



Live the Gospel of *Life*

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Pro-Life Office

-Christmas Blessings and Thanks

This is the time of year when we reflect and give appreciation on the many blessings we have received. We are especially humbled and appreciative for all the support and prayers you provide to help build a culture of life in our Diocese. Thank you! But more importantly we are thankful for the gift of our Lord coming in a lowly manger for the salvation of us all. *"You are God we praise you; you are the Lord, we acclaim you; You are the Father; All creation worships you..." (Te Deum)*

Cheryl and I wish you and your family a Blessed Christmas filled with Hope and Joy.

-Holy Innocents Mass on December 29 at the Cathedral



FEAST OF THE
Holy Innocents

29 DECEMBER
2025
AT 5:15 PM

MASS
ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL
GRAND ISLAND, NE

Many families struggle from miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death, or even abortion. This Mass of healing and hope is to pray with families to celebrate the brief lives of these children, and to seek God's mercy and hope in their suffering.

On December 28, Catholics celebrate the Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs, in remembrance of the children slaughtered by King Herod in his quest to kill the newborn Jesus. A Mass for Holy Innocents will be celebrated at St. Mary's Cathedral on **Monday, Dec 29 at 5:15 PM.**

This Mass is also offered to bring hope and healing to the many families who struggle with miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death, or even abortion. All are invited to attend this Mass, especially those families who have suffered the loss of a baby. **If you would like your baby or loved one to be remembered during the Mass, please call the Cathedral Office at 308-384-2523 or email mkube@gidiocese.org by 4:00 PM on December 23.**

- Pro-Life Coffee on February 14

It's not too early to circle this date on your new 2026 calendar. This spring tradition brings together the Nebraska Tri-Cities pro-life community for the annual Pro-Life Coffee, held in Grand Island during the beginning of the legislative session. Connect, learn, and advocate as you join local leaders, Nebraska senators, and pro-life organizations to get an early look at the major pro-life legislative bills introduced at the Nebraska Legislature. This event is a great way to hear from your State Senators directly, engage in a Q&A session, and explore vendor tables from Nebraska's pro-life advocates. With its welcoming and collaborative atmosphere, this morning event is the perfect way to energize your advocacy efforts.

-Visitation Banquet held in Kearney

A big "Thank You!" to UNK Students for Life in hosting the 2nd Annual Charity event to raise funds for scholarships for pregnant moms on campus. It is not too late to make a year-end donation to the scholarship fund, go here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeszNjRIllvt_jHnr2yScemF1fBcVQX8YaaOxw45osJqKDJJQ/viewform?usp=header



Dr. Kyle Myers talks about when life begins, his role as a doctor in promoting life, and his most important role as a father walking by faith and keeping his family grounded in the faith. He told about some of the difficulties he had being pro-life while in medical school and shared what he feels will be some of the battles in the near future.



Mrs. Julie Myers speaks about their introduction into NFP and the joy of being an NFP Instructor and a stay at home mom.

-IVF Episode on EWTN

On a special episode about in vitro fertilization (IVF), EWTN examines the toll of IVF on the body, breaks down the ethics of the controversial process, and takes a closer look at why the Church opposes IVF. Plus, Biblical scholar Jeff Cavins goes through examples of infertility in the Bible and what we can learn from them. Listen here: [EWTN Pro-Life Weekly | Full EPISODE | Wednesday, October 15, 2025](#)

Nebraska Catholic Conference

-Capitol Update. Defunding the Abortion Industry, by Marion Miner, November 10, 2025

On November 6, Governor Jim Pillen signed an executive order revoking Planned Parenthood's eligibility (and the eligibility of all abortion providers) to receive Medicaid funds in Nebraska.

This is very good news. Medicaid is a federal program, funded by taxpayers. Its purpose is to ensure that people of very low income are able to afford health care. The program has been abused for years by Planned Parenthood, which claims it is entitled to those funds for its "services" for the poor (which in large part consist of abortion, sterilization, contraception, and transgender "sex-rejection" procedures).

