

## Infant Memorial Service

October was Respect Life Month. Divine Mercy Care hosted a service in honor of Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month. Thank you to the families who attended the memorial service at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church. We appreciate Fr. James Joseph from St. Leo's and Reverend Jeff Schlenz from The City Gates Church for helping to lead the prayers for our service. Families were invited to light a candles and share anything on their hearts as we prayed for their children. Some chose to share their journey through loss. Others offered words of encouragement or prayers that were helpful or gave some solace. While the night is deeply somber, there is also great hope for children who only knew perfect love. Here is a beautiful reflection written by St. Francis De Sales that one family shared:

*The everlasting God has, in His wisdom, foreseen from eternity the cross that He now presents to you as a gift from His inmost heart. This cross He now sends you He has considered with His all-knowing eyes, understood with His divine mind, tested with His wise justice, warmed with loving arms, and weighed with His own hands to see that it be not one inch too large and not one ounce too heavy for you. He has blessed it with His holy Name, anointed it with His consolation, taken one last glance at you and your courage, and then sent it to you from heaven, a special greeting from God to you, an alms of the all-merciful love of God.*

This prayer service is a part of Divine Mercy Care's mission to witness to the value of life at conception, the need for trained medical teams to support families experiencing loss, and the importance of continued support for these parents. We are praying for those who have experienced a loss and invite you to join us at our next service.



Westfields Marriott  
6 pm Cocktails  
7 pm Dinner and Program

The big event is almost here! We will have a live auction, silent auction, live band, great food, and fellowship to celebrate the 30th anniversary of Tepeyac OB/GYN. Along with the festivities, we will honor Bob and Gerri Laird, and Ed Grogan, for their instrumental work in the early formation of Tepeyac and Divine Mercy Care. We will also present the Susan M. Torres Award to a Tepeyac OB/GYN patient who has lived out the "Gospel of Life" and the mystery of suffering through personal experience. This year's honoree is Maria Fairbanks. She has an incredible story of a family's faith, her medical team's hard work, and God's grace during the most challenging circumstances. If you have any questions about the details for the evening, please email [dhall@divinemercycare.org](mailto:dhall@divinemercycare.org).



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### **Dr. Bruchalski's Appearance On The Family Room Podcast**

Each week on Quest 1160's "The Family Room", co-hosts Mari Cleveland, John Gordon, and Craig Wesemeyer speak with authors, theologians, and others to give local families encouragement, resources, and hope. They recently invited Dr. Bruchalski to share his story and the work of Divine Mercy Care and Tepeyac OB/GYN. Click the link below to listen to the episode!

[Listen to the Interview Podcast](#)

## December 3rd, Giving Tuesday



Tuesday, December 3rd, is known as Giving Tuesday. After all the feasting on Thanksgiving and the major shopping of Black Friday, Giving Tuesday reminds us to consider how we can give back to the community and support causes we're passionate about. In a season of preparing for God's greatest gift, we have opportunities to love our neighbors. Divine Mercy Care will have updates throughout the day, sharing our mission and opportunities to give. We will even have a matching hour (or two!). From 7-8 am on Tuesday, all donations up to \$1,000 will be generously matched for the early birds. Make your donation go further, and participate during this matching period!

Are you interested in participating as a matching sponsor? Let us know at [info@divinemercycare.org](mailto:info@divinemercycare.org). We will have a great day raising money that will benefit the patients of Tepeyac OB/GYN. Stay tuned!

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## Helping Women Affected by Hurricane Helene

McKenzie Chasteen is a new nurse midwife at Tepeyac OB/GYN. She is originally from Boone, North Carolina. Her parents still live there and support a local pregnancy resource organization, [The Hope Center](#). The mountain town was, like many in the region, devastated by Hurricane Helene. Rapid flooding caused significant damage and left many without work or access to resources. The staff at The Hope Center shared that they have limited space to store donated items, but donations are always helpful.

The Hope Center is working to get resources to mothers and families in need. They shared the story of Brianna, a mother to two precious twins who are almost two years old. They unfortunately lost their home and most of their belongings due to Hurricane Helene. She has also been out of work due to the hurricane and cannot keep up with her monthly

expenses while caring for her family. Hope's benevolence fund is used for clients like Brianna who have financial needs due to a recent hardship or unforeseen circumstance.

We appreciate the work that people like McKenzie's parents are doing. Please pray for the people affected by this disaster and consider supporting The Hope Center's work to offer critical aid.



**Donate to the Hope  
Center**

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## **Giving Tree Ornaments**

Advent is right around the corner. Each year, Divine Mercy Care partners with local churches to include ornaments on their giving trees like the one below. These ornaments include a QR code for an easy way to make a gift that supports local mothers and families during the Christmas season. If you or your church want to include these ornaments, contact our office ([info@divinemercycare.org](mailto:info@divinemercycare.org)), and we will have some printed and delivered. Keep an eye out for this easy way to give at a church near you!



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