



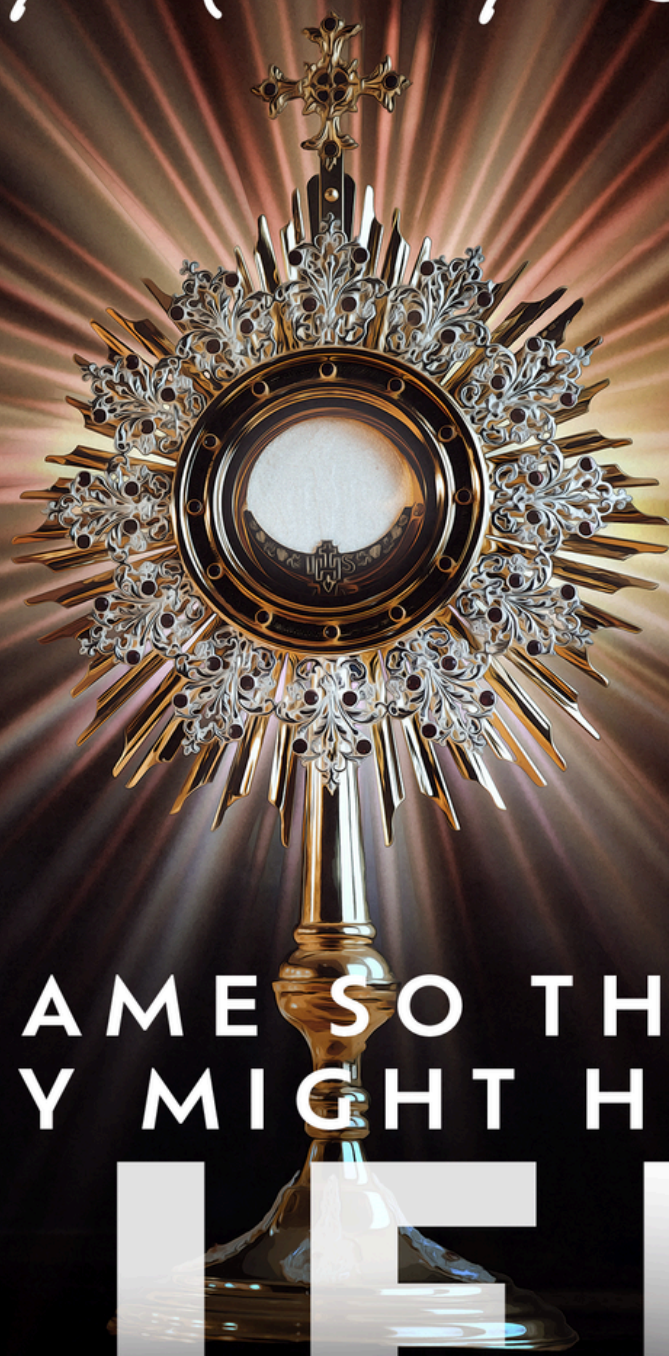
St. Agnes Catholic Parish



News Bulletin

Oct. 6th, 2024

Respect Life Month



I CAME SO THAT
THEY MIGHT HAVE
LIFE

October 2024

“Each October the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity and gift of every human life.” respectlife.org

RESPECT LIFE MONTH STATEMENT

October 2024

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Chairman, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities



We are living in an exciting time of revival. Our National Eucharistic Congress, and the Eucharistic processions that led to it, involved hundreds of thousands of Catholics who will never be the same. The revival continues, and is so needed, especially in our efforts to defend human life.

Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist, gives us the fullness of life. He calls each of us to respect that gift of life in every human person. While we live in a society that often rejects those who are weak, fragile, or vulnerable, they are the most in need of our care and protection. Pope Francis reminds us that “every child who, rather than being born, is condemned unjustly to being aborted, bears the face of Jesus Christ, bears the face of the Lord, who even before he was born, and then just after birth, experienced the world’s rejection.”¹

The law and millions of our brothers and sisters have yet to recognize this reality. We thankfully no longer live under the regime of Roe v. Wade, and our elected officials are now empowered to reduce or end abortion. But what we now see is that fifty years of virtually unlimited abortion has tragically created a national mindset where many Americans have become comfortable with some amount of abortion. This allows the abortion industry to continue to provide any amount of abortion. Given this challenge, the U.S. bishops have affirmed that, while it is important to address all the ways in which human life is threatened, “abortion remains our pre-eminent priority as it directly attacks our most vulnerable brothers and sisters, destroying more than a million lives each year in our country alone.”²

And so we need a revival of prayer and action:

- We must renew our commitment to work for the legal protection of every human life, from conception to natural death, and to vote for candidates who will defend the life and dignity of the human person.
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- We must likewise continue to extend the hand of compassion to all who are suffering from participation in abortion, through the Church’s abortion healing ministries like Project Rachel Ministry.
- Most importantly, we must rededicate ourselves to fervent prayer on behalf of life.

