



RESPECT LIFE MONTH 2022 Holy Family Catholic Church

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What does it mean to be pro-life? Human life has an inherent dignity from the moment of conception. The Catholic Church promotes respect for human life at every stage of life and in any condition or circumstance of life. We oppose anything that is an affront to this dignity (e.g., abortion and euthanasia). We support efforts to uphold this dignity (e.g., support systems to help those in crisis pregnancies and health care ministries). It is good news to support the inherent dignity of all human life!

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

It organizes events and works of mercy to promote respect for human life at every stage, condition, and circumstance. In addition to what you will see on this page, activities also include the Baby Bottle Campaign for Women's Center West and educating parishioners about other life issues. **New members are always welcome!** Interested in joining? Send an email to Kathy Parkerson (kaparker03@outlook.com).

PRAYER THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

During the Prayer of the Faithful of Holy Mass, we pray for respect for the dignity of human life at every stage, condition, and circumstance.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

HFC completed the most recent program, which was held from October 2021 to July 2022. Thanks to the many participants. Thanks also to contributors to the Baby Shower on June 5, 2022 to help Women's Center West beneficiaries. The next program will be held from October 2023 to July 2024.

STOCKING OUR FOOD PANTRY

Staffed by the Holy Family Conference of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, parishioners donate many items of non-perishable food throughout the year for those who are in need

Currently, the SVDP requests these **non-perishable** donations: cereal, cookies, canned fruit, canned green beans, Jello[©], jelly, canned mixed vegetables, muffin mix, pasta, and pasta sauce. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

OCTOBER POOR BOX BENEFICIARY

Women's Center West of Catonsville was founded in 1984. It provides spiritual, material, financial, and educational resources to help those with unexpected pregnancies to choose life.

BLESSING OF MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS

Saturday, October 15 at 4 PM Sunday, October 16 at 7:30 AM & 11 AM

October 18 is the Feast of Saint Luke the Evangelist. A Syrian physician from Antioch, he is the author of the third Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. Saint Luke is the patron saint of the medical profession. The Celebrant will bless medical professionals at the end of the Prayers of the Faithful.

HOLY MASS & ANOINTING OF THE SICK Saturday, October 29 at 4 PM

Receiving the sacraments in the Catholic Church requires Catholic faith in the sacraments as instituted by Christ and entrusted to His Church. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is for:

- Those whose health is seriously impaired by sickness (including mental illness) or old age.
- Those who are preparing for surgery whenever a serious illness is the reason for it.
- Elderly persons who have become notably weakened but do not have a serious illness.
- This sacrament includes the forgiveness of sins. That is the reason that sick children who have reached the age of reason (usually age 7 and older) can receive this sacrament.