

# WALKtheTALK

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This is a limited compilation of **CURRENT** opportunities for action. **Additional suggestions are welcomed at:** [marynpaul@comcast.net](mailto: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/Domestic Violence



**National Gun Violence Survivors Week** – opportunities in the area to get involved:

Feb <b>5</b>	<b>IL - Oak Park - Austin Area - February Meeting NGVSW</b>	<b>Wednesday, February 5th, 7:00 p.m.</b> Oak Park Library - Dole Branch Meeting Room 255 Augusta St Oak Park, IL 60302
Feb <b>8</b>	<b>IL - Chicago-February Member Meeting-NGVSW- Recruitment</b>	<b>Saturday, February 8th, 12:00 p.m.</b> St. Elizabeth Church 4058 S Michigan Ave Chicago, IL 60653

<https://everytown.org/>



**Thursday, February 6, 2020 • 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.** Oak Park Public Library, 834 Lake Street, Oak Park (Veterans Room) – **Violence against Women: The Hidden Trauma Which Impacts Us All** "Violence against women affects all of us whether we are young, old, male, female or non-binary. We often feel helpless to confront violence against women in all its forms: intimidation, gender discrimination, sexual harassment, domestic violence, date rape. This talk, with two leading experts in the field of domestic violence, will help us learn to recognize gender-based violence and play a role preventing it." All **THRIVE TALKS** are open to the public and free of charge. [www.thriveecc.org/thrive-talks/](http://www.thriveecc.org/thrive-talks/)  
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**ST. EDMUND CHURCH (Oak Park) Monthly Prayer Vigil to End Gun Violence – SATURDAY, February 29, 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.**"

## IMMIGRATION



**Advocate for fair and moral policies for people seeking asylum protection and citizenship by Monday, February 10th at 11:59pm EST at REGULATIONS.GOV** (blue "COMMENTS" button) <https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=USCIS-2019-0010-10938> stating why you oppose the proposed requirements based on **your values** and **these points** below.

1. The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) published its [proposed fee schedule](#) in November, revealing [increases between 55-83%](#) on existing fees for citizenship services, as well as a new [fee to seek asylum](#) in the U.S.
2. The administration seeks to [divert over \\$200 million](#) of USCIS and other DHS funding to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

3. In recent years, USCIS case processing has slowed dramatically, due in significant part to the agency's own inefficient policies. These fee hikes would charge aspiring Americans more money for continually declining service.
4. Individuals currently protected by DACA would face even greater uncertainty as funding for their program is reallocated and renewal fees for protected status multiply.
5. The proposed asylum fee would place a major burden on those who have already suffered tremendous hardship to reach our country, and directly contradicts our moral and constitutional obligation to provide sanctuary to those seeking it.



**INTERFAITH COMMUNITY  
FOR DETAINED IMMIGRANTS**

**Interfaith Prayer Vigil – Friday, March 6th @ 7:15 am - 8:00 am – 1930 Beach St, Broadview (South of the Eisenhower, west of 25<sup>th</sup> 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.”

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

**Requests from *Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants***

<u>Name</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Prayer Request from Kankakee for 1-27-20</u>
Roman	Russia	Please pray that I get a lawyer.
Gregory	Poland	Pray for me and my family, and for my court appeal.
Juan	Mexico	Pray that I might get a change of venue to Washington state.
Chester	Poland	Pray that my court case has a positive decision on Feb 20th.
Aleksy	Belarus	Pray for a good decision in court on Feb 20.
Juan	Mexico	Pray that my case may be resolved. I have lived here for 59 years. I know nothing or no one in MX.
Michael	Cuba	Pray for the final decision in Jan. court that I can stay in U.S.
Yulian	Cuba	Pray that my appeal is recognized & I may stay in U.S. Pray for my family here and in Cuba.
Gabriel	Brazil	Pray for me. I only speak Portuguese & I have no family here. I had to leave because of gangs.
Maria	Mexico	Pray for his children and that his court goes well.
Amber	Mexico	Pray for his family & that his court goes well.
Luis	Ecuador	Pray for his daughter in Chicago, and that he can get strength.
Pedro	Mexico	Pray that his family will be well - his children 6 & 8 yrs old. Pray for his spirit & that he can encounter God again.
Jose	Guatemala	Pray for his family in Guatemala & that he can be free.
Juan	Mexico	Pray for his mother & that he can have peace, and peace in Mexico.
Julio	Mexico	Pray that God gives him the opportunity to stay in this country with his family - wife & children (7, 5).
Jose	Mexico	Pray the he can stay with his family in U.S. - wife & children (26, 24, 16, 14 & 6).
Maycolh	Nicaragua	Pray that all in jail will be well, for their cases, and for ICDI.
Francisco	Mexico	Pray for his family - 2 kids & wife in Chicago.
Hector	Mexico	Pray that he gets out quickly & that God cares for family.
Francisco	Mexico	Pray for all the people who need help, for people to understand each other's needs, and to feed the hungry.
Jose	Mexico	Pray his friends who are in situations worse than his. Pray for those who don't know how to help themselves.
Ignacio	Mexico	Pray for care of his family & that he gets out quickly.

