



## **NOVENA: 9 Days for Life Knights of Columbus**

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Instructions/Needs:

Leader A & Leader B (for each  
night of the Novena)

Singing of "Glory and Praise to  
Our God" before and at the end  
of the Novena (refrain only)

**Father Jim Bessert + Diocese of Saginaw**

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# GLORY AND PRAISE TO OUR GOD

Dan Schutte

Refrain



Glo - ry and praise to our God, who a - lone gives light to our days.



Man - y are the bless - ings he bears to those who trust in his



ways.

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## **NOVENA: 9 DAYS FOR LIFE**

***Friday, January 21 – Saturday, January 29, 2022***

***Led by the Knights of Columbus of the Diocese of Saginaw***

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**Day One:** **Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup> + Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption at 6:30 pm (immediately followed by an Eucharistic Holy Hour)**

**Contact(s):** **Father Jim and Lori**

**LEADER A:** **+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.**

**All:** **Amen.**

**Today's Intercession:** May the tragic practice of abortion end.

**Prayers:** *Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be*

### **Reflection:**

At every stage and in every circumstance, we are held in existence by God's love. The presence of an illness, disability, or other challenging situation never diminishes the value of a human life. God does not call us to perfection of appearance or abilities, but to perfection in *love*. Christ invites us to embrace our own lives and the lives of others as true *gifts*.

Abortion tragically rejects the truth that every life is a good and perfect gift, deserving protection. This violent practice ends the life of a human being at its very beginning and horribly wounds all those involved. However, Christ came that we "might have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10), taking on human flesh for the sake of our redemption. May our culture experience the power of God's transforming love, that all eyes may be opened to the incredible beauty of every human life.

**LEADER B:**

**Act of Reparation:**

- Take a break from television and movies today or tomorrow. Consider spending some of that time praying for today's intercession.

***Offer the following prayer:***

**Let us pray:**

***Heavenly Father, thank you  
for the precious gift of life.  
Help us to cherish and protect  
this gift, even in the midst of fear,  
pain, and suffering.  
Give us love for all people,  
especially the most vulnerable,  
and help us bear witness to the  
truth that every life is worth living.  
Through Christ, our Lord.  
Amen!***

**LEADER B:** + In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All:** Amen.

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**9 DÍAS POR LA VIDA**  
*viernes, 21 de enero- sábado, 29 de enero de 2022*

[www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com)\*

*\*Esta página digital está en inglés, pero puede inscribirse para recibir la novena en español.*

**Primer día: viernes, 21 de enero de 2022**

**Intercesión:** Que la trágica práctica del aborto llegue a su fin.

**Oraciones:** *Padre Nuestro, 3 Ave Marías, Gloria*

**Reflexión:**

En cada etapa y en cada circunstancia, somos sostenidos en la existencia por el amor de Dios. La presencia de una enfermedad, discapacidad u otra circunstancia desafiante, nunca disminuye el valor de una vida humana porque Dios no nos llama a la perfección de las apariencias o habilidades, sino a la perfección en *el amor*. Cristo nos invita a abrazar nuestra propia vida y la vida de los demás como verdaderos *dones*.

El aborto rechaza trágicamente la verdad de que cada vida es un don bueno y perfecto, que merece protección. Esta práctica violenta pone fin a la vida de un ser humano en su mismo principio y hiere horriblemente a todos los que participan. Pero Cristo vino para que “tengan Vida, y la tengan en abundancia” (*Juan 10,10*), asumiendo la carne humana por nuestra redención. Que nuestra cultura conozca el poder del amor transformador de Dios, para que todos los ojos se abran a la increíble belleza de cada vida humana.

**Acto de reparación**

Descansa hoy de la televisión y las películas. Considera pasar algo de ese tiempo orando con la reflexión de hoy.

*Padre celestial, gracias  
por el preciado don de la vida.  
Ayúdanos a valorar y proteger  
este don, incluso si hay temor,  
dolor y sufrimiento.  
Danos amor por todas las personas,  
en especial los más vulnerables,  
y ayúdanos a dar testimonio de la  
verdad que toda vida merece vivir.*

**Day Two:** Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> + Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption at 9:30 a.m. (followed by Mass with Bishop Gruss at 10:00 a.m.) and Saint Vincent de Paul Church, Shepherd, at 6:30 p.m. (immediately followed by Evening Prayer)

**Contact(s):** CMA = Father Jim and Lori; SVDPP = Deacon Todd; DOS = Peg and Pam

**LEADER A:** + In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All:** Amen.

**Today's Intercession:** May each person suffering from participation in abortion find forgiveness, hope, and healing in Christ.

