

WALKthe**TALK**

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



Need some cheering-up? **Thank Sen. Dick Durbin** (D-IL) for calling for Kirstjen Nielsen to accept responsibility for family separation and *step down* as Secretary of DHS.

Address: 525 S. 8th Street, Springfield, IL 62703

Find lots of GOOD NEWS at "Small Victories"... <https://mailchi.mp/peaceiscloud/small-victories-in-pursuit-of-freedom> Or "What Went Right": <https://whatwentright.org/> Or subscribe to the Sierra Club's "Daily Ray of Hope" – <https://www.sierraclub.org/sierra-club-email/daily-ray-of-hope>



Back to work.....

GUN VIOLENCE

ST. EDMUND CHURCH (Oak Park) Monthly Prayer Vigil to End Gun Violence – SATURDAY, AUGUST 25th, 6:30 – 7:00 PM

SB 337 Combating Illegal Gun Sales Act (aka Gun Dealer Licensing) helps the state prevent the flow of illegal guns from unscrupulous dealers into the hands of dangerous criminals; calls for common sense, industry-wide best practices for gun dealers. ***How long, O Lord... let's get this DONE!***

IMMIGRATION



- **Interfaith Prayer Vigil – Friday Sept. 7th 7:15AM – 8:00AM** "Join us **every First Friday of the month** for the Interfaith Prayer Vigil at **Broadview** (1930 Beach Street). We gather in solidarity with people who are detained or being deported." (1 Block WEST of 25th Ave., 1-1/2 blocks SOUTH of I290, between Lexington and Harvard)
- **"Solidarity Gala"** (cocktails, dinner buffet, silent auction, program) - **\$150/person THURSDAY, 9/20 @ Misericordia, 6300 N. Ridge Ave. Chicago – 773/779-6011 ext. 3846 OR:**
<https://icdi.z2systems.com/np/clients/icdi/eventRegistration.jsp?event=27&>



Unaccompanied Immigrant Children: Responding with Love, Mercy, and

Justice, Saturday, Sept. 15th, 8:15AM – 1:00PM, Catholic Theological Union (5416 S. Cornell, Chicago) (\$15 before 9/08 - \$20 @ the door – free with Student ID – FREE PARKING)

REGISTER HERE: http://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/f17d65_09e6f74df6544888af771264eca7f602.pdf

(Sponsored by *Sisters and Brothers of Immigrants* and CTU's *Oscar Romero Scholars Program*.)

Advocate for decriminalizing border crossing –

- Call your House Rep, and both Senators Duckworth and Durbin.
- *Sample script:* 'I'm from [ZIP CODE], calling to ask Rep X (or Senator Y) to work on repealing two laws dating back to the Immigration Act of 1929. They are: Title 8 U.S. Codes 1325 & 1326. These laws criminalize crossing the US border without authorization. Repealing them would decrease family separation and stop wasting taxpayer dollars on mass detention. I would like (Rep/Sen) to repeal these laws and restore humanity to our immigration policies.'
<https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/8>

ENVIRONMENT/CARE OF THE EARTH

NEXT SATURDAY, August 25th, 10AM, at Montrose Beach – “ADOPT A BEACH” Join **St. Giles community members** and others in a day of litter clean-up. <http://www.stgilesparish.org/adopt-a-beach/>



Political Field Team Training, Saturday Aug. 25th, 9:30 AM – 4PM,

Warrenville Public Library 28W751 Stafford Pl, Warrenville, IL (near IL56/Butterfield @ Batavia Rd.)
“...The fossil fuel industry is represented in every level of the federal administration when the health and future of our communities are not. In Illinois, our Governor has largely ignored all issues related to the environment and has held our state hostage to his "Turnaround Agenda." For a stronger democracy, state, and planet, we need some significant political wins in 2018. If you're up for the fight, and ready to join our efforts to take our state and country back, we hope you'll join our Sierra Club Political Field Team. Step one: training.”

<https://act.sierraclub.org/events/details?formcampaignid=7010Z000002B03CQAS&mapLinkHref=/maps.google.com/maps?daddr=Political%20Field%20Team%20Training@41.823102,-88.182801>



Saturday, September 22nd: 3rd Annual GREEN TEAM SUMMIT – Save the date: “Join us at The Field Museum in Chicago on **Saturday, September 22** for our Third Annual Green Team Summit...” **Take the kids to this FREE family-friendly event!** (BOX LUNCH is \$5)
<https://www.faithinplace.org/gts18registration>

ETC...



