

Life

March 2026

Greetings!

I hope and pray that you and your family's Lenten season has begun well. Plan to attend a 40 Days for Life event and better yet stop by the 40 days for Life location in your area and sign up for an hour to pray each week. 40 Days for Life began Ash Wednesday and continues through March 29th, Palm Sunday.

We have many Life activities available to your council that can make a difference in protecting and defending God's greatest gift-Life!

Life is one of four categories in the *Faith in Action* Program. The other three are Family, Faith and Community. Supreme has provided several recommended programs in each of the four categories. The Life recommended programs are:

March for Life
Special Olympics
Ultrasound Program
Pregnancy Center Support-ASAP
Holy Hour for Life (a new program)
Gospel of Life (a new program)
(Check out the new programs at
<https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/life>)
Christian Refugee Relief
Silver Rose
Mass for People with Special Needs
Novena for Life

March for Life, Ultrasound Program, Pregnancy Center Support (ASAP), Special Olympics, Gospel of Life and Holy Hour for Life are featured programs and count as two activities.

Also, two of our largest events recently held and scheduled for later this year are:

*Monday, July 13th, State golf outing for Life, the Women's Care Center. Last year we had 104 golfers and raised \$15,000 for the Center. Thank you to all who participated in and sponsored the event. We plan to replicate the outing at the Hillcrest CC, Indianapolis.

Donations and Registration is at indianakofc.org or pay by check to Knights of Columbus. **The days schedule is: Registration 10:00am; Mass at 11:00am; Lunch 11:30am; Golf 12:30pm and Awards/Social 5:00pm.**

*Friday, September 12 to Sunday, September 14, Biking for Babies (Ultrasounds). We raised \$27,300 for our Ultrasound Fund-THANK YOU!
SAVE THE DATE for Biking for Babies 2026-September 11-13.

Also, the following are some Life programs that many Indiana councils are currently doing or have done:

- A Life goal for the fraternal year is for each council to support a Pregnancy Resource Center. The Women who are facing crisis pregnancies need our help and supporting/being connected to a resource center in your area would be a difference maker. The new Supreme's Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) program provides an opportunity to support and then receives \$100 for each \$500 contributes. See kofc.org/life for detailed info. Please make your donation using the online form to ensure the additional \$100 support is given to the resource center. The ASAP deadline is June 30, 2025.
- Women's Care Center Endowment – we plan to assist the Indiana Women's Care Centers (WC). We plan to raise \$10 million over 10 years.
- Silver Rose Program... We have 20 councils hosting the Silver Rose prayer service. See kofc.org/silverrose. The dates of 2026 are April 19 to May 16.
- Ultrasound initiative – in the last few months we have awarded or paid for eight units, and now we have requests from several pregnancy resource centers in need of an ultrasound machine. If each council member could contribute \$5, we could raise the monies to meet the demands for the next year... or if each council raises \$500 from its members, we could meet those requests. Please remember that statistics show that 90% of women in a crisis pregnancy, who see their ultrasound, will keep their baby.
- Offer up your council Rosary monthly or quarterly for Life. And consider a Novena for Life in your council, your parish in January. Offer up your

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- Invite the local Special Olympics representative to speak at a social night.
- As a council, attend right to life events/dinners a supporting the organizations who are the front line and lobbying legislators for Life.
- Host a movie night for the council/parish with movies such as Unplanned, Bella, Roe v. Wade, The Matter of Life, Lifemark or October Baby. Have pizza, popcorn, cookies and lemonade with a free will offering, with proceeds to Life organizations.
- Special Olympics...one of our featured programs and our goal is for each council to have an Ambassador (include on form IN-FORM1) and raise at least \$2,000 and provide 200 man hours...the Polar Plunge and Tootsie Rolls are both life initiatives that can help each council meet their goal.

Check for complete details on each Faith in Action program and the Faith in Action initiative at <https://kofc.org/uns/en/programs/index.html>. Keep in mind these are recommended programs, but other Life based programs such as those listed above (some you have developed in your council) also qualify as part of the required four activities for this category.

Also, please begin sending your activities today online at <http://www.indianakofc.org/> and click on Forms.

One final comment/suggestion: **PRAY and COMMUNICATE**...as a leader, begin everything with prayer and communicate often. We have some wonderful initiatives and want to be sure all brother Knights are aware so they/the council can receive the blessings of these programs.

If you need help or have any questions about the Knights, especially the Knight's Life initiatives, please contact me at life@indianakofc.org. Also, there are a couple of brother Knights who I work closely with: Culture of Life Chairman Michael Velasco (prolife@indianakofc.org) and Special Olympics Chairman Brett Striegel (soic@indianakofc.org). The three of us are the Indiana Life team. Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of Life and the Knights of Columbus, pray for us!

Vivat Jesus and God bless you!

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