

October 27, 2021

Dear Parishioners of Holy Rosary, St. Ann & Ss. Peter & Paul,

Greetings to you in our Lord, Jesus Christ! I hope this letter finds you very well and enjoying these beautiful days of autumn.

As we are all aware, autumn is a time of change. And change can be both beautiful and difficult. So it will be for me this year and for our three linked parishes.

Effective November 15, I will be stepping down as pastoral leader of our three linked parishes after fourteen years in this role. I do so with anxiety, but with the belief that this is the best thing for me and my spirit at this time. As to where I am going, I will be taking a full-time position as Spiritual Care Coordinator at Sharon Richardson Community Hospice in Sheboygan Falls and working closely with the dying, the bereaved and their families.

This decision certainly did not come lightly or easily for me. It came only after a great deal of prayer, questioning, discernment and late-night conversations with my wife, Renee. But after all of those things, it felt like God was leading me to someplace new. So I mentioned it to staff last week and officially sent in my letter of resignation to Bishop Ricken last Friday, October 22.

The Diocese of Green Bay is currently working on a plan to fill my role on an interim basis (from November 15 through June 30) and I'm sure we will have more information in the near future as to who will be stepping into that position. As for who will step into parish leadership beginning July 1 (be it priest or pastoral leader), that is currently up to Bishop Ricken and will be decided closer to early spring.

In the meantime, I simply wanted to say thank you for the way you opened your arms and lives to me, my family and my ministry these past fourteen years. I am grateful for your generosity, your faithfulness, your goodness and your life. No matter where our future paths lie, I will always be grateful for our time together. May you open your arms as beautifully for whoever follows me as you did for me.

In Gratitude and Hope

Joseph Zenk
Pastoral Leader
Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Parish
Holy Rosary Catholic Parish
St. Ann Catholic Parish

OPEN HOUSE & TAILGATE PARTY

Please join us as we honor and thank our Parish Leader Joe Zenk for his many years of service, hard work and dedication to the people of SS. Peter & Paul, St. Ann & Holy Rosary.

