

St Joe's Respect Life Community Communiqué, February 14



“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

“Decline to Sign” Initiative/Pro-Abortion Amendment Status

Our effort to prevent Pro-Abortion forces to get enough signatures to place a proposed abortion amendment on the November 2024 ballot failed. The abortion “rights” group Floridians Protecting Freedom collected 1.5 million signatures as of January to place the measure on the general election ballot this November. However, Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody asked the state Supreme Court to review the wording of the amendment and ballot summary, saying that the wording of the measure is possibly confusing to voters. On February 7 the Florida Supreme Court heard a challenge by the Florida Attorney General to the language of the proposed amendment. The proposed amendment, if allowed by the Florida Supreme Court would be presented like this...

Ballot Title: Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion

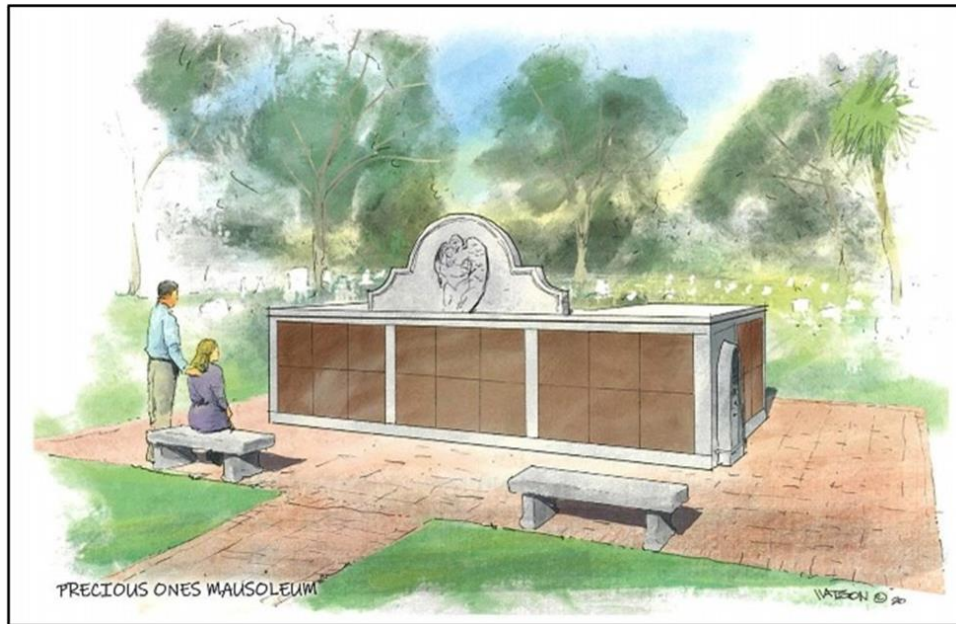
Ballot Language: No law shall prohibit, penalize, delay, or restrict abortion before viability or when necessary to protect the patient's health, as determined by the patient's healthcare provider. This amendment does not change the Legislature's constitutional authority to require notification to a parent or guardian before a minor has an abortion.

The amendment obviously will get support from “Pro-Choice” voters, but the language contains verbiage that attempts to also draw conservative voters/votes (even pro-life ones) with phrases like **“No law shall prohibit...”** and **“This amendment does not change the** Legislature’s constitutional **authority to require notification to a parent or guardian.”** **In fact, the amendment would legalize full-term abortion in Florida.** There would be no protection for the unborn baby. It would allow aborting a baby capable of feeling pain and **eliminate parental consent and healthcare regulations.** And, under Florida law **“healthcare provider” is not limited to medical doctors**, so an employee of an abortion clinic (for example, the receptionist at Planned Parenthood) would be able to approve late-term abortions. It also **permits partial-birth abortions.** This would be disastrous if the language is approved and voted on as is. Approval of the amendment would require 60% of the vote to pass. Please pray for the court to disallow the proposed amendment language. The court will have to rule on the language prior to April 1, the deadline for proposals to be included on the ballots. If pro-abortion forces are ultimately successful in getting this abortion amendment on the ballot, it is vital that we pray, fast, and VOTE against it and for LIFE! Educate your friends and families.

Interment of Precious Ones

We Catholics have a responsibility to perform corporal works of mercy, which include burying the dead. We have several options to fulfill this obligation for the respectful interment of Precious Ones (the loss of the unborn due to miscarriage, stillbirth, or abortion).

