

**WE'RE ALL ON BOARD**

*to Wish You a  
Wonderful*  
**CHRISTMAS**



During this crazy year, we've continued to bring you the very best newspaper possible and during this Holy Season, we express our thanks for your kind support and our hopes for a very Merry Christmas, abundant in health, love and good cheer for your family.

Take some time to enjoy the letters to Santa included in this edition, made possible by the many businesses, organizations, churches and industries delivering you a Christmas Message during this blessed season.



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Take some time to read the enclosed "Letters to Santa," from local 1st 2nd & 3rd graders. They will fill your heart with joy and laughter. But remember, they are just learning to spell.

They were typed exactly as they came to us.

Let the Christmas Greetings from area merchants remind us of the caring community in which we live.



## St. George Catholic School, Linn

### PRESCHOOL

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for the new red shoes you brought me last year. This year, I am asking for an orange trackhoe, a backhoe like my dads, and a red work truck. Please and thank you!

**Your friend, River**

**Dear Santa,**  
I would really like some new waffle blocks, plastic rocks, and colorful plastic blocks. I promise I have been good.

**Your friend, Lachlan**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for the Ultimate Rescue vehicle last year. I would like a Santa Claus toy because I think you are so good. I want a Fireman Sam Jupiter truck, quad bike, and real fireman shirts. Give Rudolph the biggest carrot and I will leave you the biggest cookie! We will have the jolliest house.

**Your friend, Rosston**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for the dog stuffed animal and the gray stuffed animal squishy. This year will you please bring me a remote control dinosaur, a remote control dragon, and a remote control alligator. Thanks Santa for giving me all the toys I want. I love you now!

**Your friend, Trevor**

**Dear Santa,**  
I love you. Thank you for the Cry Baby last year. Rudolph is my favorite reindeer. Who is yours? I want a LOL dollhouse, VIP Pets, unicorns, hamster with babies, squishmallow, and I think that is it. I love you. You are nice.

**Your friend, Allie P.**

**Dear Santa,**  
Hi,  
I'm Easton and I'm 4 years old. I am thankful for all the Paw Patrol toys and boots I got last year!

This year I have been mostly good and want a bigger pair of boots, a car with remote control, nerf gun, and a toy dirt bike track. I promise to share with my brothers.

**Your friend, Easton**

**Dear Santa,**  
I am thankful for my cat and dog. For Christmas I would like Pokemon cards and Bakugan.

**Your friend, Kip R.**

**Dear Santa,**  
I want a RC car and some robots. I would like some legos, a tablet, and some Pokemon cards. I have been a good boy this year.

**Your friend, Ayden**

**Dear Santa,**  
I want to see all your elves. You are so nice and so funny. I want a boat and a toy truck with a bayhale in the back. Thank you for the toys.

**Your friend, John K.**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Connor. I want a blue dirt bike and a xylophone. Also I would like a bluey that dances and sings.

**Your friend, Connor**

**Dear Santa,**  
How are you? How do you deliver all those presents? I love you! I would like to feed one of your reindeers! I have been good. I would like a kitchen this year and a unicorn. Be safe when you are flying!

**Your friend, Emilyn**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for my presents last year. This year I would like a cool race car and a Grave Digger monster truck. Thank you Santa!

**Your friend, Emmett L.**

**Dear Santa,**  
I moved to a new house. I hope you can find me this year. I have been so good. I am thankful for my Aunt Sydnee and all of my family. This year I want

1. LOL dolls
2. Real unicorn
3. Princess castle legos

I love you so much Santa and Rudolph and Mrs. Claus.

**Your friend, Raelynn C.**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for my trucks last year. I would like a cool backpack like Trevor. Can you bring me a stove and a microwave too? We also need a new pool so I can go swimming again. Thanks Santa.

**Your friend, Kase R.**

**KINDERGARTEN**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for last year's gifts. I would like a rocket, electric scooter, pirateship and a ticket to Sky Zone.

**Your friend, Vasen B.**

**Dear Santa,**  
I am thankful for my Brid toys. This year I would like a remote control skid-steer and a remote control fork-lift. Have I been good this year?

**Your friend, Tritan**

**Dear Santa,**

I have been really good this year. For Christmas I would like some LOL Dolls and some Barbies with extra clothes. I would also really like a real telescope, and a newsled. Also some Eloise books.

**Your friend, Eloise**

**Dear Santa,**  
I really want to go see you and all the elves at the North Pole. I really, really wish to see your workshop. I really, really wish for a new baby doll. Thank you because you are so funny and really sweet.

**Your friend, Ali K**

**Dear Santa,**  
I have been a good boy. I would like a Rubble and Rocky for Christmas. Thank you Santa!

**Your friend, Finn**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for the talking sloth you gave me last year. This year I would like a snackeez cup, a superhero toy, a toy Jurassic Park kit.

**Your friend, Gus**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you so much for my gifts last year. I really love my ice cream set and my car keys. This year I'd really like a sewing kit, so my mom can teach me to sew. I'd also like some play appliances like an Instant Pot and an air fryer. I think those are so cool, and I'd be able to cook like my parents. Have fun delivering presents this year. Merry Christmas

**Your friend, Layla L.**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for presents last

year. I love you so much! XOXO Santa, am I on the good list? Can I have a remote control monster truck for Christmas, please? XOXO

**Your friend, Justine N.**

**Dear Santa,**  
I am thankful for our food and going to other places. I have been good this year. For Christmas I want a Barbie food truck, LOL's, and a gymnastics bar.

**Your friend, Millie R.**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thanks for my t-rex from last year! I would like for you to bring me another dinosaur and new Feed The Woozie game. My dad cleaned the chimney so you can land on the roof and come down that way!

**Your friend, Daniel R.**

**Dear Santa,**  
I like the doll house you gave me. Santa. I want a Smart phone and another set of make-up with lots of make-up, including eye lash. I would also like an oval, black Alexa. Merry Christmas! You are the best Santa I've ever known.

**Your friend, Layla Ma S.**

**Dear Santa,**  
I am thankful for my family and teachers. For Christmas, I would like more footie jammies and a bike without training wheels.

**Your friend, Penelope**

**Dear Santa,**  
Last year I was thankful for my family. For Christmas I

would like a St. Louis Cardinal jersey, Nintendo Switch, and Sonic game, and tires for my 4 wheeler.

**Your friend, Caden**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for my truck and gooseneck last year. I would like a new red bike. I will leave you cookies and milk for you and bananas for the reindeer. Merry Christmas. Thank you for my elf, Jingles.

**Your friend, Landon**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for the leaf blower and fire truck you brought me last year. This year I am asking for a tow truck, binoculars, new boots and an orange vest for deer hunting.

**Your friend, Owen**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for my gifts last year. I have been good this year and would like a watch and an American Girl doll. Have a safe trip from the North Pole!

**Your friend, Kate**

**Dear Santa,**  
I liked the action figures and the new bike you gave me last Christmas. I like you and I believe in you. I know you buy Christmas toys, so maybe you can give me five toys. More action figures, legos, a watch, and lego ninja turtles toys. A birthday chain would be cool.

**Your friend, Judson W.**

**FIRST GRADE**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for the remote

control monster truck last Christmas. I have been a good boy this year. I would really like a new bike and a wooden pocket knife and a new basketball.

**Your friend, Carter T.**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for the Gymnastics mat and the cowgirl boots that you gave me last year. I would like Pink crocs, Magic mixes crystal ball, Toys, Dresses, Beads set, Color pencil set, Oil pastel set.

**Your friend, Aubrie P.**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for the Nintendo Switch last year. I would like Pokémon cards, a new baseball bat, a new iPad and huh squish balls this year.

**Your friend, Mason M.**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for the presents that you gave last Christmas. I would like a LEGO thing that has a house and Ender Dragon and two people.

**Your friend, Jasper A.**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for my go-kart last year. I would like a Nintendo Switch, Pokémon stuff, and cologne. Tell the reindeer I said hi! Merry Christmas!

**Your friend, Cooper R.**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for my purple tennis shoes. I would like a Chromebook, iPad case, gum balls and squishies. Tell Mrs. Clause that I said hi.

**Your friend, Violet S.**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for the Gabby characters, the Christmas horse, and the jump rope last year. I would like a hat for my cat, a hairbrush, a barbie house, new tights, scrunchies, a bike helmet, and cozy socks. Thank you Santa and have a Merry Christmas.

**Your friend, Estellise W.**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for all my wonderful gifts. I really have enjoyed my bike and my Drone and all my other toys. I would like a dirt bike, a snowmobile and a skateboard. I would also like some more Pokémon cards for my collection and all my family to be together.

**Your friend, Jude M.**

**Dear Santa,**  
I would like a firewolf toy, and I would also like for my baby

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## LETTERS TO SANTA

### I. C. Loose Creek School

#### Kindergarten Class

**Dear Santa,**  
I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things mac coces, help pt uwa tles, and help mac the bet. My Christmas wishes are a jrif cor, pelit gon, and orange hoteclos.

**Love, Max**

**Dear Santa,**  
I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things I hept dad fld ckos, I hept my sister Josie, and I hept my mom mac cocys. My Christmas wishes are a tuw dinosau, a tuw chratr, and a tuw chruc.

**Love, Zeke**

**Dear Santa,**  
I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things lodre, hlp mom cuc, and clen. My Christmas wishes are a robot, Crismis tre, and tran.

**Love, Cooper**

**Dear Santa,**  
I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things hlp my mom wotr plens, hlp my mom cuc, and hlp my mom wef lodre. My Christmas wishes are tosz, Crismis lits, and robot.

**Love, Hank**

**Dear Santa,**  
I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things lodr, hl mom cuc, and hlp mom wosh dishis. My Christmas wishes are a cichin.

**Love, Katlyn**

**Dear Santa,**  
I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things fld lojey, hlp pepl, and cuc. My Christmas wishes are babalivud, atiabeu, and a desc.

**Love, Vera**

**Dear Santa,**  
I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things hlp plonjy, hlp swep, and hlp mac cac. My Christmas wishes are a tedy ber, camr,

and a suc.

**Love, Moxley**

**Dear Santa,**  
I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things I did tac the tratr, I fld the lojre, and I wost the distis. My Christmas wishes are boos, dinsos, and an aqql wot.

**Love, Jack**

**Dear Santa,**  
I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things hlp my mom cen, decrrad for Cismis, and help fin lf. My Christmas wishes are dinsos, tindo sich, and an xbox.

**Love, Colt**

**Dear Santa,**  
I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things cen, fld loje, and uof difis. My Christmas wishes are frm tus, jift crr, and nrf guns.

**Love, Preston**

#### First Grade Class

**Dear Santa Claus,**  
I have been very good this year! I have done some nice things such as helping others, encouraging people, and if they are sick I hope they feel better. My Christmas wishes are a hockey set, an Oculus, and Santajammies. I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk!

**Love, Bo**

**Dear Santa Claus,**  
I have been very good this year! I have done some nice things such as loving, helping and giving Christmas spirit. My Christmas wishes are two racing cars, a toy plane, and a cross. I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk!

**Love, Liam**

**Dear Santa Claus,**  
I have been very good this year! I have done some nice things such as helping people pick up their crayons, help pick up toys, and help my mom get groceries. My Christmas wishes are a Barbie color reveal,

a remote control, and a Pop-It. I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk!

**Love, Savanna**

**Dear Santa Claus,**  
I have been very good this year! I have done some nice things such as helping people up, giving them a bandaaid, and helping my mom cook. My Christmas wishes are babies, Easy Bake Oven food, and a Barbie doll. I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk!

**Love, Blake**

**Dear Santa Claus,**  
I have been very good this year! I have done some nice things such as giving my brother a blanket, going back up for my brothers cups, and noticed that my dogs didn't have water. My Christmas wishes are a dog, stuffed animals, and a new Hot Wheels. I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk!

**Love, Kaelynn**

**Dear Santa Claus,**  
I like to wear my Christmas dresses in Christmas pictures. I also put up my Christmas tree with my dad & we plan to do it on Friday. I like to read books. My favorite series is Whatever After. I would like some things for Christmas too! I would like some roller blades and a sudoku, a new one just like my other one I had. I don't need anything, but I would like this: for the homeless

**Love, George**

**Dear Santa Claus,**  
I have been very good this year! I have done some nice things such as helping people, being good, and loving people. My Christmas wishes are a shot gun, Hot Wheels, and a cowboy hat. I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk!

**Love, John**

**Dear Santa Claus,**  
I have been very good this year! I have done some nice things such as help bekind, help people up, and clean up water. My Christmas wishes are Hot Wheels, monster trucks, and a tablet. I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk!

**Love, Gage**

**Dear Santa Claus,**  
I have been very good this year! I have done some nice things such as helping someone up, helping pick up crayons, and helping someone if they need help on work. My Christmas wishes are a fourwheeler, a hoverboard, and a huge bean bag. I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk!

**Love, Trippi**

#### Second Grade Class

**Dear Santa Claus,**  
Hey Santa! I have been so good this year! I just want a VR headset please. Is it cold at the North Pole? I want the poor to have a good life & for all people to be good. Have the poor have a good Christmas please. I can't believe it's close to Christmas. Are you happy it's close to Christmas?

**Love, Olivia**

**Dear Santa Claus,**  
I would like comfy pajamas & The Old Lady Series to read. I would like an American Doll School. A cute pillow and blanket. Please give needs to the homeless. I would like winter boots and pants & lots of stuff for the homeless. Give money to the homeless & lots of food to the homeless. Make the homeless rich. Make wishes come true.

to have a house on Christmas Eve & a meal for Christmas Eve. Also, a coat for them too. Have you had a fun time at the North Pole? I love it here. Oh, PS > I want the homeless to have food on Christmas morning too.

**Love, Charlotte**

**Dear Santa Claus,**  
I would like cowboy boots, the Dog Manseries, a bookshelf, a desk, & a play station. Make sure you get people that are poor what they need to live their life happy: like a house, food, clean water, shoes, & clothing. How are your elves doing, especially Ana, because she is my elf. I will bake cookies for you & carrots for the reindeer. I am learning about reindeer antlers. It is cool. Hope you have a good Christmas!

**Love, Hudson**

**Dear Santa Claus,**  
Can I have a dress? Can I also have the book Creepy crayon? Can I also have a water bottle? Can I have an American Girl Doll? Can I please have a baby puppy that is a stuffed animal? Can I please have fluffy socks too? Can you please make me have a good Christmas & everybody else?

**Love, Tayler**

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**Love, Josie**

**Dear Santa Claus,**  
I want you to know that I

would like some new socks for my feet. I also would like some chapter books. Can I have a Build the Bear for me and my brother and sister please? Can I please have some forgiveness? I would like for no more pollution in the world please? If you would like to give some love to everyone on Christmas please I beg you for the homeless. I will also give you some cookies for you to eat. Can I have a shirt that is green?

**Love, Sadie**

**Dear Santa Claus,**  
I want toys. I need clothes. I need food. I want candy. I read lots of books. I wear blue shirts & red in any shirt. I hope you and your elves have a good Christmas. I hope that Hermy and you have a good Christmas. I read a book with a test. Can I please have some books with tests. Santa, can you please feed the homeless? I hope you have lots of toys!

