



**April 13 - 19, 2026**

## **What's Happening**

**Judge blocks deal allowing churches to endorse political candidates - WSJ**

**Pope Leo stmnts on Iran war and mass deportations inspire Am. cardinals to speak out - CBS**

**Next phase of immigration crackdown is quieter and more destabilizing - NY Times**

**WI to let DACA immigrants work as nurses, teachers, electricians - Urban Milwaukee**

**Trump admin cannot nix legal status of 5,000 Ethiopians, US judge rules - Reuters**

**Refugees face SNAP benefits cuts off - Chicago Sun Times**

**MN wins court fight over tuition benefits for undocumented students - CBS 19**

**Farmworkers more likely to receive visas than other immigrant workers - Axios**

**DHS pauses new immigrant warehouse purchases amid review of Noem-era contracts - AP**

**Trump orders Fed'l Govt to create eligible voters list - WSJ**

**Judge blocks Trump's termination of parole who legally entered US using CBP One app - ABC**

**Trump blames immigrants for housing shortage, HUD joins crackdown - Wash Post**

## **Action One: Prayer**

Dear God, give us the strength to stand in solidarity with those who are overlooked, the wisdom to choose inclusion over exclusion, and the courage to act with love even when it is difficult. Open our eyes to the ways we may unknowingly contribute to a culture that discards others and guide us to be instruments of healing and dignity. May we work together to build a world rooted in justice and compassion, one that honors your creation, uplifts the poor and marginalized, and protects the sacred rights of every person. Let our lives reflect your mercy and your call to care for one another. Amen (Author unknown)

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

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Investigate and shut down Trump's horrific ICE detention centers -**

<https://act.demandprogress.org/sign/ice-prisons-shut-down/?t=5&akid=34958%2E8294413%2EHDT7MI>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to end the cash-for-deportation scheme. [https://civicshout.com/p/tell-](https://civicshout.com/p/tell-congress-end-the-cash-for-deportation-scheme?ref=YCa8AXQ&answer%5Bfirst_name%5D=Benita&answer%5Blast_name%5D=Coffey%20OSB&answer%5Bemail%5D=lbrayerjpic2@gmail.com&answer%5Bzip_code%5D=606451913&answer%5Bphone%5D=)**

**congress-end-the-cash-for-deportation-scheme?ref=YCa8AXQ&answer%5Bfirst\_name%5D=Benita&answer%5Blast\_name%5D=Coffey%20OSB&answer%5Bemail%5D=lbrayerjpic2@gmail.com&answer%5Bzip\_code%5D=606451913&answer%5Bphone%5D=**

**NATIONAL LEVEL -Tell Congress to reject any budget packages that slash basic need pgms**

**to pay for ICE and Pentagon. [https://actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-congress-reject-any-budget-package-that-slashes-basic-needs-programs-to-pay-for-billions-of-dollars-for-ice-and-the-pentagon/?source=group-rfaction&referrer=group-rfaction&redirect=https://secure.actblue.com/donate/rfa\\_reject\\_war\\_over\\_needs\\_budget&link\\_id=1&can\\_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email\\_referrer=email\\_3178014&email\\_subject=tell-congress-to-reject-cuts-to-basic-needs-and-stop-funding-ice-expansion&refcodeEmailReferrer=email\\_3178014](https://actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-congress-reject-any-budget-package-that-slashes-basic-needs-programs-to-pay-for-billions-of-dollars-for-ice-and-the-pentagon/?source=group-rfaction&referrer=group-rfaction&redirect=https://secure.actblue.com/donate/rfa_reject_war_over_needs_budget&link_id=1&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email_referrer=email_3178014&email_subject=tell-congress-to-reject-cuts-to-basic-needs-and-stop-funding-ice-expansion&refcodeEmailReferrer=email_3178014)**

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress - no money for ICE warehouse prisons.**

[https://act.nilc.org/page/96346/action/1?supporter.appealCode=20260410\\_EG\\_WarehouseETT\\_NILC&ea.url.id=4834605&forwarded=true](https://act.nilc.org/page/96346/action/1?supporter.appealCode=20260410_EG_WarehouseETT_NILC&ea.url.id=4834605&forwarded=true)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Louisiana's notorious prison is being used for immigration detention. This immigration is cruel and must stop.** <https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/forms/take-action-louisianas-notorious-prison-is-being-used-for-immigration-detention>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell the Senate - vote NO on the Save Act.** <https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/forms/tell-congress-vote-no-on-the-save-act>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Stop the SAVE Act - defend the right to vote.** [https://actionnetwork.org/letters/stop-the-save-america-act-defend-the-right-to-vote/?source=group-united-for-democracy&referrer=group-united-for-democracy&redirect=https://secure.actblue.com/donate/sh-ufd-save-america-act&link\\_id=2&can\\_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email\\_referrer=email\\_3155145&&email\\_subject=tell-congress-stop-the-save-act&refcodeEmailReferrer=email\\_3155145](https://actionnetwork.org/letters/stop-the-save-america-act-defend-the-right-to-vote/?source=group-united-for-democracy&referrer=group-united-for-democracy&redirect=https://secure.actblue.com/donate/sh-ufd-save-america-act&link_id=2&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email_referrer=email_3155145&&email_subject=tell-congress-stop-the-save-act&refcodeEmailReferrer=email_3155145)

