

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



<https://colorofchange.org/>

"The day after Jacob Blake was shot by police, Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers called for a special legislative session focused on reducing police brutality and gun violence. That session was held on August 31 and it only lasted 30 seconds. And that's because **none of the Republican lawmakers showed up**. Instead, they had the clerk open the meeting and then immediately close it. Wisconsin lawmakers **MUST** take police violence seriously and put forward legislation that defends Black lives and invests in Black futures..."

Sign HERE: <https://act.colorofchange.org/sign/police-violence-justice-for-jake/?source/Everytown>



<https://www.ichv.org/>

"...illegal guns in illegal hands make hate crimes all the more lethal. Please join GPEC-ICHV as we take action to ensure that guns are not falling into the wrong hands...**Call your State Senator and ask them to support SB1966 the BIO Bill:** This legislation will reduce the availability of guns to the illegal market by expanding background checks to ALL gun sales and making sure that all gun owners can pass a background check." [Contact the State of Illinois at [217-782-2000](tel:217-782-2000) or [312-814-3500](tel:312-814-3500) to get specific numbers for members of the General Assembly or link to www.ilga.gov]

WHAT TO WATCH IN ILLINOIS - PENDING GUN LEGISLATION:

- **HB 2254** - Creates the **Safe Gun Storage Act**.
<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/BillStatus.asp?DocNum=2254&GAID=15&DocTypeID=HB&LegId=118046&SessionID=108&GA=101>
- **SB 2468** - Creates the **Assault Weapon Retailers' Tax Act**.
<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/BillStatus.asp?DocNum=2468&GAID=15&DocTypeID=SB&LegId=123022&SessionID=108&GA=101>
- **HB 5170** - ...Amends the **Firearm Owners Identification Card Act**.
<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/BillStatus.asp?DocNum=5170&GAID=15&DocTypeID=HB&LegId=125571&SessionID=108>



SHARE THESE:

Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline **1-877-863-6338**

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline **1-800-273-8255** (24/7, English/Spanish)

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."



<https://www.witnessattheborder.org/> "We witnessed in Brownsville and Matamoros for 65 days in early 2020. Observed the sham tent courts. Witnessed shackled prisoners loaded onto planes at the airport. Visited with asylum seekers in the encampment. Now we bear witness from afar, tracking the deportation flights. We have witnesses in select cities who visit the airports where deportations happen. They show up to observe and to show their outrage: **we need more**. Write us at witnessmpp@gmail.com



Mutual Aid ICDI COVID-19 Response – See this list for URGENT needs & decide

what YOU can do: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1uMgAz7kGMlI0e1mEoLKjwnfL-rR7eO3JHm1ELZb7fRw/edit#gid=0>

Name	Country of Origin	Usual Income Source	Work Impact of COVID-19	Notes On Funds	Amount Requested	Complete?	Amount Raised So Far	Percent Complete
Abdul	Sudan	-	No income. Waiting on authorization.	rent, food, family support	\$1,200	N		0.0%
Emmanuel	South Sudan	-	No income. Waiting on authorization.	rent, food, Bills	\$1,200	P	\$100	8.3%
Fahad	Botswana	-	No income. Deeply affected by COVID-19.	rent, food, Medical bills	\$1,200	N		0.0%
Hanah	South Africa	-	No income. Waiting on authorization.	rent, Medical bills and other bills	\$1,100	N		0.0%
Jackie	Venezuela	Cleaner	Laid off due to COVID-19. Deeply affected.	rent, Bills	\$1,200	N		0.0%
Kaddu	South Africa	-	No income. Deeply affected by COVID-19.	rent, food, Bills	\$1,100	N		0.0%
Lizabo	Uganda	-	No income. Waiting on authorization.	rent, food, medication for mummy, home	\$1,200	N		0.0%
Lynn	Rwanda	-	No income. Waiting on authorization.	rent, food, medication, rent and groceries	\$1,200	N		0.0%
Macgarry	South Africa	-	No income. Deeply affected by COVID-19.	rent, food	\$850	N		0.0%
Nakato	Tanzania	-	No income. Waiting on authorization.	rent, food, Medical bills	\$1,100	N		0.0%
Oliver	Nicaragua	Agriculture and construction	Work is closed for the time being - Oliver was laid off due to the pandemic.	Funds for rent and food	\$800	N		0.0%
Tamale	Kenya	-	No income. Waiting on authorization.	rent, food, Groceries and bills	\$1,200	N		0.0%



