



Children had the opportunity to visit with Santa Claus at last Thursday's Christmas Festival sponsored by the Imperial Chamber of Commerce. However, Santa brought both smiles and tears from the youngsters who sat on his lap or came close. At left, from left, Harley, Hailey and Hayden Markee, daughters of Brad and Melissa Markee, find strength in numbers as they tell Santa all that they would like for Christmas. It was quite the different story for Knox Paisley, below, son of Garrett and Jacci Paisley, who wanted nothing to do with Jolly Ol' St. Nick. Santa was available during the Chamber's soup and pie supper at the St. Patrick Parish Hall for two hours. A lot of the parents took advantage of the opportunity for pictures, and each child left with a candy cane and hopes Santa will fulfill their requests Dec. 25. (Republican photos)

