

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

We remember...

Mass shooting in El Paso, Texas– August 3rd, 2019 – 23 dead, 23 wounded

Mass shooting in Dayton, Ohio – August 4th, 2019 – 9 dead, 17 wounded



<https://momsdemandaction.org/work/gsan/>

Join the **GUN SENSE ACTION NETWORK** – "The Gun Sense Action Network (GSAN) is a group of dedicated volunteers who spend an hour each week making calls **from their own home** as part of one of two teams:

GSAN - Voter Outreach Team: This team focuses on our highest priority battles at the federal and state level.

- Call voters in key states to provide education about upcoming elections and help elect a gun sense majority who will ACT to prevent gun violence.

GSAN - Volunteer Outreach Team: This team helps build the gun violence prevention movement as we ramp up to the elections.

- Call new signups and past volunteers to help turn them into gun sense activists - invite them to join Moms Demand Action election events and gun violence prevention activities.



WHAT TO WATCH IN ILLINOIS - PENDING GUN LEGISLATION:

- **HB 2254** - Creates the **Safe Gun Storage Act**. Provides that a firearm owner shall not store or keep any firearm in any premises unless the firearm is *secured in a locked container, properly engaged so as to render the firearm inaccessible or unusable to any person other than the owner or other lawfully authorized user...*
<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/BillStatus.asp?DocNum=2254&GAID=15&DocTypeID=HB&LegID=118046&SessionID=108&GA=101>
- **SB 2468** - Creates the **Assault Weapon Retailers' Tax Act**. Imposes *a tax on licensed firearm dealers* engaged in the State in the business of *making retail sales of assault weapons, large capacity ammunition feeding devices, or both*. Provides that the tax shall be imposed at the rate of 10% of the retail selling price each assault weapon or large capacity ammunition feeding device sold in the State...
<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/BillStatus.asp?DocNum=2468&GAID=15&DocTypeID=SB&LegID=123022&SessionID=108&GA=101>
- **HB 5170** - ...Amends the **Firearm Owners Identification Card Act**. Provides that an applicant for a Firearm Owner's Identification Card or for renewal of that Card must submit to the Illinois State Police that he or she has *proof of liability insurance coverage of at least \$1,000,000* for accidental injuries caused by a firearm...
<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/BillStatus.asp?DocNum=5170&GAID=15&DocTypeID=HB&LegID=125571&SessionID=108>



SHARE THESE:

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

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline **1-800-273-8255** (24/7, English/Spanish)

IMMIGRATION



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.”



- **Make calls to advocate for the release of vulnerable people – follow the link for info, phone #s, and scripts:**
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qXdeTFoLA38WT6oOOrCke6VWsoDkUrqf7YwTw5VAAHc/edit>
- **Mutual Aid ICDI COVID-19 Response – See this list for URGENT needs & decide what YOU can do:** <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1uMgAz7kGMll0e1mEoLKjwnfL-rR7eO3JHm1ELZb7fRw/edit#gid=0>



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USCCB “Update on SCOTUS decision on DACA -7/30/2020”

THE FACTS:

COVID-19 Presents Additional Threats to DACA Recipients

- In a time of heightened uncertainty amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, 700,000 DACA recipients across the country are facing extreme, unprecedented challenges - far beyond their current day-to-day hardships.
- DACA recipients across the country - nearly 90% are currently employed - face the loss of their jobs, wages, and healthcare as the crisis continues.
- Dreamers Are Working on the Frontlines of the COVID-19 Response

DACA recipients are deeply embedded in our society and are now in the front lines of the labor force responding to pressing needs.

- According to the New American Economy, 62,600 DACA-eligible individuals are currently employed in the healthcare industry nationally.
- According to the Center for Migration Studies, 21,100 DACA holders work in transportation and warehousing, including 6,400 in warehousing and storage and 5,100 in truck transportation.

THE RESPONSE:

Join with the USCCB in urging the Senate to...

- Pass the **DREAM Act**, or introduce and pass the **American Dream and Promise Act**
- Include protection from deportation of **DACA & TPS** recipients in the Senate’s COVID-19 relief package.

Because...

- The Senate may not vote on stand-alone legislation at this time.
- But they are poised to advance legislation to provide more pandemic assistance and can include protection for **DACA & TPS** immigrants in their expected COVID-19 relief package.



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

ENVIRONMENT



Join us for our virtual
**Green Team
Summit 2020**
September 13-17th
Register for FREE on [GreenTeamSummit.org](https://www.greenteamsummit.org)

Join **Faith in Place** in September to explore how interconnected our world is with people of faith who care about the environment and justice. Connect the dots between the COVID-19 pandemic, climate change, and racial justice through our [FREE workshops each night](#).

REGISTER HERE: <https://www.greenteamsummit.org/>



From the *Sierra Club*: ways YOU can help (besides staying home!)

- The State of Illinois, along with United Way Illinois and the Alliance of Illinois Community Foundations: [Illinois COVID-19 Response Fund](#) that will be distributed to non-profits.
- The largest coronavirus hotspot in Illinois is in the Cook County jail, where those without enough money to post bail are awaiting trial. [The Chicago Community Bond Fund](#) is helping those awaiting trial to leave the jail.
- [The Little Village Mutual Aid Fund](#) serves the most vulnerable people in Little Village and its surrounding communities.
- [Food banks throughout Illinois](#) including the [Greater Chicago Food Depository](#) are feeding those who are food insecure.
- [WINGS](#) is providing resources and housing to those suffering from domestic violence.
- [Ignite](#), [Connections for the Homeless](#), [The Night Ministry](#), [Cornerstone Community](#), and [La Casa Norte](#) all help people without a home.
- [All Chicago](#) provides financial aid for low-income individuals for their living and transportation needs.
- [Thresholds](#) provides housing, mental health care, substance abuse treatment, and financial support throughout Chicago and Illinois.



"In the 2020 election, voters will determine whether we act on climate change before it's too late. Sierra Club Independent Action will tap into our trusted brand, grassroots structure, and 3.8 million supporters to tackle the most urgent task before us..."

<https://www.sierraclubindependentaction.org/2020-plan-to-win>

...and more...



"To learn about our COVID Response and [Emergency Housing Assistance](#), click **here:** <https://www.housingforward.org/covid-19-updates>

Follow the links in bold to [volunteer your time](#) or [donate to our Emergency Response Fund](#) or help with our [Hotel to Home](#) Initiative. If you are in need of housing assistance, call us at 708.338.1724, visit www.myentrypoint.org or call 1-877-426-6515."



“Emergency Food Access Funding – “Faith in Place has funding to support faith communities offering emergency food relief during COVID-19. We need your help getting out the word about this opportunity and connecting with faith communities doing this essential work. If your House of Worship or one you know is helping ensure people have food security, please email elena@faithinplace.org. for info/application.”



Nuns on the Bus is going "back on the road" this year **as an online interactive experience**. “We are called to use all the resources we can to speak out for justice as our nation approaches a critical election. While we aren't putting literal fuel in the tank, our digital **Nuns on the Bus** tour to spread the word that ***Who We Elect Matters*** will need unprecedented technological support. We need your help...” <https://networklobby.org/fuel>



SOJOURNERS

“With the 2020 presidential election on the horizon, and new challenges stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic, the right to vote is under attack. If you care about our democracy, now is the time to act.”

Add your name **HERE**: <https://act.sojo.net/page/19213/action/1?ea.url.id=469291&forwarded=true>