PRO-LIFE OFFICE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Greetings from the Pro-Life Office!

Dear Pro-Life Parish Coordinators ~

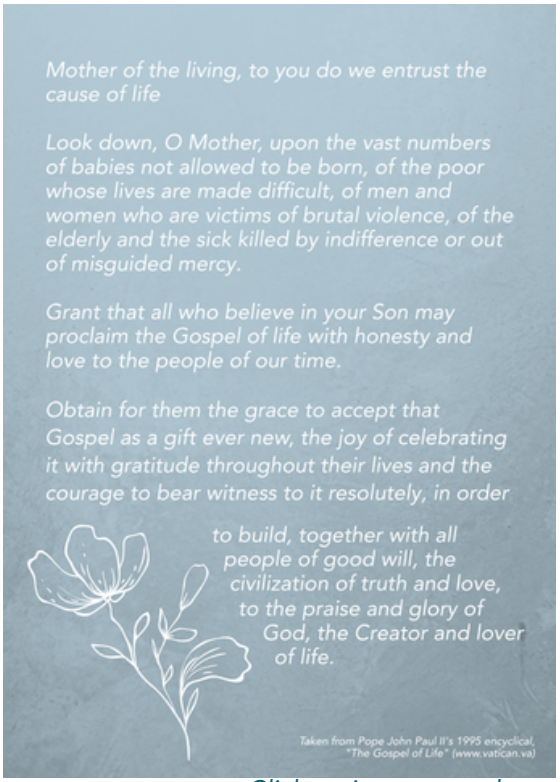
As we begin this holy season of Lent to prepare our hearts for Easter, we pray you are able to slow down and grow closer to our Lord.

Lent is also a meaningful time to share about God's forgiveness and healing after abortion to those who may typically be away from Church. To assist in the Church's outreach, see below for resources to help share Christ's message of mercy and healing.

In addition, March offers some wonderful feast days and anniversaries to help us celebrate the gift of life. Catholics are invited to pray a novena to St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus, for all who are involved in the adoption process. March 25th, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, marks the anniversary of Pope John Paul II's encyclical *Evangelium vitae* (the Gospel of Life), as well as the Walking with Moms in Need parish initiative which was inspired by this encyclical. The Annunciation is a great opportunity for your parish to offer a blessing to expectant couples and their preborn children in the womb, and to also start or expand your Walking With Moms parish program (join our Webinar for ideas!)

In this newsletter, please find resources and opportunities to share these important respect-life observances with your parish communities. God Bless you for all you do to share and live the Gospel of Life!

Deb, Ann Marie, Melissa and Kathy



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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NOTE: click on the event for live links

- **Feb 18 - Mar 29** **40 Days for Life www.40daysforlife.com/en/overlandpark**
- **Mar 5 -** **Pro-Life Ministry Fair** - St. James Academy
- **Mar 7 - Holy Trinity Embrace Grace Baby Shower - Help Support these brave mamas!**
- **Mar 10 -** **St. Joseph Adoption Novena** begins
- **Mar 19- Solemnity of St. Joseph**
- **Mar 21 -** **KCK Monthly Mass & Rosary for Life at Planned Parenthood** - calling on St. Francis de Sales - Lansing & Good Shepherd - Shawnee!
- **Mar 24 - Blessing for Expectant Parents -** 5:30 pm Holy Spirit *(see details below)*
- **Mar 25 - Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord and Anniversary of the Gospel of Life** *(see resources to share at your parish below)*
- **Mar 26 - Walking with Moms in Need Webinar** - 12 - 1 pm *(see details below)*
- **Mar 28 -** Mother Daughter Fertility awareness opportunity: **My First Period Workshop**
- **Mar 28 -** **BREATHE Respite Event** | 4 - 7pm | Bishop Miege High School

Pro-Life Ministry Fair

Thursday, March 5th, 6 - 7:15 pm

The St. James Academy "Thunder for Life" Club is hosting a Pro Life Ministry Fair! A variety of ministries serving the full spectrum of life will be present. Come enjoy complementary food and beverages and stay for their "Draw Near" Eucharistic Adoration service afterwards beginning at 7:30 pm. Click **HERE** for flyer.

Mass & Blessing for Expectant Parents w/Archbishop Emeritus Naumann

March 24, 5:30 pm | Holy Spirit Catholic Church | 11300 W. 103rd, Overland Park

All expectant parents are invited to receive a special blessing for their unborn children in celebration of the Solemnity of the Annunciation. This solemnity commemorates the visit of the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary to inform her that she was to be the mother of our Savior. It calls us to reflect on the blessing of children and how we are to welcome new life, as the Blessed Mother did for the Christ child. Click **HERE** for flyer.

