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SGFMC Action for Justice News

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.



OCTOBER 2023



"Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me..."

Join the Monthly Prayer Vigil to End Gun Violence: Please join us on **Saturday, October 28 at 6:00 PM** (following the 5PM Mass) on the **Ascension Parish Green (808 S. East Ave.)**



"Moms Demand Action is a movement of Americans fighting for public safety measures that can protect people from gun violence. They work to pass stronger gun laws and work to close the loopholes that jeopardize the safety of our families. They also work in our communities and with business leaders to encourage a culture of responsible gun ownership. They know that gun violence is preventable, and are committed to doing what it takes to keep families safe."

Want to get involved in the **Oak Park Moms Demand Action**? Join the Facebook group or text READY to 644-33.

FOR YOUR REFERENCE... (please post and share these numbers widely!)

- o Trevor Line (for LGBTQ teens and young adults) 1-866-488-7386
- o National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: **DIAL 988** – 24/7, toll-free everywhere



<https://livefreeillinois.org/locations> 'Live Free's goal is to help create thriving Black communities through building economic and political power, and by combating all forms of violence against the Black Community." Contact Artinese Myrick: artinese@livefreeillinois.org

*Congratulations to **New Landmark MB Church, (East Garfield Park)** on becoming the newest site for this important work!*



sarah's inn
together strong

Domestic Violence Action Rally – Thursday, 10/5 – Scoville Park (800 Lake Street/ Oak Park - 5:30-6:15pm Join [Sarah's Inn](#) on Thursday, October 5, 2023 to join with community members to take action to end domestic violence. The event will include brief talks from experts on domestic violence and traumatic brain injury in domestic violence.

REGISTER: https://secure.lglforms.com/form_engine/s/P_d3TNGL80ueG0X9h1EsyQ

After Rally Social 6:15-7:30pm - Oak Park Bank, 151 N Oak Park Ave, Oak Park "Oak Park Bank is hosting Sarah's Inn supporters after the rally for light refreshments. Supporters can stop by and pick up informational materials, ribbon kits, yard signs, and talk with Sarah's Inn staff. All are welcome for these **free** events!"

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



<https://www.cawc.org/about-programs/> Multi-lingual shelter, hospital services, education and outreach programs, counseling, court advocacy, and more! [**CAWC 24-HOUR HOT LINE: [773.278.4566](tel:773.278.4566)**]

- National Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-799-7233
 - [Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline 1-877-863-6338](tel:1-877-863-6338)
 - National Sexual Assault Hotline (all ages) 1-800-656-4673

"Let us pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country." – Pope Francis



"We urge President Joe Biden and his administration to honor the sanctity of life by prioritizing an **end to the federal death penalty."**

<https://catholicmobilizing.org/biden-end-federal-dp>



"The following link is to an updated list of **currently scheduled executions** in the United States. **Select the prisoner's name to sign the petition** which will be delivered on your behalf to the respective state's government officials". <https://deathpenaltyaction.org/take-action/execution-petitions/>

URGENT ACTION NEEDED:

October 10, 2023 at 6:00 pm CT: [Jedidiah Murphy in Texas](#)

October 23, 2023 at 6:00 pm CT: [William Speer in Texas](#)

November 9, 2023 at 6:00 pm CT: [Brent Brewer in Texas](#)

November 30, 2023 at 10:00 am CT: [Phillip Hancock in Oklahoma](#)

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me..." Matthew 25: 35



"The Night Ministry is a Chicago-based organization whose mission is to provide human connection, housing support, and health care to members of our community who are unhoused or experiencing poverty...

<https://www.thenightministry.org/other-ways-to-support>



Volunteers needed for the SHELTER at St. Catherine/St. Lucy, 38 N. Austin Blvd.

1. Site Captains - recruit and manage a team of volunteers from your congregation to fill volunteer needs and/or meals for a night of shelter operation
2. Evening – 6:30p until 10:30p (3 volunteers)
3. Overnight – 10:30p until 5:00a (2 volunteers)
4. Morning – 5:00a until 7:00a (2 volunteers)

***MEALS needed*:** Volunteers donate a full hot dinner, and/or continental breakfast, and/or sack to-go lunches for 15 people **Volunteer HERE:** <https://www.housingforward.org/get-involved/volunteer>



848 Lake Street, Oak Park – “A variety of volunteer shifts are available, during weekday, evening, and weekend hours. We offer shifts that run the gamut, including data entry, repacking, serving Pantry guests, and unloading delivery trucks. We hope to provide a volunteer opportunity for everyone, at every ability level.”
<https://www.gobeyondhunger.org/volunteer>

