

Urgent request for new refugees

This week the Refugee Working Group received a call from Lutheran Social Services for help in setting up apartments for families arriving in Minnesota within the next few weeks. Through our partnership with LSS we have the opportunity to welcome these families as they make their way through the grief, loss, and hope that accompanies displacement.

The weekend of April 1 and 2, (Palm Sunday) members of the committee will be available for 30 minutes before and after each Mass to collect items for a CLEANING KIT.

NO ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED IN THE PARISH AFTER 12:30 PM APRIL 2.

This is an urgent request and we are acting upon it in a very specific way. Please donate only those items listed. If you cannot drop off these items this weekend, don't worry. We hope to have many more opportunities to help in setting up these new households in the future.

CLEANING KIT

Broom/dust pan
Mop/bucket
2-4 sponges
1 scrub brush
1 bottle multi-purpose cleaner
1 large bottle dish soap
1 large bottle laundry detergent
Dish towel and rag
Toilet brush and plunger

Cleaning kits can be packed in a bonus laundry basket.

Furnishings

LSS has also asked for certain furnishings in their effort to make families feel welcome and comfortable. If you have any of the furniture listed below that you could donate, please contact Kathryn Lien at kathrynannlien@gmail.com. Please consider donating only gently used items. Items needed include:

- mattress and box spring
- bed frame
- one set of drawers or other unit appropriate for storage of clothing per family
- lamps
- kitchen table and chairs
- one place setting of dishes and tableware per person

Cash donations are always welcome. If you have a vehicle that can transfer these furnishings, please let us know when you would be available to take them to LSS headquarters.