



# St. Patrick Catholic School

Wednesday Note

**September 25, 2019**



## VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: CHARITY

Loving God with all your heart, mind and strength,  
and your neighbor as yourself.

### Weekly Calendar News

- ♣ Thursday, September 26:
  - ♣ Gr K-4 attend Mass (2B)
  - ♣ Board of Education Mtg, 7:00pm
- ♣ Wednesday, October 2: Otis Spunkmeyer Fundraiser Kick-Off Assembly
- ♣ Friday, October 4:
  - ♣ All School Mass (Gr. 3)
  - ♣ Pet Blessing 11:30am
  - ♣ Noon Dismissal (aftercare offered)



**Congratulations,  
Mrs. Doerr!**

Mr. and Mrs. Doerr brought a beautiful baby girl into the world on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:39pm! Emma Renee weighed 7 lbs, 14 oz, and 20 inches long! We are so happy for Mr. and Mrs. Doerr and their new little blessing!

## Gen-Life Coupon Books

Many of our St. Patrick 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students will be joining over 2000 students from the Archdiocese of St. Louis to participate in the March for Life in Washington, D.C. in January. Would you like to learn more about this amazing trip? Go to <https://genlifestl.com/>. In order to help offset costs for the trip, **Dress Out Coupon Books** will be sold and proceeds will go to those students attending. Please see the attached flyer.

## Sacrament Meetings

### **Reconciliation & Communion - Thursday, October 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church -**

For parents of students wishing to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion this school year. Child care will be offered in the aftercare room in the school. Please contact Kathleen Boedeker at [kboedeker@gmail.com](mailto:kboedeker@gmail.com) if planning to take advantage of the care for your children.

### **Confirmation - Thursday, October 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church**

For parents of students preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this spring.

## Parent Teacher Conferences

### **October 18 - 12:00 – 7:00pm**

Parents, if you have not already done so, please be sure to sign up for a conference with your child(ren)'s teacher. The link is provided below. Students in grades 6 through 8 will need to attend the conference with their parents this year.

**Parent/Teacher Conference link:** <https://signup.com/go/fkArMbA>

## **NO Fall Camp this year**

Due to a lack of interest in the most recent previous years, we will not be offering fall camp over the break this year.

## Lunchroom/Recess Volunteer Link

October is filled – thank you! For future reference, we are looking for ONE volunteer on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, & Fridays, and TWO volunteers on Tuesdays. To volunteer, please email [margie@stpatsch.org](mailto:margie@stpatsch.org), stop by the school office, or sign up online: <http://bit.ly/2wf6kk5>. Thanks so much for your support!

## Otis Spunkmeyer Kick-Off!

We will have our kick-off assembly for Otis Spunkmeyer next **Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**. The packets will be sent home in the Wednesday newsletter next week. Please note the deadline for sales will be Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. We will have lots of great prizes for those selling items! Prizes will be awarded on Tuesdays and Thursday each week. We have not quite met our goal of \$50,000 in the past two years; however, I think we can this year!



## HELP WANTED/RECOMMENDATION NEEDED!

### ♣ Landscape Company

We are looking for a landscaping company to assist with some *possible* changes to the front of our school. If you have any recommendations, please email Mrs. Gould at [principal@stpatsch.org](mailto:principal@stpatsch.org) at your earliest convenience. Thank you!

### ♣ Refrigerator moved to school

A St. Patrick parishioner has graciously offered to donate a refrigerator; however, we need help getting it to school and getting rid of the old one. If you have a truck and a couple of friends who would be willing to help, please contact Mrs. Gould at [principal@stpatsch.org](mailto:principal@stpatsch.org) as soon as possible! Thank you so much!



## School Security & Student Safety:

The new doors and check-in system have been installed and are now in use.

### Entry One Improvement – Entrance into the School Building to Office Window:

The first set of doors (glass) will remain unlocked during school hours; however, as you enter the old wooden/glass doors have been replaced with more secure doors. These doors will require anyone wishing to enter to push the entry/call button and wait to be buzzed to come in. There is a camera where the secretaries will be able to see who is requesting entrance. Upon being admitted you will need to PULL (NOT TURN) the right door for entrance, and go to the Office Window for assistance.

### Entry Two Improvement – Access to Students/Faculty/Staff

Everyone wishing to access the students, faculty and/or staff will need to go to the Office Window, present his/her Driver's License, get your picture taken and receive an Identification sticker to be worn while in the building. The new system will do a quick check on your name and provide us with any concerns. **EVERYONE MUST PRESENT A DRIVER'S LICENSE TO BE ALLOWED ACCESS!**

## Pet Blessing

Please join St. Patrick School on **Friday, October 4 at 11:30 a.m.** for the Pet Blessing on the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals. Please see the flyer attached!

