

WALKtheTALK

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.stjilesparish.org/peace-and-justice/>



Send **CONGRATULATIONS** to **Abraham Lincoln Award** recipients **SENATOR DON HARMON & State Rep. Kathleen Willis (77th District)**, and **Community Empowerment Award** recipients **B.R.A.V.E.* Youth Leaders @ St. Sabina's in Chicago**

**(Bold Resistance Against Violence Everywhere)*

GUN VIOLENCE

ST. EDMUND CHURCH (Oak Park) Monthly Prayer Vigil to End Gun Violence – SATURDAY, September 29th, 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**. 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."



SB 337 Combating Illegal Gun Sales Act (aka Gun Dealer Licensing) helps the state prevent the flow of illegal guns from unscrupulous dealers into the hands of dangerous criminals; calls for common sense, industry-wide best practices for gun dealers. **"Hello, Bruce? We're at 4 MONTHS & counting.."**

Thank Chip Bergh, Levi Strauss CEO, for supporting grassroots partners with [generous funding](#) to prevent and end gun violence. (**Address:** 1155 Battery Street, San Francisco, CA 94111)

IMMIGRATION



Interfaith Prayer Vigil – Friday Oct. 5th 7:15AM – 8:00AM "Join us every **First Friday of the month** for the Interfaith Prayer Vigil at **Broadview** (1930 Beach Street). We gather in solidarity with people who are detained or being deported." (1 Block WEST of 25th Ave., 1-1/2 blocks SOUTH of I290, between Lexington and Harvard)



Unaccompanied Immigrant Children: Responding with Love, Mercy, and Justice, Saturday, Sept. 15th, 8:15AM – 1:00PM, Catholic Theological Union (5416 S. Cornell, Chicago) (\$20 @ the door – free with Student ID – FREE PARKING)

REGISTER HERE: http://docs.wixstatic.com/uqd/f17d65_09e6f74df6544888af771264eca7f602.pdf

(Sponsored by *Sisters and Brothers of Immigrants* and CTU's *Oscar Romero Scholars Program*.)

Advocate for decriminalizing border crossing –

- Call your House Rep, and both Senators Duckworth and Durbin.

- *Sample script:* "I'm from [ZIP CODE], calling to ask Rep X (or Senator Y) to work on repealing two laws dating back to the Immigration Act of 1929. They are: Title 8 U.S. Codes 1325 & 1326. These laws criminalize crossing the US border without authorization. Repealing them would decrease family separation and stop wasting taxpayer dollars on mass detention. I would like (Rep/Sen) to repeal these laws and restore humanity to our immigration policies."
<https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/8>

Thank Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-MD) and **Rep. Michelle Lujan Grisham** (D-NM) for [continuing to demand this administration comply with a court order](#) to reunify more than 500 children and their parents. We haven't forgotten separated families. Thank you for ensuring this administration doesn't either. **Addresses:** (Rep. Hoyer: 6500 Cherrywood Lane, Suite 310, Greenbelt, MD 20770; Rep. Grisham: 400 Gold Avenue SW, Suite 680, Albuquerque, NM 87102)



Grrrrrrrr..... (must over-ride, must over-ride, must over-ride, must over-ride...

Remember Illinois SB 34 ("VOICES" act)? "requires 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. Sent to the Governor 6/29" **Gov. Rauner VETOED on 8/24!!**

AND Illinois SB 35 ("Safe Zones" bill)? "directs 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. Sent to the Governor 6/29" **Gov. Rauner VETOED on 8/24!!**

ENVIRONMENT/CARE OF THE EARTH



Saturday, September 22nd: 3rd Annual GREEN TEAM SUMMIT – Still time to register:

"Join us at The Field Museum in Chicago on **Saturday, September 22** for our Third Annual Green Team Summit..." **Take the kids to this FREE family-friendly event! (BOX LUNCH is \$5)**
<https://www.faithinplace.org/gts18registration>

ETC...



