

Respect Life Ministry

SIX REASONS TO BE PRO-LIFE

1. **Abortion is dangerous to women's health.**  
Many women do not know the side effects of having an abortion. Abortion also increases the risk that women will develop a variety health problems.
2. **Life begins at conception, and the fetus is a person.**  
"A person is a person, no matter how small." ~Dr. Seuss  
Conception is defined as the fertilization of the egg.  
"The right to life is the first among human rights." ~Pope Francis
3. **You have the opportunity to go to March For Life in Washington D.C.**  
The National March for Life is a pro-life movement held once a year in Washington D.C.. Thousands of teenagers and young adults gather in the nation's capital and peacefully protest, while marching, for the rights of the unborn
4. **When you go march, you have the chance to make your voice heard, because actions speak louder than words.**  
During any pro-life event, participants act as the voice for the voiceless, the unborn child.
5. **You get to meet so many people while participating in Pro-Life movements.**  
People who attend one pro-life event are likely to attend multiple, therefore, you get to become friends with pretty awesome people.
6. **Why choose abortion when you can choose adoption?**  
"How can there be too many children? That is like saying there are too many flowers." – Mother Teresa



*For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.*  
~ Psalm 139:13-14

Emergency Food Distribution

In this chaotic time, many find themselves at risk for their food supplies and others wish to help out. Here are a few opportunities.

1. Loaves & Fishes
  - To arrange for boxed food pick up at L&F HQ, 901 Portage St., call: 269- 343-3663. For questions: [info@kzoolf.org](mailto:info@kzoolf.org)
  - To arrange for boxed food pick up at the Eastside Pantry @ Sunnyside Methodist, 2800 Gull Rd. on Thursdays 6-7:30 PM, call (269) 488-8918 after 9:00 AM.
  - L&F Mobile Food Initiative food drop off sites: <http://kzoolf.org/mobile-food-initiative/>
  - L&F delivery to Eastside seniors and disabled persons who cannot get out. Call Candy at the Eastside N'hood Assn @ 269-381-0700.
2. Catholic Charities Emergency Food Distribution
  - For those in need, contact Toni Newell, Supervisor of Community Outreach, at [toninewell@ccdok.org](mailto:toninewell@ccdok.org) or the Hot Line at 269-910-3390
  - To volunteer, contact Jeannine Boehm, Coordinator of Volunteer Services, at [jeannineboehm@ccdok.org](mailto:jeannineboehm@ccdok.org) or 269-382-1234
3. Fresh Food Initiative
  - Every Tuesday morning at 8:30 am. Eastside Neighborhood Association Center, 1301 E. Main St. and Charlotte Ave. Bulk fresh produce trucked in. Bring your own boxes and bags.
  - Diapers are provided too (and wipes) every Tuesday 11:30 - noon at the neighborhood center. One sized bag of diapers and wipes per family.

May the Lord protect you and may you serve as an instrument of His Grace ~ Dcn. Pat (269-744-5136)

*"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'" ~ Mt 25:23*



**Servant of God Julia Greeley**  
*In honor of Black Catholic History Month, each week of November the bulletin will feature a black Catholic Saint.*

Julia Greeley was born between 1835 and 1855 in Hannibal, Missouri. She worked under brutal conditions as a slave. At a young age, she lost an eye defending her mother from their slave master's whip. She was freed at the end of the Civil War in 1865.

Julia got a job as a maid for a family in St. Louis. When her employer moved to Denver, Colorado, Julia came along and continued to work. The family she worked for introduced her to the Catholic faith. She was baptized at Sacred Heart Church in Denver in 1880. Julia had a great devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Holy Eucharist. The graces she received from daily Mass compelled her to love those in need around her. She would spend her evenings collecting everything from mattresses to food to baby carriages for her neighbors in need. She never refused a request for help, and was so generous that she gave away her own burial plot! The "Angel of Denver" became the first person to be laid to rest in Denver's cathedral, where her remains reside today. Servant of God Julia Greeley, pray for us!