## Trunk or Treat

**Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>** – Parking lot opens at 6:30pm. Check out the flyer attached!

## Dinner Auction



## Grandparents' Day

Grandparents of students in Pre-kindergarten through Grade 8 are invited to join their grandchildren on **Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 11:30am** for Mass and a special morning full of festivities! More details to come! Please be sure to let the grandparents know.

**This will be a NOON DISMISSAL DAY and there will be NO AFTERCARE. The faculty and staff will be participating in a Tier 1 Tactical Training session that afternoon.**

## CYC Basketball Registration

CYC Basketball registration will soon open for 4th - 8th grade teams. Signups begin October 1 and will close on October 20. Fees are \$65 per player with a \$35 non-parishioner fee for anyone not enrolled in the full time school or in PSR. Families who do not already have a uniform from last year will be sent information on how to order jerseys after registration is complete, which are not included in the registration fee. Practice begins in December, with games beginning in January.

CYC Basketball registration will soon open for 2nd - 3rd grade teams. Signups begin October 1 and will close on October 20. Fees are \$50 per player with a \$35 non-parishioner fee for anyone not enrolled in the full time school or in PSR. These grades will play as teams in the instructional leagues held at St. Theodore (boys) and St. Paul (girls). Practice begins in December, with games beginning in January. Coaches and volunteers needed for our CYC basketball program. Coaches are required to take a Coaching to Make a Positive Difference and the Protecting God's Children Course prior to the start of practices in order to be listed as a coach or assistant coach.

Contact Joan Hayes ([joanhayes2010@gmail.com](mailto:joanhayes2010@gmail.com)) for more information regarding player or coach signups. Registration site for players and coaches is <https://spaa63385004.siplay.com>.



# THIS WEEK'S ATTACHMENTS

- ♣ Generation Life Coupon Books
- ♣ October Lunch Menu
- ♣ Pet Blessing & Instructions
- ♣ Student Council Newsletter
- ♣ Chicken Dinner
- ♣ Trunk or Treat!
- ♣ EDGE Flyer
- ♣ Risky Behavior
- ♣ Respect Life Convention
- ♣ SDHS Crusader Cheer Clinic
- ♣ Spirit Alive Youth Conference
- ♣ Dinner Auction Donations

## CALENDAR

### **September**

26 Board of Education meeting – 7:00pm

### **October**

2 Otis Spunkmeyer Fundraiser Kick-Off  
3 First Sacraments meeting 7:00pm  
4 Pet Blessing – 11:30am  
4 SPIRIT DAY – Noon Dismissal  
4 Faculty/PACE – St. Patrick School to host – 1:00pm  
8 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> grade Parent Mtg @ St. Paul School 6:30pm gym  
10 Confirmation Parent meeting 7:00pm  
11 END FIRST QUARTER  
Trunk or Treat  
EDGE Youth (6-8 Grade) – 5-6:30pm – Social Hall  
18 Parent/Teacher Conferences – 12:00 – 7:00pm  
11:00am DISMISSAL – No Aftercare  
21-25 Fall Break  
28 Classes Resume  
30 Picture Retakes  
31 Halloween Parties

### **November**

2 St. Patrick Dinner Auction – 5pm

# Dress out Coupon Books NOW ON SALE!



Many of our St. Patrick 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students will be joining over 2000 students from the Archdiocese of St. Louis to participate in the March for Life in Washington, D.C. in January. Would you like to learn more about this amazing trip? Go to <https://genlifestl.com/>

In order to help offset costs for the trip, **Dress Out Coupon Books** will be sold and proceeds will go to those students attending.

Students will be allowed to dress in spirit wear an extra Friday each month!

