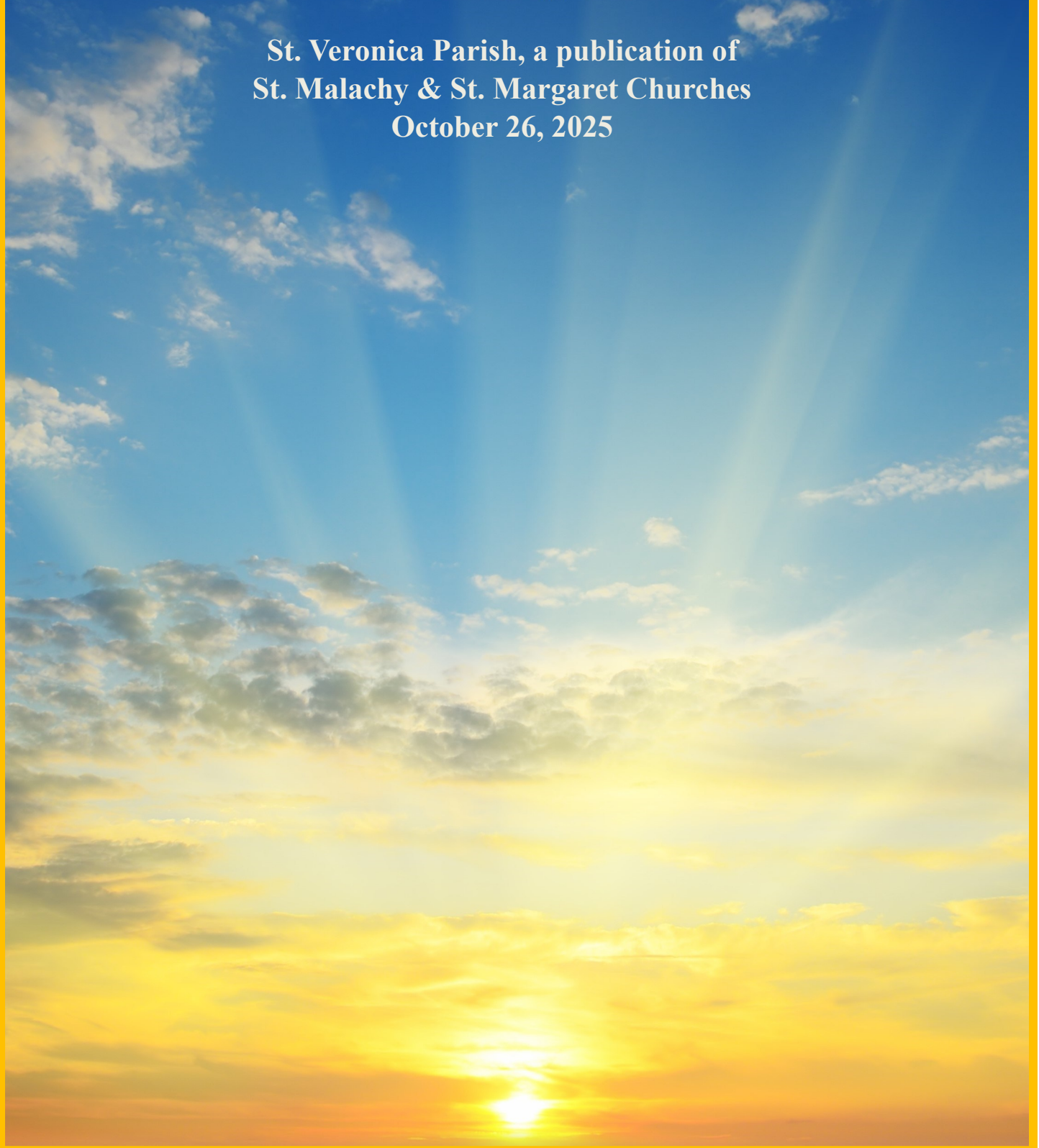


30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The one who serves God willingly is heard; his petition reaches the heavens.
The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds. Sirach 35:20

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"As a Roman Catholic faith community, we seek to follow the example of St. Veronica who carried the image of Christ always with her. Through fellowship, service and acts of mercy we walk as disciples in Christ's mission together seeking an ever-deeper relationship with God through prayer, education, sacraments, and the celebration of the Eucharist."

