



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, June 29th, 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.**"



National Gun Violence Awareness 'WEAR ORANGE' weekend, Friday, June

7th - Sunday, June 9th . <https://everytown.org/>

(WHY WEAR ORANGE?) The color choice dates back to at least 2013 when 15-year-old **Hadiya Pendleton** was shot and killed in **Chicago**. Hadiya was an honor student who was [killed in a case of mistaken identity](#) -- a week after she performed at one of the events surrounding President Obama's second inauguration. Her friends picked the color orange to honor her and to call for gun reform. **Join a community event near you and help our movement honor those shot and killed or wounded, and all those affected by gun violence in America:**

IL - Chicago - Wear Orange - LaGrange/Oak Park
Saturday, June 8th, 12:00 p.m.
La Follette Park
Chicago, IL
[RSVP >>](#)

IL - Chicago - So Fresh Saturdays Wear Orange
Saturday, June 15th, 2:00 p.m.
Moran Park
Chicago, IL
[RSVP >>](#)

IL - Chicago - Printers Row Lit Fest
Tabling Wear Orange
Saturday, June 8th, 10:00 a.m.
Printers Row
Chicago, IL
[RSVP >>](#)



Illinois HB-96: (Now SB 1966) "Fix the FOID" Act www.fixthefoid.org "Under current Illinois law, individuals seeking to buy a gun must first obtain a Firearm Owners Identification (FOID) Card from the Department of State Police...The Fix the FOID Act would...strengthen the FOID system and help ensure that people with a violent criminal history, who are prohibited from gun possession, cannot evade the law and arm themselves." *Note: HB 96 passed in the House, but not approved in the Senate before end-of-session. STAY TUNED!*

ENVIRONMENT



HB3349/SB2146 Clean Water Workforce Pipeline Program: "Water infrastructure in Illinois is in dire shape — receiving a C- grade for wastewater and drinking water infrastructure from the **American Society of Civil Engineers in 2018**. Building, repairing, and upgrading our water infrastructure will require investments through the next capital bill, and will create thousands of good-paying jobs throughout the state with a ripple effect of benefits to our economy."

This legislation recently introduced in the Illinois state legislature "will provide **job training and resources** so that Illinois workers can take advantage of the opportunity to pursue careers in water infrastructure." <https://act.sierraclub.org/actions/Illinois?actionId=AR0151102&id=70131000001iOuIAAU>



SHARE YOUR HARVEST: Help ALL families have a healthy summer - donate your garden surplus to a good cause. Volunteers from the **Ascension** Community Gardener group will be in the **Parish Center Parking Lot and Community Garden**, (East Ave. & Van Buren) Tuesday evenings from 6:30 pm until dusk this summer, accepting donations for **St. Martin de Porres Food Pantry**. *Note: Of the 1975 lbs. of fresh produce given to the food pantry in 2018, 1180 lbs. came from OTHER GARDENERS!* (Info: John Owens owens708@comcast.net)

**CATHOLICS
ARE STILL IN**



Catholic Climate Covenant
Care for Creation. Care for the Poor.

Have YOU signed the *U.S. Catholic Climate Declaration*??

<https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/us-catholic-climate-declaration> (see list of signing parishes)

"On June 1, 2017, President Trump announced that the United States would withdraw from the Paris agreement, the only nation to do so. In response, the U.S. bishops declared, "The President's decision not to honor the U.S. commitment to the Paris agreement is deeply troubling" ([USCCB Statement on the President's Withdrawal from Paris Agreement](#), June 1, 2017). As Catholic communities, organizations, and institutions in the United States, we join with other institutions from across American society to ensure that the United States remains a global leader in reducing emissions. We call for the Administration to join the global community and return to the Paris Agreement." **Sign here:**

