

# WALKtheTALK

SGFMC Action for Justice News

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.



**JUNE 2024**



***"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God...." (Matt. 5:9)***

**\*\* Monthly Prayer Vigil to End Gun Violence - Saturday, June 22nd, at 6:00 PM (following the 5PM Mass) at ST. EDMUND CHURCH, 188 S. Oak Park \*\***

**\*\* Monthly TAIZE Prayer for Peace – Friday, JUNE 7<sup>th</sup>-7:30PM at Ascension Church, 808 S. East Ave\*\***

**MOMS DEMAND ACTION**  
FOR GUN SENSE IN AMERICA



**A Walk Toward Healing – Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> @ 2PM – Elmhurst**

**University (190 S. Prospect Ave., Elmhurst)** "Family-friendly, roughly 2-mile fund-raising walk to support a healing summer camp for 50 youth impacted by homicide in Chicago (Chicago survivor's fund)." *Registration begins @ 1:30PM*

Sign Up for the walk **HERE:** <https://forms.everytown.org/a/il-elmhurst-walk-toward-healing>

**[Get involved in OAK PARK – AUSTIN AREA Moms Demand Action.** Join the **Facebook** group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1225839384203882/> or text **READY** to **644-33]**



**American  
Friends  
Service  
Committee**

**Call for a cease-fire and humanitarian access for Gaza now!**

<https://afsc.org/action/call-cease-fire-and-humanitarian-access-gaza-now?ms=WEB24NB0424PI>

("Gaza today is a mass grave, not only for thousands of Palestinians killed by Israel but also for the conscience of the 'free world'." [Yousef Aljamal](#) )



**Prayer for Israel and Palestine**

God of mercy and compassion, of grace and reconciliation, pour your power upon all your children in the Middle East: Jews, Muslims and Christians, Palestinians and Israelis. Let hatred be turned into love, fear to trust, despair to hope, oppression to freedom, occupation to liberation, that violent encounters may be replaced by loving embraces, and peace and justice could be experienced by all. (*Rev. Said Ailabouni, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Chicago, IL*)



<https://www.cawc.org/about-programs/>

[CAWC 24-HOUR HOT LINE: [773.278.4566](tel:773.278.4566) ]



<https://sarahsinn.org/>

24-HOUR CRISIS LINE: [708-386-4225](tel:708-386-4225) (phone) / [708-669-6149](tel:708-669-6149) (text)

- o **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
- 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

***"For I was in prison and you visited me..." Matthew 25: 36***



**Help protect minor children in Illinois. Urge your state Senator to sponsor IL SB 3321**

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/BillStatus.asp?GA=103&DocTypeID=SB&DocNum=3321&GAID=17&SessionID=112&LegID=152731>

"SB 3321 will **protect children during interrogation** by requiring that they have a lawyer with them throughout the custodial interrogation. Juveniles aged 13 to 18 are at risk of prosecution in adult court. Depending on their statement, even being at or near the scene of an offense could trigger transfer provisions that send them automatically to adult court (and adult mandatory sentencing) based on accountability". - Juvenile Justice Initiative <https://www.jjustice.org/>

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



"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/>

[Where do political candidates stand, on eliminating the death penalty? TRACK THE CANDIDATES HERE: <https://deathpenaltyaction.org/2024candidatepositions/> ]

***"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***



**Centro San Edmundo (200 S. Oak Park Ave.)**

**Our Tuesday / Thursday program is expanding.** The most recent count is that over 250 people come each week for breakfast, clothing, blankets, toiletries. The English language classes are continuing and have now expanded to Saturday morning.

Please click **this link** [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1P\\_7tS6lzypWEOK9Is\\_Mt0HlaMR7Cs8ts/view?pli=1](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1P_7tS6lzypWEOK9Is_Mt0HlaMR7Cs8ts/view?pli=1) for a current list of clothing and personal care items that we are accepting. We ask that you donate only the items listed...

**OR** donate through the Amazon Wish List [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3VKSYQWISEBOM?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3VKSYQWISEBOM?ref=wl_share) Thank you!

Donations may be dropped off on Monday mornings from 9 am to 12 pm at Centro San Edmundo previously known as St. Edmund School, 200 S. Oak Park Avenue, Oak Park, IL. Please enter from the Pleasant Avenue door.



848 Lake Street, Oak Park – <https://www.gobeyondhunger.org/volunteer>

"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." [Volunteer Orientation](#) June 12 2024 | 6 - 7pm



"Volunteers are a key part of operating our emergency warming shelter for individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness. The volunteer opportunities for this shelter are **HERE**:

<https://www.housingforward.org/get-involved/volunteer>



**Oak Park Community Migrant Resettlement Mission** <https://opmigrantresettlementmission.com/>

"A community-driven volunteer effort seeking to connect asylum-seekers currently in Oak Park to safe and secure long term housing as part of the next step on their journey." **Home goods wish list:**

<https://www.walmart.com/registry/ER/dc1bcd62-5907-4354-9f38-8fd9508e0918?page=2>

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



Looking for brand new summer activities for the whole family? Click **HERE**:

<https://fpdcc.com/events/>



Archdiocese of Chicago

<https://www.archchicago.org>

**Attention High School Students:** Applications are being accepted NOW for CYCS (Catholic Youth Climate Summit) 2025

(Apply/learn more **HERE**: <https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=o-0BRmklpkqOCzBfwpVBLsQE6OPWG8xPpU7DNC8-AHVUMURZRUVXR0VYUTBTQ>)



Start planning NOW for a 'plastic-free July

<https://www.plasticfreejuly.org/campaigns/small-steps-big-difference/>

...and more...



oak park area lesbian & gay association+

**Programs, Picnics, Parades - PRIDE MONTH calendar!** <https://opalga.org/>



2024

**Juneteenth Flag Raising (Oak Park) - Village Hall Courtyard (123 Madison St.) – Wed. 6/12 @ 6PM**

"The free event will include speakers, refreshments and more."

**Juneteenth Fair at Forest Park Public Library (7555 Jackson Blvd.) – Sat. 6/8 – 11AM-4PM**

"...spotlights black authors, creators, artists and small business owners. There will be book giveaways for children and refreshments. Event cost: **Free**

**\*\* What YOU can do in 2024 - help to ensure that every eligible person in this country is given the opportunity to VOTE! \*\***



**United States Election Assistance Commission: BE A POLL WORKER!**

**Students, including high school juniors and seniors** who are citizens, can earn \$250 by being a poll worker. (So can other citizen adults.) **You can earn \$250** for a long day on election day in November, **plus \$50 for a few hours of training beforehand.**

**\*\*If you are in high school, you will get an official excused absence on that day.\*\*** And you will learn first-hand about how democracy works! Learn more at: <https://www.eac.gov/help-america-vote>

**October 8 - Deadline for registration via mail or in-person**

**October 21 - Deadline for registration online**

**(If you will not be able to vote on November 5th, you can request a mail-in ballot or vote early.)**

**October 21 - First day to vote early.**

**October 31 - Deadline to request a mail-in ballot**

**November 5 - Mail-in ballots must be postmarked**