

**RESPECT**  
*Life*  
**2024**

**NOVEMBER 3, 2024  
THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

# MASS INTENTIONS



## ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

*Making Disciples and Disciple Makers*

### MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

#### Sunday, November 3 – The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

**4:45pm Vigil** † Deceased Members Doneff and Canale Families (Vicki)

**8:30am** People of the Parish

**11am** † Terry Watson (St. Vincent de Paul Street Store)

#### Monday, November 4 – Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

**6pm** † Luisa Hanwell (David and Joanne Breitmayer)

#### Tuesday, November 5 – Weekday

**12pm** † Karen Sullivan (Tim Sullivan)

#### Wednesday, November 6 – Weekday

**6:30pm** † Dwight H. Sage (Helen Sage and Family)

#### Thursday, November 7 – Weekday

**9am** Special Intention: Donna Andriot (Fr. Dave)

#### Friday, November 8 – Weekday

**9am** † Dick Winters (Gregg and Annie Wilson)

#### Sunday, November 10 – The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**4:45pm Vigil** † Rick Starkloff (Carmen Solano)

**8:30am** People of the Parish

**11am** † Harold W. Hitchens, Jr. (Thelma Hitchens)



### HOLIDAY CLOSURE IN OBSERVANCE OF VETERANS DAY

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, 11/11.

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

**Parishioners Please Note:** Our All Souls Mass at 12pm on 11/2 included a Special Collection for our local Catholic Cemeteries. Please be generous in helping us maintain these sacred spaces for our beloved dead. Donations marked for Cemeteries may always be added to the regular offertory collections.

### UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTION:

Catholic Outreach Ministries (COM) November 9-10, 2024

### THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER

#### For anyone who has lost a child:

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.



*Join us!*  
**MONTHLY**  
Reconciliation &  
Adoration Service

**Thursday, 11/7 | 6:30pm**  
Eucharistic Adoration | Prayer Teams | Worship Music  
Several priests available to hear your Confession



### OCIA/BECOMING CATHOLIC

Interested in learning more about OCIA? Join us for an upcoming class. Here is a list of our upcoming topics.

Sunday, 11/3 – The Law and the Ten Commandments

Sunday, 11/10 – Catholic Social Teaching

Childcare is offered during these sessions. Reach out to David Clay, [dclay@stfrancisparish.net](mailto:dclay@stfrancisparish.net) or Kimberly Sherman, [ksherman@stfrancisparish.net](mailto:ksherman@stfrancisparish.net) for more information.

## BEING HEARD

Reflection on Mark 12:28b-34

In every system, community or organization where there are rules, guidelines, teachings, commandments, etc., not every regulation or teaching will carry the same weight or importance. For example, where the Catholic Church is concerned, a statement made by the Holy Father to a group of reporters on an airplane will not have the same importance as a numbered teaching in the Catechism. Or in the Ohio Revised Code, an infraction of the law labeled as a misdemeanor will not be treated as harshly as will a felony.

This is why it is imperative that we hear and take to heart Jesus' words from this Gospel: "There is no other commandment greater than these." The command to love God and love our neighbor takes absolute precedence over every other command, law, or teaching. In another context, Jesus says that all of the law and the prophets are based on love of God and neighbor.

No one can be commanded to feel warmly toward another person. The love that Jesus commands must be enacted in words.

– Fr. Jay



## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

### Sunday, November 3, 2024

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 6:2-6  
Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51  
Heb 7:23-28  
Mk 12:28b-34

### Monday, November 4, 2024

Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Phil 2:1-4  
Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3  
Lk 14:12-14

### Tuesday, November 5, 2024

Weekday

Phil 2:5-11  
Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30e, 31-32  
Lk 14:15-24

### Wednesday, November 6, 2024

Weekday

Phil 2:12-18  
Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14  
Lk 14:25-33

### Thursday, November 7, 2024

Weekday

Phil 3:3-8a  
Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7  
Lk 15:1-10

### Friday, November 8, 2024

Weekday

Phil 3:17-4:1  
Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5  
Lk 16:1-8

