

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



When will we "Fix the FOID"? – In the wake of the mass shooting in Aurora, SB 1966 was passed in the Illinois House in **May of 2019**, *but remains stalled in the Illinois Senate.*

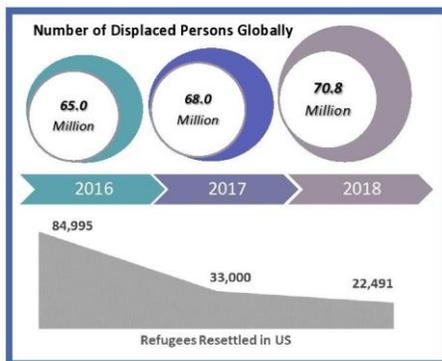
- Requires background checks for all gun sales, including by private sellers, curbing the flow of guns into the illegal secondary market
- Requires applicants for FOID cards to submit fingerprints to spot dishonest applicants
- Reduces the risk of people who become prohibited after obtaining a FOID card from later using their card to purchase firearms

ST. EDMUND CHURCH (Oak Park) Monthly Prayer Vigil to End Gun Violence – SATURDAY, March 28, 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.**"

IMMIGRATION



- The U.S. government has forced **57,000** asylum seekers and migrants, including at least **16,000** children and **500** infants to return to Mexico under the "Migrant Protection Protocols"—better known as the "Remain in Mexico" policy.
- As of January 21, 2020, there were at least **816** publicly reported cases of murder, rape, torture, kidnapping, and other violent assaults against asylum seekers and migrants forced to return to Mexico. Among these reported attacks were **201** cases of children returned to Mexico who were kidnapped or nearly kidnapped. *Human Rights First*



Interfaith Prayer Vigil – Friday, March 6th @ 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."



Demand an end to unethical therapy practices in asylum cases.

Write or Call: Alex Azar, Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 2707 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20528-0525; 202-690-7000; and Chad F. Wolf, Acting Secretary, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, 200 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20201; (call via DHS comment line) 202-282-8495.

Script: "Hello, I'm [writing/calling] from [ZIP] because I'm deeply concerned about the way Immigration and Customs Enforcement (**ICE**) is using therapy against young aspiring Americans. The Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) is actively violating patient confidentiality by **sharing notes from detained children's mandatory therapy sessions with ICE officials, who then use them as a tool during immigration proceedings, twisting recollections of traumatic life events to cast a negative light on the children's asylum cases.** I am joining the American Psychological Association, National Social Workers Association, and American Counseling Association in condemning this unethical practice, and in calling for its immediate discontinuation."



Advocate for a fair and reliable immigration court system: "On 2/18/20, 54 immigration, civil rights, faith-based, government accountability, and labor organizations, including AILA, call on Congress to establish an immigration court system that is **independent of DOJ** so that it can guarantee due process and a fair hearing for immigrants." **Write or call Senators Durbin and Duckworth, and your local House representative!**

<https://www.aila.org/advo-media/aila-correspondence/2020/advocates-call-on-congress-establish-independent>

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

Requests from *Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants*

Name	Country	Prayer Request from Kankakee for 2-24-20
Raul	Mexico	Please pray for the world in general, and for those suffering from the horrific loss ie, Kobe Bryant's wife & children, and the loss from the coronavirus.
Jesus	Mexico	Please pray for everyone in the entire world, and safe harbor in MX upon arrival back.
Howard	Guatemala	Pray for my family of 3 children ages 15, 17, & 20, and for continued learning here.
Edgar	Honduras	Pray for a successful start to my reopened case, and that I can stay in U.S.
Juan	Mexico	Pray in thanksgiving for being free soon, and going back to Mexico.
Ivan	Mexico	Please pray for all of us suffering under jail conditions, and pray for our families missing us.
Juan	Mexico	Please pray for my family. I'm thankful for my friends here, and for the ICDI volunteers who come to visit us.
Jose	Mexico	Pray for my children & my mom, and thanksgiving for all the ICDI volunteers.
Erick	Mexico	Pray for my son & my family to be together again.
Marco	Honduras	Pray for my children ages 8, 4, & 11.
Jose	Mexico	Pray for my arrival to Mexico, and for my mother and my siblings.
Miguel	Mexico	Pray for my family and all my brothers & sisters in jail.
Hilario	Mexico	Pray for his parents in Kankakee, his daughter & her mother, and that he does well in Mexico.
Manuel	Mexico	Pray for his children & all his family, for all the detained, and for his safe deportation.
Francisco	Mexico	Pray for his family and safe travel.

