

WALKthe**TALK**

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This is a limited compilation of **CURRENT** opportunities for action. **Additional suggestions are welcomed at:** marynpaul@comcast.net we will make every effort to share them as quickly as possible.

NOTE: View "Walk the Talk" previous issues at: <http://www.stgilesparrish.org/peace-and-justice/>



= you can do this from home

GUN VIOLENCE/Domestic Violence



ST. EDMUND CHURCH (Oak Park) Monthly Prayer Vigil to End Gun Violence – SAT., March April 25th, 6:30 – 7:00 PM There have been **61** people killed and **103** wounded in the **past 72 hours** in the US <https://www.gunviolencearchive.org/>
Consider setting aside this half-hour to pray in solidarity with all people working to end gun violence.

IMMIGRATION



**DETENTION
WATCH NETWORK**

#FreeThemAll Toolkit

"In response to the growing public health crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and the United States government's inadequate response, we have developed this working toolkit to help guide and support the work of organizations and individuals looking to demand the release of people in ICE custody... We are also sharing the following templates (developed by collaboration with [La Resistencia](http://laresistencianw.org/) <http://laresistencianw.org/>): **Template format for call-in scripts to target local, state and regional decision-makers** *English & Spanish*



**INTERFAITH COMMUNITY
FOR DETAINED IMMIGRANTS**

Interfaith Prayer Vigil – Pray at Home: Friday mornings @ 7:15 am - 8:00 am – "Join us every Friday ...for the **Interfaith Prayer Vigil** ... We gather in solidarity with people who are detained or being deported. People of all faiths are welcome."



**AMERICAN
IMMIGRATION
LAWYERS
ASSOCIATION**

Advocate for a fair and reliable immigration court system: "On 2/18/20, 54 immigration, civil rights, faith-based, government accountability, and labor organizations, including AILA, call on Congress to establish an immigration court system that is **independent of DOJ** so that it can guarantee due process and a fair hearing for immigrants." **Write or call Senators Durbin and Duckworth, and your local House representative!**

<https://www.aila.org/advo-media/aila-correspondence/2020/advocates-call-on-congress-establish-independent>



PLEASE KEEP PRAYING FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN DETENTION AND FAMILIES WHO WERE SEPARATED AT OUR BORDERS

Pray for those being deported, *that they be safe.*

Pray for those whose court dates are this week, *that they have a favorable outcome.*

Pray for those released from detention and assisted by the ICDI hotline, *that they travel safely and get home to loved ones.*

Pray for the unaccompanied immigrant children that we visit in centers in Chicago, *that they be reunited with family quickly and know they are loved.*

Pray for the people living in community at the Christian Brothers townhome and in various 2nd stage settings, *that they adjust well to life in the US and know they are welcome.*

ENVIRONMENT



"From April 22, the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, to April 24, activists, performers, thought leaders, and artists will come together for an empowering, inspiring, and communal **three day live-stream mobilization.** The fights against the coronavirus and the climate crisis go hand-in-hand, and as we work to flatten the curve of this pandemic, we must strive toward the longer term goal of building a society rooted in sustainability and justice." **SIGN UP HERE:** <https://www.earthdaylive2020.org/?source=sierra-club-climate&referrer=group-sierra-club-climate>



Halt Keystone XL Construction Due to Coronavirus Public Health

Emergency: "TC Energy (formerly TransCanada) is disregarding public health and safety and moving hundreds of workers to rural and Tribal communities along the path of its proposed Keystone XL pipeline, endangering their well-being along with that of local community residents. These communities are unequipped to handle the public health threat of a COVID-19 outbreak, in addition to the increased crime and sexual violence – especially targeting Indigenous women -- arising from pipeline worker 'man camps.' ...**stand with rural and Tribal communities, calling on Montana Governor Steve Bullock to immediately halt all construction activity on the Keystone XL project and recall all workers TC Energy has *already* dispatched into the small rural and Tribal communities.**" https://act.sierraclub.org/actions/National?actionId=AR0257196&id=7013q000002CLsNAAW&data=1fff60b0fb2b3c15041b7a9d811e8e8328501c98e3af2078705cd6a798d4addf98a2b5f1e5f4bc75afb4f6176849f84a&utm_medium=email&utm_source



Watch at Home: Earth Day Virtual Mini Film Fest: *One Earth Film Fest* and the City of Chicago bring you the Earth Day Virtual Mini Film Fest, offering 6 FREE screenings from April 20 to 26, entirely online in the comfort of your own home. This is an easy, fun and meaningful way to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Earth Day with family and friends all week long.

The following films will be featured:

- "Happening: A Clean Energy Revolution," April 20
- "The Human Element," April 21
- "Wasted! The Story of Food Waste," April 23
- "Why We Cycle," April 24
- **Young Filmmakers Contest Honorable Mention Award-Winning Screenings**, April 25
- "The Biggest Little Farm," April 26

Events will offer rich programming, including Q&As via live chat on Zoom with filmmakers, expert panelists and local partners who can help you plug into your community.

We hope you'll join us and also encourage the participation of groups to which you belong. Groups can enjoy the live virtual screenings and Q&A with us, and then host their own discussions via Free Conference Call or Zoom.

REGISTER HERE: https://www.oneearthfilmfest.org/earth-day-virtual-mini-film-fest?mc_cid=a8d7b036f4&mc_eid=518b1e7fd8

...and more...



LOOKING TOWARD NOVEMBER...

Support voting by mail as a public health measure. Call: Your two senators and one House rep
Script: Hi, I'm a resident of [ZIP] and concerned that fear of COVID-19 will keep Americans from going to the polls on Election Day. The [Resilient Elections During Quarantines and Natural Disasters Act of 2020](#) would give all Americans the right to [vote by mail](#) if 25% of states declare a state of emergency, grant \$500 million to help states prepare for election disruptions, and require postage-paid self-sealing envelopes for ballots. Can I count on [NAME] to co-sponsor this important legislation? Thank you.

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