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.


GUN VIOLENCE

ST. EDMUND CHURCH (Oak Park) Monthly Prayer Vigil to End Gun Violence – SATURDAY, September 28th, 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.”

Illinois SB 1966 “Fix the FOID” Act: “Address many of the gaps [in the current law], strengthen the FOID system, and help ensure that people with violent criminal histories who are prohibited from gun possession are not able to easily evade the law and arm themselves.” Sign HERE: https://ilgvp.com/fix-the-foid/

ENVIRONMENT

GREEN COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS “VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - We are seeking extra hands to help unload and sort trees and shrubs from 12 to 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4, and then with customer pick-up from 9 a.m. to 3
p.m. (multiple shifts available) on Saturday, Oct. 5. This is great educational opportunity to learn about different native trees and shrubs. You will meet some wonderful plant lovers and help the creatures that share our gardens as well! Thank you for your help!”

Sign up HERE: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080c4da4af2aa02-volunteer4

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, October 13th – 3PM – Unity Temple (875 Lake St. Oak Park)

You’re Invited To:

A Community Conversation

Clean Energy | Environmental Justice | Clean Jobs

Join members of the community, policy experts, and state legislators for a discussion of how Illinois can lead the transition to clean energy and a just economy.

 Speakers:
State Senators Kimberly Lightford and Dan Harmon
State Representatives Camille Lilly and La Shawn Ford
Representatives from our Sponsors

Date: Saturday, October 13, 2019, 3:00 pm
Location: Unity Temple, 875 Lake St. Oak Park
Register at: tinyurl.com/CommunityCleanEnergy

As people of faith and conscience we must speak out on behalf of the most vulnerable members of our society who are suffering the worst effects of climate change. In pledging to be Faith Climate Voters we are putting love into action for every living creature and every vulnerable community suffering the devastation of climate change.” https://www.interfaithpowerandlight.org/voter-pledge-form/

IMMIGRATION

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

Interfaith Prayer Vigil – October 4th @ 7:15 am - 8:00 am – 1930 Beach St, Broadview (South of the Eisenhower, west of 25th Ave.) “Join us every First Friday of the month for the Interfaith Prayer Vigil at the Broadview detention center. We gather in solidarity with people who are detained or being deported. People of all faiths are welcome.”
**National Pilgrimage to El Paso:** Join us for a national pilgrimage to El Paso being organized by a growing coalition of Catholic Latinx leaders and partner organizations including CSPL. The weekend of action will take place between **Friday, October 11th** and **Sunday, October 13th** during Indigenous People's Day weekend. In addition to an action that will take place on Saturday, October 12th at the border, we will participate in a weekend of trainings and workshops at a teach-in that is being hosted by HOPE Border Institute. **More information will be coming soon, but here are several key details that we know for sure:**

- We will be taking charter buses from Chicago to El Paso and we will be departing on the evening of Wednesday, October 9th.
- During our pilgrimage by bus to El Paso we will be staying at several religious communities and will most likely travel through New Mexico on our way to El Paso.
- We will depart El Paso at approximately 12pm on Sunday, October 13th after a send-off mass and return to Chicago on Monday, October 14th.
- Due to logistical concerns and lodging accommodations, **you must be 18 years or older to participate in this pilgrimage**

**Cost Breakdown:**
The cost for the weekend will be approximately $400 per person, which includes transportation to, from, and within El Paso as well as simple lodging accommodations along the way and in El Paso. Meals while in El Paso at the weekend teach-in will be provided, but participants should be prepared to purchase food for themselves on the route to and from El Paso.

**Scholarship Opportunities:**
Though there are significant costs associated with this pilgrimage, CSPL is committed to working with individuals to remove any financial barriers. We are actively organizing scholarship funds in order to cover travel expenses.

Please simply indicate on the payment page that you will "pay later" and you can email Meg Miller at mmiller@csplaction.org and indicate over email that you would like to discuss our scholarship plan.

Register HERE: [https://csplaction.ourpowerbase.net/civicrm/event/info?id=3&reset=1](https://csplaction.ourpowerbase.net/civicrm/event/info?id=3&reset=1)

**...and more...**

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 26th** – **Grace Lutheran, 7300 W. Division, River Forest**

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"**Ask Congress to fund re-entry programs for incarcerated people:** Crucial programs that assist individuals preparing to leave prison are in jeopardy right now because Congress has not funded the FIRST STEP Act. Ask your senators and representative to **fund the FIRST STEP Act** to provide these crucial programs that reduce recidivism:

- Education courses, allowing incarcerated people to get a GED or take other general and advanced occupational education classes.
- Substance abuse treatment, for incarcerated persons who are addicted.
- Robust job training, preparing them for life in the workforce after prison.

https://www.firststepact.org/
https://secure3.convio.net/sojo/site/Advocacy?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=1324


**Help BAN “Facial Recognition”** Advocate against the use of systematically racist, high-risk technology to track and deport migrants.

**Call:** Your two senators and one House rep (look up).

**Script:** Hello, I’m from [ZIP] and I’m calling because I am deeply concerned about ICE’s use of facial recognition to target migrants in America. In addition to being invasive, virtually unregulated, and a violation of my Fourth Amendment rights, this technology has a notable margin for error and history of inaccuracy, and is up to 35% less accurate for minorities and people of color than it is for white males, often leading to harassment, wrongful imprisonment, or deportation. I would like [NAME] to heed the call of over 30 organizations and countless Americans, and pass legislation banning the use of facial recognition to spy on the American public.

**Get “dark money” out of political campaigns.**

**Call:** Your one House rep and two senators (look up).

**Script:** Hi. I’m from [ZIP] and I’m part of a bipartisan majority of Americans who believe corporations should not have the same constitutional rights as people. The *We the People Amendment* would end this unjust practice, and eliminate contributions of unlimited amounts of “dark money” to political campaigns.

**For House reps:** I would like [NAME] to cosponsor H.J. Res. 48. Thank you.

**For senators:** I urge [NAME] to introduce the Senate equivalent of H.J. Res 48. Thank you.