

Blessed Sacrament

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PARISH

Blessed Sacrament Parish Phone: 222-2759

Pastor: Fr. Tom Meyer

Pastor Emeritus: Monsignor Michael Kuse

Permanent Deacon: Deacon Terry Ellerman

Director of Faith Formation: Audreana Derhake

Secretary: Laura Megown

Bookkeeper: Linda Ohnemus

Director of Music: Steve Buckman

Custodian: Ted Hea

SCHOOL

Blessed Sacrament School Phone: 228-1477

Principal: Lisa Berhorst

School Administration Manager: Kailee Flesch

Secretary: Lori Quevillon

Technology: Dottie Buckman

Custodian: Rick Epping

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday: 5:30 p.m., Thursday: 8:15 a.m. (School Year)

First Saturday of the month: 8:30 a.m.

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m., 11:10 a.m. (Spanish)

EUCARIST ADORATION

Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

RECONCILIATION:

Wednesday: 4:30 - 5:00 p.m.

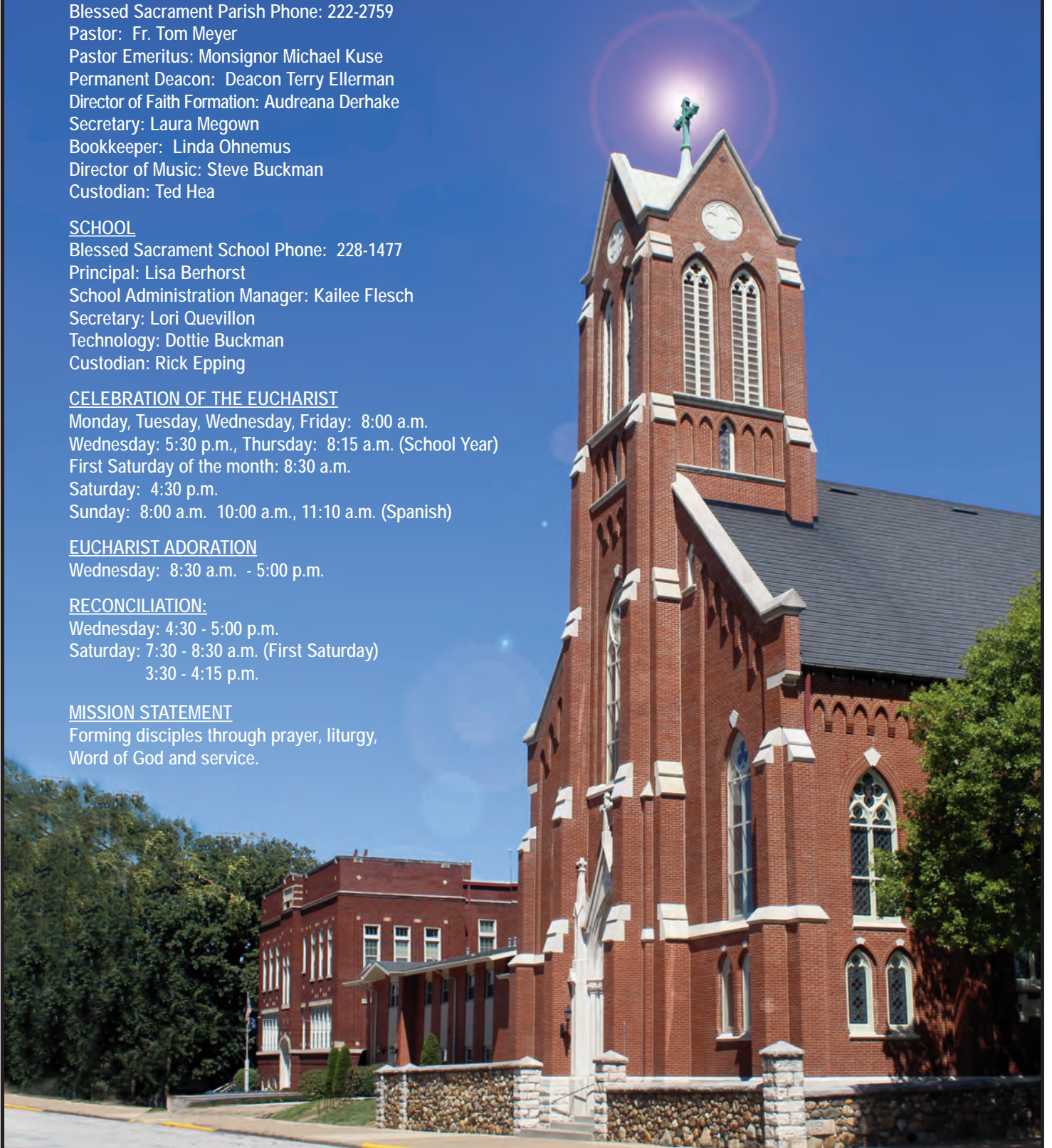
Saturday: 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. (First Saturday)

