



SGFMC Action for Justice News

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.

"Thus says the Lord GOD: Cry out full-throated and unsparingly, lift up your voice like a trumpet blast." -Isaiah 58: 1

Week of October 5, 2025

PEACEMAKERS:

**** Monthly Prayer Vigil to End Gun Violence – Saturday, October 25th, following the 5PM Mass – in the North transept of ST. EDMUND CHURCH, 188 S. Oak Park ****

**** Monthly TAIZE Prayer for Peace – Friday, November 7th -7:30PM at Ascension Church, 808 S. East Ave****



**FAITHFUL
AMERICA**

Love thy neighbor.
No exceptions.

Tell the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops:

Join Pope Leo and demand an end to the "pandemic of arms". *The USCCB has not spoken up to end violence in our society since the Sandy Hook Elementary mass shooting in 2012.*

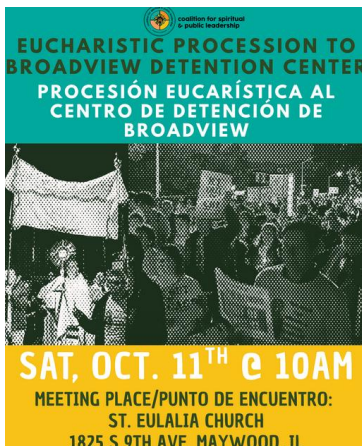
<https://act.faithfulamerica.org/sign/usccb-gun-violence-2025/?t=>



Tell Congress to pass the SAVE OUR VETERANS'S LIVES Act of 2025 (HR.1987 - S.926)

"From 2003 to 2022, more than **87,000** veterans died by gun suicide. Every single day, 13 veterans die by gun suicide... The bipartisan *Saving Our Veterans' Lives Act* would require the VA to offer gun lock boxes and secure storage information to veterans who request them. Providing free gun lock boxes is a simple and meaningful way to help prevent firearm-related injuries and deaths." <https://act.everytown.org/sign/Save-Vets/?akid=315111.5417268.ggFTPF&rd=1&refcode=emne>

TAKE ACTION:



Come process approx. 1 mile from St. Eulalia's Church to the Broadview Detention Center, in support of our immigrant sisters and brothers. **DETAILS HERE:

<https://www.csplaction.org/events/broadview-eucharistic-procession> **

****SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18th – "NO KINGS" (more info to follow...) ****



SATURDAY, OCT. 18 11AM – 1PM: Forest Park – Chicago Bulk Mail Facility – 7500 Roosevelt Road - LINK: rally sites, training, resources: <https://www.nokings.org/?SQF> SOURCE=indivisible#map



11AM – 1PM: Oak Park – Scoville Park – Lake St. @ Oak Park Ave. - LINK:

https://www.mobilize.us/aficio/event/841812/?referring_vol=10547752&rname=Mari×lot=5516881&referring



Noon – 2PM: Grant Park (Chicago) – LINK:

<https://www.mobilize.us/nokings/event/838843/>

INDIVISIBLE

Solidarity in Action Training Series

- [Understanding Systemic Oppression and Privilege, with Tim Wise](#) -- October 21 at 7:00 pm ET/4pm PT

https://www.mobilize.us/indivisible/event/807964/?utm_source=email&utm_medium=20250808

the Neighborhood



Become an Advocate at The Neighborhood Bridge!

"We are recruiting volunteers to serve as Advocates - trained companions who walk alongside families as they navigate services and pursue their goals. This unique role provides meaningful one-on-one support and connection." **LEARN MORE:** <https://theneighborhoodbridge.org/>

INNOCENCE PROJECT

Stop the Oct. 16 Execution of Robert Roberson - Robert faces execution despite new evidence that he is an innocent man wrongly convicted under the now-debunked "shaken baby" syndrome hypothesis. PLEASE READ and SIGN HERE: https://innocenceproject.org/petitions/justice-for-robert-roberston/?p2asource=ip-em_09242025_Robert&utm_source=email&utm_medium=email
Learn more about *Innocence Project* HERE: <https://innocenceproject.org/about/>