<https://www.voterveice.net/JFI/Campaigns/72538/Respond>

"As Catholics, we affirm the inherent dignity of every person and the ability of refugees to seek security and safety for themselves and family members. The U.S. Catholic Bishops urge you to express solidarity with refugees and asylum seekers now in this moment of great need...Urge your U.S. Representative and Senators:

1. To co-sponsor and support **H.R. 2146/S.1088, the GRACE Act**, which returns the minimum annual resettlement goal to the historic average of 95,000 refugees;
2. To co-sponsor and support **H.R. 2114 /S. 1123, the NO BAN Act**, which ends six Presidential executive actions that have reduced access to resettlement, asylum and family reunification.
3. To co-sponsor and support **H.R. 5581 the Access to Counsel Act**, which allows access to counsel for asylum seekers, who are inspected by Custom and Border Protection."

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

ENVIRONMENT



Join us for our virtual
Green Team Summit 2020
September 13-17th

Register for FREE on GreenTeamSummit.org Join **Faith in Place - Sept. 13-17** to explore how interconnected our world is with people of faith who care about the environment and justice. Connect the dots between the

COVID-19 pandemic, climate change, and racial justice through our [FREE workshops each night](https://www.greenteamsummit.org/). **REGISTER HERE:** <https://www.greenteamsummit.org/>



<https://sevendgenerationsahead.org/sustainable-communities/planitgreen/>

“If you can't put solar panels on your own home, but want to support local, renewable energy in Illinois with no upfront investment, you can now subscribe to a community solar project. You can save money while also supporting local renewable energy. Learn more about community solar and what it means for you living in Illinois.

Thursday, Sept. 17 @ NOON: Join Trajectory Energy Partners and PlanItGreen for an online webinar via Zoom of the program details, savings benefits, the new contract terms, how to sign up, and more. Feel free to join in for all or only part of it. There will be a presentation followed by a Q&A.”

Illinoisans can save money while supporting local renewable energy. Community solar is available with \$0 down, and no upfront costs. There is a guaranteed savings of 20% compared to ComEd's default supply service rate.

Register HERE: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ITCl-je3QoqTsBhf1WhxqQ



“In the 2020 election, voters will determine whether we act on climate change before it's too late. Sierra Club Independent Action will tap into our trusted brand, grassroots structure, and 3.8 million supporters to tackle the most urgent task before us...”

<https://www.sierraclubindependentaction.org/2020-plan-to-win>

...and more...



“To learn about our COVID Response and [Emergency Housing](#)

[Assistance](#), click **here:** <https://www.housingforward.org/covid-19-updates>

Follow the links in bold to [volunteer your time](#) or [donate to our Emergency Response Fund](#) or help with our [Hotel to Home](#) Initiative. If you are in need of housing assistance, call us at 708.338.1724, visit www.myentrypoint.org or call 1-877-426-6515.”



“Emergency Food Access Funding – “Faith in Place has funding to support faith communities offering emergency food relief during COVID-19. We need your help getting out the word about this opportunity and connecting with faith communities doing this essential work. If your House of Worship or one you know is helping ensure people have food security, please email elena@faithinplace.org. for info/application.”



<https://networklobby.org/bus2020/>

Nuns on the Bus is going "back on the road" this year **as an online interactive experience**. “We are called to use all the resources we can to speak out for justice as our nation approaches a critical election.

While we aren't putting literal fuel in the tank, our digital **Nuns on the Bus** tour to spread the word that **Who We Elect Matters** will need unprecedented technological support. We need your help..."

<https://networklobby.org/fuel>



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>



<https://americanissuesinitiative.com/>

Rigged: The Voter Suppression Handbook "...chronicles how our right to vote is being undercut by a decade of dirty tricks - including the partisan use of gerrymandering and voter purges, and the gutting of the Voting Rights Act by the Supreme Court. The film captures real-time voter purges in North Carolina and voter intimidation in Texas."

Watch it HERE: <https://www.riggedthefilm.com/watch-at-home>