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What's Happening

Immigration tripled in top US counties even as many of them lost population - NY Times

Immigrants suing Adelanto ICE operations company claim they were sprayed with toxic chemicals - abc7.com

Afghans resettled in US fear being sent back as pathways to legal status stall in Congress - The Guardian

Bodies of 8 migrants found in river along US-Canadian border - NY Times

US border policies have created a backup of migrants in Mexico - NY Times

Biden immigration plan could force asylum officers to break law, union warns - LA Times

Misinformation fuels false hope of entering the US - NBC News

Supreme Court hears free speech challenge to portion of immigration law - Wash Post

IL Sec of state backs proposal allowing noncitizens to receive standard driver's licenses - Capitol News Illinois

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Action One: Prayer

Good and gracious God, we ask that you provide special protection for all families, particularly those who must leave their ancestral homes because the land can no longer sustain the members of the community. Be with them in their hardships as they move in search of a better life. Show mercy to those who travel in danger, and lead them to places of safety and peace. Comfort those who are alone and afraid because their families have been torn apart by changing weather patterns, altered landscapes and natural disasters. Help us to remember the suffering of all migrant families and to open our hearts so that we may provide hospitality to our sisters and brothers in search of refuge. Give us the courage to welcome every stranger as Christ in our midst. We ask this in your name. Amen. (Catholic Health)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

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 - Urge Congress to pass the Dream Act of 2023 and provide permanent legal protections for Dreamers. <https://p2a.co/69W1yUH>

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

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

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Biden: allow entry to families denied by Trump's Muslim and African bans - <https://actionnetwork.org/forms/sign-the-petition-to-president-biden-allow-entry-to-families-denied-by-trumps-muslim-and-african-bans/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Biden admin to put the safety of migrant children at the forefront.
<https://p2a.co/d0HUxXB>

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

Action Three: Education

Pope welcomes organization rescuing migrants at sea - <https://cruznow.com/church-in-europe/2023/03/italy-faces-new-migrant-records-pope-welcomes-controversial-ngo>

Lawsuit claims detainees 'poisoned' by cleaning chemicals - <https://wapo.st/3Kd2N6q>

Sen. Padilla holds hearing to booster US refugee admissions -
<https://www.forbes.com/sites/stuartanderson/2023/03/23/senator-padilla-holds-hearing-to-bolster-us-refugee-admissions/?sh=6a2fa7c52f94>

Supreme Court probes law that bars encouraging illegal immigration -
<https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/supreme-court/supreme-court-probes-law-bars-encouraging-illegal-immigration-rcna76516>

How the Right's "Open Borders" Myth might be fueling the immigration crisis -
https://www.vanityfair.com/news/2023/03/open-borders-myth-fueling-migration-crisis?fbclid=IwAR0dN-HTkLqy3vG4GN5OdbM7oH_p9GWtar9XEQ37UG33oN7n7zdOXdRkLv4

Virtual wall: How the US plans to boost surveillance at the southern border -
<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2023/apr/03/us-mexico-border-surveillance-towers-customs-border-protection>

These Ukrainians arrived under a Biden program. They ended up homeless.
https://www.nytimes.com/2023/04/02/nyregion/ukraine-refugees-homeless.html?unlocked_article_code=sK0Flw3GDu4aqlx7v6kdnBSRil0PaEm8Bu_fPrGroLu1_k29qCMOqq0- u14Cbl7YBnk1w7Xxz2kRuwnHH3E30KcVrLPZE8qL-7Hb5CnBrGXBVu6lctqJYJlB81JvD_xeBlqoUJhqZu6t4Qx.JSDagc6fj0iyROlfj2aeDqD3Sh9R1vqK18WQMSjvg5ukx_ThOgDcopID8HBFxSLTr7xk_CvZfC-JtztGXGMmfNG72lasynSvpdB4alNW2JnvvVbl19J3Ti4b3L0E6zizG8R_B3Kka1pzY1uEFVI5ucYyxR0jiecCAnYMGf210PuzlazzNQ-B9Y8ho8k632qTIXEurJdsKt2U&smid=url-share

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 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/tZwsde2spjotHtJBQ97mO9XQRns5Bwjnisj>

Action Five: Social Media: (@POTUS) No one should be detained for seeking safety. Reviving family detention is unconscionable. The Biden administration already discontinued this inhumane policy. You must keep it that way. **Thank you for your efforts!**