3:30 - 4:15 p.m.

MISSION STATEMENT

Forming disciples through prayer, liturgy,

Word of God and service.



**Blessed Sacrament Parish
1st Sunday of Advent
December 3, 2023**

Monday	December 4, 2023
7:30 am	Morning Prayer (Lauds)
8:00 am	Sage Moore
Tuesday	December 5, 2023
8:00 am	Mary Ann Gelfand
Wednesday	December 6, 2023
8:00 am	John Maguire
5:00 pm	Evening Prayer (Vespers)
5:30 pm	Rita Walker & the Souls of Purgatory
Thursday	December 7, 2023
8:00 am	Lewis Meckes
Friday	December 8, 2023
8:15 am	Francis Liesen
5:30 pm	Klene Family
Saturday	December 9, 2023
4:00 pm	Evening Prayer (Vespers)
4:30 pm	Anna Milbert
Sunday	December 10, 2023
8:00 am	Angie Havermale
10:00 am	Darlene & Brad Heckenkamp
11:10 am-Spanish	People of the Parish

Sunday, November 19, 2023

Regular Collection:	\$ 6,818.00
Electronic Giving:	\$ 1,005.00
Total Collection	\$ 7,823.00
Weekly Support Needed:	\$ 12,093.67
Deficit/Surplus:	(\$ 4,190.00)
Regular Support Actual (YTD)	\$195,093.67
Regular Support Needed (YTD)	<u>\$252,273.00</u>
Regular Deficit/Surplus: (YTD)	(\$ 57,179.33)
Total School Collection	\$ 825.00
Haiti	\$ 85.00

Sunday, November 26, 2023

Regular Collection:	\$ 5,923.00
Electronic Giving:	\$ 5,500.00
Total Collection	\$ 11,423.00
Weekly Support Needed:	\$ 12,013.00
Deficit/Surplus:	(\$ 590.00)
Regular Support Actual (YTD)	\$ 206,515.67
Regular Support Needed (YTD)	<u>\$ 264,286.00</u>
Regular Deficit/Surplus: (YTD)	\$ 57,769.33)
Total School Collection	\$ 8,281.00
Haiti	\$ 615.00

To report allegations of sexual abuse of a minor by clergy or other church personnel -- even if it is in the past -- individuals are encouraged to call the Diocese's Child Abuse Reporting and Investigation number at 217.321.1155. Individuals may also contact Illinois Department of Children and Family Services Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.25.ABUSE.

From the Pastor's Desk

Today we celebrate the **1st Sunday of Advent**. We bless our Advent wreath today and light our first of four Advent candles. This season of Advent is a hope-filled season which speaks to us about the three Coming's of Christ: history, mystery, and glory. Although our Advent attention is strongly affixed to Christ's historical coming in Bethlehem, the Church invites us to consider his *present coming in mystery* and his *future coming in glory*. It is Christ's glorious coming to which the gospel refers to today. "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." Because we do not know the timing of Christ's coming, we should always be prepared and alert awaiting his return.

This Fri. Dec. 8th we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**, which is a Holy Day of Obligation. We have 2 Masses available:

Friday 8:15am

Friday 5:30pm

Please take advantage of this opportunity to deepen, with the aid of Mary's intercession, your Advent preparation for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

