



### 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.

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

**Week of December 7, 2025**

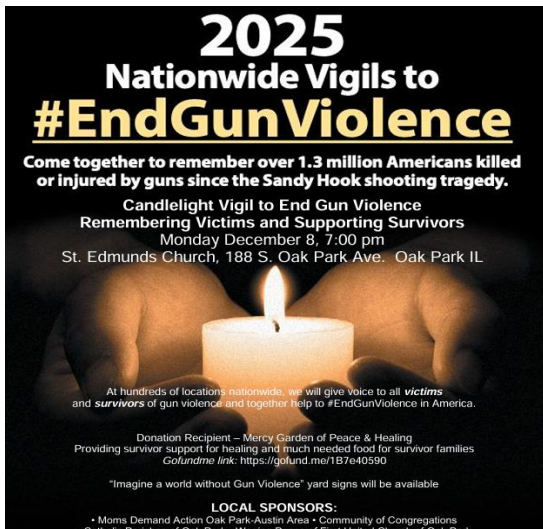


### PEACEMAKERS:

**\*\*Monthly Prayer Vigil to End Gun Violence – Saturday, December 27th**, following the 5PM Mass – in the North transept of **ST. EDMUND CHURCH, 188 S. Oak Park \*\***

**\*\* Annual New Year's Day TAIZE Prayer for Peace – Thursday, January 1st -7:30PM at Ascension Church, 808 S. East Ave\*\***

**St. Edmund's Church – 188 S. Oak Park Ave. – Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM**



### TAKE ACTION:



**Insist on an investigation into possible war crimes committed by the U.S. military.**

**Contact: Your two senators and one House representative ([call](#), [write](#), or [email](#)).**

**Script: Hello, I'm \_\_\_\_\_ from [ZIP], calling to ask you to investigate Defense Secretary Hegseth's alleged [illegal orders](#) to [kill survivors](#) in a [second strike](#) on a [boat in the Caribbean](#). If the U.S. military has committed [war crimes](#), the current administration has [broken international and U.S. law](#). Please safeguard the rule of law and our country's international reputation by investigating these orders. Thank you.**



## International Human Rights Day – Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>

"It commemorates the anniversary of one of the world's most groundbreaking global pledges: the [Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#) (UDHR). This landmark document enshrines the inalienable rights that everyone is entitled to as a human being - regardless of race, colour, religion, sex, language, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status... The Declaration was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in Paris on 10 December 1948 and sets out, for the first time, fundamental human rights to be universally protected." <https://www.un.org/en/observances/human-rights-day>



"Spotify is running ads recruiting more ICE agents to infringe our rights and terrorize our communities, so we're calling on users to stop paying for or using the app until Spotify stops streaming fascism. *Don't use Spotify?* [Support the campaign by spreading the word on social media.](#)"

## FOOD and SHELTER:



### COMMUNITY FRIDGE PROJECT Locations:

Boulevard Presbyterian Church, 607 Harvard Street Oak Park

Edwin Gale House 124 N Kenilworth Oak Park

A House in Austin 533 N Pine, Chicago

Grace Episcopal Church 924 Lake Street Oak Park

**Donations are always welcome! No raw meat, leftovers, open packages, expired food or pet food.**

**\*\*Watch the weather forecast!** Super-cold temps have caused some fresh fruits and vegs to freeze, and some canned goods to explode.\*\*

**OR** - monetary gifts can be sent to [this link](#). Please denote Community Fridge Project on the memo line! <https://www.communityofcongregations.org/give/>



### 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](mailto: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/guest-view/1BWAPIGR7ICM3>



The former ministry site at St. Edmund's will open temporarily on Tuesday mornings for coat, winter gear, and blanket distribution. We anticipate a significant demand and welcome additional donations of coats, hats, gloves, scarves, and blankets. **PLEASE, ONLY THESE ITEMS.** Please email us at [immigrantministry@gmail.com](mailto:immigrantministry@gmail.com) for information on where to leave the donations. MIL GRACIAS!

To donate online through GiveCentral use the link below 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*". Thank you for your generous hearts!



**Most needed items:**

Canned Chicken, Salmon, Tuna  
Canned Soups (low sodium preferred)  
Cheerios' cereal (generic brand accepted)  
Canned Vegetables: Mixed, corn, green beans  
Canned Peaches or Pineapple rings (in natural juices)  
Gluten-free pasta  
Jelly (plastic containers)

Peanut butter (small and medium sizes)  
Vegetable oil (12 – 16 oz)  
Dry Beans (all varieties)  
Canned Cranberry sauce  
Gravy mix  
Jiffy cornbread mix

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

**CREATION CARE:**



**Protect science-based decision making for climate and habitat.**

Four proposed [rule changes to the Endangered Species Act](#) would corrupt science-based decision-making with considerations that [favor habitat-destroying industries](#). These proposals would cause irreparable [harm to at-risk species](#) and essential habitat and worsen the biodiversity and extinction crisis. Tell the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to uphold the ESA's mission by rejecting these changes. Write a comment in your own words opposing the four proposed changes at [Regulations.gov](#).

**Comment period closes 12/22/25.**

**Comment:**

- [FWS-HQ-ES-2025-0039 \(Section 4\)](#)
- [FWS-HQ-ES-2025-0044 \(Section 7\)](#)
- [FWS-HQ-ES-2025-0029 \(Section 4\(d\)\)](#)
- [FWS-HQ-ES-2025-0048 \(Section 4\(b\)\(2\)\)](#)



**LAUDATO SI'  
MOVEMENT**  
Catholics for Our Common Home

**Advent Spiritual Reflection: Journeying with Mary and Joseph - virtual**

**11AM CST, Tuesday, 12/16 - REGISTER HERE: [https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/pQ-36SFQ5JCuzz\\_CAnjXxQ#/registration](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/pQ-36SFQ5JCuzz_CAnjXxQ#/registration)**



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**CLEAN ENERGY TAX CREDITS ARE EXPIRING SOON!**

- 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.



**Walk the Talk "Lights in the Darkness"**



In these difficult times, the world around us often looks cold and bleak. Now more than ever, we need to search for, and lift up, those people, businesses, groups, and organizations whose work is a light of **hope** in the darkness. Here's just one – **send yours** to [marynpaul@comcast.net](mailto:marynpaul@comcast.net)



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**Send a word of gratitude** to someone in your life who gave you hope this year. Download **FREE** Advent Hope card [https://actionnetwork.org/user\\_files/user\\_files/000/133/818/original/advent-hope-card.pdf](https://actionnetwork.org/user_files/user_files/000/133/818/original/advent-hope-card.pdf)

