

# Thankful

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I have privacy. I play my drums in my closet.

In the end, I am thankful for three very important things.

**Hilaray, Fourth Grade, Menno**

I am thankful for my family. Because I was born. Because they are nice to me. Because they love me and keep me safe. So I have someone to buy me food. So I have someone to talk to. I love my family!

I am thankful for my friends. Because I need someone to play with. Also so I am not stuck at home all the time. So I am not bored. So that at school I have someone to play with and I am not just walking around finding something to do.

I am also thankful for my house that I live in. So that in the winter I am not freezing. So I don't have to live on the streets. So that I am protected. So I can sleep in a room and not in a box and so that I can have nice warm blankets.

**Kail, Fourth Grade, Menno**

I am thankful for things. I am thankful for my mom. She buys stuff for me. She lets me live in a house. She also lets me ride horses.

I am thankful for my dad. He bought my four-wheeler for me also. He lets me drive tractor. He helps me do things I can't do. He buys things for me.

I am thankful for my sister. She is my friend when I am board. Is sometimes nice to me. Sometimes she bugs me. But she is a good sister.

**Dawson, Fourth Grade, Menno**

I am thankful... I am thankful for people, who make money, and are farmers who make food. I am thankful for GOD who made Christmas and, HOLIDAYS, plus he made land. I am thankful for SCHOOL, that gave me friends and books and drawing.

I am thankful for my parents. I am thankful for my life, because they like me. They also love me. I am thankful for how I look. I am thankful for my house. Because my parents let me live in it. And I like my house.

**These are things the Tripp-Delmont Preschool Class is thankful for ...**

Kellen Hansen — I am thankful for football, my family, my friends, Hattie my babysitter, my camping toys and lots of books.

Erren Cantrell — I am thankful for my kitties, dogs and my family.

Brayden Ziegler — I am thankful for my mom and dad, my toys, my grandma and grandpa, my house and my pumpkins that I make.

Sierenity Ghoering — I am thankful for my mom and dad, lollipops, my dog, my brothers and my sisters.

Jacey Friman — I am thankful for my two cats, mom and dad, my sisters and my grandmas and grandpas.

Quentin Yarbarough — I am thankful for mom and dad, my toys, helicopters, trains and tractors.

Noah Hotchkiss — I am thankful for everything and the Vikings football team.

Jamie Bacon — I am thankful for my mom, dad and sister, and the Disney Princesses ... especially Belle, Tangled, and Aurora.

Lilly Fechner — I am thankful for elephants, stuffed animals, my family, my teachers, bananas and monkeys.

Zoey Whitaker — I am thankful for dinosaurs, snakes, bugs and Grandpa.

Taylor Fink — I am thankful for my dogs even though they died, toys, my family and my room.

Andrew Bucklew — I am thankful for firemen and firetrucks.

Brody Buchholz — I am thankful for toys, tools, mom and dad, my brother, and my grandma and grandpa.

Kolter Kramer — I am thankful for my dog Miles, my mom and dad, Pacco my stuffed animal, and the interstate home from Wisconsin.

# HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



**These are things that the Gayville-Volin First Grade class is thankful for ...**

I am thankful for love, mom, and dad. — Isabel

I am thankful for mom, dad, holidays, and most of all my brother Cole. — Gunnar

I am thankful for 4-wheelers, toys, and family. — Gavyn

I am thankful for my family. — Alexis

I am thankful for math. — Alex

I am thankful for everything, friends, family, and Huskers. — Kohner

I am thankful for school, and family. — Chantz

I am thankful for myself, mom, dad, and brother. — Justin

I am thankful for love, school, world, me and my mom. — Lily

I am thankful for my grandpa and grandma, playset, family, school, and love. — Ashlyn

I am thankful for my mom, love, dad, and 4-wheelers. — Chase

I am thankful for my family, school, friends, mom, health, dad, and food. — Cade

I am thankful for my family, brother, school, myself, and my home. — Emily

I am thankful army, school, and family. — Phillip

I am thankful for my mom, dad, Toni, and everyone. — Abby

I am thankful for grandma, family, mom, school, and toys. — Olivia

I am thankful for my bike, house, and family. — Casper

I am thankful for my cat, dog, and family. — Mackenzie.

**Mason Sundleaf, Eighth Grade, Sacred Heart School**

There are many things I am thankful for. Two things I cherish the most are life and family. Without God, neither of these things would be possible. I thank Him every day for all He has done for me.

My life is very important to me. God gave me life so I could be myself and share His message. In my life I thank God and love the people around me. Life is one of the things I am thankful for.

My family is another thing that is very important to me. They help me through hard times and laugh with me in good times. I always have their support. That's why I am very thankful for my family.

Those are some of the many things I am thankful for. My life and my family are probably the most important to me. Thank you God for giving me this.

**Michael Strom, Eighth Grade, Sacred Heart School**

The three things that I am thankful for are my friends, my life, and freedom. I am thankful for my friends because they are who give me company, make me laugh, and are the people who help me with life. I am thankful for my life because it's mine and I get to do whatever I want with it/ and I don't usually get that option. I am thankful for freedom and that is what led me to who I am now.