### Saturday, November 9, 2024

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12  
Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9  
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17  
Jn 2:13-22

Access Daily Readings from  
the New American Bible,  
Revised Edition (NABRE) online at  
<https://bible.usccb.org>

## SAINT CHARLES BORROMEIO

Saint of the Day: November 4

Patron Saint of: Catechists, Catechumens, and Seminarians

Although he belonged to the Milanese nobility and was related to the powerful Medici family, Charles desired to devote himself to the Church. In 1559, when his uncle, Cardinal de Medici was elected Pope Pius IV, he made Charles cardinal-deacon and administrator of the Archdiocese of Milan. At the time Charles was still a layman and a young student. Because of his intellectual qualities, Charles was entrusted with several important offices connected with the Vatican. Soon after being ordained a priest at age 25, Borromeo was consecrated bishop of Milan.

Saint Charles deserves the credit for keeping the Council of Trent in session when at several points it was on the verge of breaking up. Borromeo encouraged the pope to renew the Council in 1562, after it had been suspended for 10 years. Because of his work at the Council, Borromeo was unable to take up residence in Milan until the Council concluded.

Eventually, Borromeo was allowed to devote his time to the Archdiocese of Milan, where the religious and moral picture was far from bright. The reform needed in every phase of Catholic life among both clergy and laity was initiated at a provincial council of all the bishops under him.

Charles took the initiative in giving a good example. He allotted most of his income to charity, forbade himself all luxury, and imposed severe penances upon himself. He sacrificed wealth, high honors, esteem, and influence to become poor. During the plague and famine of 1576, Borromeo tried to feed 60,000 to 70,000 people daily. To do this, he borrowed large sums of money. Whereas the civil authorities fled at the height of the plague, he stayed in the city, where he ministered to the sick and the dying. Work and the heavy burdens of his high office began to affect Archbishop Borromeo's health, leading to his death at the age of 46.

Read the full article: "Saint Charles Borromeo" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, [franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-charles-borromeo/](http://franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-charles-borromeo/) (Accessed October 22, 2024).

# FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES



## NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK BULLETIN FOR NOVEMBER 3-9, 2024

### FATHER RYAN STAWAISZ HEROIC SERVICE IN HIS FINAL DAYS

Shortly before his ordination, Ryan Stawaisz received a devastating cancer diagnosis—his second one after successfully beating cancer as a junior in college.

Despite his diagnosis, Fr. Ryan began his priestly ministry at Prince of Peace in Houston in 2019. Just two years later, on June 21, 2021, the young priest passed away, leaving a lasting impact on his parishioners, many of whom attested to his tremendous witness.

Those who knew Fr. Ryan were deeply touched by his selfless ministry, even in his final days as a priest—so much so that he has inspired a film about his life.

His brother Ross Stawaisz says he hopes Fr. Ryan's story will show the "need to stand up for some things. You need to live your life in a way that emulates Christ."

Fr. Ryan's mother, Susan Stawaisz, said she has heard from several cancer patients on how the movie has touched them: "I feel like anybody who's gone through any kind of suffering can relate to offering up your suffering and suffering heroically."

Read the feature story about Fr. Ryan and his family at [catholicnewsagency.com](http://catholicnewsagency.com)



*The new film "Love God's Will" tells the heroic story of Fr. Ryan Stawaisz's selfless ministry through the eyes of his family, friends, and fellow priests.*

Palomita Films, [palomitafilms.com](http://palomitafilms.com)



### SERRA SPONSORS 50 ORDERS

Above, an army of young sisters from the Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary process into the National Eucharistic Congress. They are members of one of the fastest-growing religious communities in the U.S., with a large presence in Miami.

In the months leading up to the National Eucharistic Congress, Serra International raised more than \$150,000 to sponsor the presence of more than 50 religious communities.

"It was amazing to walk through the convention hall and see hundreds of young sisters," said one attendee. "Just seeing their joy and vibrant smiles gave me a lot of hope for the future of the Church!"