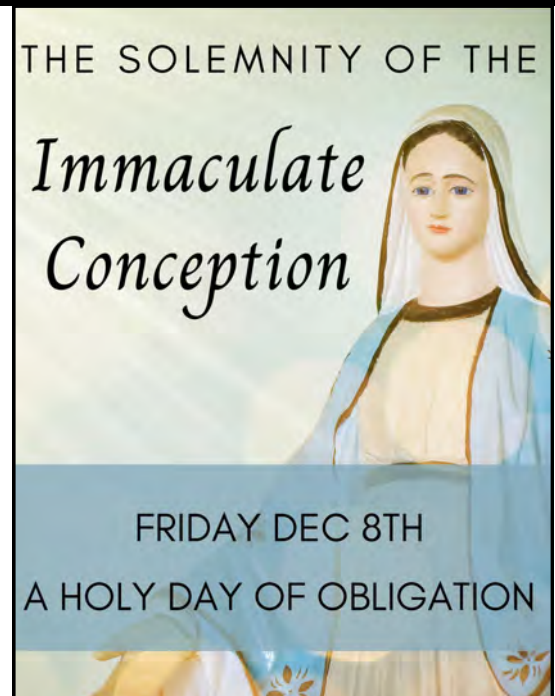
Finally, this upcoming Jan. 20/21 (3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time) the Universal Church celebrates the "**Sunday of the Word of God.**" In 2019 Pope Francis proclaimed this annual celebration to highlight the importance of the Word of God in the lives of Catholics. As a way for Blessed Sacrament Parish to celebrate this day here locally, we would like to present on that day the gift of a brand new "**Great Adventure Catholic Bible**" to each of our 8th Grade students. This gift will be their permanent Bible to keep as they move into high school and young adult life. For the parish to be able to provide this gift, I am looking for **14 donors** willing to sponsor one Bible by making a **\$36 donation**. Simply place your check in an envelope entitled, "Sponsor a Bible." Thank you so very much for your generosity in helping provide these Bibles to our 8th Grade students this upcoming January.

May the Peace of Christ be with you all,
Fr. Tom





Next Sunday, December 10, 2023 is the 2nd week of Advent. As in years past we will be collecting different items for the Catholic Charities and Ladies of Charity pantries. For the second week we are collecting cleaning supplies such as laundry detergent, dish soap. The following week we hygiene products such as diapers, wipes toothpaste/brushes, floss, shampoo etc. Donations are collected in the Gathering Space.



Prayer...Liturgy... Word of God...Service



BSCS 7th & 8th Grade
helping at Horizons



Prayer...Liturgy... Word of God...Service

Circle of Caring

If you know of anyone who could use a helping hand after returning home from the hospital, please contact the Parish Office at 217-222-2759 during the month of August 2023. The Circle of Caring is for anyone who has just had a baby, returned home from the hospital or is unable to drive. Volunteers will carry in meals, provide rides, do housekeeping tasks or just lend a helping hand.

Remember the Sick in Your Prayers...

Please pray for parish family members: Doris Hildebrand, Tom Liesen, Allan Harvey, Robin Cimera, Barb Peters, Robert Conover, Linda Anemone, Monica Mast, Ken Nelson, Eric Strunk, Lori Massey, Carl Nieders, Paulette Vahlkamp, Mary Bradfield, Rosie Meyer, Dave Terwelp, Joyce Blickhan, Gene & Rita Esselman.



*14 Day Candle
Burns in Memory of
Jana Casper*

Prayer Chain

If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, call Carol Price to add their intentions to the Prayer Chain: 217-223-8881.

This Week in Our Parish

Monday	December 4, 2023
GIFT	6:00 pm–7:30 pm
Tuesday	December 5, 2023
Legion of Mary-GS	1:15 pm–3:00 pm
Jr. Legion of Mary-GS	3:00 pm–4:00 pm
Wednesday	December 6, 2023
Adoration-Church	8:30 am– 5:10 pm
Benediction/Evening Prayer-Church	5:10 pm
St. Vincent De Paul-GS	6:00 pm
Thursday	December 7, 2023
RCIA-GS	6:30 pm–8:00 pm

Attention: For Tax Deductions

Any annual donations you want recorded for the 2023 tax year must physically be in the before December 31st



DIocese of Springfield in Illinois
OFFICE of the Bishop

December, 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

I write to tell you about the upcoming 2023 collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. This annual appeal assists nearly 25,000 elderly sisters, brothers and religious order priests nationwide.

I am grateful for the significant influence that women and men religious, both past and present, have had on my own spiritual journey. I deeply appreciate their invaluable contributions to our diocese and the wider community. Perhaps you too have been touched by the kindness and guidance of an older woman or man religious who made a positive difference in your life.

