

IT'S TIME TO PROCURE ITEMS FOR THE SPIRIT OF SPRING!

WHY AM I BEING ASKED TO PROCURE ITEMS?

Spirit of Spring (SOS) is Nativity's largest annual fundraiser. The silent and live auctions components of SOS can't happen without items donated from our community. We welcome newly purchased items, but there are also many cost-free and fun ways to procure items for SOS!



Use Something You Have

- weekend at your cabin
- sunset cruise on your boat
- two of your sports season tickets
- ride in your sports car
- use of your pool
- home garden produce or flower deliveries



Ask a Business

Check with your favorite...

- restaurant or grocer
- entertainment venue
- spa or salon
- fitness instructor
- theater or museum
- hotel or resort
- cleaner/gardener/handyman to donate a gift card or a service!



Donate Your Time

Some examples...

- babysitting evening
- 4 hrs housecleaning
- yard work help
- sewing lessons
- petsitting weekend
- 2 hrs snow shoveling
- chauffeur service for SOS night
- fitness buddy



Popular New Items to Donate

- Electronics - bluetooth speakers/earbuds, Nintendo Switch, e-reader, Alexa
- Alcohol
- Event tickets - professional sports, theater, concerts, Valley Fair, zoos

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100+ Silent Auction Basket Ideas!

1. Ice Cream Basket - toppings, sundae dishes, waffle bowls and cones, sprinkles, ice cream scoop, cherries, Culver's gift certificate

2. Art Basket - crayons, paints, construction paper, play dough, colored pencils, sidewalk chalk, paint brushes, finger paints, finger paint paper, glitter, markers, scissors, stickers

3. Movie Night - candy, microwave popcorn, movie gift certificate/ passes, blockbuster/video card, popcorn bowls

4. Coffee & Tea Basket - flavored coffees, coffee mugs, creamers, carafe, flavored teas, tea strainer, creamers, biscotti

5. Beach Bag - suntan lotion, blanket, towels, beach chairs, sand pails/ shovels, beach ball, underwater camera

6. Game Night - family game- Go Fish, Uno, Crazy Eights, regular deck of cards, Old Maids, carrying storage tote

7. Chocolate Lover's Basket - hot cocoa, different chocolates, truffles, chocolate cookbook

8. Spa Basket - soaps, bath salts, loofa, sponge, pumice stone, candles, bubble bath, lotion, eye mask, bath pillow, massage oil

9. Travel Basket - travel games, crossword puzzles, maps, atlas, CDS, travel diary, snacks, water, cooler, magna doodle, CD headset, portable DVD player

10. Grilling Basket - grilling tools, grilling mitt/pad, grilling spices, marinades, grilling

vegetable basket, meat thermometer, apron, skewers

11. I Love Books Basket - favorite children's books, book characters, book marks, gift certificate to Barnes & Noble

12. Fishing Tackle Box - tackle box, fishing line, bobbers, lures, fishing weights, fishing net, Swedish fish

13. Wine & Cheese Basket - wine gift certificates, cheese tray/platter, wine glasses, corkscrew, wine topper, wine guide, wine vacuum, wine charms, decanter, napkins, different cheeses

14. Martini Basket - martini glasses, gift certificate for martini mixes, olives, olive picks, shaker, napkins, plates, cocktail book

15. Party Baskets (1—Spiderman and 1—Dora) tablecloth, plates, napkins, silverware, piñata, disposable camera, balloons, decorations, gift certificate for DQ or bakery cake, gift bags

16. Scrapbooking Basket - paper, photo splits, corner rounders, ribbon, embellishments, embellishment tools, photo organizing case, album, pages, page protectors, pens, stickers, scissors

17. Cleaning Products Basket/ Bucket (2 baskets) - glass cleaner, furniture polish, kitchen cleaner, cleanser, dusting mitt, tile/bath cleaner, rubber gloves, sponge, toilet bowl cleaner, disinfecting wipes, floor cleaner, bucket, mop

18. Gardening Basket - gardening gloves, shovel/tools, watering can, kneeling pad,

bug/insect spray, plant food, garden fertilizer, potting soil, hose sprayer, pots, seeds/bulbs

19. Car Kit - bucket, hose sprayer, tire/wheel brush, wheel whitener, tire wet, air freshener, car wash detergent, car wipes, window cleaner, upholstery cleaner, sponges, car mitt, shamee, car wash gift certificates, oil change gift certificates, gas card

20. Italian Basket - pastas, red sauce, alfredo sauce, pesto, olive oil, bread, cookbook, dipping oils, capers, wine, pasta bowls

