**Word of Life: July 2021**

*Recommended dates are provided, but you are welcome to use these materials at any time!*

**Featured this Month**

A person holding a baby

Description automatically generated**Stop Taxpayer-Funded Abortion: First half of July**

***It is critically important for a massive number of people to contact Congress against taxpayer-funded abortion before it votes on it during the second half of July.***

Please consider using [these graphics](https://www.usccb.org/resources/graphics-no-taxpayer-abortion) and [sample text](https://www.usccb.org/resources/no-taxpayer-abortion-sample-messages) in your bulletins, newsletters, etc. to encourage people to contact their Members of Congress.

More tools: [www.respectlife.org/no-taxpayer-abortion](http://www.respectlife.org/no-taxpayer-abortion)

A picture containing text, person

Description automatically generated[**National NFP Awareness Week**](https://www.usccb.org/topics/natural-family-planning/national-nfp-awareness-week)**: July 25-31, 2021**

The dates of National Natural Family Planning Awareness Week highlight the anniversary of the papal encyclical *Humanae vitae* (July 25), which articulates Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, married love, and responsible parenthood. Couples’ [stories](https://www.usccb.org/topics/natural-family-planning/couples-stories), sample [intercessions](https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/natural-family-planning/awareness-week/upload/Generic-2019-NFP-Week-Petitions.pdf), [homily notes](https://www.usccb.org/resources/2021%20NFP%20Week%20Homily%20Notes%20Cahall.pdf), [graphics](https://www.usccb.org/topics/natural-family-planning/2021-national-nfp-awareness-week-social-media-graphics), and more can be found [online](http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/natural-family-planning/awareness-week/index.cfm).

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**Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne: July 26, 2021**

A picture containing food

Description automatically generatedThe Feast of Saints Anne and Joachim, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is celebrated on June 26. They are powerful intercessors for all married couples, expectant mothers, and married couples who are having difficulty conceiving, as well as those who are aging. Copies of the “Faith and Perseverance” Novena to Saints Anne and Joachim are available for download or purchase. You can pray the novena from July 17-25 in preparation for their feast day.

**Download:** [English](http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/natural-family-planning/upload/nfp-sts-anne-joachim-novena.pdf) | [Spanish](http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/natural-family-planning/resources/upload/Sts-Anne-and-Joachim-Novena-Spanish.pdf)