Life

November 2026

Happy Advent!

This month we remember our saints and the deceased. Please pray for our Knights who have passed and their families.

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

Also, two of our largest events have been or will soon be held:

*Monday, July 13, State golf outing for Life, the Women's Care Center. We had 96 golfers and raised $16,000 for the Center. Thank you to all who participated in and sponsored the event.
*Friday, September 11 to Sunday, September 13, 13th annual Biking for Babies (Ultrasounds). As of this writing we have $52,000, our best year ever, for our Ultrasound Fund-THANK YOU! This equates to three ultrasound units.

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
Christian Refugee Relief
Silver Rose
Mass for People with Special Needs
Novena for Life

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

Another upcoming life event:

Project Outdoor Nativity Set (PONS)…celebrate the birth Jesus by Nativity Sets to your council, your parish. Here is a message from one of the nine councils who are PONS…. Council #11044 Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Carmel, IN

Our Council (11044) thought that our participation and support of the PONS program would be a great way to evangelize about the true meaning of Christmas in our community. We sold (66) PONS kits in the first year of this program and everyone was very pleased. We raised about $2,000 for council charitable needs with very little time and effort for our council members. The administration of the PONS program was great and makes this project very easy to run. I hope we can participate in PONS again this year to support the true meaning of Christmas and that other councils in our state do the same so as brother knights we can make a positive impact in our communities, cities, counties, and state! Chris Wrobel, Council #11044

Here is link to video from Father Sean Danda, St Malachy, Brownsburg, which you can share with your Chaplain.
https://vimeo.com/844368584/68e393cf2c?share=copy

Contact Jim Liston, jliston@catholicbusinessexchange.org or 317-590-5403, with questions about the Nativity Set and how your council or parish can offer the sets for 2025 Christmas season.

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… Indiana hosted the Silver Rose from April 19th to May 16th. We had 25 councils hosting a Silver Rose prayer service. See

kofc.org/silverrose. If you'd like to host a service next year, please contact me by 12/31/26.

- 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 council Rosary monthly or quarterly for Life. And consider a Novena for Life in your council, your parish in January during the anniversary of Roe v Wade, and the March for Life.
- 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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