****EMERGENCY HELP FOR NEW IMMIGRANTS**** [CPD DISTRICT 15, 5701 W. MADISON]

MEAL SIGN-UP: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/10i-5qjG3zdgKAbYM4O8L1HMgRziIOoN_HZ5DcpTFnI/edit#gid=1879528921

DONATIONS: https://www.gofundme.com/f/WeGotThisChicago?utm_campaign=p_lico+share-sheet&utm_location=DASHBOARD&utm_medium=copy_link&utm

AMAZON WISH LIST: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2YXLE64SHKNHC?ref=wl_share



“We welcome **volunteers** to assist with the day-to-day operations that make Oak Park Community Fridge possible. Become a fridge manager to maintain our fridge, stock the fridge by distributing food from our partners, and help with behind-the-scenes operations.” <https://www.opfridge.com/volunteer>



THURSDAY OCT. 5th @ 2:30PM

FREE – In person or on-line. - REGISTER HERE: <https://dom.universitytickets.com/w/event.aspx?id=1526>



**Public Health Panel
Food Insecurity and Justice: Food
Justice is Social Justice**

Thursday, October 5, 2:30 p.m.
Presented In Person and on Zoom
Martin Theater
Registration required, free

Leading experts in the fields of public health, education, and nutrition & dietetic sciences present a panel discussion exploring the topics of access to food, food insecurity, justice and equity in nutrition, and the emerging concept of food as medicine.

Co-presented with:
The Borra College of Health Sciences
and with The Resurrection Project

Tamara Bland, PhD – Dean of the Borra College of Health Sciences
Sarah Jones, PhD – Professor in Dominican's Nutrition Science program
Teri Miller – Director of Development, Beyond Hunger
Isabel Galic, MPH – Research Coordinator, Policy Research Collaborative

[Register Now](#)

"The Earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof..." Psalm 24:1



Join FAITH IN PLACE for the 2023 "Green Team Summit" – Oct. 8-11 Hybrid (on-line)

“Gather with us for four days dedicated to imagining and creating a more inclusive and intersectional environmental movement.” **Details and Registration HERE:** <https://www.greenteamsummit.org/>



Join a grassroots & entirely nonprofit movement of people who are giving and getting stuff for free in their own Towns. It's all about reuse and keeping good stuff out of landfills. Membership is free.

SIGN UP HERE: <https://freecycle.org/signup>

...and more...

CONGREGATIONS NETWORKING FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE (Oak Park Area.

Contact **CNSJ** at justicenetwork.op@gmail.com to receive their newsletter)

RACE CONSCIOUS DIALOGUES <https://raceconsciousdialogues.org/> The primary focus is working with the privileged majority in the context of affinity groups, in a four-part workshop series. Topics include whiteness, socialization, social identity, dominant narratives, privilege, racism interruption, solidarity, systems of oppression and more.

FALL 2023 COHORTS

FOUNDATIONAL COURSE on WHITENESS & ANTI-RACISM

VIRTUAL: Thursdays 9AM-12PM: October 5TH - 26TH

IN-PERSON: Sundays 2PM-5PM: October 15TH- November 5TH in Oak Park, IL

WINTER 2024 COHORTS

FOUNDATIONAL COURSE on WHITENESS & ANTI-RACISM

VIRTUAL: Thursdays 9AM-12PM: January 25TH- February 15TH

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Help workers at PORTILLO'S get the union contract they voted for!

"On April 13, 2023, Arise members working in food production for *Portillo's* voted overwhelmingly to join the Iron Workers Union Local 853. However, ever since then, Portillo's has been using stall tactics, including filing a complaint to the National Labor Relations Board, which the agency threw out for having no merit.

Call Portillo's at [630-954-3773](tel:630-954-3773) press 2, then press 5, and then press 8

Sample script: "I'm a long-time Portillo's customer and I'm calling because I love your food, but I don't like how you're treating your workers. Portillo's workers in Addison, Illinois voted to unionize back in April. Publicly you said you would listen to the workers' decision, but now you are fighting them. I'm asking Portillo's and CEO Michael Osanloo to stop stalling and to sit down and negotiate a contract with your production workers, members of Ironworkers Local 853 immediately."

You can also email the above text with your own message to: guestservices@portillos.com



"High on the Hog" How African American Cuisine Transformed America

October 11th – 5:30PM – 8:30PM – Bethel New Life Church, 1150 N. Lamon (Chicago)

One Earth and its Austin Eats project partners invite you to grab a friend, and join us for a **FREE Chef Showcase & Movie Night** at Bethel New Life **featuring the film "Our Founding Chefs."**

Enjoy an evening of dinner bites, the Best of the West Mac & Cheese Cookoff, pickling demos, garden tours, freebies & more! **Space is limited, so please RSVP:** bit.ly/ae-movie-night