

WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS TO ME . . .

SHARING WITH THE POOR

Christmas dinner.
Holly hanging on my door.
Reindeer pulling Santa's sleigh.
Imaginary Santa Claus.
Sharing with the poor.
Turkey for the family.
Mistletoe for kisses.
Awesome presents for my family.
Santa Claus brings all my presents for my family.

Donald Perry
Grade 6, Sam Sherratt

GIVING

Giving. That's what Christmas means to me. Having the joy of putting presents under the tree. Getting up in the morning and looking at the tree, and thinking how pretty we made it to be. Some people think Christmas is about getting. I think it is about giving and sharing and being with your family.

Tim Mahony
Grade 6, Sam Sherratt

THANKFUL

Christmas is a time when people get together and open presents and

then have Christmas dinner. It's also a time for sharing. My family on Christmas gets up in the morning, opens our presents and then goes to my grandparents' house and open more presents. We should be thankful for our presents because there are some people who don't have any presents or Christmas dinner.

Kevin Harvey
Grade 6, Sam Sherratt

THREE WISE MEN

Christmas means to me, what it really should be. Not the gift giving or receiving, but the Lord's way of achieving his goal for us by telling us the story of how Jesus came to be.

A long time ago on this very day Jesus was born in a manger full of hay. While the cows gave a hushed low. Staring into the night sky.

Following the star the Three Wise Men with instructions from King Herod to go, find, and kill baby Jesus so that King Herod would not be overruled. The Three Wise Men just couldn't do it so they brought Frankincense, Gold and Myrrh to the Messiah.

The shepherds in the fields tending to their flock saw the angel of God over the fields and heard the message of God. She told them to follow the star in the sky to the Messiah.

Even to this day you see in people's houses the models of the people there on that glorious night. While listening to the carollers singing the songs of the Lord.

