

December 23, 2011

*O Maker of the galaxies,
Creator of each star,
You rule the mountains & the seas,
And yet - oh, here you are!
You ride the fiery cherubim and sail on comet fall.
You teach the seraphim to hymn.*

*And yet - you left it all.
You left the realms of fire & ice.
Into a young girl's womb you came.
O God! This was the sacrifice!
Nothing will ever be the same.*

-Madeleine L'Engle



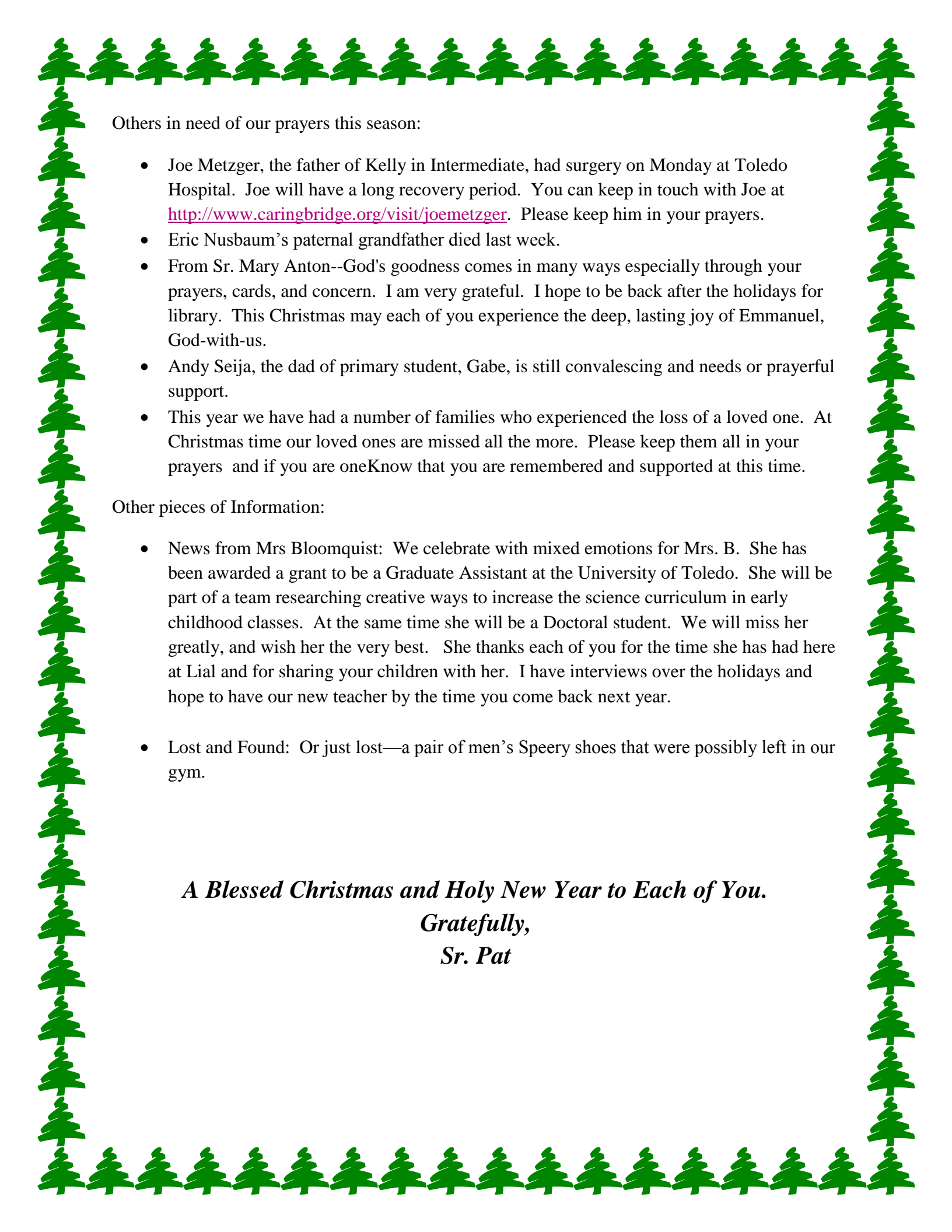
May the joy and wonder of Christmas be yours throughout the New Year!

I wasn't planning on sending a news letter this week but a number of items came up so I decided to do one last communication of the year.

First Thank you to each one of our Lial Families for the wonderful Christmas gift you presented to us last night. Your generosity, support, care, kind words are all so appreciated. We treasure the time we get with each of your children and thank you for entrusting them to us each day. May this Christmas Season be filled with many blessings and graces and a whole lot of family time. Be assured of my prayers for you!

Gratefully in our New Born Savior,

The Lial Faculty and Staff



Others in need of our prayers this season:

- Joe Metzger, the father of Kelly in Intermediate, had surgery on Monday at Toledo Hospital. Joe will have a long recovery period. You can keep in touch with Joe at <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/joemetzger>. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Eric Nusbaum's paternal grandfather died last week.
- From Sr. Mary Anton--God's goodness comes in many ways especially through your prayers, cards, and concern. I am very grateful. I hope to be back after the holidays for library. This Christmas may each of you experience the deep, lasting joy of Emmanuel, God-with-us.
- Andy Seija, the dad of primary student, Gabe, is still convalescing and needs or prayerful support.
- This year we have had a number of families who experienced the loss of a loved one. At Christmas time our loved ones are missed all the more. Please keep them all in your prayers and if you are one know that you are remembered and supported at this time.

Other pieces of Information:

- News from Mrs Bloomquist: We celebrate with mixed emotions for Mrs. B. She has been awarded a grant to be a Graduate Assistant at the University of Toledo. She will be part of a team researching creative ways to increase the science curriculum in early childhood classes. At the same time she will be a Doctoral student. We will miss her greatly, and wish her the very best. She thanks each of you for the time she has had here at Lial and for sharing your children with her. I have interviews over the holidays and hope to have our new teacher by the time you come back next year.
- Lost and Found: Or just lost—a pair of men's Speery shoes that were possibly left in our gym.

A Blessed Christmas and Holy New Year to Each of You.

*Gratefully,
Sr. Pat*