

## Did You Know?

- ◆ You are not alone. One in five pregnancies ends in miscarriage in the first trimester.
- ◆ You can name your baby.
- ◆ You can bury your baby.
- ◆ If you miscarry in a doctor's office or hospital, you have the right to bring your baby's remains home with you.
- ◆ If your baby is sent to a lab for testing, you have the right to have your baby's remains returned to you after the testing is finished.



## Miscarriage Prayer

My Lord, the baby is dead!

Why, my Lord—dare I ask why? It will not hear the whisper of the wind or see the beauty of its parents' face—it will not see the beauty of Your creation or the flame of a sunrise. Why, my Lord?

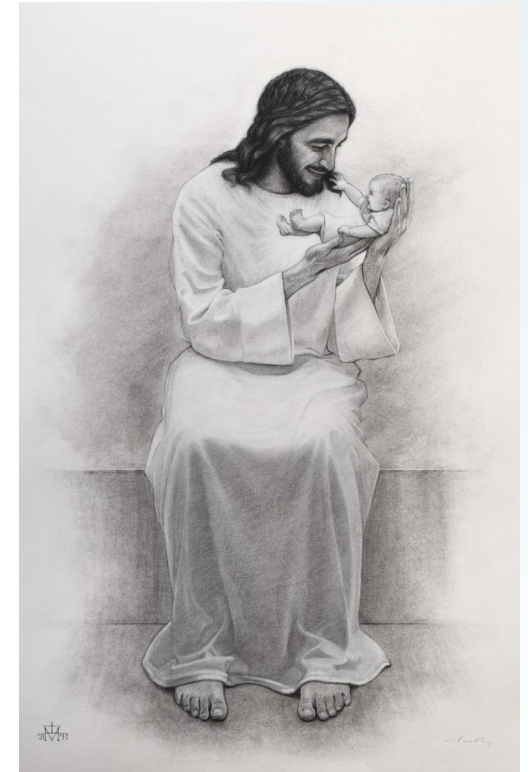
"Why, My child—do you ask 'why'? Well, I will tell you why.

You see, the child lives. Instead of the wind he hears the sound of angels singing before My throne. Instead of the beauty that passes he sees everlasting Beauty—he sees My face. He was created and lived a short time so the image of his parents imprinted on his face may stand before Me as their personal intercessor. He knows secrets of heaven unknown to men on earth. He laughs with a special joy that only the innocent possess. My ways are not the ways of man. I create for My Kingdom and each creature fills a place in that Kingdom that could not be filled by another. He was created for My joy and his parents' merits. He has never seen pain or sin. He has never felt hunger or pain. I breathed a soul into a seed, made it grow and called it forth."

I am humbled before you, my Lord, for questioning Your wisdom, goodness, and love. I speak as a fool—forgive me. I acknowledge Your sovereign rights over life and death. I thank You for the life that began for so short a time to enjoy so long an Eternity.

— Mother M. Angelica

## St. Mary Miscarriage Ministry



*St. Mary Catholic Church  
1331 E. Hunter Robbins Way  
Greensburg, Indiana 47240  
812-663-8427  
[littlesouls@stmarysgreensburg.com](mailto:little souls@stmarysgreensburg.com)*



### Dear Parent,

We extend our sincere sympathy as you face the loss of your baby. Even though you never met him or her, he or she was a unique person created in the image and likeness of God. He or she did exist and there can be real sorrow as a result of your baby's death.

We are here to support you, comfort you and assist you in any way you would like us to. May God grant you peace in your time of sorrow.

Sincerely in Christ,  
St. Mary Miscarriage Ministry

## Available Support

### Speak to Another Parent

If you would like to speak to someone who has also experienced a miscarriage, feel free to contact the parish office at 812-663-8427 and they will put you in contact with another mother.

### Miscarriage Kits

There are kits and burial vessels available for use during a miscarriage and burial. For more information, contact:

- ◆ Porter-Oliger-Pearson Funeral Home 812-663-2192
- ◆ Gilliland-Howe Funeral Home 812-663-8341
- ◆ Heaven's Gain 513-607-6083 [www.heavensgain.org](http://www.heavensgain.org)
- ◆ Rest in His Arms Angel Gowns [www.RestInHisArms.org](http://www.RestInHisArms.org)

### Help for Recurrent Miscarriage or Infertility

NaProTECHNOLOGY is a medical reproductive science that can help with recurrent miscarriage or infertility. For more information, contact:

- ◆ Rebecca Harpring at Covenant Resources FertilityCare Center [www.covenantresourcesfcc.org](http://www.covenantresourcesfcc.org)
- ◆ Pope Paul VI Institute [www.popepaulvi.com](http://www.popepaulvi.com)

## Little Souls Cemetery

St. Mary Cemetery has a Little Souls section where babies who were miscarried prior to 20 weeks gestation can be buried.

### Guidelines for Use of the Cemetery

- ◆ You or a relative must be a St. Mary Parishioner.
- ◆ After your miscarriage, contact the parish office at 812-663-8427 to make arrangements for the burial of your baby.
- ◆ After burial, you can have an 8"x8" granite marker engraved with the baby's name, date of death, and parents' names.
- ◆ Burial vessels must fit inside a 6" diameter by 12" long cylinder.
- ◆ To facilitate groundskeeping, individual gravesite decorations are not permitted.
- ◆ You can have a simple gravesite blessing and burial service

### What if I Do Not Have my Baby's Remains?

You can purchase a 3.5" x 4.75" porcelain plaque to be affixed to a monument in the Little Souls section. It may include the name of your baby, date of death, and the names of the parents.

**Donations are always accepted to help those who need financial assistance.**