

January 8, 2022

Dear Parishioners:

As you may recall, the St. Ignatius Loyola parish community is once again sponsoring a refugee family. The Gill family is originally from Pakistan, but will be coming to us after several years in a refugee camp in Thailand.

We are happy to announce that members of the family are scheduled to arrive beginning January 26th. As expected, the family of six adults (mother, father, two sons, daughter, and son-in-law) will require housing, clothing, and much more. Fortunately, we are close to securing housing and we are now in a position to receive specific donations from our community and prepare the house for the family's arrival.

If you are able to support our efforts and are interested in contributing, please refer to the attached **Refugee Family Donation List** for the items needed. Given health and safety concerns and suggested guidelines, all 'soft' items (mattresses, bedding, clothing, etc.) must be new. All other items can be gently used. Our parish community has always responded with incredible generosity to such requests and we anticipate that there will be many individuals or families eager to donate. If you do not have any items to donate at this point, we are grateful for donations of cash or gift cards.

If there is an item from the list that you would like to donate, please email the St. Ignatius Loyola Refugee Family Committee (loyolarefugeecomm@gmail.com) **first** to indicate your intention and await a confirmation email from a committee member before proceeding to purchase or drop off your donation. In your email please include the following:

- the listed item you want to donate;
- your full name; and
- a contact number (cell number preferred).

The email account will be monitored daily and a member of the committee will reply to incoming emails in a timely manner. We will be checking the messages each morning, afternoon and evening, so please be patient if your message is not confirmed immediately. You will be contacted regarding confirmation of donation and when/how to drop it off.

Additionally, a committee member will be in the Parish Hall on after masses on the weekends of January 15/16 and January 22/23 if you would like to take a look at a current list and commit to a donation.

We thank you in advance for your continued compassion, support and generosity.

God Bless,

Michelle Kolozetti, Chair
St. Ignatius Loyola Refugee Family Committee