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## Best wishes for the holidays from Collegeville

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At the Saint John's and Saint Ben's Christmas celebration at the Town and Country Club earlier this month, we revived an old tradition of singing *Silent Night* in German. The history of the song goes back to Austria in 1818 and it has been recorded more than 700 times in the past 40 years. The CSB/ SJU alumni are not quite ready for a public performance, but you might enjoy some other versions that were [featured on NPR recently](#).

And in Collegeville, we've wrapped up classes, the snow has fallen and the tree is trimmed. As we prepare for the birth of

Christ, I hope you'll enjoy the sights and sounds of Saint John's in this video greeting.

Merry Christmas to all and blessings to you in the New Year!

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