

How to be Pro-Life: A Guide for Every Day of the Year

It's a lot easier to jump on board with being pro-life when it's a trending topic on Twitter than it is to live out this moral belief every day. So how do you live "pro-life" every day of the year? I looked to some really holy, and really pro-life people for the answer to that question and here's what I found:

1. Love Above All~ The God of the Gospels call us to be person-minded, not rule-minded. We have to totally abolish the idea that someone who supports abortion, who's thinking about an abortion, or who went through with an abortion is to be condemned as ignorant, immoral, or not as good as you. Be the kind of person that's truthful but approachable because of your attitude of love.

"In life, God accompanies persons, and we must accompany them, starting from their situation. It is necessary to accompany them with mercy." – Pope Francis
2. Be Pro-Your-Life~ *"Our body is a monstrance: through its crystal the world should see God"*. – St. Gianna Molla To be pro-life is to value all life, starting with the one closest to you – your own. How are you making Christ present to the world through your life? You've been given a gift that millions (well over fifty million, actually) have been denied. Use it wisely. In appreciating the gift of your life, you will be convicted that every life, from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death, deserves to be protected so that they can experience everything life has to offer.

3. Peace Starts Inside You~ To end the culture of death around us we have to end the culture of death in our minds. We have to stop any thoughts that deny people (and ourselves) of the dignity that we all deserve. *"There is no human life that is more sacred than another, as there is no human life that is qualitatively more significant than another."* – Pope Francis When a pregnant woman knows that she won't be condemned but be supported by the people around her, she's so much more likely to look at her other options than to choose abortion. You see... you, as a Catholic, are a representation of the whole Catholic Church and however you live out our beliefs helps make up the understanding that the world has of "those Catholics." Let's make sure the world knows we want heaven for every person. This begins with you being a trustworthy, peaceful person who loves yourself and every person you come in contact with.

4. Pray Harder, Especially Before You Speak~ The worst way to accomplish something is to try to do it by yourself. Seriously, no good thing is ever done without God's helping hand. He is the good in us. He is behind any good that's accomplished in the world. Is it love that motivates you? Is it prayer that carries you on — that holds you up when you want to give up? Then you must press on.

"Pray as if everything depends on God; work as if everything depends on you." – St. Ignatius of Loyola (<https://lifeteen.com/blog/how-pro-life-guide-every-day-year/>)

Religious Ed Students in the News

Brock Massey, a Sophomore, earned unanimous 1st Team All South Central Conference as an infielder.

Massey hit .322 in 20 games this season for the Golden Eagles.

This week, Brock was also awarded with honorable mention all district for his efforts this season.

Congratulations, Brock!



Congratulations Ethan!!

- 1st in Wisconsin and 1st in Section 6 for Ag Services. He will be submitting his application to Nationals.
- 2nd in Wisconsin and 1st in Section 6 for Beef Entrepreneurship.
- 2nd in Wisconsin and 1st in Section 6 for Landscape Management.



Congratulations Brie!!

Brie hurdled her way to a State Championship finish in the 100m hurdles, while also placing 2nd in the 300m hurdles. Great job, and congrats on your WIAA State Title!!



Congratulations Eli!!

Eli ran his way to 6th place finish in the 1600m and 3200m runs at the State Track and Field Tournament, while setting a new school record in the 1600m run, with a mark of 4:18:20. Way to go Eli!!!



TikTok and Jesus

The reality of this is that the depth or authenticity of your faith doesn't depend on what we post to social media. This doesn't mean that we should post anything without thinking of the message that it portrays, but it also doesn't mean that we have to prove ourselves to be seen in the eyes of our Creator or others. Our faith is meant to be shown through our lives, but not proven. The goal of TikTok is not to disprove others' beliefs, to be flashy with our Catholic title, or even, to convert people. For a Catholic, I'd suggest that the goal of TikTok should be as simple as sharing joy with other people, with Christ as the source. So... how do we do that?

Be Strategic ~ Every single action you do on TikTok is being monitored, recorded, and analyzed to push content that you'll like right to your screen, thus creating a higher chance of you spending more time on the app. Every like, comment, share, the amount of time you've watched a video, profile clicks, different hashtags, and sounds, etc. All of it is used to form data that curates content that appeals to you. And it works. When you like videos that use #Catholic, #Christian, or #ProLife (all great hashtags), immediately your "For You" page is going to be covered in those videos. This is absolutely wonderful for a feeling of comradery and community online.

Be Prudent ~ TikTok by its nature can breed pride, due to it conditioning us to seek attention and affirmation for our content. Similarly, it can cause comparison amongst others in many forms such as immodesty, vanity, excessive swearing, rebelliousness, etc. Tik Tok can breed temptation in the context of immodesty — whether it's infamous Tik Tok dances, clothing (or lack of clothing), gestures and mannerisms, or language. If you find yourself gravitating or creating that type of content, you're missing the opportunity you have as a Christian to share the authentic joy that comes from a life of virtue. Be honest with yourself if you catch yourself slipping into this type of content and know when you need to take a break or ask for accountability.

Just be you, dude ~ There is absolutely nothing wrong with being creative, fun, and goofy on TikTok. Creating content you yourself enjoy can bring the joy you've found in Jesus to so many others. By actively living that out, we allow Christ's joy and humor to radiate within us. And don't underestimate that! People are attracted to authentic joy and GOOD humor because people have an inherent desire for the God that lives in you!



July Schedule

- **July 4th** ~ Rectory Office is Closed. Happy 4th!
- **July 8th** ~ 5:30 PM is our summer parish picnic. Join us for chicken dinner, libations, music and socializing. Hope to see you there!
- **July 9th** ~ - Wa Du Shuda Days Parade, New Lisbon 11am
- **July 19th** ~ VBS Teacher and Counselor Meeting 4:30 pm
- **July 19th** ~ Frisbee and Fire Night @ Kiwanis Park 6:30 pm Please come! All are invited :)
- **July 24th** ~ Saint Patrick Golf Outing 12:30 pm
- **July 30th** ~ Parkfest Parade, Lyndon Station 2 pm
- **July 31st** ~ Ice Cream Sundaes after the 10 am Mass. Thank you Knights of Columbus for helping us to kick off Vacation Bible School!



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DATE

We have partnered with Harmann Studios to create our new St. Patrick Parish pictorial directory

OUR PHOTOGRAPHY DATES:

September 20th thru September 24th

Look for more information coming in July

Vacation Bible School NEWS



THANK YOU FOR ALL OF THE SUPPORT WE HAVE RECEIVED SO FAR!
We currently have 70 kids signed up for our Vacation Bible School!! If you have missed the sign up don't worry...just send Mrs. Thayer an email and she will sign you up! re@stpatrickismauston.com

Looking forward to a great week, August 1st -the 4th
(Monday through Thursday) 9:30am-Noon