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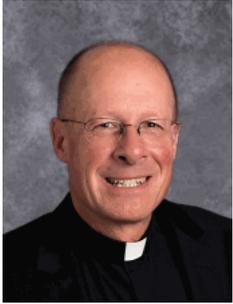
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A Message from Father Gary Brethour

We received a nice Christmas gift recently. It was a heartfelt compliment from a substitute teacher. The teacher said she enjoyed the time in our school and with our students. Our students are respectful and engaged in learning. One

example that was mentioned is the boys held the door open for her and greeted her. This surprised and impressed her as it a forgotten act of courtesy in many areas. As I said at the opening of the school Christmas program, I am proud of our students' decorum. Again, a visitor yesterday complimented our school and students for being ladies and gentlemen. This is also a compliment to all you parents. Children learn this at home even more than at school.

Congrats to Lori Hilker and our students for a wonderful Christmas concert. Thank you.

Thank you to all who purchased the student made Christmas decorations. The funds raised help defray the costs of the art materials which is substantial.

One of the many stories that was told at the time of Betty Donohue's funeral was particularly inspiring. The event happened just a few days before she died. In fact the kids were still expecting Betty to recover and go home. Betty woke up from a nap and told her kids, "When Jesus calls, you've got to go." Betty died three days later.

"When Jesus calls, you've got to go." This applies not just to an end of life or end of world event. It is a message for each day. Jesus is calling us to be faithful and do His will every day.

Reflecting on this helps understand the value and necessity of a faith based school and education/formation. It helps explain the mission and importance of St. Patrick School. "When Jesus calls, you've got to go." Amen.

Allow me a brief comment regarding the widespread bomb threat last Thursday, Dec. 13. St. Patrick School does have a plan. We used this event to review and evaluate our plans. We do not publicize our plan. That would enable someone to know how to defeat us.

While on the topic of people trying to disrupt our American way of life and freedoms, we

might ask ourselves how an American child could do something violent like what happened at Columbine High School.

I just finished watching an excellent conference entitled: "Bulletproof Mind." The presenter is Lt. Col. Dave Grossman, U.S. Army (retired). He is an internationally recognized scholar, author, soldier and speaker. He is one of the world's foremost experts in the field of human aggression, the roots of violence, and violent crime. He is a former West Point psychology professor and author of many best-selling and important books on violence and killing. His research reveals how violent video games have ushered in a new era of mass homicide – and what we must do about it.

Grossman asks his audience and you and me: Do you want to reduce bullying? Reduce aggressive behavior on the playground? Reduce childhood obesity? Do you want to see increases in academic achievement? Of course you do. Every parent does. So how do we do it? Take the Challenge. Take Charge. Turn Screens OFF... Turn Life On.

Take the Challenge & Take Charge is a preschool to high school media education program designed to reduce exposure to media violence. It is common sense that is absolutely ignored or denied by too many. What our children watch on TV, the computer screen, smart phone, or what video games they play and how often and long they are staring at a flickering screen, changes behavior, academic outcomes and physical health.

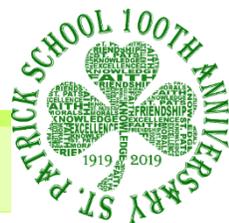
I encourage you to go to www.TakeTheChallengeNow.net if you are not convinced of the above point, or if you need the motivation to accept the challenge. Your kids will challenge you. As this group's name says: Take Charge. Please consider this when shopping and purchasing gifts for your family this Christmas.

I hope and pray this Advent and Christmas is a season filled with peace, love and joy. Turn your physical and spiritual life on. Turn your own screen off. PRAY. Turn the life of Jesus on in your family. Merry Christmas.

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- 3rd—Classes Resume, School confessions Report cards home **Home** basketball game vs. Wauneta Palisade at 2:00
- 9th—2:00 Dismissal
- 10th—Geography Bee
- 15th—Boys basketball at Bartley vs. SW 2:30 p.m.
- 16th—2:00 Dismissal
- 17th—Basketball vs. Dundy County Stratton at Benkelman B & G @ 3:30 pm. CDST
- 23rd—2:00 Dismissal
- 27th—February 2nd—Catholic Schools Week
- January 31st—School Confessions
- 30th—2:00 Dismissal
- 31st—**Home** basketball vs. Trenton 2:00 p.m.



