







St. Peter the Apostle Parish Kicks Off Operation Christmas Child!

For 11 years, St. Peter the Apostle Parish has been participating in the global project called Operation Christmas Child. Tens of thousands of churches have discovered that participating in OCC is a unique opportunity to become involved in global evangelism. All you need is an empty shoe box, a variety of small gifts, and a desire to take God's love to hurting children around the world. This year empty Operation Christmas Child boxes will be available. They are available in the basement of the church!

Since 1993, millions of shoe box gifts have been collected in the United States and ten other countries and delivered to boys and girls in over 120 countries including the United States. Here's a help to get you started!
(On the weekends of October 29/30 and November 12/13, our Poor Box Collections will be dedicated to Operation Christmas Child shipping and handling expenses.)

The "perfect" gift shoebox should have (consider age):

- A bar of soap (please put in a plastic bag)
- A tube of toothpaste
- A toothbrush
- A washcloth
- A comb
- Some hard wrapped candy (please bag if possible) – no chocolate please!
- For girls, some hair clips or bows
- For boys, ball cap or T-shirt
- Socks (dependent on age/size)
- School supplies such as pencils, pad of paper, pencil sharpener, coloring book
- Small toys to balance out the serious items above, such as cars, dolls, stuffed animals, balls, etc.
- Plastic shoeboxes are wonderful, because it gives the child a nice storage bin and holds the treasures inside securely.
- **DO NOT completely wrap the boxes with Christmas paper** because it has to be removed by our church members to screen before processing. If you wish and have a cardboard shoebox, you can wrap the top lid separately from the bottom.
- Put the proper label from the Operation Christmas Child brochure as noted below.
- **PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE USED ITEMS, WAR-RELATED ITEMS, CHOCOLATE OR FOOD, LIQUIDS OR LOTIONS OF ANY KIND; MEDICATIONS OR VITAMINS, BREAKABLE ITEMS, OR AEROSOL CANS.**

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