**Love, Will**

**Dear Santa Claus,**  
For Christmas, I would like Amelia Bedlia books please. A necklace that's a pearl one because pearls are my birthstone. I also would like a Harry Potter spell book and the sweatshirt and socks. How are your elves doing and you? I am doing great and what about Biscuit? I would like cleaner waters and to help the poor please.

**Love, Izora**

**Dear Santa Claus,**  
This year I want dresses, the rest of the Never Girls series, that hamster in a ball, and to make people plant more trees for air, please. I hope you and the elves are doing good. Have a Merry Christmas! Please tell Rosey to have a Merry Christmas!

**Love, Ellie**



## LETTERS TO SANTA

### St. Mary School - Frankenstein

#### First Grade Class

**Dear Santa Claus,**  
Are you having fun at the North Pole? I have been good and bad. For Christmas could you bring me another baby unicorn, rainbow Narwhal and some baby Narwhal. I would like them to be rainbow.

Please give me some headphones.

**Love, Adalline**

**Dear Santa Claus,**  
How are you doing? I have been good all year long. I really want an art set, a girl Barbie Dolls, Barbie clothes, a doll house, please. I would like my Barbie doll to have blond hair with a pink dress. I would also like to have a pink jeep. I was also wondering if my doll house could have a shower and a shower curtain? I would also like headphones.

**Love, Emma**

**Dear Santa Claus,**  
Do you have snow where you are? I have been a little both good and bad. Would you like to give me a case for my scissors? I would like a ninja kit. I would like real stuff that will turn me into a real ninja. Can you give me some headphones

**Love, Caleb T.**

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and  
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**Don't be caught on Santa's naughty list this year...**

**Merry Christmas**  
from  
Sheriff Michael Bonham  
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**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

It may be cold outside, but we're filled with warm holiday wishes for you and your family. Season's Greetings from all of us.

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## LETTERS TO SANTA

### Chamois R-1 School

#### Tiny Pirates Preschool

Dear Santa the Tiny Pirates Preschoolers would like to ask you to bring them the following presents:

**Ruth** would like the Minion Movie 5.

**Aaron** would like a Super Hero.

**Roslyn** would like an LOL.

**Lane** would like a Train Track.

**Reid** would like a Volcano.

**Adellyn** would like a Barbie House.

**Dahlia** would like a Baby Stroller.

**Pierce** would like Magna Tiles.

**Emberlee** would like Zuma.

**Braelynn** would like Paw Patrol.

**Ella** would like a Barbie House.

**Harmon** would like a Drone.

**Cora** would like a Santa doll.

**Jase** would like a Work Truck with tools.

**Kyleigh** would like an Indoor Trampoline.

**Jayce** would like a Big remote truck.

**Brenna** would like a Frozen doll.

**Dear Santa,**  
I love you. I want a remote-control snack, paint, paintbrushes, crayons and stuffed rabbit.

**Love, Connor A.**

**Dear Santa,**  
I want an RC Mud Truck with details.

**Love, Hunter C.**

**Dear Santa,**  
I want Zombie Plants and Pac-Man.

**Love, Matthew G.**

**Dear Santa,**  
I want a mommy Squishmallow with babies, mini grocery store like the one in my classroom.

**Love, Jadyynn J.**

**Dear Santa,**  
I want a toy turtle, Thomas the Train, toy bus and paper and crayons to color with.

**Your friend,  
Camden M.**

**Dear Santa,**  
I want a microscope, telescope, police car and an excavator that I can drive and a playhouse that I can fit in.

**Love, Beau N.**

**Dear Santa,**  
I want a Critter Castle, Little Live Pet Guinea Pig with babies, toy puppy you walk with leash.

**Love, Kinely N.**

**Dear Santa,**  
I want two Semi tractor trailer, 4 trucks, remote-control truck,

4-wheeler and spider.

**Love, Hayes W.**

#### Mrs. Hilkerbaumer's First Grade

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for the tablet last year! Do you like to go to the beach? I like your reindeer. For Christmas please bring me a What the Fluff pet dog.

**Your Friend,  
Harper R.**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for all of the gifts that you got for me. Do you get a gift? I like your reindeer. For Christmas please leave me lots of Barbies!

**Your Friend,  
Sophia P.**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for a doll. Do you take the carrots for the reindeer? I like your suit. It is very, very handsome. For Christmas please bring me another doll.

**Your Friend,  
Quinn M.**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for my boat. Do you like my cookies? I like your reindeer. For Christmas please can I have an RC car?

**Your Friend,  
Bryce S.**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for my hover board. Do you like my cookies? I like your reindeer. For Christmas please bring me a remote control helicopter.

**Your Friend,  
Keegan D.**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for my Scruff-a-Luv! Do you train your reindeer? I like your reindeer and elf. For Christmas please give me high heels and a stuffy elf!

**Your Friend,  
Kinley P.**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for bringing me presents. Do you like me? I like your hat. For Christmas please can I have a P55 and a controller.

**Your Friend,  
Les L.**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for my lotion. Do you have a cat or dog? I like your sled. For Christmas please bring me a RC car and a bracelet.

**Your Friend,  
Sarah K.**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for my baby doll. Do you have a daughter? I like your reindeer. For Christmas please bring me an LOL doll.

**Your Friend,  
Caylee M.**

#### Ms. Hagenhoff's Second grade

**Dear Santa,**  
Christmas is coming up. I hope you are feeling better. I want a real life lizard and a drum set.

**Love,  
Hunter G.**

**Dear Santa,**  
Santa how is Rudolf and the

and dress up clothes. Have a nice Christmas.

**Love,  
Violet D.**

**Dear Santa,**  
Christmas is coming soon, so please bring me a red queen mother alien and please get me a deluxe queen alien. Thank you for getting this for me.

**Love,  
Landen N.**

reindeer? Christmas is coming soon. Can you give me a scope camera, a toy Titanic and a pet rabbit? I hope that you have a safe trip.

**Love,  
Hank S.**

**Dear Santa,**  
How is Mrs. Claus doing? Christmas is coming. Can I please get a doughnut toy, LOL OMG and LOLs? Hae a great trip!

**Love  
Makena W.**

**Dear Santa,**  
Would you like white or chocolate milk on Christmas Eve? And how are you? Also please can I have a memow and a stuff Axolotol and a under water camera?

**From,  
Katerina A.**

**Dear Santa,**  
How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? So Christmas is coming. Can I pretty please have all the Aphmau plushies. Also a LOL doll. Also a really reall I mean really big unicorn plushie.

**Love,  
Adalynn W.**

**Dear Santa,**  
How is your family? Christmas is coming. Please bring me a under water camera. A waterproof mermaid tail, toy mermaid doll in the water. Have a great trip! Have a great Christmas.

**Love,  
Bailey A.**

**Dear Santa,**  
Christmas is coming. I would like a stuffed horse and a camera

**Callem S.**

**Dear Santa,**  
How are you? Thank you for my Dinosaur plush, bb gun and phone. I have been helpful to my grandma. I would like for my mom and dad and grandma and grandpa to have a good Christmas.

And I hope you a Merry Christmas.

**Love,  
Ryder C.**

**Dear Santa,**  
Are the elves helping you? Thank you for the toy gun that you gave me last Christmas. I have been helping Jason for 3 years. I want a PS4, Nintendo Switch, and a T.V. Have a great year!

**Love,  
Carson M.**

**Dear Santa,**  
What does the North Pole look like? Thank you for a PS4, T.V. and a toy train. How are the elves doing? For Christmas I want a Wii, toy rocket launcher, and a Xbox 360.

**Love,**

**Braxton U.**

**Dear Santa,**  
How are the Elves doing? Thank you for the gifts I got last year. I still use my phone. I am doing good, I help my sister. I am asking for a X-box 360, BB Gun, and a Nerf Gun. Have a great year!

**Love,  
Bentley W.**

**Dear Santa,**  
Do you get paid? Last year from you I got gifts like boxing gloves, BB Gun and Candy. I would like a PC, a Rolex Watch and \$ 1,000. I am having a bad year, but I will try to be good.

**From,  
Carsen W.**



From the City of Chamois to our Osage County Neighbors

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## LETTERS TO SANTA

### Sacred Heart - Rich Fountain

#### Preschool

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for the new toys. This year I would like a new puppy. For Christmas, I will play with my sister.

**Your friend, Cleo**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for the pretty ornaments. This year I would like a toy turtle. For Christmas, I will

help feed and water the dogs.

**Your friend, Harlyn**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for the Harry Potter wand. This year I would like a Harry Potter owl. For Christmas, I will let Cloe out.

**Your friend, Brighton**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for the Paw Patrol pups. This year I would like some

foam boards. For Christmas, I will help Mommy feed the cats.

**Your friend, Owen**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for the toy grocery store. This year I would like some makeup. For Christmas, I will feed the baby cow.

**Your friend, Greta**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for the squishy.

This year I would like some area shoes and socks. For Christmas, I will give Lydia a gift.

**Your friend, Vivian**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for the big Rapunzel doll. This year I would like a Barbie dream house and camper. I would also like Rapunzel's horse, Maximus. For Christmas, I will help Mommy feed and water Bandit.

**Your friend, Loretta**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for my cat. This year I would like some vampire teeth. For Christmas, I will help Grandma clean the house.

**Your friend, Marta**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for my monster truck. This year I would like a dog. For Christmas, I will help Mom clean my room.

**Your friend, William**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for my dresses.

#### Kindergarten

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for my Paw Patrol fire truck. This year I would like an American Girl doll high chair. For Christmas, I will help Mommy clean the living room.

**Your friend, Loretta**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for the puppy, Rita. This year I would like a Barbie with a puppy set. For Christmas, I will help Grandma clean her house.

**Your friend, Rowan**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for the monster truck. This year I would like a dog. For Christmas, I will help Mom clean my room.

**Your friend, Oz**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for the vet clinic. This year I would like some roller skates. For Christmas, I will donate a toy.

This year I would like a stuffed of you. For Christmas, I will help Mommy with the baby.

**Your friend, Blair**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for the puppy, Rita. This year I would like a Barbie with a puppy set. For Christmas, I will help Grandma clean her house.

**Your friend, Rowan**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for the monster truck. This year I would like a dog. For Christmas, I will help Mom clean my room.

**Your friend, Oz**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for the vet clinic. This year I would like some roller skates. For Christmas, I will donate a toy.

#### Your friend, Georgia

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for the big Marshall Paw Patrol fire engine. This year I would like a Paw Patrol helicopter and police car. I would also like Rider's motorcycle and four wheeler. For Christmas, I will feed the dog.

**Your friend, Mavis**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for my kitty. This year I would like a real kitty. For Christmas, I will give my Dad a present.

**Your friend, Emma**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for the mini four wheeler. I have been helping my

dad by setting up cameras. Can you please bring me a Corgi? Can you please bring Lydia a baby otter picture for her phone? Can you please bring Vivian Orea shoes? I will leave out cookies and milk and carrots.

**Your friend, Grantley**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for my Paw Patrol Tower. I been helping my mom by cooking. Can you please bring me a skateboard? I will give you tons of cookies.

**Your friend, Tucker**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for the candy cane. I have been helping by mommy. Please bring me sammer slam? I have milk and cookies and carrots!

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### St. George • from page 2A

brother to be born happy and healthy, and I would also like the Minnesota Wild to win the Stanley Cup this season.

**Your friend, Harlie D.**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for what you have given me last year. How is Susie and Jingle, I'm so excited for them to come back!

This year I would like a mama surprise, rock tumbler, a desk for crafting, organizers for my projects and crafts, and some really really good markers.

Please bring Barret a electric dirt bike.

Thank you for all you do around the world.

**Your friend, Anslee D.**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for the Hot Wheels Ultimate Garage and the new dinosaur shoes I got last year.

This year I would like Pokemon cards, binders and a blanket. I would also like blankets to share with other people.

I want everybody to have an awesome Christmas!! Thank you alot.

**Your friend, Oliver A.**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for last year and thank for for all of the presents that you have gave to the children.

I would like Pokemon booster boxes and I would like all of my presents to be pokemon and one dog.

**Your friend, Jentry M.**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for God and Jesus.

I would like a magic eight ball and Pokemon cards. I would also like Bakugan.

**Your friend, Colton F.**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for everything that you have given to me since I was little. This year, I would like a tie dye bed set, American girl doll with rainbow hair and an elf outfit, a chrome book with a case, butter slime, a big Squishmallow and a sciencelab.

Can you let us know what kind of cookies and milk you want this year, and what snacks for the reindeer? We will leave some out for you guys.

Good luck making presents!

**Your friend, Maebrie P.**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for my mom and dad, my brother and sisters. I would like a Nintendo switch, Legos, and an electric scooter.

**Your friend, Oliver B.**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for my hoverboard last year. I would like a Nerf gun and a race jacket with my name on it.

**Your friend, Edzen B.**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for my new jeep and for your kindness. I would like a jeep truck, twin baby dolls, cotton candy slime, Christmas earrings, full face helmet with purple butterfly, pink suitcase, fake nails, snowcone maker. I would also like snowcone maker.

**Your friend, Nora B.**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for Buddy the Elf and the Lego Jeep you gave me last year. I would like a new bike, tablet, and a Spiderman Lego set this year. I will leave cookies and milk for you and carrots for the reindeer.

**Your friend, Jackson J.**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for Barbie dream camper and squishies. I would like a sewing kit, neon rainbow lights, cookie play foods and white crocs.

**Your friend, Elyse K.**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for toys last year. I would like a dog, lego set and semi truck. Thank you.

**Your friend, Chandler P.**

#### SECOND GRADE

**Dear Santa,**  
I would like a remote control Black Widow Spider, a mega nerf gun, a remote control excavator, a gravity crawler, and a compass.

**Your friend, Gatlin D.**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for my presents last year! I am trying to be really good this year. May I please have a school set for my dolls, a big Snow White doll, and Barbie accessories.

**Your friend, Amelia J.**

headset, Apple airpods, a Lego RC car, and a big Lego set.

**Your friend, Ross B.**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for my presents last year! I want a Nintendo Switch, a new RC car, and a trampoline basketball goal for Christmas this year. I've been a good boy.

**Your friend, Brady N.**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for my toys last year. This year on my wish list I would like a two seated GoKart.

**Your friend, Carter P.**

**Dear Santa,**  
And what was with that glitter last year? Merry Christmas Santa Claus

**Your friend, Nora A.**

**Dear Santa,**  
For Christmas I would like a Trazzas RC Truck, an off road hoverboard, a virtual reality

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Kinley and I am 8 years old. This year I have been very good. For Christmas I would like Schleich horses, a big stuffed dog, a tumbling mat, a phone, makeup, a fuzzy heated blanket and craft kits. Thank you Santa for the gifts you gave me last year. We will have cookies and milk for you and carrots for the reindeer.

**Your friend, Kinley P.**

**Dear Santa,**  
My Christmas wishes are to get a new TV in my bedroom, a new Barbie camper with a long slide, Gabby's Dollhouse, and a glitter phone case that is blue.

**Your friend, Jordyn R.**

**Dear Santa,**  
I have tried to be really good this year! For Christmas, I would like a remote control car, some new clothes, some building blocks, and a microphone. Have a great Christmas!