Miguel	Mexico	Pray for his wife & daughter.
Enrique	Mexico	Please pray for his daughter.
Raymond	Mexico	Pray for his children: his son Johnathan, daughter Yanheli, and for all the detainees.
Gregory	Poland	Please pray for my son in Chicago, and my mother, father, & sister in Poland.
Jancy	Guatemala	Pray for my wife Rusik & son Jason in U.S., and for my dad Jesus, & my sons Brian & Yodi in Guatemala.
Marian	Poland	Pray for his children & grandchildren, and for his release.
Anthony	Belize	Pray for his release, and pray for his daughters.
Amadou	Mauritania	Please pray for his family and Peace of mind. God knows what help is needed.
Eduardo	Honduras	Please pray for his family, his son, and his release.
Macloni	Guatemala	Please pray that I am able to get a lawyer. Pray for my family in Guatemala and my aunts in Chicago.
Dagoberto	Mexico	Pray for my release as soon as possible to my country. Pray for my parents & my 4 yr old daughter.
Mayhel	Cuba	Pray for my family and the judge's decision.
Cesar	Guatemala	Pray for my family & me. Pray that I get a lawyer, and pray for all those being held here in detention.
Manuel	Guatemala	Pray that I get my bond & can return to IN with my wife & 3 little babies.
Faustino	Guatemala	Pray for my family-my wife & 4 children in Guatemala. Pray for me and my release.
Jesus	Mexico	Pray that his family is well & that he can be freed to his family in Chicago.
Addair	Mexico	Pray that his case can be resolved, and for his wife & 3 month old son in WI. Pray also for his mother & siblings in Mexico.
Francisco	Guatemala	Pray that he can leave the jail and return to home in U.S.
Juan Carlos	Mexico	Pray that he can leave here soon. Pray that all will be well with him & his family.
Mario	Cuba	Pray for his family in Cuba and for all detained. Pray for all the volunteers. Pray that all can be blessed.
Maycold	Nicaragua	Pray that he can be freed. Pray for his family in Nicaragua.
Julio	Honduras	His court date is in February. Pray for a favorable outcome.
Aldo	Mexico	Pray for the families & those in detention.
Ismael	Mexico	Pray for all those in detention.
Allan	Honduras	Pray that he may be freed soon, and that he be reunited with his family.
Nilson	Guatemala	Please pray for his strength during this difficult time. Pray also for his family.
Jose	Mexico	Pray for a favorable outcome, and for his family.
Denis	Honduras	Pray for everyone here, and for his family.
Gabriel	Brazil	Pray for everyone here, and for his family. His court date is in February.
Vitalie	Moldava	Pray that Vitalie's 1st court hearing will be successful in receiving a bond. Pray for his family who want their father's return.
Delone	Benin	Pray that his hearing takes place after a long wait, and that his green card status can be restored.
Timothy	Kenya	Pray that Timothy's case will be recognized for the inconsistencies and inaccuracies. Pray also for his epileptic spouse and his family that awaits.
Yulian	Cuba	Pray for all his family, and that his appeal is listened to and that he remains in U.S.
		Pray for those being deported, <i>that they be safe.</i>

		Pray for those whose court dates are this week, <i>that they have a favorable outcome.</i>
		Pray for those released from detention and assisted by the ICDI hotline, <i>that they travel safely and get home to loved ones.</i>
		Pray for the unaccompanied immigrant children that we visit in centers in Chicago, <i>that they be reunited with family quickly and know they are loved.</i>
		Pray for the people living in community at the Christian Brothers townhome and in various 2nd stage settings, <i>that they adjust well to life in the US and know they are welcome.</i>

ENVIRONMENT



March 6 – 15 (various locations) "Protecting the planet begins by uniting with one another to make a change. By joining us at the fest we can harness the **Power of We** and engage the entire Chicago region in a conversation about our planet." **See the schedule here:**
<https://www.oneearthfilmfest.org/films-az> (note: some require TICKETS)



Oppose Expansion of the Dakota Access Pipeline: Thursday, March 5, and Friday, March 6, 9 a.m.–5 p.m. each day - Illinois Commerce Commission -160 N. LaSalle St: "The Illinois Commerce Commission will [hold critical hearings](#) to consider the proposed expansion of the Dakota Access pipeline (DAPL). Just over two years after the DAPL sparked nationwide protests led by the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. The company behind the project, Texas-based oil corporation Energy Transfer Partners, is already trying to double the amount of dirty oil pushed through it from 570,000 barrels per day to as much as 1.1 million barrels. In just two years of operation, this pipeline has already experienced **12 spills of over 6,100 gallons of highly toxic Bakken crude oil**. Running more oil at extreme velocities through the pipeline increases the risk of rupture for a project that already puts our communities, our water, and our climate in harm's way....[Join us at the hearing](#) to put the ICC on notice that Illinois does not want this dangerous and unnecessary project putting our communities, land, and water at risk."
[File a comment](#) opposing the expansion. <https://www.icc.illinois.gov/docket/PublicComments.aspx?no=P2019-0673>



Save the date: THURSDAY, April 30th – screening of "The Human Element"
 "We humans are a force of nature. At the same time human activities alter the basic elements of life – earth, air, water, and fire – those elements change human life... (the film) captures the lives of everyday Americans on the front lines of climate change. With rare compassion and heart, THE HUMAN ELEMENT inspires us to reevaluate our relationship with the natural world."

...and more...



- Register and vote in the Illinois 2020 presidential primary election!**
- **Offer a ride to the polls.** Post on social media, email, or send a text: "Hey, I'm going to the polls on Tuesday to vote. Let me know if you want a ride."
 - **Mini-canvass.** As you go about your day, ask the people you meet if they're going to vote. [Peer pressure](#) motivates. Celebrate if they already have.
 - **If you have a choice, use a [hand-marked paper ballot](#).** This is the [least hack-prone](#) voting method.

- **Double check your ballot.** Review any paper ballot, touchscreen, or printout. If you vote straight ticket on a machine, [double check](#) that all the candidates in the lineup are correct before completing the process. Any errors? Edit where possible or ask for help.

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