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## Respect Life Month

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*"Every Life: Cherished, Chosen, Sent"*



### **Respect Life Month (October) Events - Sponsored by the Pro-Life Office**

#### **Foster Care Awareness Event – Tuesday, October 16 (7:00 – 8:30PM) -**

##### **Holy Family Parish**

9,500 hundred children are in foster care in our state. Sadly, that is up from 8,000 less than two year ago. Much of that increase is due to the opioid epidemic that is skyrocketing. Obviously, we need more foster parents, but there are many other ways to get involved such as being a mentor or just volunteering to spend time with one of these children.

Holy Family Parish will be hosting a Foster Care Awareness event featuring talks with:

- Representative from the state Cabinet for Health and Family Services
- Darren Washausen, Executive Director, Orphan Care Alliance, whose mission is to equip Christians and connect them to opportunities to serve children in Foster Care.
- Touching stories from Foster Parents.
- Ed Harpring, Pro-Life Coordinator for the Archdiocese of Louisville, will discuss other ways to volunteer, mentor, and creative ideas for helping foster-care children.
- Light refreshments will be served.

#### **Mass for Mothers and Fathers Who Have Lost a Baby Through Miscarriage, Stillbirth or Early Childhood - Sunday, October 14 – 3:00PM - Chapel in the**

**Woods at Bellarmine University.** The Mass is a way to bring God's healing and grace to a very difficult situation. In addition, the Calvary Cemetery offers a monthly prayer service at the Holy Innocents Section of the cemetery, for families to remember those children who were stillborn or who died at a very young age. Last Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m.

## Parishes Offering Respect Life Events:

### **'The Spiritual Lives of Dying People: Testimonies of Hope & Courage' October 2, 2018 -7:00PM - Aloysius Hall, St. Agnes Catholic Church, 1920 Newburg Rd. – (church undercroft).**

Presenter: Rev. Paul Scaglione, author & former pastor for several area parishes.

Presentation: Fr. Paul is co-author of 'The Spiritual Lives of Dying People:

Testimonies of Hope & Courage'. Fr. Paul will speak to his lifelong ministry to the terminally and the chronically ill for over 40 years. This will include his visits to the sick and dying, many of them isolated, often estranged, from any love one. He is determined that no one should die alone and forgotten. Participants will also glean insights into how they might approach their own deaths or care for others who are in the midst of making the last journey of life. This is a book that illuminates how to answer one of life's most important questions: How shall I die?

**Family Life and Disabilities – Ascension Parish - October - 20 and 21** presented by keynote speaker, Mr. Jeff Wright, father, teacher, family man, (as featured on the TODAY Show), is sure to inspire with his family's story and his special son Adam. Jeff will be speaking at 5:00 pm on October 20<sup>th</sup> after the 4:00PM Mass and again at 9:30 am on October 21 after the 8:30AM Mass.

**Lifeshouse Maternity Home - Open House for Parishes October 28, from (noon to 4 PM) - Lifeshouse Maternity Home - Open House for Parishes** – Enjoy light refreshments and learn more about their amazing Life-affirming work. Lifeshouse Maternity Home is a Christian-based organization helping young girls in crisis pregnancy situations. Lifeshouse helps to women rebuild their lives spiritually, intellectually, and emotionally, learning Life skills and essential parenting training. Since opening our doors 69 healthy babies drug free have been born and 10 of those children were chosen for adoption by their mother.

### **A Catholic Perspective-Understanding and Preparing for End of Life Decisions October 29 – (7:00 - 9:00pm) St. Albert Parish.**

Topics covered will include **End-of Life Ethics, Advance Directives, Health Care Proxy, Extraordinary vs. Ordinary Care** and first-hand end of life experiences from our panel of experts including Fr. Patrick Dolan (STL in medical ethics and STD in Moral Theology from Angelicum University in Rome) and Mike Ahrens, Member of St. Albert the Great Parish, retired Director of Mission & Values Integration at KentuckyOne Health. Served on the medical ethics committees of several area hospitals. In addition, Emily Monarch, Attorney, Elder Law Solutions, will discuss how she helps clients answer the tough questions that families face when confronted with age, disability, or chronic illness.

## Other Respect Life Events:

### **Annual KRLA State Conference - Saturday, October 27 (9 AM till 2 PM).**

The 2018 State Conference will be in Elizabethtown at the Red Lion Inn on 107 Buffalo Creek Dr, Elizabethtown, KY 42701

### **Two Featured Pro-Life Speakers!**

**Dr. Matthew Harrison** who will discuss the breakthrough abortion pill reversal. Dr. Matthew Harrison works at Novant Health's Rowan County Regional Medical Center in Salisbury. He is the pioneer of the "Emergency Abortion Pill Reversal Kit". The network's headquarters are based in San Diego, California. So far, across the country, 137 babies have been born without any complications, and 76 mothers are still pregnant as a result of using the kit.

**Melissa Ohden**, author of You Carried Me. In the memoir she describes her amazing shocking secret - her mother had tried to abort her. She was saved by a nurse who heard her crying as she lay among medical waste at a US hospital. This is the story of her survival, and of the mother who thought she was dead.

### **Helpers of God's Precious Infants – Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> (7:00 AM) Cathedral.**

Please join us with to pray for an end to abortion and celebrate the gift of Life with Mass, Rosary Procession and Benediction. In the words of Helpers founder, Fr. Philip Reilly, "we need to be witnesses to God's Light at the foot of the cross at the abortion mill – modern-day Golgotha." A priest from St. Louis Bertrand Parish will be the celebrant.

### **40 Days for Life – September 26 – Nov 4<sup>th</sup>**

Christians across the country and the world are invited to take part in the international 40 Days for Life effort from September 26th – November 4, 2018.

40 Days for Life is a focused pro-life campaign with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil to end abortion in America. Since 2007, nearly 14,000 lives have been saved, 170 abortion workers have walked away from the abortion industry and 90 abortion facilities have completely shut down. Please sign-up for an hour of prayer at <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/louisville/>

### **"Power in My Hands" Tue, Oct 2, 2018 (7:00 PM) – St. Xavier High School –**

#### **Power of the Rosary**

"Power in My Hands" is a film that uncovers the beauty, timelessness, and power of the rosary. Its primary purpose is to help viewers understand the power to revitalize America – a society in spiritual crisis and instill an active response to the Blessed Mother's plea for prayer. Hope through Jesus Christ is the ultimate goal of this film.

"This 80-minute film will represent the faces of America and propose the simple and yet profound power of the rosary for all people of all ages to usher in an era of peace, harmony and most of all hope."

Watch the trailer: <https://vimeo.com/250228064>