Precious Ones Baby Mausoleum



A diocesan campaign is underway to build a mausoleum for unborn children lost through miscarriage and early infant death in an area of San Lorenzo cemetery in St. Augustine. Precious Ones will be interred at no cost to their families. There will be a garden and a bench for families visiting, and baby and family names may be printed on paver bricks (for \$150). DONATIONS ARE WELCOME to help families deal with the loss of their Precious Ones! Precious Ones burial swaddles and outfits are also available free of charge by contacting the Diocese Office of Human Life and Dignity at (904) 262-3200, ext. 159. Our St Joseph Human Life & Dignity Ministry will contribute \$25 (possibly more with donations) to the family to offset the cost of the Memorial Paver Brick for each Precious One lost.

Construction has begun and is currently paused awaiting delivery of the foundation slab, projected to be in late March or early April. Following delivery, completion of the mausoleum should only be a matter of weeks. Until completion of the Mausoleum, an arrangement has been made with 2 funeral homes to keep remains until their interment. Precious Ones will be buried in a common grave (vault). Each vault will be labelled with the name of a Saint, while the Memorial Paver Bricks can be personalized with Precious Ones' names.

St Joseph's Catholic Cemetery



Families who wish to keep the remains of their Precious Ones locally in our Cemetery can do so. The remains are kept in a common vault (cost is \$500). On the Western face of the Mausoleum in the upper right side is the vault for the unborn. Records are kept of the babies' names and dates. Our St Joseph Human Life Dignity Ministry will contribute \$25 (possibly more with donations) to the family to offset the cost of the interment for each Precious One lost.



Memorial to the Unborn



Parents who didn't have the opportunity to keep the remains of their Precious Ones for interment still have a place in our cemetery to pray for their lost loved ones. The Monument to the Unborn was provided by our Knights of Columbus and is located on the Eastern side of the Cemetery.

Tiny Saints Promotion

St Joseph Catholic School has been entered in the Catholic Schools Week promotion from Tiny Saints and 4 Marks Printing. Let's help our school win a free Tiny Saint for every student and a t-shirt of our patron saint for every staff member – a prize valued up to \$10,000. All we have to do is get as many votes as possible. Voting is easy. Here's the link [CSW Patron Promotion – Tiny Saints](https://www.tinysaints.com/pages/csw-patron-promotion) (try typing this if the link doesn't work <https://www.tinysaints.com/pages/csw-patron-promotion>) and the QR Code...



Visit [TinySaints.com](https://www.tinysaints.com)
or scan the QR code to
vote for my school!

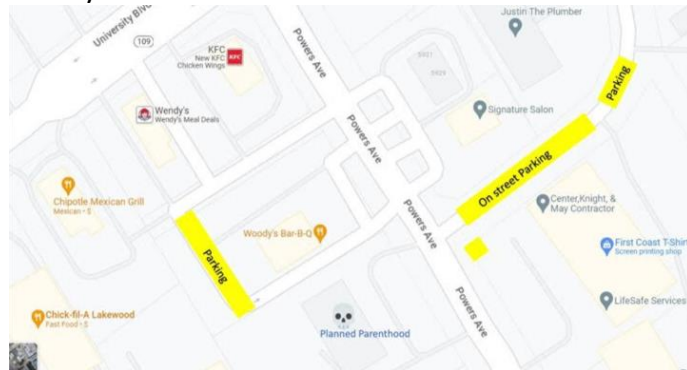


You must be 18 or older to vote and students are not allowed to participate (but I'm sure they can teach their teachers, parents, grandparents, friends, parishioners...how to do it). The winning school will be chosen in a raffle, so the more votes we get, the greater our chance of winning. Let's help our teachers and students grow in devotion to our patron saint – St Joseph. The voting window closes February 22 at midnight, and the winner will be announced on February 23.

Praying to end Abortion at Planned Parenthood



The Lenten 40 Days For Life Campaign begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14 and runs through March 24. Parishioner Savannah O'Brien is leader for the Jacksonville effort at the Planned Parenthood location on Powers Avenue. Sign up online at <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/Jacksonville>. Please try to get a Prayer Pal to sign up and stand with you. Let me know if you can't get one and Savannah and I will try to obtain one for you.