8 WEEKS 'TIL THE MIDTERM ELECTIONS – is every eligible person you know REGISTERED to vote? <https://www.rockthevote.org/action-center/volunteer/>
Have you joined a phone bank? Supporting YOUR candidate(s) is *democracy in action!*



Project IRENE

Illinois Religious Engaging in Nonviolent Endeavors

Follow **this link** for valuable tips on becoming a better-informed voter: <https://www.projectirene.org/preparation-for-voting-in-november/>

-Illinois HB 4469 – VOTING RIGHTS!!... requires counties to provide a mechanism for incarcerated people awaiting trial, who have not been convicted, to vote in elections. Without a conviction, *these people are eligible to vote*. It also requires the Illinois Dept. of Corrections and each county jail to provide eligible citizens released from their custody a **voter registration application** and **information about their right to vote on release**. "People who have 'paid their debt' to society and been released should not be misled into thinking they cannot vote."

<https://campaigns.organizefor.org/petitions/support-voting-in-jail-eligible-voters-should-be-able-to-vote?akid=14886.2373630.jvykfb&rd=1&t=6> **Amendatory VETO by Governor (8/17/18)**

Advocate for Native American people's programs and services: Call your two senators and one rep. **Sample Script:** "Hi, I'm calling from [ZIP] to support [the Interior-HUD Appropriations bill](#) that has passed in both the House and Senate. It funds the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Indian Health Service, and other important tribal programs. I'm asking [name] to vote for [H.R. 6147](#) when it comes to a final vote." (Note: House and Senate are both using the same bill name/number)

END "MONEY" BAIL – Join the RALLY on Saturday, Sept. 18th, 10AM, Randolph & Clark
On Sept. 18, 2017, General Order 18.8A went into effect in Cook County. The order states that no person is to be locked up in a Cook County jail because they cannot afford to pay a money bond. In the first three months of implementation, the number of people incarcerated pretrial in Cook County Jail *dropped* by 1400 people, but that decline quickly ended. One year later, nearly 2500 people are incarcerated in Cook County Jail because they can't afford to post bond. (***This is a direct violation of General Order 18.8A. Debtor's prisons were abolished in this country in 1833.***)



Monday, September 17th Old St. Pat's (625 W. Adams, Chicago) will host a **free screening** of the documentary **MILWAUKEE 53206** in collaboration with Community Renewal Society. The documentary chronicles the lives of those living in the 53206 ZIP code in Milwaukee, which incarcerates the highest percentage of black men in the United States. The film highlights the toll that mass incarceration takes on the individuals and families that make up the community. The film sheds light on the experiences of people from across the United States who live with the daily effects of mass incarceration.

Register here: https://www.communityrenewalsociety.org/Milwaukee-53206_09-17

And last, but not least....the NUNS-ON-THE-BUS hit the road again next month!
Leaving Los Angeles Oct. 7th – arriving West Palm Beach (Mar-A-Lago) November 2nd.



Help fill the gas tank: <https://networklobby.org/NOTBDonate/>

PLEASE KEEP PRAYING FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN DETENTION AND FAMILIES WHO WERE SEPARATED AT OUR BORDERS ~ 157 people DEPORTED in the last 2 weeks!!