“We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life...”



In a tragic way, abortion has become the pre-eminent priority for others as well. We see many politicians celebrating the destruction of preborn children, and protecting access to abortion, even up until the moment of birth. Few leaders are standing up to limit the harm of chemical abortion (abortion pills) to mothers and children, which is now the most common form of abortion. And heading into the November elections, as many as ten states face gravely evil ballot initiatives that would enshrine abortion in their state constitutions.

Pope St. John Paul II’s words resonate today:

“we are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the ‘culture of death’ and the ‘culture of life’ ... we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life.”³

I invite all Catholics to join me in a concerted effort of prayer between now and our national elections, by daily praying our Respect Life Month

“Prayer for Life to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament”

Jesus, you came that we might have life—and have it in abundance. Together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you form us in our mothers’ wombs and call us to love you for all eternity. As your most precious gift of human life is attacked, draw us ever closer to your Real Presence in the Eucharist. Dispel the darkness of the culture of death, for you are the light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it. By the power of your Eucharistic Presence, help us to defend the life of every human person at every stage. Transform our hearts to protect and cherish all whose lives are most vulnerable. For you are God, forever and ever. Amen.



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CATHOLIC BISHOPS
Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
usccb.org/prolife

ST. AGNES CATHOLIC CHURCH

PASTOR'S CORNER



Reflections From Our Pastor

Oct. 6th, 2024

My Dear St. Agnes Family,

I urge you to become informed on why it is important to **VOTE NO on Florida's Amendment 4**, which will appear on Florida's November 2024 ballot. It is a misleading and dangerous proposal that would legalize abortion up to full term, prohibiting all restrictions on abortion before viability, eliminate parental consent, and create a broad exception that any "healthcare provider" could exploit to allow abortion up to birth.

As confirmed Catholics we are to witness in an increasingly secularized world that God matters and because God matters, human beings, created in God's own image and likeness, including the unborn, matter as well. By insisting that every human being matters, we bring to public policy debates on issues of human dignity, justice and peace, an understanding of the human person that, while founded on the Christian Scriptures, is also accessible to human reason.

Even those who do not agree with the Church teaching that human life begins at conception should find reasons to oppose this amendment. The amendment, for example, would effectively overturn or seriously jeopardize common-sense state laws that have regulated abortion for years. These include basic health and safety requirements for clinics where abortions are performed, requiring a physician to perform abortions, informed consent requirements, laws limiting public funding of abortion, and parental consent requirements before a minor's abortion.

As Catholics we believe that human life is sacred, and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision of society. In urging a No vote on Amendment 4, we wish to protect not only the unborn child – the weakest, most innocent and defenseless among us – but we also seek to protect countless women from the harms of abortion. Unborn children matter – and so do their mothers. Our Respect Life Ministry with its Pregnancy Assistance Centers helps provide women with life affirming alternatives to abortion and compassionately offer counseling and access to healing for those who have regretted a past abortion.

Catholic teachings on the rights and dignity of every human being from conception to natural death, stand in stark contrast to a tendency in our world to define classes or categories of people as "problems" and thus "dehumanize" them. Such reductive thinking led to the successive genocides of the 20th century and rationalizes the continued killing of the unborn. Last year, there were more than 83,000 abortions in Florida alone! All Floridians should reject Amendment 4 and vote a resounding "no!"

May God bless you always,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "J. Paguaga".

Rev. Juan C. Paguaga
Pastor



Father Juan Carlos Paguaga

NO on 4



TOGETHER WE ARE ST. AGNES

St. Agnes Catholic Parish

100 Harbor Dr. Key Biscayne, FL 33149

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PILGRIM & FIRST CLASS RELICS OF SAINTS JACINTA & FRANCESCO

October 4th– 7th, 2024

All events will take place at St. Agnes Catholic Parish



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4th

4:45 pm:

- Procession of Relics, crown, etc.
- Statue of the Blessed Mother and Relics will be exposed for Veneration.

