

WALKtheTALK

SGFMC Action for Justice News

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.

APRIL 2024

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God..." (Matt. 5:9)

**** Monthly Prayer Vigil to End Gun Violence - Saturday, **APRIL 27th**, at 6:00 PM** (following the 5PM Mass) **at ST. EDMUND CHURCH, 188 S. Oak Park ****

**** Monthly TAIZE Prayer for Peace – Friday, MAY 3rd, 7:30PM at Ascension Church, 808 S. East Ave****

MOMS
DEMAND
ACTION

FOR GUN SENSE IN AMERICA

Oak Park Austin Area Healing Vigil at Mercy Garden - Saturday, April 27th 11AM, - Mercy Garden for Peace and Healing - 4910 W Quincy St - Chicago, IL 60644

"Join us for a national healing vigil at the Mercy Garden with our partners MothersOnAMission28 and Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice. Together, we heal. Together we stand." https://act.everytown.org/event/moms-demand-action-event/60408/signup/?_gl=1*15957nv*_ga*MzQ2MDc5NDM3



STOP in the Name of God - Multi-Generational Perspectives on Gun Violence

"Pax Christi Metro DC-Baltimore (PCMDCB) invites you to join us in hearing from those closest to this rising tide – the most local and personal aspect of our nation's fatal addiction to violence. Gather virtually in a plenary session to begin the day, choose from among two pairs of workshops, and then reconvene to sum up lessons learned and directions for the road ahead." **Saturday, May 4 - 7:30 am – Noon CDT - via Zoom**

Register online at <https://bit.ly/spring-assembly-2024> by May 1. Registration is free. All are welcome!



**American
Friends
Service
Committee**

Call for a cease-fire and humanitarian access for Gaza now!

<https://afsc.org/action/call-cease-fire-and-humanitarian-access-gaza-now?ms=WEB24NB0424PI>

("Gaza today is a mass grave, not only for thousands of Palestinians killed by Israel but also for the conscience of the 'free world'." [Yousef Aljamal](#))



<https://www.cawc.org/about-programs/> [CAWC 24-HOUR HOT LINE: [773.278.4566](tel:773.278.4566)]

sarah's inn  together strong

<https://sarahsinn.org/> **24-HOUR CRISIS LINE:** [708-386-4225](tel:708-386-4225) (phone) / [708-669-6149](tel:708-669-6149) (text)

○ **National Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-799-7233**

- [Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline 1-877-863-6338](tel:1-877-863-6338)

- National Sexual Assault Hotline (all ages) 1-800-656-4673
- o Trevor Line (for LGBTQ teens and young adults) 1-866-488-7386
- o National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: **DIAL 988** – 24/7, toll-free everywhere



Find Your 2024 Gun Sense Candidates

https://gunsensevoter.org/?akid=298829.5417268.-CuZli&rd=1&refcode=emve_20240314

"Let us pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country." – Pope Francis



Urge President Joe Biden and his administration to honor the sanctity of life by prioritizing an **end to the federal death penalty.** <https://catholicmobilizing.org/biden-end-federal-dp>

[Where do political candidates stand, on eliminating the death penalty? TRACK THE CANDIDATES HERE: <https://deathpenaltyaction.org/2024candidatepositions/>]



DEATH PENALTY



"The following link is to an updated list of **currently scheduled executions** in the United States. **Select the prisoner's name to sign the petition** which will be delivered on your behalf to the respective state's government officials". <https://deathpenaltyaction.org/take-action/execution-petitions/>

URGENT ACTION NEEDED: JAMIE MILLS in Alabama: May 30, 2024 at 6:00 pm CT

<https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/stop-the-execution-of-jamie-mills-in-alabama/>

Equal Justice Initiative <https://eji.org/news/stay-of-execution-sought-after-discovery-of-new-evidence-that-prosecutors-falsified-case-against-jamie-mills/>

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me..." Matthew 25: 35



Centro San Edmundo (200 S. Oak Park Ave.)

