

WALKtheTALK

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 January 4, 2026

PEACEMAKERS:

**** Monthly Prayer Vigil to End Gun Violence – Saturday, January 31st, following the 5PM Mass – in the North transept of ST. EDMUND CHURCH, 188 S. Oak Park ****

**** Monthly TAIZE Prayers for Peace – Friday, Feb. 6th -7:30PM at Ascension Church, 808 S. East Ave****

TAKE ACTION:



- 303 DAYS UNTIL THE MID-TERM ELECTIONS -

Change won't happen without us! START NOW - rest up, read up, speak up, sign up!

https://indivisibleproject.formstack.com/forms/indivisible_member_primary_survey_dec_2025



"We enable grassroots volunteers to play a leading role in testing and scaling innovative, high-impact tactics that encourage fellow Americans to vote."

[Volunteer-powered, evidence driven, collaborative, innovative – 501c(3) – non-partisan]

<https://votefwd.org/about-us>



JOBS at Forty Acres Fresh Market (5713 W. Chicago Ave.)

Forty Acres Fresh Market is hiring across multiple departments for full-time and part-time

roles. DETAILS ON THE JOB BOARD: <https://preview.fortyacresfreshmarket.com/job-board/>

the Neighborhood



Wanted: VOLUNTEER ADVOCATES - "Work in partnership with Participants in addressing their immediate needs. This includes helping find existing high-quality human service organizations for needs like housing assistance, primary healthcare, or food assistance. Advocates are required to attend a 1½ hour Bridge Breakfast and two 2½ hour training sessions."

To learn more, we invite you to attend our next Bridge Breakfast **on Saturday, February 7, 2026 at 8:30 AM** in the Tutoring Center at Maguire Hall. <https://theneighborhoodbridge.org/volunteer>

FOOD. CLOTHING, SHELTER:



Teen Resumé Clothing Donation Drive – Jan. 2nd – 30th

"Help our local teens put their best foot forward as they start applying for summer jobs. We are accepting like-new and gently used, clean donations of business casual and office-appropriate wear for teens, including shirts, pants, jackets, dresses, skirts and shoes. The donations will be used at a free clothing "pop-up shop" at the Maywood Public Library on Saturday, January 31 open at 12 pm." More Info: <https://forestpark.librarycalendar.com/event/teen-resume-clothing-donation-driv>



COMMUNITY FRIDGE PROJECT - LOCATIONS:

Boulevard Presbyterian Church 607 Harvard; Oak Park

Edwin Gale House, 124 N. Kenilworth, Oak Park

Grace Episcopal (located in the back of the Grace parking lot on the West side of the building.)

A House in Austin; 533 N Pine Avenue, Chicago

Food donations are always welcome – NO open packages, NO fresh meat (no lettuce, salad greens, or tender vegs when temps are below freezing – THANKS!)

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



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY! First MONDAY of Every Month

Join the women of Saint Catherine of Siena-Saint Lucy and Saint Giles to help provide a ***continental breakfast*** for Housing Forward clients on the first Monday of each month. (This is a great service opportunity for teens and families and can be shared between households.)

*** Choice of muffins, doughnuts, instant oatmeal, or cereal for 40 people, plus fruit (no apples, please)**

*** 2 Gallons of milk, and juice or bottled water for 40 people**

Next opportunity to volunteer is available on **February 2, 2026** - Sign up for the monthly dates online

SignUpGenius Form: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0944AAAE2EA2FA7-58142351-stgiles#/>



Coming soon: **NEW HOME** @ St. Bernadine's School (801 Elgin Ave., Forest Park)

The plan is to start receiving donations and organizing the rooms ("free stores") on Monday, January 12 and Monday, January 19. We will open once again to migrants and immigrants on Tuesday, January 20. **Watch this space!**

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".



"Volunteers are critical to every aspect of our operation, providing over 2,000 hours of collective time every month...We offer volunteer 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."

COMPLETE THE NEW VOLUNTEER FORM HERE: <https://www.gobeyondhunger.org/volunteer>

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:



Family Winter Scavenger Hunt and Campfire - Sun, Jan. 4 • 1:00 – 2:30 pm -

[Trailside Museum of Natural History](#) 738 Thatcher Ave -River Forest, IL 60305

Enjoy a self-guided scavenger hunt for signs of animals and plant life. Followed by snacks and relaxing around a campfire. **FREE**



Recycle holiday lights...

...by dropping them off in a bin located in the lobby of the Public Works Center, 201 South Blvd.

The bin is available during regular business hours Monday through Friday through the end of January.



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

FIRST BABIES OF 2026!



<https://www.wbez.org/parenting/2026/01/02/new-years-day-babies>
