

St Joe's Respect Life Community Communiqué, August 4

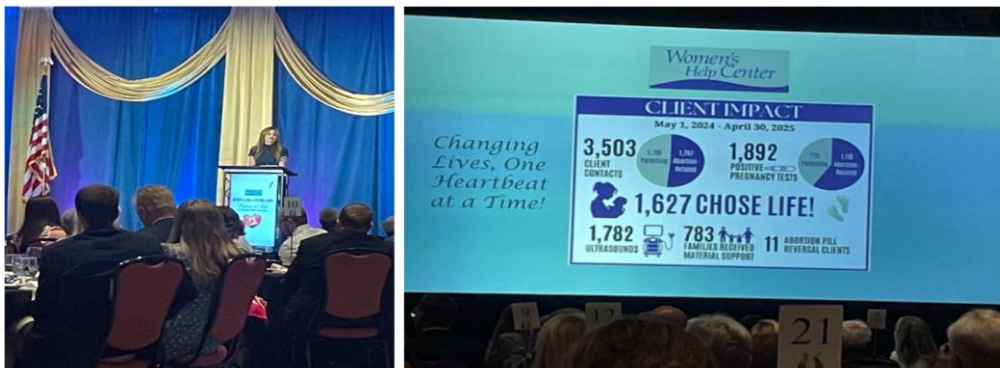
Savannah's Moving On/Up!

Our Respect Life Co-Coordinator, Savannah O'Brien has been hired by Students For Life and will be leaving for North Carolina August 9. She will serve Students for Life of America as a Campus Formation Coordinator, starting new pro-life groups on college campuses in the mid-Atlantic region! While with us at St Joseph Savannah has been a very active faithful Catholic. For the past 2 years she has been the leader of the Jacksonville 40 Days For Life Fall and Spring Campaigns. She's been active in the TLM Youth Group, Bible Study, Florida March For Life Board of Directors, Vote NO on 4! campaign, National Life Chain, Eucharistic Rosary Congress, Holy Hour For Life, Prayer Vigils at Planned Parenthood, and the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children. She's coordinated with Students for Life of America to bring in Sidewalk Counseling Training and to conduct the Defund Planned Parenthood Across American Life Chain campaign. Although we will miss Savannah in our ministry, she'll have an even bigger impact on Pro-Life efforts nationally, and we wish and pray for all the best in her future endeavors. 🙏❤️



