

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

## **GUN VIOLENCE/ DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

**Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline 1-877-863-6338**

**CAWC/Connections for Abused Women & Children** <https://www.cawc.org/>

**SARAH'S INN: 24-HOUR CRISIS LINE:** [708-386-4225 \(phone\)](tel:708-386-4225) / [708-669-6149 \(text\)](tel:708-669-6149)

**National Suicide Prevention: ("36% of gun deaths are suicides") Lifeline 1-800-273-8255 (24/7, English/Spanish) - Text TALK to 741-741 - Chat at [suicidepreventionlifeline.org](https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org)**

**St. Edmund Catholic Church (188 S. Oak Park Ave.)** The last Saturday of each month, please join us on the rectory lawn (**SATURDAY, JUNE 25th**) from 6:30 to 7pm for our monthly **Prayer Vigil to End Gun Violence.**



**WBEZ**  
CHICAGO

**Senators reach final bipartisan agreement on a gun safety bill (June**

**21, 2022 6:52 PM ET)**

## **IMMIGRATION :**



**NATIONAL IMMIGRATION LAW CENTER** <https://www.nilc.org/daca-turns-10/>

"Despite many promises over the past years, Congress has yet to deliver permanent protections for DACA recipients...

...we have arrived at a decade of DACA with no permanent protection or pathway to citizenship for immigrant youth and their loved ones... Living life in two-year increments or from court decision to court decision destabilizes our communities and stops people from living to their fullest potential."



"ICDI hosts monthly meetings on the first Thursday of every month at 12:00pm (CT). During these meetings, we will share ICDI and program updates. Everyone is welcome to attend to learn more about our work and ask questions to our staff. Next meeting: **Thursday, July 7th at 12pm CT**

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

**What else can I do?** SIGN UP HERE to receive the monthly newsletter: <https://icdichicago.us11.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=82b0654ecb0fb507bb0263776&id=c00f4d7cff>

## **CURRENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

- **CITA (Chicago Immigrant Transit Assistance) volunteers at the Chicago Greyhound: Tuesday, and Friday mornings from 5:45am - 7:45am.** (Colin McCormick | CITA | [cmccormick@icdichicago.org](mailto:cmccormick@icdichicago.org))  
**\*\*Can't show up in person? Consider purchasing something on CITA's 'wish list' \*\***

"When asylum seekers attempt to enter this country to formally request asylum at a port of entry, likely they have been in constant movement and migration. Asylum seekers tend to carry very little and are often faced with exploitation, violence, and dehumanization during their entire journey... Federal immigration agencies force asylum seekers to wear their torn and tattered clothing and/or jail-issued, "one-size-fits-all" jail uniforms. Additionally, by the time that asylum seekers arrive in Chicago by a Greyhound bus, they have spent over 48 hours without access to bathing, personal care, food, and safety.

...When we provide travelers with new clothing purchased from the [Amazon Wishlist](#), we help meet an

immediate need, and often fulfill a much less tangible need: restoring asylum seekers' humanity, dignity, and agency. **CITA** volunteers allow asylum seekers to choose the clothing they would like to wear and change into. We help folks leave the Chicago Greyhound station in much better shape than they arrived..."

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1Y9S6VA7WJ1JX/ref=hz\\_ls\\_biz\\_ex](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1Y9S6VA7WJ1JX/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex)



### **Zoom Information for Rosary: 7:15AM every FRIDAY – UPDATED!**

The Rosary prayer is conducted every Friday at 7:15 a.m. Central for our immigrant sisters and brothers in detention, deportation and their families. The prayer is led by Sisters JoAnn Persch, RSM and Pat Murphy, RSM.

If you are interested in participating, please email [kdonayre@icdichicago.org](mailto:kdonayre@icdichicago.org) to be added to the emailing list.

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

## **ENVIRONMENT**



"One of the last remaining prairies in Illinois—8,000-year-old **Bell Bowl Prairie** in Rockford—is slated for destruction as the Chicago Rockford International Airport expands. Bell Bowl is a gravel prairie—among the rarest type of remaining prairie—and it contains some of the most intact and undisturbed natural plant communities found anywhere in the state..."