**Prayers:** *Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be*

**Reflection:**

Countless children's lives have been ended by abortion, and countless parents and family members suffer guilt, grief, and regret—often in silence. Yet God's greatest desire is to forgive. No matter how far we have each strayed from His side, He says to us, "Don't be afraid. Draw close to my heart." Be assured that it is never too late to seek God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Consider the parable of the Prodigal Son. After repenting of sinning against his father, he returns from far away to seek forgiveness and work as a servant. However, his father sees him approaching, runs to warmly embrace him, and hosts a banquet to celebrate his return. So, too, does God welcome all His children who come to Him in the Sacrament of Reconciliation with contrite hearts, no matter how serious the sin. Let us turn confidently to Our Lord, Who is love and mercy.

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**LEADER B:**

**Act of Reparation**

- Abstain from eating meat today or tomorrow in solidarity with today's intercession.

***Offer the following prayer:***

**Let us pray:**

***Grant us, O Lord, the humility to accept  
Help when we are in need,  
and to teach us to be merciful to all.  
Through our words and actions,  
May others encounter the  
outstretched hands  
of Your mercy.  
Through Christ, our Lord.  
Amen!***

**LEADER B:**        **+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.**

**All:**                **Amen.**

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**Segundo día: sábado, 22 de enero de 2022**

**Intercesión:** Que cada persona que sufra por participar en un aborto encuentre perdón, esperanza y sanación en Cristo.

**Oraciones:** *Padre Nuestro, 3 Ave Marías, Gloria*

**Reflexión:**

Se ha puesto fin a la vida de innumerables niños a causa del aborto, e innumerables padres y parientes sufren culpa, dolor y arrepentimiento, a menudo en silencio. Sin embargo, el mayor deseo de Dios es perdonar. No importa lo lejos que nos hayamos apartado de su lado, él nos dice “No tengas miedo. Acércate a mi corazón”. Puedes estar seguro de que nunca es demasiado tarde para buscar el perdón de Dios en el sacramento de la Reconciliación.

Consideremos la parábola del hijo pródigo. Después de arrepentirse de pecar contra su padre, regresa de lejos para buscar perdón y trabajar como sirviente. Pero su padre lo ve aproximarse, corre a abrazarlo cálidamente y organiza un banquete para celebrar su regreso. Así también Dios acoge a todos sus hijos que se acercan a Él en el Sacramento de la Reconciliación con un corazón contrito, sin importar lo grave que sea el pecado. Volvémonos con confianza a Nuestro Señor, que es amor y misericordia.

**Acto de reparación**

Abstente de comer carne hoy.

*Concédenos la humildad de aceptar  
ayuda cuando la necesitamos,  
y enséñanos a ser misericordiosos con todos.  
Que por nuestras palabras y acciones  
los demás puedan encontrar  
las manos extendidas  
de Tu misericordia.  
Te lo pedimos por  
Cristo, nuestro Señor. Amén.*



**Day Three:** Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> + Saint Brigid of Kildare Church, Midland at 6:30 p.m. (immediately following the parish's 5:30 p.m. Mass)

**Contact(s):** Father Andy; DOS = Deb

**LEADER A:** + In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All:** Amen.

**Today's Intercession:** May all who defend life find strength and renewal in the Holy Spirit.

**Prayers:** *Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be*

**Reflection:**

God has carefully, tenderly created every person in His own image and likeness, to be in a loving relationship with Himself. From each tiny child knit within a mother's womb, to every person approaching death, all are loved perfectly and completely by God: "It is, therefore, a service of love which we are all committed to ensure to our neighbor, that his or her life may be always defended and promoted, *especially when it is weak or threatened* [emphasis added]" (*Evangelium vitae* 77).

In a world in which those who are most vulnerable are so often overlooked and disregarded, Christ calls us to embrace and uphold the unconditional dignity of every human life. In answering this call, we help to build "a new culture of life, the fruit of the culture of truth and of love" (*EV* 77). May the Holy Spirit continually renew us as we strive to faithfully defend God's gift of life.