Dear Saint Veronica Parishioners,

Jesus tells the parable of the proud Pharisee who prayed from his self-importance and the tax collector who prayed humbly. Jesus teaches his disciples to pray in humility before God. If anyone would be a model for prayer, one would think it would be the Pharisee who knows the law and follows it. He was living an upright life, he was doing everything he claimed to be doing. But he was not praying; he was giving God an inventory of his good deeds. Jesus turns things upside-down in this parable. Jesus gives us the tax collector as a model for prayer. Tax collectors were collaborators with the Roman authorities. The system allowed tax collectors to line their own pockets by charging more than the actual taxes. But, in this parable, Jesus offers the humility of the tax collector as a model for the prayer of a disciple. The parable reminds us that when we pray, we must remember our need for God in our lives. Remember what we say at Mass??? "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed." If we are too full of ourselves, like the Pharisee, there is little room for God's grace to work in us.

SAVE THE DATE: On Sunday November 2, 2025 from 1:30pm to 2:15pm in the Chapel of Saint Malachy Church, Deacon John Ippolito will give a presentation on the Sacrament of Penance. Many Catholics do not understand the reason for this Sacrament and importance that it has for our eternal life. When you leave this presentation, you will:

1. Have a basic/better understanding of this Sacrament.
2. Know how all Catholics at the age of reason (7 years old) and older foster healthy devotion to the Sacrament.
3. Know how the Sacrament of Penance is an aide to the Spiritual life.
4. Know why the Lord desires us to receive the Sacrament of Penance.

Please come with Questions! This will be interactive after about 20 minutes. There are no silly questions! If there is something you were wondering about, but you were too nervous to ask, today is the day that you bring your question to the table! This will be a

great learning experience for all. Bring your family; Bring a friend. Deacon John Ippolito hopes to see you all there!

Is All Saints Day a holy day of obligation in 2025? No, All Saints Day is not a holy day of obligation in 2025 because it falls on a Saturday. In the United States, the obligation to attend Mass is lifted for specific holy days, including All Saints Day, if they occur on a Saturday or a Monday. While not obligatory, attending Mass is still strongly encouraged to honor the saints. We will celebrate our regular Saturday morning Mass at 9 a.m. at St. Margaret church. The Commemoration Of All The Faithful Departed (All Souls Day) will take place next weekend in place of the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Daylight Saving Time starts on the second Sunday in March and ends on the first Sunday in November each year, according to the Energy Policy Act of 2005. The 2025 cycle began on March 9 and will conclude on November 2. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one-hour next Saturday night before going to bed.

Let us pray for each other. God bless,
Father Mahoney



MASS Intentions

Saturday, October 25

9:00 am **St Margaret**
Carmela Carella 8th Anniversary
& Michael Carella Memorial

4:00 pm **St. Malachy**
Barbara A. Mulligan 16th Anniversary

4:30 pm **St. Margaret**
John R. Thompson 1st Anniversary

Sunday, October 26

8:00 am **St. Margaret**
Robert William Marshall
1st Anniversary

10:00 am **St. Malachy**
James & Loretta Arrigo Memorial

12:00 pm **St. Margaret**
Anthony & Marie Capobianco Memorial
and Richard Barry 5th Anniversary

Monday, October 27

9:00 am **St. Malachy**
Edwin & Edna Turner Memorial

Tuesday, October 28

9:00 am **St. Margaret**
Joseph & Arlene Lefebvre Memorial

Wednesday, October 29

9:00 am **St. Malachy**
John J. Joyce, Jr. 1st Anniversary

Thursday, October 30

9:00 am **St Margaret**

Friday, October 31

9:00 am **St. Malachy**
Robert & Mary Laffin
and Eleanor Ackerman Memorial

Saturday, November 1

All Saints Day

9:00 am **St Margaret**
4:00 pm **St. Malachy**
4:30 pm **St. Margaret**

Sunday, November 2

8:00 am **St. Margaret**
Rose & Charlie Hanafin Memorial

10:00 am **St. Malachy**
Richard Connolly 18th Anniversary

12:00 pm **St. Margaret**
Fred Pendleton 10th Anniversary



The weekend of October 25 & 26

The Altar Bread and Wine at
St. Malachy Church is given in the
Glory of God and in memory of:
Douglas Ganley



Funeral services were celebrated recently for
Sylvia Pinkham & John J. Minghella
Kindly include them and their families
in your prayers.
Thank you.

