

## A Message from the ICSJ Parish Refugee Effort Committee

“Anyone who welcomes a child on my behalf welcomes me.”

Do you remember Mark’s story in the New Testament, when the crowds were bringing their young children to Jesus so he could touch them? But the disciples were doing their best to keep them away...until Jesus saw what they were doing and was very irritated. “Let the little children come to me; do not hinder them,” he chastised his apostles. And he took the little boys and girls up in his arms, hugged and blessed them.

Well, here is your chance to virtually hug one of those “Little Ones.” One of our more recent refugee families (from Burundi, a small country on the African continent) have only one child—a young boy named Ryan who just turned 10—who

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was born with cerebral palsy so acute that he can hardly see or hear. But he was recently fitted with special hearing aids and the doctors are hoping this will enable him to hear words and thus slowly learn to speak. Ryan spends his day in a specially made wheel chair but always needs assistance, so

his parents split work shifts in order for one of them to always be with him.

But it now appears Ryan is going to have a baby sister at the end of March. And the family is in need of—well, almost everything.

A crib. A stroller. A car seat. Clothes. Diapers. Baby toys. PLUS: for the first time, the family has asked for something for Ryan—a tablet that the doctors are hoping might help him increase his limited functionality.

So that as many of you as possible can join this virtual “baby shower,” we’ve created an “Amazon Registry” (an idea borrowed from a neighboring parish) featuring a curated list of items the family will need for the baby, plus a few items for their apartment. Anything you purchase there will be mailed directly to the family. Just use the QR code or link at the right. Thank you for your generosity!



Visit our special Amazon Gift Registry to shop for the baby shower!

Select from a curated list of items for the baby and family **INCLUDING a much-needed tablet for big-brother Ryan!**

Use the QR code below or visit [rebrand.ly/ICSJ-Registry](https://rebrand.ly/ICSJ-Registry)