It has long been a pro-life policy priority to kick Planned Parenthood and other birds of the same dirty feather off the taxpayers' dime. The Governor's executive order does just that for Nebraska. Its effect will be the drying up and discontinuation of hundreds of thousands of dollars in taxpayer funds per year that have been going to the abortion industry in our state. You can read the rest of Marion's piece here:

<https://necatholic.org/news-events/the-capitol-update.html/article/2025/11/10/defunding-the-abortion-industry>

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

-Resources for January

There are many resources to help highlight and pray for the protection of pre-born children in January:

- [Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children](#) (January 22)
- [9 Days for Life](#)
- [Parish Action Guide](#)

The National Prayer Vigil for Life at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. will begin with the opening Mass at 5 pm on January 22 and conclude with the closing Mass at 8 am on January 23. The opening and closing Masses will be viewable via livestream at nationalshrine.org/mass. More information can be found in the [recent press release](#).

-New Assisted Suicide Podcast

In the latest episode of [The Respect Life Podcast](#) from the USCCB's Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, Bishop Robert Brennan of the Diocese of Brooklyn talks with Kat Talalas about assisted suicide versus authentic, compassionate care at the end of life. [Listen on your preferred podcast player](#) or [watch on YouTube](#).

-Word of Life

The [December](#) and [January](#) issues of Word of Life are available in English and Spanish. [Word of Life](#) is a monthly resource for dioceses and parishes that includes monthly special features, intercessions, bulletin quotes, and graphics. Previous editions can be found in [the archives](#), and parishes can [subscribe](#) to receive Word of Life directly by email.

Walking With Moms in Need

-Newsletter

Check out the [newsletter](#) for the latest updates on *Walking with Moms in Need* (November 2025).

-Pregnancy Centers

In Nebraska, we have over two dozen life-affirming pregnancy help organizations that are part of the Nebraska Pregnancy Care Alliance. We ask you to continue to support their efforts to help mothers in need. You can support them by volunteering your time and treasures directly to them, or you can get involved in your parish's Walking with Moms in Need Initiative.

<https://nebraskapregnancyalliance.org/>.

If your parish has not started this initiative, we encourage you to visit with your pastor. Here is the link on this wonderful ministry [Walking with Moms in Need](#). Click on the "Getting Started" button.



As part of the "Walking with Moms in Need" Initiative, St. Leo's Parish in Grand Island held a baby shower with donations given to Mary's Cradle at St. Mary's Cathedral (L-R) Deacon Bill and Nancy Buchta, Mark Czaplewski, Ted Eden, and Fr. Wajid Masih. November 10, 2025.

All our pregnancy centers need our prayers. There's a major U.S. Supreme Court case, *First Choice Women's Resource Centers v. Platkin*, where faith-based pregnancy centers are challenging New Jersey's subpoena for donor lists, claiming it violates their First Amendment rights to free speech and association, with the state accusing them of misleading clients about offering abortions. You can read more about it here: [Pro-Life Pregnancy Center Asks Supreme Court to Stop Democrat Harassment - LifeNews.com](#)

Here is an excellent opinion piece on this topic by Kathleen Parker. "Pregnancy Centers Help Women, Don't Torture" [Preg Ctrs Help Women 20251208.pdf](#)

Pro-Life Calendar

Dec 29	Holy Innocents Mass for Healing, Cathedral (5:15 PM)
Jan-Mar	Pro-Life Youth Art and Essay Contests https://gidiocese.org/pro-life
Jan 16-24	9 Days for Life Novena https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-signup .
Jan 18	Sanctity of Life Sunday
Jan 22	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children, USCCB Action Guide https://www.respectlife.org/
Jan 22-23	National Prayer Vigil for Life https://www.nationalshrine.org/event/2026-national-prayer-vigilfor-life/
Jan 23	March for Life, Washington, DC https://marchforlife.org/
Jan 24	Pro-Life Summit, Students for Life, Washington DC https://prolifesummit.com/
Jan 31	Bishops' Pro-Life Mass, St. Mary's, Lincoln (9:00) https://necatholic.org/
Jan 31	NE Right to Life, Walk for Life, State Capitol, Lincoln(10:00) https://nebraskarighttolife.org/
Feb14	Pro-Life Coffee, Riverside Golf Club, Grand Island (9:00) https://gidiocese.org/pro-life
Mar 4	Catholics at the Capitol, Lincoln https://necatholic.org/