

St. Gianna Parish Pro-Life Mission Statement

Under the protection and intercession of St. Gianna Beretta Molla, we will peacefully, prayerfully work to spread the Gospel of Life and work for the end of abortion, embryonic stem cell research, euthanasia, and all attacks on the sanctity of human life.

Spiritual Ministry:

- Pro-Life Rosary and the Litany of St. Gianna Beretta Molla is prayed each Saturday at 7:30 AM.
- Special Blessing at the Shrine of St. Gianna with the first-class relic of St. Gianna on the first Saturday of each month immediately following the 8 AM Mass for couples trying to conceive, expectant mothers, and expectant mothers with high-risk pregnancies. Couples are invited to write their names and intentions in the St. Gianna Pro-Life Ministry prayer book. A votive candle at the Shrine of St. Gianna remains lit throughout the year for these intentions.
- St. Gianna Prayer Chain is activated for special prayer requests, for unborn babies in danger of abortion, for women in crisis pregnancies, and those in need of spiritual/physical healing, etc.
- Pro-Life Ministry members pray for both expectant mothers and those women wishing to conceive.
- Provides a gift bag for newborn babies that were on the “Expectant Mother’s List” (includes onesie that states “100% Pro-Life”, a lovey blanket, and sample of Everylife diapers (a pro-life company)).
- Provides a Baptismal Bag for the newly baptized babies (includes rosary, Miraculous Medal crib broach, holy water bottle, wall crucifix, Guardian Angel Holy Prayer Card, etc.).
- Provides a gift bag for mothers who have miscarried or lost an infant after birth.
- Prayer for Life from Evangelium Vitae prayed at all masses on the 3rd weekend of the month.
- Pro-Life Prayer Partners offer prayers, fasting, sacrifices for the special intention that our nation will turn to God and become a Culture of Life that respects and defends each human life from inception until natural death (includes Eucharistic adoration, rosary novena, fasting, daily meditations, prayerfully witnessing at abortion centers, etc.).

Educational/Public Policy Ministry:

- Provides Pro-Life educational resources including bulletin announcements/inserts, literature in the vestibule, pro-life news, life and religious liberty legislation and action alerts distributed through Constant Contact email messages and on the parish website under “Ministries” at <https://stgiannaparish.org>
- Pro-life information is posted on the parish bulletin board in the “Pro-Life Corner” section
- “Why We Are Pro-Life” brochures are available in the vestibule.

Pastoral Outreach Ministry:

- Parish support of the mothers and their babies at Our Lady’s Inn (OLI) in St. Charles County at Christmas through the Pro-Life Ministry “OLI Giving Tree”. The Pro-Life Ministry then provides each of the mothers at OLI with a basket full of baby clothing specific for their baby, bedding supplies, baby blankets, diaper bag, baby carrier cover, gift cards, etc. Additional supplies for the care of the OLI babies also provided (diapers, wipes, baby laundry detergent, etc.). Additional resources provided throughout the year as needed.
- Provide financial and/or material resources to those organizations that support mothers who have chosen life and providing them with resources to care for their babies (Birthright of Wentzville, Our Lady’s Inn, Coalition Life, Reach, etc.) throughout the year as needed.
- Project Elderly at Eastertime recognizes the dignity of life at the later stages of life by acknowledging the elderly at several local nursing homes with gift baskets of travel size personal care items, candy, devotionals, etc.
- Provide financial support to Team Iron Will. They champion the intrinsic value of people with Down Syndrome and equip families with tools, therapies, and community so that their children with Down Syndrome thrive.
- Witness at the Planned Parenthood locations, witness at other abortion centers in Illinois, participation in St. Charles County Life Chain, participation in Coalition Life’s “March on the Arch” event, participation in Forty Days for Life, participation in Lobby Day in Jefferson City, etc.

Please consider this your personal invitation to join the St. Gianna Pro-Life Ministry. For more information:

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