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord and Anniversary of the Gospel of Life

March 25th, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, marks the anniversary of Walking With Moms in Need Parish initiative (www.archkck.org/prolife/activities/walking-with-moms) and Pope John Paul II's encyclical Evangelium vitae, which inspired it. See the numerous resources available to help others learn more and celebrate these important observances! Click **HERE** for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS CONT'D

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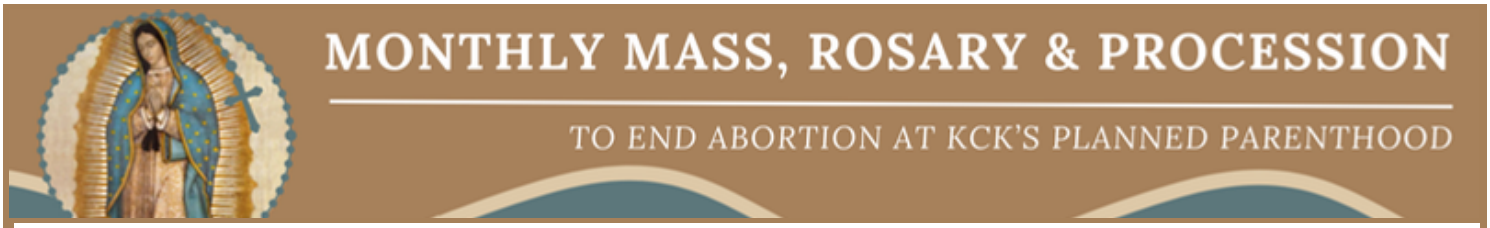
Walking with Moms in Need Webinar

Help us celebrate the 6th anniversary of Walking with Moms in Need — a parish initiative dedicated to surrounding local mothers with support, compassion, and practical help — by joining this Webinar conversation on T**hursday, March 26th, 12pm-1pm.** Whether you want to learn more or explore starting the initiative in your parish, this webinar will provide guidance, inspiration, and next steps. To register and for more information, visit https://archkck.org/walking-with-moms. Click **HERE** for flyer.

NEWS & ACTION ALERTS

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



Prayer Warriors Needed! - KCK PP Mass & Prayer

Join others 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!

Knights of Columbus

A Promising Poll: Americans Continue to Back Abortion Limits

A brand-new poll — the Marist Poll — just came out with some heartening news. This poll, commissioned by the Knights of Columbus and performed by a trusted source for national surveys,* reported:

- 64% of Americans support placing legal limits on abortion;
- 84% support pregnancy resource centers, these centers that outnumber abortion facilities more than four to one and provide women life-affirming alternatives to abortion;
- 63% of Americans believe healthcare professionals should not be forced to commit abortions against their religiously held beliefs; and
- 88% of Americans believe that laws can protect both mother and child.

Based on this data, we can confidently say that when the other side claims Americans want abortion on demand through all nine months of pregnancy for any reason, that's absurd. **Most Americans want significant restrictions on abortion.**

Read **MORE**.

PROGRAM/MINISTRY UPDATES

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

THE CULTURE PROJECT

The Culture Project is a free Archdiocesan youth resource sponsored by the School, Evangelization and Pro-Life Offices that exists to restore our culture by proclaiming the dignity of the human person and living with sexual integrity. At semester, the CP Missionaries have had 2,278 student encounters, 363 Adult encounters and have completed 73 presentations. Read MORE under "Pro-Life Ministry Updates".

EMBRACE GRACE – Parish-based Support Group for Single, Pregnant Women

Sat, March 7, **Holy Trinity** will have a baby shower for the six women participating in their Embrace Grace support group! To support these brave women and their babies, contribute to their baby shower gifts **HERE**. **Ascension** began a new semester on February 25 with 7 women participating! There is even a possibility that two more may join! This would be a great opportunity for a parish to help support this ministry - if your parish is interested, please reach out to Leslie at klbrownfamily@gmail.com or Sue at sleick390@gmail.com. Read **MORE** under "Pro-Life Ministry Updates".

FACT'S - FERTILITY AWARENESS PROGRAM

The Pro-Life Office is excited about our new partnership with Molly Price APRN, FNP-C, MSN, and her new "FACTS" (Fertility And Christ's Truth) Education for mothers/daughters and young women.

For mothers & daughters, she offers her "Growing Up Girl" programs for two age groups - ages 9-12 and ages 12-14: "A Christ Centered approach to teaching about God's beauty and design of the female body in an age appropriate, fun and informative way." Read MORE under "Pro-Life Ministry Updates". Contact dniesen@archkck.org to book.

PROJECT RACHEL / JOSEPH Abortion Healing Ministry

Lent is an meaningful opportunity to share about God's forgiveness and healing after abortion to those who may typically be away from Church. To assist in the Church's outreach, visit here for resources to help share Christ's message of mercy and healing. Contact your diocesan abortion healing office for local contact information to place in your parish's bulletin.

Drop-In Groups

Project Rachel has a new Drop-In group for women who have been hurt by abortion. It is on the first Thursday of each month from 6 - 7pm, through May. Please contact Ann Marie Alvey at 913-621-2199 or projectrachelkc@archkck.org if you would like more information.

