

"8th Annual



for Soldiers":

The eighth 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 until Sunday, October 27th.

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 (No Chocolate)</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 | |



Divorce Recovery for Catholics, an 8 Week Support Group

Designed to meet the needs of those who are divorced or separated, this group will begin Wednesday, October 2 and conclude on November 20, 2019, at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, 6850 Mayfield Rd., Gates Mills. The group meets from 7-9 pm. Sessions are tailored to meet the needs of the participants and offer support and encouragement along with the tools for coping and moving on. For more information or to register, please call Catholic Charities at 352-6191 or 1-800-242-9755, or email kjubeck@st-gabriel.org. There is no charge for this program, all materials are provided, and it is open to people of all faiths.



RCIA is a parish program that begins in the fall every year. It is intended for adults who are not baptized in any faith or persons who would like to become Catholic. Adult Baptisms will be on Holy Saturday in April , 2020. This is the time of learning and formation which is mandated by the church before adult Communion & Confirmation. Please take some time to pray for the people who may be thinking that they should take this step in their lives. Please pray for yourself if you are being called to complete your adult sacramental formation.