

“7th Annual for



Soldiers”: Donations of Stocking Stuffers Needed

The seventh annual STOCKINGS for SOLDIERS collection is taking place now. Why the early start date you ask? Well we're dealing with the military and if you've been in you know how slowly it works at times. First we collect all the items from the parish and stuff the stockings, pack up and drive all the stockings to De John's Funeral Home. They consolidate their four funeral home's donations and ship them to the USO. The USO consolidates the Greater Cleveland area donations, on to the state and national levels. Finally the USO ships all the stockings to a central military point overseas and I'm not sure where or how many times the stockings move over there before they actually get to the service personnel. If we're lucky they get there by Christmas. The donations can include anything from tooth past and Deodorant to gum and candy to small games. Please no perishable food or large items.

To all who donated so graciously last year, a heart-felt thanks! Donations can be placed in the Christmas themed boxes in the entry area of the church and need to be received by Sunday, October 28th.

Questions? Contact Jim & Carol Sirl at 440-298-1472. or call the office 440-298-1327

Some suggestions:

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| * Small cribbage boards | * Lip balm | * Individual packages of tissues |
| * Small portable games | * Bug spray | * Protein powder mix |
| * Hard candy & gum | * Small Calendar | * Slim Jims |
| * AA batteries | * Small pack Band-Aids | * Rubix cubes |
| * Dominoes, Yo-Yo's, etc. | * Lip balm | * Non-perishable food items |
| * Hand sanitizer | * Shaving crème | * Puzzle books: crosswords, Sudoku, etc. |
| * Deodorant | * Disposable razors | NON PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS |
| * 3 X 5 Memo Pads | * Liquid bandage | * <u>Granola/power/fruit bars</u> |
| * Wet wipes | * Shampoo/conditioner | * <u>Small, individual packages cookies, cheese or peanut butter crackers</u> |
| * Body & face lotion | * Post-its | * <u>Candies, gum</u> |
| * Foot powder | * AT&T calling cards | * <u>Beef Jerky, nuts,</u> |
| * Body & face soaps | * Pen/mechanical pencil | * <u>Powered drinks</u> |
| * Eye drops | * Small picture frames | |
| * Sunglasses | * Toothbrush & paste | |
| * Sunscreen | * Dental floss | |

New Matthew Kelly book: For Christmas 2018, the parish will be purchasing a sizable number of the most recent book by Catholic author, Matthew Kelly. It is called, *The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity*. These books will be made available for free at all the Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day until we run out.



Sing and Praise God With Joy! Catholic Renewal Ministries' **Traveling Charismatic Mass** for October will be held at St. Gabriel Parish on **Friday, October 12th**. Praise and worship will begin at 7:00 p.m. and Mass will start at 7:30 p.m. The church is located at 9925 Johnnycake Ridge Rd. in Concord 44060. Fr. Jeremy Merzweiler will be the celebrant. Healing prayer teams will be available after mass for individual prayer. For more information, please contact Fr. Bob Franco at 440-327-2201 or CRM at 440-944-9445.

ANNUAL DINNER

The Newman Foundation of Northern Ohio, an organization that supports Catholic programming on secular college campuses in the Diocese, is sponsoring its annual dinner on Friday, October 5th at St. Michael's Woodside Event Center, 5025 E. Mill Road, Broadview Hts., OH 44147 from 6-9pm. Fr. Ed Estok will offer the keynote address. Tickets are \$50/person. To purchase tickets or for more information, please contact: Frank Hackett, 216-543-5285 or fhackett@msn.com

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