

Father Arek is in Iraq and many people want to do something for him. He just wants us to help him serve the hundreds of souls in his care. The Religious Ed department is collecting some of the soldiers' "most requested" items and the Women's Guild will pay the postage for us to send packages to Father for him to share with his soldiers. We've already sent numerous packages and we will continue to collect items to send as often as possible. Help us if you can. We want to remind Fr. Arek and all the servicemen and women that we are thinking of them and praying for them. If you want to write Father yourself please address mail to:

HHSC/CHAPLAIN
DSTB 3ID
OCHALEK AREK
COB SPEICHER IRAQ
APO AE 09393

Please note that the "3ID" is number 3 followed by letters ID; it stands for Third Infantry Division. If you Google "COB Speicher, Iraq" you can see where it is and just how dry and dusty it is

These are the soldiers' "most requested" items.

- Pre-packaged individual-serving-sized cookies/crackers/snacks
- **Non-chocolate** Candy/Life Savers - especially orange (the orange mint ones come in a big bag.)
- Slim Jims!
- Hot chocolate
- Cup a soup mixes/ramen noodles
- Lip Balm
- Foot powder
- **Unscented** hand cream & skin lotion
- Eye drops
- Sanitary Wipes/Hand Sanitizer
- **Nothing home-made and nothing that melts!**

Father Arek can accept home-baked goods but cannot distribute them so it's best to stick with "store-bought". Also, if you choose to send a package yourself, be prepared for the paperwork at the post office. For customs purposes you must list each item in the package and its monetary value.

Donations may be put in the boxes at the church entrances, in the hall after Sunday Masses or brought to the office during the week.

If you have any questions or comments call or email Jo Massino Jo@olos.us or Mary Catherine Haines MCHaines@olos.us 410-867-2059

If you can't do anything else, please pray for Fr. Arek, the soldiers in his care and all the men and women serving away from home.