

St Joe's Respect Life Community Communiqué, April 23

New Respect Life Co-Coordinator Savannah O'Brien



Savannah O'Brien has been appointed as the new Respect Life Co-Coordinator. Savannah has been very active at St Joseph, is active in the Young Adult Traditional Latin Mass community, regularly stands with us at Planned Parenthood, and has served as the leader for the 40 Days For Life Fall Campaign and the 40 Days For Life Lenten Campaign. Congratulations Savannah! She's succeeding Rose Mary Danforth, who has served as a faithful and wise advisor as Co-Coordinator for the past 8 years. Rose Mary will continue to be a valuable consultant to the ministry, and we thank her for her steadfast support for Human Life and Dignity from the womb to the tomb.

April 1 Good News / Bad News Rulings

The Good News. The Florida Supreme Court ruled that the Florida State Constitution does not include a "right" to an abortion and upheld the 15-week ban protecting innocent preborn humans from abortion from that point until birth (with some exceptions). As a result, the 6-week ban that the legislature passed and the governor signed into law in 2022 will go into effect on May 1 protecting more babies in the womb! At least until November. And now...

The Bad News. The same Florida Supreme Court ruled that the following misleading ballot language proposed by pro-abortion forces (the ACLU and Planned Parenthood) could be included on the November 2024 ballot...

No. 4 Constitutional Amendment, Article 1, New Section
Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion

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.

☐ Yes ☒ No  **VOTE "NO!"**

A preview of what Florida voters will see on the ballot this November.

If successful, this would create a "right" to abortion in the Florida Constitution, and no legislation, past or future, could overturn this so-called "right." Mothers could legally abort their unborn children for any reason up to the point of "viability" and until birth if a "healthcare provider" determines it necessary to protect the mother's "health." The wording is unclear and misleading. For example, the term "viability" is not defined, and "healthcare provider" isn't limited to a physician (could be a physician assistant and FL Statute 440.13 even states the term includes a "health care facility"). The protection of the patient's "health" is not clearly defined (doesn't mean a life-threatening condition). The Amendment would also eliminate the requirement for parental or guardian consent before a minor has an abortion (it would only require notification). In May 2024 the protections for pre-borns at 6-weeks up until birth go into effect. This Amendment would eliminate all those protections and make Florida a late-term abortion destination. All 3 women justices on the Florida Supreme Court ruled the ballot summary misleading and should have been rejected. Unfortunately, the 4 male justices disagreed and, as the majority, let the language stand. The language "...Limit Government Interference..." is purposely crafted to mislead and attract pro-life conservative, libertarian, republican and independent voters with a distrust of big government. Pro-abortion forces realize they can't get the needed 60% without drawing support from this population. Both Pro-life and Pro-choice voters of all political persuasions should vote "NO" on this extreme, barbaric, abortion amendment as it goes beyond what most voters would support. The scientific, moral, and religious truth is that every preborn child, from the moment of conception, is a human being with a God-given right to life. The truth is that abortion terminates an innocent human life (it's murder). Please pass the word, educate, and encourage all those you have influence with to vote "NO" on 4 in November.

VOTE
NO
ON **4**

Fetal Models & Video Aids

To educate parishioners and visitors to St Joseph's Fr Ruchinski authorized our ministry to purchase the fetal models below. They show human development in the womb at 12-weeks, 16-weeks, 22-weeks, and 26-weeks to help to convey the humanity of the unborn. These models have started making the rounds at various ministry events such as the TMIY group, CRHP retreat, and the Feast of the Annunciation Mass at A Women's Choice of Jacksonville (see details below). If your ministry would like to have a short presentation on Abortion in Jacksonville, in Florida, on Amendment 4, as well as see, touch, and handle the fetal models please contact me at paulmunnell@gmail.com or 941-416-1325 and I will be glad to come to your next meeting. We plan to display these models over the upcoming months in the main church welcome area until the November election to help show the innocent lives that are being sacrificed on the altar of convenience in today's world and to persuade all to follow the truth and the Catholic faith on the issue of Life and to protect the most vulnerable. Realizing that these models can't be passed around to everyone, a useful visual aid is viewing, showing, and sharing the Meet Baby Olivia Video with your family, friends, neighbors, and anyone with an open mind and caring heart. Tell all to vote NO on 4!



