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SGFMC Action for Justice News

A "Worker Justice Congregation" (member, *Interfaith Worker Justice* http://www.iwj.org/)
March 10, 2016

- **LENT 2016: Fast in Solidarity with Workers leading the Fight for $15**
  This Lenten season, ***IWJ*** encourages friends and allies to declare commitment to fast in support of the Fight for $15. You can fast from anything you'd like: a favorite food or drink, television or social media, or whatever other amenity that you regularly enjoy and can go without for 40 days.

MORE: http://org.salsalabs.com/o/1035/p/salsa/web/questionnaire/public/?questionnaire_KEY=1819

- **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23rd: <u>IMMIGRATION REFORM IN THE LAND OF OPPORTUNITY:</u> *What's happening on the local, state and national levels?* 7:30PM (Aurora University, Crimi Auditorium in the Institute for Collaboration, 1347 Prairie St., Aurora, IL)**
  "As the presidential election intensifies, so too does the rhetoric over immigration reform. In recent years, many opinions have been shared and solutions have been proposed. This event features the perspectives of thought leaders in the fields of education, public policy, health care and business." **FREE event** - **see panel members & register HERE: http://alumni.aurora.edu/s/1512/artsandideas/index-cai.aspx?sid=1512&gid=1&pgid=1082**

- **FRIDAY, MARCH 25th 12 Noon, Congress St. @ Michigan Ave. (in the park): *"Be Not Afraid"* 36th Annual GOOD FRIDAY Walk for Justice – "**In a world where fear is too often met with more fear, 8th Day Center for Justice continues to confront abusive systems of power with truth, peace, and love. Be Not Afraid, the theme of the 36th annual Good Friday Walk for Justice, is more than a salve for the soul. These words are an active call to meet oppression with solidarity, and despair with hope. When we step out of the shadows of fear and into the light of kinship, we embody the words of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., 'Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that'."

- **Also – FRIDAY MARCH 25th: - 19th Annual World Day of Prayer for Women's Ordination**

- **THURSDAY, APRIL 21st 7-9PM: Revel in the Revolution:** "*The Crucial Role of Women's Equality in the Struggle for Social Justice"* Wellington United Church of Christ, 615 W. Wellington Ave., Chicago. **Keynote speaker: JAMIE MANSON (columnist, National Catholic**

Reporter) (8th Day Center for Justice http://www.8thdaycenter.org/ Tickets: https://app.etapestry.com/cart/8thDayCenterforJustice/default/item.php?ref=1438.0.95149079 (Minimum suggested ticket donation: $40)

MORE: Every Tuesday, 8:00am Tuesday Morning Peace Vigil - Downtown Chicago; **Every Friday, 7:15am** Interfaith Vigil for Immigrant Justice - Broadview, IL www.**8thdaycenter**.org

- **IWJ *(Interfaith Worker Justice)* ongoing initiatives:**

"Pay Stubs for ALL" – ask your Representative to support the "Pay Stub Disclosure Act" (HR 4376)
http://org.salsalabs.com/o/1035/p/dia/action3/common/public/?action_KEY=19284
Stay informed – get involved – "LIKE" IWJ on Face Book:
https://www.facebook.com/InterfaithWorkerJustice/

GREEN *Justice* -

St. Giles is now a ZERO WASTE school environment - This means that all waste is appropriately sorted among the **three clearly marked bins** found in the lobby: **compost** consists of all food and paper serving items (plates, napkins, unwaxed cups), **recycling** includes all other paper, plastic and cans, and **landfill** is everything else. To be better stewards of the earth, please reduce the use of things that go into the landfill.

- **SATURDAY, MARCH 26th: GOOD FOOD FESTIVAL – 10AM – 5 PM, UIC Pavilion – Get SUPER DISCOUNT tickets before 3/14 HERE: http://www.faithinplace.org/news-events/events/good-food-festival**

Discount Tickets to Good Food Festival - Saturday, March 26, 10am - 5pm

Celebrate Local, Sustainable, Humane and Fair Food! Check out cooking classes, chef demonstrations (including Rick Bayless!), urban agriculture workshops, children's activities, local foods marketplace, and much more at this event, held at the UIC Forum. Purchase tickets by March 14th for only $5 (kids 12 and under are free) using
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special discount code: FaithInPlaceGFFC2016.

- **THURSDAY, APRIL 21st – *Faith in Place* ADVOCACY DAY in Springfield – "**This year it is more important than ever for faithful folks to show up in Springfield for Advocacy Day. Our love for Illinois prairies, streams, and sky is greater than any partisan divide… let policy makers know that Illinois residents want our state to take the lead in caring for Earth right now." **NOTE – follow the link to see current transportation options (charter buses, car pools, etc.)**

SIGN UP HERE:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/19_53ZTbH4LQxvS5VfSECPW0FYwBfTPdqjMwbiwrS2Io/viewform

MORE: "*Faith in Place* inspires religious people of diverse faiths to care for the Earth through education, connection, and advocacy. Since 1999, *Faith in Place* has worked with over 1,000 houses of worship throughout Illinois to protect our common land, air, and water" and "inspires faithful people to care for

the Earth through four program areas: Energy & Climate Change, Sustainable Food & Land Use, Water Preservation, and Advocacy". http://www.faithinplace.org/who-we-are

More Action

Do you know of more actions for justice in which our St. Giles Family Mass Community might take part?

Send an email to Paul Schleitwiler FCM at marynpaul@comcast.net or hand him a written copy at Mass.

Include the name of the action, if it has one, relevant dates, contact information and a brief description of the action and why you think members of the community should be involved. We will inform SGFMC in timely newsletters like this.