READINGS, SAINTS, OBSERVANCES 2025

SUNDAY Oct 26	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14
MONDAY Oct 27	Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2+4, 6-7ab, 20-21/Lk 13:10-17
TUESDAY Oct 28	Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16
WEDNESDAY Oct 29	Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6/Lk 13:22-30
THURSDAY Oct 30	Rom 8:31b-39/Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31/Lk 13:31-3
FRIDAY Oct 31	Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6
SATURDAY Nov 1	Solemnity of All Saints Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/ Mt 5:1-12a
SUNDAY Nov 2	Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed-All Souls Day Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40

“Welcome to St Veronica Parish. Here we are all invited to grow in our relationship with God and to know God’s presence through faith, hope, love and ministry.”

ST VERONICA PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Weekend of October 19, 2025

Envelopes & In Church: \$9,273

Online: \$5,105

TOTAL: \$14,378

Weekly Budget \$16,153

Income \$14,378

Deficit -\$1,775

Month to Date: \$43,913

St. Veronica Building Fund

Envelopes & In Church: \$141

Online: \$591

TOTAL: \$732

World Mission Sunday

Envelopes & In Church: \$4,070

Online: \$74

TOTAL: \$4,144



BAGELS, COFFEE & MEDICARE

Come and enjoy a bagel, a cup of coffee and learn about Medicare. Lou Saledas a Burlington resident, with over 20 years' experience in the health insurance industry will present an educational seminar on the ABCs of Medicare and answer your questions and concerns surrounding today's and tomorrow's Medicare issues on **October 30 at 9:30 at St. Margaret Church.** To register please call 781-272-3111.

GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION

Every registered parish household should have received Father Mahoney's **Grand Annual Collection** request letter during the past few days. Unfortunately, the parish offertory collection does not keep pace with the parish operating budget which includes much-needed repairs and maintenance projects. This is why the **Grand Annual Collection** is so important to the financial health of the parish.

If you did not receive a letter in the mail, please pick up Father Mahoney's letter #1 as you leave church TODAY and please respond to our **Grand Annual Collection** AND complete the attached **Welcome Card** if you are not officially registered with the parish.

The participation of ALL parishioners is essential for the success of this effort. Please return your gift card as soon as possible. Thank you!

**Please make your checks out to
St Veronica Parish.**



FOOD DRIVE SUPPORTING PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

November 1 & 2

Volunteers will be in the parking lot during All Masses to accept donations. Please continue to help our neighbors in need. Heading into the Holiday Season we are in particular need of the following Items:

*Cranberry Sauce
Gravy
Stuffing Mix
Canned Corn
Canned Green Beans
Canned Pumpkin
Chicken or Turkey Broth
Cooking Oil
Flour, Sugar*

Thank you so much for your continuing support of our neighbors in need!

OCIA CLASSES

If you, or someone you know, is interested in becoming a Catholic or receiving missed sacraments, please contact Deacon Dick Bilotta at: deaconbilotta@stveronicaparish.org

ST. CHARLES BORRROMEO SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

St. Charles School in Woburn will host an Open House on Wednesday, November 19, from 5-7 pm. Tours will consist of classroom meetings with faculty, students and parents, and a visit to both buildings. Families of students entering preschool through eighth grade are encouraged to attend. The last tour will begin at 6:30 pm.

St. Charles is a preschool through Grade 8 school that offers students an outstanding, faith-based education. Our core values: honor, respect, service, faith and effort are carried throughout our curriculum and daily interactions. If you are interested in our Preschool, Kindergarten, or Grade 1-8 Programs, please plan to attend on November 19. Come learn from students, families and faculty why St. Charles is the right choice for your child!

If you have questions, please refer to our [website](http://www.saintcharleswoburn.com) www.saintcharleswoburn.com or contact the school office at 781-935-4635.