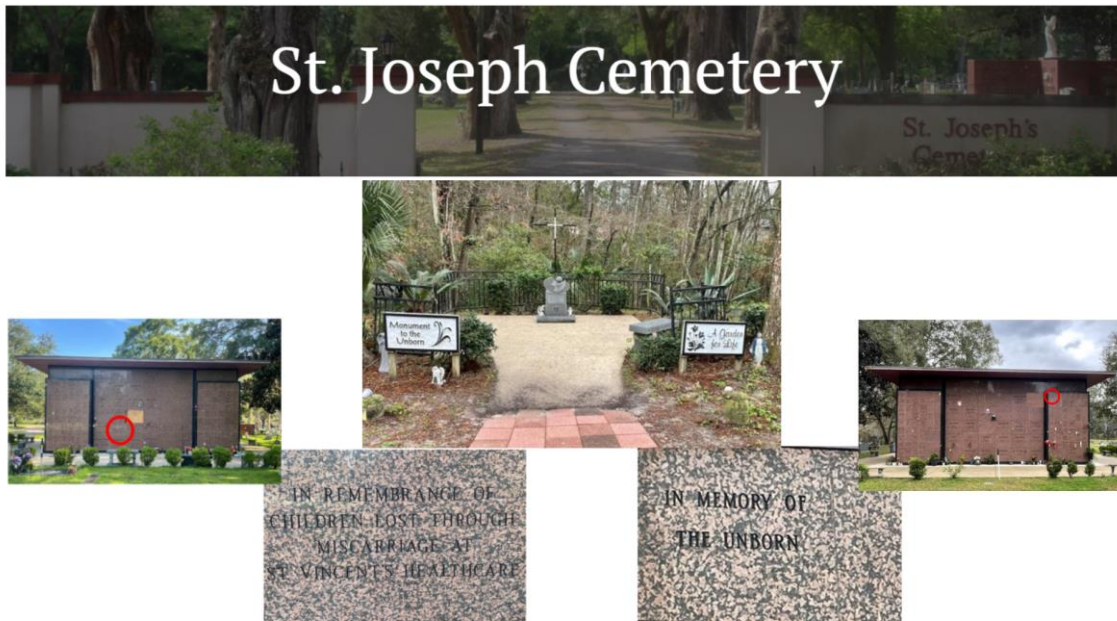
Women's Help Center Fund Raiser

Our parish was a "Defender" Sponsor for the WHC's May 22 Gala For Life. Dr. Abby Johnson, former Planned Parenthood Director, founder of And Then There Were None, author of the book "Unplanned" and contributor to "Unplanned" the Movie, was the keynote speaker. Fr Rodolfo and 11 of us St Joe's Respect Life Community members were able to attend her moving presentation. Nancy Basham, director of the Jacksonville Women's Help Center Southside location, also spoke of the significant impact that this pregnancy resource center network had over the past year...



Praying to End Abortion

First Saturday Prayers for the Unborn in St Joseph Cemetery. We held our first 3 events on the First Saturdays in June and July following the 8:00am Mass. This event was initiated due to our “pause” on the First Saturdays Church Bus Trips to Planned Parenthood. Our June event had 10 prayer pals meet in the St Joseph Cemetery to pray for the Unborn. In July we had a significant participation from the CRHP group as about 20 people joined us at the Monument to the Unborn and prayed the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Then 6 of our Respect Life folks then moved over to the Mausoleum’s vaults to pray the Rosary, and the CRHP group prayed at the Crucifix in the center of the cemetery. On August 2 we prayed the Divine Mercy Chaplet at the Monument to the Unborn with about 15 prayer pals and joined several more CRHP folks at the Crucifix to pray the Rosary. The vaults in our Mausoleum (containing the St Vincent's vault for miscarried/stillborn babies and the vault for the Unborn) and Monument to the Unborn are appropriate places to pray for babies prematurely lost to stillbirth, miscarriage, and abortion at any time. Please join us on First Saturdays if you can.



We continue to have a reduced presence at Planned Parenthood on Saturdays to interact with and educate their customers who go for other services, and to see if any abortion "doctors" begin to show up again on the weekend. The last time an abortionist showed up at Planned Parenthood on a Saturday was on December 7. Since our last Communiqué I witnessed 67 hours over 37 days with 37 prayer pals. We observed 371 “customers” enter, received 5,071 positive and 217 negative reactions from passersby, and passed out 32 “Blessing Bags” containing pro-life information. We didn’t witness any SAVES during this time. I invite, encourage, and pray that more St Joseph pro-lifers will come out as we have difficulty maintaining a pro-life presence on the sidewalk during weekday hours. Young people on the sidewalk are 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. Please direct interested faithful Pro-Life people to contact me at paulmunnell@gmail.com or 941-416-1325.

National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children



Our Human Life & Dignity ministry in partnership with the Knights of Columbus Council 10850 will be holding our memorial prayer service at the **Monument to the Unborn** on the grounds of St. Joseph's Cemetery, 4124 Loretto Rd., on Saturday, September 13 following the 8:00am Mass (about 9:00am). Everyone is invited, so bring along your pro-life family and friends! We expect the ceremony will take approximately 45 minutes to an hour. You are welcome to bring a folding chair. Bring your rosary and umbrella as well, and join us for this National Day of Prayer.



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, August 6. Please come and help us pray for the unborn in Eucharistic Adoration if you can.