## Spirit Wear Days with Coupon

\*October 11<sup>th</sup>

\*November 15

\*December 13

\*January 10

\*February 21

\*March 13

\*April 24

\*May 15

**\$20.00 per booklet per student**

**\$5.00 per booklet for each additional student within a family**

**All orders must be received by October 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Booklets will be sent home on Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**

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Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

# of booklets \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Checks can be made payable to St. Patrick School.



# PBJ/PB SANDWICH WILL BE OFFERED EVERYDAY AS AN ALTERNATE

## October 2019



September 2019

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Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

6	7 Chili Cheese Crisitos Ham Wrap Cantaloupe Peaches Salsa/Sour Cream Dipping Cheese	8 Fish Sandwich Ham Wrap Grapes Applesauce Mac & Cheese Corn	9 Chicken Noodle Soup Ham Wrap Banana Pears Crackers Sugar Cookie	10 California Chicken Wrap Ham Wrap Honeydew Mandarin Oranges Green Beans	11 Nacho W/ Meat Nacho W/ Cheese Oranges Slices Pineapple Nacho Toppings	12																																										
13	14 Mini Corn Dogs Turkey/Bologna Hoagie Cantaloupe Peaches Baked Beans	15 Spaghetti W/Meat Sauce Grapes Applesauce Green Beans	16 Bosco Stick Turkey/Bologna Hoagie Banana Pears Corn Marinara Sauce	17 French Toast Sticks Turkey/Bologna Hoagie Honeydew Mandarin Oranges Sausage Links Syrup	18 11:00 Dismissal No Lunch Served	19																																										
20	21 Fall Break	22 Fall Break	23 Fall Break	24 Fall Break	25 Fall Break	26																																										
27	28 McRib Hoagie Salami Slider Cantaloupe Peaches Baked Beans	29 Chicken Quesadilla Salami Slider Grapes Applesauce Salsa/Sour Cream Corn	30 Hot Dog On A Bun Salami Slider Banana Pears Chili	31 Soft Pretzel Salami Slider Honeydew Mandarin Oranges Green Beans Dipping Cheese	<p>November 2019</p> <table> <tr> <th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>T</th><th>F</th><th>S</th></tr> <tr> <td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr> <td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td></tr> <tr> <td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td></tr> <tr> <td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td></tr> <tr> <td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td></tr> </table>		S	M	T	W	T	F	S						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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# Student Council News



We will be collecting new or gently used coats, hats, and gloves to be donated to various organizations that are in need of these winter items from now until the end of November. If the items are gently used, please be sure to launder prior to sending them to school. There will be a collection box in the hallway outside Mrs. Gould's



Ronald McDonald House Charities of St. Louis

## TAB TOP PROGRAM

The Tab Top Program invites people of all ages to collect aluminum tab tops from beverage cans to support The House that Love Built. Please save your aluminum tab tops. We will be hosting a fun contest... more information to come!



Student Council is in need of Blue Bunny 1-gallon ice cream containers to be used in the classrooms for collecting tab tops. We would appreciate your sending those our way if you have any at your home. Thanks!



## Spirit Day Food Collections

Every Spirit Day we collect canned food items for St. Vincent DePaul and Caring and Sharing. The pantries really appreciate staple items such as breakfast foods, PB & J, spaghetti, rice, pastas, veggies and fruit. Your continued support is much appreciated! The next Spirit Day is Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>!



*Knights of Columbus*

ALL YOU CAN EAT

# chicken dinner

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4**

**4:00 - 7:00 PM**

Fried Chicken • Mashed Potatoes & Gravy  
Corn • Green Beans • French Fries  
Coleslaw • Rolls  
Ice Cream • Beverages

Adults • \$11.00  
Kids 8-12 yrs. • \$5.00  
7 & younger • Free!

**DINE-IN • CARRY-OUT**

St. Patrick Parish Social Hall  
405 S. Church St.  
Wentzville, MO

[www.stpatrickwentzville.org/chicken](http://www.stpatrickwentzville.org/chicken)



Hello Families of St. Patrick!  
Our Annual Dinner Auction is

**SAT, NOVEMBER 2, 2019**

In order to make the evening a  
success, **WE NEED YOU!**



- **DONATE WINE** - We need 100 bottles of wine & liquor.
- **DONATE AN EXPERIENCE** - Blues tickets, Cardinal tickets, Fox Tickets, etc.
- **GIFT CARDS** - Any amount! Consider purchasing through SCRIP.
- **ASK YOUR VENDOR** - Do you have a favorite salon, restaurant, specialty store, etc? Ask them to donate! Donation & advertising forms are on our website.
- **GIFT BASKETS** - Put together and donate a collection of items for a basket.
- **PURCHASE A PROGRAM AD** - Promote your business and show support.
- **MONEY DONATIONS** - Any amount! We'll do the shopping for you!
- **JOIN OUR COMMITTEE** - Our next meeting is Tue, Oct 1, 7 PM, Rectory Mtg Rm
- **MOST OF ALL ....** Come and join us for a Winning Evening!

