



## 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. You may choose to fill a box on your own, donate items to put in a box, or make a monetary donation toward the expense of shipping (*please put in an envelope marked Boxes of Joy*). **All checks are to be made payable to St. Edmund CCW.** A box will be available in the vestibule in which to place your donated items. A tub will also be available to place already filled boxes. Filled boxes or donated items can also be brought to the CCW Meeting on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. There will also be a basket in the entry of the Church in which to place your monetary donations.

### 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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