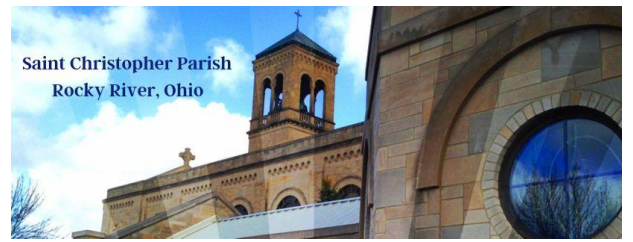


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Thank you for subscribing to the St. Christopher Social Concerns Newsletter! It contains news and information related to Catholic social justice, advocacy, and charity.

Also consider keeping informed of social concerns issues and activities via the St Christopher website and Social Concerns Facebook page. The website can be found at <https://stchrisparish.com/ministries/social-concerns-committee/>.

We value your input regarding this newsletter. Please send ideas and comments to jjudehosek@gmail.com.

PRAYER AND REFLECTION FOR MAY 2022

Heavenly Father, Your Son taught us “Blessed are the Peacemakers for they shall be called Children of God.”

In this time of great worry, we fervently pray that Your Holy Spirit sustain all the people of Ukraine to be vigilant and dedicated to peace and justice. Grant their leaders wisdom and prudence. Yet, may they also have the strength and perseverance to defend their land from all adversity and foreign attacks. Help us all to live according to your Divine Will.



O God, our Father, in the days to come, we beseech you to comfort the suffering, heal the wounded, and accept the souls of the faithful departed into Your Heavenly Kingdom. We ask also that the Most Holy Mother of God extend her blessed mantle of protection over our Ukraine.

Amen.

Source: Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family

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MAY 2022 SOCIAL JUSTICE DATES

(FROM THE CATHOLIC SOCIAL JUSTICE RESOURCE CENTER)

May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary



May is National Foster Care Month and Mental Health Awareness Month

May 5: National Day of Prayer

May 8: World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day

May 21: Endangered Species Day

SOCIAL CONCERNS NEWS AND UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

ST. CHRISTOPHER PARISH

ANNUAL SOUP SUPPER

Over \$5,000 Raised for Zelig's Home from Lenten Soup Fundraiser!

The annual Lenten Soup Supper on April 7 was a takeout-only event and a sold-out success. Over \$5,000 was raised to benefit the nonprofit Zelig's Home, supporting expectant and parenting mothers and their babies.

Thanks to the **many** volunteers who worked to make the event a success. Below some of them are packing the takeout orders:



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Saint Christopher Parish
Rocky River, Ohio



Father John, Pete (the soup chef) and volunteers at the gift basket table.



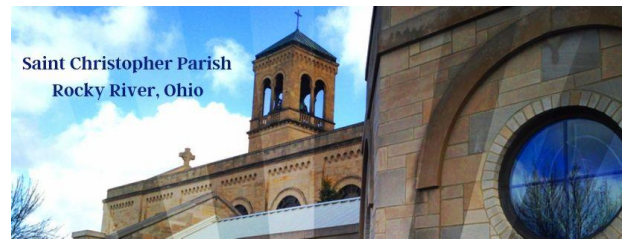
The check being presented to Zelie's Home. **Thank you, St Christopher parishioners!**



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ROCKY RIVER ASSISTANCE



You may drop off non-perishable items at Saint Christopher Church in the Upper Gathering Area for the Rocky River Assistance Program. **The needs for May are complete meals (heat & serve), peanut butter & jelly.** All non-perishable food items are gratefully accepted. Your continued support to this ministry allows many families in Rocky River to make ends meet throughout the year. **The May collection will be the weekend of May 14th and 15th.**

ADVOCACY AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

CREATION CARE ADVOCACY

The Laudato Si' Action Platform is a space for all persons of goodwill to learn and grow together as we journey towards full ecological sustainability. One of the seven goals of the action platform, community resilience and empowerment, includes advocacy. As Catholics we realize that we are sojourners in God's creation and we have a responsibility to protect it for our children and grandchildren. Advocating for environmentally sustainable public policy is one way to accomplish this.



A current opportunity for environmental advocacy is *Encounter for Our Common Home*, a national Catholic campaign for climate solutions. This campaign is inviting Catholics to urge their senators to support \$555 billion in climate solutions that lower national greenhouse gas emissions, reduce dependence on fossil fuels and help communities build resilience against the impacts of climate change. More information about this campaign and a convenient link to our Ohio senators is [here](#).

More information about the Laudato Si' Action Platform is [here](#).

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UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND WEBINARS

The following opportunities and webinars are scheduled for May. Please use the links below or the website described above for more information or to register!

JUSTFAITH MINISTRIES

Just Faith NETWORK
What weighs on your heart?

Social Activist Roundtable

FACILITATED BY:
REV. KRISTIN DOLLAR

EASTER PRAYER
AND ACTION:
SACRED WATER

May 11th at 3:30pm ET

Join us on May 11th at 3:30 pm ET for meditation, conversation, and action as we seek healing and renewal from the Living Water. We'll also consider a spiritual practice and action opportunity for protecting the health of the water that gives us life. Rev. Kristin Dollar, JFM Director of Programs, will lead the discussion. To learn more and register visit: <http://ow.ly/9Foo50ITQEv>

JUSTFAITH MINISTRIES INVITES YOU TO
Acting for
JUSTICE

ALECIA BREWSTER
PROGRAM DIRECTOR, SUSTAINING WAY

MICHAEL BROWN
BOARD MEMBER OF SC FOOD POLICY COUNCIL
& THE CAROLINA FARM STEWARDSHIP ASSOCIATION

RACIAL EQUITY IN THE CLEAN ENERGY
TRANSITION

May 19th 7pm ET

Join us May 19th for our next Acting for Justice to hear from Alecia Brewster and Michael Brown on "Racial Equity in the Clean Energy Transition." To learn more and register: <http://ow.ly/ayqb50ITQmo>