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St. Margaret of Scotland Parish to Hold Prayer Vigil on Third Anniversary of CVPA/Collegiate School Shooting

ST. LOUIS, MO – St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church will host an **ecumenical Prayer Vigil** on **Friday, October 24, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.** to mark the **third anniversary of the Central Visual and Performing Arts/Collegiate School shooting**. The service will take place in the church at **3864 Flad Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110**, and is **open to all** members of the community.

The evening will include **communal prayer, music, and reflection** to honor the lives of **Alexandra Bell** and **Jean Kuczka**, as well as all those who were present at the school that day and continue to be affected by the tragedy.

“Those who were freshmen that day are now seniors,” said **Emily Schiltz Sides**, a school parent who had two children at the school on October 24, 2022. “It’s important to acknowledge this third anniversary and to continue to support everyone who carries this experience with them.”

The vigil, hosted by Gun Sense: For the Common Good, is part of St. Margaret of Scotland Parish’s ongoing commitment to **prayer, healing, and community solidarity** in the face of gun violence. In addition to remembering those lost in the 2022 school shooting, the vigil will also honor **all those under the age of 18 killed by gun violence in St. Louis City and County** since last year’s vigil - their names will be read aloud as part of the service. The parish invites individuals of all faith traditions to gather in remembrance and hope.

For more information, visit www.stmargaretstl.org or follow St. Margaret of Scotland on social media.

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