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**LEADER B:**

**Act of Reparation**

- Offer some other sacrifice, prayer, or act of penance that you feel called to do for today's intention.

***Offer the following prayer:***

**Let us pray:**

***Heavenly Father, thank you  
for the precious gift of life.  
Help us to cherish and protect  
this gift, even in the midst of fear,  
pain, and suffering.  
Give us love for all people,  
especially the most vulnerable,  
and help us bear witness to the  
truth that every life is worth living.  
Through Christ, our Lord.  
Amen!***

**LEADER B:**        **+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.**

**All:**                **Amen.**

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**Tercer día: domingo, 23 de enero de 2022**

**Intercesión:** Que todos los que defienden la vida encuentren fortaleza y renovación en el Espíritu Santo.

**Oraciones:** *Padre Nuestro, 3 Ave Marías, Gloria*

**Reflexión:**

Dios ha creado con cuidado y ternura a cada persona, a su propia imagen y semejanza, para que tenga una relación de amor con él. Desde cada niño chiquito, tejido en el vientre de una madre, hasta cada persona que se arrima a la muerte, todos son amados por Dios de manera perfecta y completa: “Por tanto, lo que todos debemos asegurar a nuestro prójimo, es un servicio de amor, para que siempre se defienda y promueva su vida, *especialmente cuando es más débil o está amenazada*” [cursivas añadidas] (*Evangelium vitae* 77).

En un mundo en el que los más vulnerables a menudo son obviados e ignorados, Cristo nos llama a abrazar y defender la dignidad incondicional de cada vida humana. Al responder a este llamado, ayudamos a construir “una cultura nueva de la vida, fruto de la cultura de la verdad y del amor” (*EV* 77). Que el Espíritu Santo nos renueve continuamente en nuestros afanes por defender fielmente el don de la vida que Dios nos da.

**Actos de reparación**

Ofrece algún otro sacrificio, oración o acto de penitencia que te sientas llamado a hacer por la intención de hoy.

*Padre celestial, gracias  
por el preciado don de la vida.  
Ayúdanos a valorar y proteger  
este don, incluso si hay temor,  
dolor y sufrimiento.*

*Danos amor por todas las personas,  
en especial los más vulnerables,  
y ayúdanos a dar testimonio de la  
verdad que toda vida merece vivir.*

**Day Four:** Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup> + Saint Catherine of Siena Parish/Saint Vincent de Paul Church, Bay City at 6:30 p.m. (immediately followed by Evening Prayer)

**Contact(s):** Sister Chris; DOS = Beth

**LEADER A:** + In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All:** Amen.

**Today's Intercession:** May all unborn children be protected in law and welcomed in love.

**Prayers:** *Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be*

**Reflection:**

Today, we mourn the many children's lives ended by abortion and remember in prayer those who suffer the aftermath. We pray that children in their mothers' wombs would again be protected in law and do penance in reparation for abortions that have been committed in our world.

In his encyclical *Evangelium vitae (The Gospel of Life)*, Pope John Paul II said, "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" (EV100). May that prayer arise in our hearts today and each day forward until every human being is protected in law and welcomed in love.

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**LEADER B:**

**Act of Reparation**

- Fast from one meal today for the sake of today's intercession.

***Offer the following prayer:***

**Let us pray:**

***Grant us, O Lord, the humility to accept  
Help when we are in need,  
and to teach us to be merciful to all.  
Through our words and actions,  
May others encounter the  
outstretched hands  
of Your mercy.  
Through Christ, our Lord.  
Amen!***

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**All:**                **Amen.**

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**Day Five:** Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> + Resurrection of the Lord Church, Standish at 6:30 p.m. (immediately followed by Evening Prayer)

**Contact(s):** Father Ron; DOS = Deb and Lori

**LEADER A:** + In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All:** Amen.

**Today's Intercession:** May all who support or participate in abortion experience a conversion of heart to seek and receive the Lord's boundless mercy.

**Prayers:** *Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be*

**Reflection:**

When God fashioned the human person in His own image and likeness, He destined us for eternal life with Him. Yet because of the sin of our first parents, death entered the world. The book of Genesis recounts the first occasion in which a person takes the life of another, as Cain violently kills his brother Abel. This instance of brother rising up against brother "at the very dawn of history is thus a sad witness of how evil spreads with amazing speed" (*Evangelium vitae* 8).