We are called to recognize that many of our senior vowed religious have dedicated their lives to service, usually receiving little pay in return. Consequently, their religious communities face a shortage of retirement savings. Compounding this challenge are rising health-care costs and decreased income. Religious communities find it increasingly difficult to meet the day-to-day needs of aging members, including their medical expenses, nursing assistance and other necessities.

Your generous donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious provide vital financial support, enabling religious communities to care for their aging members.

I know you are frequently asked to support many worthy causes. I invite you to contribute whatever you can toward this year's collection. In addition to your financial contribution, please keep all our women and men religious in your prayers.

May God's abundant blessings be upon you and your loved ones.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Thomas John Paprocki

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

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Welcome Deacon Mike



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR Saturday, December 9, 2023

Mass Times	Servers	Communion Minister	Greeters	Lectors	Usher
Saturday, 4:30 PM	Blake Myers Vivi Wilson Kyle Thompson	Mary Schoenekase Greg Schoenekase Teresa Zaerr	Kathy, Kamden & Karson Huner (GS) Kristen Greer (WD) Katrina Casper (SD)	Madison Daggett	Jim Schrand Joe Casper John Bozarth James Smith

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR Sunday, December 10, 2023

Mass Times	Servers	Communion Minister	Greeters	Lectors	Usher
Sunday, 8:00 AM	Stone Flesch Tripp Flesch Asher Richards	Deacon Terry Damin Meyer Laura Peterson	Kathy & Larry Jochem GS) Danielle Weise (WD) Mindy & Brian Richards (SD)	Jeff Brandon	Brian Brod Steve Schlueter Chris Wegs Andy Weise
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Cadence Smith Hadley Garner Lucas Selby	Jamie McDowell Kevin Phillips Nancy Weede	Tara Krueger (GS) Kristen & Shawn Buehler (WD) The Stephen Selby Family (SD)	Patty Adam Elizabeth Bozarth	Ron Kelly Marvin Schreacke Richard Sibbing Mark Terwelp

SERVERS Week of December 4, 2023

Monday, December 4, 2023, 8:00 am: Bryson Shull & Haley Terwelp
Tuesday, December 5, 2023, 10:15 am: Bryson Shull & Haley Terwelp
Wednesday, December 6, 8:00 am: Emma Vogel & Ellie Rueschel
Thursday, December 7, 8:00 am: Emma Vogel & Ellie Reuschel
Friday, December 8, 8:15 am- Emma Vogel, Ellie Reuschel & Jace Sheely
Friday, December 8, 5:30 pm-TBA

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS – WE HOPE YOU FIND A HOME HERE!

We are glad that you are here! We pray that through our worship, you may experience the depth of God's love for us. If you would like to register as a member of Blessed Sacrament Parish, please complete the form below and drop it in the collection basket, or email the rectory office at: parishoffice@blessedscs.org Or if you prefer, scan the below QR code and complete the form online. Once received, someone from parish office will contact you for additional information.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Date: _____ Phone: _____



If you have not been active in the practice of the Catholic faith, we encourage you to return. If a previous marriage has kept you from receiving the Sacraments, we invite you to contact our pastor. In many cases, we can work with you toward a favorable solution so you can again receive the Sacraments in the Catholic Church.

We Are Blessed Sacrament

Stewardship Corner

Meet the Stewardship Committee:

The Stewardship Committee is comprised of Julie Herring (chair), Ashley Bockhold, Amber Borderwick, Kristen Bruehler, Katrina Casper, Ann Gage, Dana Herring, Marie John, Sally Kroner, Mike Krueger, Pam LaTour, and Jenny Sheely.

The Stewardship Committee meets once a month. We organize and administer the annual Stewardship Appeal. This year we are also introducing this Stewardship Corner. We will be using this space to highlight the Four Pillars of Stewardship, present notes on Stewardship, and introduce the ministries Blessed Sacrament offers.

The Community of Catholic Women would like to extend our gratitude for your support. We were able to collect \$645 in our Envelope Fundraiser. If you would like to contribute please place your donation in an envelope marked, "CCW".



