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Respect Life SUNDAY



Blessing of Animals
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RESPECT LIFE MONTH

October 2025



RESPECT LIFE MONTH STATEMENT

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Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas
Chairman, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities

With great joy we celebrate October as Respect Life Month amid the Church's Jubilee Year of Hope. This Jubilee Year "offers us the opportunity to appreciate anew, and with immense gratitude, the gift of the new life that we have received in Baptism, a life capable of transfiguring death's drama."¹ The life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ is the foundation of our hope. Through Christ, our sins are forgiven, death is overcome, and life is victorious.

Yet, the daily headlines remind us of how desperately our world is thirsting for the hope that only God can provide. Every day we witness the overwhelming disregard for human life: through rising rates of abortion and assisted suicide; the killing of innocent school children, even at prayer; the mistreatment of our immigrant sisters and brothers as they endure an environment of aggression; and political and ideological violence inflicted against unsuspecting victims. These attacks threaten life precisely when it is most vulnerable and in need of protection.

Despite these realities, the gift of human life exists as a sign of hope to our world today, defying the powers of darkness and the culture of death. It is of the utmost importance that we work to ensure that every life, in every stage and circumstance, is protected in law.

Earlier this year, history was made when Planned Parenthood and other big abortion businesses were banned from receiving federal Medicaid dollars for one year. I thank Catholics across the country who

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have embraced a [nationwide call to prayer](#) for the end of all taxpayer funding of abortion centers, and I ask that we continue those prayers throughout the month of October.

This Jubilee Year we are challenged to be agents of hope to those whose hearts are burdened by trial, difficulty, or suffering, offering them the hope that comes from Christ Jesus alone. [*Walking with Moms in Need*](#) and [*Project Rachel Ministry*](#) are just two examples of how the Church continuously reaches out with love, compassion, and mercy to those most in need of a message of hope.

As we begin Respect Life Month, together we embrace the words of Pope Leo XIV, "How important it is that each and every baptized person feel himself or herself called by God to be a sign of hope in the world today."² Each of us is called to be a witness to the Gospel of Life, proclaiming in word and deed the innate goodness and dignity of every human person.

For information on Respect Life Month, visit <https://www.respectlife.org/>.

¹ Pope Francis, *Spes non confundit*, 20.

² Pope Leo XIV, Vatican News, May 26, 2025: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2025-05/pope-leo-xiv-africa-day-pilgrimage-blessing-vatican-basilica.html>.

respect life month novena



October 22-30, 2025

The annual Respect Life Month Novena prays for the protection of human life, from conception to natural death. Each day of the novena features a different pro-life prayer intention which is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.

Join thousands of Catholics in praying for life!

Sign Up!

Get the daily prayers by email or text message!
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Thursday, October 16th

6:00pm - 7:30

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This month's theme is prayer! Pray for the priests and people of our parish with the Sacred Heart novena, enjoy the Our Father skit, and learn the T.A.C.O.S. prayer. Experience small groups, Eucharistic Adoration, and the joy of friendship with other girls who love Jesus. Bring a friend and let us know you're coming (QR code below to RSVP on Evite) so we can have dinner ready for you!

Questions? Toni Carmon • tonicarmon@icloud.com

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Questions? Fr. Bob • frbob@stcatharine.com



St. Catharine Men



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Questions? Paul Wills • pkawills7@gmail.com



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Questions? Ed Stange • Grandknight@koc11354.org



Men's Rosary

Last Thursdays of the Month
7:30am in the Church

St. Catharine Women



1st Saturdays at 6:30am in the Parish Center

Women at the Well is for all women ages 18 and older who are looking for an opportunity to start, deepen, or renew their relationship with Jesus. We will connect with Jesus and other women in the parish through coffee, prayer, and small groups. Bring Jesus your heart and allow Jesus to fill you with His love.

