



On behalf of the Respect Life Ministry, I would like to thank all those who participated, prayed and supported the Respect Life activities during the month of October.

Once again, OLBS came through in a big way by participating in our Spiritual Adoption program, Baby Bottle collection, Rosary for Life, 40 Hours devotion and Palatine March for Life.

In addition, we held a Holy Hour service that focused on the elderly and end of life, and led the First Saturday Rosary at the beginning of October. We also had two representatives from local pregnancy centers speak at the Respect Life Sunday masses at QR, and a relative of a parishioner give personal witness about her adoption at the SJE liturgies.

All in all, it was a busy month, but a most fulfilling one. We collected nearly \$3,000 and counting in donations from the baby bottle campaign that will directly benefit TLC Pregnancy Services and The Women's Center. Thank you for your generosity and if you haven't yet returned your bottle, please place it in the red baskets in either church vestibule in the next week or so!

Even though Respect Life month is now passed, we must continue to pray for women who are facing an unplanned pregnancy. Please pray for these women and the good people who assist them at the various pregnancy centers. We also must remember to pray for the elderly and those who are terminally ill. May God give them comfort and peace.

Finally, you can still give personal witness for life by standing outside an abortion clinic and praying that God changes the hearts and minds of those men and women who want to destroy their child. Pray vigils are held the first and third Fridays of every month outside the Advantage Health Clinic at 203 E. Irving Park Road in Wood Dale from 9 to 11 am.

Pray vigils also take place on the second, third and fourth Saturdays of each month at the American Women's Medical Center, 110 S. River Road in Des Plaines. Follow this link to see the times:
<https://northwestfamiliesforlife.weebly.com/vigil-schedule.html>

Stay tuned for details on the Chicago March for Life to be held in January 2023!

For life,
Gerry Bliss
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