Saint Antoine, Haiti

Our Haiti Committee recently participated in video calls with members of our Sister Parish, St. Antoine in Haiti. We spoke with Sister Inocencia who works at the Clinic, & also Maculaine, a young lady who lives there. The clinic often sees 50-60 people a day who come looking for medicine, food & water. Many can't afford to pay, & they do not have enough medicine for everyone at this time even if they could. It's hard to get supplies & when they can, everything is very expensive. They could use more money for food & medicine. They also asked for prayers for Sister Helene, who works at the clinic & is ill.

We also spoke with Father Michel Lops, Pastor of the Parish. He was outside because the power was out, which is a constant problem. He said life is very difficult for the 400+ parishioners that regularly attend Mass. They need help coordinating new latrine projects if possible. He said they're so grateful for our support & they pray for us daily.

Thanks to Marceau who interpreted for us!



Blessed Sacrament
Community of Catholic Women
Winter Clothing Drive
Nov 25-Dec 10

The CCW is collecting new and unused hats, mittens, gloves, socks, and underwear to be donated to Ladies of Charity and Catholic Charities.

Please place any donated items in the large tub located in the Gathering Space

BLESSED SACRAMENT
COMMUNITY OF CATHOLIC WOMEN
INVITE YOU TO:

A Christmas Lunch
DECEMBER 16, 2023
11:00AM

Sprouts Inn
2814 N 12th, Quincy, IL
Family Style Lunch will be served

Cost Per person: \$18

If you'd like to participate in a gift exchange, please bring a \$5 wrapped gift.

RSVP to Julie Herring
by December 8, 2023
217-653-4804 (text or call)

Monthly Mini Food Pantry Collection

Reminder that next weekend is our monthly collection for the Mini Food Pantry across the street from the Rectory. Since we can't assume everyone in need has access to can openers or cooking equipment, good items to include are cans with pop-top lids and ready to eat items made for grab & go such as peanut butter, granola bars, fruit cups, and cereal. Some canned goods, dry pasta and sauce, etc. are good to have also. Items can be dropped off in the gathering space. Thanks for your generosity!

You know earlier detection is your ally in the fight against breast cancer.

Since early detection prevents cancer spread be vigilante for changes. The American Cancer society estimates 5 year survival rates based on cancer spread. Localized is 99%, Regional 86%, Distant is 30%. So maintain regular appointments and exams so that if you are ever diagnosed you can catch it before it distantly spreads.

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First Friday Memorials 2023-2024

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 Goehl & Koetters Families
 Parker & Mildred Gates
 Barbara Gerdes & Mary Gerdes
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 Marian & Virgil Terwelp
 Richard & Helen Lukeman
 Dick Iseminger & Families
 Mike & Laura Rokita & Liz Galloway
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 Cook, Gallaher & VandenBoom Families
 Sage Moore
 Mary & Greg Wellman
 Kenneth & Joan Steinkamp
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 Tracy Dede & the Families of Mary & Jerry Lovell
 Jeffrey & BJ VandenBoom
 Fr. Don Everett & Mary Knuffman
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 Michael G. Liesen
 Bill Wegs
 Milkind & Weede Families
 William Hughes
 Bange & Benz Families
 Frank & Elsie Olps Family
 Norbert & Viola Klingele Families
 Henry & Regina Geschwandner Families
 Louis & Laura Holtschlag & Family
 Louis J. Frese & Walker Morrison Families

Kathleen Cain
 Franke & Smith Families
 Living & Deceased Members of Peters & Maguire Families
 Kuse & Schmidt Families
 A.B. Blickhan & H.B. Schuering Families
 Missie Ohnemus Moore
 Living & Deceased Members of Penie & Emma Vahlkamp
 Albright & Havermale Families
 Deceased Members of Fenwick & Schinderling Families
 Berter & Smith Families
 Maas & Doyle Families
 Frank & Janet Kroeger & Mary A. Meyer
 Ted Peters, Vern, Rose & Gerald Zimmerman
 Living & Deceased Members of the Sacred Heart League
 Deceased Members of the Haugh & Jochem Families
 Living & Deceased Members of Dempsey, Hull & Kelly Families
 Deceased & Living Members of the Community of Catholic Women
 Living & Deceased Members of Rita Walker Family Jack Souders
 J. R. & Alta Rosenkoetter
 Evelyn Duesterhaus
 Irene Rossmiller
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 Patrick J. Dolan
 Bill Junkerman
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 Joe Altgibbers
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