

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.stgilesparish.org/peace-and-justice/>

GUN VIOLENCE/Domestic Violence

Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline **1-877-863-6338**



"Empowering adults and their children with the skills they need to live a life that is free of fear and move forward on their healing journey." <https://www.cawc.org/> Contribute to the **WISH LIST**: <https://www.cawc.org/wishlist/>



Comprehensive services for families affected by domestic violence
24-HOUR CRISIS LINE: [708-386-4225 \(phone\)](tel:708-386-4225) / [708-669-6149 \(text\)](tel:708-669-6149)



National Suicide Prevention: Lifeline **1-800-273-8255** (24/7, English/Spanish) - Text **TALK** to **741-741** - Chat at suicidepreventionlifeline.org
How to get a "FRO" (firearms restraining order): <https://speakforsafetyil.org/#>



Support ATF 2021R-05: Tell the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) to regulate 'ghost guns' (made from untraceable kits or parts.)
SIGN HERE: <https://secure.everyaction.com/SAMHnXhHqkGqvECyrMf6lQ2?sourceid=1000305>



Federal background-checks legislation: **STILL STALLED...**

- H.R. 8 – "Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2021" - <https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/117/hr8> - *passed the House, 3/11/21; sent to the Senate*
- H.R. 1446 – "Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2021" <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/1446/all-actions> - *passed the House, 3/11/21; sent to the Senate*

IMMIGRATION:



"Casa Al-Fatiha" (Logan Square) – <https://www.citybureau.org/newswire/2021/5/10/a-diy-music-space-transforms-into-a-home-for-asylum-seekersnbsp>

"ICDI and Casa Al-Fatiha are partnering to create an annual fundraiser to fund wrap-around care for program participants. Casa Al-Fatiha provides a safe and welcoming home for people who are part of the LGBTQ+ community and are seeking asylum. Our goal is to fundraise \$15,000 ASAP. The campaign will secure a full year of care for Casa Al-Fatiha." **Click on the Donate button and make sure to write "Fatiha" when asked where your money should go to.**

DONATE: <https://icdi.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/icdi/donation.jsp>



Follow new Federal legislation here:

- H.R.1603 - Farm Workforce Modernization Act of 2021: *passed in the House 3/18/21; referred to Senate Judiciary Committee 3/22/21* <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/1603/all-actions?overview=closed#tabs> **no news...**Ⓢ
- H.R.6 - American Dream and Promise Act of 2021: *Senate Judiciary hearings on 6/15/21* <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/6/all-actions?overview=closed#tabs> **no news...**Ⓢ

"**NETWORK** offers a series of educational videos providing information about the United States' Immigration system...such as Title 42, MPP (Migration Protection Protocols), the difference between the asylum process and refugee process, and more. To learn more, please watch the videos **HERE:** <https://networklobby.org/welcome-to-networks-summer-immigration-education/>



Zoom Information for First Friday

Vigil:<https://zoom.us/j/94327159309?pwd=MVhncK93WCtSIRDK05kZjVsMXVTUT09>

Meeting ID: 943 2715 9309

Passcode: 556345

Zoom Information for Rosary:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83127670921?pwd=QU5RNkJJUkllLdEczQUtNOXZlcGxzUT09It>

Dial 1-312-626-6799 to join the Rosary only by phone.

Meeting ID: 831 2767 0921

Passcode: 321321321

"ICDI also provides crucial material support to immigrants in ICE detention. Weekly \$10 commissary checks are deposited into accounts, which are often used to purchase soap or toothpaste, supplementary food like ramen noodles, or letters and stamps or phone time to loved ones, which amounts to \$70,000 in pass-through donations annually. We also fulfill requests for spiritual materials and texts in any faith tradition or language requested.

<https://icdi.zsystems.com/np/clients/icdi/donation.jsp?campaign=50>

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

("During COVID-19, in-person pastoral care has been suspended and replaced with video visitation. Below, you will find participant's names, country of origin, and their request for prayers.")

Prayer Requests from McHenry		
Andres	Mexico	Pray of thanks that Andres continues his faith in God as his case is soon to be decided. And also please pray for his family.
Angela	Colombia	Please pray for her to be released to her family. She has a son with a heart condition and another child with ADD and one in college.
Mathusala	Ethiopia	That his habeas corpus be successful so that he can return to his family in Indianapolis
Lennox	Jamaica	That he be released to return to his family in Chicago.
Prayer Requests from Kankakee		
Munkhnasan	Mongolia	for his family and all those in detention
Bernabe	Mexico	Pray for his court on August 6 and that he can accept whatever

		decision is made.
Emerson	Honduras	To find out what is going to happen with him. For his inmates and for the people crossing the desert to come to USA.
Angel	Mexico	That he can be deported soon and that he can get in touch with his wife and young daughter
Raymundo	Mexico	For the Sisters who visit me. Pray for my case being decided. For the poor, all in detention and all of humanity.
Cristian	Guatemala	For an answer for his request for asylum, he is waiting for a Prosecutorial Discretion
Kevin	El Salvador	For Kevin, his new lawyer and the resolution of his case. Pray for Kevin's 3 small children, his mother and his grandmother who is in El Salvador
Pablo	Mexico	For Pablo's wife and 4 small children. Pray that God will reign over the world. For humanity, the sick, the poor. For my weekly visitors and their families.