### WIN A PAIR OF DINNER AUCTION TICKETS!

**\$120 VALUE!**

Make a donation valued at \$25 or more and you will be entered into a drawing to win 2 Dinner Auction tickets! One entry per family. *Contest deadline is Oct. 11.*

ADMISSION		
<b>PER PERSON</b> <b>\$55</b> EARLY BIRD \$60 AFTER OCT 12	<b>PRICE INCLUDES</b> APPETIZERS   DINNER DRINKS   DESSERT	
<b>11</b> SEC.	<b>02</b> ROW	<b>19</b> SEAT

*That's a Winner!*

**CELEBRATING ST. LOUIS SPORTS**

Questions? 636-332-9225 or  
[stpatauction@stpatsch.org](mailto:stpatauction@stpatsch.org)

**WWW.STPATRICKWENTZVILLE.ORG/AUCTION**



Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

# BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

**OCTOBER 4, 2019 | 11:30 AM**

St. Patrick Catholic School  
701 S. Church St | Wentzville, MO

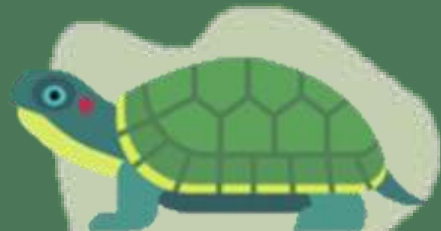
***Bring your pets to be blessed!***

Pets must be on a leash or in a cage



**Questions?**  
**[office@stpatsch.org](mailto:office@stpatsch.org)**

Meeting in grassy area between  
school, church, cemetery, & playground



PET BLESSING, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup> 11:30A.M.

SCHOOL  
BUILDING

sidewalk

SAFETY BOX

Parking for Dismissal



Kdg/  
1<sup>st</sup> gr.

2<sup>nd</sup> /  
3<sup>rd</sup> gr.

4<sup>th</sup> /  
5<sup>th</sup> gr.

6<sup>th</sup> /  
7<sup>th</sup> gr.

8<sup>th</sup>  
gr.

Parents/Parishioners, please bring  
pets ON A LEASH OR IN A CAGE to  
this area and form a **LARGE** circle  
behind the cones.



sidewalk

CHURCH

CEMETERY

Please see guidelines below

## Pet Blessing – Friday, October 4, 11:30p.m.

- ♣ Parents attending the Pet Blessing may park in line for dismissal
- ♣ Parents bringing animals for the pet blessings must bring them on a leash or in a cage.
- ♣ Please arrive between 11:15 and 11:25 and form a circle in the designated area outside of the cones. (see attached diagram)
- ♣ The teachers will bring their classes out to the Pet Blessing area.
- ♣ Students with pets to be blessed may go to their parent(s) and pet.
- ♣ Students without pets to be blessed will remain with their teacher in a designated area.
- ♣ Father Fischer will begin with prayer and then walk around the circle to bless each pet with holy water.
- ♣ After the blessing, students will return to their classrooms to prepare for dismissal.
- ♣ Parents should return to their cars with their pet and wait for dismissal at noon.

*Thank you so much for following our guidelines and helping keep everyone safe!*





# PROOF IS IN THE PAINT

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11**

**TIME CHANGE!**

**5-6:30 PM IN THE SOCIAL HALL**

Trunk or Treat starts at 6:30 PM in the school parking lot.  
• You must pre-register to attend. See school newsletter.

**ALL 6<sup>TH</sup>—8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS**

Join us for a night of  
fun, food, and prayer.



**PLEASE RSVP TO JACKIE STECKEL**

Email—[youth@stpatsch.org](mailto:youth@stpatsch.org)

Text—636-795-7907

Any questions—636-332-9225 ext 227

**DONATIONS FOR FOOD  
AND SUPPLIES ARE  
APPRECIATED**



JOIN US  
FOR OUR ANNUAL  
**TRUNK  
OR  
TREAT**

**ST. PATRICK SCHOOL**

**Fri, October 11, 2019**

**7:00 - 8:30 PM**

**School Parking Lot | Opens at 6:30**

**RSVP online by**

**Tuesday, October 8 at**

**[bit.ly/2lMv0x6](https://bit.ly/2lMv0x6)**



**PLEASE READ THE GUIDELINES ON THE NEXT PAGE**

# TRUNK OR TREAT GUIDELINES

## THIS IS A **FAMILY EVENT** FOR ST. PATRICK SCHOOL ONLY

It is a fun, safe event where families decorate their trunks and pass out candy to all the kids.

