



August 14 - 20, 2023

What's Happening

1,300 migrants cross the AZ-Mexico border daily, despite record heat - NBC News

Families of migrants killed in detention cntr fire to receive \$8m each, govt says - CBS News

Biden wants housing program for migrants - Axios

Judge reject request to block FL law making it crime to drive people in the US illegally - CBS

Circular blades installed on Rio Grande buoys stirring controversy - The Week.com

TX separates migrant families, detaining fathers on trespassing charges - Herald Standard

Ukrainians move to N. Dakota for oil field jobs to help families facing war back home - AP

Lawsuits say ICE is illegally detaining men who won immigration cases - The Hill

Undocumented immigrants cannot legally drive in WI, harming daily industry - ProPublica

Action One: Prayer

Lord our God, may our hearts remain unshadowed, even when our lives seem to grow difficult and the future looks dark. Let us rest in the grace of knowing that you are always with us, no matter what sorrows or joys we experience. Help us to focus on you alone and not our trials and enemies. Protect us whenever we are tempted and have battles to fight. Help us to believe that through our prayers and acts of love and compassion, you can change the hearts of all. Bestow on us true faith and belief that justice will overcome. Amen. (Franciscan Action Network)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Biden to fight the cruelties of Operation Lone Star -

<https://cwsglobal.org/action-alerts/take-action-urge-president-biden-to-fight-the-cruelties-of-operation-lone-star/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Biden to abandon its inhumane and illegal efforts to obstruct asylum access - https://act.niic.org/page/55555/petition/1?supporter_appealCode=20230811_Asyllum_NILC&ea.url.id=1924622&forwarded=true

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge the Biden admin and legislators to formally end family detention. <https://lutheranimmigrationrefugeeservice.guorum.us/campaign/46496/>

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_Asyllum-Seeker-Work-Authorization_Action_Remainder&utm_content=230707+Asylum-Seeker-Work-Authorization+Action+Remainder&ea.url.id=1865401&forwarded=true

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to safeguard children in need and ensure communities have access to religious workers - <https://www.votervoice.net/JFI/Campaigns/106758/Respond>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Stand in solidarity with our Afghan neighbors - <https://www.votervoice.net/JFI/Campaigns/106755/Respond>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Take action - oppose proposed cuts to refugee funding. https://www.irsusa.org/take-action-to-oppose-proposed-cuts-to-refugee-funding/?utm_source=pardot&utm_medium=action-alert&utm_campaign=oppose-proposed-budget-cuts-2023

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge the admin and Congress to prioritize refugee resettlement. <https://lutheranimmigrationrefugeeservice.quorum.us/campaign/44866/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell President Biden to reunite refugee families now. <https://refugeerights.quorum.us/campaign/47496/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to pass the Afghan Adjustment Act to protect Afghans at risk - <https://cwsglobal.org/action-alerts/take-action-urge-congress-to-pass-the-afghan-adjustment-act-to-protect-afghans-at-risk/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to support the Vulnerable Immigrant Youth Act and ensure communities have access to immigrant religious workers - <https://www.votervoice.net/USCCB/Campaigns/106744/Respond>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell President Biden: No family detention. <https://actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-president-biden-no-family-detention>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Contact your MOC to co-sign the Lift Your Bar Act. https://act.niic.org/page/51422/action/1?supporter.appealCode=20230420_LTBA_NILC&ea.url.id=1730645&forwarded=true

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

Action Three: Education

Eagle Pass residents sour on TX gov's efforts to seal the border - <https://www.texastribune.org/2023/08/07/texas-border-eagle-pass-abbott-operation-lone-star/>

(Opinion) Two years later, Congress is failing the Afghan allies - <https://wapo.st/3Oj7Pik>

Biden vowed to reform immigration detention. Instead, private prisons benefited - <https://www.reuters.com/world/us/biden-vowed-reform-immigration-detention-instead-private-prisons-benefited-2023-08-07/>

Undocumented immigrants cannot legally drive in WI, harming daily industry = <https://www.propublica.org/article/wisconsin-dairy-undocumented-immigrants-drivers-licenses>

Some WI lawmakers have changed their minds about letting undocumented immigrants drive <https://www.propublica.org/article/wisconsin-immigration-driving-licenses-dairy-farms-politics>

Immigration U visa to help solve crimes, but backlog leaves immigrant victims at risk - <https://www.npr.org/2023/08/12/1193597303/a-visa-program-created-to-help-law-enforcement-solve-crimes-puts-immigrant-victi>

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

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) We have a lot of work to do to build a humane, functioning immigration system. And that starts with supporting immigrants' well-being & treating everyone with dignity and respect. **Thank you for your efforts!**