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PARISH PRO-LIFE COORDINATOR

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Summer Edition 2024



Summer Greetings from the Pro-Life Office!

We hope you are enjoying a more relaxed schedule this summer as well as more time with family and friends.

Despite the slower summer pace, there is still much going on in the pro-life community of the Archdiocese! First, safe travels to all of you heading to Indianapolis for the National Eucharistic Congress. Thank you for representing the Archdiocese in this most important way. We will be keeping you all in prayer.

Please take a moment to look at the upcoming events and your invitation to attend the Archdiocesan Mercy & Justice Summit on Sat. Sept 28. The purpose of this event is to help all of us put our love for Jesus in the Eucharist into action as we "Go on Mission" during year three of the Eucharistic Revival.

If you haven't seen the resources from June's Religious Freedom Week take a look at the USCCB's website at <https://www.usccb.org/committees/religious-liberty/religious-freedom-week>. We also had a great week at our second annual "Defenders of Life Youth Leadership Camp" (see highlight photos below). Thank you to our newly ordained transitional deacons - Dcn Will Carey, Dcn Dan Mauro, and Dcn Cesar Gomez - for spending time with us and giving such informational and inspiring talks to our campers. We were blessed to have them as well as our other fantastic speakers. It was great to experience the Defenders camp with so many faithful high school leaders who treasure the value of life and dignity of the human person.

Sadly, the Kansas Supreme Court doesn't seem to share these beliefs as their most recent rulings continue to remove protections for women and their preborn children. See the Kansans for Life update below. May this Eucharistic Revival give us the grace, courage and perseverance to continue to defend all life!

We look forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming Parish Coordinator meetings in August. Please continue to send us photos from any of your parish pro-life activities so we can share them across the Archdiocese.

Enjoy the rest of your summer. God bless you for all you do for LIFE!

For life,
Debra, Ann Marie, and Melissa

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NEWS ALERTS



From Kansans for Life:

The Kansas Supreme Court is Making Extreme Rulings on Abortion Laws in our State. Last week we reported on the latest moves by the Kansas State Supreme Court to undo life-affirming protections for women and preborn babies – two laws lost in one day.

[READ MORE](#)

Go see "The Sound of Hope: The Story of Possum Trot" in theaters now! Inspired by the powerful true story, Sound of Hope follows Donna and Reverend Martinas they ignite a fire in the hearts of their rural church to embrace kids in the foster system that nobody else would take. By doing the impossible - adopting 77 children - this East Texas community proved that with real determined love, the battle for American's most vulnerable can be won.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Aug 2** - KFL's A Day of Service
 - **Aug 20** - Parish Pro-Life Coordinator Meeting - JoCo
 - **Aug 22** - Parish Pro-Life Coordinator Meeting - Topeka
 - **Sep 11** - Wyandotte & Olathe Pregnancy Center Banquet
 - **Sep 28** - Mercy & Justice Summit
 - **Oct 11** - Culture Project arrives!
 - **Jan 29** - **Save the Date** - IGNITE for Life in Topeka!
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Volunteer!

KFL's A Day of Service

August 2, 2024

Kansans for Life is again organizing a day of service on August 2nd as a positive way to commemorate the Value Them Both vote on that day in 2022.

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Parish Pro-Life Coordinator Meetings

Save the date for our next Parish Pro-Life Coordinator meeting. **We will have one in Johnson County on Tue 8/20 and one in Topeka on Thu 8/22. Time and location TBD.** Please plan to attend as we will have A LOT of information and updates to provide to prepare for Respect Life Month in October!



[See Flyer](#)

Mercy & Justice Summit

Sat 9/28 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
@ Savior Pastoral Center

Discover what Year Three of the Eucharistic Revival Year on Mission means to you and your parish. Together let's launch a corporal and spiritual works of mercy movement in the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas!

Parishes are invited to send a delegation to this exciting one-day summit event, and as a Parish Pro-Life Coordinator, you are invited to attend!

Not only will delegates brainstorm and discuss what the "Year of Going Out on Mission" will look like for their parishes, this event will offer new tools, resources and ideas to empower parishes and/or enhance what parishes are

already doing to evangelize through concrete acts of love and authentic accompaniment.

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The Culture Project is a new resource coming to the Archdiocese this fall! "The Culture Project is an initiative of young people set out to restore culture through the experience of virtue." Five Culture Project Missionaries will be living in the Archdiocese as a free resource for our schools (grades 6-12), parish religious education and youth groups, college campus centers, and young adult groups. They are formed and trained to give important presentations on the dignity of the human person, sexual integrity, and living virtuously in our culture. **READ MORE**



THE
CULTURE
P R O J E C T

Schedule Today!



IGNITE:
Rally & Mass for Life
January 29, 2025

SAVE THE DATE! IGNITE: Rally & Mass for Life will take place on Wednesday, Jan 29th in Topeka, KS!
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PAST EVENTS



We hosted our 2nd Annual Defenders of Life Youth Camp in June and it was a great success! At this three day camp, we focused on all life issues (from womb to tomb) and provided opportunities of service. We were joined by over a dozen youth from various schools who were eager to learn more about how to protect life at all stages.




Embrace Grace -Share-the-Love Party

Embrace Grace is launching at Holy Trinity in Lenexa! They kicked off with a "Share the Love" party. The event began with an introduction to how Embrace Grace works and was completed with the attendees creating "Love Boxes" which are the outreach tool to be given to women who are single and pregnant - inviting them to the support group!



