

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

ST. EDMUND CHURCH (Oak Park) Monthly *Prayer Vigil to End Gun Violence* – **SATURDAY, July 27th, 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.**"



"Of Poetry and Protest: Present/Absence" – a five-channel video installation by the artists **Salome Chasnoff & Meredith Zielke** that makes visible the lives of individuals killed by Chicago Police through stories generated from intimate one-on-one interviews with their families and close friends. **Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, Noon-6PM, thru August 25th - Stony Island Arts Bank, 6760 S. Stony Island Ave.**

(NOTE: Also on display – **"The Obama Paintings"** – **Rob Pruitt** began The Obama Paintings as a means of recording, and through recording, honoring, Barack Obama's historic presidency. Beginning with the inauguration on January 20, 2009, each morning Pruitt created a two-foot-by-two-foot painting of President Obama, with particular imagery drawn from news of the day. The work was completed on January 20, 2017, Obama's last day in office, and is comprised of 2,922 individual paintings...")

ENVIRONMENT



Wild Ones of West Cook: "Birds, Bees, and Butterflies – a Native Garden Tour" – **Saturday, August 10, 1PM – 4PM** Visit eight gardens in Oak Park and River Forest (public and private.) "Are you curious about native plant gardening?...meet a mix of master gardeners and passionate hobbyists, who garden not only for their own enjoyment, but to contribute to the health of our local ecosystem. Bring your curiosity and your questions...new discoveries await you." **Discount ADVANCE tickets (through August 8th)** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/birds-bees-butterflies-a-native-garden-tour-tickets-64167264014> **MAP will be emailed to you.**



Help pass HR 2156 "RECLAIM" Act - Soon the House of Representatives will be voting on a bill to finally do something positive for communities that have suffered the brunt of our fossil fuel economy – those living with abandoned coal mines. HR 2156, called RECLAIM, has bi-partisan support and it's coming to the floor of the House! The RECLAIM Act will make much needed updates to the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977. It will force the release of more than \$1 billion already collected for **abandoned coal mine site clean-up...**

http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/50836/p/dia/action4/common/public/?action_KEY=26425



SHARE YOUR HARVEST - donate your garden surplus @ **Ascension Parish Center Parking Lot and Community Garden**, (East Ave. & Van Buren) **Tuesday evenings from 6:30 pm until dusk**, for **St. Martin de Porres Food Pantry**. (Info: John Owens owens708@comcast.net)



SAVE THE DATE: 4th Annual "GREEN TEAM SUMMIT" – Saturday, Sept. 14th @ The Field Museum "This will be a special Green Team Summit celebrating the 20th Anniversary of *Faith in Place* and the work of Green Teams throughout Illinois. 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 justice. 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."

IMMIGRATION



INTERFAITH COMMUNITY FOR DETAINED IMMIGRANTS

Interfaith Prayer Vigil – **August 2nd @ 7:15 am - 8:00 am** – 1930 Beach St, Broadview (**South of the Eisenhower, west of 25th 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."

...and more... THIS from Marirose Ferrara & John Mullin:

Mission of
Our Lady
of the
Angels

3808 W. Iowa St.- Chicago – HELP WANTED!

Hello, readers of *Walk the Talk...* "We are asking you to **help with renovations** at Our Lady of Angels Mission <https://www.missionola.com/school.html>. OLA is run by the Franciscans of the Eucharist. It preserves a Catholic presence in West Humboldt Park. The purpose of the Mission is twofold: to assist the materially poor and to share the treasure of our Catholic Faith. The Franciscans are renovating the school to support their after-school/summer programs, senior assistance and food pantries. Additionally, the building will include a volunteer residence and a retreat space.

Experience with wall framing, insulation, sheet rock and finishing are helpful, but not a prerequisite

We first met the Franciscans when we volunteered with our daughter Sabina at the monthly food pantry. We are very impressed with the work of the mission. Also, the Franciscans are fun to work with.

Interested? Let us know what days/times best fit your schedule. We can be reached at **708-383-5272** or ferraramullin@gmail.com. We will plan week night and Saturday morning work sessions this summer and fall depending on your response.



