



RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

October 5, 2025



"We are called to be signs of hope to all people, especially those whose goodness, value, and dignity are undermined. As members of the Body of Christ, we carry this hope with us as we continue Jesus' mission on earth... We have been entrusted with a message of hope for the woman who finds herself unexpectedly pregnant or for the man diagnosed with a terminal illness. At these challenging moments, we must bring God's presence, witnessing to His love, and inspiring a renewal of hope in those whose hearts are burdened." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, Respect Life Reflection: "Life: Our Sign of Hope" www.respectlife.org/life-our-sign-of-hope

Special Service in The Memorial Garden for Dedication and Placement of Stones

Please join us **next Sunday**, October 12th, following 8:30 AM Mass for a special service for the dedication and placement of stones in remembrance of children lost too soon. Everyone is invited to join us in the Memorial Garden for the Unborn for this brief service. As a parish family, we join with our brothers and sisters in Christ who have lost a child too soon. Together we all pray for these children and for their families.

It's Respect Life Month!

Join Catholics nationwide in celebrating Respect Life Month. Visit respectlife.org/celebrate

Interactive Display

We are hosting a baptismal date interactive display in the front entry area of the church. All are invited to participate. See the display for additional information.

Speaker Series

(short presentations of 10 to 15 minutes, with a Q & A opportunity)

- **This Sunday**, October 5th, following 8:30 AM Mass, in the parish hall during coffee and donuts. Who: InnerVisions HealthCare, Bryan Gonzalez, director of Development or Lorelee Chase, Executive Director faith-based non-profit medical clinic that supports women who experience an unplanned pregnancy; the medical clinic our parish supports through the "Baby Bottle Campaign".
- Sunday, October 19th, following 8:30 AM Mass, in the parish hall during the Knight's breakfast. Who: Vitae Family Care Center, Michelle McKernan. Topic: Natural Family Planning. This is a family friendly presentation.
- Sunday, October 26th, following 8:30 AM Mass, in the parish hall during coffee and donuts. Who: Respect Life Committee member, Kaitlyn Osborn Topic: miscarriage support.

Baby Bottle Campaign



This weekend begins our 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. You will find baby bottles in the front entry area of the church; please take a bottle, fill it with change, cash, or checks and return it by October 26th. Or you may leave a donation in the large baby bottle or donate online www.IVHCare.org/donate/ (online select Baby Bottle Campaign, St. John's (Adel)). Whatever offering you give will help the mother and the child. Thank you and God bless you all!

If you have any questions, please contact Bryan Gonzalez at 515-280-4706. To learn more about their two clinics and life-affirming mission, visit www.ivhcare.org. 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!

More reflections, prayers, and activities of our committee may be found at

www.stjohnsadel.org/respect-life-committee