Our First Saturdays' Church Bus trip to Planned Parenthood following the 8:00am mass has been successfully run for the past 13 months. Come out and join us! The Bus departs around 8:45am from the Historic Church parking lot and returns around 10:30am. We supply Pro-life signs but bring your own Rosary. You don't have to ride the bus; you can drive yourself and meet us at Planned Parenthood (5978 Powers Ave). However, the parking situation is a bit uncertain. The sale of the Latino Plaza next door to Planned Parenthood apparently did not go through, so the chains have been removed and that convenient parking area is "open." However, a call to the Police from an individual claiming to be the "owner" of the building resulted in us being directed to move our vehicles or risk them being towed. We suspect that the call was a hoax, as the name of the caller was not the owner identified on county property records. We are trying to resolve this issue, and Pro-Life Prayer Pals are being warned that parking in this area is at your own risk until we resolve this situation permanently. The map shows the alternative parking areas. Since our last Communiqué I witnessed 64 hours over a period of 33 days. We observed 467 "customers" enter, had 2 firm SAVES and 1 potential SAVES, received 3170 positive and 195 negative reactions from passersby, and passed out 29 pro-life informational handouts. Thank you Lucy, Savannah, Normand, Alan, Lana, Rick, Pauline, Yebraill, Robert, Marilyn, 2 Mike's, Barb, Fran, Mary Jane, Patty, Linda, Pat, Luis, Marcus, Bernadette, John, Wylie, Elena, Sara, David, Ainsley, Caine, Taylor, Nicholas, Ben, Victoria, Daniel, Carileen, George, Joyce, Randy, 2 Don's, Sharon, Magaly, Alpha, Melissa, Janette, Max, Ellen, Celia, Michelle, Adrian, Denise, 2 Williams, 2 Anthonys, Ellen, Celia, Janette, Violetta, Elizabeth, Filipe, Christian, Vickie, Carol, Leo, Mary, Jim, Lady, Ruben, Russ, Priscilla, Theresa, Lisa and anyone else I may have missed who came out to stand up for the unborn at any of the 3 abortion clinics in Jacksonville. I invite, encourage, and pray all St Joseph pro-lifers to do the same, as their circumstances permit. We continue to have difficulty maintaining a pro-life presence on the sidewalk at Planned Parenthood during weekday hours. Having young people on the sidewalk is a great visual and a resource to effectively communicate with "customers" who are members of the same generation. Please pass the word to faithful pro-life people you know. They do not have to be parishioners or Catholic. Give them my contact information (paulmunnell@gmail.com, phone 941-416- 1325).



St. Joseph Catholic Church *Holy Hour for Life*

Our regularly scheduled Holy Hours for Life are on the first Wednesday of the month in the Cody Center Chapel from 7:00-8:00pm. Our next Holy Hour for Life will be on Wednesday, March 6, 7:00-8:00pm. Please come and help us pray for the unborn in Eucharistic Adoration if you can.

Respect Life Parish Collection

A diocese-wide collection for the benefit of Pregnancy Centers, Maternity Homes, and Healing After Abortion programs/initiatives of the Office of Human Life and Dignity was held during our weekend masses on January 13/14 and the TLM masses on January 21. The collection brought in over \$7,000. Thank all of you who contributed for your generosity.

Red Bird Ministries Workshop

The Diocese of St. Augustine is hosting



A *Catholic* GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY

Loving through Loss

Workshop for families who have suffered the loss of a child- miscarriage to an adult.

Saturday, March 23, 2024

St. Joseph Parish Cody Center 4114 Loretto Rd. Jacksonville, FL 32223

Pre-Registration: \$30 per person. Day of Workshop Registration: \$35 per person

Price includes continental breakfast, lunch, journal

Registration begins at 8:30 AM

Workshop runs from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Reconciliation is available from 4:30 PM-5:30 PM Mass is at 5:30 PM

Contact Regina Quinones at (904) 910-7221 or reginaguinones@gmail.com to register

Human Life and Dignity Resources (Quick Reference Guide)

With so many local resources and opportunities to help support a culture of life and not enough space to get all these in our Bulletin, I have this as a regular space in our Communique. If you know of any other resources that provide support in these areas of our ministry, let me know.