From the time of creation, disregard for human life has continued to spread. When we, like Cain, allow sin to find a place in our hearts, we become blinded to the truth. Sometimes this blindness might be so deep that we fail to recognize the undeniable humanity of unborn children. We may even tragically believe the lie that abortion is an act of compassion. However, we know that "life, especially human life, belongs only to God: for this reason whoever attacks human life, in some way attacks God himself" (*EV* 9). Let us pray that all who support abortion will encounter the transforming love of the Father and, with repentant hearts, seek His mercy.

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**LEADER B:**

**Act of Reparation**

- Simply smile -- asking God today or tomorrow for the grace to be extra joyful and to share the light of Christ with those most in need of His love and mercy.

***Offer the following prayer:***

**Let us pray:**

***Heavenly Father, thank you  
for the precious gift of life.  
Help us to cherish and protect  
this gift, even in the midst of fear,  
pain, and suffering.  
Give us love for all people,  
especially the most vulnerable,  
and help us bear witness to the  
truth that every life is worth living.  
Through Christ, our Lord.  
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**Day Six:** **Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> + Saint Peter Parish/Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Chesaning at 6:30 p.m. (followed immediately by Evening Prayer)**

**Contact(s):** **Father Bill; DOS = Don (and others)**

**LEADER A:** **+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.**

**All:** **Amen.**

**Today's Intercession:** May every expectant mother receive compassionate care and support as she nurtures the life in her womb.

**Prayers:** *Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be*

**Reflection:**

When the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary, she opened her heart to receive his message that she would conceive the Son of God in her womb. As a young, betrothed, but unmarried, woman, Mary knew that her pregnancy presented many challenges. Despite this knowledge, she faithfully responded, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38).

Like the Blessed Mother, women who unexpectedly become pregnant often face significant challenges. They, too, are called to place their trust in God and faithfully respond to His *gift* of new life. In addition, we are called to walk with them in their time of need. As Jesus taught us, when we love and serve others, we are loving and serving Him.

May all expectant mothers be encouraged by Mary's example and receive support and grace in lovingly welcoming their children into the world.

**<<<Silent Reflection>>>**



**LEADER B:**

**Act of Reparation**

- Make a commitment to pray for all expectant mothers while remembering today's intercession.

***Offer the following prayer:***

**Let us pray:**

***Grant us, O Lord, the humility to accept  
Help when we are in need,  
and to teach us to be merciful to all.  
Through our words and actions,  
May others encounter the  
outsretched hands  
of Your mercy.  
Through Christ, our Lord.  
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**Day Seven:** Thursday, January 27<sup>th</sup> + Holy Spirit Church, Shields at 6:30 p.m.  
(immediately followed by Taizé Prayer)

**Contact(s):** Father Pete; DOS = Lori

**LEADER A:** + In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All:** Amen.

**Today's Intercession:** May expectant fathers lovingly support the mothers of their children in welcoming new life.

**Prayers:** *Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be*

**Reflection:**

Fatherhood has its origins in God, who chose to reveal Himself to us as Our Father, sending his only Son for the sake of our salvation. Fathers, therefore, have a special role "in revealing and in reliving on earth the very fatherhood of God" (*Familiaris consortio* 25). Fathers are called to exhibit "generous responsibility for the life conceived under the heart of the mother" (*FC*25). They are uniquely entrusted with the protection and defense of both mother and child and, in this way, in safeguarding the sanctity of human life.

As evidenced in our world today, the role of the father "is of unique and irreplaceable importance" (*FC* 25). Often women choose abortion because they do not have the support of the child's father, or—even worse—the father of the child pressures her to make the decision to abort. At the same time, it is important to acknowledge with compassion that men can also be overwhelmed by an unexpected pregnancy and that society increasingly tells them that they should have no say in their children's lives. In the face of these false messages, we pray that expectant fathers will find courage in the example of Saint Joseph—who embraced the role of father amid difficult circumstances—and offer loving, life-affirming support to the mothers of their children.