5:00 pm: Holy Rosary & Meditation (Spanish)
Recitation of the Rosary with additional words directly from the Diary of Blessed Sister Lucia and Reflection.

6:00 pm: Daily Mass (Spanish) / Misa en Español

6:45 – 8:00 pm: Brief presentation and Veneration of Relics.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5th

8:00 am: Holy Rosary & Meditation (English)
Recitation of the Rosary with additional words directly from the Diary of Blessed Sister Lucia and Reflection.

9:00 am: Mass (English)

10:00 am- 12:00 pm:

- Brief presentation and Veneration of Relics.
- Confessions

12:00 pm: Mass (English)

1:00 - 4:15 pm: Brief presentation and Veneration of Relics.

5:00 pm: Vigil Mass (English)

6:00 – 7:00 pm: Brief presentation and Veneration of Relics.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6th

Celebration of all Sunday Masses with the Relics & Image of the Blessed Mother exposed.

8:30 am, 10:00 am & 11:30 am (English)

1:00 pm & 7:00 pm (Spanish)

2:00 – 4:00 pm: Brief presentation and Veneration of Relics.

4:00 pm: Holy Rosary & Meditation (English)
Recitation of the Rosary with additional words directly from the Diary of Blessed Sister Lucia and Reflection.

5:00 pm: Mass in Portuguese

6:00 – 7:00 pm: Brief presentation and Veneration of Relics.

7:00 pm Mass (Spanish) / Misa en Español

8:00 - 9:00 pm: Brief presentation and Veneration of Relics.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7th

7: 30 am: Holy Rosary (English)

8:00: am Daily Mass (English)

9:00 – 11.30: St. Agnes Catholic Academy
****STUDENTS ONLY, CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC****

12:00 pm: Extra Mass (English)

1:00– 5:00 pm: Brief presentation and Veneration of Relics.

5:00 pm: Holy Rosary & Meditation –Words directly from the Diary of Blessed Sister Lucia and Reflection (Spanish)

6:00 pm: Daily Mass (Spanish) / Misa en Español

6:30 – 8.30 pm: Brief presentation and Veneration of Relics.

8:30 pm:

- Singing Adoration
- Confessions

ST. AGNES CATHOLIC PARISH

GRIEF SUPPORT



**TUE., OCT. 8TH
AT 7 PM**

**THE GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY
WELCOMES ALL OF THOSE WHO HAVE
SUFFERED SOME TYPE OF LOSS, TO
JOIN THEM FOR AN ADORATION
BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.**

GUIDED BY FR JUAN CARLOS PAGUAGA

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RESPECT LIFE

National Life Chain Sunday



The St. Agnes Respect Life Ministry
invites parishioners to join us in prayer at the

“National Life Chain Sunday”

Sunday October 6th,

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.,

**We will be standing along U.S. 1 between
Maggiore St. & Rosaro Ave. in Coral Gables.**

Please bring your rosaries.

**We will witness for life, pray for an end of abortion and the
change of hearts and minds of everyone involved in the
abortion industry. www.lifechain.net**

St. Agnes Catholic Parish

Respect For Life Ministry

B A B Y

SHOWER

Our St. Agnes Respect For Life Ministry invites you to participate in our month-long Baby Shower collection from Oct. 1st - oct. 31st, 2024

We will have bassinets placed in the entrance of the church throughout the month. Please open your hearts & fill up the bassinets with baby items to donate to our South-Dade Pregnancy Center which helps mothers & babies in need.

Baby Items List

- Outfits, Pajamas & Onesies for Boys & Girls: Newborns up to 6 months, & 18 & 24 month
- Diapers for Newborns and in Sizes 1 - 6
- Body Lotions, Baby Rash Cream, Shampoos
- New Diaper Bags
- Baby Towels/Burp Towels
- Baby Socks for Boys and Girls
- Baby Blankets for Girls
- Crib Sheets.