ENVIRONMENT



Support the **ILLINOIS CLEAN ENERGY JOBS ACT (CEJA)** (SB 1718/HB 804)

DELAYED – but not DEFEATED... for a clear, in-depth look at what's at stake, see **THIS** from *Capital News Illinois*: <https://capitolnewsillinois.com/NEWS/advocates-continue-to-push-for-equitable-energy-bill>
(Capitol News Illinois is a nonprofit, nonpartisan news service covering state government and distributed to more than 400 newspapers statewide. It is funded primarily by the Illinois Press Foundation and the Robert R. McCormick Foundation.)

Green Corridor Canvas: Day of Action Sat, Aug 28, 2021, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM , 136 N Southport Rd, Mundelein, IL "The decade's long campaign to stop the Rt. 53 extension and protect the 800+ acres of undeveloped state-owned land in [the now-defunct] highway's corridor is ramping up its efforts after the State of Illinois passed a resolution earlier this year that formed an official Task Force to study alternative uses of the land...We will be gathering petition signatures in support of protecting one of the county's crown-jewels of open space...We will be going door-to-door around this subdivision to gather petition signatures and need all the help we can get!"

MORE: <https://act.sierraclub.org/events/details?formcampaignid=7013q000002FLZSAA4&mapLinkHref=https://maps.google.com/maps&daddr=Green%20Corridor%20Canvas:%20Day%20of%20Action@42.264964,-88.025322>



"GET THE LEAD OUT!" Learn to be an advocate for **CLEAN WATER** in Illinois - Illinois has approx. **25% of all the lead water-service** lines in the nation! <https://www.faithinplace.org/clean-water-advocacy>

"The Metropolitan Planning Council reported in a recently released [study](#) where they reviewed the 50 municipalities with the most lead service lines in Illinois that "65% of Black and Latinx population of Illinois lives in communities that have 95% of all the lead pipes."



SAVE THE DATES! Green Team Summit 2021: An Immersive Virtual Summit on Healing
 Join *Faith in Place* **September 12-14th (evenings)** for a 3-night immersive and interactive journey into healing.

"We believe our environmental and social crises are rooted in **disconnection**. During this summit, we will explore ways to heal our connection with our land, body, mind, spirit, and community. From walking through vividly green wetlands in Shawnee National Forest, to touring a farm, and gathering in a racial healing circle, this **virtual** Summit will honor our interconnectedness and inspire our environmental work through healing." Registration is **FREE**. (Sign up now & get a free copy of e-Book "Rooted for Healing" Register **HERE**: <https://www.greenteamsummit.org/2021-registration>)



"On June 20, 2021, hundreds of trees were lost during a devastating tornado that struck the western suburbs of Chicago. The Morton Arboretum is working with those communities affected to replace up to 300 of the lost trees as part of its Centennial Tree Planting Initiative.

To celebrate its 100th year in 2022, The Morton Arboretum will plant 1,000 trees throughout the seven-county Chicago region in areas where they are needed most, providing benefits to individuals and communities for many years to come. **Make a gift today to help purchase trees for the Centennial Tree Planting Initiative**, including trees for the communities struck by the June 20 tornado."

...and more...



"...HF has a great need for **in-person helpers at the Write Inn during mealtimes and throughout the afternoon**. They have 2-3 hour slots at different times throughout the day, and you can sign up once or more regularly. If you're able to help with this important ministry, please go to housingforward.org/get-involved for information and the sign-up calendar. Many thanks!"



STIL TIME TO HELP encourage eligible Virginians to VOTE in their general election 11/2/21 - Sign up HERE: <https://votefd.org/campaigns>

Virginia

363,085 adopted | 185,486 remaining

📧 Mail on Sep 18 (in 35 days)

Send letters to encourage voters from underrepresented communities in Virginia to request their absentee ballots in advance of the election in November

DEATH PENALTY - In 2018, the Catechism of the Catholic Church was revised to read that "in the light of the Gospel" the death penalty is "**inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person**", and that the Catholic Church "works with determination for its abolition worldwide."

H.R. 97 – Federal Death Penalty Abolition Act of 2021 – Referred to the Subcommittee of Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security 3/01/21 (no news...)

H.R. 262 – Federal Death Penalty Prohibition Act – Referred to the Subcommittee of Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security 3/04/21 (no news...)



“Our Multi-Issue Lives: Being a Catholic Justice-Seeker Today” Tuesday, August 17 at 3:00 PM CDT: Hear NETWORK's new **Deputy Executive Director and Chief Equity Officer Joan Neal**, along with Executive Director Mary Novak and Board Chairs Rachelle Reyes Wenger and Sister Erin Zubal, discuss how they each live out the call to be a multi-issue justice-seeker today. **Register:** networklobby.org/multi-issuelivesevent

“Build Your Own Budget with NETWORK: The *Tax Justice for All* workshop offers you the opportunity to re-envision a tax code that makes the wealthy and corporations pay their fair share and see how we can invest that money to build our society anew... ***Tax Justice for All: Unveiling the Racial Inequities of the U.S. Tax Code*** is a virtual interactive workshop that explores how tax justice is critical to racial justice. The workshop takes participants through the lives of five different families and explores how the tax code impacts them. It then gives participants the opportunity to re-envision the tax code. **[4 opportunities to attend – pick one that works for you!]**

- Monday, August 16, 11AM - 1 PM CDT ([register here](#))
- Tuesday, August 18, 2-4 PM CDT ([register here](#))
- Tuesday, August 24, 6-8 PM CDT ([register here](#))
- Saturday, August 28, Noon-2 PM CDT ([register here](#))