



## 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. Edmund's CCW is encouraging anyone from the parish who would like to participate an opportunity to do so. Because of such short notice this year, we are asking that you please fill your own box, as we will not have the time to collect donations or meet to fill boxes. There will be a box in the vestibule of the Church in which to place your filled boxes. Monetary donations toward the expense of shipping will also be gladly accepted. Please make your check out to St. Edmund CCW, put it in an envelope marked "Boxes of Joy" and place it in the collection basket at Church.

### **What/How:**

Any regular shoebox or plastic box (approximately 12" x 5") will work if you wish to pack your own. ***Boxes, for your use, will also be made available for pick up from the display in the vestibule of the Church.***

**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.**

***Please pack your boxes as full as possible so items are not moving around inside the box during shipping.***

Members of CCW will deliver the boxes to the Drop-Off Center.

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

# GIFT IDEAS

## 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).

### 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  
Nail Clippers/Emery Board

### 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)  
Bandages

### HARD CANDY & GUM

Please seal in Ziploc-style Bag  
(No Chocolates)  
Lip Balm  
Manicure Kit

### APPAREL

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

### HYGIENE/HOME

Comb/Brush  
Forks & Spoons  
Cup/Bottle with Lid  
Bar Soap  
Toothpaste (In The Box)  
Toothbrush and Floss  
Duct Tape  
Hand Wipes (No Gels)  
Tissues

### ACCESSORIES

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

### USEFUL ITEMS

Sewing Kit  
Utensils  
Compass  
LED Keychain  
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

## Cross Catholic OUTREACH

*Delivering Food, Shelter and Hope to the Poorest of the Poor*

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