

BOX OF JOY ANNOUNCEMENT FOR COUNCIL

This month, our Council will be participating in Box of Joy, a Christmas shoebox gift ministry organized by local Catholic schools, parishes and groups nationwide. We will bless children suffering from extreme poverty by filling boxes with toys and other gifts, sharing the joy of Christmas, and planting seeds of hope through the Gospel. We encourage everyone to pack a Box of Joy!

This is our first year participating and we have set a goal to bless 50 impoverished children in Africa, Latin America, and the Caribbean. Empty Boxes will be available at the hall through the end of October. If you need additional boxes, please let us know. The deadline for returning your packed Box of Joy gifts is November 2, 2025. Please bring your box to the hall during our collection times (**Wednesday, October 29th**, 10 am - 2 pm or **Sunday, November 2nd**, noon - 4 pm). Donations to cover the shipping of the gifts to developing countries can be made online at <https://crosscatholic.org/box-of-joy/online>.

For more info, contact the Project Leader Tim Dygert at koc4011family@gmail.com or visit boxofjoy.org.