



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

DIRECTORY: (post and share these numbers widely, please!)

- o National Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-799-7233
- o Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline 1-877-863-6338
- o National Sexual Assault Hotline (all ages) 1-800-656-4673
- o CAWC/Connections for Abused Women & Children <https://www.cawc.org/>
- o SARAH'S INN: 24-HOUR CRISIS LINE: [708-386-4225 \(phone\)](tel:708-386-4225) / [708-669-6149 \(text\)](tel:708-669-6149)
- o Trevor Line (for LGBTQ teens and young adults) 1-866-488-7386
- o National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: **DIAL 988** – 24/7, toll-free everywhere

GUN VIOLENCE/DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/INCARCERATION/CAPITAL PUNISHMENT



MONTHLY 'SURVIVORS MEETING' - rsvp: <https://momsdemandaction.org/events/> "Illinois has some of the strongest gun laws in the country, including a law requiring [background checks on all gun sales](#), an [Extreme Risk law](#), and laws keeping guns away from [domestic abusers](#)." (**Illinois is**) "#6 in the country for Gun Law Strength." [See why.](#)

And yet... "In an average year, 1,505 people die by guns in Illinois. ([More at EveryStat.](#)) To become a safer state, Illinois can strengthen its Firearm Owners Identification (FOID) Card system to help [keep guns away from people who should not own firearms](#)."



Support H.R. 2119 (PASSED)/S.1275 (let's get this done!) "The Family Violence and Prevention Services Act (FVPSA) provides dedicated funding for advocacy, safe shelter, and culturally-appropriate supportive services for domestic violence victims. Contact your senators to reauthorize [#FVPSA](#)! Go to <https://bit.ly/3lZrfuy>." <https://niwrc.quorum.us/campaign/35530/>



"On the First Friday of each month, Catholic Mobilizing Network holds a Virtual Prayer Vigil to lament upcoming executions and bear witness to the inviolable dignity of all human life. Our next vigil **is Friday, January 6 at 1 PM CT**. Virtual prayer vigils are held live via Zoom conference and livestreamed on [CMN's Facebook page](#)." **RSVP here:** <https://catholicmobilizing.org/first-friday-vigils> **Link will be sent to your email on the day of the vigil.**



<https://deathpenaltyaction.org/>



<https://www.afsc.org/action/take-action-abolish-death-penalty-once-and-all?ms=WEB23LPGI>

IMMIGRATION



Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants

Monthly Meeting, first Thursday of each month. (Next meeting: Thurs. 01/05/23 @ Noon)

- **REGISTER HERE:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwsde2spjotHtJBQ97mO9XQRns5BwjnisjJ>

SIGN UP HERE to receive the monthly newsletter:

<https://icdichicago.us11.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=82b0654ecb0fb507bb0263776&id=c00f4d7cff>

Chicago Immigrant Transit Assistance (CITA)

- **DONATE -**

<https://icdi.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/icdi/donation.jsp?campaign=70>



- **ORDER CITA DONATIONS -** https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2FQU4YLB8338/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex
(Note: Wish list is updated weekly according to the needs at the storage.)
- **VOLUNTEER -** <https://www.icdichicago.org/volunteer>

[Note: **CITA program** is featured at the [Elmhurst History Museum](https://www.elmhursthistory.org/316/Current-Exhibits) new exhibit In Pursuit of Happiness: Immigrants in Our Communities - focuses on the stories and experiences of immigrants in our area. The exhibit will be open **from October 28, 2022 - May 14, 2023**] <https://www.elmhursthistory.org/316/Current-Exhibits>

ENVIRONMENT: -



Native Organizers Alliance

"Currently, public land containing a Tribal sacred place or treaty rights to fish or hunt may be sold to private developers or put under state control regardless of a Tribe's relationship to the land."

https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/protect-native-places-petition?link_id=2&can **Follow HERE:**

S4421: "Advancing Tribal Parity on Public Land" Act <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senatebill/4421/all-actions?>

HR8109 "Tribal Cultural Areas Protection" Act <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/housebill/8109/actions>

PLEASE keep advocating for this. (Will be very hard to pass in the new Congress.)



Join Black, Indigenous, Latinx and frontline communities along the Gulf Coast that are leading the fight against the new oil export infrastructure. **"Tell the Maritime Administration and Coast Guard to deny the GulfLink Oil Terminal!"**

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<https://act.sierraclub.org/actions/National?actionId=AR0372286&id=7013q000001y7IqAAI&data=1fff60b0fb2b3c15041b7a9d811ebe8328501c98e3a>

AND...

EARTHWORKS

"Advocates argue approving GulfLink would exacerbate environmental racism, undermine climate goals" <https://earthworks.org/releases/opposition-grows-against-another-oil-export-terminal-proposed-on-the-texas-coast/>

FOOD AND SHELTER:



"On Wednesday, January 4, 2023, Housing Forward will re-open the emergency overnight shelter for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. We are partnering with St. Catherine/ Lucy St. and Giles Parish on this important project. The shelter will be located in the former rectory building of the St. Catherine/Lucy site, 38 North Austin Blvd. in Oak Park. The shelter will be open seven days a week, 7p to 6:30a and will accommodate up to 15 individuals per night. Volunteers will work with staff to ensure the smooth and safe shelter operations and we would love your assistance!

1. Evening – 6:30p until 10:30p (3 volunteers)
2. Overnight – 10:30p until 5:00a (2 volunteers)
3. Morning – 5:00a until 7:00a (2 volunteers)

Volunteer HERE: <https://www.housingforward.org/get-involved/volunteer>



"Volunteers are critical to every aspect of our operation, providing over 2,000 hours of collective time every month..." <https://www.gobeyondhunger.org/>



"We welcome volunteers to assist with the day-to-day operations that make Oak Park Community Fridge possible. Become a fridge manager to maintain our fridge, stock the fridge by distributing food from our partners, and help with behind-the-scenes operations." <https://www.opfridge.com/volunteer>
...and beyond...

SAVE THE DATE:

***Dominican University* honors 2023 annual NATIONAL DAY OF RACIAL HEALING**

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

4:30pm – In-Person Gathering in Rebecca Crown Contemplative Space

5:30pm-7pm - In Person or Virtual: Keynote Address with Megan Redshirt Shaw (Oglala Lakota), Director of Native Student Services at the University of South Dakota (NOTE: *Limited space is available for in-person*)



NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION – SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2023

NATIONAL WOMEN'S MARCH – Madison, WI <https://www.womensmarch.com/initiatives/bigger-than-roe-march>

LOCAL "SISTER" MARCH (10300 S. Western Ave. Chicago) Noon – 2PM – Register HERE:

<https://action.womensmarch.com/events/bigger-than-roe-1>

VIRTUAL WOMEN'S MARCH – Sunday, January 22nd – Noon – 2PM – Register HERE:

<https://action.womensmarch.com/events/bigger-than-roe-3>

"Our movement is Bigger than Roe. We call on state and local leaders to:"

1. Protect Our Freedoms...
2. Support Working Families...
3. Side With the Future...