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≈Christmas Blessings≈

ELDEST SON NOW TALLER THAN MOM

Where have the years gone? Justin will be 13 in '14 and starting 8th grade next fall. He still plays clarinet in band and added altar server to his resume this summer. He is making preliminary plans to attend World Youth Day in 2016 in Poland. Mom looks forward to making the pilgrimage too.

JUST WATCH THE HAIR!

He's a fashionable male that Timothy! He has quite a creative side when it comes to drawing and writing his own "comics." And he's making great music in the SJE band again. He transitioned from trombone to baritone this year with ease. But his mouth often gets him into trouble (see the letters to the editor!).

Greetings from the Zasada's



Clockwise from left: Nathan (9), Todd, Justin (12.75), Timothy (11), Julie, Alice (2.5)

Milestones for Mom & Dad

Todd & Julie celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary in May. Followed by the big 4-0 for Todd in July, but with very little fanfare. He's hoping for a belated trip to Vegas in 2014. August marked another unexpected turn in Julie's craniotomy journey. Due to the "wound that just wouldn't heal," surgery was required to make sure she didn't have a bone infection. Thankfully all was well and a visit to the dermatologist finally cleared up her skin. She's looking forward to her bald spot finally growing back in. We wish you all a joyous New Year!

SACRED BEGINNINGS

The youngest Zasada boy will celebrate two big events in 2014. Nathan makes his first Reconciliation in February and Holy Communion on September 28th. He's also mastered memorizing every line of his sister's favorite DVDs.

LITTLE MISS ALICE RULES THE ROOST

Ali has us all wrapped around her finger. Her vast vocabulary ensures that she's able to ask for precisely what she wants, whenever she wants it. She loves all things Cinderella, "beautiful" dresses, playing princesses with Daddy, building LEGOS and Lincoln Log houses with her brothers, and visits with her cousins & grandparents.

Comments and Opinion

Mom "I'm going to take you to your godmother's house while I go to the office."

Ali "Oh yes! Her gotta give me a beautiful dress!"

Timothy "The 8th graders are SO lucky. They get to go to Great America until 8 pm. And I'm sitting here in the green chair!"

Justin pondering at breakfast time "I wonder if a waffle could make an ice cube tray."

Nathan when discussing Lenten fasting "Why did Jesus go to the desert for 40 days? He could've gone for 10 days. That would've been much more better!"

Timothy "Silent but deadly like Justin. Justin just holds it all in. Then one fateful day it all comes out."

Ali "That's my daddy baby-cakes. That's my daddy-o."

Timothy at CVS "I'm at a food palace and all I get is school supplies!"

Timothy "I want my own room. Justin snores. Nathan snores. Why didn't you just buy a bigger house when you knew you were going to have 4 kids?!"

Mom on the way to school "Your lucky. All I need to do is get gas this morning." Exasperated Timothy who wanted to get to school early "But you just refilled it like a week ago!"

Timothy at Ali's doctor appt. "When they say the doctor is going to be in shortly...I've been through tons of doctor visits...what they really mean is 30 minutes!"

Justin "30-thousand minifigures placed by hand, that's a lot!" Timothy "Whoa! That's like a gazillion minifigs. Justin "No - it's 30 thousand."



Ali when driving past 800-acre Cedar Lake "I wanna go in the pool!"

August 23rd: Timothy as he is served chicken, potatoes and peas for dinner "Um, for next Thanksgiving, all I want is a sandwich."

Mom "Oh Alice that's gross! Are you eating cat food?!"

Ali "I can have some more later, okay? That's good."

Mom "If you guys get ready on time, we can go to DD before school."

Nate "What's that stand for?" Tim "Think about it. The gold engine from Thomas and the food police men like to eat."

Mom "Justin can you take a break from that homework and eat while the food is hot?" Justin "Yeah! I always have time for pizza!"

When she's supposed to be napping before her 2nd birthday party. "Mooom, get over here! I wanna go outside. I wanna see the boys."

Tim after a haircut "I lost all my pride. Every morning when I would wake up I rushed to see my beautiful hair. Now all I have is an ugly bald spot!"

Ali from her crib at 5:45 in the morning "Mommy! It's 10:00 already. I don't wanna go to sleep anymore!"

Mom "Ali you've gotta whisper. Your brothers are still sleeping and Mommy can hear whispers." Ali "I don't gotta whisker. Only daddy has whiskers."

Timothy "I need a paperclip." Dad "Who do you think you are, MacGuyver?" Tim "Yes, (with a quiet pause) if I knew who he was"



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