

Parish Pro Life Coordinator April Newsletter

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PARISH PRO-LIFE COORDINATOR

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

April 2025



Dear Pro-Life Parish Coordinators ~

Happy Easter! May our Lord's triumphant Resurrection inspire us to share the hope of Easter in our pro-life work as we encounter suffering in those we serve.

A week after we celebrate the Resurrection, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. The message of Divine Mercy is simple, that God loves us and he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins. Let's remember

that his mercy can flow through us to others, especially to those who have been harmed by abortion.

As we celebrate Jesus's victory over death, we also mourn Pope Francis and encourage all to pray for our Holy Father's repose. Pope Francis loved families and in a 2014 general address he said, "I ask of St. Joseph the grace to awaken consciences and to think about this: about having children."

Archbishop Naumann said of Pope Francis, "The Holy Father will always be remembered as an advocate for the unborn, the poor, the migrant, the sick and all those who suffer. Pope Francis proclaimed passionately the great mercy of God as well as the Joy of the Gospel of Jesus Christ." May our Lord grant Pope Francis eternal rest and may perpetual light shine upon him.

Finally, we have all heard the news that on April 8, Pope Francis appointed Bishop Shawn McKnight as the fifth archbishop of Kansas City in Kansas. As we welcome Archbishop-designate McKnight, we also express our profound gratitude to Archbishop Joseph Naumann who has faithfully served the people of the Archdiocese for 21 years and who has been an inspiring, courageous and faithful Shepherd for Life. We pray the Holy Spirit showers both with grace and peace during this transition.

May God bless you for all you do to spread the Gospel of Life!

Deb, Ann Marie, Melissa and Kathy

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ACTION ALERTS



Sign Petition!

Right now, Congress has an opportunity to cut off Planned Parenthood and other big abortion businesses from taxpayer dollars. Please **contact your member of Congress** and encourage your networks to do the same. You can also **read the letter** to Congress cowritten by Bishop Daniel Thomas, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities.



[Defund_Abortion_Reconciliation_2025.pdf](#)

Life Alliance Kansas Executive Director Search - Life Alliance Kansas, the new Kansas coalition of Pregnancy Resource Centers is seeking a part-time Executive Director! Life Alliance Kansas (LAK) was created with the support of Archbishop Naumann and the Archdiocese to assist Kansas PRC's by fostering unity, empowering centers through training, and leveraging their ability to make a collective impact in our state.

WE ARE HIRING!



**PART-TIME
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Uniting pro-life pregnancy resource centers across Kansas



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KANSAS**

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Visit <https://lifeallianceks.org> to learn more about this new organization and <https://lifeallianceks.org/career> to apply for the position.



PRAYER SUPPORT AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD - KCK

Join us in prayer for the protection of unborn children and their mothers entering its doors, for the conversion of hearts of all the employees, for the closure of the facility, and to be witnesses of hope and life-affirming support.

Weekly Prayer Support at Planned Parenthood KCK

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to Planned Parenthood Exposed, Christ the King parish, the Cathedral parish, and many others who have been committed to praying in front of the Planned Parenthood on Leavenworth Road in KCK for the past two years. It is time for more to get involved to storm the heavens with prayer to change hearts and protect the women and children entering their doors!

Our goal is to have at least one parish group commit to joining the regular prayer warriors each Saturday from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM. Parishes are encouraged to gather a group of 5-10 individuals (or more, depending on parish size) to be present in prayer during their designated time slot.

Please review the available dates below and sign up to ensure we maintain a continuous, faithful presence. The goal is for each local parish to commit to one Saturday morning every two months. Your commitment is invaluable in making a difference.