<https://www.savebellbowlprairie.org/home/#what-can-i-do>



### **WOLF ROAD PRAIRIE -2901 Park Ave., Westchester – weekly opportunity for**

**"Stewardship Volunteers"** - every SATURDAY, 1-3PM - contact Larry Godson (708)562-3280 or sign up **here:**

<https://ec.samaritan.com/recruiter/index.php?recruiterID=1405&class=OppDetails&oppGuid={09540C0E-AC5C-4BC0-AA8C-80F12418835C}>



Add your name in support of the **Advancing Tribal Parity on Public Lands Act** (HR.8108) and the **Tribal Cultural Areas System Act (HR.8109)** "Federal land management laws fail to protect the rights and interests of Tribal Nations with a historical connection to, or treaty or other reserved rights on, public land. 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.

We must all stand together in order to protect these sacred places and to ensure Indigenous voices are amplified... <https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/protect-native-places-petition>

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



Abolish the death penalty once and for all! <https://www.afsc.org/action/take-action-abolish-death-penalty-once-and-all>

Sign up for **text alerts** to take action with AFSC :

[https://www.afsc.org/signup?utm\\_source=weekendreading0618&utm\\_medium=email&ms=EMA22W](https://www.afsc.org/signup?utm_source=weekendreading0618&utm_medium=email&ms=EMA22W)



How YOU can help: "We have a number of opportunities at our new 50-bed Interim Housing Program site..." **FOR INFORMATION** and the **SIGN-UP CALENDAR**: [housingforward.org/get-involved](https://housingforward.org/get-involved)



**Less than 20 weeks 'til the mid-term elections!** <https://votefwd.org/>

"Writing **NONPARTISAN** letters to voters is one of the most effective ways to help increase election turnout. And you can do it right from home!"



**Join the CLASS OF 2022 "READY TO VOTE" CHALLENGE –**

**(Estimated) 1.5 million young people across the country are turning 18 before November 8, 2022!**

"In many school districts, fewer than 20% of 18-year-olds are registered to vote. By using the free assets in this toolkit, you are helping to change that. Whether you are a part of the Class of 2022, an educator, or a parent, you can join this campaign to improve the voter registration rates of 18-year-olds in your community!"

<https://thecivicscenter.org/class-of-2022-challenge>



<https://americansofconscience.com> - **Urge federal department heads to**

**expand voter registration now.**

**Script:** "With voting rights threatened in many U.S. states, I am joining with the [Brennan Center](#) and more than 230 national organizations to urge you to implement President Biden's [executive order on promoting access to voting](#). Your department can [play an important role](#) in assisting Americans to participate in the electoral process. Act today to [provide robust voter registration services](#) to eligible Americans and invite designations by states as voter registration agencies under the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA). Thank you.

**Write:**

The Honorable Xavier Becerra  
Secretary of Health & Human Services  
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue SW  
Washington, D.C. 20201

The Honorable Deb Haaland  
Secretary of the Interior  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
1849 C Street NW  
Washington DC 20240

The Honorable Miguel Cardona  
Secretary of Education  
U.S. Department of Education  
400 Maryland Ave SW  
Washington, DC 20202

The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas  
Secretary of Homeland Security  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
301 7th St, SW  
Washington, DC 20528

The Honorable Marcia Fudge  
Secretary of HUD  
U.S. Det. of Housing & Urban

The Honorable Denis McDonough  
Secretary of Veterans Affairs  
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

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451 7th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20410

810 Vermont Ave, NW  
Washington, DC 20420

The Honorable Merrick Garland  
Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20530

The Honorable Marty Walsh  
Secretary of Labor  
U.S. Department of Labor  
200 Constitution Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20210

The Honorable Isabel Guzman  
Administrator  
Small Business Administration  
409 3rd St SW  
Washington, D.C. 20416

The Honorable Janet Yellen  
Secretary of Treasury  
U.S. Department of the Treasury  
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington DC, 20220

**FYI...2022 U.S. Senate elections** [https://ballotpedia.org/United States Senate elections, 2022](https://ballotpedia.org/United_States_Senate_elections,_2022)  
(Color reflects party affiliation of current senator)