ONGOING EVENTS



MONTHLY HOLY HOUR, MASS & ROSARY FOR LIFE


THIRD FRIDAY/SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

Christ the King Church in KCK is hosting a monthly all-night adoration, Mass, and procession to beg for the protection of the unborn on the third Friday night of each month beginning Friday, September 16th.

Please join us for part or all of this work to end abortion in Wyandotte County, in Kansas, and the whole country. We are looking for adorers throughout the night, particularly able-bodied men to anchor the safety of the night hours.

Please contact the Christ the King office to sign up for a slot: 913.287.8823 (call or text), contact@ctkkck.org

Adoration (Fri 7pm - Sat 8am) Bilingual Mass following Christ the King 53rd & Leavenworth Rd Kansas City, KS	Procession following Mass will pray until 10am Planned Parenthood 6013 Leavenworth Rd. Kansas City, KS
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MONTHLY MASS & ROSARY FOR LIFE

FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

Begin your day with Mass at Nativity followed by a Rosary for Life led by Deacon Ron Zishka in front of Planned Parenthood.

8:15 am Mass Nativity Catholic Church 3800 W. 119th Leawood, KS 66109	approx. 9 am Rosary Planned Parenthood 4401 W. 109th St. Overland Park, KS 66211
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PLANNED PARENTHOOD Exposed
Exposing the Evils of Planned Parenthood

Learn More

Please visit "Planned Parenthood Exposed" to stay informed on what is happening at the Kansas City KS PP location on Leavenworth Rd. Sidewalk witness needed! Stay connected through their website below.




Embrace Grace Support Group

Embrace Grace is now taking place in three parishes, with the potential of more groups launching soon!

Next steps are:

to promote and educate about this wonderful ministry to all the parishes in the Johnson county area as well as the broader community with tangible ways to connect women in need to this group.

Please help us connect with women who are single, pregnant and may be needing some love and support by requesting this flyer be placed in your bulletin. It also can be shared with single, pregnant women directly.



WHEN YOU JOIN AN EMBRACE GRACE GROUP


Make friends in a judgment-free community of women who want to encourage and support you.




We've got your baby needs covered! Get a free baby shower thrown for you!



Say goodbye to fear, and hello to joy! We help you find hope when life doesn't make sense.



As part of our Walking With Moms in Need initiative, the Archdiocese has launched three Embrace Grace Support Groups in Lawrence & JoCo so women know we are here for them and their baby too. This 12-week program offers invaluable unplanned pregnancy guidance through engaging teachings and a sanctuary of hope and community.

Help us connect with single, pregnant women who may need some love & support.
Share Embrace Grace with them!

SCAN to learn more 

Learn More

To get connected with this ministry, click **HERE**.

Please pray for the 4 young women who are considering joining the support group at Ascension Church and continue to pray for all of the wonderful leaders and volunteers who are working hard to reach and connect with women in need so that they can know and feel the love of Jesus through the Church.



The Gabriel Project is helping 16 pregnant women to date and has had over 20 inquiries for help. We have handed out three Welcome Bags this month and given out many baby items to get our moms started. Our Welcome Bags double as diaper bags and include a changing pad, toiletries and little gift items for the mom, diapers, wipes, clothes, blankets, socks, hats etc. for the babies and gift cards as needed.

Thanks to generous donors we are able to provide almost everything the moms need. We have many moms who are due soon and are looking forward to welcoming new babies into the world!

We are doing a Gabriel Angel Training on Saturday August 24th. Angels walk alongside moms needing positive friendship and support during their pregnancy and beyond. If interested in volunteering as an Angel, please contact Ann Marie Alvey at director@gabrielprojectkc.





Growing Up Girl

We need host parishes!

This is a faith-based, age appropriate presentation for moms and daughters (ages 9-12 years old) to start an important discussion about God's beautiful and amazing design of the female body.

Reach out to Deb Niesen if you would be willing to help us host a class for Moms and Daughters at your parish.

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Justice for All

JFA aims to make abortion unthinkable through conversations with pro-choice advocates – conversations in which the contentious debate about abortion is transformed into a dialogue. Reach out to a local representative for more info or to schedule:

Kristina Massa

Phone: (913) 777-4619 (Call/Text)

Email: kristina.massa@jfaweb.org

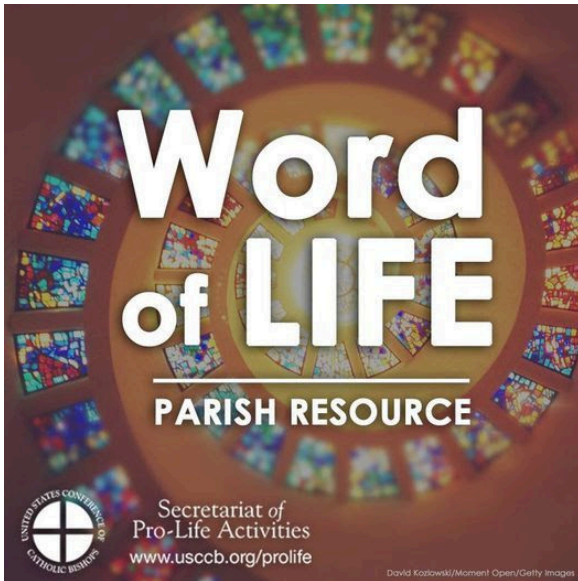
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Respect Life Prayer & Action

MONTHLY PRAYER GUIDE

Click **HERE** for the USCCB's Monthly Prayer Guide for this month.



July Word of Life

Below is the link to the USCCB Word of Life resource for July.

It contains petitions, bulletin quotes, graphics, reflections, and adoption education resources. It is a useful tool available to us every month!

Resource Guide



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