



# RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

October 8, 2023

## Prayer Service

*Please join us in the Memorial Garden for the Unborn for a short, community prayer service commemorating the souls of the children we were never able to hold.*



Our next gathering will be on Sunday, October 8th following 9AM Mass.

*All Are Welcome!*

## It's Respect Life Month

We consider more deeply why every human life is valuable and reflect on how to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death. Join Catholics nationwide in celebrating Respect Life Month! [Respectlife.org/celebrate](https://Respectlife.org/celebrate)

## Interactive Display

In October, we will be hosting an interactive Respect Life display in the front entry area of the church. All parishioners are invited to participate. For more information, please stop by the display.

## Baby Bottle Campaign



We are organizing a baby bottle campaign for InnerVisions HealthCare, a local unplanned pregnancy and STD medical clinic. Their mission is to empower women in vulnerable situations to choose parenting or adoption. To learn more about their two clinics and life-affirming mission, visit [www.ivhcare.org](https://www.ivhcare.org). You will find baby bottles in the front entry area of the church; please take a bottle, fill it with change, cash, or checks. Please return the bottle by October 22nd. Or you may leave a donation in the large baby bottle, donate online [www.IVHCare.org/donate/](https://www.IVHCare.org/donate/), or with Venmo @ivhcare. If you have any questions, please contact Bryan Gonzalez at 515-280-4706. Whatever offering you give will help the mother and the child. Thank you and God bless you all!

We're grateful for Caldwell Parrish Funeral Home for matching a portion of the proceeds that are donated to InnerVisions baby bottle campaign this year!

"An old Irish proverb says, 'It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.' Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when family members or friends approach life's end, we may not know how best to 'shelter' them. Here are some concrete ways we can compassionately care for them: [usccb.org/end-of-life-care](https://usccb.org/end-of-life-care)." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities | Caring for Loved Ones at Life's End

More information on activities of our committee may be found at [www.stjohnsadel.org/respect-life-committee](https://www.stjohnsadel.org/respect-life-committee)



# NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC RENEWAL

## 2ND INVITATION: PERSONAL ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS CHRIST

The second invitation of the Eucharistic Renewal year is an invitation for a personal encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist. Eucharistic adoration provides us an opportunity for such an encounter!

At each Mass, the priest says, "Behold the Lamb of God," an echo of what John the Baptist said to two of his disciples as Jesus walked by. When the disciples then began to follow Jesus, they asked Him, "Where do you live?" and he replied, "Come and see"

You too are invited to come and see! Join us for Eucharistic Adoration with meditations and music on Wednesday, October 18th from 5:30 pm - 7:45 pm

All parishioners are welcome. A special invite to parents of faith formation students as the evening is structured so that you can attend during your child's faith formation session. We hope that you will join us for part or all of the evening.

### St. John's Parish Wide 30 Day Reflection

If you did not get your copy of *The Little Yellow Book*, please pick it up in the gathering space. We started on Sept. 18th, but it's not too late to join in.

#### Parishioner's Personal Reflection:

Here is how Holy Spirit spoke to me.

For Day 9 the reflection states "We become a tabernacle or vessel of the Lord. Jesus resides within you." Then try this recommendation, "When receiving the Eucharistic say a strong AMEN (I believe). I invite you to say a strong AMEN but also a JOYFUL AMEN as we are receiving this wonderful gift of Jesus. Receiving Jesus fills us with joy and we can proclaim that joy when we receive him."



Thank you to Martin McCarthy for donating the flowers, pumpkins, and everything "fall" to the church. And thank you to Audra Warmuth for using these gifts to enhance our church environment.

Then God said: Let the earth bring forth vegetation: every kind of plant that bears seed and every kind of fruit tree on earth that bears fruit with its seed in it. And so it happened: the earth brought forth vegetation: every kind of plant that bears seed and every kind of fruit tree that bears fruit with its seed in it. God saw that it was good. Genesis 1: 11-12



**"Seven Mysteries of the Faith Unlocked by the Eucharist"** with Catholic Answers Staff Apologist Joe Heschmeyer, Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1026 N Eighth Avenue in Winterset. Instead of treating the Eucharist as just one more doctrine amongst many, Joe shows in this talk how a right understanding of the Eucharist is key for understanding (1) the New Covenant; (2) the Old Covenant; (3) the Mass; (4) Early Christianity; (5) the Church; (6) the lives of the Saints; and (7) your own spiritual life. Enjoy a light reception following the talk while viewing the Eucharistic Miracles of the World banner display. Register at [IowaCatholicRadio.com](http://IowaCatholicRadio.com).

#### Women's Fall Book Club

Thurs., October 26th

6:30-7:00 pm Social

7:00-8:30 pm Book Discussion



Read the 1st story, *Unveiled*, in the book **A Lineage of Grace** and read **Genesis**, Chapters 37-38 in the Bible.

Join us for Food, Fellowship & Faith Conversations. Invite a friend! Dessert will be served.

Please sign up in the gathering space or email Dana Meier at [dmeier4golf@yahoo.com](mailto:dmeier4golf@yahoo.com)

Indicate if you need a book (\$13 each).



All are welcome to the Confirmation Mass next Sunday, October 15th at 1:00 pm. Bishop Joenson will be here. Please pray for our 23 disciples of Christ.