**Your friend, Henry J.**



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*And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them and they were afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.*



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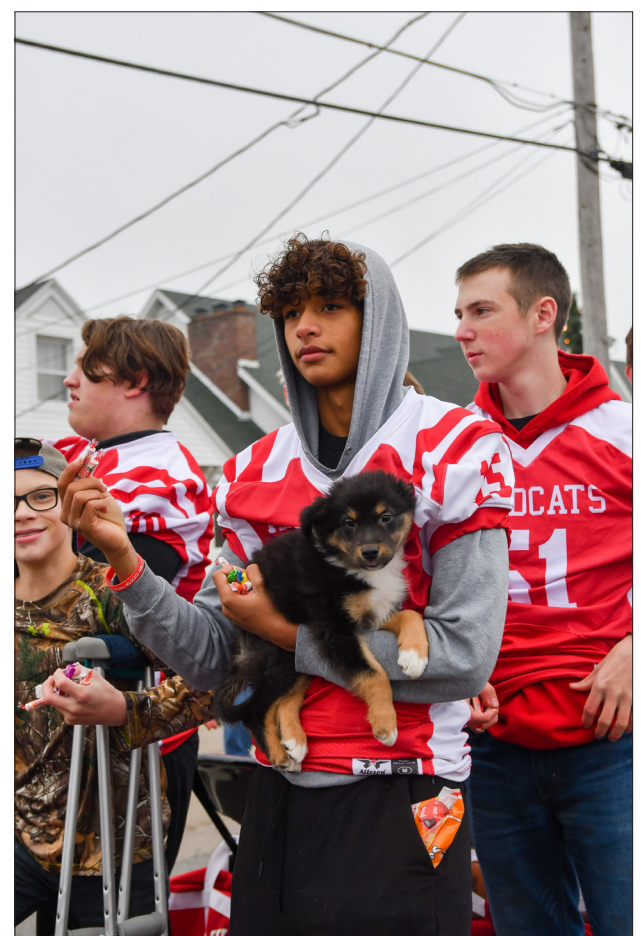


## Christmas Parade

Santa Claus waves to the crowd from atop a Linn Fire Protection District truck during the Linn Lions Christmas Parade. Despite a cool day with a light drizzle, the parade route was crowded with onlookers, who waited patiently for candy to be tossed from passing floats. From Scouts to the VFW Color Guard, members of the Linn Football Club and high school team, cheerleaders, vintage cars, and tractors, the parade was a huge success. This year's parade theme was "Santa's Workshop" and the attention to detail can be seen in the photos.



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## Christmas Greetings - and - Best Wishes

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## LETTERS TO SANTA

### Holy Family School - Freeburg

#### Preschool

**Dear Santa,**

How are you? I've been very good and this is what I want for Christmas this year: Something I want is a unicorn stuffy. Something I need is crackers. Something to play with that I would like is a big baby doll. Something to read would be a Santa book. I hope you have a Merry Christmas!

**Your friend,  
Violet**

**Dear Santa,**

How are you? I've been very good and this is what I want for Christmas this year: Something I want is a Barbie dreamhouse. Something I need is snow boots. Something to play with that I would like is a Gabby's dollhouse. Something to read would be a spy book. I hope you have a Merry Christmas!

**Your friend,  
Karlee**

**Dear Santa,**

How are you? I've been very good and this is what I want for Christmas this year: Something I want is to spend time with my family on Christmas. Something I need is a Christmas shirt. Something to play with that I would like is a gun that shoots out webs. Something to read would be a Christmas book. I hope you have a Merry Christmas!

**Your friend,  
David**

**Dear Santa,**

How are you? I've been very good and this is what I want for Christmas this year: Something I want is an electric ATV. Something I need is John Deere skidsteer with a little trailer. Something to play with that I would like is Play-doh. Something to read would be a worker book. I hope you have a Merry Christmas!

**Your friend,  
Jaxtyn**

**Dear Santa,**

How are you? I've been very good and this is what I want for Christmas this year: Something I want is Go Fish cards. Something I need is teddy's. Something to play with that I would like is a unicorn. Something to read would be What Do You See? book. I hope you have a Merry Christmas!

**Your friend,  
Amaurra**

**Dear Santa,**

How are you? I've been very good and this is what I want for Christmas this year: Something I want is more racecars. Something I need is snacks. Something to play with that I would like is dinosaurs. Something to read would be a lion book. I hope you have a Merry Christmas!

**Your friend,  
Brayden**

**Dear Santa,**

How are you? I've been very good and this is what I want for Christmas this year: Something I want is a unicorn. Something I need is unicorn shoes. Something to play with that I would like is a Barbie dreamhouse. Something to read would be a unicorn book. I hope you have a Merry Christmas!

**Your friend,  
Riley**

**Dear Santa,**

How are you? I've been very good and this is what I want for Christmas this year: Something I want is Transformers. Something I need is Transformer shirt. Something to play with that I would like is more Transformers. Something to read would be a Transformer book. I hope you have a Merry Christmas!

**Your friend,  
Emil**

**Dear Santa,**

How are you? I've been very good and this is what I want for Christmas this year: Something I want is a baby doll.

Something I need is a fishing pole. Something to play with that I would like is paint. Something to read would be a playing book. I hope you have a Merry Christmas!

**Your friend,  
Ellie**

**Dear Santa,**

How are you? I've been very good and this is what I want for Christmas this year: Something I want is a spider web shooter. Something I need is Pringles chips. Something to play with that I would like is Play-doh. Something to read would be a Godzilla book. I hope you have a Merry Christmas!

**Your friend,  
Raylan**

**Dear Santa,**

How are you? I've been very good and this is what I want for Christmas this year: Something I want is a web shooter toy. Something I need is a Spider-Man shirt. Something to play with that I would like is a firetruck. Something to read would be a Christmas book. I hope you have a Merry Christmas!

**Your friend,  
Seeley**

**Dear Santa,**

How are you? I've been very good and this is what I want for Christmas this year: Something I want is playing cards.

Something I need is new school shoes. Something to play with that I would like is Zingo. Something to read would be a Clifford book. I hope you have a Merry Christmas!

**Your friend,  
Emma**

**Dear Santa,**

How are you? I've been very good and this is what I want for Christmas this year: Something I want is a John Deere tractor. Something I need is shoes. Something to play with that I would like is another John Deere tractor. Something to read would be a tractor book. I hope you have a Merry Christmas!

**Your friend,  
Ben**

**Dear Santa,**

How are you? I've been very good and this is what I want for Christmas this year: Something I want is a butterfly phone. Something I need is a doll. Something to play with that I would like is a Santa toy. Something to read would be a Santa book. I hope you have a Merry Christmas!

**Your friend,  
Erie**

**Kindergarten**

**Dear Santa,**

How are you? I've been very good and this is what I want for Christmas this year: Some-

thing I want is candy. Something I need is food. Something to play with that I would like is a tractor. Something to read would be a tractor book. I hope you have a Merry Christmas!

**Your friend,  
Carter**

**Dear Santa,**

How are you? I've been very good and this is what I want for Christmas this year: Something I want is sea creatures. Something I need is a TV. Something to play with that I would like is a toy deer. Something to read would be a book about deer. I hope you have a Merry Christmas!

**Your friend,  
Rudy**

**Dear Santa,**

How are you? I've been very good and this is what I want for Christmas this year: Something I want a new iPad. Something I need is new Christmas pillows. Something to play with that I would like is an animal toy. Something to read would be a book about animals. I hope you have a Merry Christmas!

**Your friend,  
Bella**

**Dear Santa,**

How are you? I've been very good and this is what I want for Christmas this year: Something I want is an LOL doll. Something I need is a dollhouse. Something to play with that I would like is a hippo stuffed animal. Something to read would be a hippo book. I hope you have a Merry Christmas!

**Your friend,  
Addelyn**

**Dear Santa,**

How are you? I've been very good and this is what I want for Christmas this

year: Something I want is LOL dolls. Something I need is a tablet. Something to play with that I would like is a Barbie. Something to read would be a princess book. I hope you have a Merry Christmas!

**Your friend,  
Brynlee**

**Dear Santa,**

How are you? I've been very good and this is what I want for Christmas this year: Something I want is a monster truck. Something I need is a TV in my room. Something to play with that I would like is a Hot Wheels car. Something to read would be a shark book. I hope you have a Merry Christmas!

**Your friend,  
Boone**

**Dear Santa,**

How are you? I've been very good and this is what I want for Christmas this year: Something I want is a toy bow. Something I need is a toy shark. Something to play with that I would like is a toy fish. Something to read would be a racecar book. I hope you have a Merry Christmas!

**Your friend,  
Louis**

**Dear Santa,**

How are you? I've been very good and this is what I want for Christmas this year: Something I want is a stuffed animal. Something I need is boots. Something to play with that I would like is cards. Something to read would be a princess book. I hope you have a Merry Christmas!

**Your friend,  
Anna**

**Dear Santa,**

How are you? I've been very good and this is what I want

for Christmas this year: Something I want is a rainbow friends stuffy. Something I need is a new pillow. Something to play with that I would like is a TV. Something to read would be a book about bugs. I hope you have a Merry Christmas!

**Your friend,  
Brody**

**First Grade**

**Dear Santa,**

How are you? I've been very good and this is what I want for Christmas this year: Something I want is a paint set. Something I need is shoes that don't have shoelaces. Something to play with that I would like is Barbie dolls. Something to read would be a world book. I hope you have a Merry Christmas!

**Your friend,  
Piper**

**Dear Santa,**

How are you? I've been very good and this is what I want for Christmas this year: Something I want is a toy cow. Something I need is clothes. Something to play with that I would like is a soccer goal. Something to read would be a Bible. I hope you have a Merry Christmas!

**Your friend,  
Owen**

**Dear Santa,**

How are you? I've been very good and this is what I want for Christmas this year: Something I want is a drumset or a pair of sunglasses. Something I need is book. Something to play with that I would like is a Paw Patrol guitar. Something to read would be a cat book. I hope you have a Merry Christmas!

**Your friend,  
Riley**

**Dear Santa,**

How are you? I've been very good and this is what I want for Christmas this year: Something I want is Barbies. Something I need is a suitcase. Something to play with that I would like is Polly Pockets. Something to read would be a dog book. I hope you have a Merry Christmas!

**Your friend, Rayna**

**Dear Santa,**

How are you? I've been very good and this is what I want for Christmas this year: Something I want is an OMG doll. Something I need is a comb. Something to play with that I would like is a Polly Pocket. Something to read would be a Polly Pocket book. I hope you have a Merry Christmas!

**Your friend,  
Abigail**

**Dear Santa,**

How are you? I've been very good and this is what I want for Christmas this year: Something I want is fidget toys. Something I need is a Bible. Something to play with that I would like is a soccer goal. Something to read would be a cat book. I hope you have a Merry Christmas!

**Your friend, Payton**

**Dear Santa,**

How are you? I've been very good and this is what I want for Christmas this year: Something I want is makeup. Something I need is markers. Something to play with that I would like is Barbies. Something to read would be a dog book. I hope you have a Merry Christmas!

**Your friend,  
Charlie K.**

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## GREETINGS

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## LETTERS TO SANTA

### Linn Elementary School

#### Preschool

**Dear Santa,**

I want blue trucks and bouncy balls to shoot baskets. I have been a little naughty but I try to be good. I will leave you cookies

**Your friend,  
Connor**

**Dear Santa,**

I want an orange, green and blue monster truck with remote control. I have been a tiny bit good. I leave cookies for you!

**Your friend,  
Albert**

**Dear Santa,**

I love you Santa! I want polka dots pillow with flowers on it and a rainbow elf. I have been a good girl. I'll leave carrots & cookies.

**Your friend,  
Myra**

**Dear Santa,**

I want a blue skateboard. I have been a good boy. I will leave you candy and the reindeer some carrots. Merry Christmas.

**Your friend,  
Bo**

**Dear Santa,**

I want building blocks. I can stack them high. I have been a busy girl in school. Please tell the reindeer hi!

**Your friend,  
Cisalee**

**Dear Santa,**

I like to play with blocks and toys. I will leave carrots for the reindeer and cookies for you.

**Your friend,  
Dani**

**Dear Santa,**

I want a dirt bike and I want to be a football player. I will leave you some milk. I don't have any cookies.

**Your friend,  
Lucas**

**Dear Santa,**

I'm a good girl. I want a stuffed luvy from Rainbow Friends (Blue). I want to be a scientist that makes Rainbow Friends when I grow up.

**Your friend,  
Toxi**

**Dear Santa,**

I want a red truck to play in my room. I take it apart and put it on a trailer. I have been a good boy.

**Your friend,  
Dorran**

**Dear Santa,**

I have been a good boy. I want gumdrops. I also want a ball to play soccer. Do you like frogs? I do!

**Your friend,  
Jackson**

**Dear Santa,**

I have been a good boy. I want a red truck and colors to make a rainbow and a monster toy. I will spy you. Ho Ho!

**Your friend,  
Colton**

**Dear Santa,**

I want a cage you put dinosaurs in it, a builder you put on dinosaurs, and a big dinosaur. I have been good. My mom will bake for you and leave you milk.

**Your friend,  
Grayson**

**Dear Santa,**

I want Elsa toys and socks. I like to color. I like horses. I will leave you toys by the door. I have been good.

**Your friend,  
Izabella**

**Dear Santa,**

I want ABC's games, blocks, rocks and a toy mommy. I have been a good boy. I will do my paperwork.

**Your friend,  
Sammy**

**Dear Santa,**

I want a basketball and cars and trucks. I have been good. I will leave you and the reindeer cookies!

**Your friend,  
Benton**

**Dear Santa,**

I want a deer shooting gun, a deer backpack and a black army vest to keep safe and hold bullets. I have been good.

**Your friend,  
James**

**Dear Santa,**

I want makeup and Elsa toy. I am good. I'll leave you Christmas cookies. I like presents. I also want paints and shoes.

**Your friend,  
Eryanna**

**Dear Santa,**

I want 1 Barbie, clothes for Barbie, a toy Santa and a mini backpack for my Barbie. I like mini school supplies. I have been a good girl. I want a locker.

**Your friend,  
Karaline**

**Dear Santa,**

I want a blue bag and a unicorn that follows directions. I also want a notebook to color in. I'll leave you a jingle bell necklace.

**Your friend,  
Laynee**

**Dear Santa,**

I want some more tracks for my Disney race cars and some Legos. I have been good. I like computers too!

**Your friend,  
Colt**

**Alicia Jurd's  
Kindergarten**

**Dear Santa,**

How are you? For Christmas, I would like a baby doll, a Little People Barbie house, a unicorn stuffie, a Baby Alive, and an Ariel Barbie.

**Your friend,  
Allis**

**Dear Santa,**

Hello! For Christmas this year I would like a Batman batcave, a PJ Masks power cat, a Charizard Pokemon, and a Mickey Mouse.

**Your friend,  
JC**

**Dear Santa,**

Hi! This year for Christmas I would like a giant squishmellow, Gabby's Dollhouse, a unicorn stuffie, and Scribble Scrubbies.

**Your friend,  
Lucy**

**Dear Santa,**

How are you? For Christmas I would like a squishmellow, Magic Mixie, a Play-Doh ice cream truck, and Gabby's Dollhouse.

**Your friend,  
Nora**

**Dear Santa,**

Hello! This year for Christmas I would like an octopus squishmellow, Doorables, a baby doll stroller, high chair, and playpen set, and an umbrella.