If you plan to participate with your vehicle at the Trunk or Treat, please read the following:

1. **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED! Limited spaces available; first reserved, first served! !** After registering, you will receive a “permit” to place on your dashboard for entrance into the lot.
2. Trunk or Treat will be **weather permitting**. If cancelled, an email will be sent.
3. This is a **family event**, dropping off your children is NOT an option.
4. **Parking lot opens at 6:30 pm** to allow time to set up your trunks. Pay close attention to the parking lot attendants. They will be directing traffic to ensure all spaces are filled. Please **DO NOT** skip spaces. If everyone shows up that registered, we will use ALL parking spaces plus some. We will have cars line up similar to school carpool and will park cars similar to church parking.
5. **Open up and decorate your trunk** or the back of your vehicle. There are some great trunk decorating ideas on the Internet. Please refrain from anything overly spooky or gory. Possibilities could include a Halloween theme, sports, comic characters, Biblical, exotic locations, a particular decade- and can be as elaborate or simple as you wish. If lights are needed, please make sure they're battery powered, as electricity will not be available on-site.
6. **Parking lot will close at 7:00**. At that time no one will be allowed into the parking lot to ensure the safety of everyone involved and the children will be allowed to start trick or treating.
7. **The parking lot will reopen at 8:30 when it is safe for cars to begin leaving**. No one will be allowed to leave early! At that time everyone must be in their cars and you will be dismissed in an orderly fashion similar to school carpool.
8. Approximately **250 children** are participating, so remember to bring lots of candy to pass out. Don't forget your trick or treat bags!
9. For **candy**, please only bring store-bought, individually-wrapped treats. Small trinkets would be acceptable in place of candy.
10. Everyone helping at Trunk or Treat is encouraged to **wear a family-friendly costume**.
11. **RSVP online at [bit.ly/2LMvOx6](https://bit.ly/2LMvOx6) by Tuesday, October 8.**
12. **REMINDER:** Volunteers signed up at Open House Night in August. For questions, contact Home & School through FACTS (RenWeb).
13. **Have fun and BE SAFE!** Bring some lawn chairs to sit in and hand out candy to the kids! Compliment costumes! Meet a family! Have a great time!

We will provide a container for any left-over candy if you want to have it donated to a local charity.

## HAPPY TRUNK OR TREATING!

St. Patrick Home and School





# 43rd ANNUAL RESPECT LIFE CONVENTION

Join Us  
SUNDAY,  
OCTOBER 13  
2019

St. Charles  
Convention Center



Come out for  
an inspirational  
and educational  
day including  
Mass with Bishop  
Mark Rivotuso,  
keynote luncheon,  
exhibits and  
workshops by top  
pro-life speakers.



## KEYNOTE LUNCHEON:

Individuals: \$50 each

Students & Seminarians: \$25 each

Full Table of 10: \$500

Seating  
is limited!

Register online today through 10/1:  
[bit.ly/RLAconvention2019](http://bit.ly/RLAconvention2019)

FEATURING

Abby JOHNSON

National Pro-Life Advocate & Author



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL  
BUILD MY CHURCH



RESPECT LIFE APOSTOLATE





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prolife@archstl.org



### Top Local, State, & National Pro-Life Leaders Presenting Workshops at the 43rd Annual Respect life Convention

Each year, the **Respect Life Apostolate of the Archdiocese of St. Louis** is blessed to feature a wealth of knowledge from pro-life speakers from across the country at its annual Respect Life Convention. The 2019 convention is no different. In addition to **keynote presenter Abby Johnson**, national pro-life advocate and author, seven additional speakers will present two rounds of inspiring and educational workshops to help build a Culture of Life.

Starting at 2 p.m. on Sunday, October 13 at the St. Charles Convention Center, these eight presentations will be offered:

- After Unplanned: What's Next? by Brandy Meeks (And Then There Were None)
- Consistent and Compassionate Pro-life Messaging by Brandy Meeks (And Then There Were None)
- Emotional Virtue for a Drama-Free Life by Sarah Swafford (Emotional Virtue Ministries)
- Mind, Body, Soul. Three Things Catholics Need to Know about NFP by Tiffany Hoeckelman (Archdiocese of St. Louis)
- Overview of Current Challenges to Pro-Life Bioethics by David A. Prentice Ph.D. (Charlotte Lozier Institute)
- Pro-Life Success in the States: Winning Strategies in Missouri and the Rest of the Nation by Michael J. New Ph.D. (Charlotte Lozier Institute/Catholic University of America) and Deacon Samuel Lee (Campaign Life Missouri)
- Screen Addiction: Why You Can't Put Down That Phone by Sr. Marysia Weber, RSM, DO, MA (Archdiocese of St. Louis)
- Stem Cells: Science, Ethics and Saving Lives Now by David A. Prentice Ph.D. (Charlotte Lozier Institute)

See page 2 of this document for complete details of each workshop and speaker.

