

WALKtheTALK

SGFMC Action for Justice News

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

GUN VIOLENCE

ST. EDMUND CHURCH (Oak Park) Monthly *Prayer Vigil to End Gun Violence* – **SATURDAY, August 31st, 6:30 – 7:00 PM** "The last Saturday of each month, please join us on the rectory lawn from 6:30 to 7pm for our monthly **Prayer Vigil to End Gun Violence.**"



Illinois SB 1966 "Fix the FOID" Act: "Address many of the gaps [in the current law], strengthen the FOID system, and help ensure that people with violent criminal histories who are prohibited from gun possession are not able to easily evade the law and arm themselves." **Sign HERE:** <https://ilgvp.com/fix-the-foid/>



"The epidemic of gun violence in America continued this month with mass shootings in El Paso, Texas, and Dayton, Ohio, claiming the lives of 31 people. These tragedies reveal the violent intersecting problems of white nationalism, domestic terrorism, gun violence, and toxic masculinity that grip our nation. Thoughts and prayers are not enough. As the Bible instructs us, we must "love not in word or speech, but in truth and action" (1 John 3:18). **As a person of faith, use your voice to call for Congress to pass sensible legislation to address gun violence.**" <https://secure3.convio.net/sojo/site/Advocacy?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=1322>

[**NOTE:** "If you would like to know your [donations to the victims of the mass shootings in Dayton and El Paso](#) are making the most impact, here are three local community organizations that are helping victims directly. **Donate:** To the [Dayton Foundation here](#), to the [El Paso Foundation here](#), or to the [Paso Del Norte Community Foundation here](#)".(AoCC)]

ENVIRONMENT

Support S.1974 "Renewable Electricity Standard Act" - Introduced 06-26-19, now with 6 cosponsors, to achieve at least 50 percent renewable electricity nation-wide in 15 years, putting the U.S. on a trajectory to de-carbonize the power sector by 2050 [meeting standards set in the UN's recent **IPCC report** (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) <http://www.freedomworks.org/content/tell-your-members-congress-supportco-sponsor-local-level-act-s-1974>



Help pass HR 2156 "RECLAIM" Act - Soon the House of Representatives will be voting on a bill to finally do something positive for communities that have suffered the brunt of our fossil fuel economy – those living with abandoned coal mines. HR 2156, called RECLAIM, has bi-partisan support and it's coming to the floor of the House! The RECLAIM Act will make much needed updates to the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977. It will force the release of more than \$1 billion already collected for **abandoned coal mine site clean-up...** http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/50836/p/dia/action4/common/public/?action_KEY=26425



SHARE YOUR HARVEST - donate your garden surplus @ **Ascension Parish Center Parking Lot and Community Garden**, (East Ave. & Van Buren) **Tuesday evenings from 6:30 pm until dusk**, for **St. Martin de Porres Food Pantry**. (Info: John Owens owens708@comcast.net)



SAVE THE DATE: 4th Annual "GREEN TEAM SUMMIT" – Saturday, Sept. 14th @ The Field Museum "This will be a special Green Team Summit celebrating the 20th Anniversary of **Faith in Place** and the work of Green Teams throughout Illinois. This event will convene hundreds of people of diverse faiths from neighborhoods across Chicago and cities across Illinois for an action-packed day of connecting and networking about environmental justice. Whether your house of worship is just starting to think about sustainability or has a long history of going green, you are invited to join us for this event that will give you the tools, resources, and inspiration needed to spark meaningful change in your community."

IMMIGRATION



INTERFAITH COMMUNITY FOR DETAINED IMMIGRANTS

Interfaith Prayer Vigil – September 6th @ 7:15 am - 8:00 am – 1930 Beach St, Broadview (South of the Eisenhower, west of 25th Ave.) "Join us every First Friday of the month for the Interfaith Prayer Vigil at the Broadview detention center. We gather in solidarity with people who are detained or being deported. People of all faiths are welcome."