<u>Name</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Prayer Request from Kankakee for 9-4-18</u>
Miguel	Mexico	Please pray I can leave here and find peace.
Francisco	Mexico	Pray that he can be free & be able to rejoin his family.
Jose	Mexico	Pray that he can be free & rejoin his family.
Emilio	Mexico	Pray for him & his wife & children. Pray especially for his safe return to Mexico. Pray for his son Alexis.
Jose	Honduras	Pray for him, his sons & wife, and especially for his appeal to have a positive outcome.
Vicente	Mexico	Pray for him, his children, and for his appeal to be accepted.
Ramon	Mexico	Pray for him, his family & daughters, and especially pray for his court date.
Gietzi	Mexico	Pray for him, his wife & children, his parents, and all his family living in USA.
Santiago	Mexico	Pray for him, his wife & children. Pray especially for his court day Oct. 16th.
Artemio		Pray for my family. Pray for my brother Ray who died in June.
Bruno		Please pray for my upcoming hearing, for my family, and for my daughter who will have an MRI to check her brain tumor.
Marvin	Honduras	Pray for the children this Children's Day (Sept 10), especially those who have suffered trauma that God will care for them & heal their spirits.
Sebastian	Guatemala	Please pray for his family & friends.
Miguel	Cuba	Please pray for his family & friends.
Juan	Mexico	Pray that God will bless my family & let me stay here with my family. I'm praying for a miracle.
Roger		Pray that I can stay in U.S. with my children.
Alejandro		Pray for his family & friends.
Hilder		Pray for his family & friends.
Jonathan	Mexico	Pray that he can receive mercy in his next court date.
Herbert		Pray for his court on Sept. 13, and for his wife & children.
Darwyn	Guatemala	Pray for his grandparents in Guatemala, for his family, and for this Church with priest problems.
Edgar	Honduras	Pray for his freedom and for his family.
Rorde	Cuba	Pray for his family, his case and the judge.
Jermaine	Belize	Pray for guidance & protection for him & his family.
Mauro	Honduras	Pray for his family in Honduras & his case.
Miguel	Mexico	Pray for his family here and in Mexico. Pray that he can be free here and get a work permit. Pray for all detained people.
Jose	Mexico	Pray for him. Pray for his mother, wife & children In Mexico. Pray especially for his court day on Sept. 13.
Luis	Mexico	Pray for him, his wife & children, especially for his court hearing Sept 20th.
Jose	Mexico	Pray for him, his wife & daughter, especially on his court day Sept. 12.
Abraham	Mexico	Pray for Edwardo, Laura, Stephanie, Johana, Lisandro, Eras, & Armando.
Gerardo		Pray for mom, family, & my son, Andreas.
		Also, please kindly pray for all those who were recently deported. 90 people were deported, including:
Jair R.	Brandon D.	Ramior I.
Juan C.	Jose N.	Adrian C.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Prayer Request from Kankakee for 9-10-18</u>
Edgar	Honduras	Please pray for my case. I won, but the government appealed. Please pray that I'll win my

		appeal.
Rey	Mexico	Please pray for his soul that he rest in peace and that God will comfort his family. He died in June, 2018.
Sebastian	Guatemala	Please pray for me that I will be able to stay in the United States.
Ramon	Mexico	Please pray for my son to make good choices.
Prsailiano		Please pray for him.
Hilder		Please pray for him.
Roni	Honduras	Please pray for his sister who was kidnapped by gangs. Please pray for his sister who lives in Chicago. Please pray for his brothers who are still in Honduras.
Gietzi	Mexico	Please pray for his family - his wife and two children. Please pray for God to make the right decisions for me.
Hector	Honduras	Please pray for my children, wife and mother-in-law.
Victor	Mexico	Please pray for my family and friends.
Juan	Mexico	Please pray for Dayslin and Loismayra.
Alexis	El Salvador	Please pray for my family.
Eduardo	Mexico	Please pray for my sister Rebecca and for Eva and Aurelia. Please pray for my children and for a positive outcome in my court case.
Miguel	Cuba	Please pray for my family - my Mom (Lorda), my Father (Manuel) and for Kevin and Manuel.
Johnaton	Mexico	Please pray for strength for his family. Please pray that the judge has mercy to offer bond. Please pray for his girlfriend, Merrit.
Alexi	Russia	Please pray for his fellow detainees.
Edmundo	Mexico	Please pray for Medina, Vicki and Ruben.
Jermain	Belize	Offering prayers of thanks for his release next week.
Jose	Mexico	Please pray for his Mom Maria and for all detainees.
Francisco		Please pray for Dianelly and all detainees.
Jose	Cuba	Please pray for him and for his family especially on his court date on September 13.
Jose	Honduras	Please pray for him and his wife and three children. Please pray for his appeal to be accepted.
Cesar	El Salvador	Please pray for him. Please pray for his mother Maria and for his wife Josely and especially for his court case.
Jasmani	Cuba	Please pray for him and his family especially his aunt. Please pray for his court case on September 13.
Herbert	El Salvador	Please pray for him, for his wife and children. His wife is sick. Please pray for his court date on September 13.
Humberto	Mexico	Please pray for him and for his safe return to his country. Please pray for his parents and his brothers and sisters in Mexico. Please pray for his children in the United States.
Augustin	Guatemala	Please pray for his family here. He will be deported soon.
Luis	Mexico	Please pray for his daughter Jessica who is ill.
		Also, please kindly pray for all those who were recently deported. There were 67 people deported last week, including:
Mario B	Julio G	
David G	Marco H	