



SGFMC Action for Justice News
MARCH 2023

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

GUN VIOLENCE/DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/INCARCERATION/CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

Join the Monthly Prayer Vigil to End Gun Violence at St. Edmund Campus (188 S. Oak Park Ave.) "We gather the last Saturday of each month to bring awareness to gun violence. Please join us **March 26 at 6:30 pm** on the St. Edmund rectory lawn. It is our way of standing against the culture of violence in our country. We also urge legislators to understand the urgency of this issue."



"**Chicago Survivors (CS)** offers crime victim and support services to surviving family members of Chicago homicide victims. Our services are free, voluntary and open to all. Our services are survivor-shaped, trauma-informed, family-centered and delivered primarily in survivors' homes. Our staff includes bilingual Spanish/English speakers, and all staff can access real-time translation services in other languages." <https://chicagosurvivors.org/program-overview/> **Crisis Helpline: 877.863.6338**



FOLLOWING THIS.....Illinois SB 2073: Retroactive Parole for Children and Young Adults – "Senate Bill 2073 would allow people currently incarcerated and convicted when they were younger than 21 to benefit from recent prospective parole laws. The recent laws, [Public Act 102-1128](#) (2023) and [Public Act 100-1182](#) (2019) created the first new parole opportunities in Illinois since our state abolished parole in 1978. Together, the laws ensure no children 17 and younger can receive a life without parole sentence; they also extend parole consideration to most people 18-20.

SB 2073 would apply both bills retroactively to make sure youthful parole opportunities are applied fairly and evenly and bring Illinois in line with most states that have abolished life without parole for children and young adults." <https://restorejusticeillinois.org/legislation/senatebill2073/>

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/10/2023	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 2nd Reading March 21, 2023



"Mercy in Action Project" Sign up to receive monthly alerts about upcoming executions which include resources for prayer and advocacy. <https://catholicsmobilizing.org/action/mercy-action-project> [**CURRENT ACTION:** <https://catholicsmobilizing.org/action/2021-05/stop-execution-gerald-pizzuto-jr>]



"The following link is to an updated list of currently scheduled executions in the United States. **Select the prisoner's name to sign the petition** which will be delivered on your behalf to the respective state's [Oklahoma, Texas, Florida, Arizona] government officials". **(Silence is consent!)**
<https://deathpenaltyaction.org/take-action/execution-petitions/>



<https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/stop-the-execution-of-anibal-canales-jr-in-texas>

IMMIGRATION



Bethany House of Hospitality "*Empowering Young Women Seeking Asylum*" - a facility to give unaccompanied young women immigrants, who are aging out of youth detention, an alternative to adult detention when they turn 18 years old. [NOTE: IIM (Intercultural Immigration Ministry of Oak Park Catholic churches) works with Bethany House]

What you can do: <http://bethanyhouseofhospitality.com/how-you-can-participate/>

Volunteer your time and talents to develop relationships with our residents. Use our [Contact Form](#) to let us know you would like to volunteer.

See the **Amazon Wish List** for needs of the new SWG Amate House in Little Village:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3CK43HZBHC297?ref=wl_fv_le

****TWO WAYS TO TAKE ACTION, TO OPPOSE EXPANSION OF ASYLUM RESTRICTIONS** (Biden administration's "*Circumvention of Lawful Pathways*" Act)**



"Join ISN is condemning the new proposed rule and asking our government to consider the creation of rules that will, "welcome, protect, promote, and integrate," all migrants and asylum seekers, who are our neighbors." <https://ignatiansolidarity.net/blog/2023/03/10/action-alert-oppose-the-expansion-of-asylum-restrictions/>



Oppose this proposal for restrictive new asylum policies **by March 27**. "The Biden Administration has introduced a new transit ban that will require people from outside of Mexico seeking asylum at the U.S.-Mexico border to first apply for—and be denied—asylum in another country.

Submit comments on the Federal Register HERE:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/02/23/2023-03718/circumvention-of-lawful-pathways>

NOTE: ICDI is now: Illinois Community for Displaced Immigrants (New name, new leadership)
Monthly Meeting, first Thursday of each month. (Next meeting: Thurs. 04/06/23 @ Noon)

- **REGISTER HERE:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwsde2spjotHtJBQ97mO9XQRns5BwjnisjJ>
SIGN UP HERE to receive the monthly newsletter:

<https://icdichicago.us11.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=82b0654ecb0fb507bb0263776&id=c00f4d7cff>

- **Volunteer with ICDI** – “We are in need of volunteers to sort and organize donations. Elmhurst Presbyterian Church - 367 Spring Rd, Elmhurst, IL 60126 [Shifts: Monday - Friday 9am-12pm] Contact Sarah Ankunda at sankunda@icdichicago.org to sign up for a shift

ENVIRONMENT: -



TUESDAY, MARCH 21ST - “Stop the Dirty Banks” National Day of Action (picketing Citibank, Chase, Bank of America, and Wells Fargo branches. “These four giants lead the world in lending to Big Oil”) **Local action: 11AM – 1PM at J P Morgan Chase, 10 S. Dearborn (Chicago)**