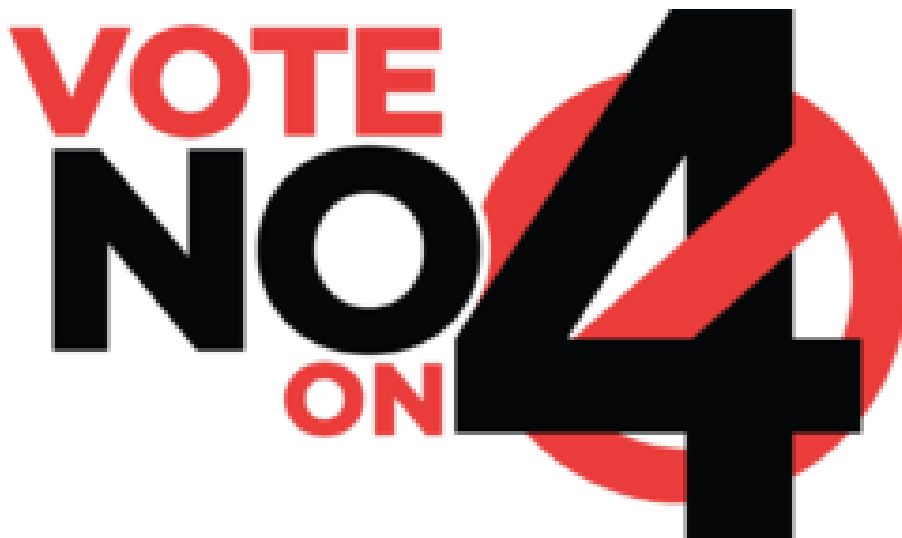
**VOTE
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Want to Learn How we can Defeat Amendment 4?

The First Coast is offering TWO distinct opportunities for you...

1. The Human Life and Dignity Office in The Diocese of St Augustine will host training How to Defeat Amendment 4 on November Ballot with Guest Speaker Sara Johnson, Statewide Grassroots Director for Florida Voters Against Extremism. Please come, gain knowledge, materials, and a motivating force that you will take back to your parish and community. Date: May 7th Time 10-12 Location: Corpus Christi Catholic Church- Marian Hall, 6175 Datil Pepper Rd, St. Augustine, FL. RSVP: Maureen Shilkunas, Director of Human Life and Dignity mshilkunas@dosaf1.com.
2. The Duval County Republican Assembly is an organization of conservative activists skilled in political campaigns. We are explicitly Judeo-Christian in our values and worldview. Our next meeting is on Wednesday, May 8th at 6:00 PM at the Salem Centre located at 7235 Bentley Road. We'll be forming our "Pro-Life Committee to Defeat Amendment 4" at this meeting and need volunteers. If you plan to attend please RSVP to DuvalCRA2024@gmail.com If you have any questions call or text Robin Lumb at (904) 610-8811.

Space may be limited. Please RSVP soon to Robin and/or Maureen if you plan to attend their event.



Feast of the Annunciation

Mass at A Woman's Choice of Jacksonville...



And Eucharistic Procession...



On April 8, 2024, the Feast of the Annunciation, our Bishop Eric Pohlmeier brought Jesus to the largest abortion facility in Jacksonville. The bishop celebrated an outdoor Mass in the parking lot adjacent to the abortion mill along with an estimated 250 clergy, Knights of Columbus, and laity from the Diocese of St Augustine. The bishop led us in two Rosaries, two Eucharistic processions, and Benediction. The abortion mill 'escorts' were out in full force wearing their rainbow vests, and they met the clients at their cars to shield them with large rainbow umbrellas. There was plenty of police presence to avoid any altercations as we processed by the abortion facility and prayed. We saw way too many clients going into this abortion mill...so please continue to pray to end the evil of abortion. God, please help America return to You!

"A nation that kills its own children has no hope for the future." Pope John Paul II



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, May 1, 7:00-8:00pm. Please come and help us pray for the unborn in Eucharistic Adoration if you can.

Praying to end Abortion at Planned Parenthood



Our First Saturdays' Prayer Pilgrimage Church Bus trip to Planned Parenthood following the 8:00am mass has been successfully run for the past 17 months. Come out and join us! The Bus departs around 8:45am from the Historic Church parking lot and returns to the same place around 10:30am. We supply Pro-life signs but bring your own Rosary. You don't have to climb aboard the bus, you can drive yourself and meet us at Planned Parenthood (5978 Powers Ave). The Holy Spirit has moved some of our parishioners to stand as witnesses, praying for the most vulnerable. Since our last Communiqué I witnessed 60 hours over a period of 34 days (several of those days I stood uncomfortably alone, so please get the word out to pro-life people to join me especially on weekdays). We observed 372 "customers" enter, received 3069 positive and 189 negative reactions from passersby, and passed out 20 "Blessing Bags" containing pro-life information. Thank you Lucy, Normand, Savannah, Alan, Lana, Marilyn, Elena, Sarah, Randy, Joyce, Steve, Ben, Cole, Pat, Michelle, 3 Mikes, Janette, Joan, Pamela, Sandra, Susan, John, Barb, Bernadette, Fran, Mary Jane, Patty, Linda, Don, Bill, Elizabeth, Vi, Rick, Pauline, Giselle, Cindy, Mathew, Isabella, Robert, Ines, Jean, Fred, Megan, Mary Ann, Tony, Cassaundra, Kevin, Magdaly, Francis, Carol, Pablo, Audrey, Tony, Luis, Musa, Christian, Maureen, MJ, George, Doc, Joan, Leydi, Jim, Mary, Ellen, Pam, Ruben, Butch, Nick, Max, Melissa, Alpha, Pauline, both Ricks, Mateo, Will, little ones Tomaso & Gianna, Caine, William, Dylan, Christian, Alexa, and Wayne [with six members of the Knights (of Columbus) On Bikes group] 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 that all St Joseph pro-lifers will 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).



