

PRO-LIFE OFFICE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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Greetings from the Pro-Life Office!

In 2021, Pope Francis established the celebration of the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. As people made in the image and likeness of our Creator, we possess an infinite dignity that is never compromised by age or ability. May our elderly always know and feel the love and respect they deserve.

October is Respect Life Month! We hope you will join us for one or more prayer and educational opportunities that will equip us to see the dignity in every person regardless of circumstance and defend all life, especially the most vulnerable. Save the date for two of these opportunities – Respect Life Sunday Mass with Archbishop Emeritus Naumann on Oct 5, and our new “Signs of Hope” Speaker event on

Oct 16th. Details on these and many other opportunities happening around the archdiocese can be found below!

Our country lost an incredible Christian, husband and father and a courageous defender of the unborn with the assassination of Charlie Kirk. We continue to pray for Erika Kirk, their beautiful children, and healing for our country.

May God bless you for all you do to share the Gospel of 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



NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR!

Life Alliance Kansas (LAK) is a new organization created to be a supportive network for pregnancy help organizations across the state of Kansas by fostering unity, empowering individual centers, and leveraging their ability to make a collective impact. Eileen Lambert was recently hired as the new Executive Director of Life Alliance Kansas. Learn more about Life Alliance Kansas and Eileen, a member of St. Benedict Parish in Atchison KS and her passion for Pregnancy Help Center work [HERE](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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NOTE: click on the event for live links

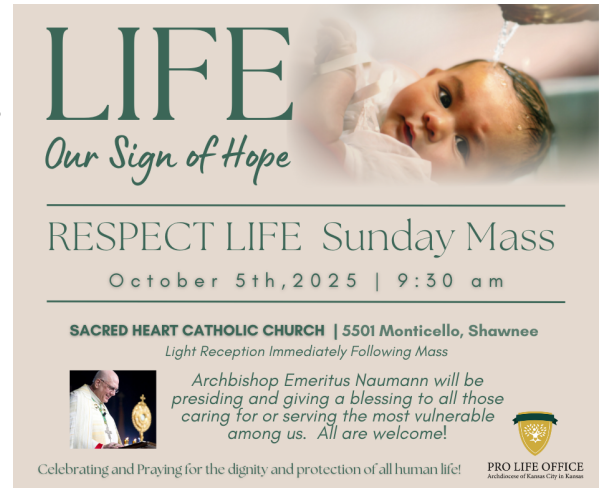
- Oct 1 - [Respect Life Month Kicks Off! "Life: Our Sign of Hope"](#)
- Oct 1 - [Silver Rose Prayer Service](#) | 7:00 pm at Holy Trinity, Lenexa
- Oct 4 - [Catholic Community Health Fall Ball](#) | 5:15 pm at Fiorella's, Overland Park
- Oct 5 - [Respect Life Sunday Mass](#) (see details below)
- Oct 5 - [Life Chain Sunday](#) | 1:30 - 2:30 pm in JoCo
- Oct 14 - [Candlelight Healing & Remembrance Mass](#) | 7:00 PM at Queen of the Holy Rosary, Overland Park
- Oct 16 - [Signs of Hope Speaker Event](#) (see details below)
- Oct 18 - [BREATHE Respite Event](#) (see details below)
- Oct 19 - [Mass of the Innocents](#) (see details below)
- Oct 22 - [Respect Life Novena](#) | Oct 22 - 30
- Oct 25 - [Life Runners "Relay Finishing line"](#) | 9:30 am | Benedictine College, Atchison
- Oct - [40 Days for Life Fall Campaign](#) | 7:00 am - 7:00 pm daily
- Oct - [Aftermath: A Statewide Tour of a Traveling Memorial and Educational Exhibit \(KFL\)](#)
- Jan 22-24 - [Archdiocesan Adult March for Life Trip](#) | SAVE THE DATE - Registration to open soon
- Jan 28 - [IGNITE for Life & KS March for Life](#) - SAVE THE DATE!

UPCOMING EVENTS cont'd

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Oct 5 Respect Life Sunday Mass

9:30 am at Sacred Heart Catholic Church
(5501 Monticello, Shawnee) with Archbishop Emeritus
Joseph Naumann. A light reception and following.
Click [HERE](#) for more info.



Oct 16 Signs of Hope Speaker Event

Join us for *Signs of Hope* at Holy Spirit Catholic Church (11300 W. 103rd, Overland Park). This free evening begins with Mass (optional) and dinner, followed by inspiring talks that highlight how the Church brings hope in every stage of life—from fertility and education to immigration, and hospice care. Come be encouraged, equipped, and united in celebrating the gift of life.
For more information or to register click [HERE](#).