<https://www.tfaforms.com/4668211>

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

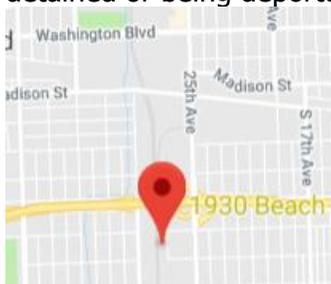
Name	Country	Prayer Request from Kankakee for 5-30-19
Thierry	Congo	Please ask God to bless the society of the Congo with peace and justice. Also please pray for his family, judge and lawyer.
Carlos	Congo	Please pray for his family, his case, and that all shall be well with God's help.
Victor	Mexico	Please pray that all will go well for everyone in detention. Also, please pray for his wife and son.
Oscar	Mexico	Please pray for his wife & children, and especially his case.
Fidel	Guatemala	Please pray for him. Pray for his family, and for his court case.
Luis	Honduras	Please pray for him, his fiance & daughter both in Mexico, and for his court case.
Jeffry	Honduras	Pray for him, his wife & family, and his court case.
Kerwin	Cuba	Pray for him, his fiance Jany, his parents-in-law, and for his case.
Beltar	Guatemala	Please pray for him, his wife & children in Guatemala, and for his case.
Jefferson	Honduras	Please pray for him, his Aunt Maritza, and especially for his court case this May.
Ricardo	Mexico	Please pray for the decision from immigration, and for his family in Mexico.
Emmanuel	Mexico	Please pray for his family in Joliet and for his appeal in court.
Miguel	Mexico	Please pray for his family in Rockford, and that the judge gives the right decision.
Jose	Honduras	Pray for his family, and that he can return safely to his family in Honduras.
Gerson	El Salvador	Pray for his family and for his court case.
Arabel	Honduras	Please pray for his family in Honduras and for his court.
Jose	Honduras	Please pray for continued blessings and a devotion group in jail.
Victor	Mexico	Pray for his health, mind, faith, and for his family.
Jose	Honduras	Please pray for his daughters, sisters & uncles that they can come up with bond money.
Carlos	Mexico	Pray for all, my family, and for peace.

Daniel	Mexico	Please pray for his court date coming up, and that he has the grace to accept whatever comes. Pray for President Trump that he gains more wisdom and compassion for those suffering in Central America, and can learn respect for all human beings.
Miguel	El Salvador	Prayers please for his court case and his children.
Joaquin	Guatemala	Please pray for his parents, siblings, spouse, & daughter.
Rene	Mexico	Pray for his safe trip being deported, and pray for his family here.
Luis	Mexico	Pray that he can gain his freedom, for his wife & 4 children, and for his family in Mexico.
Lucio	Mexico	Pray for his court case, his family in Mexico and in Florida.
Jonathan	Mexico	Pray that he can be free. Pray for his family, fiance, & all that are in detention.
Marco	Mexico	Pray that he can win his case and for his family in Texas.
Serafin	Mexico	Pray for his family here & in Mexico, and that he can be deported soon.
Alberto	Mexico	Pray that he can have a blessing in court, and for his mother and 13 year old son.
Cristian	Mexico	Pray for his daughter (9) and his whole family, and that he will be blessed in court.
Charles	Liberia	Pray for strength, blessings, guidance, wisdom, patience, & continued knowledge of the Lord.
Tarks	Ukraine	Please pray for a positive outcome to this case.
Alex	Belarus	Please pray for his family, & his case for a positive outcome.
Edgar	Guatemala	Pray for his court that all goes well, and for his family.
Herbert	El Salvador	Pray for his case to go well, that his wife recovers well from surgery, and for all the ICDI volunteers.
Gustavo	Chile	Please pray for his family and that they stay well.
Alberto	Honduras	Please pray for his son's health & his father, that his case goes well and he can stay in the US.
Jorge	El Salvador	Pray for his family, esp. his daughter, for his brothers in prison, the ICDI volunteers, and for the US government.
Arturo	Mexico	Pray for my mom, my lawyer, & the judge. End of May I hope to receive political asylum.
Jose	Mexico	Pray in thanksgiving for my food, shelter, my family & children, and those who are poor without needs met.
Abdul	Syria	Pray for my siblings, my country and that I may be released soon. Pray for my lawyer & judges.
Carlos	El Salvador	Pray that I can contact my girlfriend in Dominican Republic. Perhaps she can arrange to get me there. Please pray for me. I am alone.
Ramon	Mexico	Pray for my family - especially my 10 grandchildren. Pray for me & my family & for my deportation. Thanks to our visitors for coming.



**INTERFAITH COMMUNITY
FOR DETAINED IMMIGRANTS**

Interfaith Prayer Vigil - June 7 @ 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...



AoCC Voter Empowerment Project: "Every American should be able to cast a ballot easily and securely. When laws take ballots away from citizens, it weakens our democracy. When states **use** vulnerable voting systems, it weakens our democracy...2020 hinges on weakened systems...the time to act is now... spend **one hour per week for the next three weeks** to ensure that every citizen can vote and each vote verified in 2020."

Week 1 Voting Actions:

- Empower future voters
- Support fairer elections and voting expansion
- Support voting for people with disabilities
- Advocate for a simple, crucial solution to end vote hacking
- Support Congressional Representation for all Americans
- Support increased voter participation in our community

HOW?? <https://americansofconscience.com/empower-more-people-vote/>



"Empowering Shareholders to Change Corporations for GOOD" "We're creating a safe, just, and sustainable world in which protecting the environment and human rights is central to corporate decision making." <https://www.asyousow.org/>