Catholic Theological Union

Creating Communities of Welcome: *What Would You Have Us Do?* – Saturday, Sept. 21st, 9AM-1PM, Catholic Theological Union, 5416 S. Cornell (Chicago) – suggested donation \$25 (free parking)

Panelists:

U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky

Illinois's 9th Congressional District

Theologian Carmen M. Nanko-Fernandez

Catholic Theological Union

Attorney Irakere Picon

Illinois Business Immigration Coalition (IBIC)

To register, simply send your name, email or phone number with your check or money order to:

Mail to: Sisters and Brothers of Immigrants, c/o Dorothy Pagosa, SSJ-TOSF

7101 W. Foster Place | Chicago, IL 60656

Check/money order payable to: Sisters and Brothers of Immigrants

...and more...



"The threat of Christian nationalism is not new. But this movement, which promotes the idea that to be a *real* American you must be Christian, is growing with a dangerous intensity....We need a strong response from the Christian community...If you agree, sign **the statement** and join Christians from all denominations to take a powerful stand."

<https://www.christiansagainstchristiannationalism.org/statement>



**FAITHFUL
AMERICA**

Love thy neighbor.
No exceptions.

"Faithful America is the largest online community of Christians putting faith into action for social justice....We raise our collective voices through rapid-response campaigns that tap into the grassroots power of Christians across the nation...Faithful America is an independent 501(c)4 not-for-profit organization. At this time, 100% of our funding comes from our members -- from individual grassroots donations...." <https://act.faithfulamerica.org/signup/about-us/>

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Prayer Request from Kankakee for 8-12-19</u>
Inez	Mexico	Please pray for him, his children, and his safe return to Mexico.
Marcos	Mexico	Pray for him, his children, and his safe return to Mexico.
Cristian	Mexico	Pray for him, his children, his family, and especially his case.
Victor	Mexico	Pray for him, his family, his parents, and especially his case.
Arturo	Mexico	Pray for him, his fiance & children, and for his court case.
Jose	Mexico	Pray for him, pray for his wife & children, his family, and especially his court case.
Carlos	El Salvador	Please pray for his health. He suffers from back & other ailments.
Humberto	Mexico	Pray for a fast resolution of his case. He's lived here for 28 years & has 15 employees in a business. I will have to leave everything if deported, and I have been a model citizen.
Alberto	Honduras	Please pray for family & liberty.
Edgar	Guatemala	Please pray for my asylum. There was confusion at my last court date.
Roman	Mexico	Pray for everybody detained & for all the families, & that he can be free soon.
Marco	Mexico	Please pray for the U.S. government & Mexico's, for the ICDI visitors, and for his family.
Amadou	Africa	Pray that he gets freedom by being deported, and that all the immigrants get freedom.
Ramon	India	Pray for freedom for all those detained, and that God will help them.
Angel	Mexico	Pray for everyone incarcerated & all innocent people.
Gibson	Cameroon	Pray for peace and all leaders. Pray for more sensitivity & compassion.
Pedro		Pray for peace in America. Pray for peace between Israel & Palestine. Pray for all the detainees & everyone waiting for deportation.
Santiago		Please pray for his family & friends.
Aky	Russia	Pray for all detained that they can stay in U.S.
Hardik	India	Pray the he keeps hope alive, and pray for his sister who is ill.
Arturo	Mexico	Pray for all detainees and the ICDI volunteers.
Prudencio	Mexico	Pray for a favorable outcome to his case.
Pedro	Guatemala	Pray that he may soon leave here and be free. Pray also for his family members.
Alfredo	Mexico	Pray that he is released soon and rejoin his family.
Angel	Mexico	Pray for a favorable outcome to his case.
Antonio	Mexico	Please pray for his family - especially his mother.
Delome	Benin	Pray for his family & quick adjudication, Ranita his wife, Kate & Jaunelle his daughters.
Carlos	Congo	Please pray for him & his brother Sebastian who is also in detention.
Julio	Cuba	Pray that he might be reunited with his girlfriend.
Youssouf	Mauritania	Please pray for his children: Josiah 6, Yacine 4, & Ismael 2.
Alberto	Mexico	Pray for his quick release, and for his fiance Maria, his sons Joshur & Mateo.
Ramesh	India	Pray for a rapid deportation & for his wife Bhareta and son Varum.