Questions? Elyse Salisbury • ehueckel@gmail.com



October 5, 2025

Written by
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Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4 | 2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14 | Lk 17:5-10

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples: "When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'" I think what Jesus is drawing us to see is the humility we need as his disciples. It's easy to get puffed up, thinking, "Well, I've done this" or "I've done that" in service of God. We can even start to feel that God owes us. But we are called to love God for God's own sake, not for the accolades or even the reward that comes from faithfully serving him. St. Ignatius of Loyola penned a beautiful prayer called the Prayer for Generosity that expresses the sentiment that I feel is at the heart of our Scriptures today: "Eternal Word, only begotten Son of God, teach me true generosity. Teach me to serve you as you deserve. To give without counting the cost ... to sacrifice myself without thought of any reward save the knowledge that I have done your will." Let's ask God to help us to serve him with generous hearts.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In his second letter to Timothy, Paul calls us to "bear [our] share of the hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God." Serving the Lord requires that we rely on the gift of the Spirit within us who empowers us to serve courageously and generously. The good news, Paul tells us, is that "God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control." In our efforts to serve God and to share our faith with others, let's remember that it is God's grace that is at work within us, equipping us and strengthening us. Let's remember Jesus' promise that even if we only have faith the size of a tiny mustard seed, we can still do great things for God. Indeed, through the gift of faith and the gift of his Holy Spirit, God has truly given us immense spiritual power.

PRAY

Take a moment to examine your own heart. Is your discipleship fueled more by a hope of reward (heaven), or, by pure love of God? Take some time to pray with St. Ignatius of Loyola's Prayer for Generosity (the full text can be found online), asking the Lord to increase your generosity in serving him.

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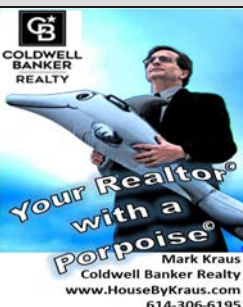
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A Saint in the Making: The Story of Sister Clare Crockett

By Maggie Cook

With the recent canonization of two young men on fire for the faith, St. Carlo Acutis and St. Pier Giorgio Frassati, I've been reflecting deeply on the reality all are called to sainthood. Our "yes" to this call and to the Lord changes our lives forever. And what God has planned for us is greater and more beautiful than we could ever imagine. This truth convicted my heart even more after hearing the extraordinary story of Sister Clare Crockett. Born in Ireland with dreams of becoming a movie star, Sr. Clare astonished the world with her complete abandonment to God's will in her life.



Sister Clare was born a millennial, in 1982, in Derry, North Ireland. Clare was witness to much violence and strife, especially between Catholics and Protestants. Her mother even recalls ducking from bullets and distantly hearing bombs erupt. However, her family fondly recounts how her charming personality and big dreams allowed her to rise above the difficult circumstances. From a young age, Clare had insatiable dreams of being famous. By her teenage years, Clare was well on the way to stardom, riches, and fame.

This all changed on Good Friday, in 2000. Clare arrived in Spain, on a trip she was invited to by a friend, to smoke and sunbathe. However, she quickly realized she may have been duped- the trip was actually a pilgrimage. Although uninterested at first, a friend eventually persuaded her to attend the services of Good Friday. Everything shifted when she got up to reverence the cross. As she gently kissed the feet of Jesus the realization that her sins nailed Him there came upon her. "He died for me, He loves me!"

Although Clare had experienced a profound encounter with the Lord, she reverted to her old life upon her return to Ireland. After becoming violently sick from a night of drinking, Clare once again heard the gentle voice of Jesus, and He enquired, "Why do you keep hurting Me?" After that, Clare was ready to give her all to the Lord.

She entered the Servant Sisters of the Home of the Mother at age 18, in 2001. Her zeal for the Eucharist and passion for the youth was noted. In 2010, Sister Clare of the Trinity and of the Heart of Mary made her final vows. "Your motto shall be this: Alone, for Christ alone."

From there, Sister Clare was sent on many missions, evangelizing and loving anywhere from the youth in Guayaquil to the small villages of Puyo. Guitar in hand and armed with her joyful voice, Sister Clare would make up songs with the children. Sister Clare spent her last years in Playa Preita, Ecuador, where she and her other sisters taught in their Catholic school.

A heavy quake began, and the school collapsed on Sister Clare and five other young girls. Once she encountered Love Himself, her entire life was changed. Sister Clare's life was modeled on total obedience and surrender to the Lord. Her cause for canonization is officially open, and she has merited the title. "Servant of God."

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We're so glad to see you! God loves you, and He has a great plan for your life! If you are new to St. Catharine, we want to thank you for coming and we look forward to worshipping God in Word and in Sacrament together today. Please remember to mute your cell phones and to observe sacred silence in the Church. Restrooms are located in the Undercroft and the Parish Center. If you need any assistance or have any questions, just find someone with a green lanyard. We hope to see you again!