Lisa Reddy
Grade 7, Holy Rosary

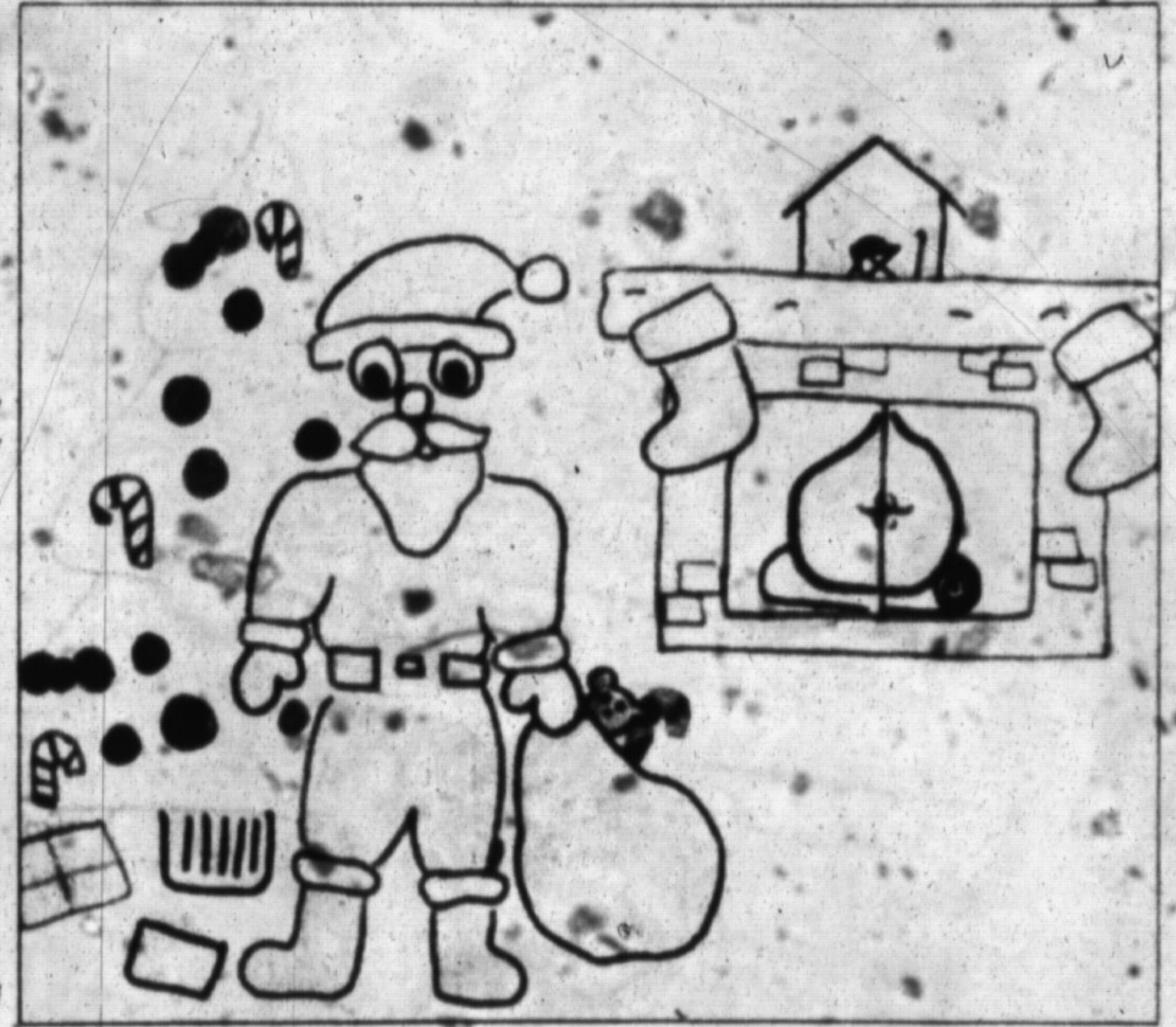
A TIME FOR GIVING

Christ is Christmas.
Health is very important to me.
Respect for all.
Icicles hanging from the Christmas tree.

Special time with family.
Turkey dinners.
Mass is the celebration of the birth of Christ.

A time for giving.
Special love and warmth for friends.

Melanie Luciani
Grade 7, Holy Rosary
Kathleen Wheelihan
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Corrie Parton, Grade 7, Holy Rosary

parents and others.

They talk about the happy. They talk about the sad. They talk about the good. They talk about the bad. So don't be tired, don't be bored. Remember it's the birth of our Lord.

So say good-bye, don't shed a tear. We'll celebrate it again next year.

Justin Mikelonas
Grade 7, Holy Rosary

birth of Jesus Christ and remembering we wouldn't be here without him.

Jennifer Marriott
Grade 6, Sam Sherratt

SHARING

Christmas means sharing and getting together with family and friends. It also means showing people how much you care by giving them presents. Every year, my family has a Christmas together. We buy each other presents. Then my Dad makes a big Christmas brunch. I'm glad that every year at Christmas time my family gets together or it just wouldn't be the same.

Heather Graham
Grade 6, Sam Sherratt

TURKEY AND POTATOES

Christmas means a lot to me because I get to see my family and have Christmas dinner with turkey and potatoes, etc. I also like how the lights and Christmas decorations look beautiful. I also like how we go skiing and tobogganing in the snow. We also should be thinking that it is the day Jesus was born. And now you know what Christmas means to me.

Tracy Moore
Grade 6, Sam Sherratt

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS

Christmas is Jesus' birthday. We celebrate it. It is an exciting time for me. We have a special dinner. I like Christmas because of the presents and Christmas trees, candies and stockings.

Daina Burnes
Grade 3, Holy Rosary

Note to our readers

Kids love Christmas. The hundreds of Christmas stories and drawings The Champion receives annually for this special issue is proof of that.

Children are certainly creative. Some stories are humorous, while others are sad, but all of them are entertaining. It is reassuring to find the budding authors' and artists' thoughts are for others as much as for themselves and their families.

I hope you will enjoy reading the stories, and perusing the pictures as much as I did in preparing this issue. Thanks to all the kids for their wonderful creations and to their teachers and principals for getting their work to me.

I only regret that not all the submissions could be published.

Merry Christmas!

Karen Smith
Editor

INSIDE IS WHAT COUNTS

The snow is blowing and flowing around. The air is flutters, and clutters all around. This is what Christmas means to me. It does not mean gifts of toys for girls and boys, but the true meaning is in our hearts, not what we give or receive. What's inside is what really counts.

Katharine Husar
Grade 7, Holy Rosary

DINNER SMELLS SO NICE

It means presents and a tree. It means children having fun, seeing if they got more than one. It means snow. It means ice. It means dinner which smells so nice.

It means family. It means friends. It means people who don't want it to end. Mothers and fathers, sisters and brothers, aunts and uncles, grand-

AROUND THE FIREPLACE

Christmas means opening presents, but it also means giving them. Christmas means my family and sitting around a big table of food, but still remembering about the people that are less fortunate than we are.

Christmas also means sitting around the fireplace singing Christmas carols. But most of all, Christmas means celebrating the

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