**Your friend,  
Wendy**

**Dear Santa,**

Hi! For Christmas I would like a kitchen set, Minnie Mouse Bows-a-Glow doll, the Minnie Mouse market set, and Gabby's Dollhouse kitchen set.

**Your friend,  
Kennedy**

**Dear Santa,**

Hello again! For Christmas this year I would like a Nintendo Switch, toy monster trucks, 5 dogs, and bubble lights.

**Your friend,  
Easton**

**Dear Santa,**

Hi! This year for Christmas I would really like a Lego tree house, a toy dinosaur, an Avengers wooden block set, and a PJ Masks power cat.

**Your friend,  
Ryan**

**Dear Santa,**

How are you doing? This year for Christmas I would like a Cocomelon BooBoo plush, a Bluey house, a Bluey bus, and a Minnie Mouse market.

**Your friend,  
Londyn**

**Dear Santa,**

Hi. This year for Christmas I would like some fishing stuff and a hot wheels track with a shark.

**Your friend,  
Landen**

**Dear Santa,**

How are you? I would really like a sweater, black shoes, hunting clothes, and an iPad.

**Your friend,  
Blake**

**Dear Santa,**

How are you? I would like a Barbie farm set, a fox stuffie, a red panda stuffie, and a polar bear stuffie.

**Your friend,  
Aubree**

**Dear Santa,**

Hello! This year for Christmas I would like a basketball hoop, a motorized Jeep, a motorized race car, and some Star Wars figures.

**Your friend,  
Baylor**

**Dear Santa,**

How are you? I would like a Spidey transporter, Spidey Change 'n Go riders, a robot python, and a Zuro Dino Island Skull.

**Your friend,  
Raylan**

**Dear Santa,**

Hello! For Christmas this year, I would like a robot python, a word search book, a gumball machine, and Gabby's

Dollhouse Surprise Doll pack.

**Your friend,  
Sawyer**

#### Holt Schneider's Kindergarten

**Dear Santa,**

My name is Skylar and I am 5 years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me: a dollhouse play-ground, a remote control doll, and a snowglobe! Thank you!

**Your friend,  
Skylar**

**Dear Santa,**

My name is Rowan and I am 6 years old. This year, I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me: a dollhouse, an outside playhouse, and

a scooter!

**Your friend,  
Rowan**

**Dear Santa,**

My name is Knox and I am 6 years old. This year, I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me: a snowrunner video game, minecraft game, and pretend forest with houses to play with.

Thank you!  
**Your friend,  
Knox**

**Dear Santa,**

My name is Harrison and I am 6 years old. This year, I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me: a new bike, a new remote control Grave-

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**Season's Greetings**

We wish you and your family all the best during this holiday season of celebration. We hope your holidays are safe and happy.

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digger, and a new fishing pole. Thank you!

**Your friend,  
Harrison**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Harlee and I am 5 years old. This year, I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me: Makeup, a purse, and a manicure set with nail polish. Thank you!

**Your friend,  
Harlee**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Oakley and I am 5 years old. This year, I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me: a farm and house set with horses and humans, a dog, and a reindeer in the woods. Thank you!

**Your friend,  
Oakley**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is James and I am 5 years old. This year, I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me: a robo dino with controller, a robo spider with remote control, and some McDonalds. Thank you!

**Your friend, James**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Watson and I am 5 years old. This year, I have been naughty and nice ("I'm not gonna lie."). For Christmas, please bring me a dinosaur toy, a dino carrier so a dino can walk on it, and some Christmas decorations for my house and Christmas tree. Thank you!

**Your friend,  
Watson**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Benson and I am 5 years old. This year, I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me a twister track with race cars, a stuffed animal bat, and a fluffy stuffed animal snake! Thank you!

**Your friend,  
Benson**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Hunter and I am 5 years old. This year, I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me: Santa Claus books, a chromebook, and a soccer ball. Thank you!

**Your friend,  
Hunter**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Pearl and I am 5 years old. This year, I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me: a car, a poodle, and a chinchilla! Thank you!

**Your friend,  
Pearl**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Daniel G. and I am 5 years old. This year, I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me a new racetrack with a loop and a pull to make it go, my own kid TV, and a desk. Thank you!

**Your friend,  
Daniel G.**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Lenny and I am 6 years old. This year, I have been

very nice- sometimes. For Christmas, please bring me: plushies, a new gaming chair, and a real kitty cat! Thank you!

**Your friend,  
Lenny**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Daniel R. and I am 6 years old. This year, I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me: a T-Rex, dinosaur book, and vanilla ice cream! Thank you!

**Your friend,  
Daniel R.**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Avery and I am 5 years old. This year, I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me: an LOL Surprise baby that is in a ball you put in water to fizz, a big doll in a container, and a cool Christmas stuffy. Thank You!

**Your friend,  
Avery**

**Sieg's  
Kindergarten**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Emmilene.

I am 5 years old. I have been nice this year. For Christmas I would like a lollipop, an LOL doll, and an ABC chart.

**Your friend,  
Emmilene**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Jonathan. I am 5 years old. I have been nice this year.

For Christmas I would like a police officer costume, an Orbeez gun, and a Freddy Krueger toy.

**Your friend,  
Jonathan**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Oaklyn. I am 6 years old. I have been nice this year.

**Your friend,  
Oaklyn**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Berkeley. I am 6 years old. I have been nice this year.

For Christmas I would like a Mario Nintendo Switch, a toy dog, and an LOL ball.

**Your friend,  
Berkeley**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Braelyn. I am 5 years old. I have been nice this year.

For Christmas I would like a butterfly, a remote controlled car, and pink slime.

**Your friend,  
Braelyn**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Vance. I am 5 years old. I have been nice this year.

For Christmas I would like a toy tractor and a fast, orange motorcycle.

**Your friend,  
Vance**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Ava. I am 5 years old. I have been nice this year.

For Christmas I would like slime, a kite, and board games.

**Your friend, Ava**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Mallory. I am 5 years old. I have been nice this year.

For Christmas I would like a Nintendo, a dress, and yarn for my cats.

**Your friend,**

**Mallory**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Jack. I am 5 years old. I have been nice this year.

For Christmas I would like Legos, a dirt bike, and a Nintendo Switch.

**Your friend,  
Jack**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Korbin. I am 6 years old. I have been nice this year.

For Christmas I would like a skateboard, an i-Pad, and a race car.

**Your friend,  
Korbin**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Lily. I am 5 years old. I have been nice this year.

For Christmas I would like a Barbie dream house, LOL pets, and Legos.

**Your friend, Lily**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Hawkins. I am 6 years old. I have been nice this year.

For Christmas I would like Legos, a dirt bike, and a motorcycle.

**Your friend,**  
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**Hawkins**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Charlotte. I am 6 years old. I have been nice this year. For Christmas I would like an Ariel wig, a blue fin, and Go Fish.

**Your friend,  
Charlotte**

**Flatt's First Grade**

**Dear Santa,**  
Dear Santa, My name is Avery and I am 7 years old. I like Christmas a lot. How do you get down here to Missouri? I would really like to have a new tablet, a magic mixy, and a kitchen set for Christmas.

**Your friend,  
Avery**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Abel and I am 7 years old. Are you actually real? If you are real, I really like you. I would like to have a minecraft lego set, toy car, and VR set for Christmas. I really like you!

**Your friend,  
Abel**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Brayden and I am 6 years old. Do you have a big dinosaur with cars inside it at your workshop? I like to eat apples and I also like to sleep. I would like to have a flip phone, a minecraft game, and a football board game for Christmas. I also want a dinosaur blow up costume.

**Your friend,  
Brayden**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Hadley and I am 7 years old. I like

to do math and my favorite color is orange. What is your favorite color? I would like to have a tea set with food, a horse for my dolls, a bingo game, and a Harry J. Potter costume for my dolls for Christmas. I really want a really big doll house too. I think that is all.

**Your friend,  
Hadley**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Elspeth and I am 6 years old. I like the color purple. What color do you like? I would like a new horse halter, a new hula hoop, and a tumbling mat for my house for Christmas. What stuff do you want for Christmas?

**Your friend,  
Elspeth**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Kash and I am 6 years old. I really like that I get to be you in our Christmas play. I really like how Rudolph's nose shines like the sun at night. I would like the colossal T-Rex, a samurai sword, and a real life hatchet for Christmas. I really like how nice you are.

**Your friend,  
Kash**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Taryn and I am 6 years old. I am grateful for my friends and my teacher. How are the elves and reindeer? I want lipstick, eyeshadow, and blush for Christmas. How is Mrs. Claus? I love you, Santa!

**Your friend,  
Taryn**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Arthur

and I am 6 years old. Can you bring me action figures? I went to Disneyland this summer. I would like a minecraft lego set, more action figures, and a robot dino for Christmas.

**Your friend,  
Arthur**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Waylon and I am 7 years old. How fast can your reindeer fly? My brother is really nice to me. I would like a really fast R/C jeep, a training course for my R/C car, and lights for my R/C for Christmas. How often do you come down here?

**Your friend,  
Waylon**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Gabriel and I am 7 years old. I want you to know that I go to my Grandma's house for Christmas. How many reindeer do you have? I would like to have a bag to carry my stuffed animals, a big trampoline, and a little trampoline for my sister for Christmas.

**Your friend,  
Gabriel**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Wynter and I am 6 years old. How do your reindeer fly? My family likes Christmas and you! I would like a chromebook, a tall Barbie dream house for my Barbies, and flowers for Mommy for Christmas. I like you reindeer.

**Your friend,  
Wynter**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Ricky and I am 7 years old. I really like you. Why do you stay at the North Pole? I would like to have a minecraft lego set, cool cars, and more minecraft lego sets for Christmas.

**Your friend,  
Ricky**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Harmony and I am 6 years old. My family loves each other. I like yourselves. How many toys do they build? I would like to have a rainbow blanket, a Barbie doll house, and a stuffed animal, Shadow, from Sonic 2 for Christmas. I have been good for a very long time.

**Your friend,  
Harmony**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Letti and I am 6 years old. I really want to see your reindeer and feed them. What do your reindeer like to eat? I would like to have one hundred dollars, a short red and black dress, and a reversible octopus plushie for Christmas.

**Your friend,  
Letti**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Payton and I am 7 years old. My family is very special. Is the North Pole a nice place to live? I would like to have a snowglobe with a stuffed cat and me in-

side of it, a baby stroller, and a baby car seat for Christmas.

**Your friend,  
Payton**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Charlee and I am 6 years old. How many cookies does Mrs. Clause bake? I am really nice to my friends so I should be on the nice list. I would like some purple slime with unicorn charms, a baby doll, and a fake dog for Christmas.

**Your friend,  
Charlee**

**Lopez's First Grade**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Daxton, and I am 6 years old. I want to tell you that I really like dinosaurs. A few things I would like for Christmas are a Godzilla toy, a remote control snake, a real puppy, and a new T-REX. A question I would like to ask you is how long do you live?

**Your friend,  
Daxton**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Waylon, and I am 7 years old. I want to tell you that I am good in class and work hard for my teacher, and I love my teacher. A few things I would like for Christmas are a computer, a TV, an Iphone, a new shark glove because I ripped mine, and a monster truck. A question I would like to ask you is if you can come over to my house?

**Your friend,**

**Waylon**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Brynlee, and I am 7 years old. I want to tell you that I am smart. A few things that I would like for Christmas are fidgets, slime, a hoverboard, and roller skates. A question I would like to ask you is do your reindeers actually have magic?

**Your friend,  
Brynlee**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Cheyanne, and I am 6 years old. I want to tell you that I have brown hair. A few things that I would like for Christmas are a stuffed animal bear, baby doll plates, apple juice, and ice-cream. A question that I would like to ask you is how old are you?

**Your friend,  
Cheyanne**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Burk, and I am 7 years old. I want to tell you that I give the best hugs. A few things that I would like for Christmas are a remote control car that me and my brother can play with that has two cars and two remote controls, and a stuffed animal tiger. A question I would like to ask you is, are you real?

**Your friend,  
Burk**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Olivia, and I am 7 years old. I want to tell you that I am

really good at math. A few things that I would like for Christmas are a robotic playhouse, a lot of glow in the dark slime and putty, and a big balloon so I can bounce on it to the sky. A question that I would like to ask you is what were you doing in the North Pole all season?

**Your friend,  
Olivia**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is JJ, and I am 7 years old. I want to tell you that I like to play with my cousins. A few things that I would like for Christmas are a keyboard, a guitar, and a nintendo switch. A question that I would like to ask you is when were you born?

**Your friend, JJ**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Heather, and I am 6 years old. I want to tell you that I like toys. A few things that I would like for Christmas are barbies, a barbie house, stuffed animals, and a bouncy ball. A question that I would like to ask you is how many elves do you have?

**Your friend,  
Heather**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Mellie, and I am 6 years old. I want to tell you that I am always nice and playful. A few things that I would like for Christmas are a

keyboard, a unicorn toy, a unicorn coloring book, and a unicorn matching game. A question that I would like to ask you is how old are you?

**Your friend,  
Mellie**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Jaelyn, and I am 6 years old. I want to tell you that I like to make friends. A few things that I would like for Christmas are an Elsa and Ana bedset, barbies, and stuffed animals. A question that I would like to ask you is how do the reindeer fly?

**Your friend,  
Jaelyn**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Annabelle, and I am 6 years old. I want to tell you that I have a brother. A few things that I would like for Christmas are a magical Mixie's crystal ball, American Girl dolls, a Barbie Christmas Tree, and a puppy. A question that I would like to ask you is what is your secret identity?

**Your friend,  
Annabelle**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Edison, and I am 6 years old. I want to tell you that I have lots of friends. A few things that I would like for Christmas are a

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*Happy Holidays*

In the spirit of kindness and generosity, our best wishes go to our valued customers.

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## LETTERS TO SANTA

### St. Joseph School - Westphalia

#### Kindergarten

**Dear Santa,**

I love the coffee set you gave me last year! I will sprinkle reindeer food for your reindeer and leave your milk and cookies on the coffee table. I would like a pink yo-yo, a toy car I can drive, and I really want a horse I can ride on.

**Your friend,  
Penelope**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for bringing me a bouncy unicorn last year for Christmas. I will bake you some chocolate chip cookies and leave them on the living room table for you. For Christmas can you bring me an iPad and a camera? Thanks Santa.

**Your friend,  
Madelyn**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for my Ultimate Chase Vehicle last year, it is my favorite toy! I will make sure to have my bed ready to sleep in so you can come to my house. I will leave you cookies in the chair. This year I want a green remote control tractor and a remote control crane.

**Your friend,  
Henry P.**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for my Minecraft sword that I got last year for Christmas. Look out for the landing strip that I made so you can land safely. I will leave hot chocolate for you on the front porch. For Christmas I really want Minecraft figures, RC Monster truck, and a square baler. See you later Santa.

**Your friend,  
Joseph**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for my cat Oreo that I sleep with every night! Be on the look out for carrots, cookies, and milk for you and the reindeer. This year I really want a rock kit, nerf gun bullets, and a monster truck race track. Thanks Santa.

**Your friend,  
Henry K.**

**Dear Santa,**

I love the Barbie house with pool you brought me last year. I play with it a lot! I will throw the carrots and reindeer food on the gravel road for your reindeer. I will leave your milk and cookies on the bar. Can you

please bring me my very own stuffed animal puppy, a baby elephant stuffed animal and a baby unicorn stuffed animal? Thank you Santa.