"We are most in need of gym shoes and sandals for men, women, and children, summer T-shirts and shorts, towels, and toiletries.

Additional clothing and care items: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zHFBaKc5YduGzUUAGtZsa8qaGeetEAD/view>

Donations may be dropped off on Monday mornings from 9 am to 12 pm at Centro San Edmundo previously known as St. Edmund School, 200 S. Oak Park Avenue, Oak Park, IL. Please enter from the Pleasant Avenue door.



848 Lake Street, Oak Park – <https://www.gobeyondhunger.org/volunteer>

"A variety of volunteer shifts are available, during weekday, evening, and weekend hours. We offer shifts that run the gamut, including data entry, repacking, serving Pantry guests, and unloading delivery trucks. We hope to provide a volunteer opportunity for everyone, at every ability level." [Volunteer Orientation](#) Mar 20 2024 | 6 - 7pm



FINAL WEEK! Annual "CAN DO" Community Challenge (Food- and Fund-Raiser) -

<https://www.gobeyondhunger.org/CanDoCommunity>



"Volunteers are a key part of operating our emergency warming shelter for individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness. The volunteer opportunities for this shelter are **HERE:**

<https://www.housingforward.org/get-involved/volunteer>

#CROPHungerWalk

41st Annual CROP Hunger Walk - May 5, 2024

Registration begins at 1:00 pm; Pre-Event Rally begins at 1:30 pm; Walk kicks off at 2:00 pm

[NOTE: Youth Ministry of the combined Catholic parishes in Oak Park will walk to support the Migrant Ministry.]

Sign up and/or donate **HERE:** <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/team/migrant-ministries>



"The Night Ministry is a Chicago-based organization whose mission is to provide human connection, housing support, and health care to members of our community who are unhoused or experiencing poverty..."

<https://www.thenightministry.org/other-ways-to-support>

"The Earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof..." Psalm 24:1



Protect Illinois wetlands left vulnerable by the US Supreme Court "The Wetlands

Protection Act will comprehensively fill the gap left by the elimination of protections at the federal level. Tell your legislators to vote 'Yes' and cosponsor SB0771 to protect Illinois wetlands."

<https://act.sierraclub.org/actions/Illinois?actionId=AR0425551&id=7013q00002IQBnAAO&data=1fff60b0fb2b3c15041b7a9d81>



SIGN UP NOW: 2024 MAY 9th - CLIMATE LOBBY DAY in Springfield

"This year, environmentalists will come together to push for legislation that advances our policy goals in the Power, Buildings, and Transportation sectors while also creating good jobs, protecting consumers, and safeguarding our communities. **JOIN US** at Lobby Day to rally at the statehouse and meet with your state representative and senator about these critical bills. **Sign up to attend Climate Lobby Day** on May 9! **Be sure to check off "Sierra Club Illinois"** on the sign-up link. <https://ilenviro.org/2024-climate-action-lobby-day/>

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...and more...

**** What YOU can do in 2024 - help to ensure that every eligible person in this country is given the opportunity to VOTE! ****



JOIN and/or SUPPORT Vote Forward <https://votefwd.org/about-us> (**Vote Forward**

volunteers have adopted more than **1M voters** in 2024)

"For I was in prison and you visited me..." Matthew 25: 36



Help protect minor children in Illinois. Urge **your state Senator to sponsor IL SB 3321**

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/BillStatus.asp?GA=103&DocTypeID=SB&DocNum=3321&GAID=17&SessionID=112&LegID=152731>

“SB 3321 will **protect children during interrogation** by requiring that they have a lawyer with them throughout the custodial interrogation. Juveniles aged 13 to 18 are at risk of prosecution in adult court. Depending on their statement, even being at or near the scene of an offense could trigger transfer provisions that send them automatically to adult court (and adult mandatory sentencing) based on accountability. “

(source: Juvenile Justice Initiative <https://www.jjustice.org/>)