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| | | 1 Mary Mother of God Holy Day of Obligation <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">CHRISTMAS VACATION</div> | 2 | 3 Classes Resume School Confessions Report Cards Home G/B Basketball vs. Wauneta/Palisade (Home) 2:00 pm | 4 1st Friday 7 pm - Midnight Adult Eucharistic Adoration | 5 |
| | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 Faculty Meeting 3:35 pm 2:00 Dismissal | 10 Geography Bee 1:15 p.m. | 11 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 Boys Basketball vs. Southwest (Away) 2:30 pm | 16 2:00 Dismissal | 17 G/B Basketball vs. Dundy Co. (Away) 3:30 pm CDST | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 Faculty Meeting 3:35 pm 2:00 Dismissal | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 5/6 Grade Food Smart Day | 30 2:00 Dismissal | 31 School Confessions G/B Basketball vs. Trenton (Home) 2:00 pm | | |
| CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK | | | | | | |

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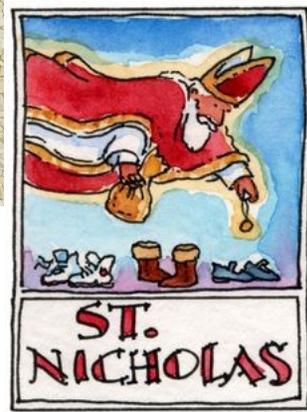
Christmas Program Directed by Mrs. Lori Hilker
(more photos in supplement)

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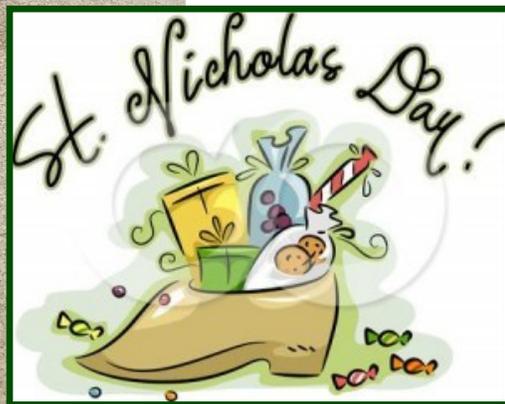
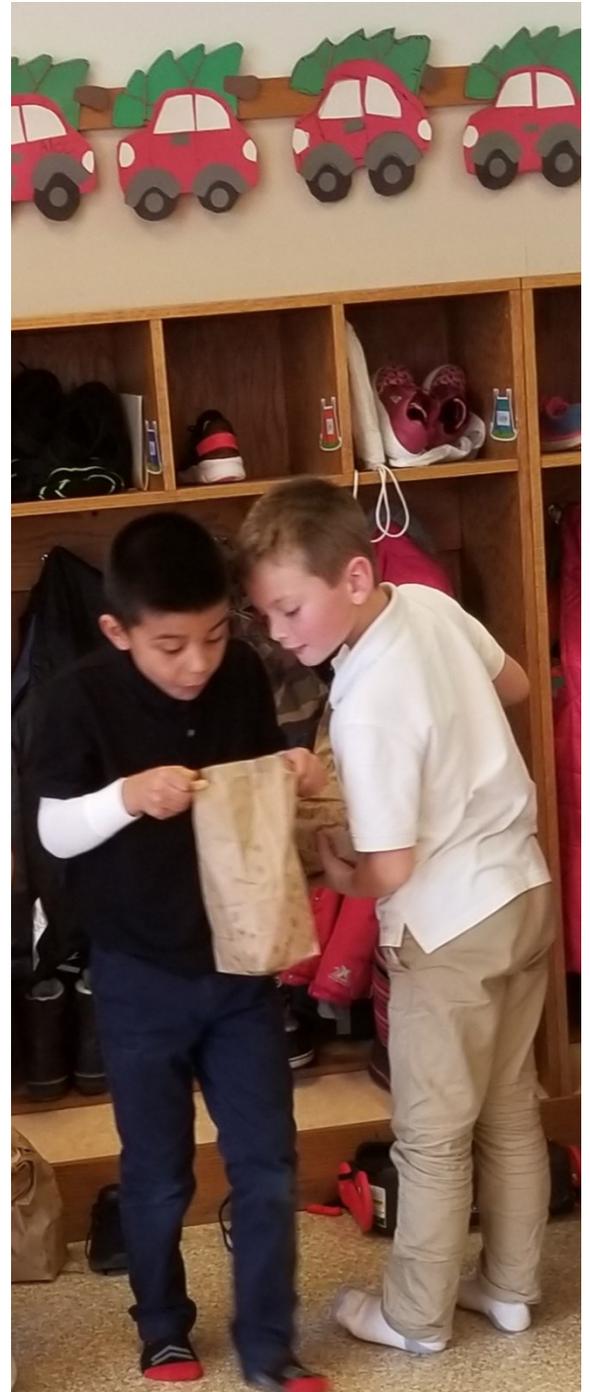