**Your friend,  
Jordyn**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the snuggly sloth I got last year for Christmas. I hope you got my letter with hearts and polka-dots on it! I used my best drawings just for you. This year I really want a baby Yoda that walks, some board games that I can play with my family, and checkers. See you soon!

**Your friend,  
Arus**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for my unicorn stuffed animal - my brother loves it too! I will leave your chocolate cookies and milk on top of the t.v. and the reindeer food will be in the front yard. This year, I would like a wand that makes me run fast and all kinds of makeup. Tell Mrs. Claus I said, "hello!"

**Your friend,  
Nora**

**Dear Santa,**

I love my Barbie doll set I got last year! I play with it all the time. I am going to help my mom make chocolate chip cookies for you and leave them on a plate. I will leave carrots on the plate too for the reindeer. This year, can you bring me makeup with lip gloss and lipstick, a cat kite, and a cross necklace I can wear to school? I love you Santa!

**Your friend,  
Gracie**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for my big Sky Paw Patrol stuffed animal you got me last year. I will leave you milk and cookies by the Christmas tree. Don't get too full! This year I want an LOL camper and some LOL dolls. See you soon Santa.

**Your friend,  
Sadie**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for all the ponies hair stuff and the pony necklaces. I plan to make you some sugar cookies for you to eat when you stop in. This year I really want a cake making set, a new Barbie, and a lemonade set. Thanks Santa!

**Your friend,**

**Mackenzie**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for bringing me an LOL glamer. I like to play with it. I hope you enjoy the Christmas decorations when you stop by. For Christmas this year I really want a clipboard with markers, tape, and stuff to make art. See you soon Santa.

**Your friend,  
Addilyn**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for bringing me my Baby-for-real doll last year. I play with it with my Barbies. I will leave milk and cookies for you on the coffee table and me and Katie will sprinkle reindeer food on the grass for your reindeer. This year I would like makeup, a Barbie-for-real doll, and a camper glamer for LOL dolls.

**Your friend,  
Allie**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for my tractor last year! I will have milk and cookies for you on the table. Can you bring me a firetruck that makes real sounds this year - I want that most of all! I would also like a bigger John Deere tractor this year too! Thank you Santa!

**Your friend,  
Beckett W.**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for bringing me a Barbie airplane for Christmas last year. Last year we forgot to leave you a treat but this year we are going to leave you chocolate cookies under the tree! This year I want a castle to trade for my Barbie dreamhouse, a mini tent to have tea parties, in and Barbies that have mermaid tails.

**Your friend,  
Beckett B.**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for my micro-machine cars last year. They are fun to play with. Remember to give your reindeer the food I set out

for them. Your milk and cookies will be by the fireplace. This year I really want a Batman-mobile and a lego monster truck.

**Your friend,  
Dawson**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for my baby doll last year. I named her Emma. You can find your milk and cookies on the table in the living room this year. I will sprinkle the reindeer food in the grass. This year I really, really want you to bring me a little sister. Thank you Santa!

**Your friend,  
Raylynn**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for my cattle hauling trailer you gave me last year. I will leave you some milk and cookies by the tree. Don't make a mess! This year I really want a bulldozer and a snow plow. Thanks Santa!

**Your friend,  
Jude**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for my Power Rangers sword - I play with it all the time! I will clean up all my toys to get ready for you to come to my house. Your milk and cookies will be in the living room on the white shelf. Can you bring me my own computer? That's all I want this year.

**Your friend,  
Cash**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for giving me a sled to play in the snow. It goes really fast! When you come to my house look for the cookies. I left you by the tree. This year I hope you bring me a Puppycorn, babies, and Barbies. See you soon Santa!

**Your friend,  
Hadley**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for bringing me my Bowser ship toy last year! I will leave you chocolate chip or M&M cookies by the counter and I will leave salad or carrots for the reindeer. Can you bring me a Transformer, a regular dragon, and also a robot dragon? Thank you Santa!

**Your friend,  
Liston**

**First Grade**

**Dear Santa,**

I would like a Brooklyn Jet Set, and doll play set, Barbie

dreamhouse, squishmallow, Amazon Echo Dot and Surprise Mini Brands Disney.

**Your friend,  
Brooklyn S.**

**Dear Santa,**

For Christmas I would like a camper glamer and a Gabby dollhouse and in it is six rooms and makeup too and a color reveal Barbie doll and roller skates and I am in 1st grade. And ten more Amelia Bedelia books. Thank you for all the presents I got last year even the sleeping

bag it was the best gift ever and I wonder what it will be and I am really good and excited about Christmas too.

**Your friend,  
Katie V.**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you Santa for the ripstick!!! Thank you Santa for the Hoverboard!!! I really like it win you come to visit!!! How many elves do you have? How old are you???

Please give the naughty people a gift. Thank you. This

year I want a bounce house!!! This year I want a gymnast mat and I want some art supplies. I want 20 gifts please. Thank you.

**Your friend, T. J.**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the science kit and skateboard last year. I hope this year you bring Jack Frost snow. This year I would like a nerf gun.

**Your friend, Nate**

See **St. Joseph**  
on Page 10B

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## LETTERS TO SANTA

### Fatima R-3 Elementary

#### Juergensmeyer's Kindergarten

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for being kind and bringing presents every year. This Christmas I am hoping for a cleaning set, jeans and a unicorn book.

I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else...I plan to help my dad clean out his truck.

**Your friend, Journey**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for presents. This Christmas I am hoping for The Kids Spiderman stuff. "Team Spidey".

I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else...I will play with them and always remember to say thank you!

**Your friend, Kirtley**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for my presents last year. This Christmas I am hoping for Barbies and American girl dolls.

I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else...bake someone cookies.

**Your friend, Hanley B.**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for my PSP I got last year.

This Christmas I am hoping for a toy robot and lego set.

I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else... I plan to help my dad cut wood.

**Your friend, Konda M.**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for coming every year and bringing gifts to me and my family.

This Christmas I am hoping for everybody to have a great Christmas and maybe a toy controller.

I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else...give a gift to my friend Azzie.

**Your friend, Raven**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for all the presents and stopping at my house. This Christmas I am hoping for Barbie doll camper.

I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else...help them clean up.

**Your friend, Vayda**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for presents. This Christmas I am hoping for Legos.

I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else...share.

**Your friend, Kash**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for giving me a lot of toys.

This Christmas I am hoping for Santa to bring me a gymnastics bar.

I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else...give hugs to spread love.

**Your friend, Paisley W.**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for eating all my cookies and giving me presents and toys.

This Christmas I am hoping for a toy dinosaur that winds up and walks.

I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else...help others to not get hurt and not be a bully.

**Your friend, Christian K.**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for a new doll. This Christmas I am hoping for a giant Gabby dollhouse.

I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else...help someone clean their mess.

**Your friend, Miette B.**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for bringing all the stuff I love to play with. a new doll.

This Christmas I am hoping for more farm stuff like cows, tractors and barns.

I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else...be nice to my class friends and help them. I will help my mommy with chores.

**Your friend, Grant T.**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for my family, Santa and your reindeer. Thank you for making the toys and delivering them.

This Christmas I am hoping for a baby doll with accessories, a big stuffed minnie mouse and makeup.

I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else...I plan on donating all my old toys so I can receive new ones.

**Your friend, Bryleigh W.**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for giving me gifts. This Christmas I am hoping for a brand new electric scooter.

I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month

I plan to do the following for someone else...sharing toys with kash.

**Your friend, Liam**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for bringing presents.

This Christmas I am hoping for a toy light saber.

I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else...give them a hug.

**Your friend, Connor**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for bringing my chair and go cart. This Christmas I am hoping for a new kitchen. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else...cook for mommy.

**Your friend, Lara**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for making toys. This Christmas I am hoping for an excavator, an art set with paint and brushes and video games.

I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else...give toys to someone who needs them.

**Your friend, Callum**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for giving presents to all the kids.

This Christmas I am hoping for a drone.

I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else...wash the dishes.

**Your friend, Logan**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the Paw Patrol roller last year. This Christmas I am hoping for some Transformers. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else...I plan to donate some of my old toys.

**Your friend, Barrett D.**

#### Vanderfeltz's Kindergarten

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the Barbie camper I got last year.

This Christmas I am hoping for a big Polly Pocket house, a little Barbie airplane, the Gabby dollhouse from TV.

I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else...help friends clean up toys I didn't play with.

**Your friend, Vivian**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for my presents last year.

This Christmas I am hoping for army men, cars, a big monster truck I can ride in, and an ax.

I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else...make them smile with their favorite toy.

**Your friend, Silas**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for bringing presents. This Christmas I am hoping for a pet bunny. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else...I'm going to give Christmas cards to people.

**Your friend, Lena**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for my presents and my toys that you gave me.

This Christmas I am hoping for a robe and a vacation, and coloring books and markers.

I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else...donate my old toys.

**Your friend, Millie B.**

See **Fatima** on Page 8B

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## Fatima • from page 8B

**Dear Santa,**  
How are you? I have been good. For Christmas I want a dirt bike and could you bring my mom a new car? You are the best Santa!

**Your friend,  
Wylan S.**

**Dear Santa,**  
Hi! Can I have a hug? Can I have a horse with wheels? Will you get me a big dollhouse with dolls? Can I have a cat and dog for the dollhouse?

**Your friend,  
Maddison J.**

**Dear Santa,**  
How is Rudolph? This year for Christmas can I please have a dollhouse? I also want a scarf. How is Mrs. Claus and Rudolph? I have been good all year.

**Your friend,  
Norah D.**

**Dear Santa,**  
How are the reindeer? I have tried to be a good boy. For Christmas can I have a Lego set? Can you bring my dad some pots and pans and I will leave you cookies.

**Your friend,  
Ronen L.**

**Dear Santa,**  
How are you doing? How are the reindeer? How are the elves? I have been good this year. For Christmas this year I would like a Ranger and cowboy boots. I also want a dirt bike. My mom wants a blanket. My dad wants a four wheeler. My brother wants books.

**Your friend,  
Michael W.**

**Rehagen's  
Second Grade**

**Dear Santa,**  
Hello! How are the reindeer doing? How are the elves doing? How is Rudolph doing? How is your cumfy slay?

I would like a intndow swich and a lot of pockymon cods and four poly pocit prses. Thake you for the havr bord and a lechic scootr and for the cande and the gum and for the har peesis.

**Your friend,  
Crystal**

**Dear Santa,**  
Hi! How are the elvs doing? Rudolph, how do you do? I want a treshr map so I wood see treshr. I want ipache so I wood be a pirt. I want a spase movie to so I can see spase. Santa I helped Kolby and I am so good this year.

Thanks for the things you gave me last year.

**Your friend,  
Johnny**

**Dear Santa,**  
Hi! Are your reindeer and elves doing good?  
Can I have rainbow bracelets please? Will you get me and Elton toy cars? May I have a remote control dinosaur? Can I have a toy camper? Please bring Elton clothes because he is getting bigger! Elton and a toy cat with a leash. Santa, I will leave milk and cookies for you, carrots for the reindeer and candy canes for your elves. Thank you for the nerf gun last year.

**Your friend,  
Brooke**

**Dear Santa,**  
Hello! How are the reindeer doing? Is Rudolph ready to pull the hevy slay? Can you wac me up wen you get to my house?  
Santa I have helpt my frend get betrat cuntrolling his bote, so lthenglI wont a camou watch like Jacks and sum monstr trucs.  
Thanc you for the diging cit last year.

**Your friend,  
Brayden**

**Dear Santa,**  
Hello! Are the elvs making toys? Hows Rudolph?  
I would like to get a hot wheels monster trucks wrekin raceway. Also I want the hot wheels mario kart rainbow raceway cause there cool. I would like butt heads. I've good at school, Santa!  
Thank you for the lebron James slam dunk set I got last year also for the SpaceJam a new legacy figures.

**Your friend,  
Kolby**

**Dear Santa,**  
Hello! How are the reindeer doing? How is Mrs. Claus doing? How are the elvs doing? How are you doing? Are the rander ready to polle the sled on Crismas Eve?  
I wode like a X box five. I wode like 13,500 Fortnit V-bucks and a nintendow for my dad. I plade babe dolls with my sister and I ben taking trms with my dad on my nintindow.  
Thank you for my nintindow last year.

**Your friend,  
Jack**

**Dear Santa,**  
Hello! How is Roodol? Is he being good? How many presis do you have?  
I rele want to have a VR hedset. Can I have a xbox? Can I have a drtbike? Plese Santa! I ben helping my sistr last week.  
Thank you for giving me a lazr gun. I play with it.

**Your friend,  
Bentley**

**Dear Santa,**  
How was your Thanksgiving? How many toys do you make this year?  
I would like a big slinky please, purple and wite slime please and a ventriloquist puppet please. Thank you soo mutch for getting me that slime! I really love it!

**Your friend,  
CJ**

**Dear Santa,**  
Hello, Santa Claus! You are the best! How are the elvs doing?  
I would like a bilding robot that you can drive. I wo uld like a barbie brem house for Christmas. I would like blue roller skats to ride on outside on the concret. I been doing th dishis for my mommy.  
I loved the litse that you gave me for my bike weels. They look relly cool on my weels. I loved the camra that takes pitchers and spits the pitcher out of the camra.

**Your friend,  
Alex**

**Dear Santa,**  
Hello! How are the elvels doing? Are the elvels makeing any toys? Are you ready for the big day?  
I really want some new close. My old close are to small. I really want new work boots. I really want new books. I help my mom clean, Santa.  
Thank you for the hoverbord. I goreally fast. Thank you for the socks. They keep my feet warm.

**Your friend,  
Ezaiah**

**Dear Santa,**  
Howdy! How are you doing today? Are you going to my house this year? Is Rudolphs nose lit every Christmas?  
I rilly want some differend rainbow slime. I rilly want a chalkbord and a white board because they wold be fun to use. I think I earn these toys because I have been douing the dishes so my brother does not have to do them. I also have got n good grades in school.  
Thank you Santa for all the gifts I got last year. I rilly engoyed them a lot. The one I loved the most was my tv. I loved it so much because I can sometimes watch tv befor bed sometimes. I also loved the slime, nailset and even the bracelets.

**Your friend,  
Paislee**

**Dear Santa,**  
Hi! How is it goign? How are the elfs doing? Is the North Pole the coldest place on earth? How many toys have the elfs made?  
I would really, really, really, want the STARWARS Lego set at Doller Genrol with the snow speeder! and a Lego freight train. i would like a Lego Big Boy. I've been yousing my maners.  
Thank you for the model train!, the morbel set!, and the sled!!!

**Your friend,  
Camden**

**Dear Santa,**  
How are your rainder? How is it gowg in the noth pole? How are your elfs?  
Santa, I wode like rolrskates so I can roll on the cket. I wath them because I do the dishes for my grama. I want high heels, siz ten, a litel siz, and a Holy Cammunion dres that comse with gluvs.  
Thank you for the preses. I now that your elfs wrkt hard on the toys. I will promes that I will be good. I love you so much. Sata, you are the best.

**Your friend,  
Arabella**

**Dear Santa,**  
Hello! How is Miss Claus? How are the elfs? How are the presents? How are the deer?  
I wood like a ipad and pen becuse I can play on it on a road trip. I wood like a iphone 14 so I can use it when I get older. I wood like a toy cat becuse I can not be bord. I help my mom clean up and I linsin to my teacher this year, Santa.  
Thank you for getting the makeup last year and the reanbow high doll.