11 WEEKS 'TIL THE MIDTERM ELECTIONS – is every eligible person you know REGISTERED to vote? <https://www.rockthevote.org/action-center/volunteer/>



Project IRENE

Illinois Religious Engaging in Nonviolent Endeavors

Follow **this link** for valuable tips on becoming a better- informed voter:
<https://www.projectirene.org/preparation-for-voting-in-november/>

-HB 4469 – THIS IS A VOTING-RIGHTS ISSUE!!... requires counties to provide a mechanism for incarcerated people awaiting trial, who have not been convicted, to vote in elections. Without a conviction, **these people are eligible to vote**. It also requires the Illinois Dept. of Corrections and each county jail to provide eligible citizens released from their custody a **voter registration application** and **information about their right to vote on release**. "People who have 'paid their debt' to society and been released should not be misled into thinking they cannot vote."

<https://campaigns.organizefor.org/petitions/support-voting-in-jail-eligible-voters-should-be-able-to-vote?akid=14886.2373630.jvykfb&rd=1&t=6> **Sent to the Governor 6/21/18**

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



**2nd Annual LIFE AND JUSTICE Conference "Building A New Reality Together":
Saturday, Sept 15th, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Mount Carmel High School (6410 South Dante Ave.)**
Keynote speaker: **Sr. Helen Prejean**

"Hosted by the Department of Parish Vitality and Mission, the Life and Justice Conference is an annual gathering for Catholic social ministers and justice advocates in the Archdiocese of Chicago, that promotes a spirit of collaboration in service of human life and dignity and equips participants with tools and resources to strengthen their ministries.

In 2018, the conference will provide a space for dialogue about how our various dignity-centered ministries can move forward together and create a reality where all people are guaranteed the rights and opportunities to have life and have it abundantly." \$25 after August 1 (\$30 at the door)

Direct Registration Link - <http://www.cvent.com/events/life-justice-conference-18-/event-summary-5564fa9f708049ff94c8934ff47ff808.aspx>

Advocate for Native American people's programs and services: Call your two senators and one rep. **Sample Script:** "Hi, I'm calling from [ZIP] to support [the Interior-HUD Appropriations bill](#) that has passed in both the House and Senate. It funds the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Indian Health Service, and other important tribal programs. I'm asking [name] to vote for [H.R. 6147](#) when it comes to a final vote." (Note: House and Senate are both using the same bill name/number)

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

Name	Country	Prayer Requests from Kankakee
Marvin	Honduras	Please pray for my court date, September 26. I am asking for political asylum. Please pray for my niece, Cindy, and my brother, Noel.
Emilio	Mexico	Please pray for my children and all my family. Please pray for my safe return to Mexico and for God's blessings on my return to Mexico.
Ramon	Mexico	Please pray for all those who have helped me. Please pray for my children and for my return to Mexico and for the decisions of the judge.
Fernando	Mexico	Please pray for my return to Mexico. Please pray for my family here and in Mexico.
Sebastian	Guatemala	Please pray for me and for the judge and for my court date. I want to return to Wisconsin.

Edwin	El Salvador	Please pray that I receive bond tomorrow. Please pray for my pregnant wife and for my 6 year old daughter.
Abraham	Mexico	Please pray for his daughters, Stephanie and Joanna, and for his son Eduardo. Please pray for my whole family and for all people with no food. Please pray for all who visit us.
Marco	Mexico	Please pray for my family, for my daughter, for my father in detention in Ohio, for my court case, and that I may be married in detention.
Simon	Haiti	Please pray for Simon and his four children. Please pray for his wife and that his case will be reopened.
Vicente	Mexico	Please pray for my babies. Please pray for my whole family - mom, dad, sisters, brothers. Please help me to appeal my deportation.
Darwin	Guatemala	Please pray for his case. Please pray for his family and for all the people who do good.
Herbert	El Salvador	Please pray for his family and for his court date on September 13.
Domingo	Guatemala	Please pray for his family and his wife and children. Please pray that he will be deported soon. Please pray that he will not be mistreated in Guatemala.
Edgar	Honduras	Please pray that God gives understanding to the officer and for his family. Please pray that he may leave soon.
Roide	Cuba	Please pray for the judge. Please pray that God will give him health and strength.
Pascual	Guatemala	Please pray for his quick release from jail. Please pray for his family here and for the strength and protection of his family.
Aleksei	Russia	Please pray for him.
Oscar	Mexico	Please pray that God will keep his family strong. Please pray that he gets bond at his next court date.
Jonathon		Please pray that his family stays strong and safe. Please pray for bond at his court date. Please pray that God will help others.
Jacek	Poland	Please pray for him.
Miguel	Cuba	Please pray for his family.
Also, please kindly pray for all those who were recently deported.		
Marco A	Rafael G	
Juan G	Ra T	
Fernando A	Inocencio G	
Azucena V	Miguel M	
Requests from <i>Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants</i>		