

Box of Joy

A few of our ministries are joining forces to bring a new outreach opportunity to our parish community. Our new family ministry, our youth ministry, and our VBS Committee have come together to offer the Cross Catholic Outreach Box of Joy project this summer. They send these boxes to impoverished children in different countries at Christmas time.

Please see the image for a bit more details and items we are collecting. Our families will be given the opportunity to fill a box together as a family or donate items to bring during VBS. We are also collecting items to fill other boxes later.

We will be collecting items for **ONE week only, Thursday, July 16 through Thursday, July 23**, which overlaps VBS week. You will be able to drop items off in bins available at VBS, in the parish office, or in the church. Again, we are not collecting items until the designated week.



GIFT IDEAS NOTES & CONSIDERATIONS

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

1. Use the provided gift box or any shoebox-sized container (approximately 12" long x 6" wide x 4" tall).
2. If possible, remove items from original packaging to limit waste in the receiving countries.
3. **Please do not put monetary donations in the gift boxes.** Go online to boxofjoy.org to make your \$9 donation for each gift box or **scan the QR code to pay.**
4. If needed, secure the lid to your gift box with a single rubber band (please do not tape the gift box).



Personal Notes & Photos

Children love receiving Box of Joy gifts with a personal note, handmade Christmas card, or photo of you or your family. (Parents or teachers should review notes written by children.)

Toys Bring Smiles: While necessities are important, we encourage you to fill each box with toys and fun surprises that bring joy, invite play, and help children feel truly celebrated.

PLEASE DO NOT PACK

- Liquids/gels (shampoo, body wash, lotion, toothpaste, nail polish, hand sanitizer, bubbles, paint, glue, soap, perfume, etc.)
- Food (anything with an expiration date) or beverages
- Chocolate or JOLLY RANCHER® candy
- Medicine or vitamins
- Anything with a battery
- Knives, tools or toy weapons
- Glass or breakable objects
- Cash, checks or gift cards



TOYS

Balls (deflated) with pump
Balloons
Binoculars
Cars or trucks
Craft kits (beads, elastic, etc.)
Dolls

Finger puppets
Handheld toys
Harmonicas or small instruments
Jump ropes
Lego building blocks
Mini board games

Mini puzzles
Small balls (tennis, etc.)
Small plush animals
Slinkys
Unopened fast-food toys
Yo-yos

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Coloring books
Crayons
Erasers
Flash cards
Glue sticks (no liquid)
Notepads
Pencil cases
Pencil sharpeners
Pencils, colored pencils
Pens, markers
Safety scissors
Small board books
Solar calculators
Stickers

APPAREL

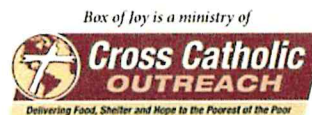
Bandanas
Dresses
Flip-flops
Hats
Plastic ponchos
Socks
Shorts
T-shirts
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ACCESSORIES

Barrettes
Bracelets
Earrings
Hair bands or headbands
Hair ribbons
Combs or brushes
Necklaces
Purses or wallets
Scarfs
Sunglasses
Watches

OTHER USEFUL ITEMS

Lip balm
Manicure kits
Nail clippers or emery boards
Toothbrushes
Cups or bottles with lids
Crosses or rosaries
Drawstring bags
Sewing kits
Utensils



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Contact Kelly Knieper (989) 845-7011 ext. 3 for more information.



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