

The **COLLECTION** Basket



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IDEAS FOR LIVING BETTER FROM THE FAMILY LIFE OFFICE



Fall back!

Daylight saving time 2025 ends on Sunday, November 2, 2025, at 2 a.m.

Lord Jesus, I offer you this new day because I believe in you, love you, hope all things in you, and thank you for your blessings.

I am sorry for having offended you and forgive everyone who has offended me.

Lord, look on me and leave in me peace and courage and your humble wisdom that I may serve others with joy, and be pleasing to you all day.

Franciscan Morning Prayer via Kellmark Corp.



October is Respect Life Month!

As Catholics, we believe that we were created in the image of God and that every life is precious and sacred from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death. Please pray for an end to abortion, euthanasia and doctor assisted suicide.

Prayer for Respect of Life

Heavenly Father, the beauty and dignity of human life was the crowning of your creation. You further ennobled that life when your Son became one with us in his incarnation. Help us to realize the sacredness of human life and to respect it from the moment of conception until the last moment at death. Give us courage to speak with truth and love and with conviction in defense of life. Help us to extend the gentle hand of mercy and forgiveness to those who do not reverence your gift of life. To all, grant pardon for the times we have failed to be grateful for your precious gift of life or to respect it in others. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well." – Psalm 139:13-14

For more Pro-Life resources and activities, please contact The Respect Life Committee of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown at:

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A Family Perspective



October 5, 2025: Twenty-Seventh Sunday

(LK 17:5-10) Faith is one of those things we just can't get enough of! In today's gospel the apostles asked Jesus to "Increase our faith." It is faith in ourselves, our spouse, our children and our parents which equips us to overlook annoyances helps us to forgive and urges us to ask forgiveness. "Lord, increase our faith!"

October 12, 2025: Twenty-Eighth Sunday (LK

17:11-19) Everyone needs "A Round Tuit." The lepers in today's gospel probably meant to thank Jesus. Excited about being cured they didn't get 'around-to-it.' We get caught up in our own interests and fail to appreciate what we have or to say what is in our hearts. This week get yourself "A Round Tuit."

October 19, 2025: Twenty-Ninth Sunday (LK

18:1-8) The widow in today's gospel is praised for her PERSEVERANCE. In our homes perseverance is a critical ingredient to resolving differences and teaching lessons and skills to children. Perseverance is always an act of faith in the goodness of the other person.

October 26, 2025: Thirtieth Sunday (LK 18:9-

14) Listen to Jesus in today's gospel: "who humbles himself will be exalted." It is not the occasional big events, but the daily humble routine of family life which creates bonds and relationships which last a lifetime.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

All married couples disagree at one time or another. Remember this rule for 'fighting fair': Feelings are neither right nor wrong, they merely are.
(Marriage Encounter)

Accept your spouse's feelings even if you don't share them. Share your own feelings without anger.

"When you work with people, it is a lot like mining for gold. You do not look for the dirt. You look for the gold." (Andrew Carnegie) What affirming nugget can you say to your spouse today? It helps if it's specific. It's essential that it's true.

Many thanks to www.SusanVogt.net

She is retiring but her wisdom lives on through her website!

SEE YOU IN DC!

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

**A Pilgrimage in Celebration of the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope in the Catholic Church
October 17, 2025**