



**December 11 - 17, 2023**

### **What's Happening**

**US Senate heads into crucial week to strike deal on Ukraine, Border - WSJ**

**Migrants huddle in 'open air' US border camps - NBC News**

**Smugglers bring migrants to remote AZ border crossings, overwhelming US agents - AP**

**Migrant shelter at closed St. Bartholomew school expected to open next year - Chicago Sun Times**

**White House open to new asylum limits for Ukraine aid, source says - Reuters**

**Fed'l judge poised to prohibit separating migrant families at US border for 8 yrs - AP**

**As some US cities struggle with immigration, Pittsburg wants them - Wash Post**

**US imposes visa ban for extremist Israeli settlers - Time**

**Advocates want Biden to rein in Texas' immigration crackdown - NBC News**

**Mexico halts deportations and migrant transfers citing lack of funds - AP**

**WI bill give DACA recipients expanded education, employment access - Milwaukee Jrnl Sentinel**

### **Action One: Prayer**

**Merciful Jesus, those hurt and cast aside by society have always been especially welcomed by you. Help me be a friend and advocate for these whom you cherish; open my eyes to see the image of God in all. Send your Spirit to comfort those who have been rejected, feeding and strengthening them for the calling for which they were created. Grow us all in mercy. Amen (Author unknown)**

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

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to protect abused, abandoned immigrant children.**

<https://cwsglobal.org/action-alerts/take-action-urge-congress-to-protect-abused-abandoned-and-neglected-immigrant-children/>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell your Senators to support meaningful, bipartisan immigration reform**

<https://p2a.co/R7DD4en>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to pass the Afghan Adjustment Act to protect Afghans**

<https://cwsglobal.org/action-alerts/take-action-urge-congress-to-pass-the-afghan-adjustment-act-to-protect-afghans-at-risk/>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress that immigrants need lasting protection and pathway to citizenship.** <https://act.sojo.net/page/60182/petition/1?ea.url.id=2159777>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell your Senators to support the Afghan Adjustment Act.**

<https://lutheranimmigrationrefugeeservice.quorum.us/campaign/49442/>

**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 - 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 Congress to pass permanent protections for immigrant youth:**

[https://act.niic.org/page/46080/action/1?ea\\_tracking\\_id=web](https://act.niic.org/page/46080/action/1?ea_tracking_id=web)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Ask Biden/DHS Mayorkas to designate/ re-designate TPS for Ethiopia, Syria, Pakistan and Democratic Rep of the Congo.**

[https://act.niic.org/page/57272/petition/1?supporter\\_appeal\\_code=20230925\\_EG\\_Migration\\_NILC&ea.url.id=2009673&forwarded=true](https://act.niic.org/page/57272/petition/1?supporter_appeal_code=20230925_EG_Migration_NILC&ea.url.id=2009673&forwarded=true)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge the Biden admin and legislators to formally end family detention.**

<https://lutheranimmigrationrefugeeservice.quorum.us/campaign/46496/>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell DHS Mayorkas to fast track work permits for noncitizens.**

[https://secure.everyaction.com/iAPXBA-j\\_kGpcM1\\_fKLWZw2?emci=dc9b1342-ad51-ee11-9937-00224832e811&emdi=11684080-4052-ee11-9937-00224832e811&ceid=10679](https://secure.everyaction.com/iAPXBA-j_kGpcM1_fKLWZw2?emci=dc9b1342-ad51-ee11-9937-00224832e811&emdi=11684080-4052-ee11-9937-00224832e811&ceid=10679)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Send a letter. Demand Congress deliver a pathway to citizenship**

<https://unitedwedream.org/actions/send-a-letter-demand-congress-deliver-a-pathway-to-citizenship/?source=partner&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=f5aa46e-925e-4b8-4-b00a-e17dd1ffd05f>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to support asylum seeker work authorization act -**

[https://act.hias.org/page/54296/action/1?en\\_txn6=MR-EM-FY23-07-asylum\\_ban\\_2023-advo-full\\_file-1&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=EngagingNetworks&utm\\_campaign=230707\\_Asylum-Seeker-Work-Authorization\\_Action\\_Remainder&utm\\_content=230707+Asylum-Seeker-Work-Authorization+Action+Remainder&ea.url.id=1865401&forwarded=true](https://act.hias.org/page/54296/action/1?en_txn6=MR-EM-FY23-07-asylum_ban_2023-advo-full_file-1&utm_medium=email&utm_source=EngagingNetworks&utm_campaign=230707_Asylum-Seeker-Work-Authorization_Action_Remainder&utm_content=230707+Asylum-Seeker-Work-Authorization+Action+Remainder&ea.url.id=1865401&forwarded=true)

### **Action Three: Education**

**Where will migrants go when their 60-day shelter stays expire?**

<https://blockclubchicago.org/2023/12/05/where-will-migrants-go-when-their-60-day-shelter-stays-expire-volunteers-blast-citys-reckless-process/>

**Retirement without a net: The plight of America's Aging Farmworkers -**

[https://www.nytimes.com/2023/12/05/us/aging-undocumented-farmworkers.html?unlocked\\_article\\_code=1.Dk0.ZN9n.6FBZ6SDQRY3Q&hpgpr=ar-abar&smid=url-share](https://www.nytimes.com/2023/12/05/us/aging-undocumented-farmworkers.html?unlocked_article_code=1.Dk0.ZN9n.6FBZ6SDQRY3Q&hpgpr=ar-abar&smid=url-share)

**Poll: Voters want candidates who will 'restore order' to the border -**

<https://www.borderreport.com/immigration/poll-voters-want-candidates-who-will-restore-order-to-the-border/>

**WI bill give DACA recipients expanded education, employment access**

<https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/politics/2023/12/05/bill-seeks-expanded-education-employment-access-for-daca-recipients/71805300007/>

**Migrant children are a crisis for the US Coast Guard -** [https://www.nytimes.com/2023/12/06/magazine/us-coast-guard-children-detained.html?unlocked\\_article\\_code=1.EE0.xMNU.NE4o8YEA7ZWg&hpgpr=ar-abar&smid=url-share](https://www.nytimes.com/2023/12/06/magazine/us-coast-guard-children-detained.html?unlocked_article_code=1.EE0.xMNU.NE4o8YEA7ZWg&hpgpr=ar-abar&smid=url-share)

**As some US cities struggle with immigration, Pittsburg wants them -**

<https://wapo.st/3GFrZ2B>

**Braving 'La Bestia' -** <https://www.texasobserver.org/la-bestia-photos-jordan-vonderhaar/>

### **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: (@POTUS)** No matter what games politicians play to divide and distract us all – the truth remains that immigrants are essential and always will be.

**Thank you for your efforts!**