



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



Dear OLOS Parishioners and Community Members:

You are being invited to participate in the **Cross Catholic "Box of Joy" campaign**. With this campaign, families will be able to fill Christmas boxes for poor children with needed items and small toys. Two years ago, OLOS students filled 35 boxes, last year our parish/ school families filled over 80 boxes, and this year **our new goal is 100 boxes filled!** Previously, all the school children came together to fill boxes; however, due to the pandemic, students may only be able to fill boxes within their class groups or at home. You may choose to fill boxes at home or donate money for shipping and items for the boxes. Following is a brief description of the program from the Cross Catholic website:

*"Catholics unite through the **Box of Joy** ministry to send Christmas gifts to children in developing countries. For many poor children, a **Box of Joy** - filled with toys, clothing, school supplies, a rosary, and the story of Jesus - is the first Christmas gift they will ever receive. The **Box of Joy** ministry provides teachers, parish leaders and other Catholic groups a unique opportunity for students, parishioners and group members to participate in a simple and tangible service experience that has both a material and spiritual impact on the poorest of the poor in developing countries."*

There are multiple ways you can choose to participate:

- Choose who you are buying for - girl or boy, and the age, fill a box yourself, include a check for \$9 shipping in the envelope provided.
- Sponsor your grandchild or youngster, have them decide who he/she will be shopping for - girl or boy, and the age, help them shop for needed items, include a check for \$9 shipping in the envelope provided.
- Sponsor shipping for those who want to fill a box but can't afford shipping @ \$9/box. Please mark the envelope, put in the collection, or drop by the school office.
- Sponsor needed items - we will do the shopping. This is the most effective way to make an impact and the easiest for those who are not able to get out and shop or do not want to shop. If you choose this method, please send money by October 10, 2021. Please mark the envelope, put in the collection, or drop by the school office.

More information:

- ★ The \$9 shipping may seem high, but keep in mind that these boxes are being shipped overseas; the fee also supports the ministry of the priests and nuns who are involved in the project.
- ★ Don't seal boxes shut, just **lay the payment/envelope on top and put a rubber band around it, and mark who it is for.** Age groups are 2-4, 5-9, 10-14.
- ★ Shopping list may be found on the reverse - paying special attention to the items at the bottom marked "Do Not Pack".
- ★ There are box kits and envelopes in the vestibules of the Church and the school lobby. You may leave your filled boxes in the main vestibule or drop off at the school office anytime, but the **FINAL COLLECTION DATE WILL BE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24TH.**
- ★ If you would like more information on this program, visit <https://crosscatholic.org/boxofjoy/>.
- ★ Please call Rosie Beck in the school office @ 573-498-3574 if you would like to make shopping/shipping donations, or if you have any questions.

Thank you very much for your efforts to promote this program. Your help will show the love of Christ to children and families across the world! God bless you!

