



Operation Easter Basket

This is the third year St. Pius X has volunteered to make Easter Baskets for children who live in two local shelters. The number of children living in the shelter has increased from 75 last year to 95 this year. Children range in age from 3 months to 16 years of age. Baskets will include age-appropriate toys and treats for the child you select from our Master List.

Please consider helping make this Easter more joyous for kids without homes.

How to Participate:

1. Call/text/email Sally Hein to let her know how many baskets you would like to assemble. You will need to provide your name, phone # (for calling or texting), and an email address that you check frequently (for important updates).
2. Select, from a Master list, the specific child (children) for whom you would like to create a basket(s). The Master list will include the age and gender of each child.
3. Pick up the exterior wrapping ("Basket bag") for your basket(s). This will ensure that all the baskets look similar upon delivery to the children and the pattern on the bag will identify the shelter to which that basket will be delivered. We also have some assorted toys and arts & crafts kits that can be included. "Basket bags" can be obtained after Mass the weekend of **March 7/8** OR by stopping by Sally's house.
If you pick up your bag at Sally's home, you can also select additional Easter basket items that were purchased this past year (e.g. jump ropes, bubbles, sidewalk chalk, etc.). There is not nearly enough to fill all the baskets but you are welcome to select a few items that might be appropriate for the basket you are creating.
4. Return the completed basket(s) in the provided "basket bag" to Sally's house no later than **Sunday, March 29th.**

Drivers with a truck, Van or SUV are needed to transport the baskets **on March 31st.**

Drivers must be able to carry baskets up or down a flight of stairs.

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Operation Easter Basket Ideas

These are suggestions, not requirements!

0-6 Months

Stuffed animal
Rattle
Easter sippee cup
Easter bib
Infant toys
Easter board Books

6 months to 2 years

Stuffed animal
Easter Board book
Balls
Easter sippee cup
Easter socks
Easter stickers
Small cars or trucks
Toddler toys

3-5 years

Stuffed animal
Chocolate bunny
Peeps
Bubbles
Sidewalk chalk
Easter Coloring book
Slinky
Squishes
Hair adornments
Bathtub paint
Bath bubbles
Play doh
Easter light-up toys
Easter Socks
Easter books
Crayons or markers
Easter stickers

6-9 years

Chocolate bunny
Stuffed animal
peeps
Nail polish, nail decorations
Bubbles
Sidewalk chalk
Squirt guns
Hair adornments
Cosmetic (for girls)
Jump rope
Easter Legos
Card games
Gel pens
Easter Crafts
Easter jewelry
Easter socks
Easter books
Crayons or markers
Easter Mad-libs

10+

Sports balls
Art Supplies
Frisbee
Peeps
Chocolate bunny
Other Easter Candy
Gum (easter pkg)
Snacks - sweet or salty
Journals
Gel pens
Cosmetics
Hair adornments
Nail polish, fake nails
Fake nails
Low value gift card (\$5 fast food)
YoYos
Card games

Suggested Shopping Locations: Walmart, Dollar Tree, Target, Five Below