**National Religious Campaign
Against Torture**

One of the most prevalent forms of torture in this country is the indiscriminate, prolonged use of solitary confinement in our (for-profit) prison systems. Help the *National Religious Campaign Against Torture* (NRCAT) www.nrcat.org raise awareness of this injustice, **especially on the 23rd of each month.** (*Most people in solitary are confined 23 hours/day.*) **Sign the petition to end prolonged solitary confinement:** http://www.nrcat.org/storage/documents/prolonged_solitary_statement_petition_version.pdf



**Americans
OF CONSCIENCE
Checklist**

Provide required IDs for new voters. [h/t [Spread the Vote](#)] [Spread the Vote](#) and its [Project ID initiative](#) help citizens obtain IDs [required for voting](#). "We set an audacious goal to

support 300 future voters in 2019, and AoCC subscribers have already raised enough for 344 people to get IDs (a whopping \$13,758)! Since we're only halfway through the year, help us get to 600!"

Donate: <https://www.spreadthevote.org/donate>

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

| Name | Country | Prayer Request from Kankakee for 7-16-19 |
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| McHenry Detention Center is currently quarantined. Please pray for everyone there. | | |
| Jose | Cuba | Pray that all goes well for him in court on July 24th. |
| Heryudis | Cuba | Pray in gratefulness that he arrived safely to U.S. Pray for his family in Cuba & for his freedom. |
| Enrique | Cuba | Pray for the health of his family in Cuba & in Houston. |
| Kerway | Cuba | Pray for his family that they are doing well. |
| Emmanuel | Mexico | Pray for his family & himself. |
| Daniel | Cuba | Pray for his family that all is well & that there are no problems. |
| Victor | Guatemala | Pray for his family & for himself. |
| Rolando | Honduras | Pray for his family, himself, and all in jail. |
| Jose | Honduras | Pray for his family, his friends in jail and his home as well. |
| Laureano | Guatemala | Pray for his friends, uncles & aunts, and his home country. |
| Maycolh | Nicaragua | He prays that everyone is doing well. Pray for his children & family. |
| Gerson | El Salvador | Pray for his court date this month. |
| Hugo | El Salvador | Pray that he can leave detention soon. |
| Mateo | Guatemala | Pray for his family & that his deportation goes well. |
| Fidel | Guatemala | Pray that his family is cared for, and that his case is resolved quickly. |
| Franklin | Honduras | Please pray for his family. |
| Miguel | Mexico | Pray for his wife & child. |
| Jorge | Cuba | Pray for his family and that he keeps on following God. |
| Luis | Cuba | Pray for his family that he has a quick case. |
| Luis | Honduras | Pray for safe passage back in deportation. |
| Abel | Cuba | Pray for his child with autism, and that his court comes out well. |
| Felix | Cuba | Please pray for his last court case on July 16 that there is a favorable outcome. |
| Jose | Cuba | Please pray for his children. |
| Rafael | Guatemala | Pray for asylum granted at his final court date. |
| Dorian | Cuba | Pray for my family and God takes care of me. |
| Rolando | Cuba | Please pray that his family can survive his absence. |
| Abel | Mexico | Pray for his family and that his court July 17 comes out well. |
| Kelvin | El Salvador | Pray for his very ill mother and the rest of his family. |
| Fredy | Mexico | Pray that all comes out well for God's glory, and pray for the care of his family. |
| Jose | Guatemala | Pray this process goes quickly & he can get out, work, & take care of his family. |
| Wilmer | Honduras | Pray the court process goes well for him. Pray for his family's health. |
| Yunior | Cuba | Pray for his family, esp. Mom who is sick. Pray that God will help him in this process. |
| Dayan | Honduras | Pray that God takes care of his family, & keeps them healthy. |
| Flaviano | Brazil | Pray for his family in Brazil & New York. |
| Leosdan | Cuba | Pray for his family, and that he gets freedom to help his family. |
| Jose | Honduras | Pray for his family that they are safe & well taken care of. |
| Jose | | Pray that he is deported quickly. Pray for his family in Chicago, and esp. for his sick mom. |
| Jairo | Cuba | Pray that the system is hanged, & the president's heart changed to better treat immigrants & refugees. |

