

FOR CHILDREN WHO WISH  
FOR JUST ONE GIFT



This month our high school youth ministry, Chosen, will be participating in the *Box of Joy* program, a Christmas gift outreach organized by Cross Catholic Outreach for local Catholic schools, parishes and groups nationwide. By packing Boxes of Joy with toys and other gifts, you will bless a child suffering from extreme poverty by sharing the joy of Christmas and planting seeds of hope through the Gospel. We are excited to learn more about compassion and share in our Lord's mercy through this experience! We have set a goal to bless 100 impoverished children in the Dominican Republic, Haiti and Guatemala!

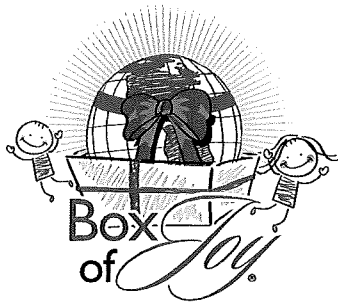
You can choose the gender and age range of the child you want to bless and have fun shopping to personally select the items you feel a special boy or girl would really like! Ask family and friends to join in on the fun. There is a list of gift ideas on the backside of this flyer.

The deadline for returning your gifts for the Boxes of Joy will be November 1<sup>st</sup>. You will be packing boxes with the gifts according to gender and age during the next meeting on November 4<sup>th</sup>. If you have shoe boxes hanging around at home please feel free to bring them with you.

There is a small cost of \$9 (\$7 covers S & H and \$2 to support other life saving ministries) for each *Box of Joy* sent to a receiving child. So if you or someone you know can help with this, no matter how small, please bring the donation with you that night. *(If you are paying by check, please write the \$9 check to Cross Catholic Outreach, not the parish).*

For more info, contact the Faith Formation office (508-278-3777) or check out [www.CrossCatholic.org/BoxOfJoy](http://www.CrossCatholic.org/BoxOfJoy)

Thank you!  
Donna Gomes  
Project Leader



# 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  
 Doll  
 Mini puzzle  
 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 kit (beads, elastic, etc.)  
 Pom-poms

### SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Pencils, colored pencils  
 Solar calculator  
 Sharpener  
 Small board books  
 Erasers  
 Pencil case  
 Crayons  
 Pens, markers  
 Ruler  
 Glue stick (no liquid)  
 Safety scissors  
 Coloring book  
 Notepads  
 Stickers  
 Self-inking stamp  
 Flash cards  
 Dry paints (no liquid paint)

### HARD CANDY & GUM

Please seal in a 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