St. Nicholas visited St. Patrick school on Thursday, December 6th. He found coins and paper money in students shoes, which he collected for charity, leaving behind bags of treats and goodies!

The students donated a total of \$403. Of that amount, \$203 was sent to Deacon Carson Kain (a 2004 graduate of Saint Patrick School) who is finishing his final year of studies at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Wynnewood, PA. Alan Goodenberger, a 2008 graduate, and part of the UNL FOCUS mission, was the recipient of \$200 from the students.

“December 6th is the feast day of Saint Nicholas, the patron saint of children, which appropriately falls during the Advent season. This feast day is an especially exciting one for children as they count down the days on their Advent calendars in anticipation of Christmas day.”

St. Nicholas of Myra is a major saint in many European and Eastern countries, and one of the old Christian traditions surrounding his feast day is for kids to leave their shoes out overnight in front of the fireplace, on the windowsill, or outside their bedroom door so that St. Nicholas can fill them with special fruits, candies, and other small gifts and treats.” from Catholiccompany.com





Testing...Testing 123 ABC

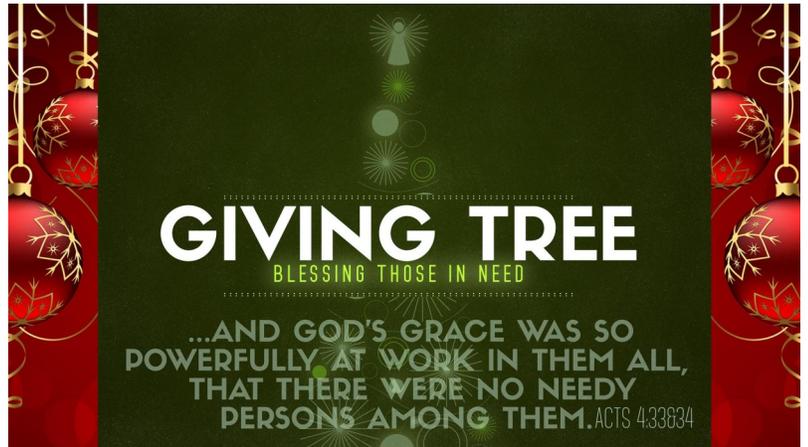
The Kindergarten students have been working on testing, and from the looks of the photo above, they have not only learned the information, but have also learned the skill of concentration.

Emma took on the role of “Principal for a Day”, and among other duties, declared a jeans day for the entire 6th grade class.





