



Peace and Justice Committee

The Diocese of West Missouri

June 1-7, 2026

Turning *Thoughts and Prayers* into a Week of Action for Gun Safety and Against Gun Violence

Monday

Learn about the scourge of gun violence and the toll it has taken on our communities. Learn about the issue at one of these sites:



WE CAN END GUN VIOLENCE

- **Everytown for Gun Safety** (Everytown.org)
- **Gun Violence Archive** (GunViolenceArchive.org)
- **Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Violence Solutions** (publichealth.jhu.edu/departments/health-policy-and-management/research-and-practice/center-for-gun-violence-solutions)
- **Giffords Law Center** (giffords.org/lawcenter/gun-laws)
- **Brady United Against Gun Violence** (BradyUnited.org)

Tuesday

Recognize that firearms are the leading cause of death of children in our country. Prioritize gun safety in your home if you are a gun owner.

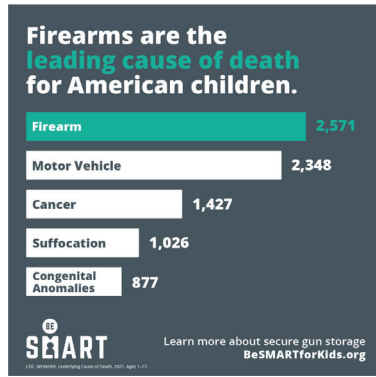
For more information on safe storage and keeping kids safe from unintentional shootings or suicide, visit BeSmartforKids.org or schedule a presentation or table at your church by Be SMART volunteers.



Wednesday

Support community violence interruption initiatives with your time, talent or treasure to help break the cycle of violence. In our community, these organizations are doing the hard work day by day to address the causes of violence and break the cycles of violence and deserve our support.

- **Aim4Peace** (www.kcmo.gov/city-hall/departments/health/aim4peace-violence-prevention-program)
- **Lyrik's Institution** (www.lyriksinstitute.com)
- **Ad Hoc Group Against Crime** (adhocgroupkc.org)
- **KC Common Good** (kccommongood.org)
- **Community Partnership of the Ozarks** (cpozarks.org/programs/violence-prevention)



Thursday

Contact your representatives (local and federal) and ask them to make sensible gun laws a priority and You can find out who your representatives are at www.usa.gov/elected-officials.

Sign petitions: www.everytown.org/actions



Friday—National Gun Violence Awareness Day

Join/donate to a gun violence prevention organization such as:

- **Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America** (momsdemandaction.org)
- **Sandy Hook Promise** (www.sandyhookpromise.org)
- **Giffords** (Giffords.org)
- **Brady** (BradyUnited.org)
- **Grandparents for Gun Safety** (grandparentsforgunsafety.org)
- **Lives on the Line** (wearelivesontheline.org)

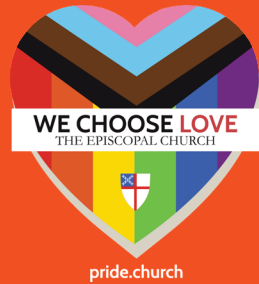
Support gun sense candidates who will work in all levels of government for laws and ordinances to make our communities safer.

To find Gun Sense Candidates, search here: gunsensevoter.org



Saturday—LGBTQIA+ Pride

- From 9-11:30 a.m., people are invited to the Alvin Brooks Center to rally in support of those affected by gun violence. Speakers and vendors will be present from 9-10:30 a.m., with a walk on Troost Ave. scheduled to follow.
- You can also attend a Pride Mass, walk with The Diocese of West Missouri in a Pride Parade in KC or Springfield, or help with the Episcopal booth at a Pride Festival.
- LGBTQ+ people are more than twice as likely as their cisgender peers to be a victim of gun violence. Mass Shootings, bullying and hate crimes disproportionately affect this population.
- Learn More about the connection between gun violence and the LGBTQ+ community at www.sandyhookpromise.org/blog/news/facts-and-statistics-about-the-impact-of-gun-violence-on-lgbtq-people.



Sunday—Wear Orange to Church

Pray for the hundreds of people killed by guns every month in this country, for their loved ones, for the children traumatized by living with this level of violence, and for a collective change of heart.

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