Justice & Peace Bulletin November 27th/28th

Visit the Justice & Peace page on our St. Mark parish web site for more information on our current ministries and other J & P focus. www.stmark-parish.org/ministries/justice-and-peace or contact: justiceandpeace@stmark-parish.org

Food of the Month:
November12-15 oz. Cheerios (or store brand), Granola Bars
December 19-30 oz. Plastic Jar Grape Jelly, $5 McDonalds Gift card

Our virtual/live St. Mark Giving Tree is up and running! We ask that if you are planning to give, please do so by **Sunday" December 19th.**
You will notice that angels on the tree are only for children's toys; please add to a child's Christmas joy by taking an angel. Our mailbox is ready and waiting your gift card donations; suggested amount for gift cards is $25 and from an area retailer such as Walmart, Target, Best Buy, or another appropriate store. Monetary donations of any amount are greatly appreciated and will be used to purchase gift cards that will be distributed to the families.
You may donate online by following the "GIVING TREE" link on the St Mark website https://www.stmark-parish.org , drop off at the Parish Office in an envelope marked "GIVING TREE" or drop in the collection basket at Mass in an envelope marked "GIVING TREE". Thank you in advance for your support for this project. Please keep these families and all who are in need in your prayers.

Spiritual Adoption/ MONTH THREE: Your baby is quite active in the womb now - - although mom may only feel flutter movements now; she will soon feel definite movement. If her womb had a window, you could watch your spiritually adopted baby squint, swallow and move their tongue. They can make a tight fist if you touch their palm They are breathing amniotic fluid which continues until birth, although they obtain the oxygen their body needs through the umbilical cord. The baby you are praying for weighs one ounce. There is still time to share the love for life that God has given you. Stop by the display in the Commons and pick up your Respect Life pen. If you would like more information, please contact justiceandpeace@stmark-parish.org

How serious is human trafficking in the United States? In the past five years of human trafficking have been reported in all 50 states and Washington D.C. Up to 100,000 people are trafficked into the United States for forced labor annually and half of them are sold to sweatshops or enslaved in households. The United States is the number one target country for sex trafficking in the world, a victim specialist with the FBI reported, at the foreign press center in New York. She said the youngest victim she had met was only 10 years old. According to the National Human Trafficking Hotline, the number of reported cases increased significantly in the past five years. More information available on the Justice & Peace table in the Great Hall or email justiceandpeace@stmark-parish.org