



JANUARY 2020

# COUNCIL CLIPS

San Juan del Rio Council of Catholic Women

## Family Prayer for a New Year



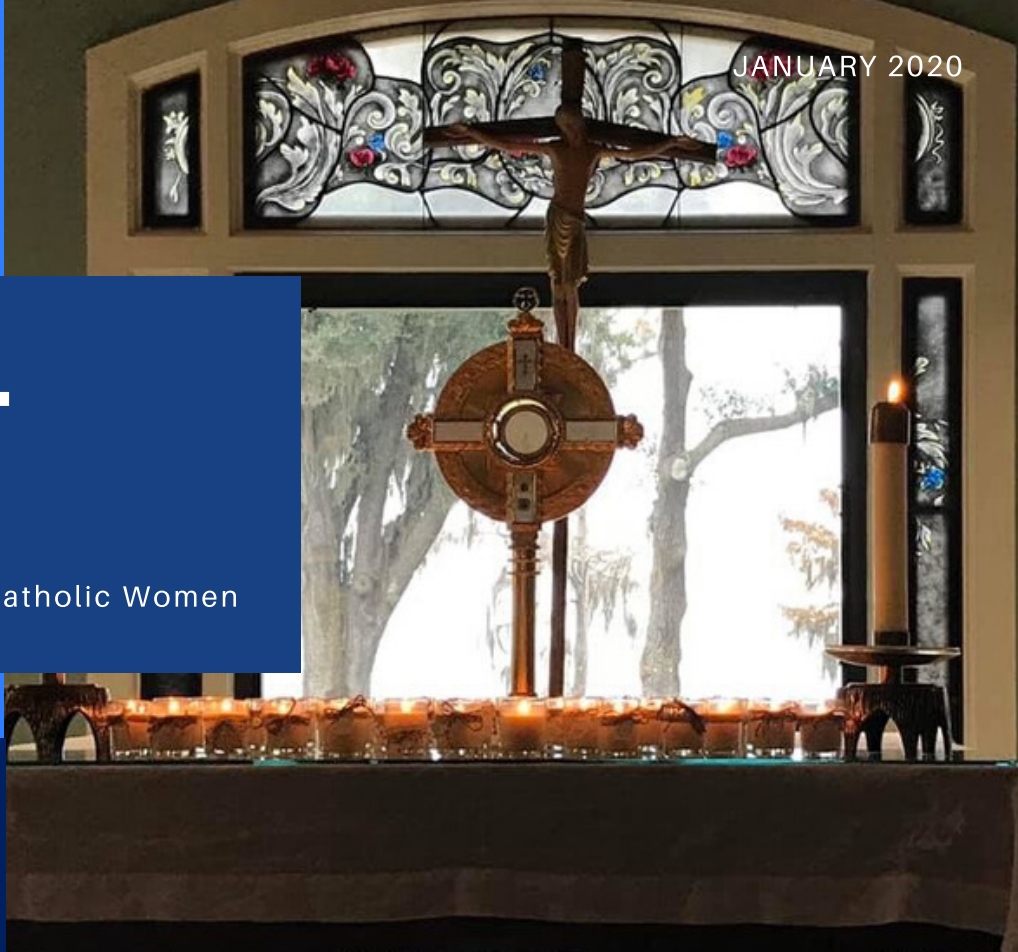
O God our Father, by the light of the Holy Spirit, lead us to be thankful for the gift of faith. May we grow in our relationship with Jesus, your Son. May we be confident witnesses to Christian hope and joy to all we meet. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## A Message From the Board:

We sincerely hope that you've all had a wonderful Christmas. It is often a season of both spiritual rejoicing and domestic chaos (Hallelujah! and Whew!).

Now we can take a deep breath, look forward to another year, and set new intentions for ourselves and our families. The Council of Catholic Women was formed to support, empower, and educate all Catholic women. We are dedicated to our sisterhood and look forward to serving, praying, and inspiring with and through all of you in the coming year.

Many Blessings!



## REFLECTIONS FROM THE EMBOLDENED RETREAT

On December 12, ladies from SJDR gathered at Marywood for a day of reflection and renewal. The day commenced with an opening prayer by Fr. John and an introduction to the retreat by Jennifer Clark. The first speaker was Mary Wharton who invited us to think about boldness and how that influences our role as women and mothers. She presented the following acronym paired with a saint who represented each quality:

B-bravery; St. Joan of Arc

O-openness; St. Therese of Lisieux

L-love; St. Edith Stein

D-dying to self; St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Our second speaker, Liz McGillin, encouraged us to surround ourselves in women who inspire and support us. She related how integral relationships with like-minded, spiritually-grounded women are in helping us cherish life's high points and cope with life's struggles. She also emphasized the power of prayer not only for our own intentions but also praying for one another.

In addition to our speakers, the morning also included times for private reflection and prayer. We then joined together for a beautiful lunch in the Marywood Conference Center.

We met in the Marywood chapel in the afternoon where Fr. John talked about the role of bold women in the Church and how to keep our faith strong. The day closed with prayer and Adoration.

Our thanks to all who attended this wonderful day and to our speakers. And, of course, the greatest thanks to Fr. John who was the inspiration for the retreat. The success of this event definitely has sparked interest in future retreats. More to come on this topic in 2020.

