

Call To Action - What Can I Do About It?

10 Things You Can Do About Gun Violence

1. **Mourning and Remembering Lives Lost:** On any Sunday pause at our church's altar of the Pieta and read the stories of those who have died over the past week due to gun violence. Pray for lives lost, pray for their families, their friends, and their neighbors. Pray, then act for them and all who have come before and all will come after.
2. **Wear Orange:** Get one of our orange ribbons and wear it proudly to show your support for an end to gun violence. Or join in the nationwide "Wear Orange" weekend on June 2-4 - go to an event and call for sensible gun reforms. More info at wearorange.org.
3. **Yard Signs:** Let's cover the city with: "Protect Lives, Not Guns". Place a yard sign in your own yard or invite a neighbor, friend, or relative to also place a yard sign. Take a yard sign to work with you. Proceeds from the sale of the yard signs will go towards future actions aimed at protecting lives. *If you cannot afford a sign, simply request one.* \$10 payable in cash or via bit.ly/smosgunsenseyardsign - contact Michael Sonntag at 314-776-0363 x1008 or msonntag@stmargaretstl.org for pickup.
4. **Gun Locks:** Be bold, before you send your child on a play-date ask if there are guns in that house and if they are locked securely away from the children. Gun locks can be easily acquired through Voices for Women and Isaiah 58 Ministries Juneteenth celebration, on June 19, from 10:00am to Noon. Also, you may pick one up for free from any of 20 BJC Healthcare locations or via the St. Louis Children's Hospital [Safety Stop](http://SafetyStop) website - no questions asked.
5. **Everytown/Moms Demand Action:** Sign up for alerts and advocacy opportunities with Everytown/Moms Demand Action. Go to momsdemandaction.org/act - choose an action. Send a letter immediately to your U.S. Representative with a simple form. Literally takes less than a minute. Send as often as you like!
6. **Call Your Senator:** Want to do something right now - **text FED UP to 644-33** - and you'll be connected immediately to your U.S. Representation - tell them you've had ENOUGH and want them to enact sensible gun legislation. Call often!
7. **St. Margaret of Scotland Advocacy Table:** Take a few moments each Sunday to visit our Advocacy Table and write a letter to our lawmakers on a variety of topics, including sensible gun legislation. Suggest topics for the Advocacy Table. Sign up to work at the Advocacy Table. Contact Juliann Hesel at livingjusticesmos@gmail.com.
8. **Archdiocese of St. Louis Gun Violence Summit:** July 29, 2023 from 9am-3pm. Put it on your calendar and commit to being present for this full day of faith-based conversations on the real and present threat that gun violence presents to all Missourians. Help us get the word out to other city parishes. Details about how to register are coming.
9. **Guns to Gardens:** Join us as we collaborate with other Catholic and Presbyterian congregations to develop and put into action a "buy" of guns to be melted down and used for gardening tools. Organizers needed. Intro event - "Blessing of the Saw" - is scheduled for Sat, June 10 at 1:00pm. The location will either be CVPA or Tower Grove Park. Contact Travis Winckler at travis.winckler@secondchurch.net for info. gunstogardens.org
10. **Flocknote:** Sign up to receive emails from the St. Margaret of Scotland Gun Sense: For the Common Good committee. Better yet, sign up to be on the committee and help organize our next big Call to Action. Text ENOUGH to 845-76 or go to smosstl.flocknote.com/gunsense to start getting involved!

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