**Your friend,  
Sophie**

**Dear Santa,**  
Hello, Santa it is me Graham. How was your day at the North Pole?  
May I please have candy? Can I have a Razor with a snorxftng alt a on memet? Can I have a redl chevy truck for my dad, please? Thank you for the moonlight.  
Thank you for my dad. Thank you for the bale truck, Santa.

**Your friend,  
Graham**

**Dear Santa,**  
How are you? Have the reindeer been doing well? I hope that they have. How is the present making going?

I would like a axa grey leopard, Harry Potter legos, and a Lego freinds cat grooming center/car.  
Thank you for the cat woman doll that you gave me last year.

**Your friend, Ella**

**Struemph's  
Second Grade**

**Dear Santa,**  
Hi Santa, how is Mrs. Claus? How are you doing? I am good. I would like a knitting kits becose i can make a skarf, a camptr becose i was going to print stuf and a printer. I woud like ol ov the harre poddr books.  
Tanks for the lol dolls last year.

**Your friend,  
Paisley**

**Dear Santa,**  
How are you? How cold is it at the North Pole?  
I would like a new phone. Can I have cat toys for my cats? I would also like 3 LOL dolls.  
I liked the JoJo backpack you got me. Thank you, Santa.

**Your friend,  
Kayleigh**

**Dear Santa,**  
This year I want a Nitendo switch because I like to play video gams. I want a kid batre power car that look real because you can prtend you are older. I want Pokemon cards because I like to trade. I want a computer because I like to watch vidos. Thank you for my American girl doll ice cream truck. Thak you fro all the gifts you bring. I love evring tang you do for kids arawnd the world.  
Thank you for the work you do.

**Your friend,  
Sadie**

**Dear Santa,**  
Hello how are you doing today? I'm doing good. How is Mrs. Clase? I would like a Nintindo Swich because my other one broke. I want a Nintindo swich so I can play with my best freind. I want the first edisen Charisard so I don't have to pay for it because it is at least 50 M dollars. I want a first edisen pack because it is 10K dollars.  
Thank you for the gifts last year!

**Your friend, Connor**

**Dear Santa,**  
Hello Santa how are you today? Santa, how are your elves today? How is Ms Clase? This ear I want Warezone because I can fight. I want Pokemon to complet astrld radiens and silver tempest. I want Hp books because I like readind Hp. I want a atv because I can ride it.  
I liked my guitar last year. I like you Santa.

**Your friend,  
Kaison L.**

**Dear Santa,**  
Hi Santa are the elfs working hard on presents for kids like me? Santa are you checking that list check it twice? What I want for christmas LOL sprise house becuse my LOL's can have a house. I also want a knitting kit becuse I can make little cute things. I want for Christmas is a donut slime so I can have slime and some thing that is so soft. I liked my presents and so I am saying thanks for the presetes form last year and I think that the elfes worked hard.

**Your friend,  
Harper**

**Dear Santa,**  
Hi Santa how are how are you doing? how are you rain-dee? This year I would like a bike with a kick stand because my bike does not have one. I would also like a fourts making kit so I can make fourts. I would also like a kid zone eletrik ride on 12V because that would make me happy.

**Your friend,  
Kizzie**

**Dear Santa,**  
Hi Santa. I am icited you or comg at nit. I hop you or oky. Remembr to go to the mel. How ar the raander and misis clas  
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**Fatima • from page 10B**

**Dear Santa,**  
Hey u pal how are you? I am doing great. How are your kids? arent the elves kids? Is Ms. Clause?

This year I would like an Iphone 14. Can I get an Electric mini car that I can ride? I would like a speaker, a michephone, and a big toy washer and a real nail polish set! thank you for the makeup and perfume. I loved the perfume.

**Your friend,  
Samara**

**Dear Santa,**  
Hi how are you? You are ASOME. I wish it was Crismas! I want a drone because my old one is broken. I want a big stuffed animat becuse I can bring awand I want RC car so I can drive it arond the house. Thank you fore transfoners. I will leve cookis and milk.

**Your friend,  
Corbin**

**Dear Santa,**  
Hello we Santa and how are the rander? How are the elves? I would like rolerblads so I doant haf to diy them. I would like to have Elvey this yuar so I can run with him. Thank you for a Elvey last year. Thank you for a watrmelene last year to.

**Your friend,  
Presley**

**Dear Santa,**  
Hi Santa! How are you? How are the ranedear and rodof?

I would like a pink unicorn bike becas mine is old and dusty. Can i have a pokemom, Luxray pilow. Can i have a ran-bow pokemom pake. Can i have a Luxray bedset please. Can I have a desk pleas. I wold like a kilting kit preas bcos I can make

some cute plushys. Could I have a tv cos I wunt one in my room. Can I have a kin electric car on 12V pink and whit lamdorgnini. Pleas can I have a desk pleas.

I loved the squishmallows you gave me last yere. I will give you milk and cookes.

**Your friend,  
Sophia**

**Varnadore's  
Second Grade**

**Dear Santa,**  
How is the North Pole? How much snow is at the North Pole? I have been making good choices. I have been getting all 1's on my behavior sheet. I would like a normal size Army play set with plastic guns and cars. I would also like a Nerf gon. Last year, you gave me a Nerf gon and a Minecraft play set. I LOVED THEM! Merry Christmas.

**Your friend,  
John**

**Dear Santa,**  
Hi, this is me, Phoebe. Santa, how many reindeer do you have? Can I please have fake teeth for Christmas? Please Santa, can I please have a hoover board? Santa, can you surprise me with a gift? Thank you for the hover board pads and the bells. I have grown so I would like bigger pads.

**Your friend,  
Phoebe**

**Dear Santa,**  
Hi! How are the reindeer doing? Could I have some of the Monster high dolls so I can col-

lect the rarest one? Can I have a toy cat that meows? My little sister needs a cute stuffy cat. Thank yo for the presents last year. Have a safe trip!

**Your friend,  
Amelia**

**Dear Santa,**  
How do the reindeer feel? How much snow do you get? I have made good choices. I have been quiet at school. For Christmas, I would like a watch, a phone, and an iPad. Thank you for the card packs. Thank you for the shirt. Merry Christmas!

**Your friend,  
Camden**

**Dear Santa,**  
How is Rudolph doing? How are the elves doing? I haf been good by taking out the trash. For Christmas, I would like a lot of Katanas. I would like a Nerf gun please.. The last feng I would like is a ca. Thank you for the gifts last year even though I don't remember.

**Your friend,  
Waylon**

**Dear Santa,**  
Has your sleigh ever got stuck? Do you have any reindeer at the North Pole? How is Mrs. Claus? I have ben trying to be good. I have being nice to my sister and brother. I won't a bike with a helmet and a scooter. Thank you for the Barby doll that you got me last year. Have a Merry Christmas!

**Your friend,  
Terra**

**Dear Santa,**  
I hope you are ok, Have you made a lot of gifts? My mom and dad said I have been good. I help my brother in a good mood.

For Christas, I would like the Destiny's Bounty 4+. Thank you for the gifts last year. Merry Christmas!

**Your friend,  
Caleb**

**Dear Santa,**  
How are the reindeer doing? How much snow are you getting? I have been trying to be good. I am nice to my friends. I want a motorcycle, a shark, and a car. Thank you for the presents. Have a Happy New Year!

**Your friend,  
Kiernan**

**Dear Santa,**  
Do you have a snow fox? Do you have a snow bord? I've been good and bad. I have done all my chores. For Christmas, I would like a camera, squishmellow and a mega Nerf fun. Thank you for my gifts from last year. Hope you feed your reindeer before the flight.

**Your friend,  
Sydney**

**Dear Santa,**  
How many presents do you have to make? Are your elfs being nice? I have been good this year. I gave my sister chclit from my school Halloween party. I want a set of legos, a set of Diamond Art, and flotes for my pool. Thank you for the watch you gave me last year. Merry Christmas and have safe flight.

**Your friend,  
Anna**

me. Thanks for the controller. Have a Merry Christmas!

**Your friend,  
Connor**

**Dear Santa,**  
How are making the gifts gowing? How are the reindeer gowing? I would like a gumball machine please. Please bring rainbow gum balls. Thank you for the Polly Pockets and the Kinetic Sand. Merry Christmas!

**Your friend,  
Rylie**

**Dear Santa,**  
Do you have any little reindeer? Have one of your elves got touched? I tried to be good. I took out the trash. For Christmas, I want a remote control car, a Nerf gun, and sum 5000 Vbucs. Thank you for the battle airplane. Have a Merry Christmas.

**Your friend,  
Lucas**



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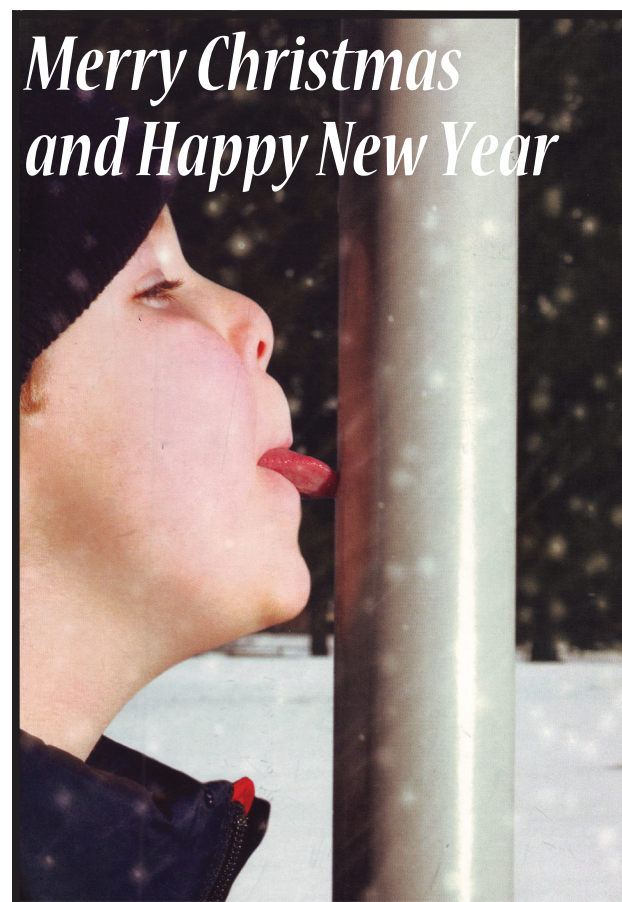
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### Christmas in Meta

Meta residents gathered for the second annual Christmas event in town and were treated to detail-oriented floats and other entries, including the Fatima Marching Band and flag corps. Hot dogs were provided by the Meta Fire Protection District, with cookies by 4-H for those who wanted to go in or out of the cold for a snack. After the parade, a tree-lighting ceremony was held with Mayor Emily Sommerer saying a few words. Members of the St. Elizabeth Band played Christmas carols to close out the evening.



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Those attending from the county (above) were Doris Neier, Keith Neier, Norma Jean Townley, Vince Samson and Jacob Knaebel. Not Pictured: Arlen and Kay Schwinke, Doug Luebbering, Nathan Woehr, and Doug McDaniel. The county was recognized for its membership activities during a Gold Star Awards program. Osage County Farm Bureau leader Keith Neier, (right) received a plaque from MOFB Board member Chris Brundick.

## Osage County Farm Bureau leaders attend MFB annual meeting

Missouri Farm Bureau members returned to their traditional annual meeting Dec. 5-7 at the Lake of the Ozarks. The organization's 108th meeting theme, Rooted in Service, highlighted not only service to MOFB members, but the community services those members voluntarily give. Farm Bureau leaders' main responsibility at the meeting was to develop and approve Farm Bureau legislative policies for 2023.

During the convention, Farm Bureau counties were recognized for their advocacy and service to members. County delegates also re-elected St. Clair farmer Garrett Hawkins as president and re-elected board members from the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and South-at-Large districts.

Members from the Osage County Farm Bureau joined more than 1,200 other members from throughout the state, many of them delegates voting on policy.



### A Christmas party for an important group of volunteers

Tuesday, Dec. 13, volunteer and board members of the Chamois Fire Protection District met at Roomerz for a Christmas party. The much-appreciated group paused in their festivities for a picture which Scott Mertz agreed to share with us. Thanks for all you do, Chamois Fire Protection District. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you Good Neighbors—one and all!

### Christmas caroling and the crusaders

The Crusaders Class met at the Pershing Community Center for their December gathering with a warm dinner and Christmas caroling in mind. Many guests joined them and were treated to special Christmas entertainment. Thanks, Kay Schwinke, for arranging this.

The Crusaders Class sponsor the collection of shoes for the Shoeman Water Project. The project began in 2015 and shoes are brought in from Fredericksburg, Pershing, Morrison, Ryors, Hope, and Chamois—and even more distant locations. A "Shoebbox" is located outside the Pershing Community Center for folks to leave new and gently-used shoes.

The shoes are resold at affordable prices to folks who need them. The money earned funds water projects in Haiti, Guatemala, other nations in Latin America and Africa.

Donating shoes keeps them out of landfills (which the Department of Interior estimates 300 million pairs of shoes are put into landfills annually); allows the seller to work and make a little money; those who need shoes get them at a reasonable price; and the water project can drill new wells which come with post-completion maintenance plans. A win, win, win situation! Thanks for sponsoring this worthwhile, Good-Neighbor project, Crusaders!

### Lectionary for Dec. 25, 2022

Nativity of the Lord  
First Reading and Psalm: Isaiah 9: 2 - 7 and Psalm 96; Second Reading: Titus 2: 11 - 14; Gospel: Luke 2: 1 - 14, (15 - 20)

### Blessing

May the LORD Bless you and Keep you.

May the LORD show you HIS Kindness and have Mercy on you.

May the LORD Watch over you and give you Peace.

Numbers 6: 24 - 26

### Notes to self

I will make you wise and show you where to go. I will guide you and watch over you. Psalm 32: 8

"To appreciate the beauty of a snowflake it is necessary to stand out in the cold." - Aristotle

### Thought

As we pray for Ukraine, let us remember "Be strong and brave. Don't be afraid of them and don't be frightened because the LORD your GOD will go with you. HE

will not leave you or forget you. Amen"

Deuteronomy 31: 6

### A prayer

Heavenly Father,

As you receive more of your precious children into your heavenly realm, be with their families and friends, their entire school and community, our nation and the world. Help us to end this senseless slaughter. Show us not my will, but Thy Will. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

### Upcoming events

Now - Jan. 7 - First Annual Holiday Show at Montminy Gallery inside the Boone County Historical and Cultural Center, 3801 Ponderosa Street, Columbia Wednesdays through Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dec. 22 - Jan. 3 - School Christmas Break

Dec. 27 - School Board Election Filing Closed

Jan. 4 - School Back in Session

Jan. 26 - Central Missouri Retired Teachers and School Personnel Association at MRTA Facility, Jefferson City, 5 p.m.

Jan. 28 - Alpha Theta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma at Union, 9:30 a.m.

### School events

Good, Better, Best.

