



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

Four Days Left, to help pass gun control legislation in this session!

- Don Harmon's **SB 337**, calling for the licensing of all Gun Dealers in the State of Illinois, has passed out of Senate and now awaits a vote in the Illinois House. *Ask friends and family all across Illinois to **call** their state representative and urge them to **VOTE YES!***

- Under **Firearm Restraining Order SB2354**, a family member or police could petition a judge asking for an individual threatening gun violence to have their firearms removed (by Court Order) and held in protective custody. *Ask friends and family all across Illinois to **call** their state representative and urge them to **VOTE YES!***

-**SB2343**, beginning 90 days after the effective date of the bill, prohibits the knowing sale, manufacture, purchase, possession, or carrying of a bump stock or trigger crank. *Final action deadline is May 31st! Ask friends and family all across Illinois to **call** their state representative and urge them to **VOTE YES!***

Thanks so much - YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



WEAR ORANGE 2018 (June 1 – 3) "People around the country are

coming together with a simple message: there's more we can do to end gun violence. Join the movement by signing up to attend an event during Wear Orange Weekend, June 1-3." To find an event:

[http://act.everytown.org/event/wear-orange-](http://act.everytown.org/event/wear-orange-2018/search/?source=emne)

[2018/search/?source=emne](http://act.everytown.org/event/wear-orange-2018/search/?source=emne) [WearOrange&utm_source=em_n&utm_medium=e&utm_campaign=WearOrange](http://act.everytown.org/event/wear-orange-2018/search/?source=emne)



End of School Peace March. Friday, June 15, 7PM - The Faith Community of St.

Sabina (1210 W. 78th Pl., Chicago). Emma Gonzalez & students from Douglas High School in Parkland, FI will attend the March <https://saintsabina.org/events/calendar.html>

ONGOING - Institute for Non-Violence Chicago – 4926 W. Chicago Ave. - assist the Wednesday evening bi-weekly dinner gatherings for survivors and family members of victims of gun violence. **Go to:** www.CareCalendar.org; in calendar number space, put 247210; in security code, put INVCHelper. (it is case sensitive). Items shown in **RED** are needed. There are usually 10-12 participants at each dinner. Preferred: no red meat in entrees. (Desserts and salads welcomed.) Donations **can be dropped off** any time before 5:30PM.

IMMIGRATION

(Info from **Project IRENE**)

Anti-Registry Program Act (SB 3488)

This bill would bar state and local agencies in Illinois from creating or participating in any program that collects personal information to use to identify state residents based on their race, religion, national

origin, sexual orientation, or other characteristics. *Final Action deadline was extended to May 31st. Ask friends and family all across Illinois to **call** their state representative and urge them to **VOTE YES!***

Safe Zones Bill (SB0035)

This bill would direct the Illinois Attorney General to develop model policies for courthouses, schools, and medical facilities to limit interactions with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents if they appear at these facilities. *Ask friends and family all across Illinois to **call** their state representative and urge them to **VOTE YES!***

VOICES Act (SB0034)

VOICES would require law enforcement agencies to provide certifications (in most cases within 90 business days) for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, trafficking, and certain other offenses who need those certifications to get federal protection through U and T visas. Currently there is no requirement to provide the certification within a certain time, leaving many in limbo as they await a certification form. *Ask friends and family all across Illinois to **call** their state representative and urge them to **VOTE YES!***

ENVIRONMENT/CARE OF THE EARTH

(Info from the **Interfaith Green Network**)

-SB2213, "Illinois Baseline Protection Act" – maintains current Illinois safeguards, stops Federal rollbacks of environment and worker safety laws, and prevents the weakening of any current Illinois standard below the federal standard already in place. *Ask friends and family all across Illinois to **call** their state representative and urge them to **VOTE YES!***

-HB5044 Clean Water – "It is estimated that **1/8 of all lead service lines in the country are found here in Illinois**. This bill would require municipalities and private water utilities to replace all lead service lines in 10 years, with a focus on high priority areas and sound water infrastructure practices. In addition, this bill helps reduce the long-term costs of providing water service, by requiring proactive maintenance, repair, and replacement of system components like leaking pipes that are costing consumers substantial money throughout Illinois and establishes protections for low income water ratepayers." *Follow this bill **HERE**:*

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/BillStatus.asp?DocTypeID=HB&DocNum=5044&GAID=14&SessionID=91&LegID=110517>

-SR1606 "Care for Our Common Home" - Reminds everyone, including government leaders, of their moral responsibility to care for their common home. *Follow this bill **HERE**:*

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/BillStatus.asp?DocNum=1606&GAID=14&DocTypeID=SR&LegID=112391&SessionID=91>

Stop the STRAWS! "Amid growing environmental concerns posed by single-use plastic drinking straws, Oak Park trustees have authorized a study on how to reduce their use within the village. During the May 7 village board meeting, trustees unanimously asked the village's environment and energy commission to review the matter and provide a recommendation back to the village board..." **Oak Leaves**, May 15, 2018 **Look on line** for *biodegradable & compostable paper, reusable hard plastic, or stainless steel straws.*

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Coalition for Spiritual and Public Leadership – Over the past several months CSPL has been collaborating with the Vicariate IV office of the Archdiocese of Chicago to organize a Ministry

Commission *led by lay people* and focused on creating leadership formation opportunities for lay Catholics.

