



### Box of Joy

**Box 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. John'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 or make a monetary donation toward the expense of shipping (please put in an envelope marked *Box of Joy*).

**What/How:**

Any regular shoebox or plastic box (approximately 12" x 5") will work if you wish to pack a box.

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.**

Bring your packed box to the November 7th CCW meeting in Sebahar at 9:30am.

Or, fill your box and/or put your donation in the box provided in the vestibule of the parish office.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact **Venessa Lopatka** at **630-336-5414** or email [venessalopatka@gmail.com](mailto:venessalopatka@gmail.com).

*Tape this label on the top of your box.*

 <b>BOY</b>	<b>Select Age Category</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 2-4 Yrs Old <input type="checkbox"/> 5-9 Yrs Old <input type="checkbox"/> 10-14 Yrs Old	 <b>Box of Joy</b>	<b>Select Age Category</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 2-4 Yrs Old <input type="checkbox"/> 5-9 Yrs Old <input type="checkbox"/> 10-14 Yrs Old	 <b>GIRL</b>
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# GIFT IDEAS

## KEY REMINDERS

1. Use any shoebox (approximately 12" x 5") – the plastic ones are best
2. Fill out and attach the Boy/Girl label to box lid
3. If you are able, Include \$9 check (no cash please) payable to Cross Catholic Outreach in provided envelope. Place on top of gifts. It is OK to pack a box without the donation.
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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