The Pro-Life Network is collecting **0-3 month, and 3-6 month fleece sleepers and 0-3 month, and 3-6 winter outfits**, which are the current needs for Heartbeat Pregnancy Help Center

in Burlington, to help provide for families expecting a child soon. We are collecting from October 1st through October 31st, for RESPECT LIFE MONTH. If you would like to donate any of these items please contact Kathy Parsons @ 781-910-7682 to make arrangements to drop your item off or for one of their team members to come and pick it up. For monetary donations: by check make checks out to Heartbeat Pregnancy Help Center or go to our website: pregnancyma.com/donors/

Thank you so very much in advance for your generosity.

RECYCLE YOUR RELIGIOUS ITEMS FROM HOME!

A Religious Recycle Group will be stopping by to collect Religious items that need a new home. Items they take are anything Catholic such as Statues, Rosaries (Broken rosaries OK), Crucifixes, Holy Medals, Holy Cards, Framed Pictures, Prayer Books and Bibles as well as used musical instruments.

Beginning immediately items may be left in front of the center garage at St. Margaret rectory. Large items may be left in front of the garage door. Small items may be placed inside the bin. Pink Signs will be posted with instructions.

Items they **DO NOT** take- Religious Books, Pamphlets, Wax Candles, Angel Figurines (Saint Angels are fine). Please bring your items in **no later than Friday October 31st**. *If these items are left at the drop station they will be thrown in the trash.*

PRO-LIFE INITIATIVE

Abortion kills an innocent human life and we, as Catholics (Christians), are called by God to protect His precious gift of life.

Did you know that your tax dollars are being used to pay for abortions in Massachusetts? Fortunately, there is something each of us can do to stop this.

This weekend of **October 25 & 26**, volunteers from the Massachusetts Alliance to Stop Taxpayer Funded Abortions (website: www.stoptaxpayerabortion.org) will be collecting signatures on a petition to amend the state constitution so that taxpayer subsidized abortions are no longer a constitutional entitlement in Massachusetts. **Please stop and sign** this petition to help save the lives of unborn babies. For more information email tom@stoptaxpayerabortion.org

Religious Education Programs

All Students are expected to attend Mass every weekend. The Mass Schedule is as follows:

St. Margaret Church: Saturday 4:30pm, Sunday 8:00am and 12:00pm

St. Malachy Church: Saturday 4:00pm and Sunday 10:00am (Coffee and Donuts after Mass)

GRADES 1, 3-5 SCHEDULE

Lessons are completed at home or in a small family groups on a monthly basis. Below are dates for special events families will attend monthly: Family of Faith Gatherings.

11/16 - After 10:00am Mass at St. Malachy Church hall.

12/14 - Christmas Nativity Play and cookie decorating after 10:00am Mass at St. Malachy Church hall.

1/25 & 2/8 - After 10:00am Mass at St. Malachy Church hall.

3/22 - Penance Service at 6:00pm at St. Malachy Church

4/3 - Live Stations of The Cross at 3:30pm at St. Malachy Church

GRADE 2

Grade 2 students will receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation in February and Holy Communion in May. Lessons are completed at home or in a small family group. Grade 2 students are invited to the same special events listed for the Grade 1, 3-5 students. In addition, there are some additional dates to keep in mind:

First Reconciliation Retreat: 1/25 1:30pm - 4:00pm at St. Margaret School Building

First Reconciliation Ceremonies:

1/31 - at 12:00 at St. Margaret Church

2/7 - at 12:00pm at St. Malachy Church

First Communion Retreat: 4/12 - 1:30pm - 4:00pm at St. Margaret School Building

First Holy Communion Rehearsal: 5/1 - 7:00pm at St. Margaret Church

First Holy Communion Mass: 5/2 - 12:00pm at St. Margaret Church

First Holy Communion Rehearsal: 5/15 - 7:00pm at St. Malachy Church

First Holy Communion Mass: 5/16 - 12:00pm at St. Malachy Church

MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6 & 7)

will meet at St Margaret School building

MONDAY

7:00pm – 8:00pm

11/3 & 10

12/1 & 15

1/12 & 26

2/2 & 9

3/2

WEDNESDAY

2:00pm - 3:30pm

11/5 & 12

12/3 & 17

1/14 & 28

2/4 & 11

3/4

Christmas Festivities: 12/14 at 11:00am at St Malachy Church Hall

Lenten Penance Service: 3/22 at 6:00pm at St. Malachy Church

Live Stations of The Cross: Good Friday, 4/3 at 3:30pm at St. Malachy Church

CONFIRMATION: GRADES 8 & 9

Grades 8 and 9 will both receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Classes will meet at St. Margaret School building either Monday (7 - 8pm) or Wednesday (2 - 2:30pm).