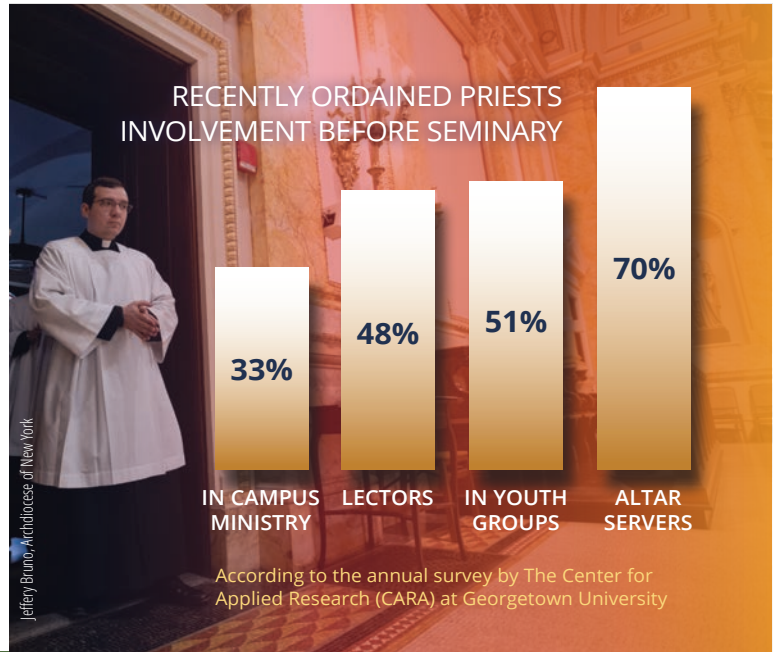
## RECENTLY ORDAINED PRIESTS

### ORIGINS *of* PRIESTHOOD

Pope Francis has emphasized that seminarians must be “men of communion” who arise organically from the communities they serve, then return after seminary to minister even more profoundly.

That vision is slowly becoming a reality in the U.S., with most of the priests ordained in 2024 reporting active involvement in their parishes and schools.

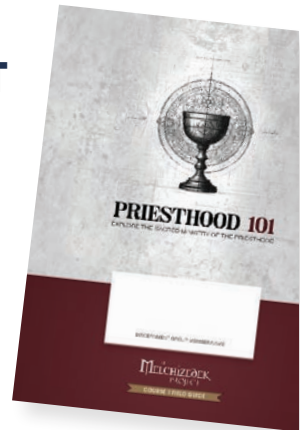
According to CARA’s recent study of men ordained in 2024, the average age at which they first considered the priesthood was 16. Between 32% and 42% went to a Catholic elementary school, high school, or college. About 60% obtained college degrees before seminary, and 70% had full-time work experience. A full 75% reported regularly participating in Eucharistic Adoration before entering priestly formation.



Max Masselli, Diocese of Jackson

## SMALL GROUPS DEEP DISCERNMENT

The Melchizedek Project, a long-standing program that starts priesthood discernment groups for young men, was re-launched this summer with a new format. It’s now easier to start and run the group, with robust leader training and excellent videos that spark discussion. Want to help your parish priest start a group? Sign up for training at [melchizedekproject.com](http://melchizedekproject.com)



## FATHER-SON SEMINARY TRIP

“I dream of a day when young men enter seminary, not *looking* for a father, but having been *brought* by their fathers,” said Deacon James Keating of Omaha, who is renowned for his work in priestly formation.

About 45% of seminarians say they were discouraged by a friend or family member from considering the priesthood. And while some parents are tentatively open to the idea, many aren’t thrilled about it.

But a real revival of a “vocations culture” requires that parents actively encourage their sons and daughters to seriously consider priesthood and religious life. Think about it this way: just as you would take your teen son to visit prospective colleges, why not try to arrange a visit to a seminary?



## ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

<i>3 Sunday</i>	<p>Pathways Family Meeting – Johnson Hall – 9:30-10:45am                  Signs of Grace PSR Sacramental Prep – Classrooms – 9:30-10:45am                  Confirmation/Chosen – Murphy Hall – 9:45-10:45am                  OCIA – JH Classrooms #230-#231 – 9:45-10:45am                  Seeds of Faith – JH Classroom #233 – 9:45-10:45am                  Contemporary Ensemble Rehearsal – Choir Loft – 9:45-10:50am                  Baptism Prep Class “A” – St. Francis Room – 12:30-2pm                  Alpha Day Away – Offsite – 12:45-5:30pm                  Grieving With Great Hope Workshop – Murphy Hall – 1-3pm                  Vanguard Bowling Event – Offsite – 1-3pm                  Elevate Youth Ministry – Gym/JH Lab #230 – 6-8pm                  Martyr Mayhem! – Johnson Hall – 6-8pm                  Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 7-10pm</p>
<i>4 Monday</i>	<p>Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-10pm                  Reconciliation – Church – 5-5:45pm                  Walking With Purpose – Murphy Hall – 6:15-8:15pm                  Blaze and Ignite JH Small Groups – Dominican Library/Frassati Room – 6:30-8pm                  Respect Life Monthly Meeting – Johnson Hall – 6:45-9pm</p>
<i>5 Tuesday</i>	<p>Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-10pm                  Walking With Purpose – Murphy Hall – 9:15-11am                  Young Adult Men’s Group/The Forge – St. Francis Room – 6:30-8:30pm                  Fruit of the Vine Prayer Meeting – Johnson Hall – 7-8:30pm                  Knights of Columbus Business Meeting – Murphy Hall – 7-9pm</p>
<i>6 Wednesday</i>	<p>Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-10pm                  Reconciliation – Church – 5:30-6:15pm                  Traditional Choir Rehearsal – Choir Loft – 7-8pm                  Sisters of Strength Study – Frassati Room – 7-8:30pm                  Respect Life Euchre Tournament – Murphy Hall – 7-10:30pm</p>
<i>7 Thursday</i>	<p>Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-10pm                  Grandparent Ministry – Murphy Hall – 10am-12pm                  Parish Adoration/Reconciliation/Praise &amp; Worship – Church – 6:30-7:30pm                  New Best Friends Young Adult Group – Frassati Room – 7-8:30pm</p>
<i>8 Friday</i>	<p>Damascus Men’s Retreat – Offsite                  Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-11pm                  Red Cross Blood Drive – Murphy Hall – 10am-4pm                  Catholic in Recovery – FFC Conf. Room – 7-8pm</p>
<i>9 Saturday</i>	<p>Damascus Men’s Retreat – Offsite                  Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-12pm                  That Man Is You – Murphy Hall – 7:30-9am                  Outdoor Adventures Ministry – Offsite – 10am-12pm                  Contemporary Ensemble Rehearsal – Choir Loft – 3:15-4:30pm                  Reconciliation – Church – 3:45-4:15pm                  Mass with Veterans’ Blessing – Church – 4:45-5:45pm</p>
<i>10 Sunday</i>	<p>Damascus Men’s Retreat – Offsite                  Morning Masses with Veterans’ Blessing – Church                  Signs of Grace PSR Sacramental Prep – Classrooms – 9:30-10:45am                  Veterans’ Appreciation Reception – Johnson Hall – 9:30am-1pm                  Confirmation/Chosen – Murphy Hall – 9:45-10:45am                  OCIA – JH Classrooms #230-#231 – 9:45-10:45am                  Seeds of Faith – JH Classroom #233 – 9:45-10:45am                  Contemporary Ensemble Rehearsal – Choir Loft – 9:45-10:50am                  Vanguard Board of Directors Meeting – FFC Conf. Room – 12:30-1:30pm                  Grieving With Great Hope Workshop – Murphy Hall – 1-3pm                  Alpha – Murphy Hall – 5:30-8pm                  Elevate Youth Ministry – Gym/JH Lab #230 – 6-8pm                  Summit HS Youth Group – Frassati Room – 6-8pm                  Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 7-10pm</p>

# FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

## HELPING ANXIOUS *Teens Thrive*

**For Teens & Parents**  
with special guest speaker *Jim Beckman*

**SUNDAY, 11/17**

12pm | Johnson Hall

Get info and RSVP at  
[stfrancisparish.net/Register](http://stfrancisparish.net/Register)



**CATHOLIC YOUTH SUMMER CAMP**  
CYSC - Week 9 - St. Francis Week

Skip the registration chaos & join other St. Francis youth at summer camp by claiming your spot during our reserved week

**Sunday, 8/3 - Friday, 8/8**

Get your registration code at  
[stfrancisparish.net/Register](http://stfrancisparish.net/Register)

## PARISH NEWS



On All Souls' Day, we not only remember the dead, but we apply our efforts, through prayer, almsgiving, and the Mass, to their release from Purgatory.

We Pray: *Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God Rest In Peace! Amen.*

### THE MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY WHO HAVE DIED THIS PAST YEAR:

Joyce Zimmerman	Betty Lou Finkle	Betty O'Neill	Susanna Hanusz	Alvena Wilson
Bob Heigle	Michael Selby, Sr.	Terry Watson	Dick Winters	Sherry McClurg
Jack Ewald	Sebastian Gartside	Louise Cortez	Frances Iocabellis	Jack Oberfield
Shirley Stare	Brenda Sue Brown	Rick Battat	Evelyn Jane Pratt	Wade Hammond
Shirley Cramer	Nancy Gifford	Irene Sasko	Dick Humphreys	Dennis Abend
Sharon Wiley	Lewie Oberfield	Paul Cline	Luisa Hanwell	Charlie Franks
Judy Noble	Margaret Cahill	Traian Vance	Bill Baker	Ginny Baker
Mary Crumrine	Una Mary McIntyre	Mary Reid	Joanna Bolin	Maria Myers
Finnley Emmerson Rogers	Joe Stenson	Kenneth Guy	Joe Campbell	Bob Blasczyk

### PREPARING FOR VETERANS DAY

We love to honor our parish veterans each November! If you have not submitted your veteran's photos in the past and would like to have them included in our Veterans Day tribute, please email your photo to [communications@stfrancisparish.net](mailto:communications@stfrancisparish.net) or drop it by the parish office by Tuesday, 11/5. Be sure to include the name, rank, and service branch of your veteran with your submission. And don't forget to save the date for our annual Veterans Appreciation Social Hour on Sunday, 11/10 following each morning Mass.



### GIFT OF BEING GRAND

*Grandparent Ministry 2024-25*

1st & 3rd Thursday of the Month Beginning 10/3

10am | Murphy Hall

### GRANDPARENT MINISTRY

"I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth..." We will be viewing a video and discussing "God the Father, Creation and the Fall." Join us on Thursday, 11/7 in Murphy Hall, 10-11:30am. For info, please contact Ann Forgrave at 740.366.3090 or [ann.forgrave@gmail.com](mailto:ann.forgrave@gmail.com).

### SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS

The Licking County Vocational Club supports men and women with vocations thru prayer and projects. As the Josephinum Seminarians prepare for December exams, we will be collecting snacks, (packaged) crackers, candy, cookies, etc. and toiletries from our Licking County Parishes to provide support for the end of their semester. These items are always joyfully and thankfully received! Your donations are needed and welcomed!

Please place the snacks at the back of the church, next to the wagon for St. Vincent de Paul. Boxes will be marked Seminarians and available: 11/23-24; 11/30; and 12/1.

You may also donate directly to the Seminarian Fund link: [www.columbuscatholicgiving.org/seminarian-support-fund](http://www.columbuscatholicgiving.org/seminarian-support-fund).

Thank you for your support,  
Vicki Annarino, VP of Vocations


## PARISH NEWS



Help save lives  
and get a treat on us!




