



Dear Parishioners,

Starting next Saturday, January 18, our American bishops ask us to join with them in observing their "9 Days for Life" novena. It involves praying for an intention each day, a reflection, and the choosing to do some type of sacrificial action. While the bishops offer each day three options for doing a penance, obviously we can choose to offer our Lord some other sacrifice of our own choosing other than what is suggested. With the 41st anniversary on January 22 of the Roe v. Wade decision legalizing abortion, it is imperative that we implore God to pour forth the graces necessary for conversion of our nation to the culture of life. In this week's bulletin there is an insert that directs you to the various ways that the text of the novena can be obtained electronically. Further, in the entrance area of the church there are printed booklets that have the novena in them, which can be taken home and which will also be used to pray the novena after Mass from January 18-26. In the booklet I have also included on the last page a calendar from the bishops that includes ideas on raising our awareness of poverty, from amongst which can be chosen as the penances to do during the novena -- January is Poverty Awareness Month, so this could be a wonderful way of combining both initiatives of respect life and poverty awareness. On the last day of the novena, Sunday, January 26, following the 9:00 a.m. Mass our Knights of Columbus Council is sponsoring a special Rosary, which all parishioners are encouraged to join in, as their way of participating in the Knights' "Day of Prayer for the Unborn Child" initiative. Also, please support the Knights "One Rose, One Life" campaign, for which envelopes are included in the bulletin and can be returned in the regular collection.

Also, thank you for your support of the annual Seminary Collection this weekend. Your generosity helps to educate our future priests for the Archdiocese. Of course, pray daily for vocations to the priesthood and for our seminarians of the Archdiocese that they persevere in responding to Our Lord's call to serve as priests.

Have a blessed and grace-filled week.

God bless you,
Fr. Gutowski

Mass  for the
Intentions  Week

JAN. 13 THRU JAN. 20

Monday	Priest's Intention
Tuesday	Stella Buras
Wednesday	Priest's Intention
Thursday	Priest's Intention
Friday	Priest's Intention
Saturday	Ray & Matilda Peatrowsky
Sunday	People of St. Joseph



RE HAPPENINGS

The January Parent Seminar is in the Chapel at 6:00 & 7:00 on the 15th.

We will be teaching the Archdiocese mandated Circle of Grace curriculum this month. If you did not receive an email from Sherry about Circle of Grace please email her at shuntwork@msn.com and she will get you a copy of the email.

There is Mass during class on January 29 for grades 2-4 at 6:05. Everyone is welcome.

No RE classes on February 12 due to P/T conferences for District 46.

IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE

There is an error on the RE calendar. We are scheduled to have classes on Wednesday, March 19 but there is no school that day for District 46, so we will not have RE classes that night.

YEAR END

We will close our books financially for the 2013 year January 12. Statements will be available for those who have requested them in the past soon thereafter. If you want to make a donation and have it count for the 2013 tax year, be sure to do it by the 12th.