

# **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](mailto: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/>

## **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."



" Please consider joining our **Stop the Violence pledge**, a powerful way to understand the incredible loss created by ongoing gun violence while supporting common sense solutions to end it. By joining, you pledge to donate \$0.43 in honor of each new victim lost to senseless gun violence in Illinois within a month's time. We use the Gun Violence Archive (<http://www.gunviolencearchive.org/congress/il>) as the official source, and you'll receive monthly updates on our efforts to prevent gun violence. Please join the pledge, and together let's bring that number to zero!" <https://www.caringcent.com/stoptheviolence/>

**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 5 MONTHS & counting.."**

## **IMMIGRATION**



**Interfaith Prayer Vigil – Friday Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> Ave., 1-1/2 blocks SOUTH of I290, between Lexington and Harvard)

**Walk in Solidarity with Refugees – Saturday, October 20 - . Saturday, October 20 at Maryville Academy, 1150 N. River Road, Des Plaines, IL.** Check in at 8 a.m., step off at 9:00 a.m. - Everyone is on a journey, and no one journey is the same. However, we all share one thing: we are humans on this earth together. We can learn from each other by sharing our stories. Together we will walk in the shoes of our brothers and sisters fleeing violence and injustice worldwide, showing solidarity with those escaping impossible situations. For more information and **to register** visit: <http://www.cabrnicenter.org/walk2018>

**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!!**

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

## **ENVIRONMENT/CARE OF THE EARTH**



### **EPA Public Hearing on Affordable Clean Energy Rule – Monday, OCT. 1<sup>st</sup>,**

**9AM-8PM; Metcalfe Federal Building, 77 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago** - Under direction from the current Administration, the EPA is proposing a new rule to change regulations to pollution from coal power plants.

This proposed rule - the so-called Affordable Clean Energy Rule - will cause up to 1,400 premature deaths annually by 2030 due to increases in pollution, according to estimates provided by the Administration.

**The only public hearing in the entire country on this rule will be held in Chicago on Monday, October 1, 2018 from 9am to 8pm**

People of faith can speak out for clean air, clean water, and the health of our communities. Written statements and supporting information submitted during the comment period will be considered with the same weight as oral comments and supporting information presented at the public hearing. **The public comment period on this proposal is open until October 31, 2018.** Comments should be identified by

**Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2017-0355** and may be submitted by one of the following methods:

**Online:** Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and follow the instructions for [submitting comments to EPA-HQ-OAR-2017-0355](#).

**Email:** Comments may be sent to [a-and-r-Docket@epa.gov](mailto:a-and-r-Docket@epa.gov). Include Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2017-0355 in the subject line of the message.

**Mail:** Environmental Protection Agency, EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), Mail Code 28221T, Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2017-0355, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460.

**Fax:** Fax your comments to: (202) 566-9744. Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2017-0355.



**Save the date – "INVESTMENT FOR GOOD" – Thursday Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>, 7-8:30PM,**

**Oak Park Library** - panel headed by Chicago Community Trust Kristin Vogen (former head of OP/RF Foundation) to talk about individual and institutional investment for impact (hosted by *Interfaith Green Network, Seven Generations Ahead, and Green Community Connections*)

register: [Richard.Alton@gmail.com](mailto:Richard.Alton@gmail.com)

ETC...



**40 DAYS 'TIL THE MIDTERM ELECTIONS – is every eligible person**

**you know REGISTERED to vote?** <https://www.rockthevote.org/action-center/volunteer/>

**Want to be an ELECTION JUDGE??** <https://www.cookcountyclerk.com/agency/work-election-day>



Join women and allies to send a clear message to our government: we are engaged in protecting our democracy - and WE VOTE!

Visit the Voter Village at the rally site: meet candidates and activists - discover actions you can take to improve life in your community.

Celebrate first time voters: march together in support of new voters.

Vote! City of Chicago and Cook County polling sites will be open for early voting so residents can literally March to the Polls.

**Women's March Chicago – Saturday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> – Grant Park – Voter Village opens @ 9AM – Rally & March @ 11AM [www.womens121marchonchicago.org](http://www.womens121marchonchicago.org)**

**-Illinois HB 4469 – VOTING RIGHTS!!...** There are approximately 20,000 people detained in jail pre-trial in Illinois. Those who are citizens have the right to vote in elections. **This bill** requires county jails and election authorities to collaborate in creating a process that ensures people on pre-trial can cast their ballot during elections.

In any given year, there are approximately 30,000 people who return from prison. Those who are citizens are eligible to vote in Illinois upon release. **This bill** requires the Illinois Department of Corrections and each county jail to provide eligible citizens released from their custody a voter registration application.

There are approximately 4 million residents of Illinois who have a past felony conviction, all of whom are eligible to vote. **This bill** requires the Illinois Department of Corrections to provide citizens released from their custody detailed information about their voting rights.

*Chicago Votes, Illinois Justice Project, The Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law, ACLU, and 38 supporting organizations ask Governor Rauner to support this historic piece of legislation.*  
<http://www.chicagovotes.com>



Bite into a locally grown apple on Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018!

**REGISTER** and join participants across Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin in celebrating National Farm to School Month by crunching into locally and regionally grown apples on **Thursday, October 11th, 2018**. Everyone is invited to Crunch, including schools, early care sites, hospitals, colleges, community organizations, businesses, and more. Let's make Illinois the loudest Crunch in the region! Don't forget to register your site so you can be counted toward our goal of 500,000 participants across the state. [www.illinoisfarmtoschool.org/great-apple-crunch/](http://www.illinoisfarmtoschool.org/great-apple-crunch/)



**NUNS-ON-THE-BUS -leave LA Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> – arrive West Palm Beach (Mar-A-Lago) Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>. TWO stops in our area:**

Oct 18 2018 (7:00 PM)	Town Hall for Justice	St. Sabina Catholic Church 1210 West 78th Place, Chicago, IL 60620	<a href="#">Learn More</a>	<a href="#">RSVP</a>
Oct 19 2018 (10:00 AM)	Lobby Visit and Rally	Office of Rep. Roskam 2700 International Drive, West Chicago, IL 60185	<a href="#">Learn More</a>	<a href="#">RSVP</a>

For more information, visit [www.nunsonthebus.org](http://www.nunsonthebus.org) or email [info@networklobby.org](mailto:info@networklobby.org)

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