The reasons why I am thankful for friends are that they are people who you will always like. They will help you when you are need of help even if it's a tricky situation. They give you company when you are lonely and they cheer you up when you are down.

I am thankful for my life because it is up to me to guide it and do what I want with it. My life also shows everyone around me that I am there and that I am there for a purpose. Life is what you are judged by and it shows you and everyone around you how you have been spending it.

The reasons I am thankful for freedom are it gives me the right to make my own actions. It shows that I am human and that I am able to be independent. It shows that I have power, desire, and rights. It shows that I have less restrictions and can choose what I want my future to be.

I am thankful for these things because they reflect back on me. They show me the good and bad choices that I have made and how I could make them better. These things tell everyone around me how I act and who I hang out with.

**Sean Rolfs, Eighth Grade, Sacred Heart School**

During the Thanksgiving season you give thanks for things you are thankful for. Here are only three things I am thankful for friends, family, and my home.

I am thankful for my friends. They are nice to you and never let you down. They give you confidence when you have none.

I am thankful for my family they care for you when you're sick. They cheer me on in sports. My family loves me and keeps my head up.

I am thankful for my home. It keeps me warm in the winter and cool in the summer. I am most thankful for it because sometimes it may not seem that much but I always remember that not everyone has a home.

I am thankful for my family, friends and my home. These are just a couple things I am thankful for.

**Cody V., Eighth Grade, Sacred Heart School**

I am thankful for a bunch of things, I am most thankful that my house didn't get flood and for all the volunteers that helped us sand bag and move, I am also thankful for all the wonderful things I got to learn.

I am thankful that my house didn't get flooded when the river rose. We didn't think that are house was going to make it but it did. First we called just a couple people to help but people came and helped, they spent their time helping us sandbag; couldn't do it without all the volunteers that came and helped.

I am also thankful for the wonderful things that I have learned from when the water rose like how to measure the height and lots of math stuff. We had to do lots of math to predict when and how much water was coming up

**Kenneth Schroeder, Eighth Grade, Sacred Heart School**

There are many things that I'm thankful for. I'm thankful for my wonderful family, my awesome cat, and my life.

My family is a loving family. We have a close relationship. I play catch of any kind of ball with my dad. My sister helps me with algebra. My mom is always there for me. If I had to describe the perfect family I'd say I've got one.

I have an interesting cat named, "Bandit." He is a mischievous cat. Before the summer he liked everyone the same. During the summer he and I ALWAYS played with each other. I even took him outside. Now we have an unbreakable bond. I look forward to the years and years to come!

I am thankful for my family, cat, and my life. This is just the beginning of my list.

**Nick Hauser, Eighth Grade, Sacred Heart School**

Every year, we experience different things. A new baby may come into the family, someone may have died. I am thankful for God, my family.

I am thankful for God because he created the world. He created me and everyone else. God also made all the animals. If I need help, all I need to do is sit down and pray.

I am also thankful for my family. They are there whenever you need

them. When you are sad, they cheer you up. When you are happy, they join in. A family keeps you going even when you think you can't.

God and my family are just a few of the many things that I am thankful for. Next year there will be a new list. So the question is still there. What are you most thankful for?

**Brianna Geige, Eighth Grade, Sacred Heart School**

There are many things that I am thankful for this year. There are blessings that many are thankful for every year- family, friends, food, etc. I'm usually one of those people. This year, I'm also thankful for a year of learning, having a family that loves me, and good health.

I am very thankful for being able to go to school. I'm glad my parents understood how important it is for education. I really appreciate the fact that I get the opportunity to go to school.

I am most thankful for having a family who loves me. They support and guide me in Christ-like ways.

The last major thing I'm thankful for is good health. God has blessed me with great health.

The many things that I am thankful for this year are: a year of learning, having a family that loves me, and good health.

**Austin Barger, Eighth Grade, Sacred Heart School**

There are many things I am thankful for. I am thankful for my family, my friends and for everything I am blessed with and I could keep going. The thing I am most thankful for is my family.

My family is always there. They will help me in any situation that I may encounter. My parents are always there to help me with my homework, My siblings are always there to cheer me up.

The second highest thing I am thankful for is my friends, My friends are always there when I need someone to talk to and are all in for a good time. They are always there.

The Third thing I am thankful for is everything I am blessed with. My talents and the roof over my head and the love of my family.

These are the things that I am thankful for now what are yours?

**Cody Perakslis, Eighth Grade, Sacred Heart School**

There are many things to be grateful for in our lives. There are both big and small things in your life, because you face problems and try to find how to solve them. So everyone has something to be thankful for this Thanksgiving holiday, and I will name some small and some big things for me.

People also have something they are eternally thankful for, but forget soon after. It's the small things. I have to think to remember one of the hundreds of small things I've been thankful for this year. So every day, remember the small things The big things we're thankful for stay with us for years. The big thing I'm thankful for this year is the safety of my family, even when some of them went through bad times.

