



Local Resource Guide

Catholic Miscarriage Ministry

Boise, Meridian, Nampa and surrounding areas

(and any areas without their own local resource guide)

— Diocese of Boise Miscarriage Ministry support: Please reach out to our Diocesan **Miscarriage Minister, Tami Gieseke** at **(916) 201-5964** or CatholicMiscarriage@gmail.com for ongoing support (please leave a message if your call is not answered and/or put “Catholic Miscarriage Ministry” in your email subject line and Tami will make sure to get back to you).

Tami has eight little intercessors (miscarried children) in heaven and can be there to guide you, answer any questions you may have along the way, and support you through your miscarriage journey. You do not have to walk through this very difficult grieving season alone. We are here to support you and empower you to make decisions for your baby and family that will foster healing and hope.

— Website: Most of our kit resources are now available via our website:

<https://www.catholicidaho.org/miscarriage>

— When you are ready, we will gladly set up an appointment for you to meet with **Fr. Justin Brady** (or reach out to your preferred priest) for prayer, blessing, guidance, help navigating ethical medical decisions, and/or funeral/graveside service/burial planning. Please call St. Paul’s parish office at **(208) 466-7031** to set up an appointment with Fr. Brady.

— **Nampa Funeral Home: (208) 442-8171**

415 12th Avenue S, Nampa, ID 83651

or

Dakan Funeral Home (Caldwell):

(208) 459-3629, ask for Allen Kerrick

504 South Kimball Avenue, Caldwell, ID

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We recommend Nampa Funeral Home or Dakan Funeral Home for handling your sweet baby's body while you prepare for burial. They can pick your baby up from the hospital (if applicable) and help you with any funeral or cremation needs.

— **Mount Calvary Cemetery**

(Catholic Cemetery, Nampa):

Call St. Paul's Church office at

(208) 466-7031, ask for David Lloyd

If David cannot be reached through the church office and you need prompt assistance, try (208) 477-3224.

David can give you all the burial options available and help you set up burial for your sweet baby.

Plots/Niches are available for miscarried babies. St. Paul's offers a designated shared niche in the cemetery's columbarium for miscarried babies of parishioners for those who choose to use it. This shared niche is provided by the Catholic Miscarriage Ministry at low to no cost. We ask for a \$200 donation (or whatever you can afford) to go toward the ministry and help keep this niche option available to those who need it. Individual in-ground plots or niches are available too. David can provide all information, including current costs, for those who wish to purchase a private burial plot or niche.

— We recommend Heaven's Gain for purchase of little caskets (www.heavensgain.org). (Or make your own if you prefer... purchase of a vault may be necessary if burying in the ground). There are a couple options available via the Catholic Miscarriage Ministry for those who cannot afford to purchase a casket/vault on their own and wish to bury their baby in ground (rather than inter in a niche). If you are in need of a burial vessel other than the one enclosed in the kit and cannot afford to purchase one on your own, please speak with Tami Gieseke (contact info above).

— Reilly's Church Supply (Catholic Store in Boise) for religious items that can be placed in casket with baby, kept in memory on an altar at home or in a scrapbook, etc.

— Local Mass/Remembrance Events:

~ Attend one of our Catholic Miscarriage Ministry, Diocese of Boise remembrance events (e.g. Candlelight Prayer Service, Blessing of Parents after Miscarriage, etc.). Please see the Diocesan events calendar or reach out to Tami Gieseke for information regarding upcoming events.

~ While not Catholic, www.littlejoysremembrancefoundation.org offers some nice local remembrance events each year.