MONDAY

7:00pm – 8:00pm

11/3 & 10

12/1 & 15

1/12 & 26

2/2 & 9

3/2

WEDNESDAY

2:00pm - 3:30pm

11/5 & 12

12/3 & 17

1/14 & 28

2/4 & 11

3/4

**CONFIRMATION WILL BE MAY 19, 2026
AT ST. MARGARET CHURCH
GRADE 8 AT 5:00PM
GRADE 9 AT 7:00PM**

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR GRADES 10-12

11/16/2025	Love and Two Great Commandments
12/7/2025	Holy Eucharist
12/24/2025	Christmas Carols – Senior Center 6PM
1/11/2026	Our Father/Nicene Creed
2/1/2026	Mary, Blessed Mother
3/8/2026	Lenten Mission - St. Malachy Church (7 PM)
4/12/2026	Marian Apparitions

Topics may change, but class dates won't. Class runs from 5-6 PM.



LIFT YOUR VOICE AND SHARE THE JOY OF THE SEASON.

Open to all! No music-reading required—just a love of Christmas music and a joyful spirit! Either join the adult choir or the seasonal children's choir for Christmas! Just a few rehearsals and plan to sing at the 4pm Mass on Christmas Eve!

If you or your child are interested, please contact:
Bill Donahue, Director of Music – St. Margaret Church
 ✉ wdonahue@stveronicaparish.org | 508-451-8083
 Or simply speak with him after any Mass!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION NOVEMBER 13

Eucharistic Adoration will take place on Thursday, November 13th in the chapel at St. Malachy Church from 2:00 pm – 8:00 pm. No advance sign up will be necessary; spend as little or as much time as you want. Please park in the back parking lot and access the chapel by the rear door of the church.



Thanks to all who joined us in October. We had a great crowd of people, and a number of newcomers. All seemed to thoroughly enjoy Kent, our guest speaker. We meet next on **Thursday, November 20th at 6:30pm at St. Malachy's Church (downstairs in the church hall)**, weather-permitting. Please contact Laurie at 617-680-4448 if you'd like to be added to the email distribution list, or have any questions about our gatherings. All are welcomed - no registration or sign-up is ever needed. Just show up!

MOMS AND BABIES NEED YOUR HELP!

Please help St. Veronica Parish provide needy north of Boston families who are expecting a baby with baby equipment, clothing and other items they need to care for their babies. Many families expecting babies do not have the means to provide the basic necessities for their children. Heartbeat Pregnancy Help Center, an all-volunteer 501c3 nonprofit organization, with space provided by St. Veronica's, assists needy families with baby beds, car seats, clothing, blankets, diapers, toys, some formula and other items needed to nurture their precious babies. Heartbeat continues to provide caring support to hundreds of needy families whose babies were born in earlier years. While some items are donated to Heartbeat, most must be purchased, usually at frugal prices.

Heartbeat donors and staff assisted the families of 1,120 babies born during 2024 and has helped over 875 babies born so far this year. Heartbeat continues to provide help for several years or longer, as needed, providing clothing and more for the babies and their siblings. Heartbeat volunteers deliver needed help to many families who cannot pick up the help in Burlington.

Baby bottles and addressed envelopes will be distributed at all Masses the weekend of October 25th and 26th. Bottles should be returned with your donation the following weekend. Envelopes may be returned to the church or mailed. Online donations can be provided through the Zeffy fundraising platform.

Most of Heartbeat's financial resources are provided by parishioners at local parishes, including ours. We greatly appreciate your help for the needy families Heartbeat serves! Over 96% of the funds collected are spent on the direct needs of the families.

Donate here through Zeffy – no fee required, or in baby bottles or envelopes



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