



Annual Appalachian Christmas Mission

Sponsored by the

St. Peter's Women's Ministry

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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 25**. All donations of new, unwrapped gifts are due by noon on that day.
- We will pack boxes on **Wednesday, October 28, 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 Jen Silgen at jensilgen@hotmail.com or 651-307-9355. 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 & Mission
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

APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS MISSION GIFT IDEAS—NEW ITEMS ONLY

YOUTH

Diapers, crib mobiles, sleepers, teethingers, rattles, baby toys, blocks, pull toys, soft toys, cars and trucks, dolls, balls, board books, stickers, coloring books, crayons and markers, paints, Play-Doh, Slinky, stuffed animals, small musical instruments, puzzles, jump ropes, tennis balls, jewelry, hair accessories, wallets and purses, belts, sporting and fishing gear, camouflage vests, sweat pants and shirts, individually wrapped candy*

ALL AGES

Clothing, coats, socks, underwear, slippers, shoes, hats, scarves, mittens, books, games, craft kits, school supplies, backpacks, batteries, blankets, toiletries and cosmetics*

ADULT

Kitchen: cooking and baking equipment, home goods, bedding, towels, Christmas ornaments, wrapping paper, gift boxes and bags, sewing kits, flashlights, laundry soap

NOTES

- * All candy must be individually wrapped and placed in a plastic bag.
- * Toiletries and cosmetics must be placed in a Ziploc bag to prevent leaking.
- * Do not include frightening or war related items, such as guns or knives.
- * Articles that can be damaged by freezing, heavy items, or canned goods will not be accepted.