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## October 5th & 6th, 2024

The Twenty Seventh Sunday Ordinary Time

#### October is PROTECT LIFE MONTH

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge Chairman, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities

We are living in an exciting time of revival. Our National Eucharistic Congress, and the Eucharistic processions that led to it, involved hundreds of thousands of Catholics who will never be the same. The revival continues, and is so needed, especially in our efforts to defend human life.

Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist, gives us the fullness of life. He calls each of us to respect that gift of life in every human person. While we live in a society that often rejects those who are weak, fragile, or vulnerable, they are the most in need of our care and protection. Pope Francis reminds us that "every child who, rather than being born, is condemned unjustly to being aborted, bears the face of Jesus Christ, bears the face of the Lord, who even before he was born, and then just after birth, experienced the world's rejection."

The law and millions of our brothers and sisters have yet to recognize this reality. We thankfully no longer live under the regime of Roe v. Wade, and our elected officials are now empowered to reduce or end abortion. But what we now see is that fifty years of virtually unlimited abortion has tragically created a national mindset where many Americans have become comfortable with some amount of abortion. This allows the abortion industry to continue to provide any amount of abortion. Given this challenge, the U.S. bishops have affirmed that, while it is important to address all the ways in which human life is threatened, "abortion remains our pre-eminent priority as it directly attacks our most vulnerable brothers and sisters, destroying more than a million lives each year in our country alone."

In a tragic way, abortion has become the preeminent priority for others as well. We see many politicians celebrating the destruction of preborn children, and protecting access to abortion, even up until the moment of birth. Few leaders are standing up to limit the harm of chemical abortion (abortion pills) to mothers and children, which is now the most common form of abortion. And heading into the November elections, as many as ten states face gravely evil ballot initiatives that would enshrine abortion in their state constitutions.

And so we need a revival of prayer and action:

- We must renew our commitment to work for the legal protection of every human life, from conception to natural death, and to vote for candidates who will defend the life and dignity of the human person.
- We must call for policies that assist women and their children in need, while also continuing to help mothers in our own communities through local pregnancy help centers and our nationwide, parish-based initiative, Walking with Moms in Need.
- We must likewise continue to extend the hand of compassion to all who are suffering from participation in abortion, through the Church's abortion healing ministries like Project Rachel Ministry.
- Most importantly, we must rededicate ourselves to fervent prayer on behalf of life.

I invite all Catholics to join me in a concerted effort of prayer between now and our national elections, by daily praying our Respect Life Month "Prayer for Life to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament":

Jesus, you came that we might have life— and have it in abundance. Together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you form us in our mothers' wombs and call us to love you for all eternity. As your most precious gift of human life is attacked, draw us ever closer to your Real Presence in the Eucharist. Dispel the darkness of the culture of death, for you are the light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it. By the power of your Eucharistic Presence, help us to defend the life of every human person at every stage. Transform our hearts to protect and cherish all whose lives are most vulnerable. For you are God, forever and ever. Amen.

Through the graces of this revival, may we witness, work, and vote so that all children in the womb will be protected in law and welcomed in love, and that all mothers and families will be strengthened by our support and accompaniment.

# Please Pray for:

**Cheryl Kartes** 

Christopher Milne

**David Pope** 

Don Taylor

Doug Pope ₽

Fred Hawkes

Hector Garduno ₽

Jean Bourque

Jenny Milne

Jill Nagrodsky

Jim Keys

Jim Scarth ₽

Joseph Graziano

Kitty Woolridge

Kyle Hanson ⊕

Laura Fawson

Lynn Spencer

Mark Borowiak

Nathan Parnham

Norm Engle

Richard McAfee

Rita Hoffman

Rob Dwyer

**Ruth Patterson** 

Ryan Milne

Samuel Scarth

Shaun Rich

Susan Muñoz

TJ Olsen

Tracy Goodin

Wendy & Lance Tanner

### **CONTACT A PRIEST**

Saint George Catholic Church (435) 673-2604 www.saintgeorgecatholics.com

# Pastor, Reverend David Bittmenn,

Reverend Tristan Dillon
Deacon Dan Weber

Communion to the Sick & Homebound: Please contact the church office.

# **Parish Calendar**

VIGIL MASS: Saturday 6p MASS: Sunday 12:30p

BIBLE STUDY: Monday at 12:30p

ROSARY: Monday 2p

BINGO: Thursday Oct 24th, @ 6pm

KNIGHTS ROUNDTABLE:
3rd Monday—3pm

CCD CLASSES - Tuesdays 5:30-7p

**COMMUNION SERVICE:** 

Wednesday, 9a

ADORATION: \*\* Change\*\*

Wed., Oct 18th 9:30a-10a

Saturday, Oct 26th, 7p-8p

**WOMENS GATHERING:** 

2nd Thursday at 6:30p

#### Saint Paul's Monthly Building Collection - notes from Suzie

This weekend we will have a second collection that will go to help increase our D&L (Building Fund). I have had some questions since bringing this up 2 weeks ago, so thought I would share some more of my thoughts on this. We are not at the point to do any planning, start a capitol campaign or pledges. Praying for building costs to come down, praying for available skilled construction workers to be available to work in Hurricane, along with increasing our D&L is going to be the best gift—our current parish can give to our future selves.



The money that is in our D&L is on the books with the Diocese as money for a building in Hurricane City. It is NOT money that would be used to build the church in Washington Fields. I did not intend for anyone to feel pressure to participate. Envelopes are available if you choose to contribute. We will scatter them around the chairs the week before our next collection and on the day of—but, as with all 2nd collections; participation is voluntary. We will be tracking contributions (just like our regular offerings) as required by law, but we are not watching who is, who isn't or how much a person is participating. I hope this helps you know my heart—if you have any questions please talk to me or Father Dave

"Respect for life and for the dignity of the human person also extends to the rest of creation, which is called to join man in praising God."  $\sim$  Saint John Paul II



Food Bank Donations can be left in the box under the desk at the front door.



We are NOT collecting Coats We are NOT collecting Money

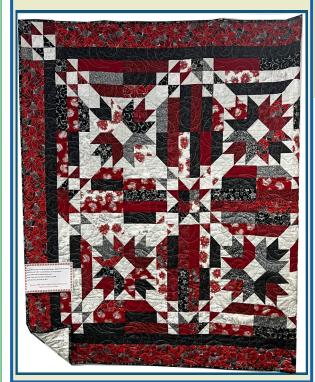
If you know any children in our parish that might be in need of a coat this winter—Please see Suzie; call or email the office with the child's name & coat size.

We are not set up with a specific online donation portal, but if you are interested in making an online donations to St Paul's, Please send a check through your personal bank's BillPay feature.

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October 9th - 11th





