

PRO-LIFE OFFICE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

October 2025

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Greetings from the Pro-Life Office!

Dear Pro-Life Parish Coordinators ~

Happy Respect Life Month! "LIFE - Our Sign of Hope" is this year's theme. We pray that the gift of each new life be a sign of hope in a world that desperately needs more truth, beauty and goodness.

Please join us Thursday night at Holy Spirit for a FREE Speaker Event! We have a great speaker line-up touching on important topics such as Infertility, Immigration, Catholic Hospice and Special Needs Education. See details below.

Archbishop Naumann shared a beautiful and inspiring homily Respect Life Sunday at Sacred Heart of Jesus in Shawnee. We had a reception and ministry fair after Mass that included representatives from Catholic Charities, Catholic Community Health, Coalition Life, the Special Needs & Deaf Ministry Offices, Foster Care Ministry, Project Rachel, and the Pro-Life Office. Thanks to all who came.

As part of our Respect Life Month celebration, we are excited to share a new video highlighting the incredible fruit coming from our Walking With Moms in Need parish initiative! Thank you to the special women at Queen of the Holy Rosary O.P., Ascension, and Holy Trinity for the authentic friendship and support you freely give. Watch and share the video broadly! See the video [HERE](#).

Inspired by God's love within us, let's be light to a dark work, sharing the Gospel of Life confidently and compassionately. Thank you for all you do for Life!



UPCOMING EVENTS - THIS WEEK

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

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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NOTE: click on the event for live links

- 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 above)
- Oct 18 - [BREATHE Respite Event](#) (see details above)
- Oct 19 - [Mass of the Innocents](#) (see details above)
- 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 - [National March for Life in DC](#) | SAVE THE DATE
- Jan 28 - [IGNITE for Life & KS March for Life](#) - SAVE THE DATE!

NEWS ALERTS

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



NEWS RELEASE: FDA Approval of Generic Abortion Drug "Jarring and Contradictory," Says Bishop Thomas - October 7, 2025

WASHINGTON – "It is jarring and contradictory that, at the same time that the Food and Drug Administration is conducting a much-needed review of the supposed safety of the abortion pill for women, it is nonetheless approving a new generic for this deadly drug," said Bishop Daniel E. Thomas, chairman of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Pro-Life Activities. Read full statement on the USCCB website [HERE](#).

ONGOING EVENTS

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

Nativity Catholic Church
3800 W. 119th
Leawood, KS 66109

approx. 9 am Rosary

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/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

See the NEW Walking With Moms in Need VIDEO! Thank you to all who have a Walking With Moms group at your parish. Connect with the Pro-Life Office if you want to add an Embrace Grace Support group to your ministry. Please share this with your parish!

View the new video [HERE](#)



EMBRACE GRACE

Thank you to Sandra Schueler and the women of Cure of Ars for hosting a "Love Box Packing Party" to increase awareness about Embrace Grace support groups for single pregnant women in the Archdiocese. We need parishes outside of Johnson County to start EG support groups too! Contact us if you're interested!

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 30, 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 >>](#)



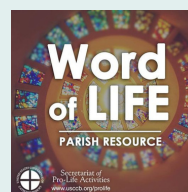
URGENT LIFE RESOURCES

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

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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.*