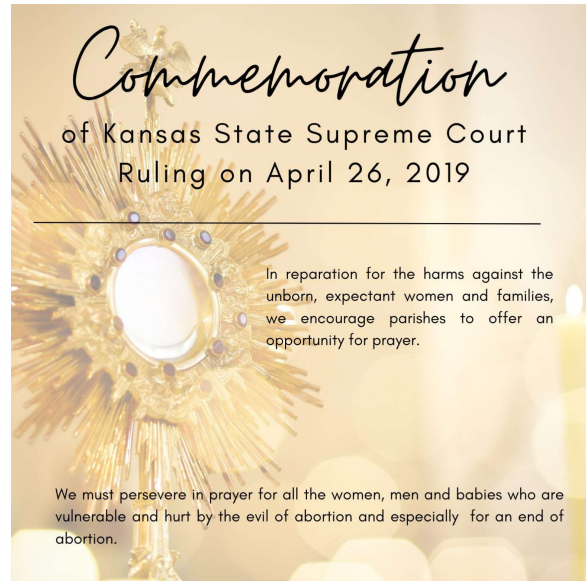
Thank you for promoting at your parish and signing up a group! **SIGN-UP**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **April 26** - Commemoration of KS State Supreme Court Ruling
 - **April 27** - Divine Mercy Sunday
 - **April 27** - St. Thomas Aquinas Walk for Life
 - **May 10** - Foster Appreciation Mass & Event
 - **May 11** - Mother's Day Resources
 - **May 17** - BREATHE Respite Event - Volunteers always needed
 - **June 20-21** - National Right to Life Convention - Overland Park
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COMMEMORATION OF THE KS STATE SUPREME COURT RULING

April 26 is the anniversary of the Hodes & Nauser MDs vs. Schmidt Kansas Supreme Court decision that declared abortion a constitutional right in Kansas. Please click the button to access resources to share with your parish to create awareness of this situation and also consider providing a communal prayer opportunity.



Resources



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sunday, April 27. The Jubilee Year of Hope, coinciding with this wonderful feast, is a timely opportunity to bring the hope of God's merciful forgiveness to those suffering from the guilt and trauma of past abortions. Click the button below to find many valuable resources.

More Info

FOSTER/ADOPT FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Spread the word about this event!

Including: Illusionist Devin Henderson,
Mass with Archbishop, and Dinner
Date : May 10, 2025 Performance @
4pm, Mass @ 5pm, followed by
Dinner with Archbishop in the Parish
Hall Location: Prince of Peace
Catholic Church [16000 W 143rd St,](#)
[Olathe, KS 66062](#)

Register Here



Questions? Please contact Kathy
White kwhite@archkck.org



MOTHER'S DAY RESOURCES

Mother's Day is a beautiful opportunity to recognize in a special way the vocation of motherhood and the gift of life. While Mother's Day is not a liturgical or Catholic observance, it is still an opportunity for our parishes to pray for mothers while honoring and seeking the intercession of our Blessed Mother.

It is also important to remember that Mother's Day can be a difficult day for couples struggling with infertility, parents who have lost a child, those who have lost their own mothers, couples longing to adopt a child, and women and men who have been wounded through abortion, or women facing a challenging pregnancy.

Please use the following resource from the USCCB Pro-Life Secretariat to help celebrate the gift of motherhood while providing comfort to those who find this day challenging- www.usccb.org/resources/respect-life-action-guide-mothers-day. You will find the following helpful resources in both English and Spanish:

- Prayers
- Intercessions
- Bulletin and pulpit announcements
- Homily Helps
- For those parishes connected to Catholic Social Media, look for a Mother's Day social media post coming soon

BREATHE RESPITE EVENT

"**BREATHE** is a respite care service for parents/guardians of a child with a special need to give them a break from caregiving. Virtus trained Adult, college and high school volunteers are needed to be a "buddy" to a person with a disability.

Volunteers needed - please share!

Volunteer Info





NATIONAL RIGHT TO LIFE CONVENTION June 20-21

SAVE THE DATE!

The essential pro-life educational event for all constituents across the U.S. will take place in Overland Park, KS!

More Info

PAST EVENTS



40 Days for Life Spring Campaign

Thank you to all the parishes/ individuals who participated in the recent Lenten/Spring 40 Days for Life prayer vigil campaign which completed on Palm Sunday.

During this recent campaign, 14 parishes, 3 high schools, and 1 college represented our Archdiocese—let's grow this number even more! Together, we can make a difference!

We had a great turnout at our recent Parish Coordinator meeting in earlier this month with over 20 in attendance! We will be sharing notes from the meeting soon with a lot of resources - so stay tuned!