Jorge	Cuba	Pray for my final hearing, and that my family will all be well & healthy.
Fidel	Guatemala	Pray for my appeal that God enables the judges hearts to help us.
Emmanuel	Mexico	Please pray that I'll know how to go forward.
Omar	El Salvador	Pray I'll get a bond and be able to go home.
Abel	Cuba	Please pray for my hearing that my family will be united again.
Dayan	Honduras	Please pray for my hearing.
Franklin	Honduras	Please pray that I won't have to go back to Honduras.
Jose	Honduras	Please pray for my hearing.
Maycolh	Nicaragua	Pray for his wife & 2 children & for all in detention and in Nicaragua.
Marlon	Guatemala	Please pray for my court date on Sept 16, and for my parents and siblings with me as the middle child.
Rolando	Cuba	Please pray for me that everything goes well, and for all the detainees. Pray for asylum for me as an only son to take care of my mother.
Rafael	Cuba	Pray for a positive court, and pray for my parent and family.
Rene	Cuba	Pray for my family & my daughter Lilia (1 yr) who has a tumor. My plea is for asylum at my court date this month.
Juan	Honduras	Please pray for my mother and my siblings.
Gabriel	Cuba	Please pray for my family and my court date. I ask that all goes well.
Verdecia	Cuba	Pray for my daughter Natalie (5), and for my whole family that all goes well. I have not seen them in 4 months.
Yohan	Cuba	Please pray for my mother Maritza's health. Pray also for my court date August 26 that I am able to understand the decision.
Yulian	Cuba	Pray for my first court date, my wife & daughter 10 yrs, and my whole case which is a family case now.
Wilmer	Honduras	Pray for my family, my parents, 4 sibilngs, and grandmother. Pray for my case & for the lawyers that took my case.
Raidel	Cuba	Pray that he can be released soon.
Jair	Guatemala	Pray for his family.
Laueano	Guatemala	Pray for all, especially for his family.
Anthony	El Salvador	Pray he receives the help he needs.
Merlin	Honduras	Pray for his family that God blesses everyone of them, and for his two brothers in Honduras.
Robert	Cuba	Pray for all, especially for his family.
Yordony	Cuba	Pray for all people but especially for his family.
Luis	Cuba	Please pray for his family.
Jose	Honduras	Pray that he arrives safely back in his country, and that God protects him.
Rene	El Salvador	Pray that God protects the hearts of the people in this prison.
Darian	Cuba	Please pray for him and his parents & family, especially on his court Aug 28th.
Persi	Guatemala	Please pray for him, his wife & daughter, his family, and his case.
Flaviano	Brazil	Pray for him, his parents & brother, and for his case.
Yunior	Cuba	Pray for him, especially for his father, his family, and his court day Aug 19th.
Oliveria	Mexico	Pray for him, his daughter Boiana, his father Selfin, and for his case.
Aonhdel	Guatemala	Pray for him, his parents, and his court date.
		Pray for those deported.
		Pray for those whose court dates are this week, <i>that they have a favorable outcome.</i>
		Pray for those released from detention and assisted by the ICDI hotline, <i>that they travel safely and get home to loved ones.</i>
		Pray for the unaccompanied immigrant children that we visit in centers in Chicago, <i>that they be reunited with family quickly and know they are loved.</i>

	Pray for the people in the Marie Joseph House of Hospitality and in various 2nd stage houses, <i>that they adjust well to life in the US and know they are welcome.</i>
	Requests from <i>Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants</i>