Restrictions apply, see [amazon.com/gc-legal](https://amazon.com/gc-legal)



**Blood Drive**

**Friday, 11/8**  
**10am - 4pm**  
Murphy Hall

Visit [redcross.org](https://redcross.org) to  
schedule or scan below



### YOUNG ADULT PILGRIMAGE

Visit the Our Lady of  
Consolation Basilica  
with our young

adults' group on Saturday, 11/16. All are invited to participate in our second pilgrimage of the year. This time, we are attending the Basilica and Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, OH. We will be leaving the St. Francis rear parking lot at 8am and carpool to the Carey Basilica, returning to St. Francis by 5pm. This is another great opportunity to share fellowship with other young adults through prayer and pilgrimage. Contact Molly Loy, [mloy@stfrancisparish.net](mailto:mloy@stfrancisparish.net) with questions and to register by Sunday, 11/10.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### STILL SEEKING PRESCHOOL CLASSROOM AIDES

We could use your help finding support for our preschool teachers. These are paid positions with hours 11am-3pm, Mondays through Fridays. Even if availability is for just one day per week, we would love to chat. Contact Mrs. Mummy directly for info or to apply.

### CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA KIDS' RAFFLE DONATIONS WANTED

The Christmas Extravaganza Committee is excited to host our annual Kids' Raffle on Friday, 12/20! We are currently seeking donations to make this event a festive and memorable occasion for all. We gladly accept newly purchased toys, gift cards and electronics. Please submit all donations no later than Monday, 12/2 to SFdS School Office, 38 Granville Street, Newark. You may also arrange for Pickup/Drop-off by contacting Adrienne Eskins at 740.975.8591. Your generosity will help make this year's raffle a huge success! Thank you for supporting our school community and spreading holiday cheer!

### SAVE THE DATE ANNUAL ART AUCTION'S



### Winter Masquerade

NOVEMBER 15, 2024 | 6 P.M.  
BRADY HEMPLEMAN GYM

- Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres
- Silent Auction
- 50/50 Raffle
- Raffle Gift Card Pull
- Gourmet Bake Sale
- & More



\*adults only

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Respect Life

# EUCRE

PROGRESSIVE  
TOURNAMENT

**WEDNESDAY, 11/6, 7PM**

Register at [stfrancisparish.net/Register](https://stfrancisparish.net/Register)

Plus, bid on your chance  
to get Fr. Mike as your  
Euchre partner!



The annual single-player progressive play tournament (with normal Euchre rules) will be held on Wednesday, 11/6 at 7pm in Murphy Hall. Snacks will be provided; please BYOB. The entry fee is \$25 per player. Sign up at [stfrancisparish.net/Register](https://stfrancisparish.net/Register).

There is an option to donate to Respect Life if you don't play but would still like to support the group's mission. Just click the "Register" button and select "Donation Only" as your attendee type.

### Partner with Father Mike!

Register for an online auction to bid on Fr. Mike Gentry as your partner for the first game of the tournament! To place your bid, go to [stfrancisparish.net/Register](https://stfrancisparish.net/Register) and after selecting Fr. Mike Partner Auction, click **Eric Soiu** or call Eric at 614.404.4388 if you have questions and to place your bid.





# THE GOSPEL OF LIFE

## A BRIEF SUMMARY

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The prophetic papal encyclical *Evangelium vitae* (*The Gospel of Life*) was written by Pope St. John Paul II in 1995 to reaffirm the value and inviolability of every human life and to appeal to all people to respect, protect, love, and serve every human life. The following is a brief overview of this important document.

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The Gospel of life is at the *heart* of Jesus' saving message to the world. Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. The Son of God has united himself with every human being and desires for us to share eternal life with him. For this reason, direct attacks on human life, such as abortion and euthanasia, are always unacceptable. Yet, sadly we see new and expanding threats to human life emerging on an alarming scale. These new threats to life are often justified, protected, and even promoted by our laws and culture.

**The Gospel of life is at the heart of Jesus' saving message to the world.**

Not only must human life not be taken, but it must be protected with loving concern. Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, and we reflect his glory in the world. God made the human person with the capacity to love and reason and share in a relationship with himself, the Creator. The human person bears an indelible imprint of God and is the pinnacle of all creation. The source of our dignity is not only linked to our creation by God, but to our final end and destiny to spend eternity with the Father. By accepting Christ as our Savior through the ministry of the Church, despite our sinfulness, we can begin to share in eternal life even now.