Monetary Donations To Support The Collection
Can Be Made Through This Link



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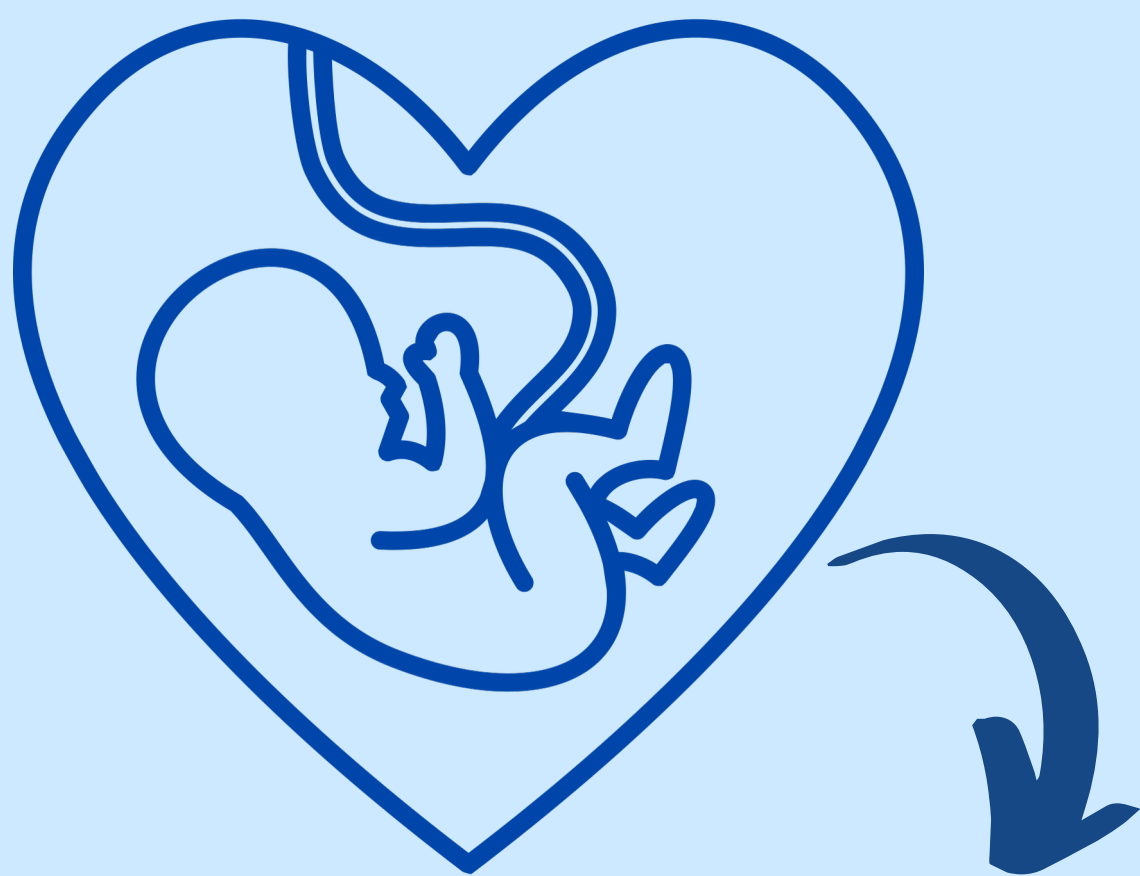
**ST. AGNES CATHOLIC CHURCH
KEY BISCAYNE
FAMILY LIFE CHAIN**

WE INVITE ALL ST. AGNES FAMILIES TO JOIN US ON

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2024 11:00 AM
(AFTER THE FAMILY MASS IN CHURCH PLAZA)**

**FOR A PRO- LIFE POSTER-MAKING ACTIVITY FOR
CHILDREN AND ADULTS FOLLOWED BY A LIFE CHAIN
ALONG HARBOR DR AND CRANDON BLVD.**

**LET US COME TOGETHER TO DEFEAT AMENDMENT 4
AND TO SHOW OUR COMMUNITY OUR DEDICATION TO
DEFENDING LIFE AND SPEAKING FOR THE UNBORN!**



REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE OR VOLUNTEER HERE



UNDER THE HEARTBEAT PROTECTION ACT

Abortion is permitted for any reason for the first 6 weeks.



Between 6 and 15 weeks, its permitted for rape, incest, human trafficking.

For ALL of pregnancy to save the mother's life and in the case of fetal defects.



