



# THE Cardinal's Corner



Saint Peter's  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear St. Peter's Catholic School Families and Friends,

Happy and Holy Christmas Greetings to all of you!

I want to make sure to offer a special **thank you** to our art teacher, Mrs. Lynne Milner, who worked so beautifully with our students in creating our lovely Christmas Program. The children did a wonderful job singing their hearts out!

A beautiful reflection for this Advent season:

*"The month of December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Chosen before time to be the Mother of God Incarnate, Jesus Christ, God created Mary perfect, full of grace, preserving her from the stain of Original Sin. Mary Immaculate is the most beautiful fruit of the work of the redemption accomplished by her Son, thereby making her the perfect model of holiness for all Christians"* (Fr. Robert Barron).

Let us always remember to turn to the Mary the Mother of Jesus, and our Mother, for assistance, comfort, and prayers. Let us ask for the grace to say "yes" to God as she did.

Once again, thank you for sharing your precious children with us. We pray that this Christmas season brings joy, love, and hope to you, your families, and your friends. May the Lord God bestow upon you the peace of the Christ Child, which surpasses all human understanding.

In Christ,  
Ann M Feltner, Principal



*Congratulations to Mrs. Kessinger for winning the Favorite Teacher Award for Winning Smiles Orthodontist. She was nominated by Morgan Porter. She won a \$100 gift card to Staples for classroom supplies!*

## IMPORTANT DATES

12/24-1/4 – Christmas Break –  
No School

1/8-1/18 - MAP Testing

1/15 - Lion's Club Screenings

1/16 – Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night

1/18 - Half Day - Staff Development

1/21 – No School - MLK Day

1/22 – Report Cards

1/27-2/2 – Catholic Schools Week



## January's Character Trait Dependability

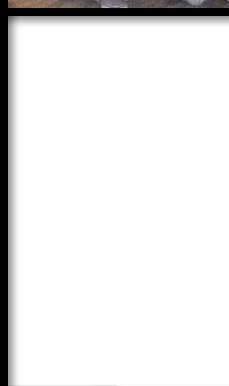
*Luke 12:42 "And the Lord said, 'Who then is the faithful and wise steward, whom his master will set over his household, to give them their portion of food at the proper time?'"*

Congratulations to the students we recognize for exceptional Gratitude in November! Pictured above (left to right): (Top) Addy P., Perla B., Trenton L., Roman B., Thomas M., Ava P., (Middle) Taryn M., Gael P., Palyn S., Anthony S., Spencer A., (Bottom) Payton G., James G., Delilah G., Gibson W.





# Christmas Pageant Pictures



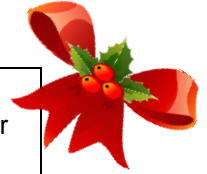


# December Saints and Their Feast Days



## Saint Dominic of Silos

December 20. The connection between Saint Dominic of Silos and Saint Dominic, founder of the Dominican Order, is a curious but interesting one. Separated by 1000 years, the two men were linked by a prophecy given by Saint Dominic of Silos to the mother of the other Dominic



## Saint Peter Canisius

December 21. An important Catholic reformer in Germany, Saint Peter Canisius earned a master's degree at age 19, and then joined the Jesuits. He was a great writer and patron of the sick and imprisoned. Peter Canisius was an active member of the Council of Trent and implemented its decisions. He also taught at the university level and helped found many colleges and seminaries.



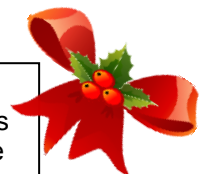
## Blessed Jacopone Da Todi

December 22. Blessed Jacopone da Todi's life changed radically when his wife died in an accident at a local tournament. Turning from his self-indulgent life, he eventually became a Franciscan friar, but life was not easy even then. Jacopone is most known for writing the beautiful hymn, "Stabat Mater," in the later years of his life.



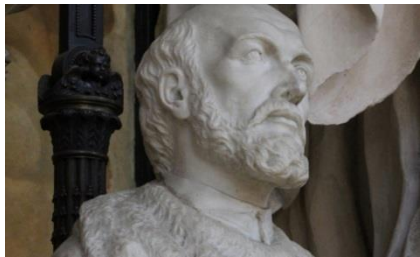
## Saint John of Kanty

December 23. Saint John of Kanty was a beloved priest in Kraków, Poland, where he taught Scripture. A simple, humble man, Saint John was often taken advantage of, but maintained his generous attitude to those in need. He died on Christmas Eve of 1473.



## The Nativity of The Lord

December 25. All feast days celebrate, in one way or another, the gifts of God granted to us human beings. Today we celebrate THE gift—the Son of God made flesh. A gift granted to all people of all times and places. Truly we have been gifted.





### Saint Stephen

December 26. If it weren't for Saint Luke telling us about the selection and martyrdom of Saint Stephen in Acts of the Apostles, we would know nothing about him at all. The little we do know, however, speaks volumes about what kind of man he was, his love for Jesus, and the early Church community.



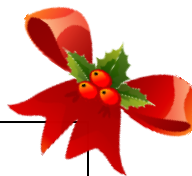
### Saint John the Apostle

December 27. Saint John the Apostle, also known as the Beloved Disciple, was the writer of the fourth Gospel, and presumably, the only apostle who was not martyred. He is also the disciple to whom Jesus entrusted his mother from the cross. Symbolized as an eagle, Saint John's Gospel "soars" in its theological treatment of the good news



### Saint Thomas Becket

December 29. Saint Thomas Becket, the well-known archbishop of Canterbury, England, is a saint with a checkered past. As depicted in the movie "Becket," Thomas did not at first take his responsibilities as a deacon seriously, but when King Henry II tried to use his friend's lukewarm devotion to his advantage, he found a converted cleric who was a worthy match for any king.



### Saint Sylvester I

December 31. Saint Sylvester lived during the time of Constantine when the Church was coming out of hiding and becoming the Church of the empire. Little is known about him, but much is presumed.

