



**May 1 - 7, 2023**

### **What's Happening**

**FL GOP on verge of passing DeSantis-backed immigration bill - NBC News**

**Chicago needs more shelters and fedl money as thousands of migrants arrive- Block Club**

**US to set up migrant centers in Guatemala, Columbia ahead of Title 42 change - LA Times**

**News Biden plan will let people in Latin Am countries apply to legally enter US, Canada or Spain - Texas Trib**

**Congressional lawmakers studying exploitation of migrant children - NPR**

**FL lawmakers revise immigration bill criticized by religious leaders - Orlando Sentinel**

**FL school district sees sharp rise in immigrant students - NBC News**

**Increasing Minnesota's immigration rate could rebuild labor force - Star Tribune**

**Rescue of undocumented migrants shows rise in Minnesota, North Dakota border crossings - Star Beacon**

**ICE to test smartwatch-like tracking device for migrants facing deportation - CBS News**

**House GOP divided over immigration, advances border crackdown plan - NY Times**

**US sends first deportation flight to Cuba since 2020 - Reuters**

### **Action One: Prayer**

**Merciful God and Father of all, wake us from the slumber of indifference, open our eyes to their suffering, and free us from the insensitivity born of worldly comfort and self-centeredness. Inspire us, as nations, communities and individuals, to see that those who come to our shores are our brothers and sisters. May we share with them the blessings we have received from your hand, and recognize that together, as one human family, we are all migrants, journeying in hope to you, our true home, where every tear will be wiped away, where we will be at peace and safe in your embrace. Amen. (Author unknown)**

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

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

**NATIONAL LEVEL - End child labor. Expand asylum for unaccompanied migrant children.**

**[https://actionnetwork.org/forms/sign-the-petition-end-child-labor-in-america-expand-asylum-for-unaccompanied-migrant-children?source=2023EndChildLabor\\_ATV&referrer=group-acttv&redirect=https://secure.actblue.com/donate/actpatron-thankyou&link\\_id=2&can\\_id=9c91c4ee3a39a576c5260775feb6a9bc&email\\_referrer=email\\_1867205&email\\_subject=stop-child-labor&refcodeEmailReferrer=email\\_1867205](https://actionnetwork.org/forms/sign-the-petition-end-child-labor-in-america-expand-asylum-for-unaccompanied-migrant-children?source=2023EndChildLabor_ATV&referrer=group-acttv&redirect=https://secure.actblue.com/donate/actpatron-thankyou&link_id=2&can_id=9c91c4ee3a39a576c5260775feb6a9bc&email_referrer=email_1867205&email_subject=stop-child-labor&refcodeEmailReferrer=email_1867205)**

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Roll back the asylum ban - protect the right to asylum.**

**<https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/roll-back-the-asylum-ban-protect-the-right-to-asylum/?emci=3cd69ded-32bc-ed11-a8e0-00224832e811&emdi=9546c253-d0c4-ed11-a8e0-00224832e811&ceid=6321161>**

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign the petition to President Biden - No transit asylum ban.**

[https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/forms/sign-the-petition-to-president-biden-no-transit-asylum-ban?detail=emailaction%22&link\\_id=2&can\\_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-take-action-the-biden-admin-will-rush-through-the-comment-period-for-this-asylum-policy-7&email\\_referrer=email\\_1826270&email\\_subject=take-action-the-biden-admin-will-rush-through-the-comment-period-for-this-asylum-policy](https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/forms/sign-the-petition-to-president-biden-no-transit-asylum-ban?detail=emailaction%22&link_id=2&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-take-action-the-biden-admin-will-rush-through-the-comment-period-for-this-asylum-policy-7&email_referrer=email_1826270&email_subject=take-action-the-biden-admin-will-rush-through-the-comment-period-for-this-asylum-policy)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to defund hate and cut ICE and CBP funding NOW.**

[https://actionnetwork.org/letters/where-do-you-want-your-taxes-to-go?link\\_id=1&can\\_id=9c91c4ee3a39a576c5260775feb6a9bc&source=email-where-do-your-taxes-to-go&email\\_referrer=email\\_1884919&email\\_subject=where-do-your-taxes-go](https://actionnetwork.org/letters/where-do-you-want-your-taxes-to-go?link_id=1&can_id=9c91c4ee3a39a576c5260775feb6a9bc&source=email-where-do-your-taxes-to-go&email_referrer=email_1884919&email_subject=where-do-your-taxes-go)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Everyone deserves access to legal representation. Pledge your support.**

