

Good News for the Advent Season!

ICSJ To Co-Sponsor New Family With St Teresa of Avila

This Christmas Season, we will not only be waiting and preparing for the arrival of Our Lord and Savior but also a new refugee family—a widowed mom and her 14 year-old boy and 8 year-old girl—that ICSJ will be co-sponsoring with our Sister Parish, St Terese of Avila!

Our welcoming of refugees into our City this December is especially appropriate as The Holy Family, fleeing into Egypt after the birth of Jesus, is the archetype of every refugee family. In the words of Pope Francis: "Mary and Joseph, for whom there was no room, are the first to embrace the One who comes to give all of us our document of citizenship. The One who in his poverty and humility proclaims and shows that true power and authentic freedom are shown in honoring and assisting the weak and frail."

Catholic Charities has provided us with a list of necessary items, below, to help furnish the apartment where the family will be living. If you can provide one or more of the items, please contact Angela Gore in the Parish Office (agore@icsjparish.org or 312-787-7174) so we can keep track of the items. Gently used items would be acceptable in some cases. Thank you!

Help Welcome Our New Family Catholic Charities has provided a list of items to help furnish their apartment FOR THE KITCHEN 6 Drinking Glasses 3-4 Knives of Various Sizes Tall Kitchen Trashcan/Bags Mixing Bowls Set Can Opener Aluminum Foil Various Pots and Pans **Cutting Board** Plastic Wrap Various Cooking Utensils 3 Sets of Kitchen Towels ☐ Paper Towels Dishwashing Soap/Sponges Measuring Spoons/Cups **BEYOND THE KITCHEN** All-Purpose Cleaning Spray Laundry Soap Small Tool Kit Scouring Powder Broom & Dust Pan Light Bulbs (Various Watts) **Toilet Brush** Mop & Bucket Collapsible Shopping Cart Laundry Basket