THRIVE FOSTER CARE MINISTRY

The Foster Parent Recruitment Flyer, created in collaboration with KVC Health Systems, is now available to share with parishes and throughout the community. Please help spread the word to families who may feel called to foster. Click **HERE** for flyer.

The next Foster Adopt Ministry (FAM) Coordinators Meeting will take place on April 9 at 7:00 p.m. at Cure of Ars Catholic Church. Coordinators are encouraged to attend for updates, collaboration, and support.

There is also exciting momentum growing in Topeka, where a new Foster Adopt Ministry is currently being launched at Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church. Read MORE under "Pro-Life Ministry Updates".

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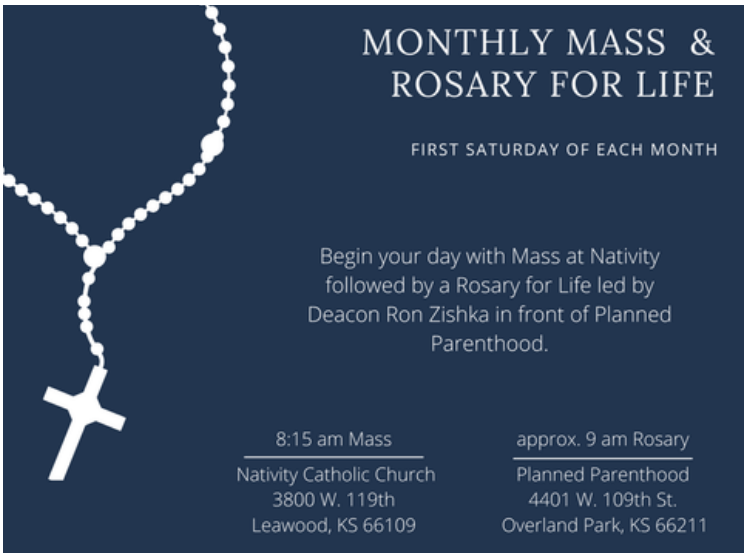

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RESOURCES

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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.

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 - Feb 13, 2026 *(Complete update can be found **HERE**)*

Featured Article: *The General Rise in Suicides and Legalized Assisted Suicide* Read MORE

Featured NCBC Video Topic: *"Ethics of In Vitro Fertilization"* 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)*

BATHROOM FLYERS - Make Healing Accessible—Right Here, Right Now!

Restrooms are often the safest place for someone to quietly take a flyer or scan a QR code. For those grieving a past abortion, that moment of privacy may be the first step toward hope. We invite you to place these flyers in your parish bathrooms to make confidential healing support easily accessible.

To access these flyers, click HERE and click on "Resources"

COMMUNITY PARTNERS - HOW WE CAN HELP!

Did you know that several incredible organizations in our community are working daily to uphold the dignity of life? Below, 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.

Catholic Community Health

Catholic Community Health is honored to serve seniors and their families by providing Kansas City's only Catholic Home Care and Hospice, as well as short-term physical rehabilitation, skilled nursing care, and specialized memory care at Villa St. Francis.

They offer meaningful volunteer opportunities through Hospice and at Villa St. Francis for those who feel called to serve. If you work in healthcare and are seeking a mission-driven environment rooted in faith and respect for life, they would love to have you join their team! Read **MORE** under "Community Partner Updates".

Book the Kansans for Life "AFTERMATH" Traveling Exhibit & Memorial at your parish this winter and spring!

What is AFTERMATH?

Kansans for Life has just recently launched AFTERMATH, a first-of-its-kind, traveling educational memorial never before seen in the United States. This immersive, walk-through exhibit was created to awaken Kansans to the reality of abortion in our state and invite them to learn, reflect, and respond. Reach out to Josh at Kansans for Life (josh@kfl.org) and visit www.aftermathks.com to learn more! Click **HERE** for a printable flyer.

Kansans for Life Banquet 2026

Tue, April 14, 2026 | Overland Park Convention Center - 6000 College Blvd | Social Hour – 6 pm | Dinner/Program – 7 pm
Spend the evening with KFL as we look ahead to what's next for the pro-life movement in Kansas, standing ready to push back against the abortion industry's continued efforts to expand abortion without limits in our state. Click **HERE** for more details.

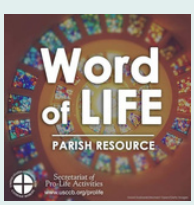
Nativity House KC Spring Fundraiser

Friday, April 17, 2026 | Top Golf - Overland Park | Social Hour – 6 pm | Dinner/Program – 7 pm
Join us for a special evening in support of Nativity House KC at our upcoming Fundraising Banquet. We are honored to welcome Archbishop Shawn McKnight as our keynote speaker as we share exciting updates on the advancement of Nativity House KC and the next chapter of our community-based services.

Click **HERE** for more details.

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.*