



Live the Gospel of *Life*

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Pro-Life Office

- Recap-7th Annual Pro-Life Coffee



It was a full house in Grand Island at the Pro-Life Coffee! We enjoyed refreshments and like-minded company while diving into key Pro-Life legislation and hearing from key elected officials.

Special thanks to our guest speakers:

- **Executive Branch:** Governor Pillen
- **Legislative Branch:** Senators Lippincott, Meyer, Lonowski, Murman, and Quick
- **Clergy:** Bishop Hanefeldt and Pastor Gordo (Abundant Life Church)
- **Advocates:** Sandy Danek (NE Right to Life), Elizabeth Nunnally (NE Family Alliance), Emma Otte (UNK Students for Life), and Marion Miner (NE Catholic Conference). See [photos of the event here](#) or [watch the livestream replay!](#)



-Youth Art and Essay Contests

The judges have completed and returned their Art Contest ballots, and a listing of all winners will be emailed to teachers by the end of this week. Please review the email information and reply back asap so that award checks can be issued and certificates sent out. We hope the winners are all recognized with photos taken of them and sent back to us so we can post them on our webpages. Also, the first place winning art has already been forwarded to the Culture of Life Foundation for entry into the 'State Contest'. Winners of that contest will be notified by the Knights sometime in April. .

REMINDER

**Pro-Life Youth Essay Contest
Application's Due
in Chancery Office
by March 25**

A row of colorful pencils in various colors including red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and pink.

Thank you for promoting a Culture of Life!!

Nebraska Catholic Conference

Help us shape culture and law on this day of advocacy for life, faith, and the common good. Join us for the **12th Annual Catholics at the Capitol** on Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in downtown Lincoln. This is your chance to bear the light of Christ in the public square with like-minded believers, learning how to advocate effectively for policies that protect life, uphold family values, and promote policies for the good of all people.

With neighbors from your district, Archbishop McGovern (Archdiocese of Omaha) and Bishop Hanefeldt (Diocese of Grand Island), State Auditor Mike Foley, State Senators, statewide elected officials, and the NCC staff, you'll learn about the pressing issues before the legislature. You'll be equipped with the knowledge and tools to enact change on these issues, on March 4th and beyond.



[Register Here](#)

What to Expect:

- 8:00 - 8:20 AM: Check-in, Networking, Coffee & Donuts
- 8:30 - 8:50 AM: Opening Prayer and Remarks from State Auditor Mike Foley
- 8:50 - 9:30 AM: "Ethics in Tech & Social Media" with Bishop Hanefeldt, Attorney General Mike Hilgers, and State Senators
- 9:40 - 10:20 AM: "Freedom In Education" with Governor Jim Pillen, Tom Venzor, and School Choice Advocates
- 10:20 - 10:45 AM: Break and District Table Discussions
- 10:45 - 11:45 AM: "Protecting Unborn Life & Human Dignity" with State Senators and Marion Miner
- 11:45 - 12:45 PM: Lunch and Prep for Capitol Visit
- 1:00 - 1:30 PM: Senator Meetings (State Capitol, Senator Offices)
- 1:30 - 2:00 PM: Watch Legislative Debate (State Capitol, Balcony)
- 2:00 - 2:45 PM: Closing Mass & Closing Remarks (St. Mary Sanctuary)

Tickets are \$15, including breakfast, lunch, and refreshments.

Attire: Wear RED to show our Catholic unity! Be sure to bring comfortable walking shoes and warm layers for the short walk from St. Mary's Church to the Capitol.

Parking: Nearby parking garages include Cornhusker Square Garage (1220 L St.) and Carriage Park Garage (1128 L St.), with rates of \$1.25 per hour.

As Catholics, we are called to engage in politics as faithful citizens. We work to promote the dignity of every human person, from conception to natural death, without compromising the truths of our faith. During this event, we may engage with officials and stakeholders who don't share these same convictions as we work to bring about the good of all people. Let the example of the Saints embolden us to step forward in courage, charity, and unwavering conviction.

Seats are limited. Get registered now.

For questions, contact us at 402.477.7517, or email Megan at mkruse@necatholic.org.

[United States Conference of Catholic Bishops](#)

-Word of Life

The [April 2026 issue of Word of Life](#) is 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 archive](#), and anyone can [subscribe to receive Word of Life](#) directly by email.

-St. Joseph Adoption Novena

Catholics are invited to pray a [novena next month asking St. Joseph's intercession](#) for all who are involved in the adoption process. Each day's prayers lift up different people, from mothers placing their children for adoption to children awaiting adoption and many others. The USCCB will post the novena prayers each day by 8:00 AM (EDT) on X and Facebook. Please consider sharing the novena on your diocesan and parish social media accounts!

-Lenten Abortion Healing Resources

Lent is an amazing opportunity to share about God's forgiveness and healing after abortion to those who may typically be away from Church. To assist in the Church's outreach, visit [here](#) for resources to help share Christ's message of mercy and healing. If questions or need more information, contact "Hearts Restored" (Post Abortion Healing) Diocese Coordinator, Breanna Kaup, 308-430-1374.

-Marriage and Abortion Podcast

In this episode of The Respect Life Podcast, Bishop Stephen Parkes shares his story of being the second bishop in his family (!) and talks about how healthy marriages prevent abortion and grow a culture of life. Listen or watch here: <https://youtu.be/4wZnoOCzPTA?si=IU6pGU6wzfbHFqKL>

-Annunciation and the Gospel of Life

A brief reflection ([English](#) | [Spanish](#)) explores the connection between the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord and the Gospel of life. [Downloadable versions](#) are also available in both English and Spanish. The reflection can be shared on social media and in your newsletters, bulletins, and other communications.

March 25th, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, marks the anniversary of Pope John Paul II's encyclical *Evangelium vitae* (*The Gospel of Life*). [This two-page summary](#) explores how the Church's teachings regarding human life are at the heart of Jesus' entire Gospel message.

[Walking With Moms in Need](#)

-Newsletter

Check out the current newsletter here: [Walking with Moms Newsletter: February 2026](#)

[Pro-Life Calendar](#)

Mar 4	Catholics at the Capitol, Lincoln (8:30) https://necatholic.org/
Mar 10-18	St. Joseph Adoption Novena St. Joseph Adoption Novena Respect Life
Mar 25	Solemnity of the Annunciation. USCCB Action Guide https://www.respectlife.org/
Apr 12	Sunday of Divine Mercy. USCCB Action Guide https://www.respectlife.org/
May 10	Mother's Day. USCCB Action Guide https://www.respectlife.org/