Faustino	Guatemala	Pray that the system works for him, and he gets some idea of what will happen next. Pray for the care of his family.
Mario	Mexico	Pray for his parents and his brother's family, that God takes care of his path, and makes everything line up well.
Rody	Honduras	Pray for family & friends, for good health, and for relief from stress.
Mitchell	Mexico	Pray for his parents, the homeless, and those without food.
Hilario	Mexico	Please pray for my parents' health, and for patience for my family with my situation. I am so sad.
Oscar	Mexico	Pray for my Papa & Mama's health.
Miguel	Mexico	Pray for my spouse, my children, and for the prisoners who will be here longer.
Alejandro	Mexico	Pray for the other detainees.
Francisco	Ecuador	Pray for this government that they will learn mercy.
Mario	Cuba	Pray for family, fellow prisoners, his legal case, and for ICDI.
Hanoy	Cuba	Pray for his family, his case to stay in U.S., and for health & blessings.
		<i>Pray for those being deported, that they be safe.</i>
		<i>Pray for those whose court dates are this week, that they have a favorable outcome.</i>
		<i>Pray for those released from detention and assisted by the ICDI hotline, that they travel safely and get home to loved ones.</i>
		<i>Pray for the unaccompanied immigrant children that we visit in centers in Chicago, that they be reunited with family quickly and know they are loved.</i>
		<i>Pray for the people living in community at the Christian Brothers townhome and in various 2nd stage settings, that they adjust well to life in the US and know they are welcome.</i>

## ENVIRONMENT



### Oppose rollbacks that weaken the National Environmental Policy Act, "...a

bedrock of environmental law that requires new infrastructure projects to undergo a thorough review of their impact (an "Environmental Impact Statement" or "EIS") before they are approved."

Comment HERE: <https://www.regulations.gov/comment?D=CEQ-2019-0003-0001>



### March 6 – 15 (various locations) "Protecting the planet begins by uniting with

one another to make a change. By joining us at the fest we can harness the **Power of We** and engage the entire Chicago region in a conversation about our planet."

See the schedule here: <https://www.oneearthfilmfest.org/films-az> (note: some require TICKETS)

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FARMERS MARKET

2019-2020 Season

Sunday, March 8, 2020 - 1pm-4pm - New Mount Pilgrim

Missionary Baptist Church 4301 W Washington Blvd, Chicago [NOTE: All Link/ SNAP customers can double their Link purchases up to \$25 to buy fruits and vegetables.]

See full calendar **HERE:**

[https://www.faithinplace.org/sites/www.faithinplace.org/files/assets/2019%20GTS%20WFM%20Brochure\\_V5.pdf](https://www.faithinplace.org/sites/www.faithinplace.org/files/assets/2019%20GTS%20WFM%20Brochure_V5.pdf)



**Save the date: THURSDAY, April 30<sup>th</sup>** – screening of *"The Human Element"*

'We humans are a force of nature. At the same time human activities alter the basic elements of life – earth, air, water, and fire – those elements change human life... (the film) captures the lives of everyday Americans on the front lines of climate change. With rare compassion and heart, THE HUMAN ELEMENT inspires us to reevaluate our relationship with the natural world.'

**...and more...**



**Saturday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> – 8:30AM – 4:30PM – Quinn Center (St. Eulalia's) –**

1832 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Ave., Maywood – **MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING: Learn how to respond in emergency mental health situations**

(Register: <http://bit.ly/CSPLMentalHealthFeb> "NOTE: you must attend the **full day** to be considered trained in mental health first aid.")



**Register and vote in the Illinois 2020 presidential primary election!**

Register [by mail](#) by **February 18** or [online](#) by **March 1** for the March 17 primary election, with election-day in-person registration also available. Any registered voter can [request a mail-in ballot](#) by March 12, and [early voting is available](#) February 6-March 16.

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