

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/>

GUN VIOLENCE



Candlelight Vigil – THURSDAY, December 13th, 7-8 PM, Oak Park Temple B'nai Abraham Zion, 1235 N. Harlem Ave.

"We welcome the opportunity to show our solidarity with the Jewish community in light of the terrible shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh and the overall increase in hate crimes over the past few years. The guest speaker at the vigil will be Jessica Schafer, Executive Director of Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society - Chicago (HIAS-Chicago). **The alleged shooter at the Tree of Life synagogue wrote specifically of the work of HIAS in welcoming immigrants and refugees to America as one of his reasons for killing Jews.** We honor and celebrate their ministry, and show our solidarity with the entire Jewish community. **Please bring a small holiday gift or gift card, non-perishable food item, or a financial donation (check made out to HIAS -Chicago).**"

ST. EDMUND CHURCH (Oak Park) Monthly Prayer Vigil to End Gun Violence – SATURDAY, December 29th, 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.**"



"La Sagrada Familia" © Kelly Latimore

IMMIGRATION



LATEST ICDI "Wish List" for current residents of their 'hospitality house':

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1pNr9tLaGyXDBV4ongnBg78EnjztVUYZ85ECq7KClw/edit>

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



13th Annual Posada for Immigration Reform, Friday, December 14, 7-9 am at ICE headquarters, Clark Street @ Ida B. Wells (formerly Congress St.) to St. Peter Church (110 W. Madison) – total walk is approx. 1 mile

Interfaith Prayer Vigil – Friday Jan. 4th 7:15AM – 8:00AM (First Friday of the month

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)



"Gospel Without Borders" – Vicariate IV Peace & Justice

IMMIGRATION FILM FESTIVAL – Wed. Jan. 9th, 7-9 PM, McDonough Hall, St. Giles "The documentary highlights stories in five states: Arizona, Arkansas, North Carolina, Alabama, and Iowa. Some stories break the heart. Others inspire the spirit. Still others challenge the mind. But all come together and show that the Christian gospel is indeed without borders." (film, small-group discussion and a DACA speaker from Dominican University.)



Share the Journey: Interfaith Prayer Service - **Building Communities of Welcome Sunday, January 13, 2019 at 4 p.m.-5:00 p.m.** St. Viator Church - 4170 W. Addison Ave.

"Please join Sisters and Brothers of Immigrants, at the end of Migration Week, as we reflect on sharing our journey with prayer, song, and reflections by members of diverse faiths and populations. (Free parking is available north of the church.)" For more information please contact: ngosch@viatorians.com www.sistersandbrothersofimmigrants.org

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

ENVIRONMENT



"Illinois faces a growing crisis from coal ash waste and pollution, which is threatening our ground water, rivers, health, and property values. Tainted with mercury, lead, arsenic, and other heavy metals that are linked to cancer, nervous system damage, cardiovascular problems, and developmental disorders, coal ash continues to be dumped in dozens of leaking ponds and landfills across the state. Inadequate Federal and State coal ash standards have left Illinois largely unprotected from this toxic waste. Illinois residents and taxpayers deserve clean, safe water." Read the [coal ash groundwater report](#) and [add your name to the petition](#) to state legislators. <https://www.faithinplace.org/coal-ash>



"READY FOR 100" (Let's Get Chicago Ready For 100% Clean Energy!) "The dangers of dirty energy, from climate change to poor public health, are too great to ignore. And these dangers disproportionately harm children, women, and people of color, especially in underprivileged communities.

With the Trump administration intent on destroying our environmental protections, leadership is needed at the local level. Committing Chicago to 100% clean, renewable energy will clean our air, reduce emissions, and bring good-paying jobs where they are needed. As the largest city in the Midwest, a 100% clean-energy Chicago would hugely influence the power sector elsewhere in Illinois and in neighboring states. <https://www.addup.org/campaigns/lets-get-chicago-ready-for-100-clean-energy>

...and more...



From **Americans of Conscience Checklist: 2018 "Spread The Light"** "In the season of light, we offer options for holiday giving that align with the goals of the Checklist."

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1V78GCE9NhqgEiOkOxJAGiirAJH0Ai_w-qnKxDzkEJco/edit

Give yourself the **FREE** gift of this informative community – subscribe to the **CHECKLIST:**

<https://americansofconscience.com/subscribe/>



January 21-27, 2019

Equally Blessed <https://www.equallyblessed.org/> is helping to sponsor the pilgrimage of 6 young Catholics from the USA, to the 2019 World Youth Day encounter in Panama, "... ensuring the visibility of LGBTQI Catholics and allies, while they engage with young Catholics from around the world attending this Vatican event."

YOU can be help to make this happen:

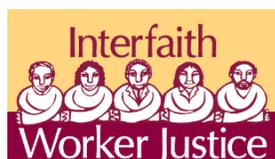
1. **Fund** the pilgrims' journey. (They need to raise an additional \$5000 to cover their travel costs.)

<https://www.equallyblessed.org/wyd/donate/?page=CiviCRM&q=civicrm/contribute/transact&reset=1&id=2>

2. **Donate** items for pilgrims to swap with other Catholics they meet in Panama, such as rosaries, rainbow pins, prayer cards or other small tradeable items. Contact info@dignityusa.org to arrange your donation.

3. **Follow** the journey on the [Pilgrim Blog](https://www.equallyblessed.org/wyd/blog/). <https://www.equallyblessed.org/wyd/blog/>

4. **Pray** for the travelers (Meli, Catharine, Keith, Cooper, Breanna, Evan and John) as they prepare and travel to, about, and from Panama City sharing the message of LGBTQI inclusion and God's love for ALL people.



US CONGRESS HR3467: Wage Theft Prevention/Wage Recovery Act

http://org.salsalabs.com/o/1035/p/dia/action4/common/public/?action_KEY=23317

How is \$15 billion stolen from workers every year?

Wage theft is the failure to pay workers the full wages to which they are legally entitled.

- Pay Stub and Illegal Deductions**
Taking illegal deductions from wages or not distributing pay stubs
- Overtime and Off-the-Clock Violations**
Failing to pay time-and-a-half if working more than 40 hours per week or asking you to work off-the-clock before or after your shift
- Tipped Minimum Wage Violations**
Confiscating tips or failing to pay the difference between your tips and the minimum wage
- Meal Break Violations**
Denying you your legal meal breaks
- Misclassification Violations**
Misclassifying workers as independent contractors to pay a wage lower than legal minimum

Interfaith Worker Justice www.iwj.org #WageTheftDOA #StopWageTheft