TO THE PARENTS OF OUR YOUNG CHILDREN... May we suggest...relax! God put the wiggle in children, so don't feel that you must suppress it in God's house, but we do have a large quieting room and video-feed in the Parish Hall Gallery available if you feel the need to step out during Mass. But please do come back! Thank you so much for making the effort to be here, and never stop bringing your family to Mass. It's worth it.

TO THE MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH... The presence of children is a gift to the Church and they are a reminder that our congregation is growing. Any noise that our little ones make during Mass is pleasing to God's ears. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel



Sunday-Friday
6:00am-12:00am
Saturday
6:00am-4:00pm



Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Fridays at 3:00pm

Children's Holy Hour
Saturdays at 3:00pm

Confession

Wednesday 6:30pm
Saturday 9:00am

By appointment
info@stcatharine.com • 614-231-4509



ADORE Night

✙ Every Wednesday at 6:30pm ✙

A candle-lit evening of Eucharistic Adoration with Confession, songs of praise & worship, prayers, and devotions.

This Week

Sunday, October 5th: Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am **Holy Mass (People of the Parish)**
9:30am Baptism Class
11:00am **Holy Mass (Members of the Agriesti-Stegmann Family)**
12:00pm Blessing of the Animals
12:00pm Baptisms
5:00pm **Holy Mass (Bob & Marilyn Trapp)** 🕯

Monday, October 6th: Saint Bruno, Priest

8:00am **Holy Mass (Mary McGinty Bourke)**
6:30pm Scouts
7:00pm Choir Practice

Tuesday, October 7th: Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

8:00am **Holy Mass (Stephen & Mary Therese Duraney Family)**
7:00pm Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)
7:00pm Athletic Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 8th

12p-2p Parish Offices Closed
6:00pm **Holy Mass (Ray Bichimer)**
6:30pm **ADORE Night (Confession/Adoration)**

Thursday, October 9th

8:00am **Holy Mass (Steve and Becky Kebe Family)**
7:30pm Knights of Columbus Council Meeting

Friday, October 10th

8:00am **Holy Mass (Greg Kasson)**

Saturday, October 11th: Saint John XXIII, Pope

7:00am That Man Is You!
8:30am **Holy Mass (Anne Rideout)**
9:00am **Confessions**
4:00pm Wedding: Sheridan Seitz + Gabe Phillips

Sunday, October 12th: Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am **Holy Mass (Mary McGinty Bourke)**
11:00am **Holy Mass (Stephen Gilmore)** 🕯
12:00pm Baptisms
5:00pm **Holy Mass (People of the Parish)**

Offering and Attendance

Thank you for your presence and your generosity!

Sunday, September 21st

Envelope	\$ 2,462.00
Loose	\$ 2,352.00
EFT	\$ 11,185.00
Total	\$ 15,999.00
Diocesan Tax	\$ 1,599.90
Net	\$ 14,399.10

Sunday, September 28th Attendance

8:30am	339
11:00am	370
5:00pm	260
Total	969

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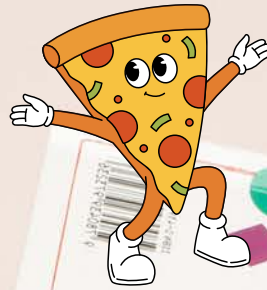


Women's Care Center



**THE CLASS THAT
BRINGS IN THE MOST
BOOKS WILL
RECEIVE A PIZZA
PARTY!**

book drive



**Monday, October 20th
thru
Friday, October 24th**

**STUDENTS CAN BRING BOOKS TO THEIR CLASSROOMS
ALL OTHERS CAN BE LEFT IN FRONT OF MOTHER TERESA IN THE PARISH CENTER**

Last year alone 2,647 babies were born after visiting the Women's Care Center. Our mission is to help pregnant women from our communities choose life for their babies, have healthier pregnancies, become better parents and take first steps to self-sufficiency. Help celebrate RESPECT LIFE MONTH by donating to The Women's Care Center book drive. Our goal is to give each client a children's book to take home with them after each visit. Did you know that more than 60% of low income children have no children's books at home to read? Help support literacy by donating a new or gently used book!

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