**About the Respect Life Convention:** Since 1976, the RLA has hosted an annual convention in October during Respect Life month. This educational and inspirational event provides a forum for Catholics in the Archdiocese of St. Louis to come together for prayer, fellowship, and formation on the Gospel of Life. This annual celebration of life starts with Mass and continues with a formal keynote presentation, luncheon and awards ceremony, exhibits from pro-life and Catholic organizations, and educational workshops from top pro-life speakers presenting on the latest efforts to build a Culture of Life. For more information, visit [bit.ly/RLAconvention2019](http://bit.ly/RLAconvention2019)



**About the Respect Life Apostolate:** The Respect Life Apostolate (RLA) is the official agency of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis that provides leadership for all respect life activities within the Catholic community of St. Louis under the direction of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). To achieve its goal of establishing a Culture of Life, recognizing the inherent dignity of each human person, the RLA operates in four areas: Spiritual, Pastoral Care, Education and Public Policy. RLA programs are designed at the diocesan level and distributed to parishes, where they are implemented according to the needs of each community. RLA programs reach their potential through the collaboration of the pastor and lay respect life coordinators in each parish.

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*Supported by the Annual Catholic Appeal*

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## 43rd Annual Respect Life Convention Workshop Presentations

### **After Unplanned: What's Next?**

*Presented by Brandy Meeks*

The movie Unplanned made headlines earlier this year, as Abby Johnson's story shed new light on the abortion industry while focusing on hope and transformation. What's even more beautiful? Her story isn't over yet. Come join Brandy Meeks, Vice President of Operations at Abby's ministry, And Then There Were None, as she highlights all of the projects and collaborations they are working on throughout the country to save and transform lives!

### **Consistent and Compassionate Pro-life Messaging**

*Presented by Brandy Meeks*

Join Brandy as she walks through suggestions and real life examples of how we navigate the potential landmine of social media platforms to help us remain compassionate and consistent without compromising our values, build bridges in our circles of influence, identify blind spots in our movement and work together with unity to fix them. We'll laugh together, we may cry together, but most importantly, we'll learn together in this session that will help reshape the way you use your voice to impact the world around you.

*About the Speaker*

**Brandy Meeks** - After graduating from Missouri Western State University in 2007 with a degree in psychology and a minor in communications, Brandy has led and served non-profits who believe in the dignity of ALL human life by working with foster families through mentoring programs, assisting the elderly with end of life issues and Medicare enrollment programs, helping low-income families find healthcare options, and connecting women experiencing unexpected pregnancies with their local pregnancy centers. Brandy has 12 years of non-profit leadership experience, including serving as the Executive Director of St. Joseph Pregnancy Resource Center in Northwest Missouri and the Director of Marketing and Research Application at Vitae Foundation, where she led efforts with over 400 pregnancy centers on their marketing campaigns.

In 2017, she began serving on the leadership team for Pro-Women's Healthcare Centers, a consortium whose mission is to "partner with women to provide comprehensive, convenient, compassionate, high-quality medical services and access to social services that empower them to care for their health." In 2018, Brandy joined And Then There Were None as the Vice President of Operations. She feels so incredibly blessed to have the opportunity to extend love and compassion to abortion industry workers, helping them find hope and healing in a new job that they can be proud of.

Brandy represented ATTWN at the 2019 General Assembly in Medellín, Colombia, while working with the Organization of American States, a regional agency of the United Nations. She organizes and moderates the monthly public webcast, The Walls are Still Talking, with former abortion clinic workers as guests and speaks regularly at the annual Pro-Life Women's Conference about compassionate and consistent digital messaging strategies.



While all of this professional work has been an amazing journey, her favorite accomplishment is being a wife and mother. She is married to a great guy who loves this work as much as she does. Together, they love laughing with their five children, talking marketing strategies, building long-lasting memories, and protecting life.

### **Emotional Virtue for a Drama-Free Life**

*Presented by Sarah Swafford*

Men and women today are faced with a constant assault on their emotions. Whether from the media or the environment around them, relationships are especially under attack. Sarah targets this battle within by setting forth a vision for virtue in the twenty-first century, one that focuses on beginning with the end in mind, building what will last, and staying off the “Emoticoaster.”