Sunday, November 7, 2021 Noon—3 pm

Cash Bar Complimentary Snacks/ Appetizers

Altona Supper Club, New Holstein

RSVP Please by November 5

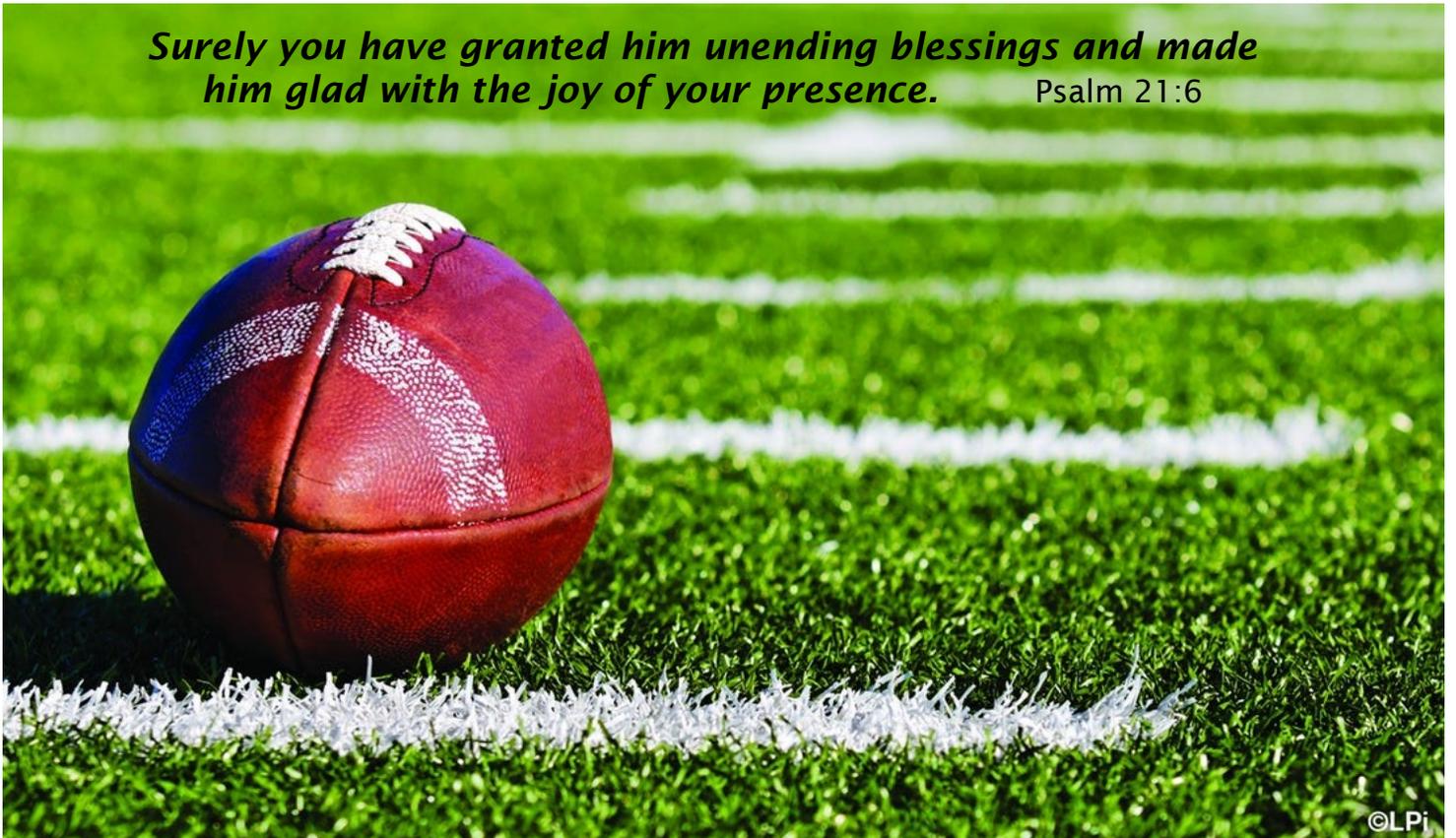
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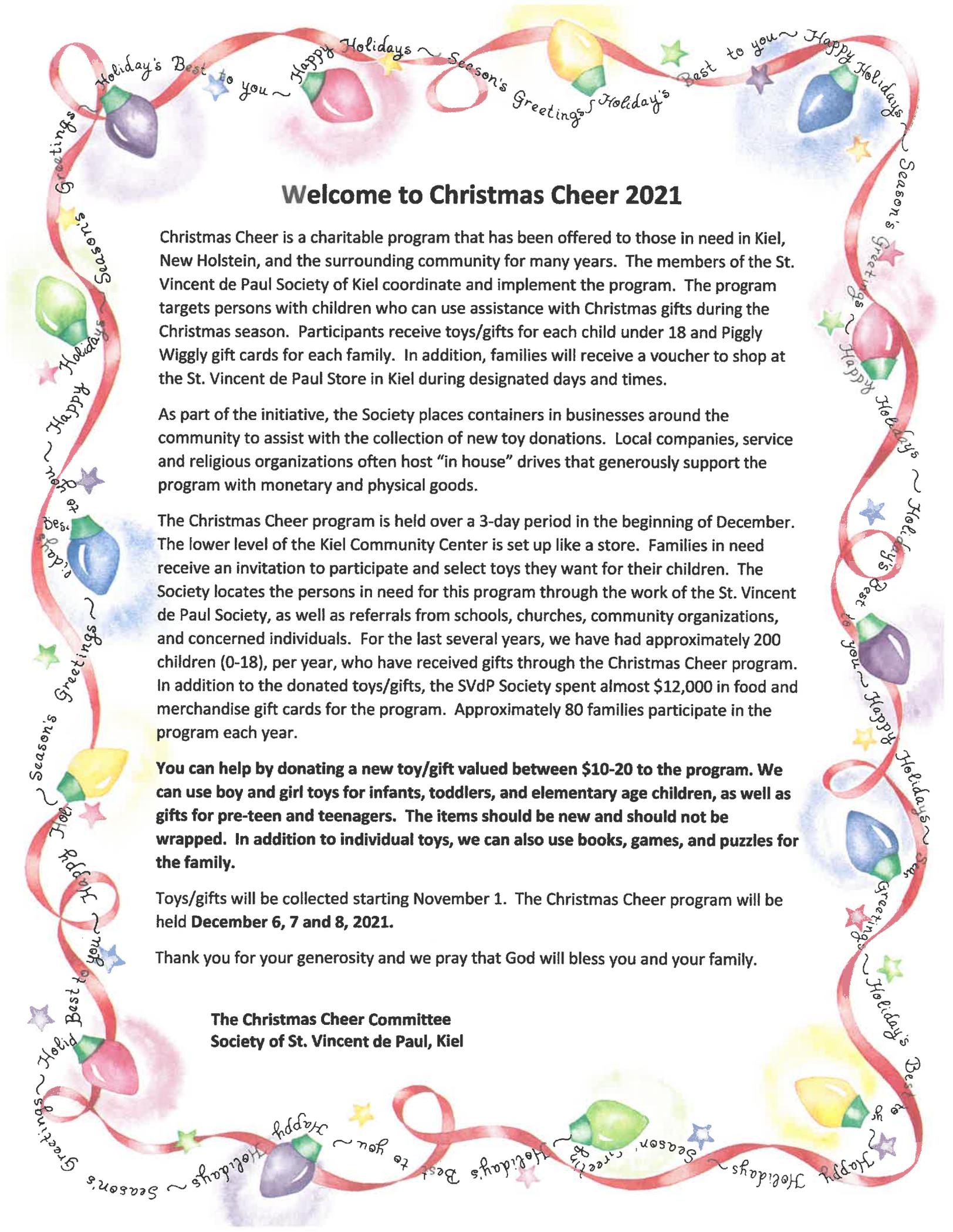
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Surely you have granted him unending blessings and made him glad with the joy of your presence.