Never Let it Rest,

Until My Good is Better,

And My Better's Best

Dec. 21 - End of Second Quarter

Dec. 22 - Jan. 3 - Christmas Break

Dec. 27 - School Board Election

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## Holy Family performs Journey to Bethlehem

The Holy Family student body grades third through eighth performed a living Journey to Bethlehem Wednesday night Dec. 14. It was a walk thru journey of how Mary and Joseph traveled from Nazareth to Bethlehem on their 90 mile trip facing Roman soldiers on their way.

The colorful third grade presented the market place. There was live donkey and sheep on the way. The shepherds sang and the North Star shone. The patriarchs helped the weary travelers to their destination. The three kings were on the way. Then the census counter for Ceasar Augustus. Ending with the innkeeper and the baby in the manger with the angel.

The angel was Abigail Campbell, Joseph was Carter Bax and Mary was Elsie Falter. Patriarchs were Eli woodruff, Connor Knoll and Xavier Knoll. The census counter was Billy Haines, innkeeper was Lexey Bassett, the stable hands with donkey were Angie and Scooter Woodruff. The Roman Soliders were Kacie Haller, Abe Woodruff, Toby Libbert and Tyler Reichel. Elizabeth was at Father's house and played by Avery Perry with Kaden Haller.

Filing Closed  
Dec. 29 - High School Boys Basketball at home with Calvary Lutheran, 2 p.m.  
Jan. 3 - High School Boys Basketball at home with Lighthouse preparatory, 6 p.m.  
Jan. 4 - Classes Resume  
Jan. 6 - Conference Band at Fatima  
Jan. 7 - Junior High District Band

at Jefferson City  
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Neighbors with a smile, a note, a card, a phone call, an email, a short visit, and The Powerful Prayer. Thank you, God!  
Until next time,  
Susan Sundermeyer  
(granddaughter of Bertha Sundermeyer, one of the original Appletown feminines and author of The Appletown News!

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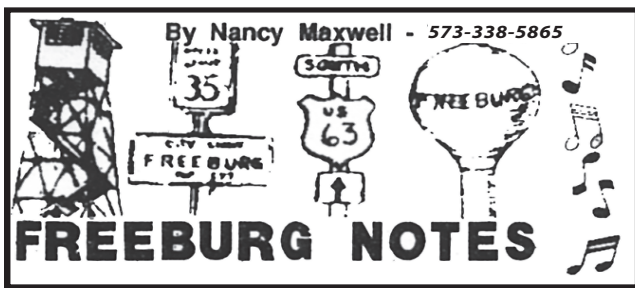
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Good morning. Hope you all had a good weekend. That sunshine Sunday was a bit deceiving – it looked warm but you stepped outside and found out just how cold it was. Guess we shouldn't complain – according to the weatherman by next weekend we'll be lucky to get a HIGH temperature of only 10 degrees! Sure hope there isn't any rain associated with that – would make for some nasty driving.

Evergreen trees have been a traditional symbol of winter festivals for thousands of years, well before Christianity. Plants and trees that remained green all year had a special significance for people who lived in cold winter climates. Ancient people hung evergreen boughs over their doors and windows. Some believed that evergreens kept witches, ghosts, evil spirits and illness away! The Romans decorated evergreen trees with trinkets and topped them with an image of their Sun god at festival of Saturnalia. Christians started using evergreen as a symbol about 400 years ago in Germany as a sign of everlasting life with God.

Congratulations to Jordan Pope, daughter of Dale and Tammy Pope, who graduated *summa cum laude* with a double major with a Bachelor of Science in Animal Science and Bachelor of Science in Equine from Missouri State University in Springfield Friday, Dec. 16.

Marlon and Cindy Stuecken, Matt and Erica Robertson and family of Loose Creek, Noland and Jody Stuecken and family and Victoria and Matt Jansen enjoyed supper last Saturday at Sybill's in St. James to help Cindy celebrate her 65th birthday.

Maxine Bax along with her daughter, Nicki Bax, enjoyed last week in Dallas, Texas visiting with her son, Terry Bax. While there they traveled to Modesta, Calif. to visit with her son, Mark and Lucia Bax.

Congratulations to Bentley Berhorst, son of Daniel and Abby Berhorst, who won first place in the St. Louis Dairy Council Greeting Card contest.

Congratulations to the Fatima Lady Comets JV girls basketball team who won first place last Saturday in the St. James tournament.

Donnie Schmitz enjoyed supper Tuesday evening at the home of Ron and Helen Wankum in Jefferson City.

Marlon Stuecken is recuperating at home this week following surgery last week in Columbia. Our prayers are with him for a speedy recovery.

Thursday evening the Holy Family Knights boys sixth grade basketball team lost to St. Peters, 33-21. Toby Libbert scored 13 points, Billie Haines scored two points, Roland Nevins scored four points and Kaden Haller scored one point.

The boys will be off during the Christmas holidays. Janice Falter King of Warrenton with son Jeremy King and grandchildren Murphy, Turner and Xander; daughter, Megan King of Columbia; Joe and Carla Falter Fiorella of Olathe Kan. and children, Natalie and Michael (and new puppy Bailey.); Gary and Susan Falter and children Liz Lalumondier and husband Garret with children Greyson and Leia of Wentzville; Lucas and Tasha Falter and children Jackson and Dean of St. Louis; Kenny and Laura Falter and daughters, Lily and Elsie; Kevin and Kelly Falter and children; Mitchell, Carmen, Maura and Levi and fiancée, Mikeli Leukenotte, enjoyed a Falter family Christmas party Saturday at the Lion's Den in Freeburg. Special guest Darlene Falter stopped in to say hi to her nieces and nephews who were all very happy to see her.

The Holy Family Lady Knights eighth grade girls basketball team lost Thursday to Trinity Lutheran Lady Tigers. Kacey Brune scored two points, Lauren Stuecken scored two points and Lexey Bassett scored two points.

The girls will be off during the Christmas holidays. Congratulations to Chuck and Carol Pryor on the birth of their first grandchild. A son was born Thursday, Dec. 8 to Dori Pryor and Matt Manning of 29 Palms, Calif. The little lad tipped the scales at 9 pounds 12 ounces and was 21.25 inches long. He received the name Liam Patrick Charles!

Carol is out in California now getting acquainted with her new grandson and said that mother and baby were both doing fine!

Wednesday afternoon Paul A. Hasenbeck American Legion Auxiliary members, Virginia Bax, Ruth Hasenbeck, Mildred Dudenhoeffer, Irma Richter and Legion members, Nicki Bax, Larry Hasenbeck and Gerhard Bax delivered Christmas presents to the veterans and treated them to cookies and ice cream at the Stonebridge Retirement Home in Westphalia.

The Fatima Lady Comets will play in the Great 8 Classic basketball tournament Dec. 28-30 in Columbia. Good luck, ladies.

Bernadine Pope, Greg Pope and sons, Ryan and friend Abbey Shaw, Zachary and friend Denise Phegley, Liam and Aaliyah Pope, Marilyn and Chris Umstätt, Matt, Debbie, Brody, and Ayla Graham, Colby Luebbert and friend Tori Lackman, and Wyatt Luebbert enjoyed an early Christmas celebration at the home of Sheila and Brian Luebbert Sunday.

The newly elected 2023 officers for the St. Ann's Sodality are President, Doris Frank; Vice President, Carol Siegler; Treasurer, Janie Wallace and Secretary/Historian, Diane Rackers.

The Holy Family Lady Knights sixth grade girls basketball team defeated the Immaculate Conception Lady Angels Blue of Jefferson City 24-19.

The girls will be off for the next two weeks over Christmas break.

Michael and Heather Backues and children, Ember, Falcon and Astrid, of Lewisburg, Tenn. visited Friday to Tuesday with his parents, Paul and Anita Backues.

The Holy Family Social Committee are asking every parish family to donate \$75 by the end of December as an alternative to having a fall supper. Place your money in an envelope marked "Fall Supper donation" and put it in the collection basket at church or mail it to Holy Family Church, P.O. Box 9, Freeburg.

Early James Christmas party at the home of Janet Pointer near Belle Sunday afternoon. Enjoying the day were Paige, Andy, Zoey and Everett Welschmeyer of Belle; Wilma and Joy James of Freeburg, friend Mike Wiles and grandson Michael Backues; Jared, Taylor, Mavrick and Grace Backues, O'Fallon; Tim James and Starla Dudenhoeffer of Freeburg; Faye Ragan, Mickey and Ellie James, Carole Wagner and Don Weidinger, all of Vienna; Timmy James of Troy; Jeri, Donald and Kurt Ragan, Kelly, Mike, Wayne and Willow Ball, all of Florissant; Kyle Ragan, Winter Park, Colo.; Todd, Kim, Georgia and Olivia James and friend Will, Rock City, Ill.; Terry, Lori and Connor James, Jefferson City and Tami and Andy Orlando, St. Charles. Everyone enjoyed good food, "Rob your Neighbor" gift exchange, games and lots of laughs. They missed the few family members who couldn't make it.

Braving the cold winds and snow flurries to help load wreaths and putting them on the graves of veterans at Holy Family Cemetery were Paul A. Hasenbeck American Legion members, Steven Maxwell, Donnie Schmitz, Richard Hagenhoff, Nancy Maxwell, Gerhard Bax, Paul Backues and auxiliary member, Anita Backues along with their son, Captain Michael Backues, Tennessee National Guard, and children, Ember, Falcon and Astrid. Michael was honored to place a wreath on the grave of his grandfather, John Welschmeyer, a WWII veteran buried in the Holy Family Cemetery.

Placing wreaths on the graves at Sacred Heart Cemetery were Paul A. Hasenbeck American Legion members, Clarence Mebruer, Jim Krieg, Joey Bexten and Corey Inns along with National Guard members, Jorga Bruce, Kori Haley and Adam Ledenbauer.

The Fatima Comets wrestling team will participate in the Hallsville Holiday Tournament Wednesday, Dec. 28. Good luck.

The Fatima Lady Comets wrestling team will participate in the Wonderwoman Tournament Thursday, Dec. 29 and Friday, Dec. 30. Good luck.

The Freeburg Knights of Columbus will be hosting an essay contest for all students in the parish, in grades sixth through eighth. The topic will be "How can you encourage others, who have fallen away, to return to Mass"? The essay must be between 350 and 500 words, typed on 8 1/2 by 11 inch paper, double spaced with one-inch margins. All essays will become the property of the Knights of Columbus and can not be returned. To submit your essay you can turn it in to Holy Family School or send it to Matt Burkhardt, in person or email it to burkhardt@m.com. One winner at each grade level will be chosen and awarded a Holy Family Scrip gift card. Winners will be announced Jan. 6.

Saturday morning Laverne Haller, Nyla Bassett and daughters, Lexey and Laney, Becky Haller and daughters, Kacie, Kinzie and Payton, Amy Haller and daughters, Kendall and Brianna, traveled to Branson for a fun "Ladies Day Outing". The gals saw the show of Jesus' Birth at the Sights and Sound Theatre, did a bit of shopping, saw thousands of beautiful Christmas lights and enjoyed some delicious food.

What a great way to help Laverne celebrate her 80th birthday.

Happy birthday also to Drew Neuner who celebrated his ninth birthday Dec. 15; to Lance and Logan Hoffman who celebrated their 17th birthdays Dec. 16; to Norman Mengwasser who celebrated his 51st birthday Dec. 16; to Ashley Stuecken who celebrated her 35th birthday Dec. 16; to Terry Bax who celebrated his 55th birthday Dec. 16; to Sheri Stratman who celebrated her 70th birthday Dec. 17; to Harold Stratman who celebrated his 45th birthday Dec. 17; to Jenny Luebbert who celebrated her 47th birthday Dec. 17; to Alex Krieg who celebrated his 24th birthday Dec. 17; to Kayden Struempf who celebrated his 18th birthday Dec. 18; to Lucille Welschmeyer who celebrated her 79th birthday Dec. 18; to Rhonda Pope



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Members of the Holy Family Knights sixth grade basketball team are front, left to right: Coach, Maya Libbert, Toby Libbert, William Borgmeyer, Billie Haines, Kaden Haller and Charlie Berhorst. Back row: Coach Ryan Libbert, Roland Nivens, Bradyn Stegeman and coach, Ben Berhorst. Not present for the photo was Reese Nivens.



Placing wreaths on the graves of the veterans buried at Holy Family Cemetery were left to right, front row: Anita Backues, little Falcon Backues, Nancy Maxwell and Paul Backues. Back row: Steven Maxwell, Gerhard Bax, Michael Backues and Thomas Backues.

who celebrated her 55th birthday Dec. 18; to Ashley Mebruer who celebrated her 34th birthday Dec. 19; to Maddie Mebruer who celebrated her 22nd birthday Dec. 19; to Christina Luna who celebrated her 70th birthday Dec. 19; to Noland Stuecken who celebrated his 45th birthday Dec. 19; to Dale Borgmeyer who celebrated his 50th birthday Dec. 20; and to Julia Wilde who celebrated her 82nd birthday Dec. 21.

The Fatima Comets basketball team will play in the Great 8 Classic in Columbia Wednesday, Dec. 28-Friday, Dec. 30. Good luck.

Gerhard and Virginia Bax attended the dance recital Saturday afternoon at the Vienna High School where their great-granddaughter, Bonnie Feeler, was performing.

The Christmas Mass schedule is as follows: Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Mass at Sacred Heart will be at 4 p.m.; 5:30 p.m. and midnight at Holy Family Parish. Christmas Day, Dec. 25 Mass at Sacred Heart will be at 7:45 a.m. and at 9:30 a.m. at Holy Family Parish.

Paul and Anita Backues along with Melissa and Landon Gamblin of Holts Summit and Michael and Heather Backues and children, Ember, Falcon and Astrid, of Lewisburg, Tenn. visited Sunday with Shirley Backue in Linn.

Donnie Schmitz enjoyed an early Christmas celebration Friday to Sunday in St. Joseph with his daughter, Shelly Brandt and children.

Nicki Bax traveled to Kansas City where she enjoyed the weekend with her daughter, Carissa and Alex Brewer and helped her brother, Terry Bax of Dallas, Texas celebrate his birthday with a delicious meal at "Cafe Trio".

Darrell and Lori Bax hosted an early Christmas dinner party Saturday for Logan and Jesse Bax and family, Amber Bax and friend, Tommy and Darlene Falter.

Enjoying supper and a few hands of cards Saturday evening with George and Dorothy Robertson were Nancy Nilges, Gerhard and Virginia Bax and Mary Lou Reichel.

Happy anniversary to Matthew and Erica Renes who celebrated their 12th wedding anniversary Dec. 18 and to Junior and Linda Hoffman who celebrated their 24th wedding anniversary Dec. 18.

The Holy Family Soul Squad will meet Wednesday, Dec. 28 from 6 to 10 p.m. for a night of fun and games. All high school students are welcome to attend.

The Sacred Heart Parish will be hosting a blood drive Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2023, from 2 to 6 p.m. in the Sacred Heart School cafeteria. To schedule an appointment, go to www.redcrossblood.org and enter SacredHeartRichFountain or call 800-733-2767. Help them reach their goal – you never know who's life you might save.

Well I guess that will do for this week. I want to wish all of our readers a very blessed and Merry Christmas. Have a great week and stay warm!



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### Linn Elementary surpasses goal for Good Shepherd Food Pantry

Linn Elementary set a goal of collecting 500 items for the Good Shepherd Food Pantry in Linn and did an amazing job far surpassing that goal. Altogether Preschool-5th grade brought in 1,210 items! They more than doubled their goal and hopefully made a difference for the people of our wonderful community with this building-wide service project.