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| Aimel | Cuba | Pray for his family & his court date July 17 that he can be released. |
| Jose | Mexico | Pray for his wife & son that they are ok after he is deported. |
| Ricardo | Cuba | Please pray that God unifies his family & takes care of him & all the immigrants in the messed up process. |
| Raidel | Cuba | Pray for his son & family & all the immigrants that they find justice. |
| Oscar | Mexico | Pray that he has patience in this awful process, and that things turn out ok. Pray that his family doesn't forget. |
| Leynes | Mexico | Pray for his dad, his papers to stay in U.S., and his children 3 & 6 yrs old. |
| Thierry | | Pray for a good judge, his family & 2 daughters. |
| Ricardo | | Pray for his family & friends. |
| Miguel | Mexico | Pray for a good judge & attorney that he can stay here in U.S. Pray for his daughter Anna 8 years old. |
| Delome | Benin | Pray for his daughter Kate 4 yrs old, his mom killed in a car accident, and prayers for his heart which feels cold. |
| Aleksei | Russia | Pray for him. |
| Alberto | Mexico | Pray for his wife & children |
| Amol | Honduras | Pray for his girls, his uncle, his brother, and that hope can continue on in himself. |
| Yani | Honduras | Pray for all 3 of his children. |
| Arturo | Mexico | Pray for his court July 23, and for his family. |
| Jose | Mexico | Pray that he can get pardoned, and for all his family & detained here. |
| Marci | Mexico | Pray for his case & for his family. |
| Lucio | Mexico | Please pray for his siblings in Mexico. |
| Daniel | Mexico | Pray for his court, and for his family's safety. |
| Rogelio | Mexico | Pray for all that are in need, the detained here, the volunteers that visit, and that he'll be released soon. |
| Jose | Mexico | Pray for his family, his mom, and that he doesn't lose faith while he is in detention. Pray for everybody in their home countries. |
| Arturo | Mexico | Pray for his family, for everyone who is here, and for everyone who is coming here. |
| Roman | Mexico | Pray for everyone in the jail in a similar situation. |
| Marin | Mexico | Pray for his dad & his family. |
| Alberto | Honduras | Pray for everyone in the jail, for his family, and for his court date. |
| Victor | Mexico | Pray for his family, his friends, and for faith. |
| Jorge | Mexico | Please pray for his family and friends. |
| Ricardo | Guatemala | Pray for his family, his health, and for all the people in the jail. |
| Carlos | Mexico | Pray for his legal case. |
| Jorge | El Salvador | Pray for his family, all the court cases of detainees, and especially for the care of his family & daughter. |
| Christian | Mexico | Please pray for his last court date that he not be separated from his family here, and pray for his companions here in jail. |
| Jose | Mexico | Pray for his case and a successful next court date. |
| Aunner | Honduras | Pray his case goes well, for his family here that they not be separated from one another, for his wife, son & stepdaughter. Pray for his next court date Aug 30th. |
| Pedro | Guatemala | Pray that God will guide his steps. Pray for his release from jail to where ever he's sent. Pray for protection of his parents & the woman he loves. |
| Raman | India | Pray for his release, & his brothers & sisters. |
| Fedeel | Palestine | Pray for his parents, good health, and his release. Blessings for his brothers & sisters. |
| Amadou | | Pray for freedom for everyone including his family. |
| Juan | | Please pray for his family & his release. |
| Julio | Mexico | Pray for freedom for all & that no immigrants be put in cages. |
| Tara | Ukraine | Pray for my family' health, and for my release to stay in U.S. |