*About the Speaker*

**Sarah Swafford** is the founder of Emotional Virtue Ministries. She speaks internationally to people of all ages on a variety of topics such as: Emotional Virtue, Dating and Relationships, Modesty of Intentions, and Interior Confidence. She is a graduate of Benedictine College and has been involved in ministry for over ten years. For three years, Sarah worked as a Residence Hall Director at Benedictine College, taking care of 142 freshmen women. That amazing experience gave her a front row seat into the hearts of women and men transitioning from high school to college, giving her a deeper look into the struggles facing teens and young adults today.

Sarah shares her message at school assemblies, retreats, rallies, and conferences around the world and is the author of *Emotional Virtue: A Guide to Drama-Free Relationships*. She has appeared on EWTN’s *Life on the Rock*, *EWTN Live*, and is co-host of EWTN’s *At the Heart of Relationships*. She has also been featured in the *National Catholic Register*. Sarah is a contributor to Chosen, Ascension Press’ confirmation program and YDisciple’s *True Beauty*; she has also contributed videos for [www.womenmadenew.com](http://www.womenmadenew.com). Sarah is a proud team member of Chastity Project and speaks at Steubenville Conferences in the United States and Canada.

Sarah also works on Special Projects for Catholic Identity at Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas, where she resides with her wonderful husband, Dr. Andrew Swafford, and their children: Thomas, Fulton, Cate, and Kolbe. You can find more information about Sarah and Emotional Virtue Ministries at [www.emotionalvirtue.com](http://www.emotionalvirtue.com)

### **Mind. Body. Soul. Three Things Catholics Need to Know about NFP**

*Presented by Tiffany Hoeckelman*

Natural Family Planning (NFP) is the loving choice that respects life, women, and God. Join Tiffany Hoeckelman from the Archdiocesan Office of Natural Family Planning for an engaging presentation to learn how NFP is relevant to everyone, and why overcoming common myths makes NFP the natural choice for family planning, women’s health, and stronger marriages. PLUS, get a sneak peak of the “NFP: The Natural Choice” video series being rolled out to priests throughout the Archdiocese to spread the good news of NFP to the faithful.

*About the Speaker*

Thanks to her mom, Angie Suellentrop, **Tiffany Hoeckelman** grew up in the Respect Life movement and was instilled with a strong respect for the dignity of life. After college, she served as a Youth Minister and non-profit administrator. In 2010 she started her own company, Lone Orange, where she helps organizations find clarity and confidence in communicating their powerful brand identity. This passion, coupled with her love of the Catholic Church, attracted her to work with the Office of Natural Family Planning in 2016 as a Marketing Consultant.

### **Overview of Current Challenges to Pro-Life Bioethics**

*Presented by David A. Prentice Ph.D.*

Designer babies, three-parent embryos, human-animal hybrids, and disembodied brains may sound like the stuff of science fiction, but they are current projects under way in a number of scientific laboratories. Does weird science always mean unethical science? Is gene editing with CRISPR licit? This workshop will walk through a number of current challenges to the culture of life, clearly explain the science involved, and provide guidance on the ethical nature as well as ethical alternatives.

*About the Speaker*

**David A. Prentice Ph.D.** is vice president and research director for the Charlotte Lozier Institute, the research and education arm of the Susan B. Anthony List. He is also adjunct professor of molecular genetics at the John Paul II Institute, The Catholic University of America, and advisory board chair and scientific member for the Midwest Stem Cell Therapy Center, a unique comprehensive stem cell center in Kansas that he was instrumental in creating. Dr. Prentice has over 40 years' experience as a scientific researcher and professor, and has given testimony and/or scientific and policy briefings in 40 states and 21 countries, the U.S. Senate and House, European Parliament, and UN, on topics including stem cells, cloning, fetal tissue research, gene editing, embryology and bioethics.

Pro-Life Success in the States: Winning Strategies in Missouri and the Rest of the Nation

*Presented by Michael J. New Ph.D. and Deacon Samuel Lee*

Discover the factors that have led to a 50 percent decline in the U.S. abortion rate since 1980 including the passage of state level pro-life laws, shifts in public opinion, and better outreach to women facing crisis pregnancies. Learn why increases in contraception use have had little, if anything to do with the sharp decline in the U.S. abortion rate. The speakers also provide an analysis of abortion trends in Missouri and state-specific factors that have reduced abortion rates here in the Show Me State. The workshop concludes by highlighting a number of positive trends for pro-lifers and why the movement on both the state and national levels has an optimistic future.

