

“We believe that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is a ‘Gospel of life.’ It invites all persons and societies to a new life lived abundantly in respect for human dignity.”

Living the Gospel of Life: A Challenge to American Catholics, Statement by USCCB

OCTOBER – RESPECT LIFE THEMES

Oct 4	Life & Creation	
Oct 11	New Life	<i>Families & Children in the Womb, Foster Care, Adoption</i>
Oct 18	Life & Dignity	
Oct 25	End of Life	

TAKING ACTION FOR NEW LIFE:

- Watch Women’s Care Center video on the SFX Facebook page
- Donate to Women’s Care Center Baby Bottle Drive
- Check out our new “Elizabeth Ministry” serving women and families through the joys, trials, and sorrows of the childbearing years
- Pray with Romans 8:15 - In Jesus we “have received a spirit of adoption through which we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’”
- Visit Catholic Charities Adoption Services web page

Upcoming/Ongoing Respect Life Events

Month of October: Annual **Women’s Care Center Baby Bottle Donation Drive**

Contact Mary Freeman at mfreeman@sfxlg.org to have an envelope mailed to you OR online donations can be made at: www.supportwomenscarecenter.org/donate/ Choose the Chicago/LaGrange location.

Sept 23 – Nov 1: **40 Days for Life**. Help save lives through the power of prayer.

Oct 20, 7pm: **Online Domestic Violence Support Group**. Monthly meetings will continue to be held virtually on Zoom. If you would like to join, please fill out this [RSVP form](#).

Oct 21, 12:30pm: **Catholic Extension Virtual Immersion Trip** with Kino Border Initiative in Tucson.

RESOURCES

Women’s Care Center – 136 N La Grange Rd, La Grange | 708-352-5000

Provides free, confidential counseling, support, education, pregnancy tests and ultrasounds to women facing unplanned pregnancies. Since opening in May 2018, the La Grange WCC has welcomed and supported over 1100 babies and their families.

PILLARS | Hotlines: *Domestic violence*: 708-485-5254 | *Sexual assault*: 708-482-9600

Provides health and social services. Domestic and sexual violence staff serve clients through free 24-hour hotlines. 708-PILLARS for all services including mental health.

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI): The Living Room | 4731 Willow Springs Rd, La Grange | 708-582-6434

Provides free peer counseling to anyone feeling scared, anxious, angry, sad, or just needs someone to talk to. Open every day 1pm - 9pm, must be 18 or older.

Gospel of Life Prayer

O Mary, bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life: Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy. Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of life. – Pope St. John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*