

Weekend of September 7-8, 2013 Events, Activities and Catholic Masses in Support of Immigration Reform

September

- 7 Diocese of El Paso: 3 P.M. – [*Strangers No Longer Pilgrimage and the TEX-MEX Bishops Solidarity Prayer Service*](#), at the end of Anapara Rd. in Sundland Park.
- Diocese of Gaylord, MI: 8:00 P.M. – *Mass for Immigration Reform* at St. Wenceslaus Church in Gills Pier, MI.
- Archdiocese of Hartford, CT: [*Parish Pilgrimages for Immigration Reform*](#)
9:30 A.M. – Sacred Heart Church (13 Wolcott St., Waterbury)
Noon – St. Margaret Church (289 Willow St., Waterbury)
- Archdiocese of Miami: Noon – *Immigration Rosary* at St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Parish in Pembroke Pines, FL.
- 8 Archdiocese of Anchorage: Archbishop Roger L. Schwietz will mention immigration in his homily at a Mass he is officiating.
- Diocese of Arlington, VA: Bishop Paul Loverde has asked pastors in the diocese to talk about immigration at Masses during the weekend.
- Holy Family Catholic Parish in Dale City, VA and St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Arlington, VA are having a *Mass for immigrants* during the weekend.
- Diocese of Brooklyn: 9:30 A.M. – *Immigration Mass*, Our Lady of Sorrows Parish (104-11 37th Ave. Corona, NY).
10:30 A.M. – *Immigration Mass* at Immaculate Conception Parish in Astoria, Queens
Noon – *Immigration Mass* (Spanish) at Immaculate Conception Parish in Astoria, Queens.
- Diocese of Buffalo: At the request of Bishop Richard Malone, concern for immigrants must be mentioned at all Masses this weekend.
- Archdiocese of Cincinnati: 10 A.M. – [*Mass for Immigration Reform*](#), Holy Family Church (814 Hawthorne Ave.)
- Diocese of Green Bay: 9 A.M. – Mass on [*Immigration Sunday*](#), St. Therese Church (213 E Wisconsin Ave., Appleton).
- Archdiocese of Hartford, CT: [*Parish Pilgrimage and Mass for Immigration Reform*](#)
9:45 A.M. – Pilgrimage at Our Lady of Sorrows Church (739 New Park Ave., Hartford).
11:30 A.M. – Mass at St. Augustine Church (10 Campfield Ave., Hartford).
- Archdiocese of Indianapolis: 3.P.M – [*Prayer for Citizenship*](#), St. Monica Catholic Church (6131 N. Michigan Rd.)
- Archdiocese of Kansas City, KS: Archbishop Joseph Nauman asked his priests to speak on immigration at the Sunday Masses.
- Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, MO: St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church is having a *Mass for immigrants*.
- Archdiocese of Los Angeles: Archbishop Jose Gomez has asked every parish (288 in all) in the Archdiocese to have a special *Mass for Immigration Reform* this weekend. If this does not fit into the parish schedule, parishes are asked to celebrate a special mass for this intention sometime in September.
- Archdiocese of Miami is having a *Mass for immigrants*.
- Diocese of Raleigh, NC: St. Francis Catholic Church is having a *Mass for immigrants*.
- Diocese of Richmond, VA: Bishop Francis DiLorenzo has asked pastors in the diocese to talk about immigration at Masses during the weekend.
- Diocese of Salt Lake City: [*Prayer Walk and Mass*](#)
4 P.M. – Prayer Walk begins at the parking lot of the St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen (235 S. Rio Grande St.)
6 P.M. – Walk ends and Mass starts at Cathedral of the Madeleine (309 E. South Temple).
All homilies at the Cathedral will focus on the theme of immigration and the need for immigration reform in the United States.

Archdiocese of San Antonio: 8 A.M. – [Special Mass for Immigrant Families](#), San Fernando Cathedral (115 Main Plaza, San Antonio). Mass will be televised.

Archdiocese of San Francisco: With the support of [Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone](#), many Catholics will hear about immigration during Mass. Some Catholics will also participate in a Kern County phone bank event later that day and aimed at Members of Congress.

Diocese of Scranton: 11:30 A.M. – Special bilingual [Mass for Immigrants and Immigrant Families](#) at St. John Neumann Parish (633 Orchard St.)

