



RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

October 22, 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

You are invited to continue to participate in the interactive Respect Life display, located in the front entry area of the church. For more information, please stop by the display.

Baby Bottle Campaign



This is the final weekend for the baby bottle campaign for InnerVisions HealthCare, a local unplanned pregnancy and STD medical clinic. Please return your change, cash or checks with the bottle by October 22nd. Or you may 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!

"I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. ...But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. ...The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation."

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Healing within Marriage from an Abortion

Read the full version at respectlifeprogram.org/healing-in-marriage.

When Susan's* husband, Juan, told her about the abortion he was involved in during college, she finally understood why he was so depressed and had trouble bonding with their children. The devastation of abortion brings with it many challenges. Often, the people who have participated in an abortion are unaware of the countless ways it is affecting their lives. It is scary to tell a spouse or fiancé(é) about a past abortion. It requires great trust in that person's love and trust in God. But with the help of an abortion healing ministry, couples can successfully work through abortion-related challenges. God's grace can bring true healing to the relationships of those who trust in His infinite mercy.

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



NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC RENEWAL

ENCOUNTER JESUS CHRIST

Come to Eucharistic Adoration: you are welcome to spend time with our Lord every Thursday between 9:00 am to 9:00 pm with Benediction at 6:00 pm. Whether you spend only a few minutes or a full hour, the time you spend will build better personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We are also looking for people who are willing to commit to an hour each week to ensure that the Most Holy Sacrament is not left unattended. Specifically, we are needing participation in the 6:00 - 7:00 pm hour. Please call the office if you are interested.



MUSIC MINISTERS NEEDED!!!

Our Parish of St. John's is growing as we see the need to add a 3rd Mass on the weekends. Along with needing more Liturgical Ministers to serve at all Masses we ALSO are in need of more help with our Music Ministers (Cantors and/or Keyboard Accompanists). We can hear your voices each weekend and are so thankful for your participation. Please consider stepping up to help by Cantoring and/or playing the Keyboard. We will be glad to work with you to get started and acquainted with the process. Please contact Mike Cooper, Tracey Amano or Lisa Hopp for more information, etc.

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YOUNG CATHOLIC NETWORK EVENT

Join us on **Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at the Tea Room** for an evening of prayer, food & drink, networking, and a presentation from a local professional on living our shared faith today. Our featured speaker for November is Ardis Kelley, Senior Vice President and Chief Strategy Officer (CSO) for the Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines.

Register for this free event on the Diocesan Website.

Networking with complimentary drinks and appetizers starts at 6pm at the Tea Room (713 Walnut St Unit 600, Des Moines, IA). Ardis Kelley's presentation begins at 7pm. We encourage business casual attire at YCN events.

Mozart's Requiem. Join us Thursday, November 9th, 2023 at 7 pm for an evening of enchantment performed by the St. Augustin Choir with Members of the Choirs of the Basilica of St. John and the Diocese of Des Moines. Free Will Offerings accepted.
St. Augustin Catholic Church, 545 42nd St. Des Moines, IA.



Family Mass
with Father Reed Flood-
Wednesday October 25th

All are welcome to join us at
6:30 pm for a Family Mass
this Wednesday. Mass is
planned so that parents can at-
tend with their children between
Faith Formation sessions.

See You There!



Please pray for Father Remi as he departs for Nigeria this week. We pray for a safe journey and blessed visit with his family. Father—we look forward to your return on Dec. 3rd

Catholic Youth Camp \$175.00 credits available through St. John's. Each week our Children's Collection at Mass is dedicated a special fund to help our families send their children to Catholic Youth Camp at the St. Thomas More Center in Panora. CYC is an opportunity for students entering 3rd-12th grade to be immersed in the beauty of the Catholic faith and grow in faith, build friendships and create memories. IF your family is registered at our parish and would like to receive a \$175.00 credit toward your child's CYC fee, Call Angela in the office BEFORE you register. She will give you a special code to be used at the time of registration. Registration begins Saturday, November 11th at noon. You must have the code to get the credit.