The June 16th training will be held at Saint Giles in McDonough Hall. A flyer will be forthcoming. Registration will be at 8:30am and the program will be from 9am-3pm. Contact John Barrett (St. Edmund's) for further details (gabolga@aol.com 708-848-4179)

BETTER ANGELS: "Talking Across the Political Divide"

*"The divisions among Americans are widening, damaging personal relationships and creating acrimony in public discourse. Political polarization has clearly intensified in the wake of the divisive election of 2016. We must do better. The encouraging news is that we can do better, we can depolarize America. Creative solutions are emerging from **Better Angels**, <https://www.better-angels.org/features/talking-across-the-political-divide>"*

A **Better Angels** workshop will be held on **Saturday, June 16 from 10 am to 12:30 pm** at the Oak Park Public Library. *There is no charge to attend.* If you are interested in attending this workshop, please contact Celine Woznica celinewoznica@gmail.com



BUILDChicago "Summer of Opportunity" celebration: Friday, June 22: 10am-4pm.

Parade starting off at Madison and Cicero, marching to Columbus Park for a community building event all afternoon. "The goal of the event is to connect young people and families with positive activities, summer jobs, and resources to have a safe and successful summer. All are welcome to march in the parade and volunteer in some of the booths and activities." To join the march (with the St. Martin de Porres community) contact bradlyjohnson@buildchicago.org <https://www.buildchicago.org/austin-community-summer-of-opportunity>



Book Giveaway: "8th Day Center will be starting a process to donate our supplies and tools of resistance. We would like to invite folks who are interested in **books from our library** (about social justice, labor, theology, human rights, peace studies, etc) to come by our office sometime **the week of June 18-22 from 9:00am-3:00pm**. We want to make sure they go to a good home." (205 W. Monroe, Suite 500, Chicago)



Volunteer opportunity: Join Mike Rosanova and other OPALGA volunteers at the Greater Chicago Food Depository on Saturday, July 28th from 1:00 to 3:45 p.m. Sign up HERE:

https://volunteers.chicagosfoodbank.org/index.php?section=indGpRegistrations&action=returning_login&fwID=16421&ret=section%3DindGpRegistrations%26action%3Dprofile_conditional%26fwID%3D16421

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN DETENTION AND FAMILIES BEING SEPARATED AT OUR BORDERS !!

Name Country Prayer Request from Kankakee for 5-21-18

Buka Mongolia Pray for his court date July 7 and for the best possible outcome. Pray for his family: wife Zaya, two sons: Bold 10 & Tenum 3, and his daughter Esu 8.

Rolando	Cuba	Please pray for the best possible outcome on my court date May 23rd.
	El	He's been detained for 3 years. Pray for his 3 children: Brian 18, Shondell 13, &
Rafael	Salvador	Briana 4. Pray for best outcome that he will be released soon.
Aleksei	Russia	Pray for my release into USA.
Julio	Mexico	Pray to stay in USA. He lives with his mom, 8 year old son, and his disabled brother.
Francisco	Mexico	Please pray for him that he gets out of detention with no deportation.
Jose	Mexico	Pray for his family and immigrants.
Gerard	Mexico	Please pray for Andres, his 4 year old son & his mother.
Marco	Mexico	Please pray for his father & his whole family, including his new born Victoria and her mother Patricia.
Pascual	Guatemala	Please pray for the judge to be just, his lawyer, his wife & daughter, and his parents.
Elmer	El Salvador	Pray for a good court result. Also pray that he will be a better person from now on.
Augustine	Guatemala	Please pray for his wife & 5 children that they be well, and pray that he will receive asylum.
Victor	Mexico	Please pray for all believers, for peace, and a successful court outcome with a good life following.
Cipriano	Guatemala	Pray for his last court day this month, a niece in Guatemala, and his brother-in-law who is having surgery.
Maynor	Honduras	Pray that all goes well for him & that he can leave.
Darwyn	Guatemala	Pray that he can win his case.
Edgar	Honduras	Please pray that his court on June 25 goes well, and that he can leave here soon.
Domingo	Guatemala	Pray that he can be free to be with his wife & 3 children, and his parents & siblings in Guatemala.
Emilio	Mexico	Pray for his final court date this month, and for his family, especially his despondent children that they will receive blessings of peace.
Sebastian	Guatemala	Pray for a good resolution soon.
Isaac		Pray for my family and all families in this situation.
Vincent	Mexico	Pray for his family & friends.
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Jose	Salvador	Pray for family & friends.
Richard	Mexico	Please pray for his family & friends.
Birtze	Mexico	Pray for his family, his children & friends.

Also, please kindly pray for all those who were recently deported.

Jose F	Marco N
Jorge G	Felipe R
Santos R	Trinidad G
Rene L	Jesus G
Sixto M	Raul B