

CHOSEN FOR LIFE



SPIRITUAL ADOPTION AT ST. MARY'S

Sponsored by the Confirmation students of our parish



WATCH ME GROW - MONTH ONE

During the first month, I am already 10,000 times bigger than I was at conception. I have already begun to develop spine, liver, intestine, and nerve tissue. By day 22, my heart is beating and my eyes and ears are beginning to emerge. My support system is intact and I have my own circulatory system. I have developed a lot, but I am only one tenth of an inch and my heart is the size of a poppy seed. My yolk sac will support me until the placenta takes over, which will be a critical time in my development.



SPIRITUAL ADOPTION UPDATE!

Many thanks to the **127** individuals and families of our parish family who signed up to spiritually adopt an unborn baby last month. This is an incredibly generous response to the program!

These 127 souls have already had a weekday Mass offered for them by Father John Paul. Just imagine the power of these prayers!

For questions or to join the program, please contact Leah Wehner, student representative, at: leahwehner03@gmail.com.

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CHALLENGE OF THE MONTH

The **March for Life** has been going on for more than 40 years! Here are some ways to participate:

- Attend this year's national march on **Friday, January 18th**. You can join the Archdiocese of Hartford's yearly pilgrimage to Washington D.C. For information and registration, visit: archdioceseofhartford.org/event/march-for-life.
- Find a local march in your area and be there!
- Go to Mass or pray a rosary for the unborn.
- Watch the Nat'l MFL coverage on EWTN. For details, visit ewtn.com.

GOOD NEWS!

The theme for this year's March for Life is **"Unique from Day One: Pro-Life is Pro-Science."** The theme was chosen because science is inherently pro-life. Jeanne Mancini, President of the March for Life, explained, *"Science has continued to reaffirm the scientific fact and truth that life begins at fertilization/conception."*

ONE WOMAN'S SUCCESS STORY

Carrie is an abortion survivor. When she was in her teens, she found out that she had survived an abortion that aimed to take her life. But Carrie and her mother are blessed to tell their story of hope. Carrie shares, "We are the best of friends. We found healing and she found forgiveness. My passion is getting my testimony out there and helping other women find hope and healing."

If your heart is still wounded from a past abortion, please know forgiveness, hope and healing are possible. The Lord wants to shower you with His mercy and fill your heart with His peace. For more information: Rachel's Vineyard Post-Abortion Healing retreats in the Archdiocese of Hartford: prolifeministry.org/rachel.html
Hope & Healing Post-Abortion retreats by the Sisters of Life: sistersoflife.org/hope-and-healing-after-abortion