

Faith Notes...

January 22, 2023 marks the 50th year of Roe v Wade. As of last summer, the abortion question is now back with the states. We continue the struggle for life, we continue to support both the woman and the child. We seek to build a culture that welcomes, respects, receives, and nurtures the life of every single person conceived. That person has a right to be born; this is a fundamental human right. And we will continue to strive and pray and to struggle until that right is universally recognized; and that that person receives the recourses they need to be able to welcome the life that is within them into the world. (Bishop Hying; Flocknote 1/18/23) This is also a moment to reflect on our human dignity, as created by our loving God in His image and likeness, and our call to Him through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Let us pray!

A Litany for Life Based on 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:8a

(First half. Look next week for the second half.)

From <https://www.usccb.org/prayers/litany-life> via the Pro-life Activities tab

Lord, love is patient.

Give to the mother who is tempted to abort her child the patience to endure the suffering that will bring forth new life.

Lord, love is kind.

Give to the new father whose friends tell him to abort his child the gentleness, compassion and courage to support the mother and child, protect them from all that could harm them, and sustain them against selfishness and hate.

Lord, love is not jealous.

Remove from all human hearts the temptation to trade human life for advantage, convenience or personal benefit. Deliver us and those we love from the expediency that values personal gain and pleasure over the dignity of human life.

Lord, love is not inflated.

Grant us a share in the humility of your Son, who sought not to be served, but to serve. Help us to see and acknowledge in our actions that every human life, rich or poor, young or old, guilty or innocent, is a reflection of your image and likeness.

Lord, love is not rude.

Implant a spirit of gentle compassion in the hearts of each of your sons and daughters, Lord, that no person may ever be treated as less than the child of God which you have made them, through the Paschal Death and Resurrection of your only-begotten Son.

Lord, love does not seek its own interests.

Give to all who govern us, Lord, a generous spirit, that our country may not so much seek to be great as to be good, to be rich in possessions as to be rich in mercy, or to be renowned as to be renowned for justice and truth for all.

Lord, love rejoices with the truth.

Implant deep within our hearts a sense of the joy of the Gospel of Life, and make us joy-filled evangelists of your great gift of life.

We reflect and prayerfully make these requests through our Savior Jesus Christ who destroyed death and brought life to light through the Gospel. (cf 2 Tim 1:10)

Italian Dinner Fundraiser

Next Saturday, January 28th

Please see the sponsor board in the Church entrance for the many food items and supplies needed to put on the dinner. Please pay at the time of signup if possible.

We need dessert items of any delicious kind! Please bring these Friday, Jan. 27 or Saturday, Jan. 28 between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Large brown paper bags are needed for take-out orders. Please bring them at anytime before the dinner and leave in service kitchen.

Bring your electric roasters for sauce to the Hall during Office hours or on the weekends before or after Mass by Wed. the 25th. Please label all parts of your roaster with your name.



Special Days This Week:

Jan. 22: Theresa Miller (B)

Jan. 26: Bob Smith (99th B)

Jan. 27: John Tracy (B)
Mike Knight (B)

Happy Birthday! May you be richly blessed as you celebrate your special day!

Help Wanted: Janitor/Housekeeper - For the Parish Hall, Office, and Rectory. Please contact the Office for more information on this paid position\$

UPCOMING EVENTS

All Fridays in Jan: 4p.m. Choir Practice

Jan. 21: Sacristan Training at 4:30 p.m.

Jan. 22: Sacristan Training at 8:00 a.m.

Jan. 23: *Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.* St Charles Church will be open for prayer from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. with Adoration/Confession from Noon to 1:00 p.m. & 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Jan. 24: Finance Council meeting: 6:00 p.m.

Jan. 28: Annual Italian Dinner. 4-8 p.m.

Feb. 2: Candlemas Day. Fr. John will bless your candles after daily Mass.

Feb. 3: Feast of St. Blaise. Fr. John will offer the Blessing of the Throats after Mass.

Feb. 5: 8 to 10:30 a.m. Knights of Columbus benefit breakfast for *Hope's Place – Pregnancy Care Center.*

Feb. 8: Bishop Peter will be here for Mass and Eucharistic Preaching at 7:00 p.m.

Feb. 9: KC meeting. 7:00 p.m.

Feb. 13: Altar Society Meeting beginning with the Rosary in the Hall at 5:30 p.m.

February Volunteer Opportunities

- Snow Removal for daily and weekend Masses.
- Coffee Hour: Feb. 12, 19 & 26.

Please let Ronda know if you can do all or part of the needed days.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

Healing the pain of abortion – one weekend at a time.

May 5-7, 2023

At Holy Apostles; Meridian, Idaho
See notice on bulletin board in the church for more information.