21. Tailgating Basket - large wheeling cooler, mini-grill, beer, chairs, snacks, water, condiments, nurf football, radio, batteries

22. Princess/Dress-Up Basket - tiaras, shoes, gloves, boas, make-up, mirrors, jewelry, dresses

23. Picnic Basket - basket, plates, silverware, napkins, glasses, salt/pepper shakers, wine, cheese tray, cheese knife, corkscrew, tablecloth, blanket

24. Baking Basket - different chips/morsels, vanilla, sprinkles, frostings, baking powder, baking soda, cookie cutters, measuring cups, spoons, oven mitt, flour, sugar, brown sugar, powdered sugar, oil, baking pans, apron

25. Stamping Basket - paper, cards, envelopes, stamp sets, stamp pads, stamp cleaner and pad, scissors, embossing powder, embossing gun, glue, pencils, pop-up tabs, markers/pens, ribbon, embellishments, beads

26. Dog Lover's Basket

leash, collar, food dish, food/dish mat, bowls, toys, pillow/blanket, lint roller, brush/grooming tools, treats, shampoo, bones, sweater, food, poop scoop, pet frame/photo album, disposable camera

27. Cat Lover's Basket - collar, toys, grooming tools, lint roller, food dishes, food mat, treats,

cat food, litter, litter box, pet frame/photo album, disposable camera

28. Door County Basket - Cherries, wine, t-shirt or sweatshirt, magnet, guide book, gift Certificates

29. Breakfast Basket - pancake mix, waffle mix, preserves, syrup, coffee, creamer, mugs, wire whisk, omelet pan, mixing bowl, sugar and cinnamon, honey, oatmeal, coffee, creamer, juice

30. Camping Basket - camping dishes, pans, flashlights, matches, pudgy pie makers, marshmallows, chocolate, graham crackers, marshmallow skewers, batteries, radio, cards, games, tent, and air mattress

31. Yoga/Pilates Basket - Pilates or yoga books, Pilates and yoga DVDs, yoga mat, yoga ball, yoga rubber bands, yoga wear, relaxing CD, tea, yoga class gift certificate

32. Aromatherapy Basket - candles, aromatherapy oils, diffuser, aromatherapy book, massage oil, sachet

33. Golf Basket - tees, golf glove, golf balls, golf shirt, certificate for a golf lesson, golf pass

34. Mexican Fiesta Basket - chips, salsa, margarita mix, margarita glasses, rim salt, tortilla holder, salsa/chip bowl, chili pepper towel, Mexican or chili pepper tablecloth, tequila

35. Fondue Basket - fondue pot, chocolate fountain, fondue plates, fondue cookbook, fondue forks, sturnos, napkins

36. Oriental Basket - Chopsticks, teapot, tea cups and saucers, fortune cookies, bowls, teas, noodles, spices, peanut oil, sesame oil, table linens, cookbook, gift certificate to restaurants

37. Beer Sampler Baskets (2 baskets) - beer glasses, bottle opener, different beer (world beers)

38. Lake Geneva Basket - Sweatshirt/t-shirt, boat ride tour gift certificate, Grand Geneva Spa Certificate, golf certificate³⁹.

39. Packer Basket - Packer blanket, cheese head, sweatshirt, t-shirt, poster/picture, glasses, football, helmet

40. Date Night Basket - wine/champagne gift certificates, 2 glasses, nice restaurant gift certificate, hotel or bed & breakfast stay, truffles, gift certificate for flowers

41. Aveda Basket - Aveda products, Aveda spa gift certificate

42. Baby Basket/Diaper Bag - onsies, receiving blankets, pacifiers, bottles, bottle cleaner, wipes, diapers, diaper cream, burp rags, baby toys, grooming kit, safety set (i.e., outlet plugs, cabinet locks), sippy cups, books, booties, lullaby CD, Purell, baby lotion

43. Get Well Soon Basket - books/ magazines, crossword puzzle, mug, soup, juice tea/coffee, soup mixes, slippers, plant

44. Cards for All Occasions Basket - Card organizer, address book, pens, stamps, cards (i.e., thank you, sympathy, congratulations, new baby, happy birthday, seasonal, new home, retirement, wedding, anniversary, just because, encouragement, etc...)

