chapel following each of the five weekend Masses. All expectant parents, families and others who would like to pray with us are welcome.



- **Spiritual Adoption of an Unborn Child**

Spiritual Adoption is a promise to pray daily for a baby who is in danger of abortion. While these babies will remain unknown to their "spiritual parents," God knows who they are. All Saints' Spiritual Adoption project began last September, but you can join in at any time. Information, Spiritual Adoption prayer cards, and updates on the development of our adopted babies are available in the Gathering Space on the third Sunday of every month (third and fourth in January). In addition, baby items are collected for Pregnancy Choices Life Care Center to provide direct service to women and families facing crisis pregnancies.



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- **"40"** This film, released around the 40th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, is a compelling documentary that examines the effects of elective abortion on our nation. It is described as an emotionally powerful and intellectually stimulating film. **All Saints will hold a showing of "40" in the parish Library on Tuesday, January 8, from 7:15 to 8:15pm.** There will be time for discussion and reflection after. (This film is appropriate for adults and teens.)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22

January 22 is officially designated by the U. S. Catholic Church to be a day of prayer for the legal protection of unborn children. **All Saints will host a prayer service / holy hour in St. Mary's Chapel following the 6:30pm Mass.**

- Pray for those who are considering abortion, that they may make life-giving choices.
- Pray for those wounded by abortion, that they may find healing, mercy and forgiveness.
- Pray for our nation and our leaders who determine the laws that affect everyone's life.

- **Prolife Action Ministries Prayer Rally: 8:30-9:30am**

Location: Planned Parenthood, 671 Vandalia St., St. Paul, MN 55114. All are invited to join in prayer and remembrance at the site of an abortion provider. Information is available at www.plam.org

- **Prayer Service for Life: 10:30am**

This prayer service at the Cathedral of St. Paul (239 Selby Ave., St. Paul) commemorates the millions of lives lost to abortion and the many women and men wounded by abortion's aftermath. (Attendees are encouraged to car-pool or take buses, as parking near the Cathedral is limited.)

- **March for Life Rally at the State Capitol: 12:00pm**

Join thousands of Minnesotans in presenting a message to our lawmakers about our belief in the right to life for all. A brief program will be at 12:30. Information is available at www.mccl.org

Mary, Mother of the Church in Burnsville will provide a bus from their site to the March for Life. Seats on the bus must be reserved no later than January 18 by calling the church at 952.890.0045. There is a \$5 fee. Please arrive at MMOTC by 10:45am. The bus will return after the rally and program at the Capitol.

9 Days for Life: January 14-27

9 Days for Life is a "digital pilgrimage" of prayer and action focused on cherishing the gift of every person's life. This multi-faceted novena highlights a different intention each day and provides reflections, bonus information, and suggested actions. It is available through the 9 Days for Life app, daily emails, or daily texts at <http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/index.cfm>

Pray for an end to abortion

Faithful people are often at prayer on the public right-of-way outside the Planned Parenthood facility in St. Paul (671 Vandalia St.). This is not about protesting or a demonstration. It is about prayerful presence, fasting and a peaceful witness. Members of All Saints are active in this witness at different times of the month, and they welcome others to join them. Car pools can be arranged. If you would like to go, or if you have questions, contact the appropriate person.

- Saturdays, 9:15-10:15am. Contact Susan at 952.985.9982.
- Third Thursday of the month (Jan. 17, Feb. 21), 10-11am. Contact Mary at 952.431.1755.
- Is there a different day and time that works for you? Contact Joyce at 952.239.6158.

Coming Soon

- Early February showing of **"Fatal Flaws,"** a documentary film on the big picture regarding assisted suicide. Watch the bulletin and other parish publicity for date and time.
- February 19: Minnesota Catholic Conference: **Catholics at the Capitol** is an opportunity to engage our legislators and to learn about urgent issues: <https://catholicsatthecapitol.org/>