



Pulpit Talk Spring 2022

Hello, my name is _____, and I am _____. Our parish will be hosting an Adopt-A-Day with Coalition Life for 40 Days for Life. Coalition Life would like to invite you to participate in our 40-day vigil of peaceful and prayerful witness at the public sidewalk outside of Planned Parenthood located at (4251 Forest Park Ave. in St. Louis, MO., 331 Salem Pl., Fairview Heights, IL, or 19831 Governors Hwy, Flossmoor, IL.).

Coalition Life hosts two 40 Days for Life campaigns each year. Our 2022 Spring campaign runs Wednesday, March 2nd, through Sunday, April 10th. You are invited to join us in offering an hour of prayer outside of the abortion facility.

Over the past 20 years, more than 1 million volunteers have participated in 40 Days for Life Campaigns in 64 countries. 20,689 lives have been saved worldwide during the 40 Days for Life campaigns. 114 abortion centers have been closed, and 229 abortion workers have quit. Coalition Life sidewalk counselors turned (408 women away from the gates of Planned Parenthood in FVH since 2019, 2627 women away from the gates of Planned Parenthood in STL since 2011, or 22 women away from the gates of Planned Parenthood in FLM since 2021). These sidewalk counselors rely heavily on our prayers. The mothers who turned around were offered life-affirming assistance and connection to incredible resources, including Women's Care Connect, Mosaic Pregnancy Health Centers, and Thrive in the Metro East, and Aid for Women in Flossmoor. With this network the mothers gain access to free pregnancy tests, free ultrasounds, employment referrals, financial assistance, baby supplies, vital emotional support, and more. You can make a difference. Your prayerful witness can save lives.

Our church will be adopting a ___ hour day for 40 Days for Life on _____ from ___ am/pm to ___ am/pm in (location). We need two people per hour to stand in prayer at all three locations - St. Louis, MO, Fairview Heights, IL, and Flossmoor, IL.

All three sites are peaceful. The ground is flat in Fairview Heights and easily accessible, with a chapel available for indoor prayer. There is a sidewalk surrounding the fence in St. Louis with some shaded areas. We observe Covid precautions, and there is plenty of space for social distancing. Contact your Adopt-A-Day Coordinator to sign up or ask questions!

We have a Sign Up table in the gathering space with more information and free items. And we will be handing out flyers as well.

Heartfelt Story

I want to tell you a story about the power of prayer to save lives. It happened in Fairview Heights, IL. Two women were kneeling in the mud and rain at the fence saying their rosary. They saw a couple come out of Planned Parenthood and get in their car. Then the couple got out of their car and approached the ladies at the fence. The wife was holding her ultrasound picture and said “we have 3 children already and we thought we couldn’t afford a fourth. We had this ultrasound to have an abortion, but we saw you out here praying and we decided to keep our baby girl.” You can only imagine the joy that they all shared!