

August 2022 Newsletter

May the Strength of God guide us. May the Power of God preserve us. May the Wisdom of God instruct us. May the Hand of God protect us. May the Way of God direct us. May the Shield of God defend us. May the Angels of God guard us.
St. Patrick

Thank You, North Jax Deanery in particular, St Michaels, St Francis, St Patrick's St Paul's Beach for providing the CCB North Jax Food Bank with diapers and baby needs as part of Walking with Moms in Need. If your North Jax parish has not yet held a diaper drive, please contact your Deanery Chair Kim Maddox at (904) 557-6147 or respectlife@stmichaelscatholic.com.

Operation Witness – Looking at a post Roe world there is quite a bit of division even within our churches. Operation Witness is a call to convert hearts. For 50 years many have adopted that they had a constitutional right to take the life of another human being namely their unborn child. Many hold these positions by stating extreme cases of mother's health, incest, and rape and not referring to the 97% plus who have abortions because it is not the right time or convenience. Operation Witness is a call to have small group discussions or coffee talks and sharing what our movement is doing for women in an unplanned pregnancy. For more info. call May Oliver (904)262-3200 x159

Luncheons 4 Life

Luncheons 4 Life this month is Wednesday, **July 17th** at 11:30am at Marywood Retreat Center. This month we are pleased to welcome Abbie Johnson Development Director for Morning Star School, Barbra Fryman, from Holy Family

I know registering has been tough but try your best! If you cannot complete the registration, please call me to reserve at 904-262-3200 x159. Seating is limited and registration is required at <https://luncheons4life.com/jacksonville/>.

We will be collecting school supplies for Morning Star and St. Gerard's and St Augustine Youth Services such as binders, folders, notebooks, adult scissors, etc. **Thank you for your support!**

Respect Life Month – begin on October 1st. St Gerard's Campus will be putting the crosses in for the Cemetery of the Innocence following mass at the Shrine with Fr. Mac Hill at 8:00a. Sign up your youth groups, your H.S. teams your homeschool families to participate in this very moving event.

Respect Life weekend arrange for your parish presence by having a table or some presence at every mass. Life Chain has been a Dosa tradition for too many years to count, a list of Life Chains will be in the next Sept. Newsletter.

Respecting Life Begins with Me is the youth Respect Life educational program. Check to see if your parish, school, Prep program or homeschool are involved. Invite them to participate.

Teach your kids to be Pro-Life

1. **Learn** the pro-life position - **Join us at Luncheons 4 Life.**
2. **Join** the Respect Life Team at your parish and talk with kids about the ministry.
3. **Talk** about **moral absolutes**. Abortion is an intrinsic evil--the killing of an unborn child help you organize a baby shower or diaper drive

You Can Remain Silent, But Why Would You?



Calendar of Events

Father God, help me to follow Jesus's footsteps. Help me to protect others like St. Joseph did to protect the Holy Family. Help me to thank others as the 10th leper did. Help me to see your face, so I can help others, as Jesus did to save us all from sin. Amen Eli M. student from St Michael's Academy

8/11 1st day of School God bless our students, teachers, administrators and staff and especially parents for a holy, healthy year.

8/30 The Dosa/USCCB Respect Life Month mailing

9/9 – Beginning on 9/9, LifeMark the movie in theaters. The story of Abortion to Adoption

9/10 – “A Question of Compassion” end of life planning forum. San Jose Catholic Church 9:30a – 11:30a

9/23-9/30 The 4th Annual Diocesan Rosary Congress

10/8 – **Red Bird Ministry Workshop**
10/11 – **Red Bird 10- week Grief Group** at Santa Maria del Mar
10/12 – **Red Bird 10-week Grief Group** St Joseph's Parish Mandarin



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