

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



Need some cheering-up? Find lots of GOOD NEWS at "Small Victories"...

<https://mailchi.mp/peacecloud/small-victories-in-pursuit-of-freedom>

Or "What Went Right": <https://whatwentright.org/>



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. **Stay on it, folks – let's get this one done!**

IMMIGRATION

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> (from Jen Hoffman, AMERICANS OF CONSCIENCE)

If you can only write one letter this week, maybe it should be THIS ONE:

Dear _____

I believe that our nation has a moral responsibility to protect children and treat them with basic decency, regardless of immigration status. Ignoring deadlines for reunion is unacceptable. We must reunite these families immediately. The inhumane practice of separating children from parents as an immigration deterrent must stop.

As a taxpayer funding this egregious neglect of duty, I urge you to take full and immediate responsibility for ensuring children's well-being and safety. Keep families together. Stop locking them up. Reunite them immediately.

Sincerely,

Where to send it:

Chief of Staff John F. Kelly

Address: The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, D.C. 20500

Attorney General Jeff Sessions

Address: US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001

DHS Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen

Address: Secretary of Homeland Security, Washington, D.C. 20528 (address complete)

Acting ICE Director Thomas Homan

Address: Immigration and Customs Enforcement, 500 12th St. SW, Washington, D.C. 20536

HHS Secretary Alex Azar

Address: Office of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20201

Acting Assistant ACF Secretary Steven Wagner

Address: Administration for Children and Families, 200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20201

ORR Director Scott Lloyd

Address: Office of Refugee Resettlement, Mary E. Switzer Building, 330 C ST SW, Washington DC 20201



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)

ENVIRONMENT/CARE OF THE EARTH

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/>

SAVE *The* DATE

District 97
Garden Tour

Join us for this special, family-friendly garden tour featuring District 97's incredible school gardens. The personalities of District 97's school gardens are as unique as the students who planted them. Learn how each school uses their space, and discover ideas and inspiration for your home or school garden.

August 18th,
10 am - 1 pm
Oak Park, IL

OFFICE OF STUDENT ENGAGEMENT
See open97.org
for more details.

Saturday, September 8th: PEOPLE'S CLIMATE MARCH – “Save the date to join people of faith in marching for climate, jobs, and justice! The People's Climate Movement is organizing tens of thousands of people for events on September 8th (the weekend before the Global Climate Action Summit in San Francisco) to make climate action a priority for elected and private sector leaders.

Rise for Climate West Suburbs (Forest Park) - Updates will follow

Rise for Climate, Jobs, and Justice Action: - 1 p.m. - O'Connor Park, Elwood, IL (Buses will be available from Chicago)

...More HERE: <https://www.faithinplace.org/events/peoples-climate-march>



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...”

Attn: Dads and Grandpas - Looking for something to do while Mom/Grandma is away at the *Women's Retreat*? Consider taking the little ones to this **FREE family-friendly** event!

Check HERE for details: <https://www.faithinplace.org/events/green-team-summit>

ETC...



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

-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*

*** Simplify YOUR actions for justice! Go to <https://www.contactingcongress.org> - write these down; keep a copy with your phone!

- CONGRESSIONAL REP: name, local office phone, DC office phone, mailing address
- SENATOR 1: name, local office phone, DC office phone, mailing address
- SENATOR 2: name, local office phone, DC office phone, mailing address

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 that he be allowed to stay in U.S. to avoid the violence he experienced in Honduras
Benjamin	Mexico	Pray that he be reunited with his wife Pansy and daughter Keeland. Pray that they all be healthy.
Ricardo	Mexico	Pray that he released on bond soon, and returned to his family.
Miguel	Mexico	Pray that he can be free.
Rafael	El Salvador	Please pray for his family, the sick, and all volunteers who help so many.

Adan	Mexico	Pray that he can be peaceful & for his families. Pray for all the detained.
Domingo	Guatemala	Pray for his court, that it goes well.
Pascual	Guatemala	Pray that he gets a court date soon from the judges. Pray for his wife & 3 year old daughter. Pray for the health of his whole family.
Edgar	Honduras	Pray that the judge will grant his request. Pray for his family.
Wilmer	Cuba	Pray for his family in Cuba and for his court date this week.
Miguel	Cuba	Pray for his family and everyone in the same situation. Pray for the children separated from their family.
Roidel	Cuba	Pray that all goes well with his court. Pray for his family in Cuba.
Jose	Cuba	Pray for all that are here in detention and for his family in Cuba with his 2 year old son.
Emilio	Mexico	Pray for my family and my last court date.
Gietzy	Mexico	Please pray that God's will be done, and pray for my family.
Fernando	Mexico	Please pray for my family. I am being deported soon.
Ramon	Mexico	Pray for my family and my friends here.
Oliverio	Mexico	Please pray for the new life I am going to start in Mexico.
Jose	Honduras	Pray for my family and a change in our world.
Pedro	Nicaragua	Pray for my court on July 11th.
Vincente		Pray for all of us, my mates, and my family that I may see them soon.
Orlando		Please pray for God's guidance to all of us.
Edwin		Please pray for an answer to my court case, and my family.
Sebastian		Pray for the judge who is hearing my case.
		Also, please kindly pray for all those who were recently deported
Barrazueta S	Lala B	
Oliverio L	Jose M	
Julio J	Francisco J	
Miguel T	Guillermo F	
Gabriel C		