

CRIMINAL JUSTICE MINISTRY DIOCESE OF BEAUMONT



July 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 2: First Friday Prayer Vigil with Catholic Mobilizing Network

July 4: Independence Day

July 24: Kolbe Ministry Conference in Boerne; Free virtual attendance

Happy Independence Day

This month we remember the freedoms that we share in our own independence. Let us be mindful of all of our brothers and sisters in white who do not experience the fullness of independence in prison. May they always know that the One who can give them true freedom comes to them at all time and in all ways. This month, let us lift up our brothers and sisters in the Eucharist at Mass.

This month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus. Click [here](#) to see more highlights and feasts that take place in our Church this month.

Do not let the past disturb you, just leave everything in the Sacred Heart and begin again with joy. ~St. Teresa of Calcuta

EXECUTION

On June 30, 2021, John Hummel was executed by lethal injection at the age of 45. Let us continue to pray for an end of the death penalty and for all victims of crime.

FIRST FRIDAY PRAYER VIGILS

On the First Friday of each month, Catholic Mobilizing Network holds a Virtual Prayer Vigil to lament upcoming executions and bear witness to the inviolable dignity of all human life.

These virtual spaces offer a place to pray together as a faith community in response to the injustice of the death penalty. They include time for guided prayer, petitions, Scripture reflections, and contemplative silence. The vigils feature the voices of Catholic bishops, Church leaders, and allies across the death penalty abolition movement.

The next First Friday Prayer Vigil is scheduled for Friday, July 2 at 2 p.m. EDT / 1 p.m. CST. Please RSVP [here](#) to attend.

KOLBE PRISON MINISTRY ANNUAL CONFERENCE

On July 24, 2021, Kolbe Prison Ministries will hold his annual conference in Boerne, TX, from 7:00am to 5:30pm. There is still time to register whether you attend in person or attend virtually. To see more information on how to register, click [here](#).

PEN PALS

Since the article in the ETC came out, I've received several volunteers interested in joining the Pen Pal program. I've also had several inmates write to me saying they'd like to be part of the program as well. I have names of inmates who are still not matched up with a volunteer yet. If you or someone you know would like to know more about this program, please contact the office.

VOLUNTEER STATUS FOR TDCJ PRISONS

During the Covid restrictions, you can renew online. If you have not completed a training online before, you'll need to choose "Register" to create a profile here https://www.tdcj.texas.gov/php/prod/volunteer_training/

If you have questions, call me or the TDCJ Volunteer Services at (936) 437-3035. When you renew, please send me your renewal date.

STILES/GIB LEWIS SUPPLY DRIVE

Questions? Comments?

A huge thank you to all who donated supplies to the inmates. We collected almost 900 items!!

Want to share anything in the upcoming newsletters?

NEW CHAPLAIN AT STILES

Contact:

On July 2, our own Deacon Tommy Ewing will be graduating from the academy to be employed as a TDCJ chaplain at the Stiles Unit. Let us keep him in prayer as he takes on this new role and is a presence to those most in need of God's presence in their lives. Congratulations!

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