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10th: Annual WORLD DAY AGAINST THE DEATH PENALTY

<https://worldcoalition.org/campagne/22nd-world-day-against-the-death-penalty/>



Help turn out Californians in this year's election with a letter writing campaign

"In just six weeks, California voters will decide whether to pass Proposition 50, also known as the "Election Rigging Response Act," to allow the legislature to redraw the state's congressional districts ahead of the midterm election next year...The outcome of the vote on this measure could help determine which party controls the U.S. House after the 2026 midterms." **SIGN UP & LEARN HOW TO ADOPT CALIFORNIA VOTERS HERE:**

https://votefwd.org/district/CA_2025_C4_PROP50_LBW?utm_medium=email&utm_source=klaviyo&utm_campaign



Tell the EAC you OPPOSE Proof of Citizenship for voter registration

(A law firm) "has [petitioned the Election Assistance Commission](#) (EAC) to require proof of citizenship when registering to vote, (though [federal courts blocked a similar provision](#) in the president's March [executive order on elections](#).) **Such a requirement would [impose expensive burdens on a vast number of Americans, including the 47% of citizens who don't have a passport](#), the millions of married women whose names no longer match their birth certificates, and everyone who has moved and needs to request an original birth certificate from the state where they were born."**

"Submit a comment: On the [Federal Register](#) (click the green box labeled "Submit a comment") opposing the new rule **before October 20**. Use your own words (copy/paste content is rejected) to submit a unique comment about why this issue matters to you. Note: All submissions must include the agency name ("Election Assistance Commission") and "Docket ID: EAC-2025-0236" for this rulemaking." <https://americansofconscience.com/09-26-2025/>

FOOD and SHELTER:



COMMUNITY FRIDGE PROJECT Locations: **Boulevard Presbyterian Church, 607 Harvard Street, and 124 N. Kenilworth (on the porch).** Donations are always welcome! Please consider picking up a few things next time you go shopping or if you are in need, take what you wish! Monetary gifts can be sent to [this link](#). Please denote Community Fridge Project on the memo line! <https://www.communityofcongregations.org/give/>



SUPPORT Windy City Harvest "Farm on Ogden" – 3555 W. Ogden Ave.
"The Farm on Ogden, a multiuse facility located in Chicago's Lawndale neighborhood, supports and sustains a healthy urban community by bringing food, health, and jobs together in one location. Windy City Harvest, the Garden's urban agriculture program, in partnership with Lawndale Christian Health Center take a "whole person" approach to community health and wellness. Indoor, year-round, Tuesday-Friday: 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. Saturday: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. https://www.chicagobotanic.org/urbanagriculture/farm_on_ogden



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for the new 40-bed emergency overnight shelter (112 S. Humphrey)

- **Dinner Providers** - Prepare hot dinner meal for 40 to be dropped off by 7:00 PM. Dinner providers can also volunteer for evening hosting if they want to stay and serve.
- **Breakfast Providers** - Donate breakfast supplies for 40 (cereal, fruit, juice, yogurt, etc.).
- **Lunch Providers** - Donate bagged lunches for 40 (sandwiches, chips, fruit, cookies, etc.) for guests to take with them when leaving the shelter the next day.
- **Evening Hosting - 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM (shift can be split)** - Interact with guests, set up, and clean up.
- **Morning Hosting - 6:00 AM to 8:00 AM** - Assist with breakfast and clean-up.

Contact Cherrell Jackson at cjackson@housingforward.org or via phone at (708) 338-1724 ext. 201

Help stock the shelter - Emergency Shelter House2Home List:

<https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/quest-view/1BWAPIGR7ICM3>



****IMPORTANT UPDATES FROM THE MIGRANT MINISTRY****

We are pausing all but financial donations now, and will alert you when we can accept donations again. Thank you for your ongoing support of the Migrant Ministry. Donate online through GiveCentral **HERE:**

<https://www.givecentral.org/customizable-online-giving/444/event/36149>

OR send donations to Saint Catherine-Saint Lucy and Saint Giles Parish, 1025 Columbian, Oak Park, IL 60302. Include a note that the donation is for the **"Migrant Ministry"**.



