



## **“Respect Life” Masses, Diocese of Grand Island**

**October 2025 – September 2026**

### **Explanation and Guidelines**

**What is the purpose?** Each Respect Life Mass is to offer prayers that a Culture of Life will overcome the shadow of death that threatens human life through abortion, suicide, euthanasia, and human trafficking. Bishop Hanefeldt requests each parish and school have a Respect Life Mass. Circulating throughout the diocese, these Masses build solidarity among all parishes/schools and allow each priest and parishioner to participate in the prayer effort.

**When do they occur?** A Respect Life Mass, scheduled at least once a year in each parish and school, encourages greater involvement from the community. The event can be held during any regularly scheduled parish or school Mass. “Respect Life” Masses begin in October for Respect Life Month and can be scheduled anytime during the next 12 months.

**Who participates?** Although the Mass takes place at a designated host parish or school, it is held for the entire diocese, and all parish or school members are invited to participate.

- **Sign up:** After a date and time have been selected, contact the Pro-Life Office: Cheryl Jones, 308-382-6565 at [frontdesk@gidiocese.org](mailto:frontdesk@gidiocese.org) or submit the registration form below. A Respect Life Mass Calendar will be posted on the [Diocese Pro-Life Events](https://www.gidiocese.org/events-1) page (<https://www.gidiocese.org/events-1>) and shared in the Pro-Life Notes.
- **Communication:** The host Pastor and/or parish/school Pro-Life Coordinator should notify parishioners of the Mass (e.g., bulletin and/or pulpit announcements).
- **Liturgy planning:** The Mass is ordinarily the Mass of the day, but the celebrant may choose an appropriate, alternate set of readings and prayers. The Prayers of the Faithful should be a list of Respect Life petitions. Go to this site for suggested prayers: <http://www.priestsforlife.org/prayers/interanyday.htm>. If possible, the homily can integrate the Respect for Life theme.

## Registration

### Parish or School “ Respect Life” Mass

Please submit information to: [frontdesk@gidiocese.org](mailto:frontdesk@gidiocese.org)

(Your Mass date will be posted on the Pro-Life Office webpage, under “Events”.

<https://www.gidiocese.org/events-1>)

PARISH or SCHOOL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PARISH or SCHOOL TOWN: \_\_\_\_\_

MASS DATE/TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

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CONTACT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL  
INFORMATION: \_\_\_\_\_

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