



**March 18 - 24, 2024**

### **What's Happening**

**Chicago slowly starting evicting migrants from shelters - Chicago Sun Times**

**US may use Guantanamo Bay migrant center to process Haitian migrants - CNN**

**Biden toughened asylum screening. It won't contain new border surge - Wash Post**

**Migrant children illegally selling candy on NY subways. NY isn't stopping them - NY Times**

**TX gov predicted donations would pay for busing migrants out of state, but he's collected less than 1% - CNN**

**Migrants lacking passports must now submit to facial recognition to board flights in US - AP**

**FL gov sends personnel to S. Florida to halt potential Haitian migrants - wtov9.com**

**ICE agents will start wearing body cameras in five US cities - NBC News**

**TX judge blocks AG's subpoena of Annunciation House - Texas Tribune**

**Fed'l judge rules migrant parole program may continue - Wash Post**

**Chicago paying millions to house migrants despite Catholic archdiocese offers of free rent - Chicago Sun Times**

### **Action One: Prayer**

**God of Justice, who calls us to uphold the dignity of every human being, every child of this earth, beloved of you: empower your Church to help you heal this terrible cycle of violence and revenge; give us courage to rise above our fear that nothing can be done in the face of the conflict and chaos of our own creating; grant us the conviction to advocate for change and to work for the establishment of your peace, your shalom, you salaam, in this broken world. For your dream of justice and peace on earth, and for us, that we may take up your call to build it, Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen. (excerpt from Prayer for the Holy Land**

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

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Call for health care screening and medical care. Protect the health and safety of migrants and all of Chicago. <https://form.iotform.com/240558774672064>**

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress - it's time to end child labor in the US now.**

**[https://action.greenamerica.org/page/65000/action/1?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=engagingnetworks&utm\\_campaign=EndChildLaborUS\\_Action\\_0324&utm\\_content=20240314+-+End+US+Child+Labor-+Core&ea.url.id=2400059&forwarded=true](https://action.greenamerica.org/page/65000/action/1?utm_medium=email&utm_source=engagingnetworks&utm_campaign=EndChildLaborUS_Action_0324&utm_content=20240314+-+End+US+Child+Labor-+Core&ea.url.id=2400059&forwarded=true)**

**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-aaic.quorum.us/campaign/43496/>

**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.voterve.net/JFI/Campaigns/112506/Respond>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Contact your MOC: Co-sponsor the End Solitary Confinement Act -**

<https://nr.cat.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://cwsqglobal.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 -- Reject billions to ICE and CBP**

<https://actionnetwork.org/letters/government-shutdown-averted>

**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%2Fdckl2024%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%2Fdckl2024%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

**Massachusetts starts pgm to help migrants exit emergency shelters -**

<https://fallriverreporter.com/healey-driscoll-administration-launches-new-partnership-to-help-families-in-emergency-shelters-find-housing-jobs/>

**Video offers glimpse of troubled US deportation flights -**

<https://www.propublica.org/article/seattle-boeing-field-ice-deportation-flights>

**Chicago paying millions to house migrants despite Catholic archdiocese offers of free rent**

<https://chicago.suntimes.com/immigration/2024/03/12/migrant-shelters-archdiocese-offers-brandon-johnson>

**How TX is challenging the Biden admin on border policy -**

<https://wapo.st/3TBhnte>

**Migrants in Chicago: A history of new arrivals -**

<https://www.wbez.org/stories/migrants-in-chicago-a-history-of-new-arrivals/f90802e6-dc55-41cf-b8b7-ec93c2a9af34>

**Mexico, US not keeping track of migrant drownings in Rio Grande -**

<https://www.texasmonthly.com/news-politics/migrants-drowning-rio-grande/>

### 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 [jpmrsm2@gmail.com](mailto:jpmrsm2@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/tZwsde2spjotHtJBQ97mO9XQRns5BwjnisjJ>

**Action Five: Social Media: (@Sen/Rep)** Reject any proposal that threatens to strip away asylum protections. Seeking asylum is a right & we must protect it. Support immigrants

**Thank you for your efforts!**