



Providing Hope
this Christmas

Annual Appalachian Christmas Mission

Sponsored by the

St. Peter's Council of Catholic Women

~2025~

Together with other parishes in the Archdiocese, St. Peter's helps to bring Christmas joy to four parishes in western Kentucky each year. Thanks to your generosity, both parents and children can select Christmas gifts for one another at a "free store" hosted by these parishes which are located in areas where annual income falls far below the poverty line.

Here's how you can help:

- Purchase **new gifts** as suggested on the reverse side of this flyer. Because more than one parish is involved, please consider purchasing multiple items, if at all possible.
- Bring the **unwrapped** items to St. Peter's and place them in one of the collection boxes marked "Appalachia Christmas" that are in the Gathering Space and outside the Adoration Chapel.
- The deadline is **Sunday, October 26**. All donations of new, unwrapped gifts are due by noon on that day.
- We will pack boxes on **Monday, October 27, at 9:30 am**, in the Ravoux Room. We would appreciate any and all help in packing the boxes.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Paula Ehrich Raarup at paularaarup@gmail.com or 612-483-3912. Thank you!

If you prefer to contribute money to purchase additional needed gifts and food for Christmas dinners for the families, mail your checks directly to:

Father Mark Ouma
606-464-8695
Queen of All Saints Church & Missions
PO Box 563
90 Railroad St.
Beattyville, KY 41311

Father Rob Adams
606-437-6117
St. Francis of Assisi Church
147 Bryan St.
Pikeville, KY 41501

Ms. K. Thorstad
606-668-3731
Catholic Church of the Good Shepherd
P.O. Box 742
Campton, KY 41301

Sister Judy Donohue
606-593-6948
Holy Family Catholic Church
1439 KY 11 S
Booneville, KY 41314

2025 APPALACHIA CHRISTMAS MISSION

St. Paul and Minneapolis Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women is again sponsoring our Appalachia Christmas. All the gifts were great. Thank you. We are discontinuing the Papal Shoebox Project as the Free Store does better. This was the request from the parishes.

The generosity of our Minnesota parishes and families, for 50 years, have brought Christmas Joy to the families in Kentucky. A semi-trailer donated by Terminal Transport Company of Roseville was packed to capacity. What a blessing. The parishes service over six hundred families each.

God Bless you and your families. Thank you for making someone else's Christmas Merrier. Your hearts will be filled with Joy and Love knowing that you helped some of God's children and families enjoy the wonderful Season of Christmas.

If you have any questions about anything, please feel free to call me, Denise Haaland at 507-491-6230 or e-mail me at rdhaaland@yahoo.com. Subject line "Appalachia Drop Off ". **Semi dates: Friday, 10-24-2025 through Saturday, 11-1-2025.** The drop off address: 4386 260th St. E, Randolph, Minn.

GIFT SUGGESTIONS - NEW ITEMS ONLY

Clothing	Toys	Accessories	Hygiene	Misc
Socks	Pull toys	Cosmetics	Powder	Fishing equipment
Shirts	rattles	Watches	Lotion	radios
Sweatshirts	Board games	Purses	Towels	Wrapping paper
Sleepers	Balls	Wallets/billfolds	Toiletries	Dried fruits/nuts
Belts	Blocks	Scarves/mittens/hats	soaps	Blankets/bedding
Slippers	Dolls	Belts		Kitchen items
Hunting clothes	Cars/trucks	slippers		Sports equipment
Coats/Jackets		scarves		Craft kits

Others:

Batteries, school supplies, coloring books, crayons, teethingers, crib mobiles, craft kits, Christmas boxes, wrapping paper, tape, ribbon and bows, ornaments, and dried fruits/nuts.

All candies/fruits/nuts/lotions should be boxed separately and sealed to keep moisture out.

No canned goods or food items. Lotions and shampoo use zip lock bags.

Many coats and blankets are needed in cold temperatures.

Pack all the items in one sturdy box with church and parish listed on the outside.