*About the Speakers*

**Michael J. New Ph.D.** is a Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science and Social Research at The Catholic University of America. A Phi Beta Kappa graduate from Dartmouth College, Dr. New received a master's degree in statistics and a doctorate in political science from Stanford University in 2002. Before coming to Washington, DC, he worked as a postdoctoral researcher at the Harvard-MIT Data Center and later taught at The University of Alabama, the University of Michigan – Dearborn, and Ave Maria University

Dr. New researches and writes about the social science of pro-life issues. He gives presentations on both the positive impact of pro-laws and the gains in public support for the pro-life position. He is a frequent blogger on National Review Online's "The Corner." His writings have appeared in the Philadelphia Inquirer, The Atlanta Journal Constitution, Catholic Social Science Review, State Politics and Policy Quarterly, The Weekly Standard, and the New York Post.

**Deacon Samuel H. Lee** of Overland, Missouri is founder and director of Campaign Life Missouri, a pro-life lobbying organization. Sam has been active in the pro-life movement since 1978, and has been a full-time pro-life lobbyist at the Missouri State Capitol since 1986. In 2008, Sam was ordained a permanent deacon for the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Deacon Sam has been married for 36 years to Gloria F. Lee, who was executive director for 13 years at Our Lady's Inn and is now their chief program officer. The Lee's have four children and four grandchildren. They are members of All Souls Catholic Church in Overland, and Sam is assigned as the deacon at both All Souls and St. Jude Parishes.

Screen Addiction: Why You Can't Put Down That Phone

*Presented by Sr. Marysia Weber RSM DO MA*

We are created in God's image, however, we must cooperate with God's plan in order to grow in His likeness which requires self-regulation. The overuse of electronic devices obstructs self-regulation. This presentation describes the neurophysiology of dysregulation created by screen addiction, focusing especially on the developing brains of iGens and Millennials. It also offers guidelines to purify the memory and imagination so as to be more disposed for prayer and an intimate relationship with God and one another.

*About the Speaker*

**Sr. Marysia Weber, RSM, DO, MA** is a physician, board certified in psychiatry who trained at the Mayo Clinic. She also holds a Master's degree in Theology from Notre Dame. She practiced medicine for 25 years at her community's medical clinic Sacred Heart Mercy Health Care Center. She is currently the Director of the Office of Consecrated Life for the Archdiocese. She also serves as Adjunct Clinical Instructor in the Department of Psychiatry at Washington University School of Medicine, Saint Louis. Sister Marysia has decades of experience in treating and speaking about

Screen Addiction. Consider her book on the topic, Screen Addiction: Why You Can't Put Down That Phone, which is packed with great information and practicals.

**Stem Cells: Science, Ethics and Saving Lives Now**

*Presented by David A. Prentice Ph.D.*

Adult stem cells are the true gold standard in regenerative medicine, and the only stem cell type showing evidence of success with patients. Almost 2 million people around the globe have had adult stem cell transplants, treated for dozens of diseases and conditions. Adult stem cells can be derived from bone marrow, umbilical cord blood, and many other tissues, all without harming the stem cell donor. Embryonic stem cell and fetal tissue research, in contrast, rely on the destruction of young human lives, and have not benefitted humanity. After this workshop, you'll know more about stem cells than most doctors, and be prepared to advocate for lifesaving science.

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# ST. DOMINIC CRUSADERS CHEER CLINIC

**WHO: Grades K-8**

**WHEN: Saturday, October 5, 2019 – 9-11am-** Parents arrive at 10:50 for parent performance pre-view.

**Where: Crusader Stadium** (in case of rain-Fallon Family Center Gym)

**Cost: \$35** ( Checks made out to SDHS Cheer/ child's name in memo) Mail checks to: **785 Cypress Knoll Drive O'Fallon, MO 63368**

**Details: Free T-Shirt and Bow for pre-registration and payment**

**Pre-Registration deadline-** September 16,2019

**ALL PARTICIPANTS PERFORM AT HALF TIME OF THE VARSITY FOOTBALL GAME ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11,2019**

**\*Arrival time is 6:15 at the Stadium track and wear your camp T-shirt and Bow! Parents pick up participants from track immediately after Half time performance.**

**Questions: Contact- Jamie Jones (913-486-8111)**

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St. Dominic Crusaders Cheer Registration Form

**Child's Name & School:**

**Grade:**

**T-shirt size (youth/ adult) \_\_\_\_\_ Check#:**

**Parent: Phone: Email:**

**Address:**





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