I've told you what I'm thankful for, so for this year, be thankful.

**Maddie Manning, Eighth Grade, Sacred Heart School**

We all have things to be thankful for. I am thankful that I have family, a house, and the opportunity to be in sports.

I would not be who I am without my family. They always provide me with food on the table and love me for whom I am.

Not everyone around the world has a house, or even shelter. Inside my house, I'm thankful I have a bed to sleep in at night and a furnace to keep me warm. It's sad to think that some people don't have shelter to keep them safe.

Being in sports is an awesome privilege. They make me happy and I'm grateful for being in them.

Sometimes we aren't always thankful for everything we have. Some people aren't as lucky as us, so we should always thank God and pray for others too.

**Jenna Trail, Eighth Grade, Sacred Heart School**

I am thankful for a bunch of things this year, but I've decided to narrow it down to three. The three I have chosen are my family, swimming and orthopedics.

My family, I love them all very much even though they get on my nerves. They are all such wonderful people, especially my parents. My family is the best. I could never want anyone different in it.

Swimming is a wonderful sport that keeps me active and competitive. I have many friends in swimming that I bond with very well.

Swimming has saved me from a few medical issues. It has also kept my weight down. That's why I am thankful for swimming.

Last but not least I am thankful for orthopedics. It has helped me a lot through my Osgood Schlatter (OS) problem these past years. I don't know how I could have made it through the pain without it.

**Spencer Huber, Eighth Grade, Sacred Heart School**

I am thankful for many things in my life. I've made up my mind that the overall top two things I am the most thankful for are friends and family. I think these are some of the most important things in life.

My friends are very important to me. I would not have nearly as much fun without my friends there with me. I enjoy hanging out with my friends and talking to people. I enjoy playing sports with my friends and going to school with my friends. They are very important in my life.

My family is always there when I need someone to help me get through hard times. They help me with homework and when I'm sick and many other times I need help.

My friends and family are important for sure. There are also many other things that are important in my life.

I am thankful for many things in my life. Some of the most important things I am grateful for are my brother coming home and my family.

I am thankful for my brother coming home for a couple months. As he has been home we have had a lot of time to bond. I love having him around and we have gotten a lot closer.

Another thing I am thankful for is my family. My family and I have been through a lot this year, but we have always stayed by each other's side and have been supportive. We love each other a lot and I know that we are thankful for each other too.

Having my brother home and having my family by my side has been amazing for me. I am so glad that all this has happened in my life.

This is what I am thankful for.

**Sydney Ingalls, Eighth Grade, Sacred Heart School**

There are many things in this world that I'm thankful for that God has given me. One of the things I'm thankful for is the gift of my family because they have always been there for me and have supported me too. The second gift that I'm thankful for are my teachers at my school. Without them I wouldn't be as smart as they have taught me to be and I wouldn't know half the things I do know without them. The third thing I'm grateful for is the gift of being healthy.

My favorite thing that I'm thankful for in my life that God has given me is my family. I am very, very thankful to be born in such a great family who cares and supports me in what I do. They also gave me the opportunity to go to a great school and have a good education.

The second thing I am most grateful for is the teachers at Sacred Heart School and all they have taught me over the years.

The third thing that I'm thankful for is my health. I am grateful that I am able to run, walk, and do sports.

I know that all the things I am grateful for come from God and these are signs that he is truly good and caring.

**Dani Dvorak, Eighth Grade, Sacred Heart School**

There are many things to be thankful for. I am mainly thankful for my family and friends.

I am very thankful for my family. They help me so much in life. They also make me happy and make me laugh, if I didn't have that I don't know what I would do. Also, they have helped me through many tough times while growing up and without them I don't know what I would have done.

Also this year I am very thankful for my friends. If I didn't have my friends I don't know what I would do. My friends are like family. I can tell them anything and they will listen and help me. They don't care how weird I am sometimes, they love me for me. Without them life would be miserable.

**Sami Sanchez, Eighth Grade, Sacred Heart School**

Because of my Mexican background, my family never really had a reason to celebrate Thanksgiving. At school I would hear stories about the Pilgrims and the Native Americans at the very first Thanksgiving. After Thanksgiving break everyone would share about how they went to relatives houses and had an amazing turkey. But when it came to me, I had nothing to say. That was when I spoke to my parents and told them I wanted to celebrate Thanksgiving. My parents were confused and didn't really know how to celebrate this American holiday. But I think they got it after I told them that all you really have to do is be thankful for what you have.

I am thankful for my family and friends. For being loving and caring and for always supporting me. For helping me in my times of need.

For all the art supplies there are in the world. They help express my emotions and ideas using various mediums and endless inspiration. For giving me opportunities to create something unique and creative.

You don't need a big turkey or all your relatives hoarding your house to celebrate Thanksgiving. All you really need to do is reflect on all the things you are grateful to have in your life.

**Come home this holiday. And stay.**

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