45. Costume/Dress-Up Trunk - capes, dresses, shoes, ties, gloves, jewelry, costumes, hats, glasses, boas, accessories

46. Milwaukee Basket - Milwaukee beer, t-shirt/sweatshirts, glass, Milwaukee map, Milwaukee event guide, Summerfest items, Brewery tour, restaurant gift certificate, casino items, Harley model, Milwaukee calendar

47. Harley Basket - Harley calendar, t-shirt/sweatshirts, models, photo frames, key chain, mug/glasses, towel, blanket, framed picture, road atlas, decals

48. American Idol Basket - American Idol Game, Karaoke CD's, Karaoke machine

49. Kenosha Basket - Kenosha t-shirt, Kenosha sweatshirt, Kenosha calendar, Kenosha framed art, restaurant gift certificate, Dairyland Dog Track Party with the Puppies

50. American Girl Basket - American Girl doll, Clothes/accessories

51. Field of Dreams Basket - Gardening Theme - Garden tools (adult & child), seeds, bulbs, kneeling pad, watering can, plant markers, gloves, decorative pots, garden tote, fertilizer spikes, gift certificates to Agway or a garden center.

52. Adrenaline Rush - Coffee/Tea Theme – Flavored coffees, mugs, different teas, flavored spoons, teabag holders, serving tray, tea or coffee, canister, carafe, cappuccino mix, coffee scoop, gift certificate to Dunkin Donuts or Starbucks, biscotti.

53. Pep Rally - Arts & Crafts/Paper Theme – Paints, brushes, markers, stamps & pads, clay, gift certificate to craft store, gel pens, stickers, paper punches, scissors, beads, colored pencils, stencils, scrapbooking supplies, notepads, stationary.

54. Fútbol - Mexican Theme – Salsas, dips, terra cotta bowls, cumin spice, margarita mix, salt, margarita glasses, refried beans, chili peppers, flan mix, chip & dip bowl, plates or napkins with a fiesta theme, lime juice.

55. Indy 500 - Car Care Theme – Car wash supplies, armor all, car wax, car care cloths, window cleaner, tire gauge, snow scraper, emergency kit, small tool kit, bucket, sponges, air fresheners, cup holders, cd holders, gift certificates for car wash, memo pads.

56. Snack Shack - Chocolate theme – Big candy bars, bag of Hershey Kisses or M&Ms, hot chocolate, chocolate coffee, chocolate covered pretzels, spoons, nuts, fruit, chocolate cookies, brownie mix.

57. Wild World of Sports - Sports Theme – Golf balls, tees, hockey pucks, balls, tennis balls, Gatorade, water bottles, sweat socks (adult or child), baseballs, nerf balls, energy bars, football tee, sweat bands (head or wrist), ball pump or needles.

58. Tailgating - BBQ Theme – BBQ tools, skewers, sauces, meat subs, marinades, spices, apron, grill brush, oven mitt, plastic dishes or tray.

59. How to Play the Game - Book Theme – New books (all ages, kid & adult), bookmarks, crossword puzzles, pencils, magazines, dictionary (pocket or regular), thesaurus, book light, journal, pens, book plates/stamp, gift certificate to book store.

60. Sports Therapy - Bath/Spa Theme – Bath gels, soaps, lotions, massage oil, mineral water, loofah sponge, nail care, candles, bath pillow, aromatherapy, eye covers, bath towel.

61. Non-Contact Sports Game Theme – Playing cards, travel games, Uno, small board games, such as Yahtzee, brain quest, books of card and travel game ideas, sudoku, crossword puzzles or word game books.

62. Golfer's Delight - balls, towels, lesson gift certificate, and umbrella

63. NFL Bowl - Game Time- Sports bowl with game time beverages, and delicious snacks.

64. Weekend Getaway - Hotel or Bed/breakfast, his/her robes, wine glasses, chocolate

65. Maid Service Delivery - Home maid service come to your home for a day and clean your entire house. Could include carpet cleaning and/or laundry service.

66. Gardening Basket - Basket containing items for kids or parents to plant vegetables in garden and care for them (i.e., seed packets, small shovel, gloves, apron, etc.)

67. Family Fun Membership Basket - Donated annual family memberships to kid friendly places like the zoo, museum of natural history, art museum, sea center, and maritime museum.

68. Restaurant Gift Certificate Basket - An auction basket full of gift certificates from local restaurants.

69. Luncheon with your Local Firemen - A meal with the firemen at the firehouse.

70. Student Car Wash - It would be fun for a class to offer to wash cars for a family.

71. Fun Day in the Sun - Tickets for enjoyable tourist activities to do around town.

72. Camping Basket - Goodies that can be used for an impromptu camping day, including hiking equipment, sleeping bag, flashlights, and small tent.

73. Road trip basket - Bookstore gift card (for reading in the car or book on tape)-small travel toys-travel bingo etc.magna doodle, coloring books, crayons, small travel desk for coloring on, electronic toys-window cling-ons, etcha-sketch, color wonder markers with paper pad.

