## **PRO-LIFE OFFICE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**



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## **Greetings from the Pro-Life Office!**

Dear Pro-Life Parish Coordinators ~

We hope you and your loved ones have had an opportunity for some rest and relaxation this summer!

As we continue to focus on the virtue of hope this Jubilee Year, it is good to reflect what this means for us in our pro-life work. Our Blessed Mother shows us how the way we live today can prepare us, in hope, to also enter into heavenly glory at the end of our lives.

Thank you to all of you who share the hope through your compassionate and generous service to others in need, whether it be helping mothers in need, being a caregiver to someone with special needs, or praying with or for a loved one at the end of life.

There continues to be many opportunities throughout the archdiocese for life-affirming service to others to share with your parish communities. Kansans for Life is again organizing their August 2nd day of service for pregnancy resource centers, and see below for several other service opportunities. We hope you will also join us, either in-person or by Zoom, for our August Parish Pro-Life Coordinator meeting. We will begin preparing for October's Respect Life Month! Please invite your Knights leaders too!

May God bless you for all you do for LIFE!

Deb, Ann Marie, Melissa and Kathy

Please Note: We are in the process of re-formatting our newsletter. It may look a bit different for the next couple of months until we finalize it - but hoping to still be able to share all of the important and wonderful things going on in the Pro-Life Office/Archdiocese!



## **NEWS ALERTS**

Action Alerts can be found at archkck.org/pro-life-action-alerts



### REPEAL THE FACE ACT

On Wednesday, Bishop Thomas, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities, <u>co-wrote a letter</u> endorsing the FACE Act Repeal Act. This bill in Congress would repeal a law that has historically discriminated against peaceful pro-life protesters. In the letter, the chairmen affirmed that to answer abortion "with more violence cannot bear fruit nor build a culture of life."

#### CALL TO PRAYER

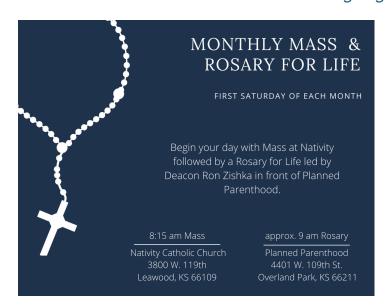
History was made recently when Planned Parenthood and other big abortion businesses were banned from receiving federal Medicaid dollars for a period of one year. However, Planned Parenthood sued, and a preliminary injunction was granted by the court that requires taxpayer funding to continue..

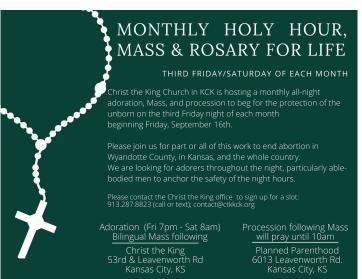


Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), and Bishop Daniel E. Thomas, chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Pro-Life Activities are inviting Catholics to join a focused effort of daily prayer to stop taxpayer funding of the abortion industry.

# ONGOING EVENTS

Ongoing events can be found at archkck.org/pro-life-events





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# UPCOMING EVENTS

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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Aug 2 Day of Service for Kansas Pregnancy Help Organizations | sponsored by Kansans for Life
- Aug 16 Foster/Adopt Family Social (see details below)
- Aug 16- BREATHE Respite Care (see details below)
- Aug 26 Parish Coordinator Meeting (see details below)
- Sep 4 Olathe & Wyandotte Life & Hope Annual Banquet LEARN MORE >>>
- Sep 10 & 11 An Evening with Dr. Marc Newman: Making the Case for Life | sponsored by Insight Women's Center | 9/10 Topeka & 9/11 Lawrence
- Sep 12 St. Mary's Home for Mother's Gala LEARN MORE >>
- Sep 24 40 Days for Life Fall Campaign (see details below)

### Aug 16 Foster/Adopt Family Social

Queen of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church | 7023 W. 71st St., Overland Park Come and See! "America's Got Talent" Magician Devin Henderson! Come mingle and network with foster and adoptive families from the greater Kansas City area to enjoy fellowship and find support! Enjoy dinner, drinks, and entertainment for the whole family! All ages are welcome! SIGN UP Today!

### Aug 16 BREATHE Respite Event

4:00 - 5:00 pm at Bishop Miege High School (5041 Reinhardt Dr, Roeland Park) "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. For more info, go to <a href="mailto:archkck.org/special-needs">archkck.org/special-needs</a> and click on "Events".

### Aug 26 Parish Coordinator Meeting

The next Parish Coordinator Meeting will be on Tuesday, August 26th 7 - 8:30 pm. Location at Holy Trinity Catholic Church (Quigley Center) - Lenexa. Please invite any key ministry members including Walking with Moms and/or Embrace Grace leaders as well as Knights. <u>RSVP</u>Today!

## Sep 4 40 Days for Life Fall Campaign begins

The fall campaign will kick off on Wednesday, Sep 24<sup>th</sup> and finish with a closing rally on Sunday, Nov 4th at 4pm at the campaign location site - in front of the Center for Women's Health abortion facility at 4840 College Blvd, Overland Park. Sign up today!

