



Boxes of Joy

Boxes of Joy is an opportunity for you to provide a Christmas gift to children less fortunate in poverty stricken nations through *Cross Catholic Outreach*.

This year St. Edmunds CCW is encouraging anyone from the parish who would like to participate an opportunity to do so. You may choose to fill a box on your own, donate items that the CCW will pack (there will be a donation box in the vestibule of the Church), or make a monetary donation toward the expense of shipping (please put in an envelope marked *Box of Joy*). At our October meeting, we will watch a short video on the program, and prepare the boxes for drop off.

What/How:

- Any regular shoebox or plastic box (approximately 12" x 5") will work if you wish to pack your own.
- Choose Gender: Boy or Girl
- Choose Age Group: 2-4 yrs. old; 5-9 yrs. old; 10-14 yrs. old
- **See reverse side for ideas on what is acceptable.**
- Purchase your items, bring your box & items to the October CCW meeting. We will have extra boxes available, if needed.
- Or, fill your box and/or put your donation in the box provided in the vestibule of the Church.

Members of CCW will deliver the boxes to the Drop-Off Center. If you have any questions, feel free to contact **Sue Butler** at **815-383-3273** or email **skbutler70@yahoo.com**.

Thank you for providing a Christmas gift for a child who would have none!



GIFT IDEAS

TOYS

- Handheld Toys
- Small Plush Animals
- Small Balls (tennis, etc.)
- Ball (deflate) with Pump
- Cars/Trucks
- Dolls
- Mini Puzzles
- Finger Puppets
- Silly Putty
- Bean Bag/Hacky Sack
- Unopened Fast Food Toys
- Binoculars
- Legos
- Harmonica, Kazoo or Other Small Instrument
- Jump Rope
- Paddle Ball
- Yo-Yo
- Slinky
- Mini Board Games
- Balloons
- Craft Kits (Beads, Plastic, etc.)
- Pom-Poms

KEY REMINDERS

1. Use the provided gift box or any shoebox (approximately 12" x 5")
2. Fill out and attach the Boy/Girl label to box lid if needed
3. Include \$9 check (no cash please) in provided envelope. Place on top of gifts
4. Secure the lid with a rubber band (no tape please)

PERSONAL NOTES & PHOTOS:

We encourage you to write a personal note or handmade Christmas card and share a photo of yourself or family (advisable for parent or teacher to review notes written by children).

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pencils, Colored Pencils
- Solar Calendar
- Pencil Sharpener
- Small Board Books
- Erasers
- Pencil Case
- Crayons
- Pens, Markers
- Rulers
- Glue Sticks (No Liquid)
- Safety Scissors
- Coloring Books
- Notepads
- Stickers
- Self-Inking Stamp
- Flash Cards
- Dry Paints (no liquid paint)

HARD CANDY & GUM

Please seal in Ziploc-style Bag
(No Chocolates)

APPAREL

- Socks
- Shorts
- Underwear
- T-Shirts
- Flip-Flops
- Bandanas
- Hats
- Shoelaces
- Plastic Poncho

HYGIENE/HOME

- Comb/Brush
- Forks & Spoons
- Cup/Bottle with Lid
- Bar Soap
- Toothpaste (In The Box)
- Toothbrush and Floss
- Bandages
- Hand Wipes (No Gels)
- Tissues
- Lip Balm
- Manicure Kit
- Nail Clippers/Emery Board

ACCESSORIES

- Watch
- Purse or Wallet
- Sunglasses
- Necklace
- Hair Ribbons
- Hair/Head Bands
- Barrettes
- Bracelets
- Earrings
- Scarf
- Cross or Rosary

USEFUL ITEMS

- Sewing Kit
- Utensils
- Compass
- LED Keychain
- Duct Tape
- No-Battery Flashlight
- Drawstring bag

DO NOT PACK

Food or Beverages ~ Medicines or Vitamins ~ Liquids (Shampoo, Nail Polish, etc.) ~ Gels (antibacterial, etc.) ~ Chocolate ~ Military/Police Toys ~ Toy Weapons ~ Glass/Breakables ~ Knives/Tools



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