Diocese of Sioux City, IA: [Bishop Walter Nickless](#) encourages priests to use homilies, newsletters, and other efforts to advocate path to citizenship for undocumented.

Diocese of St. Cloud, MN: St. Leonard's Parish in Pelican Rapids, MN will highlight immigration issues at the weekend Masses.

Diocese of Syracuse will have a *Mass for immigrants*.

Washington State Conference of Catholic Bishops (WSCC): Parishes in the Archdiocese of Seattle and Dioceses of Yakima and Spokane requested by their bishops to include the [WSCC statement on immigration reform](#) in their bulletins for distribution after weekend Masses.

Sisters of Christian Charity, Mendham, NJ: *Immigrant prayers for the faithful* at the community's Sunday Mass.

September, October and November 2013 Events, Activities and Catholic Masses in Support of Immigration Reform

Multiple day events

August – September	Diocese of Reno: A radio commercial recorded by Friar Francisco Nahoe, director of Saint Thomas Aquinas Cathedral, asks listeners to call U.S. Rep. Mark Amodei to urge him to support a path to citizenship.
August 27 – September 7	Diocese of El Paso: Strangers No Longer Pilgrimage of Prayer and Action (various parishes)
August 15 – September 23	Archdiocese of Chicago: 40-day Campaign of Prayer, Fasting and Action (various parishes) Diocese of Knoxville: 40-day Vigil for Immigration Reform (various parishes)

September

- 1 Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, Archbishop Emeritus of Washington, op-ed in the Washington Post: [Bring undocumented workers out of the shadows](#)
Archbishop Thomas Wenske writing in the Miami Herald: [Immigration is a moral issue](#)
- 2 The Pilgrimage for a Pathway to Citizenship ends in Bakersfield, CA, 21 days after it was launched with [a blessing by Bishop Jaime Soto](#) of the Diocese of Sacramento.
- 3 Pennsylvania Conference of Catholic Bishops releases statement on immigration reform: [A Call for Fair and Realistic Immigration Reform](#)
Diocese of Little Rock: [Bishop Anthony Taylor writes letter to all Arkansans](#) to encourage them to contact the state's U.S. Representatives to support comprehensive immigration reform.
Archdiocese of St. Louis: Archbishop Robert Carlson to tape 3-minute video on immigration reform for use by the all archdiocesan offices and parishes.