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| Abraham | Syria | Please pray for his release. |
| Thieriy | Rep. of Congo | Pray he gets asylum. He's waiting on judge's decision. |
| Lio | Cuba | Pray for him & his family that he gets asylum. |
| Rolando | Honduras | Pray that he find a way to pay the \$10,000 bond. |
| Carlos | Rep. of Congo | Pray for a safe journey as he is deported. |
| Daniel | Cuba | Pray for him & his family that he find a solution to his situation after being denied asylum. |
| Franklin | Honduras | Please pray for his asylum case and his family. |
| Maycolh | Nicaragua | Please pray for him, and his wife and 2 kids. |
| Jose | Guatemala | Please pray for his safe return. He is scared he will be killed, but cannot tolerate detention any longer. |
| Alexei | Russia | Pray for him. |
| Juan | Cuba | Please pray he and his wife are reunited in Houston, and their 4 children are ok. Pray also for his parents. |
| Amol | Honduras | He wants prayers to stay on the path of peace, and making changes in his life that bring better outcomes. |
| Laureano | Guatemala | Pray that he gets sufficient money for a lawyer and be granted asylum to avoid the gangs and extortion in Guatemala. Pray for his sadness. |
| Fidel | Guatemala | Pray for his family with a new baby. |
| Emmanuel | Mexico | Please pray for his family. |
| Jose | Honduras | Please pray for his family in Maryland. |
| Aimel | Cuba | Please pray for his friends and family. |
| Jose | Honduras | Please pray for his family in Honduras. |
| Abel | Mexico | Please pray for my hearing and pray for my family. |
| Wilmer | Honduras | Please pray for my credible fear interview, and pray for my family in Honduras. |
| Jose | Cuba | Please pray for my family and my court date. |
| Junior | Cuba | Please pray for my July court date, and for my father back in Cuba. |
| Yaciel | Cuba | Pray for my family and my court case. |
| Enrique | Cuba | Pray for his health & everyone here. Pray especially for his family whom he loves. |
| Heryudis | Cuba | Please pray for his wellbeing, his family, and everyone who is in jail with him. |
| Delomie | Benin | Pray for his daughter Kate who has a medical condition. |
| Alberto | Mexico | Pray for his family, and for everyone in the jail. |
| Julio | Cuba | Pray for his mother to be healthy. |
| Ricardo | Mexico | Pray for his case & his family. |
| Francisco | Mexico | Pray for his family in Mexico & for securing funds to have his first hearing. |
| Ricardo | Cuba | Pray for a successful hearing & for his wife in Peru who is depressed. |
| Victor | Guatemala | Pray for my family in Guatemala & for my own life. |
| Oscar | Mexico | Pray that I be reunited with my family, and for protection for me & my family. |
| Gabriel | Cuba | Please pray for the process for asylum, and for my family in Cuba. |
| Luis | Cuba | Please pray for children in Cuba & for my process of asylum. |
| Reinier | Cuba | Pray for my wife & children, my parents' health in Cuba, and to be reunited with my family. |
| Julian | Cuba | Pray I get asylum and to be with my family. |
| Rafael | Guatemala | Pray for him, & his daughters & sons and that God help his children. Pray for a safe deportation and the ability to find a job in Guatemala. |
| Yasul | Cuba | Please pray for him, his family, his parents, and his court case. |
| Junior | Cuba | Pray for him. Pray for his wife & children, his ill father in Cuba, and his court this July. |
| Kervin | Cuba | Pray for him, his parents, his fiance, and his case. |
| Jose | Cuba | Pray for him, his children, his family, and especially his court day this July. |

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| Aendel | Guatemala | Pray for him, his wife & 2 daughters, his father, and his case so he has the opportunity to live in U.S. |
| Miguel | Mexico | Pray for him, his wife & son, his family, and his case. |
| Luis | Honduras | Pray for him, his wife who is expecting family soon, his daughter, and his safe deportation back to Honduras. |
| Oliverio | Mexico | Pray for me, & my wife & 4 children. I have been detained for 6 months. I have no court date. It is depressing. |
| Rafael | Cuba | Pray that I may be released & that I'm able to join my family in Maryland. |
| Dayan | Honduras | Pray for him and the family he left in Honduras. Blessings to everyone. |
| Alex | Mexico | Please pray for my wife & 4 children (2 week old little boy & 3 yr old little girl). My case is in appeal & I am hopeful. |
| Felix | Cuba | Pray for my wife Olga who is in Ecuador. Pray that I may be released soon, and that I will be given a visa for Ecuador. |
| Jose | Cuba | Pray for peace & love & zero lies. |
| | | Pray for those deported. |
| | | Pray for those whose court dates are this week, <i>that they have a favorable outcome.</i> |
| | | Pray for those released from detention and assisted by the ICDI hotline, <i>that they travel safely and get home to loved ones.</i> |
| | | Pray for the unaccompanied immigrant children that we visit in centers in Chicago, <i>that they be reunited with family quickly and know they are loved.</i> |
| | | Pray for the people in the Marie Joseph House of Hospitality and in various 2nd stage houses, <i>that they adjust well to life in the US and know they are welcome.</i> |
| | | Requests from <i>Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants</i> |