



**March 11 - 17, 2024**

### **What's Happening**

**Supreme Court temporarily blocks new TX immigration enforcement law - NBC News**

**SCOTUS temporarily blocks TX immigration law, reversing 5th Circuit ruling - Texas Tribune**

**Judge upholds pgm that allows 30,000 migrants from 4 countries into US each month - NBC**

**Iowa House bill would block public aid to undocumented immigrants - The Gazette**

**With shelter evictions looming, migrants worry about access to housing, work permits - Chicago Sun Times**

**Migrant 'spring surge' underway, CBP sources say - Border Report**

**Illegal immigration would be state crime in Iowa under senate bill - Iowa Capital Dispatch**

**Tennessee sends national guard to the border - USA Today**

**Indians now third-largest group of undocumented immigrants in the US - Wash Post**

**Migration through South American's Darien Gap has resumed - NY Times**

**Arizona Gov vetoes GOP bill to usurp enforcement of fed'l immigration laws - AZ Mirror**

**Migrant drownings in Pacific Ocean soared after border wall expansion - Wash Post**

### **Action One: Prayer**

**Gracious God, we pray for all persons suffering from war. May they be held in your loving care and protection and given the strength to endure great suffering and hardship. Transform the hearts and minds of all those who perpetuate violence and oppression. Grant wisdom to world leaders in advancing efforts toward world peace; may they not be compromised by self-interest and blind indifference. We ask all this through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes and in the name of your Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen. (Catholic Health Assoc)**

### **Action Two: Calls/Letters**

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge your MOC to support and pass the Immigration Court Efficiency and Children's Court Act. <https://www.congressweb.com/GSNAC/341/>**

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell TX AG Paxton to stop your anti-immigrant, anti-religion attacks on Annunciation House. <https://act.faithfulamerica.org/sign/annunciation-house/?t=2&akid=9293%2E853384%2E4oetu8>**

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge your US Senator to pass bipartisan anti-trafficking legislation - <https://www.votervoice.net/JFI/Campaigns/112506/Respond>**

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Contact your MOC: Co-sponsor the End Solitary Confinement Act - <https://nrcat.salsalabs.org/esca-cosponsorship/index.html>**

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress you support immigration reform that respect religious liberty.** <https://www.voterve.net/JFI/Campaigns/110431/Respond>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to fund refugee and newcomer inclusion -** <https://cwsglobal.org/action-alerts/take-action-urge-congress-to-fund-refugee-newcomer-inclusion-and-restore-needed-services-for-ukrainian-and-afghan-neighbors/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=bf6255be-6ec9-4356-a9bd-241dfc6f3993>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell the Senate to defend asylum -** <https://www.maryknollogc.org/action/tell-senate-defend-asylum>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to invest in local communities' capacity to welcome refugees.** <https://cwsglobal.org/action-alerts/urgent-action-tell-congress-to-invest-in-local-communities-capacity-to-welcome-refugees/>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell your Senators to support meaningful, bipartisan immigration reform** <https://p2a.co/R7DD4en>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign the petition telling Biden to reunite immigrant families now.** <https://www.change.org/p/president-biden-please-reunite-families-now>

**NATIONAL LEVEL -Email your legislators urging them to protect family immigration.** <https://advancingjustice-aajc.quorum.us/campaign/43496/>

**NATIONAL LEVEL -- Reject billions to ICE and CBP and safeguard asylum.** <https://actionnetwork.org/letters/government-shutdown-averted>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Stop border militarization -** <https://afsc.org/action/take-action-stop-border-militarization>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign the petition - seeking asylum is a human right.** [https://actionnetwork.org/forms/sign-the-petition-seeking-asylum-is-a-human-right?source=2024Asylum\\_DK&redirect=https%3A%2F%2Fsecure.actblue.com%2Fdonate%2FdKil2024%3Frefcode%3D20240116SWAsylum&link\\_id=2&can\\_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email\\_referrer=email\\_2173391&email\\_subject=sign-if-you-agree-seeking-asylum-is-a-human-right-that-must-be-protected&refcodeEmailReferrer=email\\_2173391](https://actionnetwork.org/forms/sign-the-petition-seeking-asylum-is-a-human-right?source=2024Asylum_DK&redirect=https%3A%2F%2Fsecure.actblue.com%2Fdonate%2FdKil2024%3Frefcode%3D20240116SWAsylum&link_id=2&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email_referrer=email_2173391&email_subject=sign-if-you-agree-seeking-asylum-is-a-human-right-that-must-be-protected&refcodeEmailReferrer=email_2173391)

### **Action Three: Education**

**SCOTUS temporarily blocks TX immigration law, reversing 5th Circuit ruling -** <https://www.texastribune.org/2024/03/04/texas-sb4-illegal-immigration-law-5th-circuit-court-ruling/>

**7 things migrants should know about upcoming shelter evictions in Chicago -** [https://blockclubchicago.org/2024/03/08/7-things-migrants-should-know-about-upcoming-shelter-evictions/?utm\\_source=Newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=Activist+Neighbors+Donate+Their+%241+5+Million+Logan+Square+Homes&utm\\_campaign=Friday%2C+March+8%2C+2024+Morning+List](https://blockclubchicago.org/2024/03/08/7-things-migrants-should-know-about-upcoming-shelter-evictions/?utm_source=Newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Activist+Neighbors+Donate+Their+%241+5+Million+Logan+Square+Homes&utm_campaign=Friday%2C+March+8%2C+2024+Morning+List)

**Many Christians see immigration as 'crisis', but differ in methods to address it. -** <https://www.cbs17.com/news/ap-many-christian-voters-in-us-see-immigration-as-a-crisis-how-to-address-it-is-where-they-differ/>

**With shelter evictions looming, migrants worry about access to housing, work permits -** <https://chicago.suntimes.com/immigration/2024/03/09/with-shelter-evictions-looming-migrants-worry-about-access-to-housing-work-permits>

**Judge upholds program that allows 30,000 migrants from 4 countries into US each month -** <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/judge-upholds-program-allows-30000-migrants-4-countries-us-month-rcna142592>

### **Action Four: Action**

**ONGOING: BROADVIEW ONLINE FRIDAY ROSARY:** The Rosary prayer is conducted every Friday at 715 am CT for our immigrant sisters and brothers in detention, deportation and their families. The prayer is led by Sr JoAnn Persch, RSM and Pat Murphy, RSM. If anyone want to connect in Zoom or participate in person, they can contact Sr. JoAnn Persch at 773-597-5394 or [jpmsm2@gmail.com](mailto:jpmsm2@gmail.com)

**ICDI Monthly meetings:** Monthly meetings-first Thursday of every month at 12:00pm CT. These meetings begin with a small interfaith reflection and continue with our ICDI staff giving program updates. Register here: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwsde2spjotHtJBQ97mO9XQRns5BwjnisiJ>

**Action Five: Social Media: (@Sen/Rep)** The current immigration system is in desperate need of reform in order to meet the nation's societal, cultural, and economic needs. Work together now to get this done the right way.

**Thank you for your efforts!**