We pray, listen, counsel, offer help, and try to redirect abortion-minded people on the sidewalk at the abortion facilities in Jacksonville to go to local pregnancy resource centers. Although we seldom see the benefits of our efforts, please take note of the success that the First Coast Women’s Services and Women’s Help Center pregnancy resource centers have had when we are able to redirect individuals/couples to them (87.8% of women @ WHC who saw ultrasounds chose Life!)...



And support pregnancy centers as much as you can. Here's an upcoming opportunity...

Women's Help Center Fund Raiser



Featuring Keynote Speaker Ingrid Skop, M.D. FACOG
Vice President and Director of Medical Affairs for the Charlotte Lozier Institute

World Golf Village Renaissance St Augustine Resort

Gala tickets are \$150 per person and may be purchased on our website at
www.whcjax.com, or by calling our offices at 904.398.5143.

RSVP by May 6

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 \(wolfsonchildrens.com\)](http://Jacksonville, FL (wolfsonchildrens.com))

University of Florida Health Jacksonville [High-Risk Pregnancy - Pregnancy \(mother and baby care\) - UF Health Jacksonville \(ufhealthjax.org\)](http://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-Pardum Help [\(16\) The Motherhood Space - YouTube](http://(16) The Motherhood Space - YouTube) and [Find Postpartum Support With 'The Motherhood Space' \(jacksonvillemom.com\)](http://Find Postpartum Support With 'The Motherhood Space' (jacksonvillemom.com))

Unborn Advocacy

"Why We're Pro Life" links to ebooks ([Why We're Pro-Life \(catholic.com\)](http://Why We're Pro-Life (catholic.com)) English and [Por que Somos Provida \(catholic.com\)\)](http://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 \(dosaf1.com\)](#)

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 \(dosaf1.com\)](#) 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 \(dosaf1.com\)](#)

Prison Ministry [Prison Ministry -Prison Ministry \(dosaf1.com\)](#) Contact John Chick, Director 904-293-3807 or [jchick@dosaf1.com](#) or Local at St Joseph Deacon Corky Hecht [dcncorky91@yahoo.com](#)

Human Trafficking

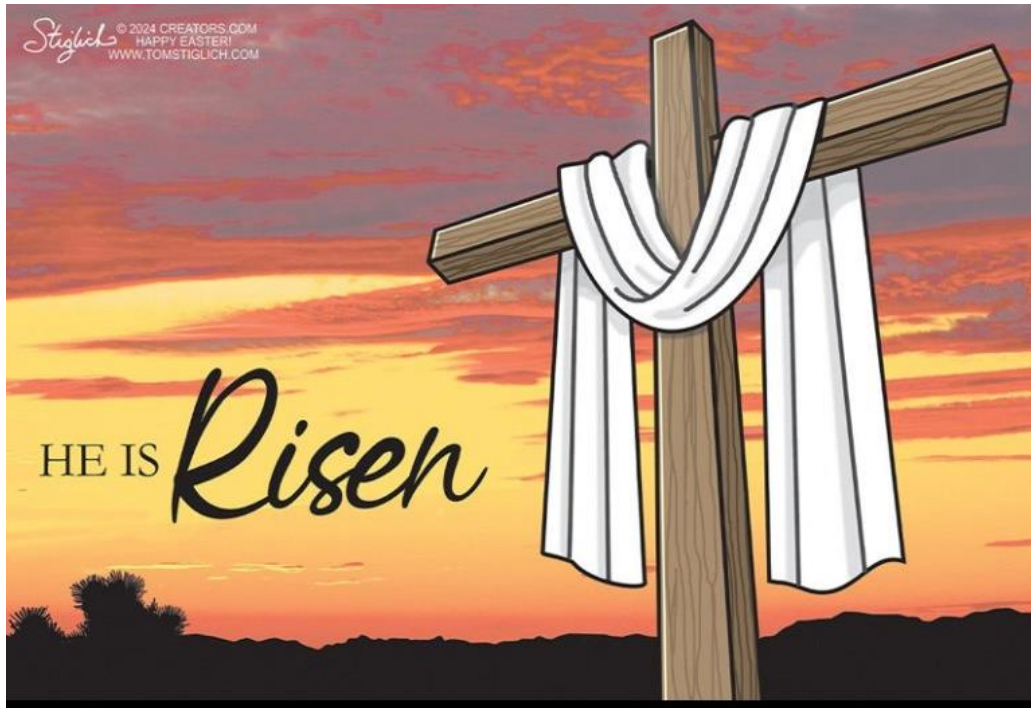
Blue Campaign [Blue Campaign](#) | [Homeland Security \(dhs.gov\)](#) 888-373-7888 Human Trafficking Hotline
Asservo Project [Home - The Asservo Project](#)

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!

He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!



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