Psalm 21:6





Welcome to Christmas Cheer 2021

Christmas Cheer is a charitable program that has been offered to those in need in Kiel, New Holstein, and the surrounding community for many years. The members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Kiel coordinate and implement the program. The program targets persons with children who can use assistance with Christmas gifts during the Christmas season. Participants receive toys/gifts for each child under 18 and Piggly Wiggly gift cards for each family. In addition, families will receive a voucher to shop at the St. Vincent de Paul Store in Kiel during designated days and times.

As part of the initiative, the Society places containers in businesses around the community to assist with the collection of new toy donations. Local companies, service and religious organizations often host "in house" drives that generously support the program with monetary and physical goods.

The Christmas Cheer program is held over a 3-day period in the beginning of December. The lower level of the Kiel Community Center is set up like a store. Families in need receive an invitation to participate and select toys they want for their children. The Society locates the persons in need for this program through the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, as well as referrals from schools, churches, community organizations, and concerned individuals. For the last several years, we have had approximately 200 children (0-18), per year, who have received gifts through the Christmas Cheer program. In addition to the donated toys/gifts, the SVdP Society spent almost \$12,000 in food and merchandise gift cards for the program. Approximately 80 families participate in the program each year.

You can help by donating a new toy/gift valued between \$10-20 to the program. We can use boy and girl toys for infants, toddlers, and elementary age children, as well as gifts for pre-teen and teenagers. The items should be new and should not be wrapped. In addition to individual toys, we can also use books, games, and puzzles for the family.

Toys/gifts will be collected starting November 1. The Christmas Cheer program will be held **December 6, 7 and 8, 2021.**

Thank you for your generosity and we pray that God will bless you and your family.

**The Christmas Cheer Committee
Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Kiel**