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Orchestra for Oliver: Even the Shortest Lives are Special

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Tagline:

Orchestra for Oliver: Even the Shortest Lives are Special

Catholic author, Laura Stewart shares her illustrated picture book created for children, about a family who receives a negative prenatal diagnosis and how they decide to focus on spending well the time they have with unborn Oliver, making intentional memories with him. A tool used to gently discuss the loss of a sibling. Prayers and memory-making ideas are included. This story is based on Laura's second grandchild, Oliver.

Book synopsis:

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Camile is delighted that she is going to be a big sister! But sad news from the doctor makes the family realize that they may not have much time with little Oliver after his birth. They decide to focus on spending well the time they do have, making intentional memories with him through trips and experiences tied to music.

Laura's Bio:

Laura lives by a river in rural Michigan with her family, one sweet but cerebrally challenged golden retriever, and a flock of comical chickens. Her family has enjoyed many river activities such as fishing, canoeing, kayaking, river clean up, and an occasional dipping of the toes. Her other books include *Puddle Jumper* (2013), *Building the Bridge School: A Story About Michigan's First Public School* (August 2024), *Clucky's Week* (Lawley Kids 2025), *Orchestra for Oliver: Even the Shortest Lives Are Special* (Pauline Media & Books 2026), and many other stories waiting to be shared. You can meet Laura and her family through her monthly blogs and newsletter articles at laurastewartstories.com

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Catholic author, Laura Stewart, lives in Michigan with her husband and has homeschooled her children for over twenty-eight years. She is steadfast in her commitment to uphold the dignity of life by participation in life-affirming events, and by making and distributing "Life" bracelets to local pregnancy centers and individuals. *Orchestra for Oliver* is inspired by the short life of Laura's second grandbaby. Laura's other stories include *Puddle Jumper* (2013), *Building the Bridge School* (2024 Mission Point Press), and *Clucky's Week* (2025 Lawley Kids). You can meet Laura and her family through her monthly blogs about family and faith at laurastewartstories.com

PR Talking Points

Laura Stewart can speak to:

- How her personal experience inspired this story and why it was important to share.
- How the story reflects Catholic teachings on the dignity of every human life and God's closeness in times of sorrow.
- The central role of music in the story and the significance of music in spiritual healing and growth.

- The significance of demonstrating through the story how the family includes baby Oliver in their identity as a family, even after Oliver leaves his family for heaven.
- How too often, the medical response to a high-risk pregnancy is to abort, without fully informing women about alternative treatments that could protect both mother and child.

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