

# 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](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/>



*First, some GOOD NEWS!!*

\* **HB 2354 the Firearm Restraining Order** allows family members and law enforcement to petition the courts to remove firearms for a limited time from the home of someone who may be a danger to themselves or others. **SIGNED 7/16/18 – Congratulations, everyone!**

\* **SB 3256** requires a 72-hour waiting period on the sale of all guns in Illinois **SIGNED 7/16/18 – Congratulations, everyone!**



**Back to work.....**

## GUN VIOLENCE

**ST. EDMUND CHURCH (Oak Park) Monthly Prayer Vigil to End Gun Violence – SATURDAY, JULY 28th, 6:30 – 7:00 PM**



***STILL Gathering dust on the Governor's desk:***

\* **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!**

**ONGOING - Institute for Non-Violence Chicago – 4926 W. Chicago Ave. -** assist the Wednesday evening bi-weekly dinner gatherings for survivors and family members of victims of gun violence. (NOTE: the gathering on July 25<sup>th</sup> is covered.) Donations **can be dropped off** any time before 5:30PM. Go to: [www.CareCalendar.org](http://www.CareCalendar.org); in calendar number space, put 247210; in security code put INVCHelper.

## IMMIGRATION –

**"See, Judge, Act"- Oppose "citizenship" question on the U.S. Census in 2020 *one more time -***

**Note:** This is an especially important action if your citizenship status is secure. People with vulnerable citizenship are at greater risk of targeting by the current administration. Use your privilege to support our neighbors.

**Comment:** [On the Federal Register](#) by Aug 7, 2018.

**Script:** Use your own words, but include any of the following:

- Supporting [accurate census count](#), increased participation, accurate dispersal of funding, and fair [congressional representation](#).
- [Opposing citizenship question on the 2020 census form.](#)
- Opposing inadequate testing of added questions.
- Opposing sharing citizenship data with National Conference of State Legislatures.
- Opposing changes to Public Law 94-171 Redistricting Data File.

Letter from the American Sociological Assn. to Sec'y. of Commerce Wilbur Ross:

<http://www.asanet.org/asa-letter-commerce-department-regarding-census-citizenship-question>

### 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)



**Interfaith Prayer Vigil – Friday Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> Ave., 1-1/2 blocks SOUTH of I290, between Lexington and Harvard)

**Safe Zones Bill (SB0035)** - directs the Illinois Attorney General to develop model policies for courthouses, schools, and medical facilities to limit interactions with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents if they appear at these facilities. *Sent to the Governor 6/29*

**VOICES Act (SB0034)** - requires law enforcement agencies to provide certifications (in most cases within 90 business days) for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, trafficking, and certain other offenses who need those certifications to get federal protection through U and T visas. Currently there is no requirement to provide the certification within a certain time, leaving many in limbo as they await a certification form. *Sent to the Governor 6/29*

### **ENVIRONMENT/CARE OF THE EARTH**

**Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 1-4PM – "Native Garden Tour"** in Oak Park and River Forest. Ticket prices start at \$7 and are free for kids ages 18 and younger. For more info, visit: <https://westcook.wildones.org>

**Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 10AM, at Montrose Beach – "ADOPT A BEACH"** Join St. Giles community members and others in a day of litter clean-up. **Sign up** with John Mullin: [ferraramullin@gmail.com](mailto:ferraramullin@gmail.com)

**Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>: 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. The 'Keepers of Faith' are critical for bringing a voice of hope and justice to discussions about climate solutions." *Updates will follow – or check HERE:* <https://www.faithinplace.org/events/peoples-climate-march>



**Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>: 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. This event will convene hundreds of people of diverse faiths from neighborhoods across Chicago and cities across Illinois for an action-packed day of connecting and networking about environmental issues. ...Whether your house of worship is just starting to think about sustainability or

has a long history of going green, you are invited to join us for this event that will give you the tools, resources, and inspiration needed to spark meaningful change in your community.”

Updates will follow – or check *HERE*: <https://www.faithinplace.org/events/green-team-summit>  
(Info from the **Interfaith Green Network**)

**-SB2213**, “Illinois Baseline Protection Act” – maintains current Illinois safeguards, stops Federal rollbacks of environment and worker safety laws, and prevents the weakening of any current Illinois standard below the federal standard already in place. **STAY TUNED.....**

**-HB5044 Clean Water** – This bill requires municipalities and private water utilities to **replace all lead service lines in 10 years**, with a focus on high priority areas and sound water infrastructure practices, and helps reduce the long-term costs of providing water service, by requiring proactive maintenance, repair, and replacement of system components like leaking pipes that are costing consumers substantial money throughout Illinois and establishes protections for low income water ratepayers.

**NO ACTION SINCE APRIL! Follow this bill HERE:**

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/BillStatus.asp?DocTypeID=HB&DocNum=5044&GAID=14&SessionID=91&LegID=110517>

**-HB 4469** – 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**

**ETC...**

**“Support the Social Security Administration Fairness Act**, which would give the Social Security Administration the funding it needs to provide the earned benefits beneficiaries have paid for and deserve....systematic underfunding of the Social Security Administration has real consequences for senior citizens, people living with disabilities and other Social Security beneficiaries. Despite an increase in the total number of people receiving Social Security benefits, budget cuts have forced the agency to reduce its staff size and close more than 10 percent of all Social Security field offices nationwide.”

**SIGN HERE:** [https://act.credoaction.com/sign/stop\\_war\\_on\\_social\\_security\\_pda](https://act.credoaction.com/sign/stop_war_on_social_security_pda)



**16 WEEKS 'TIL THE MIDTERM ELECTIONS – is every eligible person on your block REGISTERED to vote?** <https://www.rockthevote.org/action-center/volunteer/>

**\*\*\* 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 PRAY FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN DETENTION AND FAMILIES BEING 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.
		<b>Also, please kindly pray for all those who were recently deported</b>
Barrazueta S	Lala B	
Oliverio L	Jose M	
Julio J	Francisco J	
Miguel T	Guillermo F	
Gabriel C		