74. Costume Basket - Have each parent in the class put in dress-up costumes - hats, gloves, shoes, scarves, play jewelry, bandanas, eye patches, old Halloween costumes, etc. Wrap it up in colored cellophane with a big bow!

77. Music Basket - A basket with a musical theme - concert tickets, instrument(s), CDs, MP3 player, etc.

79. College Basket - shower caddy, binders/folders, sheets, laundry basket, towels

80. Fourth of July Basket - sparklers, fireworks, USA ribbons & flags, red & blue plates and accessories, red & blue candle, etc.

81. Sewing Basket - scissors, thread, needles, thimble, seam ripper, safety pins, etc.

82. Sports Basket - decorate with a particular team

83. Teacher/Secretary - Basket: pens, stapler, tape dispenser, post-it notes, fun binder, clips, paper clips, etc.

84. Computer Basket - mouse pad, organizers, paper, CDs, keyboard cleaner, wipes, etc.

85. Fishing Basket - rod & reel, fishing lures, net, tackle box, etc.

86. Just for Dad - Ideas for this basket would be tickets to a sporting event or a round of golf, gift certificate to Home Depot or Gander Mountain or anything that would make Dad feel special.

87. Teen Girls -Gift cards from American Eagle, PacSun, Forever 21

88. At the Car Wash - Gift certificates from the Wash Tub, Auto Zone; Armour All, chamois cloth

89. Books and Coffee -Gift cards to Borders, Barnes and Noble, Starbucks

90. Bistro -Gift certificates to Williams Sonoma, Bed Bath and Beyond, Kohl's, Dillard's

91. Movies - DVDs, gift cards to Regal cinema, AMC cinema

92. Off to College - Gift cards to Target, WalMart, Subway

93. Exercise for Health - items to promote physical fitness: sweat band, pedometer, stress ball, water bottle, jumprope, etc.

94. Weekend Getaway - Weekend Stay at a Mountain or Beach Home
Gift Basket filled with goodies for the weekend

95. Sports Package - Four Tickets for a Braves Game and a Parking Pass Dinner for Four at a Downtown Restaurant

96. Cowboy Basket - Jeans, Jacket, Cowboy Hat, Waist Belt, Holsters, Whip, Boots, Ammunition Belt, Dummy Ammunition, Guns, etc.

97. Tools - Hammer, Tool Belt, Screws, Drill, Gloves, Safety Goggles, Wrench, Face Mask, Socket Set, DIY Books, etc.

98. Kid Basket - Children's Books, Cartoon Movies (DVDs), Book Markers, Toys, Kites, Scrap Books, Gift Card to Book Store, A list of Internet Sites for Kids, etc.

99. Adult Basket - Adult Book, Reading Lamp, Gift Certificate to a Book Store or to a Movie Rental, Tickets to a Movie, etc.

100. Sports Basket - Sports Tickets, Sports Binocular, Water Bottles, Baseball Bat, Ball, Hats, Tees, Golf Balls, Folding Chair, A Sports Movie, etc.

101. Stationary Basket - Stamps, Pencils, Eraser, Gum, Journal, Note Cards, Cards, Pens, Pocket Diary, Marker, Pocket Calendar, Visiting Card Holder, Thumb Tacks, etc.

102. Deck the Halls Christmas basket - Tinsel, garlands, candy cakes, fruitcake, Christmas-themed cookie cutters, Advent calendar,

Hickory Farms style edibles, wrapping paper and ribbon.

103. Pirates of the Caribbean basket - Bag of Pirate Booty, chocolate gold coins, a model ship kit, and a DVD of the movie.

104. Baker's Dozen - Baking mixes for cakes, brownies, pancakes, pie crust, pie fillings, rolling pin, glass pie pan.

105. Beach Blanket Bingo. - Colorful towels, plastic pail, shovels, beach ball, umbrella, cooler, frisbee, radio, sun block, and funky sunglasses.

106. Rainy Day Survival - Puzzles, board games, deck of cards, Mad Libs, popcorn, ingredients to make smores, classic books and movies.

107. Tea Party - A variety of teas, biscuits, petit fours or tiny cakes, tea set with cups and teapot.

108. Julie and Julia basket - High end cooking dishes, Julie Child cookbooks and DVDs of her show, the book and movie Julie and Julia, and a French cooking class for the winning bidder and friends.

109. Emergency Readiness Kit. First-aid kit, bottled water, transistor radio with batteries, flashlight, matches, lightweight blanket, dried or freeze-dried food.

110. Learn to Knit basket - Knitting needles, yarn, pattern books, knitting magazine subscription, completed scarf, knitting class for winning bidder and friends with local knitting guru.

