

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

October 15, 2023

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

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. 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/, 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!

PRAYER FOR RADICAL SOLIDARITY

O Blessed Mother, at the angel's word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own.

By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need, without conditions or expectations. Ask your Son to give us unfailing determination to witness to the profound dignity of every person, at every stage and in every circumstance.

In that first Eucharistic procession, you carried Jesus to Elizabeth in her time of need. Obtain for us the grace to bring Christ to any expectant mother who is alone and afraid.

May our support help them to find hope and strength in the Lord. Amen.



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"Prayer for Radical Solidarity"
(respectlife.org/prayer-for-radical-solidarity)

More information on activities of our committee may be found at <u>www.stjohnsadel.org/respect-life-committee</u>



We Welcome the Newly Confirmed

Jackson Barber-St. Sebastian Genevieve Book-St. Teresa of Avila Elise Coghlan-St. Raphael Leah Dawes-St. Angela Merici Hayden Dennis-St. Veronica Elizabeth Dirksen-St. Joan of Arc James Finnegan-St. Peter Devin Gelhaar-St. George Leyton Gerleman-St. Angela Merici Cash Guyer-St. Hurbert Zach Heitz-St. Michael the Archangel Jacob Hoben-St. Anthony Haley James-St. Teresa of Calcutta Hailey Lensch-St. Cecilia Charlie Matt-St. Pius X Will Morain-St. Christopher Brecken Morse-St. Theresa of Lisieux Alaina Nelson-St. Cecilia Jackson Pitzen-St. Michael the Archangel Brenna Seidl-St. Dymphna Ethan Smith-St. John the Baptist Josie Steinkamp-St. Elizabeth of Hungary