



FOR CHILDREN WHO WISH
FOR JUST ONE GIFT

This year our parish will, again, be participating in the Box of Joy ministry, a Christmas gift outreach organized by local Catholic schools, parishes, and groups nationwide. By packing Boxes of Joy with toys and other gifts, your family will bless a child suffering from extreme poverty by sharing the joy of Christmas and planting seeds of hope through the

Gospel. We have set a goal to bless **110** impoverished children in Latin America!

Anyone interested can take home as many empty Boxes of Joy and one brochure. Fill out the brochure and be sure to include the \$9/box fee to transport each Box of Joy from our community to Latin America. Checks should be written out to Cross Catholic Outreach! This year if you fill multiple boxes you only have to fill out ONE envelope and include ONE check written out for all your \$9 fees. (example: if you fill 6 Boxes of Joy, fill out one envelope and include \$54 (\$9 x 6) for shipping. Another option is to pay the \$9 fee per box online at boxofjoy.org/donate.

You will choose the gender and age range of the child you want to bless. Have fun on your family shopping spree to personally select the items you feel a special boy or girl would really like! Please see the gift ideas on the display board or in the brochure. Be sure to pay attention to the items that are not allowed to be shipped internationally.

The deadline for turning in Boxes of Joy will be **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2022.** We encourage every family to pack a Box of Joy! For more information, please contact the office or check out boxofjoy.org.



GIFT IDEAS

KEY REMINDERS

1. Use the provided gift box or any shoebox (approximately 12" x 5").
2. A \$9 donation is required and must be provided for each Box of Joy being sent. Families may submit one envelope with a consolidated donation amount if they are sending multiple boxes of joy **or give online at boxofjoy.org**. ****This is the preferred way to give!****
3. Secure the lid with a rubber band (no tape, please). Please do not place donation inside the Box of Joy.



PERSONAL NOTES & PHOTOS

We encourage you to enclose a personal note or a handmade Christmas card and share a photo of yourself or your family. (It is advisable for parents or teachers to review notes written by children.)

TOYS

- Deflated soccer balls with pump*
- Mini puzzle
- Binoculars
- Harmonica, kazoo or other small instrument
- Jump rope
- Yo-yo
- Dolls*
- Craft kit (beads, elastic, etc.)

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pencils
- Pencil sharpener
- Erasers
- Pencil case
- Crayons***
- Ruler
- Coloring book***
- Notepads
- Stickers

HYGIENE ITEMS

- Toothbrush/Toothpaste
- Bar soap
- Comb/Brush
- Manicure kit

HARD CANDY & GUM

- Please seal in a zip closure-style bag**
- No chocolates**
- No Jolly Ranchers**

APPAREL

- Socks
- Shorts
- Underwear
- T-shirts***
- Flip-flops
- Hats

ACCESSORIES

- Watch
- Sunglasses***
- Jewelry
- Hair accessories
- Cross or rosary

USEFUL ITEMS

- Sewing kit
- LED flashlight
- Drawstring bag***

DO NOT PACK

Food or Beverages • Medicines or Vitamins • Liquids (shampoo, nail polish, etc.) • Gels (hand sanitizer, etc.)
Jolly Ranchers or Chocolates • Military or Police Toys • Toy Weapons • Glass or Breakables • Knives or Tools

*Highly Desired Items



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