BALLOT SUMMARY: Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion - No law shall prohibit, penalize, delay, or restrict abortion before viability or when necessary to protect the patient's health, as determined by the patient's healthcare provider. This amendment does not change the Legislature's constitutional authority to require notification to a parent or guardian before a minor has an abortion.

WHY FLORIDIANS SHOULD VOTE NO ON AMENDMENT 4

Amendment 4 would enshrine UNREGULATED ABORTION in our state constitution, making Florida one of the MOST PRO-ABORTION states in the nation. The amendment language is MISLEADING, and its proposed outcomes are DANGEROUS

- **PUTS WOMEN AT RISK:** Amendment 4 would jeopardize existing laws and prohibit new ones that voters on both sides of the abortion issue support, including health and safety laws that protect women.
- **ALLOWS SECOND AND THIRD TRIMESTER ABORTIONS:** Though not defined in the amendment, "viability" is defined in Florida law as the stage of development when the life of a fetus is sustainable outside the womb (Ch. 390.011(15)), generally accepted to be 22-24 weeks of pregnancy, or about 6 months.
- **CREATES A BROAD "HEALTH" LOOPHOLE:** "Patient's health" is not defined in the amendment, allowing post-viability, extremely late-term abortions for treatable, temporary health concerns. Emotional health would justify an abortion when a child could survive outside the womb.
- **WEAKENS MEDICAL DOCTOR REQUIREMENT:** "Healthcare providers" – not just physicians – could determine if an abortion is "necessary" to protect the mother's "health." Even some employees of abortion clinics, such as nurses and counselors, could approve late-term abortions.
- **ELIMINATES PARENTAL CONSENT:** While preserving parental notification in our state constitution (Article X, Section 22), the amendment would invalidate the current law that requires parental consent for a minor to have an abortion (Ch. 390.01114(5)), making abortion the only medical decision for which parents have no say.

To learn more about Amendment 4 and find additional resources visit:

miamiarch.org & <https://flaccb.org/abortion-amendment>

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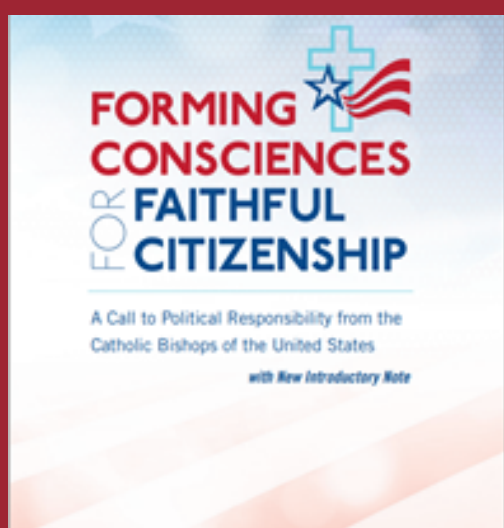


FLORIDA CATHOLIC ADVOCACY NETWORK

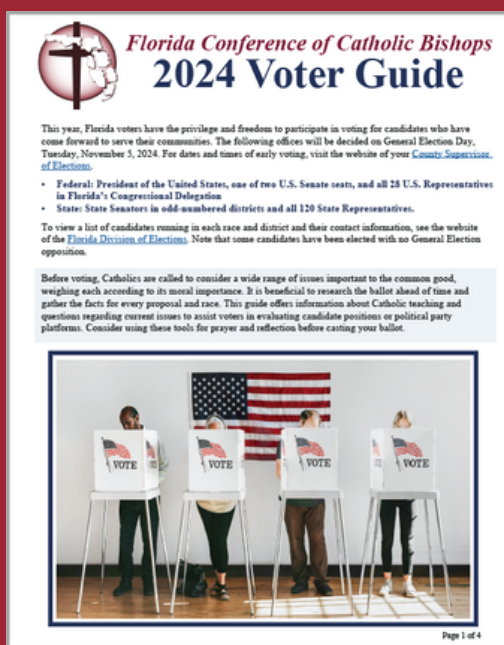
2024 General Election Resources

The 2024 election season is upon us and faithful citizens can use this time to form their consciences, learn about the issues, and research the candidates as they prepare to cast their ballots. The following resources are offered by the Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops (FCCB) to assist in this endeavor. Additional resources intended to help voters make informed decisions can be found on the [Election Materials and Guidelines](https://flaccb.org/election-materials-and-guidelines) page of the FCCB website: <https://flaccb.org/election-materials-and-guidelines>.