ONGOING EVENTS



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	approx. 9 am Rosary
Nativity Catholic Church 3800 W. 119th Leawood, KS 66109	Planned Parenthood 4401 W. 109th St. Overland Park, KS 66211



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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PROGRAM UPDATES

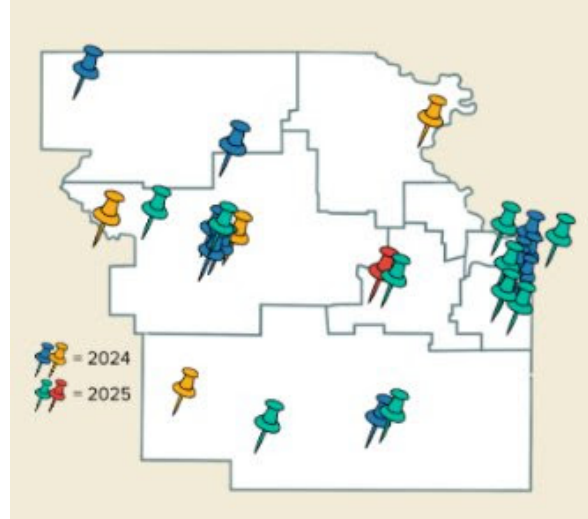


They will be here until the end of May and then back next fall. Please continue to encourage your parish school, religious education leaders and youth ministers to schedule The Culture Project presentations this semester.

More Info

"The Culture Project is an initiative of young people set out to restore culture through the experience of virtue.

So far the CP Missionaries have had over 8,000 encounters (students and adults) 162 presentations.



The Pro-Life Office is putting together an Archdiocesan Walking With Moms in Need 2024 Impact Report that will help us understand and quantify the ways our parishes are supporting pregnant women and families in need and the impact we are having in our community.

Thank you to all parishes who have already completed. Parish Coordinators, please let your pastor know that you or your WWM



Please submit your response, one per parish, by April 30, 2025.

Coordinator will fill out this survey for your parish.

Any questions, please contact: Deb Niesen at dniesen@archkck.org.

Survey



Help Us Promote Embrace Grace!

A great way to promote this beautiful ministry is by hosting a "Share-the-Love" party. Click the button below to learn more about this great event! Let us know if you are interested in hosting or have any questions!

More Info

RESOURCES

URGENT LIFE RESOURCES

- Pregnant? Need Help?**
Gabriel Project 913.602.0306 | gabrielprojectkc.com
- Abortion Pill Reversal Hotline:**
877.558.0333 | AbortionPillReversal.com
- Post-Abortive Help: Project Rachel & Project Joseph:**
913.621.2199 | projectrachelkc.com
- Suicide Hotline:**
800.273.8255 | archkck.org/catholic-counselors
- End of Life Decisions:**
archkck.org/prolife-end-of-life-care | National Catholic Bioethics Hotline 215.877.2660
- Catholic Charities:**
913.433.2100 | catholiccharitiesks.org
- Domestic Abuse**
800.799.7233 | thehotline.org

Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me. - Matthew 25:40

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF KANSAS CITY IN KANSAS

This reference, titled *Urgent Life Resources*, provides quick access to valuable information that may be needed in critical situations. Whether for yourself, a loved one, or someone in your community, these resources can be a lifeline in times of urgent need.

Keep this handy—save it on your phone, print a copy, or bookmark it for easy reference. Additionally,

Printable File

please consider sharing it with your parish and encouraging its regular inclusion in bulletins to ensure that those in need can quickly find the help they require.



Parkville
Women's Clinic

Grand Opening!

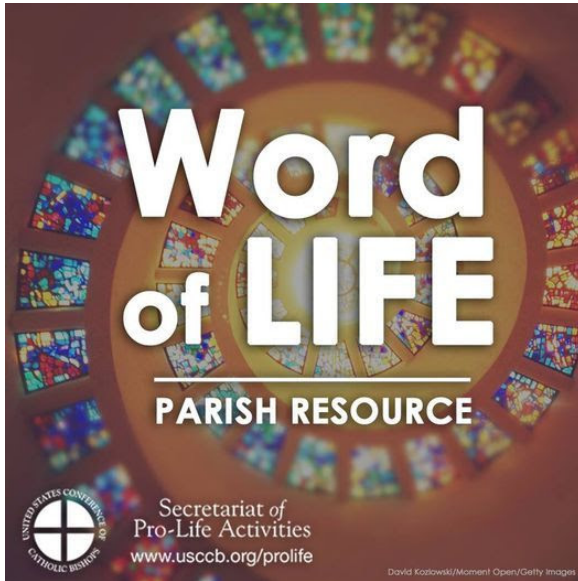
Parkville Women's Clinic
5731 NW 72nd Street
Kansas City, MO. 64151

We are excited to announce the grand opening of of state of the art medical facility on **Sunday, April 27**. 4:00 pm Tour w/dinner and rally following.

Respect Life Prayer & Action

MONTHLY PRAYER GUIDE

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



May Word of Life

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

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

Resources



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