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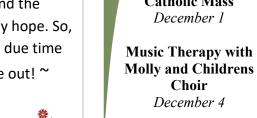
- Carmen Todd- 1st
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- Gertrude Klassen- 23rd

Christmas Lunch

On December 19th residents will have a Christmas Lunch Banquet. Special themed desserts will also be on the menu during the week of Christmas.

Clothing Labels Reminder

With the upcoming Christmas season, just a reminder that if you are bringing in clothing or blankets in for residents, please make sure to have them labelled. New items can be dropped off at the nursing station to be labelled.



NOTL Tractor Parade December 14

December

Highlights

Catholic Mass

December 1

Choir

December 4

Christmas Lunch Banquet December 19

Music with Mendelt December 19

Music with Jake and Keith December 21

Christmas Party with

John Pebble December 23

Baking New Years **Portzelky** December 29



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From the CEO's Desk

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Food Bank Donations!

Between December 1st - 15th, there will be collection bin available to donate items to the local NOTL food bank. The donation bin will be located outside the main office by the Christmas tree. Let's join together as a community and support families in NOTL. Please see posters near bulletin boards for items that are most needed.

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Christmas Lunch

On December 19th all tenants will receive a complimentary Christmas Lunch. The meals will be prepackaged and delivered to each tenant's door or to those who eat in the dinning room.

Christmas Craft and Bake Sale

Tenant Council is hosting a craft and bake sale on Saturday, December 16th from 9am - 11:30am in the Creekview Link. Council is accepting donations of crafts and baked goods. All proceeds are used to purchase essentials, improvements, and activities at Pleasant Manor. All are welcome to attend!

MERRY CHRIST

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Catholic Mass December 1

Hymn Sing with Stephen December 5 & 19

Christmas Lights Bus Trip

December 12

Christmas Concert with James Gay December 13

NOTL Tractor Parade December 14

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Christmas Lunch

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