

GOSPEL OF LIFE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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Dear Pro-Life Community~

Thank you for your patience as we have been working through the transition to a new ministry model of Parish Evangelization Services at the Archdiocese. Moving forward, we will be continuing our monthly communication and hope that you will find it as a helpful source for information, resources and connection across the archdiocese.

The mission of Parish Evangelization Services (PES) is to support and increase the capacity of parishes to form missionary disciples and be centers of charity and sanctuaries of mercy through accompaniment, resources and best practices. Debra Niesen, Ann Marie Alvey and Mark Blaise will be the primary contacts for the Pro-Life community in the Archdiocese.

Please visit www.archkck.org/pes for more information, the PES Organization Structure and the PES Mission/Vision Graphic. [Here](#) is a link to a Leaven article, and [HERE is a letter to Pastors](#). Please contact Debra Niesen at dniesen@archkck.org with any questions. We are here to listen and accompany you in your work to share the Gospel of Life in your parish communities!



Parish Pro-Life Coordinator Meeting

August 10, 7pm, Holy Trinity Lenexa, Gast Social Room (enter through Church Doors). Click here - [Zoom Link](#)

Agenda

7 pm:

- Listening/Questions about PES
- Sharing Respect Life Month Ideas & Distributing RLM Parish Packets
- The Culture Project & Other School Ideas

7:30 pm:

- Presentation - Ryan and Kelly Breau are bereaved parents and founders of **Red Bird Ministries**, a Catholic apostolate supporting families after child loss. They will share their story, resources, and ways the Church can better accompany grieving families. See flyer below.

Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life

Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy.

Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of life with honesty and love to the people of our time.

Obtain for them the grace to accept that Gospel as a gift ever new, the joy of celebrating it with gratitude throughout their lives and the courage to bear witness to it resolutely, in order



to build, together with all people of good will, the civilization of truth and love, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life.

Taken from Pope John Paul II's 1995 encyclical, "The Gospel of Life" (www.vatican.va)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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NOTE: click on the event for live links

- Aug 10** Parish ProLife Coordinator Meeting, 7pm at Holy Trinity Lenexa, Gast Social Room (enter through Church doors)
- Aug 14** St. Maximilian Kolbe Feast Day
- Aug 15** Monthly Mass, Rosary & Procession to Planned Parenthood KCK (See Below)
Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Aug 30** New Culture Project Team arrives in the Archdiocese! Presentations for schools, youth groups, parish groups begin on Sept 18. [Book a presentation](#)
- Sept 24** Life & Hope Banquet, Wyandotte & Olathe Pregnancy Centers. [Register](#) by Tues, Sept 8
- Oct 4** Respect Life Sunday Mass, 11am at Sacred Heart of Jesus in Shawnee with Archbishop Emeritus Naumann. Kick-off to Respect Life Month
- Jan 27** [SAVE the DATE - IGNITE for Life 2027](#)

RED BIRD MINISTRIES
SPEAKER PRESENTATION
AT THE NEXT PRO-LIFE COORDINATOR
MEETING, AUGUST 10



Building a Culture of Life
REFRAMING CULTURAL PERSPECTIVES
ON PREGNANCY LOSS

We will explore how to build a culture of life that remains present when a much-wanted life ends too soon—reframing pregnancy loss through compassion, dignity, and hope.

AUGUST 10TH | 7:00-8:00PM
ARCHDIOCESE OF KANSAS CITY
Holy Trinity Parish
13615 W. 92nd St. – Lenexa, KS
Gast Social Room (enter via Church doors)



Kelly Breaux
FOUNDER OF RED BIRD MINISTRIES

She is a writer, author, and President of Red Bird Ministries, where she serves as a leading voice in the field of child-loss grief and pastoral accompaniment. She is currently completing her undergraduate degree at Liberty University in Christian Counseling, pursuing her vocation to bring meaningful, trauma-informed change to how the Church accompanies families after loss.

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MESSAGES FROM OUR SHEPHERDS

Encyclical Letter *Magnifica Humanitas* of His Holiness, Pope Leo XIV, On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence



Archbishop McKnight: Pope Leo warns AI must not replace our human dignity | Opinion By Archbishop Shawn McKnight, Special to The Kansas City Star
Updated May 26, 2026. Read [HERE](#)



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.

August 15th's support parishes: St. Paul & St. Pius

See the [schedule](#) for when your parish is invited. All are invited to pray!

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	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@ctkkck.org	

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RESOURCES

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 link 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 link to learn more.](#)

Respect Life Month October 2026



The 2026 Respect Life Month Theme is *Mary, Mother of Life*. Start preparing today with USCCB resources. Visit respectlife.org/respect-life-month for prayers, graphics and an Action Guide!

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.

Life & Hope Banquet for Wyandotte and Olathe Pregnancy Centers

Thursday, Sept. 24, 2026
Overland Park Convention Center
Cocktails 6 PM | Dinner & Program 7 PM

God has used the pain of JEFF JOAQUIN'S devastating choice as a young man to make him a warrior for Life who boldly pierces the darkness of sin with the spear of mercy. With him, pick up the shield of faith to help protect and save unborn lives. Your gifts support women with unplanned pregnancies.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.



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Respect Life Resources can be found at archkck.org/prolife/resources

RESPECT-LIFE RESOURCES

The Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas offers a comprehensive collection of 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 Gospel of 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 NCBC website, ncbcenter.org, for important membership resources.



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"