

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

GUN VIOLENCE/ DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

In the news TODAY: <https://www.thetrace.org/2022/03/president-biden-gun-violence-policy-reduce-crime/>

Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline 1-877-863-6338

NCADV/National Campaign Against Domestic Violence <https://ncadv.org/take-action>

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

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



<https://gvpaction.com/#home>

"Under [Illinois] [House Bill 4757](#), the transfer, purchase, manufacture, importation, and possession of **ghost guns** is illegal; printing **ghost guns with 3-D printers** is explicitly prohibited; and guns that are currently unserialized can become serialized and trackable."



"Violence Against Women" 2021 Reauthorization Act (H.R. 1620 and NEW! S.3623
bipartisan Senate bill introduced 2/9/2022) <https://www.4vawa.org/vawa-email-campaign> **No news** ☹️

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

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

IMMIGRATION:



CURRENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- **CITA volunteers at the Chicago Greyhound: Tuesday, and Friday mornings from 5:45am - 7:45am.** (Colin McCormick | CITA | cmccormick@icdichicago.org)
- **Spanish-speaking volunteers for virtual visits in Jail Visitation** (Ali Smith |Jail Visitation - asmith@icdichicago.org)
- **Mentors for Harbor Hospitality** (Ryan Smith |Housing and Case Management | rsmith@icdichicago.org)
- **Volunteers for Children's Visitation** (Carmen Arellano | Migrant Children's Visitation - carellano@icdichicago.org)
- **Court Watch volunteers for in-person observing** Elizabeth West | Court Watch ewest@icdichicago.org

Zoom Information for Rosary: 7:15AM every FRIDAY

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83127670921?pwd=QU5RNkJJUklLdEcZQUtNOXZlcGxzUT09It>

Dial 1-312-626-6799 to join the Rosary only by phone. Meeting ID: 831 2767 0921 Passcode: 321321321

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

Prayer Requests from **Clay County:**

Karla - She's helping other women by being a translator for them like she did at McHenry. She has made friends with two other women who are also there for immigration proceedings and wishes to help them.

Jose - For his sons and that he can be released to be with them.

Roberto - That he may hear about his appeal soon, be released and for his wife and 4 children.

Maynor - He is grateful for the others who are with him that gather for prayer and Bible study

Prayer Requests from **Dodge County:**

Rogelio - Pray for him and his family

Francisco - Pray for him and his family.

"As Russian forces invaded Ukraine, more than 2 million Ukrainians fled their homes and sought refuge in neighboring countries, and many of them were greeted with warmth and generosity. But people fleeing conflict or disaster in other countries have not always been welcomed with such open arms in Europe or even here in the United States..." <https://news.wttw.com/2022/03/12/examining-world-s-reaction-ukrainian-refugees-voices-crossover-discussion?fb>



SERVICES MINISTRIES PEDRO PAN

Unaccompanied Minors Program

On Feb. 2nd, Governor Ron DeSantis informed the federal government that Florida will no longer participate in the federal program to house unaccompanied minors. This decision can force the shutdown of Catholic Charities centers in Miami, and other locations.

Please contact Chicago archdiocese Vicar General **Bishop Robert Casey** rcasey@archchicago.org Encourage him to work with **Cardinal Cupich** and other bishops around the country, to speak out against this plan in Florida!

ENVIRONMENT



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

"Stewardship Volunteers" - every SATURDAY, 1-3PM [Meet at the Prairie House; 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}>

SAVE THE DATE: EARTH DAY WORKDAY - Saturday, April 21 - 1 to 4 pm. - Meet at the Prairie House - Sturdy shoes, old clothes, and working gloves advised. - We will supply tools and refreshments.



Take Action on Environmental Justice in Illinois - SB2906/HB4093

"This bill would create a definition of environmental justice, increase transparency through providing translation services and public hearings, expand community agency by requiring large air polluters to go through a local siting process and by giving communities standing to challenge permit decisions, and allow the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to deny permits that would be detrimental to the health of a community."

SIGN TO SUPPORT: <https://act.sierraclub.org/actions/Illinois?actionId=AR0353140>

...and more...

INNOCENCE PROJECT

URGENT!! - STOP the EXECUTION of Melissa Lucio in Texas

"Melissa Lucio is facing execution on **April 27, 2022**, in Texas for the murder of her 2-year-old daughter Mariah — a crime that never occurred. Mariah died two days after accidentally falling down a steep flight of stairs and Melissa

has maintained her innocence on death row for more than 14 years..." <https://innocenceproject.org/petitions/stop-execution-of-innocent-melissa-lucio-texas/>

[**BACKGROUND:** <https://deathpenaltyworldwide.org/coalition-of-former-prosecutors-and-anti-violence-organizations-file-brief-in-support-of-melissa-lucio-victim-of-gender-based-violence-facing-execution-in-texas/> and <https://deathpenaltyinfo.org/stories/why-is-texas-1-executions>] **PLEASE SHARE THIS!**

Kolbe House Commemorating Holy Week with Prayer Walk - PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 10TH @ 3pm – 2 (La Villa Park, 26th & Sacramento)

Kolbe House will commemorate the beginning of Holy Week with a **prayer walk around Cook County Jail**. We will reflect on Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem, as well as his own arrest and detention, as calls to action to unite in our commitment to defend the human dignity of those incarcerated and promote reconciliation and healing for all those impacted by the criminal justice system.

For more information on how to participate, contact Emily Cortina at ecortina@kolbehouseministry.org.



ending homelessness

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



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Love thy neighbor.
No exceptions.

"Across the country, far-right attacks on LGBTQ Christians and students are escalating -- and Christian schools and universities are major battlegrounds over the future of LGBTQ affirmation in the church....When grassroots Christians stand up for students who are being wrongly attacked in Jesus's name, we make a difference..." <https://faithfulamerica.org/>



<https://nativeorganizing.org/>

"March marks the 150th anniversary of Yellowstone National Park. **[49 Native American Tribes have ancestral connections to Yellowstone National Park.]** Established in 1872, it's the first National Park in the U.S., and one of the first in the world... This anniversary creates opportunities for a national conversation around the governance of our National Parks and public lands. Federal agencies should incorporate Indigenous voices in the history and future of the National Parks."



Tuesday, April 5th, 8PM CDT: "Join us to write letters to voters!

Vote Forward letters are *proven* to be one of the most effective tactics at increasing voter turnout ahead of important elections...RSVP today, and we'll let you know how to join this event. Invite your friends and family, too and encourage them to become letter writers this year!..."

<https://www.mobilize.us/votefwd/event/448775/>