## CHRISTMAS MEAL BAG STUFFING

Thanks to everyone who volunteered their time and donated food for the Our Lady of Good Counsel food bags. We were able to deliver 72 bags of supplemental food items for their holiday food distribution.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### March for Life

*Saturday | January 18 | St. Augustine*

See flyer on page 3 for details

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### SJDR CCW Monthly Meeting

*Monday | January 27 | 7pm | Parish Family Center*

Speakers Kristin Van Hof and Cailin Smith will  
discuss adoption and fostering

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# ENDANGERED WORTHY OF PROTECTION

JANUARY 17-18, 2020

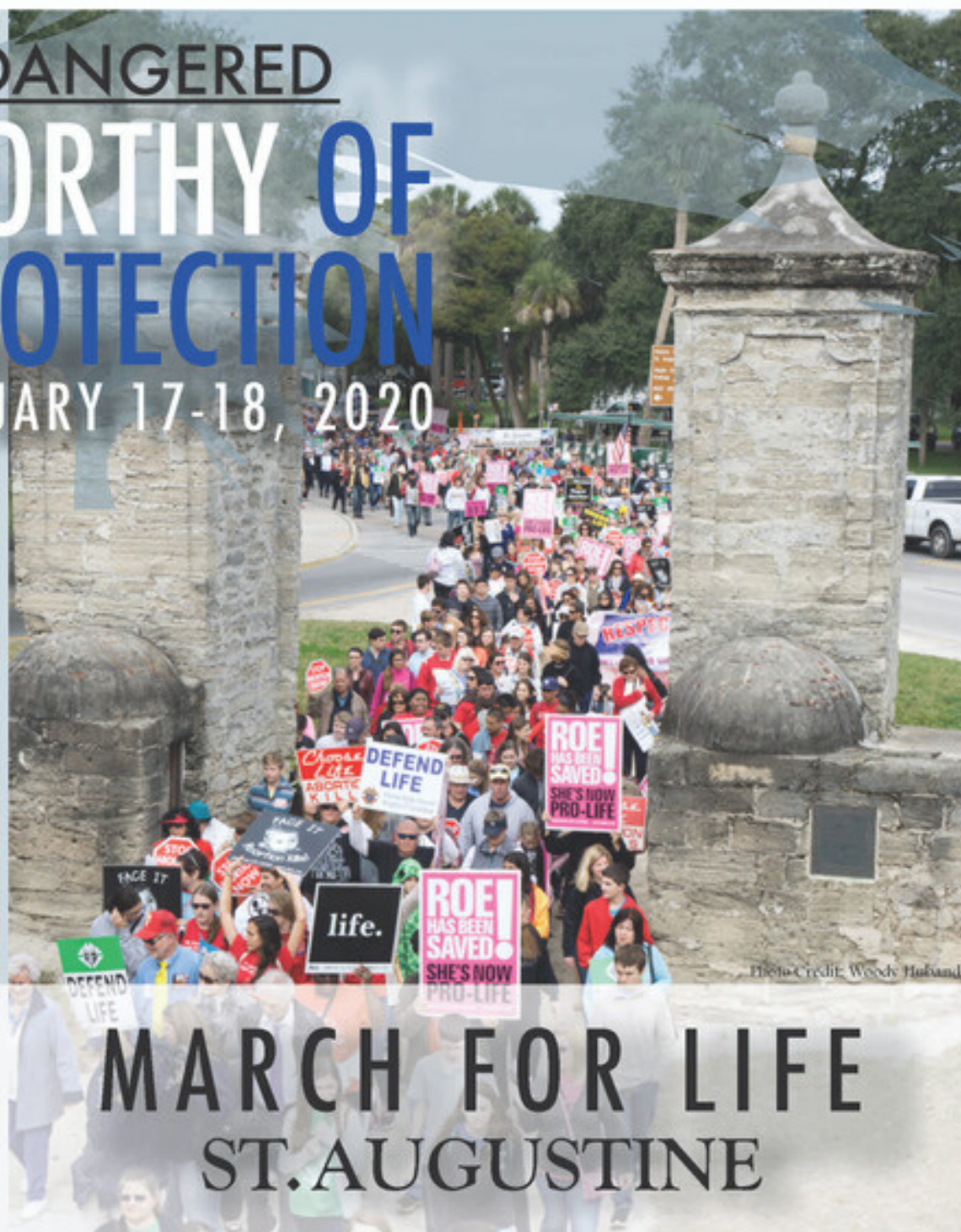
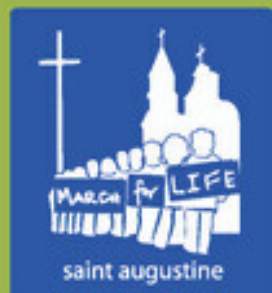


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## MARCH FOR LIFE ST. AUGUSTINE



[marchforlifestaugustine.com](http://marchforlifestaugustine.com)



### FRIDAY NIGHT KICK-OFF!

**Beginning at 5:30pm...**

Rosary, Mass, food trucks, video presentation, and Adoration under the stars!  
Our Lady of La Leche Church  
101 San Marco Avenue

*Please bring a donation of  
diapers to help our pregnancy  
care centers in need!*

### Featuring Doug Tooke

#### SATURDAY

**9:00 am** Mass with Bishop Felipe Estévez  
Our Lady of La Leche Church  
101 San Marco Avenue

**9:45 am** Live music and info booths

**10:30 am** Our peaceful procession begins  
with speakers and will finish with our  
**keynote speaker** in the Plaza.

**12 pm - 4pm** Spaghetti Dinner prepared by  
the Knights of Columbus, 259 Saint George Street