Death Penalty...Florida Executions

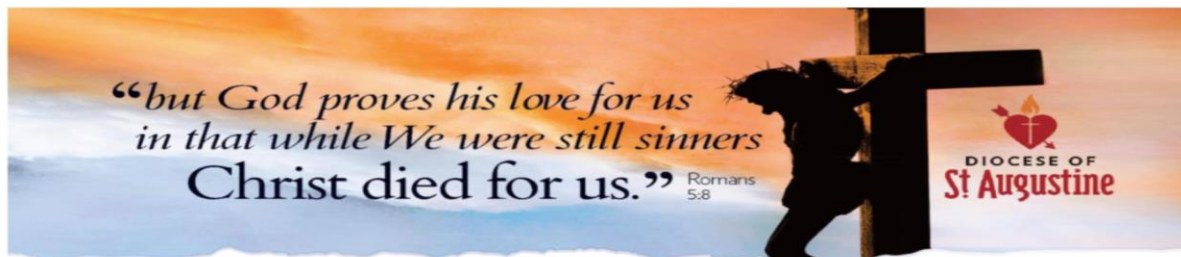
Anthony Wainwright was executed June 10 by the state of Florida for the 1994 kidnapping, rape, and murder of Carmen Gayheart. Prompted by the FCCB's Advocacy Network, members of our Respect Life Community were encouraged to message/petition to Gov DeSantis to commute Anthony's sentence to life without parole. That effort was unsuccessful. So, following the 8:00am morning Mass at the Historic Church Eucharistic Adoration was available in our Cody Center Chapel until 9:00pm for prayers. Intentions were made for Anthony, his victim Carmen Gayheart, and her family and friends immediately following exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the beginning of the day.

Thomas Gudinas was executed June 24 by the state of Florida for the 1994 rape and murder of Michelle McGrath. Prompted by the FCCB's Advocacy Network, members of our Respect Life Community were encouraged to message/petition to Gov DeSantis to commute Thomas' sentence to life without parole. That effort was unsuccessful. So, following the 8:00am morning Mass at the Historic Church Eucharistic Adoration was available in our Cody Center Chapel until 9:00pm for prayers. Intentions were made for Thomas, his victim Michelle, and her family and friends immediately following exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the beginning of the day. We transported 7 members of our Respect Life Community in our Church Bus that evening to a prayer service, from 5:30-6:30pm, at the Florida State Prison, the site of the execution.

Michael Bell was executed July 15 by the state of Florida for the 1993 murders of Jimmy West and Tamecka Smith. Prompted by the FCCB's Advocacy Network, members of our Respect Life Community were encouraged to message/petition to Gov DeSantis to commute Michael's sentence to life without parole. That effort was unsuccessful. So, following the 8:00am morning Mass at the Historic Church Eucharistic Adoration was available in our Cody Center Chapel until 9:00pm for prayers. Intentions were made for Michael, his victims Jimmy West and Tamecka Smith, and their families and friends immediately following exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the beginning of the day. We transported 9 members of our Respect Life Community in our Church Bus that evening to a prayer service, from 5:30-6:30pm, at the Florida State Prison, the site of the execution.

Edward Zakrzewski was executed by the state of Florida on July 31 for the 1994 murders of his wife Sylvia, son Edward, and daughter Anna. Prompted by the FCCB's Advocacy Network, members of our Respect Life Community were encouraged to message/petition to Gov DeSantis to commute Edward's sentence to life without parole. That effort was unsuccessful. So, following the 8:00am morning Mass at the Historic Church Eucharistic Adoration was available in our Cody Center Chapel until 9:00pm for prayers. Intentions were made for Ed, his victims Sylvia, Edward, and Anna Zakrzewski, and their families and friends immediately following exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the beginning of the day. We transported 12 members of our Respect Life Community in our Church Bus that evening to a prayer service, from 5:30-6:30pm, at the Florida State Prison, the site of the execution.

