

WALK the TALK

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 [OCTOBER is *Domestic Violence Awareness Month*]

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)



H.R. 1620 "Violence Against Women" 2021 Reauthorization Act – PASSED the House 3/17/21; first Senate Judiciary Committee hearing held **10/5/2021** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/1620/text>

H.R. 1454 "Ghost Guns ARE Guns" Act - 04/28/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/1454>

NEW LEGISLATION ANNOUNCED ON 10/14, TO BAN 'GHOST GUNS' IN ILLINOIS - WATCH THIS SPACE!



St. Edmund Catholic Church (188 S. Oak Park Ave.) 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**. 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.



"FROs (firearms restraining orders) prevent suicides" How to get a "FRO":

<https://speakforsafetyil.org/#>

National Suicide Prevention: Lifeline **1-800-273-8255** (24/7, English/Spanish) - Text **TALK** to **741-741** - Chat at suicidepreventionlifeline.org

IMMIGRATION:



HAITI! www.immigrantjustice.org/HaltHaitiDeportations **URGE THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION TO HALT ALL DEPORTATIONS TO**



Follow new Federal legislation here:

- H.R.6 - American Dream and Promise Act of 2021: *Senate Judiciary hearings on 6/15/21*
<https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/6/all-actions?overview=closed#tabs> no news...Ⓢ



Zoom Information for First Friday

Vigil: <https://zoom.us/j/94327159309?pwd=MVhncK93WCtSIRDk05kZjVsMXVTUT09>

Meeting ID: 943 2715 9309

Passcode: 556345

Zoom Information for Rosary:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83127670921?pwd=QU5RNkJJUkllLdEczQUtNOXZlcGxzUT09It>

Dial 1-312-626-6799 to join the Rosary only by phone.

Meeting ID: 831 2767 0921

Passcode: 321321321

“These are the **current volunteer opportunities** that we are recruiting for:

- CITA - volunteers needed from 5:45am-7:45am and flexible afternoon shifts at the Chicago Greyhound bus station.
- Spanish-speaking volunteers for Virtual Jail Visitation
- Mentors for Harbor Hospitality
- Spanish-speaking volunteers for Children’s Visitation
- Court Watch volunteers for in-person observing

<https://www.icdichicago.org/volunteer>

“ICDI also provides crucial material support to immigrants in ICE detention. Weekly \$10 commissary checks are deposited into accounts, which are often used to purchase soap or toothpaste, supplementary food like ramen noodles, or letters and stamps or phone time to loved ones...”

<https://icdi.z2systems.com/np/clients/icdi/donation.jsp?campaign=50>

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

(“During COVID-19, in-person pastoral care has been suspended and replaced with video visitation. Below, you will find participant’s names, country of origin, and their request for prayers.”)

Prayer Requests from Kankakee:	
<u>Nasser - Nicaragua</u>	For God's purpose to be enacted in his life. He expects to be deported when they get his travel documents. He hasn't lived in his home country since he was a child and is nervous about returning but has faith and wants to find purpose helping people.
<u>William - Guatemala</u>	Pray for help, for him to be able to leave, be strong, and find God and his word.
<u>Antonio - Mexico</u>	For his appeal and his family
<u>Gustavo - Mexico</u>	For him and his small children, for them to be reunited
<u>Domingo - Mexico</u>	He is being deported. He asks for prayers for his family who need him. please pay for his release as well as all waiting in detention. Continue to pray for his family
<u>Munkhnasan - Mongolia</u>	
<u>Otoniel - Nicaragua</u>	He prays for a visit from a lawyer so he can talk about some concerns
<u>Carlos - Ecuador</u>	He would like prayers for his mother and his 2 and 3 year old children
<u>Jelsyn - Nicaragua</u>	That he can find out what his lawyer is doing on his case. That he can be freed
<u>Anthony - Venezuela</u>	Since he has been detained more than 100 days, he asks for prayers that ICE will give him an answer soon.

Prayer Requests from McHenry:	
Andres - Mexico	Prayers for a safe journey to Mexico for his wife and daughter. Also for the continued recovery from Covid of family friend Yolanda.
Jose - Mexico	Pray for his wife and family. Also, for a quick decision from the judge regarding his asylum.

ENVIRONMENT



Thursday, October 21, 2021: ['Can You Dig This' Screening + Discussion Online.](#)



FREE ONLINE SCREENING + facilitated dialogue with urban farmers and good food experts. **Virtual doors open at 6 p.m. Program + film begins promptly at 6:15 p.m.** Access link will be sent prior to the event. **Register here:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/can-you-dig-this-screening-discussion-online-tickets-170829765427>

Also - IN PERSON, 5:30-8:30 PM: The Kehrein Center For The Arts, 5628 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago (**MASKS REQUIRED. Mini farmers' market + food tastings before the film beginning at 5:15P**) **register here:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/can-you-dig-this-screening-discussion-in-person-tickets-170838010087>



October 26: [Chicago Wilderness Workshop: Introduction to Racial Equity](https://www.chicagowilderness.org/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=1558503&group=&mc_cid=ec3a5a83c1&mc_eid=518b1e7fd8), 9 AM
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Catholic Action Team/ CITIZENS CLIMATE LOBBY- Add your voice to include a **PRICE ON CARBON** in the budget reconciliation bill <https://citizensclimatelobby.org/white-house/>

...and more...



ending homelessness

"...HF has a great need for **in-person helpers at the Write Inn during mealtimes and throughout the afternoon.** They have 2-3 hour slots at different times throughout the day, and you can sign up once or more regularly. If you're able to help with this important ministry, please go to housingforward.org/get-involved for information and the sign-up calendar. Many thanks!"



ADVOCATES FOR JUSTICE, INSPIRED BY CATHOLIC SISTERS

"**NETWORK** justice-seekers are taking action to pass the **Freedom to Vote Act and the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act ...the Senate will hold a procedural vote to begin debate on the Freedom to Vote Act next week...Will you call your Senators today to tell them that you support this urgently needed legislation? Dial 888-885-1748.** When you call, be sure to introduce yourself and say: "I'm asking the Senator to support the passage of S.2747, the Freedom to Vote Act to protect the right to vote and save our democracy."

Congress has the opportunity to
cut childhood poverty in half.

Call Your Representative NOW:

888-738-3058

*Tell them to make the expanded Child Tax Credit
permanent!*



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DEATH PENALTY - In 2018, the Catechism of the Catholic Church was revised to read that "in the light of the Gospel" the death penalty is "**inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person**", and that the Catholic Church "works with determination for its abolition worldwide."

H.R. 97 – Federal Death Penalty Abolition Act of 2021 – *Referred to the Subcommittee of Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security 3/01/21 (no news...)*

H.R. 262 – Federal Death Penalty Prohibition Act – *Referred to the Subcommittee of Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security 3/04/21 (no news...)*