111. Travel Gift Basket A travel alarm clock, miniature size toiletries, gift cards or traveler's checks, hard candies, gum, luggage tags, a journal, maps, travel guides and handy clothing solutions (lint roller brush, formal clothes storage carrier covers) are smart choices. Package it all in a piece of luggage or travel tote

112. Kids Coloring Basket - Give kids something fun to do during "quiet time" or on a rainy day: coloring. Fill a kid's backpack with coloring books, sketch pads, markers, crayons, drawing notebooks and colored pencils.

113. Art Basket - Content Ideas—crayons, paints, construction paper, play dough, colored pencils, sidewalk chalk, paint brushes, finger paints, finger paint paper, glitter, markers, scissors, stickers

114. A Silent Auction Basket for Exercise Lovers - BOSU Ball, Stability ball, Resistance bands, Free weights/dumbbells, Yoga or exercise mat, Exercise DVDs, Certificate for personal training sessions, Certificate to sporting good store, Trial membership to a local gym

115. Jewelry basket ideas - Bracelets, Charms, Earrings, Necklaces, Jewelry Cleaner, Travel cases, Jewelry box

116. Yoga Gift Basket - Yoga mat, Yoga DVD, Yoga books, Starter kit, Gift card to local yoga studio Relaxation CDs

117. Child Sports Fan Basket - Football, Baseball bat, glove, ball, Hockey sticks, Hockey skis, Basketball Fact books, Indoor sport items such as an over the door basketball goal.

118. Pizza Maker Silent Auction Basket - children's pizza kit, cookbook, pans, pizza cutter and sauce. Round it out with a gift certificate from a local kitchen store or grocery store to complete this fun basket.

119. Weary Feet Gift Basket - use a rubber tub as a "basket". Fill the tub with: epsom salts or bubble bath ~ towel ~ pumice stone ~ foot lotion or foot powder ~ comfortable slippers ~ nail clippers

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Common Services

- Yard work
- Lawn mowing
- Snow shoveling
- Landscape design
- Baking
- Cooking a meal
- Cookies delivered every week for a month
- Fresh bread delivered every week for month
- Hosting a picnic
- Catering
- Washing windows
- Interior design
- House cleaning and/or organizing
- Once-a-month dog wash and grooming
- Pet sitting
- Dog walking
- Dog training
- Makeup make-over
- Haircut, color
- Manicure, pedicure
- Car wash
- Financial consulting
- Tax preparation
- Will preparation
- Computer repair
- Computer consulting e.g. setting up a home wireless network
- Dental work
- Grocery shopping for someone
- Transporting people to places – taxi service
- Limo service
- Heating/Air conditioning services
- Shoe shining
- Front row seats at an event
- A VIP reserved parking spot
- Celebrity to show up at a birthday or company party
- Photo with a celebrity
- Family/personal portrait
- Host a birthday party
- Tutoring
- Provide musical talent at an event
- Painting – house external or internal
- Face painting at a birthday party
- Shopping consulting
- Car repair/maintenance
- Massage therapy
- Fitness training
- Deliver a meal/desert
- Deliver a week's worth of meals/deserts
- Sewing
- Quilting
- Use of a vacation home
- Use of a motor home
- Tickets to the zoo
- Carpentry work
- Electrical work
- Plumbing work
- Housecleaning
- Handyman – rent-a-husband
- Hot tub party
- Pool maintenance
- Roof repair
- Continuing education classes
- Stringing Christmas lights on your house – and taking them down

Teaching a skill

- Fly fishing
- Skiing
- Golfing
- Tennis
- Weight lifting
- Surfing
- Self-defense
- Scrap-booking
- Flower arranging
- Cooking
- Canning
- Baking
- Sewing
- Quilting
- Dancing
- Musical instrument
- Singing lessons
- Drawing/Art lessons
- First aid training
- Survival training
- Dutch oven cooking
- Cake decorating
- Secrets to good photography

Providing an experience

- Fishing trip – fly fishing or deep-sea fishing
- Snowmobiling
- Cross country skiing
- Snowshoeing
- Hunting
- Target shooting
- Rollerblading
- Ice skating
- Rock climbing
- Motorcycle riding
- Waterskiing
- Skydiving
- Scuba diving
- Snorkeling
- Horseback riding
- Camping
- River running
- Canoeing
- Kayaking
- Sailing
- Cross country bicycling
- Kiss from a celebrity
- A date with someone
- Airplane ride
- Four-wheeling on the back roads
- Be a guest conductor of an orchestra or a symphony
- Be a radio co-disc jockey
- A guided tour of a TV studio by a news anchor person
- Parasailing
- A guided tour of a really cool place