Upcoming Executions...



To get automatic alerts from FLCAN you can sign up at this link [Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops - FLORIDA CATHOLIC ADVOCACY NETWORK \(FLCAN\) - Tallahassee, FL.](#) When you receive the email/text message, just click on the “Take Action” button to make your voice known.

Prayer Vigil or Mass for the Execution of Kayle Bates Tuesday, August 19

*Pray for the souls of those sentenced to death.
Pray for the conversion of hearts for those who seek the death penalty.
Pray for the victims of all heinous crimes, especially Janet White and her family.*

Parish Schedule

Tuesday, August 19, from 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.
St. Paul - Escambia
(Day of Adoration)
2609 Park St., Jacksonville

Tuesday, August 19, from 8 to 7 p.m.
Corpus Christi
(Holy Hour) in Adoration Chapel
6175 Dault Pepper Rd., St. Augustine

Tuesday, August 19, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
St. Joseph
(Day of Adoration) in Gody Adoration Chapel
4152 Lorens Rd., Jacksonville

Tuesday, August 19, from 5 to 6 p.m.
St. Anastasia
(Holy Hour)
5205 A1A S., St. Augustine

Tuesday, August 19, from 3 to 3 p.m.
National Shrine of Our Lady of La Lucha
at Mission Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
Exposition in Main Church
101 San Marcos Ave., St. Augustine

Tuesday, August 19, at 4 p.m.
San Juan del Rio has a group of parishioners that will be
carpooling to the Florida State Prison. They will leave at 4
p.m. A priest will lead the Prayer Vigil at Florida State
Prison, 7819 NW 228th St., Raiford. Bring a chair.



Prayer Vigil or Mass for the Execution of Curtis Windom Tuesday, August 28

*Pray for the souls of those sentenced to death.
Pray for the conversion of hearts for those who seek the death penalty.
Pray for the victims of all heinous crimes, especially Jamie Lee, Valerie Davis, Mary Labin, and their families.*

Parish Schedule

Tuesday, August 28, from 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.
St. Paul - Escambia
(Day of Adoration)
2609 Park St., Jacksonville

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Parish Bus Prayer Vigil Trips to Florida State Prison for executions. Please check for email alerts as executions are scheduled and RSVP on SignUpGenius to join us.




Death Penalty Town Hall

On June 8 we hosted a presentation in the Cody Center..."Executing Hope: A Conversation with Florida Death Row Spiritual Advisors." Fr. Jeff Hood, an Old Catholic Priest from St. Oscar Romero Parish in Little Rock, AR, who is a Spiritual Advisor, Death Rows Nationwide, along with our Deacon Corky, conducted this Town-Hall style discussion on the Death Penalty from an inside the Death Chamber perspective, and through the eyes of the "Person" being executed. Fr. Jeff has accompanied 9 souls he has helped in their final moments through an execution. Deacon Corky recently escorted Sgt. Jeffrey G. Hutchinson, a former Army Ranger to his death by execution on May 1st. Bishop Felipe J. Estévez, S.T.D. (emeritus), John Chick (Coordinator, Diocese of St Augustine Prison Ministry Program), and Maureen Shilkunas (Director, Human Life & Dignity Office) were present along with about 40 community leaders, advocates for the abolishment of the death penalty, volunteers in Jail/Prison Ministry, and Respect Life Community members. The meeting was recorded as part of a documentary by Rolling Stone magazine about the Death Penalty.