**Drop-Off hours at the Food Pantry: 848 Lake St., Oak Park, IL) 9am-4pm
Monday-Tuesday & Thursday-Friday. <https://www.gobeyondhunger.org/donatefood>**

"The Beyond Hunger Food Pantry provides hunger relief, counseling and nutritional counseling to families from 28 zip codes in Cook County. It is located at First United Church on the corner of Kenilworth and Lake Street in Oak Park.

CREATION CARE:



Climate Day at the Capital – Oct. 15th (10:30 AM – 2:30PM, Springfield, IL)

"During the spring legislative session, fossil fuel interests lined up to block climate progress—from squashing legislation that would keep utility costs low and advance clean energy, to killing a bill that would reduce plastic waste... Luckily, we have the opportunity to fight back during the October veto session, but we need YOU to join us in Springfield to urge lawmakers to take action." **REGISTRATION, INFORMATION HERE:**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfKRBKAzS7Vf8a5N3avtBt425spnPs1RlaJokxtgilh2Hm5A/viewform>



SIERRA CLUB

CLEAN ENERGY TAX CREDITS ARE EXPIRING SOON!

- EV Charger Credit: Looking to install a home charger? Get up to **\$1,000** back on your taxes until **June 30, 2026**.
- Residential Clean Energy Credits: Claim **30% of the total cost** of solar panels, battery storage, and geothermal systems if you **buy by December 31, 2025**.
- Energy Efficient Home Upgrade Credits: Make home energy upgrades, like insulation, windows, or efficient electric appliances, by **December 31, 2025** to claim the credit.



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URGENT! Stop the USDA from rescinding the 2001 "Roadless Area Conservation Rule" –

"National forests are the heart of our public lands. The Roadless Area Conservation Rule protects over 58 million acres of some of the wildest forests we have left, forests that protect critical wildlife habitat and drinking water for millions. Revoking the Roadless Rule puts landscapes, wildlife, and communities at risk." **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

ARE OPEN NOW:

<https://act.sierraclub.org/actions/National?actionId=AR0583872&id=701Po00001597VLIAY&data>

SAVE THESE DATES/SIGN UP NOW!



"WEST40 RUNS" – Saturday, Oct. 11 -10900 W. Cermak, Westchester (old St.

Joe's HS Campus) "Every step you take helps raise money for the West40 Education Foundation, supporting students with essentials like housing, food, and school supplies."

SIGN UP at West40 Runs URL: <http://raceroster.com/105914>

- **Packet Pick-up: 8:00 AM**
- **5K & 1M Start: 9:00 AM**
- **40 Yard Dash: 10:15 AM**



REGISTRATION IS OPEN for the FALL 2025 cohort on Whiteness & Anti-Racism, designed for people who are white to deepen awareness of identity, privilege, positionally to power and more, then integrate learning into everyday life. It is important to attend all 4 sessions - they are designed to build upon one another.

Session 1 - Oct 19: 2pm-5pm - WHITENESS & SOCIALIZATION

Session 2 - Oct 26: 2pm-5pm - IDENTITY, PRIVILEGE & POWER

Session 3 - Nov 2: 2pm-5pm - SOLIDARITY & DISRUPTION

Session 4 - Nov 9: 2pm-5pm - SYSTEMS & MOVING FORWARD

https://raceconsciousdialogues.corsizio.com/event/6835e3e1d7f8deedee0d5eed?mc_cid=f6072b6322&mc_eid=a3bbbebe66



NEXT STOP: WEST SIDE - Community Trade Fair
Friday, October 24, 9am-3pm
BUILD, 5100 W Harrison

WEST SIDE COMMUNITY TRADE FAIR – Friday, Oct. 24 – BUILD (5100 W

Harrison) – REGISTER HERE:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=hQuOgqbXf02g1JqW7hc8NirKMiraSLBNIAiMukak>
