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## Respect Life Month

October is recognized as Respect for Life Month, and we are challenged to make a concerted effort to pray for and work toward a culture of life. Building a culture of life is the core of Divine Mercy Care and Tepeyac OB/GYN. With you, our donors, patients, and supporters, Tepeyac can offer accompanying, holistic care as an alternative to abortion.

We stand up for the most vulnerable and recognize the sanctity and value of every life. We are called to protect those entrusted to us, particularly vulnerable mothers and children. Divine Mercy Care works to offer you opportunities to work toward a culture of life with us, and this month, we particularly focus on the upcoming memorial service.

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## Infant Memorial Service

**Saturday, October 19, at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church**

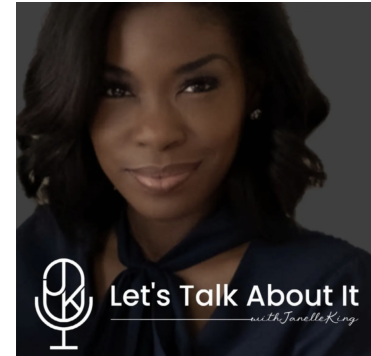
In honor of Respect Life Month, Divine Mercy Care is hosting its annual memorial service for anyone who has experienced loss. It is an evening of prayer and honoring precious

lives, however brief. This service is open to all faiths. Please share this event on social media or with family and friends. Throughout this month, keep all parents who have experienced a loss in your prayer intentions.

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## Dr. Bruchalski Podcast Appearance on Let's Talk About It

Dr. Bruchalski recently joined Janelle King to delve into the complex world of women's health and reproductive rights. They discussed the intersection of politics and pro-life legislation, explored the intricacies of IVF and true reproductive health, and addressed the myriad issues that impact women today. This conversation offers valuable insights into everything from laws to personal experiences.



[Listen to the Podcast on Youtube](#)

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## 2024 Divine Mercy Care Gala

November 8th, 2024  
Westfields Marriott  
6pm Cocktails  
7pm Dinner and Program

With just over a month before the big day, we are working on our final counts and preparing the final details. It can be challenging to hold an event right after the election, but it is a great opportunity to come together as a community that believes in the critical importance of life-affirming medicine. Join us as a friend of this mission as we come together to pray, feast, and serve local women and families in need. We'll see you there!



### **Tepeyac OB/GYN Welcomes New Practice Administrator Colleen Bonvillain**

This month, we said goodbye to Megan Biehn and welcomed Colleen to Tepeyac as full-time practice administrator. Colleen shared a few thoughts on why she wanted to join Tepeyac and the importance of its mission.

"My personal postpartum experience motivated me to seek out medical facilities that support and encourage women's natural fertility. Throughout this journey, I gained insight from a patient's perspective, as well as the behind-the-scenes workings of these practices. I felt a strong calling from God to pursue a Master's in Healthcare Administration, and I followed that path with purpose and dedication. I firmly believe in the intrinsic value of every human life, from conception to natural death, and I am proud to support Tepeyac and be part of this dedicated team.

Tepeyac's mission resonates deeply with me. It highlights the importance of life-affirming medical practices and the need for education, support, and empowerment for women and families. In a world where the sanctity of life is often overlooked, I take pride in living out my faith and contributing to a community that champions Christ-centered healthcare and advocates for a culture of respect and love."

Colleen is a great addition to the Tepeyac team. Say hello at our upcoming Gala, and keep her and all Tepeyac staff in your prayers as they continue to offer an excellent, pro-life option for women's healthcare.

## **Become a Mission Partner**

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## Giving Tree Ornaments

Each year, Divine Mercy Care partners with local churches to include ornaments on their giving trees like the one above. 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 would be interested in including these ornaments, contact our office ([info@divinemercycare.org](mailto:info@divinemercycare.org)) and we will have some printed and delivered.

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## Infant Gift Baskets

With the end of summer, there is a need for fall and winter outfits to be included in the Infant Gift Baskets that Divine Mercy Care gifts to mothers and families in need. We have sent out over ten baskets just in the last couple of weeks, and we are running low on our supplies. We need your help to stock up for the fall. We will always appreciate the generous donations to our basket program, but we know the joy and fun of picking out baby outfits and gifting something you're excited to share. Girls, boys, and gender-neutral

items (for those who will be pleasantly surprised) are all helpful, so pick out your favorites.

Below is our full list of items that go into our baskets. Bolded items are particularly needed. Want to make a drop-off? Email the office, and we'll set up a time!  
[info@divinemercycare.org](mailto:info@divinemercycare.org)

Bibs (2)

**Booties/socks (2 pair)**

Small Bottle (4 or 5-ounce)

Large Bottle (9-ounce)

Diapers (size 1)

Diaper rash cream

Infant grooming kit

**Hat**

**Hooded towel**

**Mittens**

**Onesies (0-6 mo)**

**Outfit (0-6mo)**

Pacifiers

Rattle/baby toy

**Receiving blankets (2) (cannot have fringe)**

**Sleepers**

Swaddle

Washcloths

Wipes



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