Muffins4Life

We're making another pitch for our diocese-wide monthly get togethers for people interested in Life issues. Guest speakers from various areas in the Human Life & Dignity ministry make presentations on timely issues and plenty of delicious muffins are served. The cost is FREE, but occasionally donations are requested for specific purposes (i.e. "Special Request: Please bring donations for Rachel's Vinyard. Items needed are: ..."). These meetings are held at different locations within our diocese, provide a great opportunity to hear what's going on, and serve as an excellent way to network with faithful people in the Human Life & Dignity Ministry (not just Catholics). The next Muffins4Life will be August 20, at St. Anastasia Parish in St. Augustine. Guest speaker is Sara Johnson, Grass Roots Director for the Vote No on 4 Campaign. Look for "Muffins4Life" yard signs to direct you. The September 17 Muffins4Life will be at St. John the Baptist Parish in Atlantic Beach, Jacksonville (Mayport Rd). Guest Speakers are Paul Munnell and Wayne Friday (Respect Life Coordinators). You can scan the QR code or click here to register [Muffins4Life RSVP](#).




Muffins4Life


All are welcome!
Registration required, scan QR Code to register.

*The Office of Human Life & Dignity
Invites You to join us
Every 3rd Wednesday of the month
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.*

Location changes each month.

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OFFICE OF HUMAN LIFE & DIGNITY

Contact us at hld@dosaf1.com



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-Pardum Help [Welcome to the Motherhood Space Day Program! Mental Health Support for New Moms \(youtube.com\)](#) 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

Pro Life advocacy at Planned Parenthood. Daily vigils on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and select Saturdays. Contact Paul at paulmunnell@gmail.com or 941-416-1325.

Cemetery Prayer Vigils at Monument to the Unborn, First Saturdays following 8:00am Mass.

Holy Hour for Life in Eucharistic Adoration, First Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00pm.

Unplanned Pregnancy?

Divine Mercy House Maternity Home [Divine Mercy House](#) Contact Amy at 904-268-6282

[Contact — 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 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 \(rachelsvineyard.org\)](http://rachelsvineyard.org) Local rachelsvineyardjax@yahoo.com or call Mary Huston at 904-221-3232

Support After Abortion [Support After Abortion](http://supportafterabortion.org) 833-403-HEAL (4325)

Can't Stay Silent [Can't Stay Silent \(cantstaysilent.com\)](http://cantstaysilent.com)

Reproductive Loss

Grief Share [Red Bird Ministries | Human Life & Dignity -Human Life & Dignity \(dosafl.com\)](http://redbirdministries.org)

Red Bird Ministries [Red Bird Ministries | Human Life & Dignity -Human Life & Dignity \(dosafl.com\)](http://redbirdministries.org)

Contact Regina at reginabquinones@gmail.com

Special Needs

Camp I Am Special [Camp I Am Special | Catholic Charities Jacksonville \(ccbjax.org\)](http://campiamspecial.org)

Contact (904) 230-7447 campiamspecial@ccbjax.org

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

San Sebastian Catholic Church Deaf Ministry [6 San Sebastián Catholic Church Deaf Ministry-St. Augustine, FL | Facebook](http://6sansebastiancatholicchurch.org)

End of Life

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

Palliative Care & Hospice for Children [Community PedsCare® | Community Hospice & Palliative Care Health Care Advance Directives Patients Rights Council](http://communitypedscare.org)

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

Death Penalty

Death Penalty [Death Penalty | Human Life & Dignity -Human Life & Dignity \(dosafl.com\)](http://deathpenalty.org)

Prison Ministry [Prison Ministry - Diocese of St. Augustine \(dosafl.com\)](http://prisonministry.org) Contact John Chick, 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 \(dhs.gov\)](http://bluecampaign.org) 888-373-7888 Human Trafficking Hotline

Asservo Project [Home - The Asservo Project](http://home-theasservo.org)

Same-Sex Attraction

Courage & Encourage [About - Courage International, Inc. \(couragerc.org\)](http://courageinternational.org)

Contact: Fr. Ed Murphy (904) 797- 4842 ewmurphy59@gmail.com

Desert Stream/Living Waters Ministry [Who We Are | Desert Stream Living Waters](http://whoweare.org)

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

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Paul Munnell

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