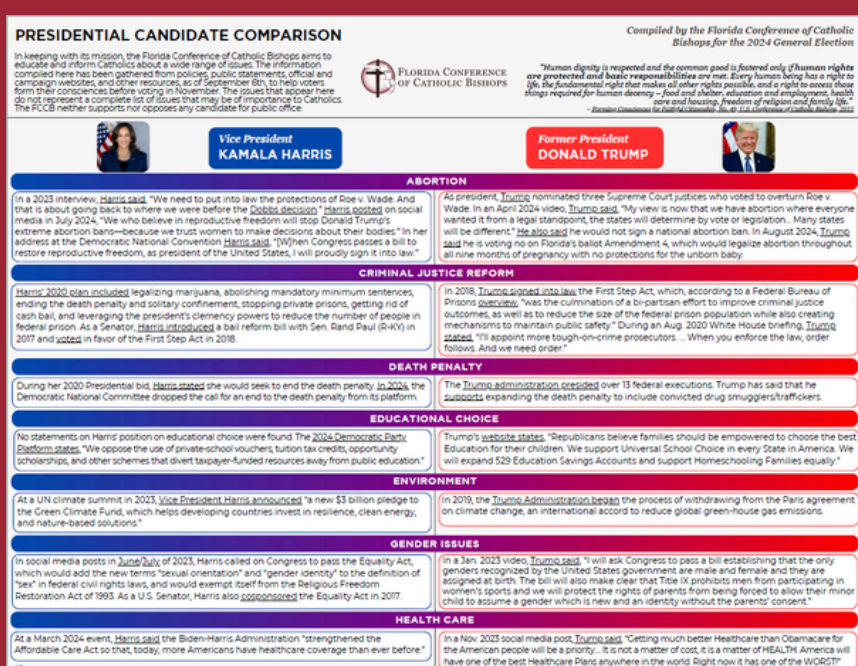
Scan this code to access Election Resources



The USCCB offers this teaching document to guide Catholics in the exercise of their rights and duties as participants in our democracy. Pastors, lay and religious faithful, and all people of good are urged to use this statement to help form their consciences; to teach those entrusted to their care; to contribute to civil and respectful public dialogue; and to shape political choices in the coming election in light of Catholic teaching.



Before voting, Catholics are called to consider a wide range of issues, weighing each according to its moral significance. Gaining familiarity with the candidates' positions on issues involving human life and dignity is essential to responsible, faithful citizenship. It is beneficial to research the ballot ahead of time and gather the facts for every proposal and race. The FCCB Voter Guide provides information about Catholic teaching, offers considerations on key topics, and poses questions regarding current issues to assist voters in evaluating candidate positions or political party platforms.



In keeping with its mission, the FCCB aims to educate and inform Catholics about a wide range of issues. The FCCB has developed a comparison between the positions of candidates for United States President, Kamala Harris (Democrat) and Donald Trump (Republican), on multiple topics. The positions of the candidates have been compiled directly from policies, public statements, official or campaign websites, and other sources, as of September 6, 2024. The FCCB is nonpartisan and does not support or oppose candidates.

Marriage



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Nov. 1 - 3, 2024

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weekly bulletin



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Oct. – May 2025**



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MORNING RETREAT

MY MONTHLY ENCOUNTER WITH GOD

**Thursday, Oct. 10th, 2024
9:00 - 11:20 am
Meeting In
St. Agnes Catholic Parish**

**Confessions,
Meditation, Talk
& Benediction**



**MORNING RETREAT FOR WOMEN UNDER THE
AUSPICES OF OPUS DEI. IN SPANISH.
A MONTHLY DAY OF RECOLLECTION IS A TIME
SET ASIDE SPECIFICALLY FOR A CHRISTIAN TO
SERIOUSLY GO DEEPER INTO HIS OR HER
RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.**

Pages To Heaven

BOOK CLUB

A spiritual reading club for anyone who wants to deepen their understanding of their Christian faith through literary classics. Spiritual reading is a cornerstone of Catholic practice, as it inspires our hearts and conforms our minds to Christ.

This month, we will discuss the book:

Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis. In the book, Lewis Lewis argues for the logical validity of Christianity. He explains that moral law isn't just an arbitrary human invention—it's actually a real, timeless thing—invented by an all-powerful being who stands outside the confines of material space and time, and reveals itself to humans through moral law.