- 4 Minnesota Conference of Catholic Bishops: 2 P.M. – [A Discussion on Faith and Federal Immigration Reform](#), hosted by Archbishop John Nienstedt, Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis (University of St. Thomas School of Law, Schulze Grand Atrium, 1000 La Salle Ave., Minneapolis).
- Archdiocese of San Francisco: Noon – [Citizenship and DACA Resources Fair](#) sponsored by Catholic Charities CYO at City College of San Francisco, Mission Campus, 1125 Valencia St. - Room 109.
- Mercy Center, St. Louis, MO: 12:15 P.M. – *Fasting and prayer service in support of immigration reform* (2039 N. Geyer Rd.)
- 5 Diocese of Cleveland: 5 P.M. – [Pilgrimage for Immigration Reform](#), Saint Mary Parish (242 N. State St., Painesville).
- Diocese of Nashville: 6:30 P.M. – Forum on Immigration: *Crossing Borders: Migration, Theology, and the Human Journey* at St. Henry Church (6401 Harding Rd.).
- Diocese of Winona, MN: 7:00 – Bishop John Quinn is hosting and leading an *interfaith prayer service* at St. John's Catholic Church in Rochester, MN.
- 6 Archdiocese of Los Angeles: Archbishop Jose Gomez Op-Ed in the Wall Street Journal.
- Archdiocese of New York: Cardinal Timothy Dolan Op-Ed in the New York Daily News.
- Diocese of Cleveland: 3 P.M. – [Prayer vigil and procession for immigration reform](#) at 110 Cottage Street, Ashland, OH.
- Diocese of Evansville: 6:30 P.M. – *Bilingual Prayer Service* at the Sisters of St. Benedict (802 E. Tenth St., Ferdinand, IN).
- 9 Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth, KS: *Special Mass for immigration reform* at the community's Mother House.
- 10 Diocese of Evansville, IN: 6:30 P.M. – *Advocacy for Justice for Immigrants*, Nativity Church (3635 Pollack Ave.)
- 11 Sisters of IHM, Scranton, PA: IHM community offering *special prayers for Immigration Reform* at their monthly prayer event; public is welcome.
- 14 Archdiocese of Atlanta: 10 A.M. – [Immigration workshop](#) sponsored by the Archdiocesan Justice & Peace Ministries and Georgia Catholic Conference, St. Andrew Church (675 Riverside Drive, Roswell, GA).
- 15 Archdiocese of Chicago: *Mass for immigration reform* at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church (4640 N. Ashland Ave.)
- Archdiocese of St. Louis: 7 P.M. – [Catholic Conversations on Immigration](#), Immaculate Conception Parish Center (2300 Church Rd., Arnold, MO).
- Diocese of Youngstown, OH: 5:30 P.M. – Bishop George Murray will celebrate *Mass at the Hartville Migrant Camp* in Hartville, OH.
- 18 Diocese of Evansville, IN: 6:30 P.M. – *Bilingual Prayer Service and Action for Immigration Reform*, Nativity Church (3635 Pollack Ave.)
- 19-21 *Joint pilgrimage* by the Dioceses of Arlington and Richmond, VA.
- 21 Diocese of Arlington, VA: 9 A.M. – *Annual Diocesan Peace and Justice Commission Conference: [The Challenge of Labor in Light of Immigration Policy](#)* at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church (3304 N. Washington Blvd., Arlington, VA).
- 21-22 Diocese of Syracuse: Immigration Masses at St. Francis Catholic Church in Binghamton, NY.
- 22 Diocese of Camden: *Pilgrimage for Citizenship* (details to be announced later).
- Diocese of Richmond, VA: 1:00 P.M. – *Mass for immigrants* at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Harrisonburg, VA.
- 23-27 Gwynedd-Mercy College, Gwynedd Valley, PA: [Widening the Circle: Stories of Emigration and Immigration](#) at the Julia Ball Auditorium.

- 26 Diocese of Charleston, SC: 1:00 P.M. – *Justice for Immigrants advocacy postcard delivery* to the district office of U.S. Representative Trey Gowdy (104 S. Main Street, Suite 801, Greenville, SC).
- 28-29 Archdiocese of St. Louis: *Immigration Weekend* – every pastor will receive a letter with JFI materials and be asked by Archbishop Robert Carlson to preach on immigration.
- 29 Diocese of Rockville Center, NY and Sisters of St. Joseph, Brentwood, NY: *Pilgrimage for Immigration Reform* (details to be announced later).
- 30 Prayerful visits to their Members of Congress by representatives of the Dioceses of Richmond and Arlington, VA.

September date to be determined for a pilgrimage/event in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

October

- 5 Archdiocese of St. Louis: *Pilgrimage for Immigration Reform* (details to be announced later).
- 6 Diocese of Tucson (partnering with Pima County Interfaith Council): Community Issues Accountability Session at Sacred Heart Catholic Church (601 E. Ft. Lowell).
- 11 Diocese of Trenton, NJ: 12:15 P.M. – [*Mass for Justice for Immigrants*](#), Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption (151 N. Warren St., Trenton).
- 12 Diocese of St. Petersburg: 11 A.M. – Special [*Hispanic Mass*](#), Nativity Catholic Church (705 E. Brandon Blvd., Brandon, FL).
- 13 Diocese of Metuchen, NJ: *Immigration Roundtable* with Faith, Business and Labor Leaders (details to be announced later).
- 14 Diocese of Fall River, MA: Procession for Peace (details to be announced later).
- Diocese of St. Petersburg, FL: 7. P.M. – [*Candlelight Prayer Vigil for Immigration Reform*](#), Sacred Heart Catholic Church (509 N. Florida Ave., Tampa).
- 18 Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth, KS: *Special Mass for immigration reform* at the community's Mother House.
- 19 Archdiocese of Chicago: [*Archdiocesan Pilgrimage for Immigration Reform*](#) (details to be announced later).

October dates still to be determined for pilgrimages and events in the Dioceses of Joliet (IL) and Pittsburg.

November

- 3 Diocese of Oakland, CA: Bishop Michael Barber to preside over the Confirmations of 16 immigrant women detained at the Federal Women's Prison in Dublin, CA.