

Biking for Babies to Host Celebration of Life Event in St. Louis

Community Invited to Welcome Home Missionaries Riding Hundreds of Miles for Life

Manchester, MO

Biking for Babies will host its **Celebration of Life** on **Saturday, July 18, from 4:30–8:00 p.m.** at **St. Joseph Parish in Manchester**, marking a joyful homecoming for missionaries who have spent the summer cycling hundreds of miles in support of women, children, and families.

The Celebration of Life is a **free, family-friendly community event** welcoming Biking for Babies missionaries home as part of a nationwide series of local celebrations held across the country. Each parish celebration reflects the unique spirit of its local community while honoring a shared mission: to renew the culture of life through sacrifice, witness, and accompaniment.

Throughout the summer, dozens of young adult missionaries—students, professionals, parents, and priests—have dedicated weeks of their lives to cycling long distances to raise support for pregnancy resource centers that serve women and families in vulnerable circumstances. The Celebration of Life is the moment when those miles come home.

Hosted by **St. Joseph Parish**, the evening will include a joyful outdoor welcome as the missionaries arrive, followed by **dinner, fellowship, and a short program** featuring missionary reflections and guest speakers. Attendees will also hear from representatives of **Reach Reproductive Health**, who will share firsthand stories of compassionate care and hope offered to women, men, and families in the St. Louis community.

The program will conclude with a keynote reflection by **Fr. Charlie Archer**, St. Louis Catholic Young Adult Chaplain, inviting attendees to reflect on the missionaries' witness and their own role in living out a culture of life within their families and communities.

Families are encouraged to attend. The evening will include a **Kid Zone**, raffles, merchandise, and opportunities to engage further with the mission of Biking for Babies and local life-affirming ministries. Dinner is provided at no cost.

"The Celebration of Life is more than an event—it's a homecoming," said organizers. "It's a moment for our parish and community to give thanks, to hear real stories of impact, and to celebrate life together."

Event Details:

What: Celebration of Life – Biking for Babies

When: Saturday, July 18, 2026 | 4:30–8:00 p.m.

Where: St. Joseph Parish, Manchester

567 St. Josephs Lane, Manchester, MO 63021

Cost: Free (RSVP encouraged)

Community members from across the St. Louis area are welcome to attend. Attendees are encouraged, though not required, to RSVP to help organizers plan food and seating.

For more information or to reserve a free seat, visit <https://www.bikingforbabies.com/col-mo>.

About Biking for Babies

Biking for Babies is a national Christian organization that forms young adults to boldly live the Gospel of life through physical endurance, spiritual formation, and sacrificial witness. Through long-distance cycling rides, missionaries raise support for pregnancy resource centers across the country and the formation of young adults in the Gospel of life for years to come.