Wishing our readers a very **SAFE and MERRY CHRISTMAS** from the staff at the **UNTERRIFIED DEMOCRAT.**



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## Chamois Lions Club News

The Chamois Lions Club held their regular monthly meeting and annual Christmas party Monday evening, Dec. 12, 2022, at the Chamois Community Center. Twenty-one Lions and three guests were present for the dinner, business meeting and gift exchange. Guests included Laura Thoenen, Brad Arlen and Sabra Paulsmeyer.

Prior to the dinner, Lion President Mark Mehmert led the Chamois Lions in the Pledge of Allegiance and Lion Jeff Conner offered the table prayer. The Ladies of St. Mary's Catholic Church served a delicious dinner of ham, scalloped potatoes, corn, green beans, salad, jello salad, cranberry salad, homemade bread and cherry cheesecake and brownies for dessert.

Lion President Mark Mehmert presided at a shortened version of the business meeting. Copies of the minutes of the Nov. 14, 2022, meeting had previously been distributed electronically by Lion Secretary Beth Sieg and paper copies were available for those Lions who prefer paper. Lion Treasurer Nelson Sieg presented the financial report and Lion Building Co-Chairmen Dale Hackmann and Randy Thoenen presented a report on the Community Center finances and maintenance issues.

In the report on the Community Center maintenance issues, Lion Thoenen reported that the premium for flood insurance on the Community Center has been paid.

Given the social nature of this Lions Club meeting, Lion President Mehmert dispensed

with the usual reports from other Chamois civic groups.

### Five items of old business were addressed.

Lions Lana Hackmann and Donna Weiser reported on the Osage Caring Projects "Adopt-A-Family" for Christmas project. Additional cash donations for the purchase of gifts have been received from Chamois Lions and Lion volunteers have shopped for Christmas gifts for the adopted family. Lion Donna Weiser will deliver the gifts to the Osage Caring Projects drop-off location. Lion President Mehmert extended thanks to all Lions who made donations, purchased gifts, or will deliver the gifts.

Lion President Mehmert also extended thanks to Lions Dale Hackmann, Michael Edwards, and Steve Duncan who put up the City of Chamois Christmas decorations, Lion Elise Brochu and other volunteers who decorated the Christmas tree on the Old Town Square, and Lions Donna Weiser and Melissa Strobe who decorated the Christmas tree at the Community Center. Lion Lana Hackmann suggested that the Chamois Lions Club look into possibly purchasing new Christmas decorations for the City of Chamois. Lion Melissa Strobe reported that she has a catalog of outdoor Christmas decorations for cities and she will bring that catalog to the next meeting.

Lions Donna Weiser,

Melissa Strobe, and Mark Mehmert reported on Santa's visit to Chamois that was held Saturday, Dec. 10, 2022. Santa and his elf arrived at the Old Town Square and then Roomerz Restaurant and Bar hosted a free breakfast for children. Chamois Lions Club members assisted Roomerz employees with serving breakfast. Santa was on hand for pictures and children received candy provided by the Chamois Lions Club. Lion Melissa Strobe reported that the entire event was fantastic and that there was a great turnout of children. Lion Strobe extended thanks to all Lions volunteers who helped to make the event a great success.

Lions Mark Mehmert and Steve Duncan reported on the recent annual meeting of the Chamois Enhanced Enterprise Zone Board of Directors that was held Nov. 29, 2022, in conjunction with meetings of other Enterprise Zone Boards of Directors that make up the Gasconade Valley Enterprise Zone. The Chamois Enhanced Enterprise Zone Board of Directors has seven members with five of those members Chamois Lions Club members. Lions Dale Hackmann, Elise Brochu, Lyle Best, Steve Duncan, and Mark Mehmert serve as do community volunteers Larry Backes and Denise Nolte. Special presentations were made at the meeting by Bonnie Prigge, who is the Executive Director of the Meramec

Regional Planning Commission (MRPC), and Brendan Dungan, who is employed by the Missouri Department of Economic Development. Mr. Dungan reported that Missouri needs more quality industrial sites for businesses who would like to locate in Missouri.

Lion Secretary Beth Sieg provided an update on efforts to purchase shirts with the Lions Clubs International (LCI) logo and the Chamois Lions Club name. Local T-shirt and polo shirt vendor Matt Shockley has agreed to produce the shirts. The timeframe for Chamois Lions Club members to submit their orders was extended to the Jan. 9, 2023, meeting date. Lion President Mehmert reminded all Lions how important it is to promote the club and club projects by wearing logo attire when serving in the community.

The discussion of new business items was tabled until the Jan. 9, 2023, meeting of the Chamois Lions Club with the exception of one brief report.

Lion Scott Mertz reported on the "Shopping with Heroes" event that was held Saturday, Dec. 3, 2023. Members of various Osage County law enforcement agencies and fire departments assisted Osage County children in Christmas shopping for their families. Each child received \$100 to use at

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Monday what a very cold day to start the work week. Bernie went to the YMCA, and I went to work. I came straight home afterwards because the Ladies of Mary had to get the Christmas dinner ready for the Chamois Lions. I watched my favorite soap, the Young and Restless and then headed down to the Lions hall around 4 p.m. There were many preparations to be prepared and we all wanted everything to go just right. We had a short meeting before the meal. I am the president and Kathy is the secretary/treasurer. We have some new members and for this we are grateful. Josie is stepping down and we lost our fearless leader Mary Jane, so we do have some big shoes to fill. We served baked ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, corn, pistachio salad, cranberry salad, lettuce salad, homemade bread, cherry cheesecake and brownies. The Lions enjoyed their meal. I saw my friend Jeff K., there and he gave me a good compliment on the article regarding Terry Sontag's grandmother. I love receiving compliments. Thank you.

Tuesday I stopped at Family Dollar and purchased some items. Our family is having a different kind of gift exchange Sunday. Each person that wants to participate brings a \$1.25 gift wrapped. I am anxious to see how this goes. I got gas and came home. We had a quick supper of leftovers. I worked on the second batch of Christmas cards. I will be glad when I get these finished. It takes time to write a little note in each one.

Wednesday I stopped by the Old School on the way home. Bernie and I went back into Linn to take some shelves that I had purchased for my booth. We dropped them off and went and filled up the red F 150 for Bernie to use this week. I wrapped gifts for a friend that is a single mother with three children, she said she is just overwhelmed and needed some help. I told her to bring me what you want wrapped and I will take home and wrap them for you. This is just an example of helping those in need. We watched Y & R and Survivor, not knowing that it was on for three hours. I didn't get much done.

Thursday another cold day to go to work and dialysis. The wind is so strong it felt like it was going right through you. I took my auction items to J Street Vintage and picked up the ones that did not sell. Talked to Lizzie for awhile. I came home and met Kathy at Heritage bank to change over the bank account for the Ladies of Mary. Came home and watched my favorite soap and had a quick meatless supper. We ate lots of veggies. I braved the cold and went to Fred's house for the Advent reading. They have their house so beautifully decorated and I couldn't stop looking at all the vintage decorations.

Today was the funeral for my cousin Betty and I was sad that I could not attend. My thoughts and prayers go out to her brother Donnie and sister Kathy. May the Lord console you both in the days to follow.

Friday another cold day. I hate this cold weather and I hope it doesn't get bad this year. It is always a worry, with Bernie going to dialysis and me going to work. After work, I went to get a much needed massage. Bernie went too. I went to Sam's and picked up a big beautiful poinsettia for church and a few other groceries. I stopped at Gerbes to get the special milk for Bernie. I stopped in Taos at the Breaktime to get gas. They are a lot cheaper than in Linn. It seemed like I was never going to make it home. Bernie called to check on me and I told him I was on my way. We had

a quick supper and watched a little television. We watched The Green Planet and Planet Earth-deep oceans. They were both really good and interesting. Bernie went to bed early because he didn't get to take his nap. I stayed up and wrapped three big bags of presents for my friend.

Saturday, Bernie went to dialysis and I started on laundry and entered some items in for my booth. I went to get my hair fixed and took items to the Old School. I met my little sister Carol and Tom there. I gave her some shelves to use. Bernie came up after dialysis and we went to Casper's for lunch. We came home and he took a nap and I worked on laundry and snoozed a little too. We watched a movie "Infinite Storm" it was good but had a weird ending.

Sunday we went to the Catholic Mass at Most Pure Heart of Mary Church in Chamois. I took my big red poinsettia down for the church decorations. I purchased this in memory of the deceased members of the Scheppers and Fork families. We came home and read the Sunday paper. On the way home on Highway 100 we saw an eagle fly over the corn fields, he had been feasting on some road kill. Then two deer ran out in front of us. I see the first one and slowed down for the second one to cross. Bernie took a nap and I did a little snoozing. I did get the food and gifts ready to go to the Scheppers Christmas party held at the Taos Knights of Columbus hall. We had family there from Palmyra, Holts Summit, Linn, Wardsville, Chamois, Taos and St. Thomas. We played the \$1.25 gift and I got two big coffee cups filled with candy. I took the hard candy and gave the cups to my great nieces. We went to Sarah's house and followed them to Helias to watch Caroline's soccer game. She played really good. We came home and had a quick supper. On the way home, I really enjoy the beautiful Christmas

lights that Glenda has on the fence at her little cabin in the woods. Across the road, there are always deer and sure enough they were there again tonight. I enjoy seeing the lights early in the morning on my ride into town for work. We watched "Yellowstone", I just love this series.

**Schollmeyer news**  
Monday evening Fred attended the Christmas Art Club meeting in Jefferson City while Diane helped with the Lion's dinner in Chamois.

Wednesday evening Fred watched his grandson Hank play basketball at the activity center at Linn State.

Friday evening Fred and Diane had dinner with Fred's daughter Jennifer and her husband Jared at Sweet Smoke BBQ in Jefferson City.

The Schollmeyers were up early Saturday as they picked up their grandkids Cora and Oliver Bax in Jefferson City. They then traveled to Columbia to do Christmas shopping.

Sunday they picked up their grandchildren Jack, Carly and Hank and again traveled to Columbia for Christmas shopping.

Saturday Dave and Glenda went to an auction in Eugene. Dave reports that he purchased a couple cars. I told him to tell Glenda that I really enjoy her Christmas lights. She said that she really gets into decorating. I told him I may have to come up and see because I love to decorate too.

**Quote of the day**  
"Upon receiving Holy Communion, the Adorable Blood of Jesus Christ really flows in our veins and His Flesh is really blended with ours."

—St. John Vianney  
**Today's meditation**  
"Movements of the spirit that enable us to experience more of God's grace and love and enable us to become more of the person God wants us to be are "consolations." Consolations represent the loving counsel of the Holy Spirit that draws us into deeper communion with God

and helps us make choices that are consistent with becoming the whole, healed, godly, grace-filled person we are meant to be. By contrast, desolations represent the counsel of an evil spirit attempting to pull us away from God or throwing up roadblocks to us cooperating with God's grace to become the whole, healed, godly, grace-filled person we are meant to be... Tuning in to consolation and desolation allows us to recognize where our thoughts are coming from. We often take our thoughts for granted as coming from ourselves, but this is very often not true. It's important to recognize when the Holy Spirit is trying to tell us something — and also when an evil spirit is whispering lies in our spiritual ear."

**Recipe of the week**  
Country Club Eggs  
5 slices of bread, cubed  
1/2 lb. sausage, browned and drained  
1/2 lb. grated mild Cheddar cheese  
5 eggs  
2 c. milk  
1/4 c. chopped onions  
1/2 c. chopped mushrooms, optional  
1/4 t. dry mustard  
1/4 t. sage  
1/4 t. salt  
1/4 c. butter

Spread bread over the bottom of a buttered 9 x 13 inch pan. Sprinkle browned sausage over bread. Sprinkle cheese over meat. Beat eggs and milk and add seasonings. Pour over meat and bread. Saute' mushrooms in butter. Sprinkle on top. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Bake at 350 degree oven for one hour with foil loosely over pan. Take foil off for the last 15 minutes. Can use 1 pound of sausage, which makes it better. I have even added crumbled bacon. Serves 6 to 8 people.

We would have this for Christmas breakfast. It is so good. Serve with fresh fruit and you have a delicious meal.

**Household hints**  
\*\*\*A 250 degree oven keeps hot appetizers toasty until you're ready to serve.

\*\*\*When cooking for Christmas, make use of your freezer. You can prepare soups weeks in advance and freeze them until you are ready to serve them, garnished with a dollop of cream. They're an elegant yet simple appetizer for your holiday guests.

\*\*\*A quick as a wink table runner, put the white linen tablecloth on, run a wide ribbon across the table's length and width.

**Jokes of the week**  
What did the stamp say to the Christmas card? Stick with me and we'll go places!

Why did no one bid for Rudolph and Blitzen on eBay? Because they were two deer!

Continue to pray for all those that are suffering from illnesses, such as viruses, cancer, kidney diseases, colds and illnesses that children seem to get this time of the year. The weather has been unpredictable and it is cold, warm and back to cold. I will be so glad when we have warm weather again. Take the necessary

precautions when out in the cold. Be sure and check on the elderly.

Pray for the men and women serving in the armed forces and the leaders of our country.

Take time for yourself and enjoy the holidays with

loved ones.  
If you have any suggestions or comments about anything I write, contact me or the newspaper.  
Let GO Let GOD

## Births 12/25



**Jesus of Nazareth**

**Joseph and the Virgin Mary** of Nazareth wish to announce the birth of Jesus, born Christmas Day (December 25) in a manger in the stable city of Bethlehem, Judea.

For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord.  
Luke 2:11

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**A**nd the angel said, "I bring you good tidings of great joy... Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." - Luke 2:10, 11

May the peace and joy of this holiday season be in your heart now and throughout the coming year.



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Dollar General and \$100 to use at Thriftway. Forty children participated with four of the children being from Chamois. Lion Mertz and three other volunteers from the Chamois Fire Department participated as hosts for the event. Lion President Mehmert extended a thank-you to Lion Mertz and the other Chamois Fire Department volunteers for their efforts.

Lion President Mehmert reported that there were no Dec. birthdays. Prayer concerns were expressed for various members of the community who are ill or in need to include Lions Jeanne Best, Orville Whithaus, Norm Zweifel, and Connie Smith.

To conclude the business meeting, Lion President Mehmert called on Lion Steve Duncan to share a joke. Lion Duncan shared a series of "Funny Christmas Jokes".

With no further business that required attention, the Chamois Lions held their annual Christmas party. To begin the festivities, Lion Tail Twist-

er Sherry Conner requested that all Lions who had dressed in Christmas costumes gather for a group photograph. Lion Michael Edwards, dressed as an elf, was recognized for having the best costume and was presented a gift. Next, the Chamois Lions enjoyed the annual "Rob Your Neighbor White Elephant Gift Exchange". Lions Melissa Strobe and Donna Weiser presided over the gift exchange. There were many clever and fun gifts and a wonderful time was had by all.

The next meeting of the Chamois Lions Club will be Monday, Jan. 9, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at the Chamois Community Center.

**"All the Christmas presents in the world are worth nothing without the presence of Christ."**

— David Jeremiah

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

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Bruce Sassmann,  
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