SIERRA CLUB
ILLINOIS CHAPTER

Support **Illinois HB 3119 (Carbon Dioxide Transport Act)** – Protect Illinois from 21unregulated carbon capture. **READ MORE**

HERE: <https://act.sierraclub.org/actions/Illinois?actionId=AR0383503&id>



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SAVE THE DATE: Apr 19th, 10AM - ALL DAY - Annual [Illinois Advocacy Day 2023](#) - Springfield, IL
“Join an incredible coalition to advocate for climate justice in person in Springfield. **Busses will be available so we can travel to Springfield together.**

Register today! <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScGKjqDO6dio5iKDXS69v-uihpiWVOeElwYUv>

FOOD AND SHELTER:



“The Night Ministry is a Chicago-based organization whose mission is to provide human connection, housing support, and health care to members of our community who are unhoused or experiencing poverty... From serving meals at our Health Outreach Bus and volunteering at our Youth Housing Programs to becoming a member of our Associate Board or organizing collection drives, there are multiple ways for individuals and groups to support the work of The Night Ministry and improve the lives of the young people and adults we serve.”

<https://www.thenightministry.org/other-ways-to-support>

- [Meals and Food Items](#)
- [Parenting with Purpose Housewarming](#)
- [Cold Weather Gear](#)
- [Clothing](#)
- [Hygiene/Personal Care Products](#)
- [Gift Cards and Ventra Passes](#)
- [Survival Supplies](#)



Volunteers needed for the SHELTER at St. Catherine/St. Lucy, 38 N. Austin Blvd.

1. Evening – 6:30p until 10:30p (3 volunteers)
2. Overnight – 10:30p until 5:00a (2 volunteers)
3. Morning – 5:00a until 7:00a (2 volunteers)

Volunteer HERE: <https://www.housingforward.org/get-involved/volunteer>



"Beyond Hunger's **CAN DO** Community Challenge is a local hunger relief campaign during the month of April designed to heighten awareness about local food and nutrition security. The Challenge encourages schools, organizations, businesses and individuals to become more involved with Beyond Hunger by participating in a **fun, community wide competition.**" <https://www.gobeyondhunger.org/CanDoCommunity>



"We welcome **volunteers** to assist with the day-to-day operations that make Oak Park Community Fridge possible. Become a fridge manager to maintain our fridge, stock the fridge by distributing food from our partners, and help with behind-the-scenes operations." <https://www.opfridge.com/volunteer>

...and more...



One Earth/City of Chicago - Earth Day Mini Film Fest – 4/19-4/23 – FREE virtual 'watch parties' or in person at 6 local venues <https://www.oneearthfilmfest.org/earth-day>

FOR YOUR REFERENCE...

Minimum Wage in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois as of January 2023



Chicago

Hourly base rate (if untipped)	Overtime Wage Rate (after 40 hours in a week)	Tipped Minimum Wage Rate	Overtime Tipped Minimum Wage
Between 4 – 20 employees: \$14.50	4 – 20 employees: \$21.75	4 – 20 employees: \$8.70	4 – 20 employees: \$15.95
Over 20 employees: \$15.40	Over 20 employees: \$23.10	Over 20 employees: \$9.24	Over 20 employees: \$16.94

* All domestic workers working in Chicago have the right to receive the city's minimum wage of \$15.40.

Cook County

*For the following suburbs: Barrington Hills, Berwyn, Countryside, Deerfield, Dolton, Evanston, Glencoe, Kenilworth, McCook, Northfield, Oak Park, Oak Brook, Phoenix, Skokie, University Park, Western Springs, Wilmette, Winnetka. For other suburbs, below Illinois rate applies

Hourly base rate (if untipped)	Overtime Wage Rate (after 40 hours in a week)	Tipped Minimum Wage Rate	Overtime Tipped Minimum Wage
\$13.35	\$20.02	\$7.80	\$14.47

Illinois (outside of Chicago and above suburbs)

Hourly base rate (if untipped)	Overtime Wage Rate (after 40 hours in a week)	Tipped Minimum Wage Rate	Overtime Tipped Minimum Wage
\$13.00	\$19.50	\$7.80	\$14.30

Send us a text or email us for more information!
workercenter@arisechicago.org
(773) 769-6000

DIRECTORY: (post and share these numbers widely, please!)

- o National Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-799-7233
- o Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline 1-877-863-6338
- o National Sexual Assault Hotline (all ages) 1-800-656-4673
- o CAWC/Connections for Abused Women & Children <https://www.cawc.org/>
- o SARAH'S INN: 24-HOUR CRISIS LINE: [708-386-4225 \(phone\)](tel:708-386-4225) / [708-669-6149 \(text\)](tel:708-669-6149)
- o Trevor Line (for LGBTQ teens and young adults) 1-866-488-7386
- o National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: **DIAL 988** – 24/7, toll-free everywhere