

40 Days for Life is a focused, pro-life campaign with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil to end the evil of abortion. I am asking that all parishioners consider participating in the pro-life activities we have scheduled for this fall.

First, we will be showing the movie "Unplanned" in the Sacred Heart Center on Sunday, September 29th at 6:15 p.m. I have just seen this movie and found it to be outstanding. It is the true story of the Planned Parenthood clinic director Abby Johnson's spiritual journey to becoming an ardent pro-life advocate. If you haven't see this compelling film yet, this is your chance. It is rated R, so even though the film's subject is tastefully presented, young people should still be accompanied by an adult. All are invited to attend. You can see the trailer of this movie by going to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gBLWpKbC3ww>.

Second, I plan to pray for one hour at the Bellevue abortion clinic, 1002 W Mission Ave., Bellevue, NE, on Thursday, October 3rd from 3-4 p.m. I'd love for as many of you as who can attend to join me for this. We will be praying for the women, their babies, the clinic's workers and abortionists. We know this can be a powerful way to witness to the mothers, nurses, staff, and even the abortionists. I do ask that this hour of prayer be peaceful and respectful. We are not there to shame anyone or yell or direct hate or aggression at anyone, despite what strong feelings we might have. We will pray and witness from a posture of love.

Third, I realize that many will not be able to join me for prayer on October 3rd due to work, picking up kids from school, and many other obligations, so on Saturday, October 19th, a block of twelve prayer hours have been set for St. Columbkille to pray outside the clinic from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. You can sign up for any amount of time you wish—most people stay for an hour. Feel free to invite family and friends to join you.

You can find details for the *40 Days for Life* events in the information block on the "Upcoming Events" page of the bulletin.

Finally, it is always good and helpful to pray for, and maybe even fast for, all those impacted by abortion—from mothers, to clinic staff, nurses and abortionists. God hears and sees our offerings for these precious souls.

Your brother in Christ,

Fr. Dave