

# PRO-LIFE OFFICE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

*National Day of Prayer  
for the Legal Protection  
of Unborn Children*

— January 22 —



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## Greetings from the Pro-Life Office!

Dear Pro-Life Parish Coordinators ~

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from the Pro-Life Office!

Every year, the Church observes January 22nd as the National Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. "In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion." ~ the General Instruction of the Roman Missal.

With over 60 million babies' lives lost by abortion in our country since 1973, and the tragically growing number of children killed and women harmed by abortion in Kansas, there is great need for prayer and penance to help restore a respect for the gift and dignity of life.

There are many opportunities to join in prayer with others around our country and in Kansas. We invite you to join us in Topeka for the IGNITE for Life Catholic Rally & Mass at the Topeka Performing Arts Center and the Kansas March for Life on January 28th! Registration is free and all are welcome! There is still time to make plans to attend. Visit [www.archkck.org/ignite](http://www.archkck.org/ignite) for details and to register, and see below for a bus option from Savior Pastoral Center in KCK to Topeka!

You can also watch the National Vigil for Life in DC and join in the 9 Day Novena for Life. Included are resources to help share these events with your parish and personal communities.

May God bless you abundantly in 2026 for all of your prayers and effort to spread the Gospel of Life!

In gratitude,  
Deb, Ann Marie, Kathy and Melissa



# IGNITE & KANSAS MARCH FOR LIFE

Information about IGNITE & the KS March for Life can be found at: [archkck.org/ksmass-marchforlife](http://archkck.org/ksmass-marchforlife)

Please help  
us promote!



## IGNITE for Life and the Kansas March for Life

Tuesday, January 28th | Topeka

For more information & to register: [archkck.org/ignite](http://archkck.org/ignite)

### Checklist of ideas/ways you can help promote this event:

- ✓ Print and hang [KS Mass & March for Life posters](#) around your parish campus
- ✓ Ask your bulletin editor:
  - if you can stuff a [KS Mass & March for Life flyer](#) as a bulletin insert, anytime now thru 1/25
  - to run the [IGNITE/KS March bulletin announcement](#) weekly thru 1/25
  - to share the [IGNITE/KS March promo graphic](#) weekly on parish
  - social media
- ✓ Reach out to your school principal or middle school teachers to encourage them to make plans to attend IGNITE and share the [IGNITE flyer](#) with them. See [HERE](#) for information communicated to the school.
- ✓ Organize a parish group to attend IGNITE via one of the two options below.

### IGNITE FOR LIFE & KANSAS MARCH FOR LIFE

TOPEKA PERFORMING ARTS CENTER  
JANUARY 28, 2026

*Come Holy Spirit, enflame our hearts to protect the lives of unborn children and expectant women!*



**IGNITE for Life**  
9:00 AM

Live music, inspirational speakers, ministry fair. All are welcome. Registration is requested: [archkck.org/ignite](http://archkck.org/ignite)



**KANSAS MASS FOR LIFE**  
10:30 AM

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass with Kansas Bishops and Priests.



**KANSAS MARCH FOR LIFE**  
12:00 PM

March from TPAC to the Capital for the Kansas for Life Rally



**1:00-2:00 PM ADORATION**  
Most Holy Assumption Church across from the Capital



All events are free. For More Information: [archkck.org/ignite](http://archkck.org/ignite)

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### OPTION ONE

#### Bus Transportation

Get a parish group together to attend IGNITE! The ProLife Office has made arrangements to provide a bus departing from Savior Pastoral Center in KCK to Topeka for the IGNITE for Life and the Kansas March for Life. See the bus itinerary and reserve your spot on the bus [HERE](#).



### OPTION TWO

#### Parish Carpool / Caravan

Get a parish group together to attend IGNITE! Click [HERE](#) for a suggested bulletin announcement to help you organize a parish trip.



# NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE

Information about the National March for Life can be found at: [archkck.org/national-march-for-life](http://archkck.org/national-march-for-life)



**PRO-LIFE PILGRIMAGE**  
Washington D.C.

There's still time to make plans to join the Archdiocesan group at the National March for Life in DC!

Join others from the Archdiocese (and thousands from across the country) at the National March for Life in Washington DC!

Pilgrims will have the opportunity to share our voice as a local community in prayer and action for the legal protection of the unborn as well as participate in a few prayerful opportunities with fellow Kansans including Archbishop Emeritus Naumann.

Individuals, couples and families are welcome to join – together, let's march for the unborn!

Let us know you're coming! Information & Registration through QR Code or [archkck.org/national-march-for-life](http://archkck.org/national-march-for-life)

2026  
January 21 thru January 24

Contact: Melissa Joerges [mjoerges@archkck.org](mailto:mjoerges@archkck.org)

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Office of Pro-Life Ministries

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## MARCH FOR LIFE

Join us and others from the Archdiocese at the National March for Life in Washington, DC Jan 23rd!

Let us know you're coming by completing **THIS** form.

Find more info **HERE**.