**In sharing in the lowliest and most vulnerable conditions of human life—even death on a cross—Jesus shows us that life is always good.**

Despite the grave threats to human life in the modern world, we, as the People of God, are called to place our faith in Jesus, the “Word of life” (1 Jn 1:1). As Christians, we have received the full truth about human life as proclaimed by the very person of Jesus. In sharing in the lowliest and most vulnerable conditions of human life—even death on a cross—Jesus shows us that life is *always good*. The true meaning of our lives is found in giving and receiving love. It is only through this understanding of a sincere gift of self that human sexuality and procreation reach their true and full significance.

God holds the lives of all people in his gentle and loving care, giving meaning and value to any sufferings that we bear. Even within the mystery which surrounds suffering and death, these experiences can become saving events as we unite them with Christ's own sacrifice. By making human life the instrument of our salvation, the Son of God shows us the priceless value of human life.

Although the roots of violence against life are not new—going all the way back to Genesis,

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when Cain took the life of his brother Abel—our modern world is now suffering under a culture of death. Scientific and technological advances and an increasingly secularized world have led to an eclipse of the value of human life. However, respect for life requires that science and technology should always be at the service of the human person and his integral development. We must reject systems of structuralized sin which value efficiency and productivity over human persons.

Governments and international institutions promote abortion and euthanasia as marks of progress and freedom. But this is a false and perverse understanding in which freedom is equated with absolute individualism. True freedom is inherently relational, recognizing that God has entrusted us to one another. As cultures and societies fail to recognize these objective truths, everything becomes relative, and all principles are called into question—even the fundamental right to life. However, the blood of Christ's sacrifice remains our constant hope.

**To proclaim Jesus is to proclaim life itself. Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to bring the Gospel of life to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society.**

Christ's gift of himself on the Cross reveals how precious life truly is and gives us the strength to commit ourselves to building a *culture of life*. Christ's blood, shed for us, promises that in God's plan death will be no more, and life will be victorious.



Society as a whole must respect, defend and promote the dignity of every human person, at every moment and in every condition of that person's life. Each life is a gift from God and ultimately belongs to him. He has sole authority over life and death. We are therefore called to reverence and love every human person, loving our neighbors as ourselves. It is our responsibility to care for and protect human life, especially the lives of the most vulnerable among us.

Having received the gift of the Gospel of life, we are the people of life and a people for life. It is our duty to proclaim the Gospel of life to the world. *To proclaim Jesus is to proclaim life itself.* Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to bring the Gospel of life to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society. In every child which is born, and in every person who lives or dies, we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ.

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# AROUND OUR DIOCESE AND BEYOND



## S.P.I.C.E. MASS OF INCLUSION

Everyone is invited to the annual S.P.I.C.E. Mass of Inclusion at St. Catharine Church on Sunday, 11/17, at 11am. SPICE stands for Special People In Catholic Education. The Mass of Inclusion will be a celebration in honor of all people with special needs with Bishop Earl K. Fernandes. A light reception will immediately follow the Mass.

## WONDER OF EVE AT ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL IN WORTHINGTON

Sunday, November 10th at 1:00pm


The Wonder of Eve is a fresh and engaging presentation, helping young women understand how naturally amazing their bodies are and the impact their choices can have on their future health and fertility. The Wonder of Eve covers the marvelous design and function of the female body & reproductive system/ menstrual cycles; a brief introduction to tracking cycles - a unique approach to women's healthcare, no matter the stage in life; and ways to take good care of yourself now, to benefit you in the future. Geared for young women in grades 8-12 with their mothers, the Wonder of Eve is presented by a Fertility Care Practitioner and features a 60-minute presentation followed by Q&A.

Watch the Trailer Video at [bit.ly/WonderofEveTrailer](https://bit.ly/WonderofEveTrailer). Registration (\$20 per family) is required.

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