# PROGRAM/MINISTRY UPDATES

Program/Ministry Updates can be found at <a href="mailto:archkck.org/pro-life-news">archkck.org/pro-life-news</a>

#### THE CULTURE PROJECT

BOOKING NOW for the 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR! Please remind your Religious Education, Youth Ministry and School leaders that The Culture Project is returning to the Archdiocese in Sept as a free resource to help spread messages of human dignity and sexual integrity to our young people. Learn more at <a href="www.archkck.org/the-culture-project">www.archkck.org/the-culture-project</a> or to schedule, email <a href="schedule@thecultureproject.org">schedule@thecultureproject.org</a>.



Our new Missionary Team is arriving on August 24th! Can you help us with welcome items? Please see the <u>Sign Up Genius</u> and drop items off at the Chancery Office (Attn Pro-Life Office) or at St. John the Baptist Parish Office (to Wendy Christ) by Monday August 18. Thank you for your support! Read <u>MORE</u> under "Pro-Life Ministry Updates".

#### WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED

Thank you to all of you who filled out the <u>Walking With Moms Parish Survey</u>. It is helping us measure the tangible impact this initiative is having on our community as well as helping the Pro-Life Office learn how to better support parishes in the start-up of a Walking With Moms group. If your parish has not already done so, please fill it out. We will publish the results next month. Thank you! Read <u>MORE</u> under "Pro-Life Ministry Updates".



#### EMBRACE GRACE

Do you know of a single, pregnant woman needing support? Please connect her with one of our next Embrace Grace 12-week support group sessions. Contact information for the parish groups can be found on our <a href="Embrace Grace Website">Embrace Grace Website</a>, click on "Archdiocesan Support Group Locations". We need more parishes to offer Embrace Grace support groups!

Please contact Melissa or Deb to learn about how to throw a "Love Box Packing" party at your parish to help inspire new leaders to get a group started. We will help you put on this fun and inspiring party! Read <u>MORE</u> under "Pro-Life Ministry Updates".



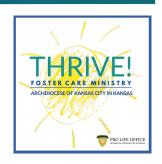
#### THE GABRIEL PROJECT

The Gabriel Project is currently helping ten new moms in 2025 and several from last year. Some of our moms stay with their Angels for many months after their baby is born, for added support. We have one such mom who has been with us for a couple years. Our compassionate Angels have been assisting her through many life changes as they provide a steady support. Read <u>MORE</u> under "Pro-Life Ministry Updates".



#### THRIVE FOSTER CARE MINISTRY

Did you know the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas launched a Foster Care Ministry in 2020 to support vulnerable children in our communities? Inspired by Archbishop Naumann's call for every parish to have at least one foster family, this pro-life outreach helps Catholic families open their hearts and homes—and ensures they're wrapped in spiritual and practical support. Read <u>MORE</u> under "Pro-Life Ministry Updates".



## RESOURCES

Pro-Life Resources can be found at <a href="mailto:archkck.org/prolife/resources">archkck.org/prolife/resources</a>

## PRO-LIFE WEBSITE RESOURCES

The Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas offers a comprehensive collection of pro-life resources designed to support individuals, families, clergy, and parish leaders in fostering a culture of life. Below is an overview of the available materials and services. For more detailed information and to access these resources, visit the <u>Archdiocese's Pro-Life Resources page</u>.



### NATIONAL CATHOLIC BIOETHICS RESOURCE PAGE

This is a reminder about the Archdiocesan partnership with the National Catholic Bioethics Center. This partnership provides resources and personal consults to priests and parishioners to help navigate ethical issues surrounding health care, end-of-life care, infertility, and other important life issues. Visit the Archdiocesan NCBC website, <a href="mailto:archkck.org/bioethics">archkck.org/bioethics</a> for important membership resources.

NCBC Biweekly Ethics Update Highlights - July 22, 2025 (Complete update can be found at archkck.org/bioethics)

Featured Article: Grappling with the Ethics of Human Embryo Adoption



Featured NCBC Video Topic: "Pregnancy, Abortion and the ERD's"





#### **URGENT LIFE RESOURCES**

This quick-reference guide offers immediate access to critical information for urgent situations related to life issues. It's recommended to keep this resource readily available—saved on a phone, printed, or bookmarked—and to share it within parish bulletins to ensure accessibility for those in need. (click on images for larger graphic)

# COMMUNITY PARTNERS - HOW WE CAN HELP!

Community Partner Updates can be found at archkck.org/pro-life-news

Did you know that several incredible organizations in our community are working daily to uphold the dignity of life? In this section, we highlight news, events, and needs from our trusted pro-life partners. Whether you're looking to volunteer, donate, or simply stay informed, this is a great way to connect with others who share the mission of supporting life at every stage.

#### TWO LINES PREGNANCY CLINIC

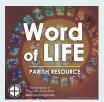
Join our growing team! We're excited to announce two open, full-time positions at Two Lines Pregnancy Clinic: Nurse Manager and Client Services Manager. Job descriptions and how to apply are below. Read <u>MORE</u> under "Community Partner Updates".



# MONTHLY PRAYER GUIDES



The Respect Life Prayer & Action Monthly Prayer Guide is a great resource for prayers, novenas, and blessings. Each category offers downloadable, easy-to-use content to support pro-life prayer and ministry efforts. Click image to learn more.



The USCCB **Word of Life** is a great monthly resource as it contains petitions, bulletin quotes, graphics, reflections, and adoption education resources. It is a useful tool available to us every month! *Click image to learn more*.