

Respect Life Activities

- On a yearly basis, the Rosary Crusade for Life is organized in our parish. Rosaries are said throughout the month of October for the end to all assaults on life. The parish count of rosaries said is added to the South Carolina statewide crusade rosary count.
- Pro-life flyers are inserted in bulletins on Right to Life Sunday.
- Also in October, parishioners are encouraged to participate in the Life Chain at the government center in Beaufort. This is an hour-long, silent prayerful vigil in protest of the assaults on life.
- In October white crosses are installed in front of St. Francis by the Sea church, each cross represents one million abortions performed in this country
- In January, the anniversary month of the infamous 1973 U.S. Supreme Court Roe v. Wade decision, white crosses are held by participants in the Hilton Head Citizens for Life annual Rally for Life in front of St. Francis Thrift Shop on Route 278.
- Members of the parish also join in the annual January Stand Up for Life rally on the State House steps in Columbia.
- Also in January, some parishioners and students from St. Francis by the Sea Catholic School go to Washington for the annual March for Life commemorating the 1973 decision. The crowd at that rally now exceeds 500,000.
- The parish and school participate in the annual Spiritual Adoption held from August to May. Each month posters are displayed in the church narthex and in the school depicting the month-to-month development of the child in the womb. And of children yet unborn; Memorare cards for religious freedom, and prayer cards for the closing of the Savannah abortion clinics.
- Prayer vigils, attended by parishioners, are held each Thursday and Friday at the Savannah Medical Clinic, Savannah, GA. where abortions are performed. Vigil participants leave the parish parking lot at 7:30 a.m., returning before noon. Participants walk back and forth in front of the Clinic praying the Rosary for an hour or so.