Help with High-Risk Pregnancy

Wolfson Children's [High-Risk OB / Perinatal](#) | [Wolfson Children's](#) | Jacksonville, FL ([wolfsonchildrens.com](#))
University of Florida Health Jacksonville [High-Risk Pregnancy - Pregnancy \(mother and baby care\) - UF Health Jacksonville \(ufhealthjax.org\)](#) and [Heart Care in Pregnancy - Women's Health - UF Health](#)
St Vincent's (Level III NICU) [Healthcare](#) | [Ascension](#)
Doctor Ratings [Best High Risk Pregnancy Doctors in Jacksonville, FL | Healthgrades](#)
Pre Natal and Post-Partum Help [\(16\) The Motherhood Space - YouTube](#) and [Find Postpartum Support With 'The Motherhood Space' \(jacksonvillemom.com\)](#)

Unborn Advocacy

"Why We're Pro Life" links to ebooks ([Why We're Pro-Life \(catholic.com\)](#) English and [Por que Somos Provida \(catholic.com\)](#) Español
First Saturdays Prayer Bus Pilgrimage to and Pro Life advocacy at Planned Parenthood. Leaves Historic Church at 8:45am, returns by 10:30am. Contact Paul at paulmunnell@gmail.com or 941-416-1325 if interested in more frequent vigils to Planned Parenthood on any day of the week.
Holy Hour for Life in Eucharistic Adoration, 1st Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00pm

Unplanned Pregnancy?

Divine Mercy House Maternity Home [Divine Mercy House](#) Contact Amy at 904-268-6282 [Contact/Resident Application — Divine Mercy House](#)
First Coast Women's Services [Pregnancy Help & Information Jacksonville, FL • Free Pregnancy Clinic Services \(fcws.org\)](#) 904-262-6300
Pregnancy Resource Center Information [PRC-Directory-2023.pdf \(dosafll.com\)](#)

Adoption/Foster Parenting

Choose Life License Plates [Choose Life - Florida \(flchoose-life.org\)](#) 386-339-1885
Foster Parenting/Family Support Services [Foster Care - Family Support Service of North Florida, Inc. \(fssjax.org\)](#)
Isaiah 117 House [Isaiah 117 House](#)
Foster Closet [Home - Foster Closet](#)

Currently Involved with Abortion?

Abortion Pill Reversal [Abortion Pill Reversal - Home](#) 877-558-0333 Changed your mind/heart? Save your baby.
Abortion Worker [Home | abortionworker.com](#) or call 888-570-5501 Escape the Abortion Industry and get assistance to find respectable health care work.

Post Abortion Healing

Rachel's Vineyard [Rachel's Vineyard \(rachelsvineyard.org\)](#) Local rachelsvineyardjax@yahoo.com 904-221-3232
Mary Huston
Support After Abortion [Support After Abortion](#) 833-403-HEAL (4325)
Can't Stay Silent [Can't Stay Silent \(cantstaysilent.com\)](#)

Reproductive Loss

Grief Share [Need Help Dealing with Grief? - GriefShare](#)

Red Bird Ministries [Red Bird Ministries | Human Life & Dignity -Human Life & Dignity \(dosafl.com\)](#) Contact Regina at reginabquinones@gmail.com

Special Needs

Camp I Am Special [Camp I Am Special | Catholic Charities Jacksonville \(ccbjax.org\)](#) Contact (904) 230-7447 campiamspecial@ccbjax.org

Morning Star School [Morning Star School | \(morningstar-jax.org\)](#) Contact Abbie Johnson (904)721-2144 development@morningstar-jax.org

End of Life

Guide to Palliative Care and Hospice Catholic [Catholic Guide to Palliative Care and Hospice — The National Catholic Bioethics Center \(ncbcenter.org\)](#)

Palliative Care & Hospice for Children [Community PedsCare® | Community Hospice & Palliative Care](#)

Health Care Advance Directives [Patients Rights Council](#)

Euthanasia / Physician-Assisted Suicide [to-live-each-day-with-dignity-hyperlinked.pdf \(usccb.org\)](#)

Death Penalty

Death Penalty [Death Penalty | Human Life & Dignity -Human Life & Dignity \(dosafl.com\)](#)

Prison Ministry [Prison Ministry -Prison Ministry \(dosafl.com\)](#) Contact John Chick, Director 904-293-3807 or jchick@dosafl.com or Local at St Joseph Deacon Corky Hecht dcncorky91@yahoo.com

Human Trafficking

Blue Campaign [Blue Campaign | Homeland Security \(dhs.gov\)](#) 888-373-7888 Human Trafficking Hotline

Asservo Project [Home - The Asservo Project](#)

Same-Sex Attraction

Courage & Encourage [About - Courage International, Inc. \(couragerc.org\)](#) Contact: Fr. Ed Murphy (904) 797-4842 ewmurphy59@gmail.com

Desert Stream/Living Waters Ministry [Who We Are | Desert Stream Living Waters](#)

Thank you all for helping to build a culture of life!

Wishing you a purposeful Lent as we prepare for His Passion and Resurrection!

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