

Doctrinal Section by Fr. Voelker

The Participation of Catholics in Political Life

The Gospel of life is at the heart of Jesus' message. Lovingly received day after day by the Church, it is to be preached with dauntless fidelity as "good news" to the people of every age and culture. Man is called to a fullness of life which far exceeds the dimensions of his earthly existence, because it consists in sharing the very life of God.

All the crimes which can be committed against life, procured abortion has characteristics making it particularly serious and deplorable. The Second Vatican Council defines abortion, together with infanticide, as an "unspeakable crime".

But today, in many people's consciences, the perception of its gravity has become progressively obscured. The acceptance of abortion in the popular mind, in behaviour and even in law itself, is a telling sign of an extremely dangerous crisis of the moral sense, which is becoming more and more incapable of distinguishing between good and evil, even when the fundamental right to life is at stake. Given such a grave situation, we need now more than ever to have the courage to look the truth in the eye and to call things by their proper name, without yielding to convenient compromises or to the temptation of self-deception. In this regard the reproach of the Prophet is extremely straightforward: "Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness" (Is 5:20)...

The moral gravity of procured abortion is apparent in all its truth if we recognize that we are dealing with murder and, in particular, when we consider the specific elements involved. The one eliminated is a human being at the very beginning of life. No one more absolutely innocent could be imagined. In no way could this human being ever be considered an aggressor, much less an unjust aggressor! He or she is weak, defenceless, even to the point of lacking that minimal form of defence consisting in the poignant power of a newborn baby's cries and tears. The unborn child is totally entrusted to the protection and care of the woman carrying him or her in the womb. And yet sometimes it is precisely the mother herself who makes the decision and asks for the child to be eliminated, and who then goes about having it done.

It is true that the decision to have an abortion is often tragic and painful for the mother, insofar as the decision to rid herself of the fruit of conception is not made for purely selfish reasons or out of convenience, but out of a desire to protect certain important values such as her own health or a decent standard of living for the other members of the family. Sometimes it is feared that the child to be born would live in such conditions that it would be better if the birth did not take place. Nevertheless, these reasons and others like them, however serious and tragic, can never justify the deliberate killing of an innocent human being. ~ Evangelium Vitae by St. John Paul II

What is "Value Them Both?"

VALUE THEM BOTH is the proposed state constitutional amendment for life supported by the Catholic Bishops of Kansas. The amendment is crucial because the Kansas Supreme Court recently created a nearly unlimited "right" to abortion, including taxpayer-funded abortion, teens seeking an abortion without parental knowledge or consent and late-term abortions. Once passed, the **VALUE THEM BOTH** will help protect mothers and their unborn babies from the abortion industry. Please pray for passage of **VALUE THEM BOTH**.

Priest Schedules

Fr. Voelker will be gone the week of Oct. 5 thru the 9th. There will not be a daily Mass on Thursday, Oct. 8th.

Fr. Max will be gone the week of Oct. 12th thru the 16th. Fr. Voelker will have all daily Masses that week.

Seasons of Hope

A new "Seasons of Hope" series will be starting on Oct 21 at St. Mary's from 7-9pm. This 6 week course is based on our Catholic Faith & is for anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one. The cost is \$10 to cover the materials. For more information, please contact Carol at 316-772-8201 or Cheryl at 316-249-3779

Collection

Two (2) ushers/volunteers are needed to bag the collection after each weekend Mass. Please contact the office if you can help.

Italian Dinner Comm. Meeting

There will be a meeting to plan the 2021 Italian Dinner on Oct. 7th at 7pm in the Church Basement. Anyone interested in helping is invited to attend. If you have questions, please contact Elaine Robinson (620)899-9687 or JonAnn Duffek (970)301-3428.

Baby Bottle Campaign

Kansans for Life Baby Bottle Project campaign is coming soon! Baby bottles will be available for pickup in the back of church beginning October 4th. Please return on October 25th.

Adoration Hours

For the safety of our nighttime adorers, beginning November 1st, Adoration will only be on Mondays from 8am to 8pm. We will go back to the Mon - Wed schedule after Easter.

Anointing of the Sick

Fr Max will be available for the Anointing of the Sick on the 1st Tuesday of the month following the 5:30pm Mass.