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**LEADER B:**

**Act of Reparation**

- Pray a decade (or all decades) of the Rosary for all expectant fathers -- that through her intercession, Our Lady, may inspire in them the virtues of Saint Joseph..

***Offer the following prayer:***

**Let us pray:**

***Heavenly Father, thank you  
for the precious gift of life.  
Help us to cherish and protect  
this gift, even in the midst of fear,  
pain, and suffering.  
Give us love for all people,  
especially the most vulnerable,  
and help us bear witness to the  
truth that every life is worth living.  
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**Day Eight:** Friday, January 28<sup>th</sup> + Good Shepherd Parish/Saint John the Evangelist Church, Ubyly at 6:30 p.m. (immediately followed by a Holy Hour)

**Contact(s):** Father Nate; DOS = Lori and Beth

**LEADER A:** + In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All:** Amen.

**Today's Intercession:** May expectant mothers choosing adoption receive grace and support in embracing this loving option.

**Prayers:** *Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be*

**Reflection:**

Mothers placing their children for adoption often face many challenges along the way. One of the greatest obstacles can be inaccurately perceiving adoption as abandonment. But mothers who make an adoption plan for their children are not abandoning their children. Rather, they are exemplifying the sacrificial love of Christ on the Cross in choosing to do what is best for their children, even at great cost to themselves. Like Christ, they pour out their bodies and souls for the sake of another. The Letter to the Hebrews reminds us that, in the face of fears and trials, we can "hold fast to the hope that lies before us. This we have as an anchor of the soul, sure and firm" (Heb 6:18-19). We pray that each expectant mother choosing adoption will be filled with "the peace of God that surpasses all understanding" (Phil 4:7) as she makes a loving choice for her child. Let us all cling fast to the anchor of hope, for we have received "a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, 'Abba, Father!'" (Rom 8:15).

<<<Silent Reflection>>>

**LEADER B:**

**Act of Reparation**

- Do you have a sweet tooth? Or, do you prefer salty snacks? Pick your favorite kind of treat, and give it up for the day in solidarity with today's intercession.

***Offer the following prayer:***

**Let us pray:**

***Grant us, O Lord, the humility to accept  
Help when we are in need,  
and to teach us to be merciful to all.  
Through our words and actions,  
May others encounter the  
outstretched hands  
of Your mercy.  
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**Day Nine:** Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup> + Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption at 9:30 a.m. (followed by Mass with Bishop Gruss at 10:00 a.m.)

**Contact(s):** Father Jim and Lori

**LEADER A:** + In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All:** Amen.

**Today's Intercession:** May civic leaders work for the protection of all human life, in every stage and circumstance.

**Prayers:** *Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be*

**Reflection:**

The Declaration of Independence boldly affirms that first among our inalienable rights is the right to life, given to us by the Creator. Yet despite being so solemnly proclaimed, the right to life is today threatened and often denied, particularly at the moments when life is most fragile. Our laws should—first and foremost—protect life. But, “our highest Court does not recognize children in their mothers’ wombs as persons and claims that abortion is a constitutional right. Further, many political leaders work actively to increase access to abortion. Some falsely describe it as health care and even as a basic human right” (*Priorities at the Polls*). Laws and policies that legalize or promote an intrinsic evil like abortion violate the virtue of justice.

Those who work as public officials and civic leaders have a duty to serve the common good, and therefore have a profound obligation to safeguard this most fundamental right to life. Through our own prayer, witness, and civic participation, we can encourage our leaders to truly answer their call to protect the rights of all people. For “there can be no true democracy without a recognition of every person’s dignity and without respect for his or her rights” (*Evangelium vitae* 101).

<<<Silent Reflection>>>

**LEADER B:**

**Act of Reparation**

- Sacrifice some of your free time to do a small act of service, such as making breakfast for a family member, writing a note of encouragement to a coworker, or praying for the intentions of a friend.

***Offer the following prayer:***

**Let us pray:**

***Heavenly Father, thank you  
for the precious gift of life.  
Help us to cherish and protect  
this gift, even in the midst of fear,  
pain, and suffering.  
Give us love for all people,  
especially the most vulnerable,  
and help us bear witness to the  
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**Noveno día: sábado, 29 de enero de 2022**

**Intercesión:**

Que los líderes cívicos trabajen por la protección de toda vida humana, en cada etapa y circunstancia.