Oct 18 BREATHE Respite Event

4:00 - 7:00 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 archkck.org/special-needs and click on "Events".

Oct 19 Mass of the Innocents

1:00 pm at Holy Spirit Catholic Church (11300 W. 103rd, Overland Park).
Have you or someone you know lost a child or loved one during pregnancy or in early infancy? If so, Archbishop Emeritus Naumann and the Office of Marriage & Family Life invite you to commemorate this loss at our annual Mass of Innocents. This Mass gives parents, grandparents, siblings, or other loved ones the opportunity to receive consolation whether the loss was recent or many years ago. Even if you have not personally experienced this kind of loss, you are invited to join us at this Mass to support those who have. Click [HERE](#) for flyer.

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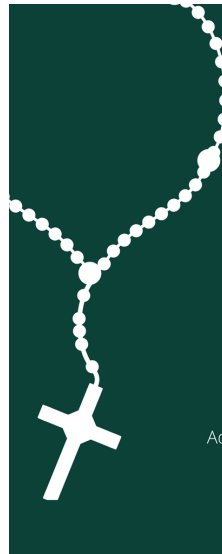


MONTHLY MASS & ROSARY FOR LIFE

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	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) <u>Bilingual Mass following</u> Christ the King 53rd & Leavenworth Rd Kansas City, KS	Procession following Mass <u>will pray until 10am</u> Planned Parenthood 6013 Leavenworth Rd. Kansas City, KS
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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.

SPARROW WOMEN'S CLINIC FUNDRAISER

Friday October 10, 2025 at The Heritage Center | 109 Delaware Leavenworth, KS 66048
Doors open at 5:00 pm | Dinner and Events 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Read [MORE](#) under "Community Partner Updates".



PROGRAM/MINISTRY UPDATES

Program/Ministry Updates can be found at archkck.org/pro-life-news

THE CULTURE PROJECT

Encourage your parish youth ministry, religious education and school leaders to book the Culture Project today! Read [MORE](#) under "Pro-Life Ministry Updates".



WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED

Thank you to all of you who filled out the [Walking With Moms Parish Survey](#). 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 [MORE](#) under "Pro-Life Ministry Updates".



EMBRACE GRACE

Thank you to Michon Quick and the women of Holy Spirit for hosting a "Love Box Packing Party" to increase awareness of Embrace Grace, our Walking With Moms support group for single pregnant women. Two more parties are coming up – Cure of Ars and Queen of the Holy Rosary O.P. We need parishes outside of Johnson County to learn about Embrace Grace too. Contact us if you're interested!

Read [MORE](#) under "Pro-Life Ministry Updates".



THE GABRIEL PROJECT

We have blessed three moms with material items this month, as they prepare for the arrival of their babies. Two Lines Pregnancy Center reached out to us for an Angel to accompany a mom from Africa, who is in school, and working hard to make a life for her and her baby in America. We also have a mom who will give birth soon, whose Angels decided to bless with a Baby Shower. They reached out to a Walking With Moms Parish to help them. Read [MORE](#) under "Pro-Life Ministry Updates".



THRIVE FOSTER CARE MINISTRY

The ArchKCK Foster Care Ministry continues to grow and serve families. Recent highlights include co-hosting a Foster Family Appreciation Event with over 100 participants, expanding from 7 to 14 parishes across multiple deaneries, and supporting new parish leaders in building ministry teams. Ongoing efforts include coordinator trainings, quarterly meetings, respite nights, and collaborations with partners like KVC, Joy Meadows, and RE: Conference. The ministry's mission is to inspire and mobilize the Church to love and protect all children. Read [MORE](#) under "Pro-Life Ministry Updates".



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 [Archdiocese's Pro-Life Resources page](http://archkck.org/prolife/resources).



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, archkck.org/bioethics for important membership resources.

NCBC Biweekly Ethics Update Highlights - September 16, 2025 (Complete update can be found at archkck.org/bioethics)

Featured Articles:

- *Abortion Is Never Medically Necessary, "Even in an Emergency," Experts Say* [LEARN MORE >>](#)
- *A Gift with an Expiration Date* by Father Tad Pacholczyk [LEARN MORE >>](#)

Featured NCBC Video Topic: *Intro to Pregnancy Complications*

[LEARN MORE >>](#)



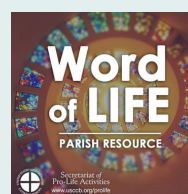
URGENT LIFE RESOURCES

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)

MONTHLY PRAYER GUIDES

RESPECT LIFE
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MONTHLY
PRAYER GUIDE

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.*