<https://secure.vera.org/a/access-to-legal-representation>

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

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

**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](https://act.niic.org/page/51422/action/1?supporter.appealCode=20230420_LTBA_NILC&ea.url.id=1730645&forwarded=true)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Let the Biden Admin know that it's wrong to support family detention.**

[https://actionnetwork.org/forms/sign-the-petition-to-president-biden-no-family-detention?source=2023FamilyDetention\\_MPC&referrer=group-mpower-change&redirect=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.mpowerchange.org](https://actionnetwork.org/forms/sign-the-petition-to-president-biden-no-family-detention?source=2023FamilyDetention_MPC&referrer=group-mpower-change&redirect=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.mpowerchange.org)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Joe Biden: Do not reinstate family detention.**

[https://actionnetwork.org/forms/tell-joe-biden-do-not-reinstate-family-detention?source=group-mijente&referrer=group-mijente&redirect=https%3a%2f%2fsecure.actblue.com%2fdonate%2fmijente-em-20230412&ms=20230412\\_email\\_actives&refcode=20230412\\_email\\_actives&utm\\_source=20230412\\_email\\_actives&sourceid=1003803&emci=af4af5b5-2cda-ed11-8e8b-00224832eb73&emdi=58a200bc-2cda-ed11-8e8b-00224832eb73&ceid=264787](https://actionnetwork.org/forms/tell-joe-biden-do-not-reinstate-family-detention?source=group-mijente&referrer=group-mijente&redirect=https%3a%2f%2fsecure.actblue.com%2fdonate%2fmijente-em-20230412&ms=20230412_email_actives&refcode=20230412_email_actives&utm_source=20230412_email_actives&sourceid=1003803&emci=af4af5b5-2cda-ed11-8e8b-00224832eb73&emdi=58a200bc-2cda-ed11-8e8b-00224832eb73&ceid=264787)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress - undocumented youth need protection from deportation.**

[https://actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-congress-undocumented-immigrant-youth-need-protection-from-deportations/?source=group-coalition-on-human-needs&redirect=https://secure.actblue.com/donate/protections\\_for\\_dreamers&link\\_id=1&can\\_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email\\_referrer=email\\_1826270&email\\_subject=take-action-the-biden-admin-will-rush-through-the-comment-period-for-this-asylum-policy](https://actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-congress-undocumented-immigrant-youth-need-protection-from-deportations/?source=group-coalition-on-human-needs&redirect=https://secure.actblue.com/donate/protections_for_dreamers&link_id=1&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email_referrer=email_1826270&email_subject=take-action-the-biden-admin-will-rush-through-the-comment-period-for-this-asylum-policy)

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<https://actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-president-biden-no-family-detention>

**Action Three: Education**

**ICE to test smartwatch-like tracking device for migrants facing deportation -**

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/ice-smartwatch-tracking-device-migrants-deportation/>

**US bishops urge officials to tackle root causes of border crisis -**

<https://cruxnow.com/church-in-the-usa/2023/04/u-s-bishops-urge-officials-to-tackle-root-causes-of-border-crisis>

**US takes new steps to reduce migrant arrivals when Title 42 ends -**

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/immigration-title-42-migrant-centers-latin-america-deportations/>

**Unaccompanied migrant children face unique health care challenges -**

<https://www.texastribune.org/2023/04/26/texas-immigrant-children-health/>

**How a restaurant is helping diners think deeply about immigrant culture and food -**

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/how-a-restaurant-is-helping-diners-think-deeply-about-immigrant-culture-and-food>

**A pragmatic bet: the evolution of Spain's immigration system -**

<https://www.migrationpolicy.org/article/spain-immigration-system-evolution?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=a1fcdaaa-93ef-4a35-9397-e325534c6592>

**Action Four: Action**

**ONGOING: BROADVIEW ONLINE FRIDAY ROSARY:** The Rosary prayer is conducted every Friday at 7:15 a.m. 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 you are interested in participating, email [kdonayre@icdichicago.org](mailto:kdonayre@icdichicago.org) to be added to the emailing list.

**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)** All workers deserve access to fair wages, healthcare, safe working conditions and a pathway to citizenship. Every single worker deserves dignity and justice in the workplace. **Thank you for your efforts!**