## January 22nd - National Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Every January, the Catholic Church observes January 22nd as the National Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. Since *Roe v Wade* in 1973, millions of pre-born children have lost their lives and millions of women and families have been wounded by abortion. Even after *Roe* was overturned, abortions in Kansas have tragically more than tripled. There is great need for prayer and penance to help restore a love and respect for the sanctity of all life.

**Parish Resources:** The USCCB Pro-Life Committee has put together an action guide to help pastors and parishes recognize the National Day of Prayer on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. **Resources include homily helps, petitions, bulletin inserts and more.** Visit <https://www.usccb.org/resources/respect-life-action-guide-day-prayer-legal-protection-unborn-children>.

**Share the Walking With Moms video!** This is a great time to share what the Church is doing to support women and families facing challenging pregnancies. Consider showing parishioners the new Archdiocesan Walking With Moms video that highlights the good work that many of our parishes are doing to support women in need. Click **HERE** for video.



## Watch the National Prayer Vigil for Life & Holy Hour in DC- January 22nd

The National Prayer Vigil for Life is a pro-life prayer vigil held on the eve of the DC March for Life each January since 1979. Thousands of pilgrims from across the nation pray for an end to abortion and a greater respect for all human life. It is held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C on January 22nd, 2026.

In the D.C. Metro Area? Join us in person! View the schedule [here](#).



Or watch the opening Mass live at 5pm Eastern on [EWTN](#) or livestreamed via the [Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception](#).

**Special Note:** Seminarian-led holy hours will be livestreamed during the overnight hours between 9:00 p.m. – 8:00 a.m. To see the full listing for the overnight hours, please click [here](#).

# 9 DAYS FOR LIFE



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The 9 Days for Life Novena will take place  
Friday, January 16 through Saturday, January 24.

9 Days for Life is the U.S. Catholic bishops' annual novena in January surrounding the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. The novena is available in both English and Spanish, and participants can download the novena or sign up to receive it by email or text message.

- Visit <https://www.respectlife.org/leaders-resources> for great resources available in English and Spanish.
- Share the daily novena posts on social media: The daily prayers will be posted on USCCB's [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) accounts at 7:15 AM (Eastern) January 16-24. The full novena will be posted on [Instagram](#) on January 16.

## ONGOING EVENTS

Ongoing events can be found at [archkck.org/pro-life-events](http://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	approx. 9 am Rosary
Nativity Catholic Church 3800 W. 119th Leawood, KS 66109	Planned Parenthood 4401 W. 109th St. Overland Park, KS 66211



### MONTHLY MASS, ROSARY & PROCESSION

TO END ABORTION AT KCK'S PLANNED PARENTHOOD

THIRD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

Christ the King Church in KCK hosts a monthly prayer opportunity to beg for the protection of the unborn and expectant women being harmed by KCK's Planned Parenthood.

Sat 8am Bilingual Mass	8:30-10 am Procession & Prayer
Christ the King 53rd & Leavenworth Rd Kansas City, KS	Planned Parenthood 6013 Leavenworth Rd. Kansas City, KS

Contact Christ the King office with questions:  
913.287.8823 (call or text);  
[contact@ctkck.org](mailto:contact@ctkck.org)

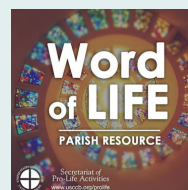
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## MONTHLY PRAYER GUIDES

RESPECT LIFE  
*Prayer & Action*

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.*



Action Alerts can be found at [archkck.org/pro-life-action-alerts](http://archkck.org/pro-life-action-alerts)



## Kansas 2024 Abortion Data

Please see this important press release by Kansas Catholic Conference sharing the newly released but long-overdue Kansas 2024 abortion statistics. The tragic, yet not unexpected, takeaways in Kansas include a record number of abortions, a nearly 50% increase of abortions on minors, and continued loss of oversight and laws protecting women from the harms of abortion. Click [HERE](#) for report.

Please share this information broadly with your parishioners. Mary, Mother of God, please pray for us.



Walking with  
*Moms* in Need

## Walking with Moms T-Shirts available to buy!

Walking with Moms in Need is a powerful way for our Archdiocese to accompany mothers and families. These shirts make our commitment visible—at parish events, service days, community outreach, and everyday life. Help your parish show visible support for the Archdiocesan Walking with Moms in Need initiative! We are coordinating a single bulk T-shirt order to make it easy for parishes to participate. Learn [MORE](#).



## MONTHLY MASS, ROSARY & PROCESSION

TO END ABORTION AT KCK'S PLANNED PARENTHOOD

### Prayer Warriors Needed! - KCK PP Mass & Prayer

Fr. Keith Chadwick is the new pastor at Christ the King in KCK. He is asking for our help to pray to end the violence being done to unborn children and women at the KCK Planned Parenthood. Christ the King Parish hosts a Mass & rosary procession to PP every third Saturday of the month ( See "Ongoing Events" below for more details.

**Johnson County parishes, we are calling on you for help!** Each parish is being asked to take one month of the year to invite your community to join in the third Saturday prayer. See the [schedule](#) for when your parish is invited (some may call it an assignment 😊) All are invited to pray!