- **Giving**—St. Patrick students in grades 1—8 enjoyed sharing their blessings with others. Each class chose a family to shop for that could use a little extra help during Christmas. Students discussed the families wish lists, divided the list and purchased and wrapped the gifts. Thank you, students, for sharing Christmas joy and generosity.
- In this issue, we have not included notes for the teachers, giving them a month off due to the busy activities of Christmas
- **Wednesday 2:00 Dismissals:** During the month of January, school will dismiss at 2:00 p.m. for staff training
- **The Geography Bee** will be held Thursday, January 10th at 1:15 p.m.
- The **2nd quarter ends** on December 20. Report cards will be going home in early January.
- **Catholic Schools Week** is January 27th—February 2nd, Sponsored by NCEA, CSW is an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. Schools typically observe the week with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to Church, local communities and the nation. This year's theme is Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.



- **School Supplies**— Please check with your child regarding supplies needed for classwork. Items such as notebooks pencils, pens may be needed as we begin the second semester.



News of the Little Knights



Under the direction of Mrs. Brodd, the Little Knights preschoolers entertained at the Little Knights/Saint Patrick School Christmas program with their rendition of "Away in a Manger" and "Hello Reindeer".



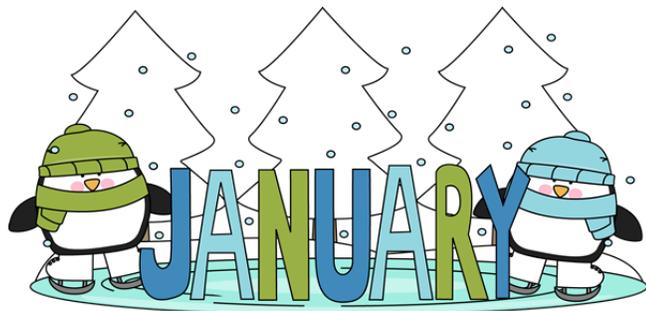


MHS Jazz Band, which includes several St. Patrick graduates, performed at St. Patrick school on Monday, December 17th.



Left: Mrs. Donita Priebe and the Medicine Valley choir performed at St. Patrick School on Monday, Dec. 17th.





St. Patrick School

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| | | 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!! | 2 NO SCHOOL | 3 Hot Dog on a Bun Baked Beans French Fries Fruit Milk | 4 Om elet Hashbrown Patty Breakfast Cookie Fruit Juice Milk | 5 |
| 6 | 7 Chicken Quesadilla Beans Salsa Fruit Tortilla Chips Milk | 8 Tator Tot Casserole Vegetable Fruit Roll or Muffin Milk | 9 Mandarin Orange Chicken Fried Rice Vegetable Fruit Roll Milk | 10 Deli Sandwich on Flatbread Salad Baby Carrots Fruit Milk | 11 Mini Cheese Ravioli Spaghetti Sauce Vegetable Fruit Cheesy Breadstick Milk | 12 |
| 13 | 14 BBQ Shredded Pork on Bun Baked Beans Vegetable Fruit Birthday Cake Milk | 15 Stromboli Marinara Sauce Vegetable Fruit Milk | 16 Scallop Potatoes Ham Vegetable Fruit Roll Milk | 17 Sloppy Joe on Bun Baked Beans French Fries Fruit Milk | 18 PBJ or Tuna Salad Sandwich Salad Baby Carrots Fruit Milk | 19 |
| 20 | 21 Hamburger on Bun Baked Beans Sweet Potato Fries Fruit Milk | 22 COOK'S CHOICE | 23 Chicken Alfredo Bake Vegetable Fruit Roll Milk | 24 <u>4TH Grade Menu</u> Walking Taco Com Salsa Pears Ice Cream Milk | 25 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Vegetables Fruit Milk | 26 |
| 27 | 28 Chicken Tender Baked Beans Vegetable Fruit Cookie? Milk | 29 Pork Chop Potatoes Vegetable Fruit Roll Milk | 30 Chicken Fajita Spanish Rice Salsa Fruit Tortilla Chips Milk | 31 <u>Visitors' Day</u> Chili Cheese Stick Baby Carrots Peaches Cinnamon Roll Milk | 1 NO SCHOOL | |

Menu Subject to Change

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

