

## EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



*As we recognize the significance of both Child Abuse Prevention Month and Sexual Assault Awareness Month, we want to first acknowledge the abuse by clergy, and the clergy sexual abuse crisis. We want victim-survivors to know that there are people who care about them, and resources available. We hope to build community through opportunities for individuals to talk about the issue, and to learn about child sexual abuse, grooming and how to be an active part of prevention and survivor-centered response.*

### COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

#### April 4 | 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm | Zoom

*Monthly conversations bring the Journey to Bethany community together, striving to create a safe, welcoming space to gather, share and process whatever you may be feeling. The community is empowered to create the healing actions they need.*

### EDUCATION

#### April 21 | 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm | Zoom

- Webinar: An Introduction to Child Sexual Abuse and Grooming  
*Zoe Johannsen, Prevention Specialist at MOCSA, leads our April webinar, An Introduction to Child Sexual Abuse & Grooming. Learn about MOCSA, what child sexual abuse is, signs and symptoms, grooming and how "rape culture" contributes to Child Sexual Abuse in society.*

### SERVICES AND GATHERINGS

#### April 26 | Diocese Day of Prayer in Atonement for Those Harmed by Sexual Abuse

- 12:15 pm – 1:15 pm | Mass | Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 416 W 12th St., Kansas City  
*Planned by the diocese, this Mass will recognize the 5th annual Day of Prayer. Bishop Johnston will be the president. Journey to Bethany is providing a counselor after Mass for those who would like to talk. Clergy will also be available after Mass.*
- 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm | Prayer Service | St. Francis Xavier, 1001 East 52nd Street, Kansas City, MO  
*Lay-led service inspired by Seeking Light in the Darkness, created by clergy abuse survivors*
- 7:00 pm – 7:30 pm | Stations of the Cross in Atonement for Abuse and for Healing for All | St. Therese (North), 7207 MO-9, Parkville

#### April 27 | Survivor Gathering

*Survivors are invited to gather and share poems, stories, songs, art or other things that help or to listen as others share. Please RSVP to Whitney True-Francis at [journeytobethany@gmail.com](mailto:journeytobethany@gmail.com) for location details.*

## TRAVELING PINWHEEL GARDEN

throughout April

The pinwheel is the symbol of child abuse prevention because, by its very nature, it connotes playfulness, joy, and childhood. For survivors of clergy sexual abuse in our diocese, the innocence of childhood was replaced by shame and fear. With this travelling display we hope to honor survivors and let them know that there are people who care about them.

- April 7-12 | Saint Thomas More, 11822 Holmes Rd, Kansas City
- April 23-26 | Saint Francis Xavier, 1001 East 52nd Street, Kansas City
- April 28 - May 1 | Country Club Plaza, corner of Ward Parkway and Mill Creek Parkway
- All month | inside the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 416 W 12th St., Kansas City

*\*dates may be subject to change*