St. Mary's Weekend of Nov 7/8

<u>Weekly Collection</u>	<u>Mass Attendance</u>
Weekly Goal ..... \$5,675.00	Saturday, 4:15 pm ..... 41
Collections..... \$4,694.00	Sunday, 8 am ..... 63
E-giving..... \$600.00	Sunday, 10 am ..... 115
Total ..... \$5,294.00	Sunday, 12 Noon ..... 86
Goal Percentage.....93.3%	Weekend Total ..... 305
<i>This week in 2019. \$4,650.41</i>	<i>This week in 2019..... 271</i>

**St. Mary Liturgical Schedule**

**Daily Mass:** Monday-Saturday: 7:30 am (EF)

Daily Mass and Devotion times are subject to change depending on feasts and Holy Days. Every 12th of the month (T-F only) Mass will be at 7:00 pm with devotions to Our Lady of Guadalupe. (Live streaming of Daily Masses will be as per Fr. Jose’s availability)

**Saturday Anticipatory Mass:**

**4:00 pm** (English); this Mass is for our “High Risk” parishioners. Use of face masks and hand sanitizer is mandatory. If you cannot wear a mask please attend one of our three Sunday Masses.

**Sunday Mass:**

8:00 am (EF); 10:00 am (English); 12:00 Noon (EF)

**Confessions:**

Saturday: 3:00 pm

Sunday: 45 minutes prior to the beginning of each Mass. The priest will stop hearing confessions 5 minutes prior to Mass.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**

Thursday (Vocations & Sanctification of Clergy): 5 - 6 pm  
 First Friday (Sacred Heart): 5 – 6 pm

**Please Note:**

The 4:00 pm Mass on Saturday will be for our “High Risk” parishioners.

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Please pray for the repose of the soul of  
**Margaret (Peg) Connelly (73),**  
 Mother of Pauline Rocha, who passed away on  
 Thursday, October 15, 2020.  
 Please also remember her family in your prayers.

**BISHOP’S  
 ANNUAL  
 APPEAL**

DIOCESE OF KALAMAZOO

After a brief delay, the Bishop’s Annual Appeal 2020 has officially begun. Given our current circumstances, Bishop Bradley has approved a significant change for this year’s appeal: after each Parish has reached 50 percent of its goal, all additional gifts will be returned to the parish. The hope with this change is to allow parishes to remain strong centers of worship, faith formation and service to their communities because, as we know, strong parishes equal a strong diocese. This year’s theme of “Living the Mission of the Eucharist” is powerfully expressed in the three diocesan priorities: 1) Fostering Priestly Vocations; 2) Accompanying Families toward Holiness; and 3) Activating Missionary Disciples. Learn how your donation to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal supports these priorities at [diokzoo.org/bishops-annual-appeal](http://diokzoo.org/bishops-annual-appeal). Thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration and financial support. Our goal this year is \$46,191

The Diocese of Kalamazoo has and will continue to cooperate with the Michigan Attorney General’s investigation and encourages anyone with information related to misconduct to call the reporting number set-up by the Michigan Attorney General’s office at: (844) 324-3374

The Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service (CBAR) has been established to receive reports of sexual abuse and related misconduct by bishops and to relay those reports to proper Church authorities for investigation. To make a report, visit [ReportBishopAbuse.org](http://ReportBishopAbuse.org) or phone (800) 276-1562. When a report includes a crime, such as the sexual abuse of a minor, it will also be reported to civil authorities. Otherwise, reports will be kept confidential.

**2021 Once in a Blue Moon Garage**  
 Have you recently been spending more time at home?  
 Have you been cleaning out closets? Do you have items to donate?  
 St. Augustine Cathedral School is collecting donations for the 2021 Once In a Blue Moon Garage Sale and we want yours!  
 St. Augustine Cathedral School  
 600 West Michigan Avenue  
 Kalamazoo 49007  
 2020 Donation Drop-off Schedule:  
     Wednesday, November 18th  
     Wednesday, December 2nd  
     Wednesday, December 16th  
 All donations can be dropped off behind the Crowley Center from 1:00-2:30 pm and 3:30-5:30pm.  
 We do not accept exercise equipment, mattresses, or personal pillows.  
**IMPORTANT:** Please remain in your vehicle and a volunteer will unload your donations. If you want to assist the volunteer, we kindly ask that you wear a mask. Thank you for your continued support!