**NATIONAL LEVEL -Tell MOC to protect the legal right to seek asylum. Stop Trump from shutting the border to people fleeing from danger.** [https://civichout.com/p/don-t-let-trump-close-border-to-asylum-seekers/?link\\_id=2&can\\_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-tell-republican-california-gubernatorial-candidate-return-ballots-you-seized&email\\_referrer=email\\_3164379\\_subject\\_3645725&email\\_subject=sign-the-petition-dont-let-trump-close-the-border-to-asylum-seekers&&](https://civichout.com/p/don-t-let-trump-close-border-to-asylum-seekers/?link_id=2&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-tell-republican-california-gubernatorial-candidate-return-ballots-you-seized&email_referrer=email_3164379_subject_3645725&email_subject=sign-the-petition-dont-let-trump-close-the-border-to-asylum-seekers&&)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress NO funding for ICE and CBP** [https://act.nilc.org/page/95468/action/1?supporter.appealCode=20260318\\_EG\\_DHSETT\\_NILC&ea.url.id=4725446&forwarded=true](https://act.nilc.org/page/95468/action/1?supporter.appealCode=20260318_EG_DHSETT_NILC&ea.url.id=4725446&forwarded=true)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to ensure immigration enforcement respects human dignity and religious freedom for all-** <https://www.voterveice.net/USCCB/Campaigns/134634/Respond>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Trump to stop the election power grab** [https://actionnetwork.org/letters/stop-trumps-emergency-plot-to-take-over-elections/?source=direct\\_link&referrer=group-free-speech-for-people&redirect=https://3a%2f%2fsecure.actblue.com%2fdonate%2fcs-ja-trump-election-takeover&emci=9ebfb7d-011f-f111-9a48-000d3a14b640&emdi=57cf42cc-0b1f-f111-9a48-000d3a14b640&ceid=5256386](https://actionnetwork.org/letters/stop-trumps-emergency-plot-to-take-over-elections/?source=direct_link&referrer=group-free-speech-for-people&redirect=https://3a%2f%2fsecure.actblue.com%2fdonate%2fcs-ja-trump-election-takeover&emci=9ebfb7d-011f-f111-9a48-000d3a14b640&emdi=57cf42cc-0b1f-f111-9a48-000d3a14b640&ceid=5256386)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Google and YouTube to stop running ICE ads -** [https://actionnetwork.org/letters/google-stop-taking-money-from-ice/?source=group-demand-progress-3&referrer=group-demand-progress-3&redirect=https://3a%2f%2fsecure.actblue.com%2fdonate%2fend\\_google\\_youtube\\_ice\\_profiteering](https://actionnetwork.org/letters/google-stop-taking-money-from-ice/?source=group-demand-progress-3&referrer=group-demand-progress-3&redirect=https://3a%2f%2fsecure.actblue.com%2fdonate%2fend_google_youtube_ice_profiteering)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to keep ICE out of our classrooms -** [https://actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-congress-end-the-militarism-in-our-communities/?source=group-just-strategy&referrer=group-just-strategy&redirect=https://secure.actblue.com/donate/nc4j\\_end\\_militarism&link\\_id=1&can\\_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email\\_referrer=email\\_3133505&&email\\_subject=tell-congress-keep-ice-out-of-our-classrooms&refcodeEmailReferrer=email\\_3133505](https://actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-congress-end-the-militarism-in-our-communities/?source=group-just-strategy&referrer=group-just-strategy&redirect=https://secure.actblue.com/donate/nc4j_end_militarism&link_id=1&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email_referrer=email_3133505&&email_subject=tell-congress-keep-ice-out-of-our-classrooms&refcodeEmailReferrer=email_3133505)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Protect democracy - Tell your Senator to vote NO.** <https://cwsglobal.org/action-alerts/tell-congress-no-funding-for-lawless-immigration-enforcement/>

### **Action Three: Education**

**US third country deportation agreements are more about fear than numbers -** <https://www.migrationpolicy.org/news/us-third-country-deportation-agreements?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=27bd71c6-9170-42e8-b741-83217baf7177>

**In IL, a short term guardianship can help youth during ICE deportations -** <https://capitolnewsillinois.com/news/in-illinois-a-short-term-guardianship-can-help-youths-during-ice-deportations/>

**'Climate Refugees' do not exist as a concept but countries testing new approaches to offer protection** <https://www.migrationpolicy.org/article/climate-migration-law?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=4d2e9d53-a336-4cfe-8ab1-4a0806fc1ffe>

**ONGOING: BOADVIEW ONLINE FRIDAY ROSARY:** The Rosary prayer conducted every Friday for our immigrant sisters and brothers in detention, deportation and their families, is continuing at 7:15am via Zoom. Sister Rita Specht will be leading the rosary. Feel free to connect beginning at 7AM. Whenever possible, the online community will be connected and pray together with the group at Broadview. **BY VIDEO:** Click [link](#) to join via Zoom video. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83127670921?pwd=aHBRVStiUWxPUWxadiRgQkRXk3A4UT09> **BY PHONE (no changes):** Please Dial 1-312-626-6799 to join the Rosary only by phone. The Mtg ID is 831 2767 0921 and Mtg Password is 321321321

**ICDI Monthly meetings:** Monthly meetings-first Thursday of every month at 12:00pm CT. Meetings begin with a small interfaith reflection and continue with our ICDI staff giving pgm updates. Register here: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwsde2spjotHtJBQ97m09XQRns5Bwjnisij>

**Action Five: Social Media: (@Rep/Sen) Tell your MOC: No new funding for ICE and CBP. Vote "NO" until real reforms are in place.** **Thank you for your efforts!**