**Oraciones:** *Padre Nuestro, 3 Ave Marías, Gloria*

**Reflexión:**

La Declaración de la Independencia afirma audazmente que el primero de nuestros derechos inalienables es el derecho a la vida, dado a nosotros por el Creador. Sin embargo, a pesar de haber sido proclamado tan solemnemente, el derecho a la vida está hoy amenazado y a menudo es negado, especialmente en los momentos en que la vida es más frágil. Lo primero que nuestras leyes deben hacer es proteger la vida. Pero “nuestra Corte Suprema no reconoce como personas, a los niños en el vientre materno y afirma que el aborto es un derecho constitucional. Asimismo, muchos dirigentes políticos trabajan de manera activa para aumentar el acceso al aborto. Algunos falsamente lo describen como atención de la salud e incluso como un derecho humano fundamental” (*prioridades electorales*). Las leyes y políticas que legalizan o promueven un mal intrínseco como el aborto violan la virtud de la justicia.

Los que trabajan como funcionarios públicos y dirigentes cívicos tienen el deber de servir el bien común y, por lo tanto, tienen la profunda obligación de salvaguardar este derecho fundamental. A través de nuestra propia oración, testimonio y participación cívica, podemos alentar a nuestros dirigentes a responder de verdad a su llamado a proteger los derechos de todas las personas. Pues “no puede haber verdadera democracia, si no se reconoce la dignidad de cada persona y no se respetan sus derechos” (*Evangelium vitae* 101).

**Acto de reparación**

Sacrifica parte de tu tiempo libre para hacer un pequeño acto de servicio, como preparar el desayuno para un miembro de la familia, escribir una nota de aliento para un compañero de trabajo o rezar por las intenciones de un amigo.

*Padre celestial, gracias  
por el preciado don de la vida.  
Ayúdanos a valorar y proteger  
este don, incluso si hay temor,  
dolor y sufrimiento.  
Danos amor por todas las personas,  
en especial los más vulnerables,  
y ayúdanos a dar testimonio de la verdad  
que toda vida merece vivir.*





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## **NOVENA: 9 DAYS FOR LIFE**

***Friday, January 21 – Saturday, January 29, 2022***

***Led by the Knights of Columbus of the Diocese of Saginaw***

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**Day One:** Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup> + Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption (immediately followed by an Eucharistic Holy Hour) 6:30 PM

**Contact(s):** CMA = Father Jim; DOS = Lori

**Day Two:** Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> + Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption at 9:30 a.m. (followed by Mass with Bishop Gruss at 10:00 a.m.) and Saint Vincent de Paul Church, Shepherd, at 6:30 p.m. (immediately followed by Evening Prayer)

**Contact(s):** CMA = Father Jim and Lori; SVDPP = Deacon Todd; DOS = Pam & Peg

**Day Three:** Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> + Saint Brigid of Kildare Church, Midland at 6:30 p.m. (immediately following the parish's 5:30 p.m. Mass)

**Contact(s):** Father Andy; DOS = Deb

**Day Four:** Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup> + Saint Catherine of Siena Parish/Saint Vincent de Paul Church, Bay City at 6:30 p.m. (immediately followed by Evening Prayer)

**Contact(s):** Sister Chris; DOS = Beth

**Day Five:** Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> + Resurrection of the Lord Church, Standish at 6:30 p.m. (immediately followed by Evening Prayer)

**Contact(s):** Father Ron, DOS = Deb & Lori

**Day Six:** Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> + Saint Peter Parish/Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Chesaning at 6:30 p.m. (immediately followed by Evening Prayer)

**Contact(s):** Father Bill, DOS = others

**Day Seven:** Thursday, January 27<sup>th</sup> + Holy Spirit Church, Shields at 6:30 p.m. (immediately followed by Taizé Prayer)

**Contact(s):** Father Pete and Lori

**Day Eight:** Friday, January 28<sup>th</sup> + Good Shepherd Parish/Saint John the Evangelist Church, Ubyly at 6:30 p.m. (immediately followed by a Holy Hour)

**Contact(s):** Father Nate; DOS = Lori

**Day Nine:** Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup> + Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption at 9:30 a.m. (followed by Mass with Bishop Gruss at 10:00 a.m.)

**Contact(s):** Father Jim and Lori



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