FEATURED BOOK OF THE MONTH

MERE CHRISTIANITY

BY C.S. LEWIS

**TUES. OCT. 15TH, 2024
AT 7:30 PM**

ST. AGNES CATHOLIC PARISH
IN THE PASTORAL CENTER RM 405

Join Our Book Club



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Te invitamos al taller

¿Qué quieres que haga por ti?

Lugar: St. Agnes Parish Hall, room 403

Hora: lunes de 7:00 a 8:30 pm

Fecha: inicio, 30 de septiembre

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Santa Faustina

Formada en la escuela del
Corazón Misericordioso

TESTIGOS DE LA FE

Todos están invitados a participar en el grupo de formación y oración:
Testigos de la Fe basado en las enseñanzas de Madre Adela Galindo,
fundadora de SCTJM. Nos reuniremos una vez al mes y las charlas serán en español.

Lunes 7 de Octubre, 2024

9:00 AM

St. Agnes Catholic Parish

Salon 403 Centro Pastoral

Coordinadora: Andrea Távara (305) 815-6542

Sin Costo



NATIONAL Eucharistic Congress



Recently a group of us from St. Agnes Catholic Parish attended the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis along with 60,000 other Catholics. It was truly impactful and deeply transformational for all that had the honor of experiencing it. We would like to share and feature some of the moving testimonials given at the Eucharistic Congress each week.

Eucharistic Congress Featured Talk: Paula Umaña



Paula Umaña, a former tennis champion born in Costa Rica, gave a moving testimony of healing, after becoming quadriplegic after the birth of her fifth child due to a nervous system disorder. In 2018, through the intercession of the Blessed Mother, she learned about some leg devices that could help her walk, which she calls a miracle. When she returned home after learning to walk with those devices, Charles – then 3 and a half years old – ran back to the cross to thank Jesus. The message she wanted the audience to remember was to “run to Jesus when you feel anxious. Run to Jesus in adoration, in the Eucharist. Run to Jesus when you need healing. Run to Jesus when you feel hurt.” Amid her disability, she authored 40 Gifts of Hope, a practical guide for those facing suffering, supported by Archbishop Rev. Gregory Hartmyer.

The Fire Is **SPREADING**



AGNES CHOIR
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ADORATION**

MONDAY OCT. 7TH
ON CHURCH PLAZA

**CELEBRATING
7 YEARS OF
AGNES CHOIR'S
SINGING ADORATION**

**8:00 - 9:30 PM
ST. AGNES
CATHOLIC PARISH**

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KEY BISCAWAYNE, FL 33149

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EVERY SUNDAY

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Questions? Reach Mary 786-488-0089



**No Pets Allowed
In Our St. Agnes
Church & Chapel**

Please respect our rules and do not come to church or the Blessed Sacrament chapel with your pet. If you have a special circumstance that requires your pet's service, please contact our parish office at (305) 361-3245. Thank you for your cooperation.

**ARE YOU MISSING
SOMETHING THAT YOU MIGHT
HAVE LEFT AT CHURCH?**



Stop by our Parish office where we store items left behind.

We are open
Mon. - Fri.
8:30 - 4:00 PM



Our church is supported SOLELY by your contributions to the offertory collection.

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Convenient:

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Better Planning:

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Give how you want:

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Greater Long-Term Support:

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Improved Cash Flow:

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Better Planning:

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Cost Effective:

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Long-Term Support:

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Week	Online Donors	Online Giving	Envelopes	Anonymous	Total
9/29/2024	226	\$ 11,226.00	\$ 1,629.00	\$ 5,303.00	\$ 18,158.00
9/22/2024	225	\$ 9,827.00	\$ 1,375.00	\$ 5,096.00	\$ 16,298.00
9/15/2024	226	\$ 10,353.00	\$ 2,135.00	\$ 5,221.00	\$ 17,709.00
9/8/2024	226	\$ 11,137.00	\$ 2,384.00	\$ 4,491.00	\$ 18,012.00
9/1/2024	241	\$ 14,086.00	\$ 4,845.00	\$ 5,210.00	\$ 24,141.00



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Easy ● Safe ● Fast**

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Contribution statements can be downloaded Visit www.stakb.org/statements for instructions

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