

Youth Guidance Foster Care
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Mission: Christian-based program to serve children who have been removed from their home due to abuse and/or neglect.

Ideally, children grow up with their biological parents in a nurturing home. When parents are unable to provide a safe environment, Youth Guidance Foster Care helps families get the resources they need while children are placed in a temporary home. Youth Guidance works with approximately 35 foster care homes in our area. When contacted by Child Protective Services, they match a child with an appropriate foster family. With five caseworkers licensed to manage 13 caseloads each, Youth Guidance usually runs at full capacity.

The ultimate goal is to reunite children with their parents once a stable situation is developed. Sadly this is not always possible. In that case Youth Guidance seeks a loving home for them through adoption.

Children often leave their home with few belongings. We hope to deliver some basic needs as well as some gifts that will bring a smile or provide some comfort to these young people in distress.

Michigan has approximately 13,000 children in foster care, ranging from babies to teens up to 18. Foster families are always needed.

Connecting with Mercy

Gathering gifts for young people in foster care, all ages

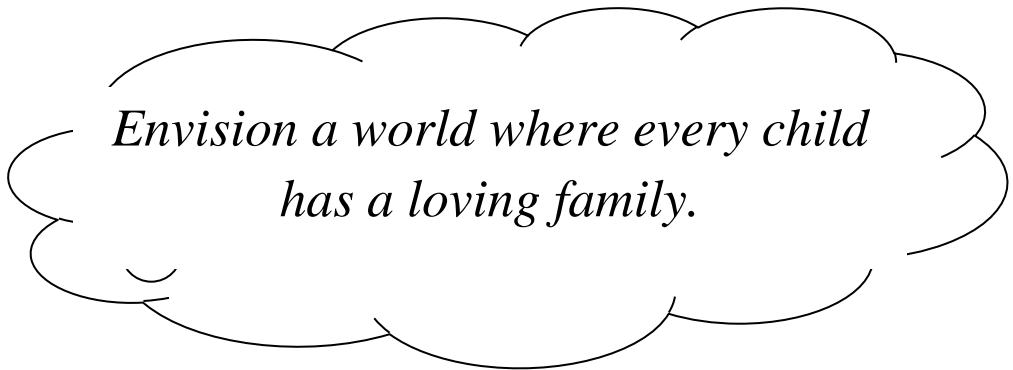
Weekend Masses
April 17-18

Suggestions:

hairbrush comb hairclips ribbons
slippers sox pajamas T-shirts
baseball cap baby blanket small toy
stuffed animal or doll fun snacks
crayons drawing paper stickers
books, especially bedtime stories
picture books with diverse faces
puzzle or coloring books games
pillowcase sports-themed items
tote or duffle bag for "stuff"

Over for a prayer 

That all children may live in safe, secure, and loving environments,
we pray to the Lord.



*Envision a world where every child
has a loving family.*

On any given day there are approximately 428,000 children in foster care in the United States.

For the children who will lie down in an unfamiliar bed in a stranger's home tonight, we pray to the Lord.

For the parents who had their children removed today, we pray to the Lord.

For the unification and restoration of families, we pray to the Lord.

For healing for children who have lost faith in everyone and everything that was supposed to keep them safe, we pray to the Lord.

For the judges, attorneys, social workers, advocates, and counselors who are tasked with making potentially life-altering decisions and recommendations for kids in care, we pray to the Lord.

For the foster families who have voluntarily opened their homes to brokenness and heartache, we pray to the Lord.