Mass Volunteer Schedule, October 2020

3 & 4	Lector	Ushers/Volunteers	Cantor / Counters
5:30 PM	Marvin Neises		
8:30 AM	Ruthe Spexarth		Liz Wasson
11:00 AM	Joe Gerber		Elaine Robinson & Mike Armendariz
10 & 11	Lector	Ushers	Cantor / Counters
5:30 PM	Carol Denno		
8:30 AM	Kirk Bridges		Carrie Bridges
11:00 AM	David Wendling		David Wendling & Barb Ward
17 & 18	Lector	Ushers	Cantor / Counters
5:30 PM	William Wendling		
8:30 AM	Jean Anne Gleason		Liz Wasson
11:00 AM	Tessa Wendling		Pat Howard & JonAnn Duffek
24 & 25	Lector	Ushers	Cantor / Counters
5:30 PM	Marvin Neises		
8:30 AM	Ruthe Spexarth		Carrie Bridges
11:00 AM	CYM		Greg Weninger & Barb Ward
If you cannot be there on your given day, please find your replacement. Thank you for your stewardship.			

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

No Mass

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

5:30pm +Lucille Gleason by Greg & Jean Anne Gleason

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

8:00am +Inez Seiler by Larry & Carol Denno

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

No Mass

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

8:00am +Wayne Allison by John & Ruthe Spexarth

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

5:30pm +Catherine Gonzales by Josh & Vivian Talbott

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

8:30am Fr. Jeff Fasching by Bill & Tammi Ediger

11:00am People of the Parish

Dates to Remember:

Altar Society: 2nd Wed, 7pm, Parish Center

Anointing of the Sick: 1st Tue. after 5:30pm Mass

Confirmation: Spring of 2021

CYM: 1st & 3rd Wed, 7pm Parish Center, Grades 7- 12

Eucharistic Adoration: Mon 8am till Wed 7am

Finance Council: TBD

First Communion: 1st Sunday in May, 11am Mass

Italian Dinner: Sat. Feb. 13th, 2021

Italian Dinner Committee: Oct, 7, 7pm Church Basement

K of C: 4th Mon, 7:30pm, Hensley House

Ladies Breakfast: 1st Thur, Golden Harvest 8:30am

Pastoral Council Mtg: TBD

PSR: Sun, 9:45am -10:45am,

Stewardship Mtg: TBD

Sick and Homebound

Carolyn Armendariz	Lynndell King
Larry Ayala	Ronda Meyer
Margaret Bergkamp	Bentley Sanchez
Kirk Bridges	John Spexarth
Pat Breckunitch	Irene Stone
Mary Ann Bumm	Jim Vaughn
Martina Chavez	Mary Walters
Shelly Drake	Kenny Weber
Charlene DesCoteaux	Christine Wright
Anthony Gomez	
Marsha Grattan	All of our Care
Katherina Gripp	Home Residents

Souls of the Faithful Departed

Shaun Corcoran 4/2020

Michael Duron 3/2020

Catherine Gonzales 9/2020

Francis Landwehr 5/2020

Butch Spexarth

Mary Alice Takacs

Alec Tillman 7/2020

Norma Wendling 5/2020



Please Pray for our Service Personnel



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Catch us on the web at www.SacredHeartHalstead.com & Facebook

October 4, 2020 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

Daily Mass: See Schedule on back under Mass Intentions

Weekend Mass Schedule: Saturday 5:30pm & Sunday 8:30am and 11:00am

Confessions: Saturday 4pm - 5pm

Weekday Mass Schedule

See Schedule on back under MASS INTENTIONS

COLLECTION COUNTERS

Oct 4: Mike Armendariz & Elaine Robinson

Oct 11: David Wendling & Barb Ward

Counters, please note the collection counting room has moved to the small classroom.

Collection for September 27th: \$2,795.00

Please place Sunday offerings in the offertory box as you enter the church for Mass.

Cleaning Schedule (Oct 5 - 10)

Front Entrance of Parish Center: Jean Anne Gleason

Main Church Cleaning: Karen Carmichael

Church Basement Cleaning: Kris & Stacy Bernal

Wendling House: Elaine Robinson

Hensley House: K of C

Parish Hall: Mike Hull & Nina Wendling

Mow Parish Center: Marvin Neises, Cory Harrington

Pray Together Missal

There are missals in the back of church for you to take home & bring with you to Mass.