

WALKtheTALK



SGFMC Action for Justice News
May 12, 2020

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/>



<https://www.afsc.org/content/caring-each-other-during-covid-19>

GUN VIOLENCE/Domestic Violence



ST. EDMUND CHURCH (Oak Park) Monthly Prayer Vigil to End Gun Violence – SAT., May 30th, 6:30 – 7:00 PM "March 2020 was a record month for gun sales. There were nearly **2.6 million** sales, up **85%** from last year. The spike is attributed to fears about Covid-19." [Small Arm Analytics and Forecasting](#) **Consider setting aside this half-hour to pray in solidarity with all people working to end gun violence.**



SHARE THIS [April 2020: The Illinois Department of Human Service launched a \$1.2 million plan to increase the capacity of its current statewide network of services for domestic violence and sexual assault survivors during the COVID-19 pandemic.]

"...If you are experiencing domestic violence or live in fear of it...please know that you can call our Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline at **1-877-863-6338** for help."

IMMIGRATION



Interfaith Prayer Vigil – Pray at Home: Friday mornings @ 7:15 am - 8:00 am – "Join us every Friday ...for the **Interfaith Prayer Vigil** ... We gather in solidarity with people who are detained or being deported. People of all faiths are welcome."



#FlattenICE & #FlattenTheCurve: Take Action to Free People from ICE

During the COVID-19 Pandemic bit.ly/flattenICE



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

Pray for those being deported, *that they be safe.*

Pray for those whose court dates are this week, *that they have a favorable outcome.*

Pray for those released from detention and assisted by the ICDI hotline, *that they travel safely and get home to loved ones.*

Pray for the unaccompanied immigrant children that we visit in centers in Chicago, *that they be reunited with family quickly and know they are loved.*

Pray for the people living in community at the Christian Brothers townhome and in various 2nd stage settings, *that they adjust well to life in the US and know they are welcome.*

ENVIRONMENT



Join **Sr. Kathy Sherman, CSJ** (*The Well* /La Grange), **Deacon Andy Panelli** (*Creation Care Corner*) and others, in celebration of the **5th Anniversary of *Laudato Si***

Register HERE: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=o-0BRmklpkqOCzBfwpVBLI7PHk5glIBNlfjv9cvoVPZUNVhESE5JOEw3Mk5IN0oxUjvZVDJGQldMRS4u>

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



LAUDATO SI' WEEK SPEAKER SERIES

May 18 – 22, 2020

Join the Archdiocese of Chicago as we mark the fifth anniversary of Pope Francis's groundbreaking encyclical *Laudato Si'*. Each day, Monday through Friday, we will host a virtual presentation on Zoom that focuses on different facets of caring for our common home. To register, visit archchicago.org/laudatosiweek.

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Monday, May 18 at 2 p.m. | Family Sing-a-long with Sr. Kathy Sherman, CSJ |
| Tuesday, May 19 at 3 p.m. | "Does Nature Need Cities?" with Iza Redlinski, Field Museum Conservation Ecologist |
| Wednesday, May 20 at 12 p.m. | Catholic Relief Services "Lead the Way on Global Hunger" Lunch and Learn with Beth Knobbe, CRS Community Engagement Manager |
| Thursday, May 21 at 7 p.m. | Interactive Climate Change Solutions Presentation with Andy Panelli, Citizens Climate Lobby |
| Friday, May 22 at 10 a.m. | "A Call to Conversion: <i>Laudato Si'</i> at 5" Panel Discussion |



© Image by Mary Southard, CSJ. Used with permission.



SIERRA CLUB

From the ***Sierra Club***: ways **YOU** can help (**besides staying home!**)

- The State of Illinois, along with United Way Illinois and the Alliance of Illinois Community Foundations: [Illinois COVID-19 Response Fund](#) that will be distributed to non-profits.
- The largest coronavirus hotspot in Illinois is in the Cook County jail, where those without enough money to post bail are awaiting trial. [The Chicago Community Bond Fund](#) is helping those awaiting trial to leave the jail.
- [The Little Village Mutual Aid Fund](#) serves the most vulnerable people in Little Village and its surrounding communities.
- [Food banks throughout Illinois](#) including the [Greater Chicago Food Depository](#) are feeding those who are food insecure.
- [WINGS](#) is providing resources and housing to those suffering from domestic violence.
- [Ignite](#), [Connections for the Homeless](#), [The Night Ministry](#), [Cornerstone Community](#), and [La Casa Norte](#) all help people without a home.
- [All Chicago](#) provides financial aid for low-income individuals for their living and transportation needs.
- [Thresholds](#) provides housing, mental health care, substance abuse treatment, and financial support throughout Chicago and Illinois.



SIERRA CLUB

Halt Keystone XL Construction Due to Coronavirus Public Health

Emergency: "TC Energy (formerly TransCanada) is disregarding public health and safety and moving hundreds of workers to rural and Tribal communities along the path of its proposed Keystone XL pipeline, endangering their well-being along with that of local community residents. These communities are unequipped to handle the public health threat of a COVID-19 outbreak, in addition to the increased crime and sexual violence – especially targeting Indigenous women -- arising from pipeline worker 'man camps.' ...**stand with rural and Tribal communities, calling on Montana Governor Steve Bullock to immediately halt all construction activity on the Keystone XL project and recall all workers TC Energy has *already* dispatched into the small rural and Tribal communities.**"

https://act.sierraclub.org/actions/National?actionId=AR0257196&id=7013q000002CLsNAAW&data=1fff60b0fb2b3c15041b7a9d811ebe8328501c98e3af2078705cd6a798d4addf98a2b5f1e5f4bc75afb4f6176849f84a&utm_medium=email&utm_source

...and more...



SOJOURNERS

"With the 2020 presidential election on the horizon, and new challenges stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic, the right to vote is under attack. If you care about our democracy, now is the time to act."

Add your name **HERE:** <https://act.sojo.net/page/19213/action/1?ea.url.id=469291&forwarded=true>



Poor People's Campaign

A NATIONAL CALL for MORAL REVIVAL

Virtual "March on Washington" Saturday, June 20, 2020.

- The Mass Poor People's Assembly and Moral March on Washington will be the largest digital gathering of poor, dispossessed and impacted people, faith leaders, and people of conscience on June 20, 2020.
- The increasing urgency of a broad movement led by the poor and most impacted is more apparent every day. Now is the time to organize towards collective action to enact a moral agenda for the nation. As our ranks grow in the coming months due to COVID-19 and the ongoing crisis of poverty, building a platform for the plight, fight, and insight of the poor is even more urgent.

Email illinois@poorpeoplescampaign.org or visit illinoisppc.org



"Be part of the biggest volunteer effort in Sierra Club's history. Join us in contacting millions of climate voters ahead of the 2020 election."

JOIN HERE: <https://www.sierraclubindependentaction.org/>

[

Celebrate! Friday, May 15th



**United
Nations**

**International Day of Families
15 May**

<https://www.un.org/en/observances/international-day-of-families>