

Blessed Sacrament

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PARISH

Blessed Sacrament Parish Phone: 217-222-2759
Pastor: Fr. Tom Meyer
Pastor Emeritus: Monsignor Michael Kuse
Permanent Deacons: Deacon Terry Ellerman, Deacon Mike Ellerman
Director of Faith Formation: Audreana Derhake
Secretary: Laura Megown
Bookkeeper: Linda Ohnemus
Director of Music: Steve Buckman
Custodian: Scott Wymer
Blessed Sacrament Society of St. Vincent de Paul: 217-430-3723

SCHOOL

Blessed Sacrament School Phone: 217-228-1477
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., 11:30 a.m. (Spanish)

EUCCHARIST ADORATION

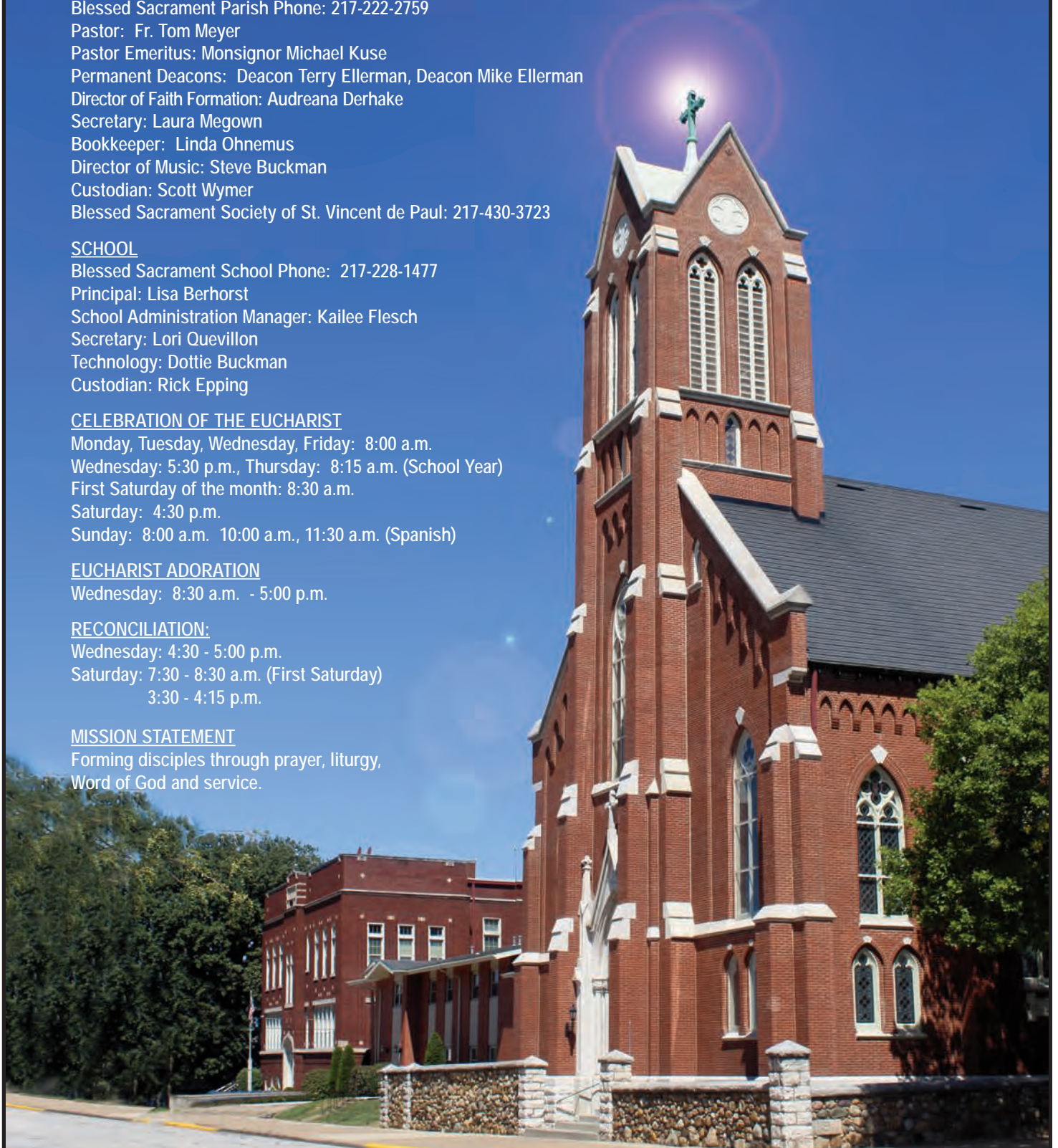
Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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
Second Sunday of Advent
December 7, 2025**

Monday 8:15 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	December 8, 2025 People of the Parish Mary Lou Hays
Tuesday 8:00 a.m.	December 9, 2025 Klene Family
Wednesday 8:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	December 10, 2025 Sage Moore John Maguire
Thursday 8:00 a.m.	December 11, 2025 Jerry Kuhn
Friday 8:00 a.m. 9:30 p.m.-Our Lady of Guadalupe	December 12, 2025 Mary Ann Gelfen Fr. Daren Zehnle
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	December 13, 2025 Virginia Brinkman
Sunday 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.-Spanish	December 14, 2025 William Birtchfield Richard Dietrich People of the Parish

Sunday, November 30, 2025

Regular Collection:	\$ 5,921.15
Electronic Giving:	\$ 4,650.00
Total Collection	\$ 10,481.15
Weekly Support Needed:	\$ 12,013.00
Deficient/Surplus:	(\$ 1,531.85)
Regular Support Actual (YTD)	\$ 230,899.56
Regular Support Needed (YTD)	\$ 264,286.00
Regular Deficit/Surplus: (YTD)	(\$ 33,396.00)
Total School Collection	\$ 5,749.00
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This Week in Our Parish

Sunday Parish Mission- <i>Patty Schneier</i>	December 7, 2025 Fellowship-5:30 p.m. Talk-6:30 p.m.
Monday Parish Mission- <i>Patty Schneier</i>	December 8, 2025 Mass-5:30 p.m. Talk-6:30 p.m.
Tuesday Legion of Mary-GS Jr. Legion of Mary-GS Haiti Committee-GS Parish Mission- <i>Patty Schneier</i>	December 9, 2025 1:15 a.m.–3:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. 4:45 p.m. Fellowship-5:30 p.m. Talk-6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Adoration-Church Evening Prayer/Benediction	December 10, 2025 8:45 a.m.–5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.–5:20 p.m.
Thursday OCIA-GS Choir Practice-Church	December 11, 2025 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.

From the Pastor's Desk

Today we celebrate the **2nd Sunday of Advent**. We see in the Gospel the image of John the Baptist. He is an important Advent figure since he was instrumental in preparing for Christ's First Coming. John tells the people of Israel, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Repentance is one of the most important ways to prepare for Christ's Coming. This includes the sacrament of Reconciliation. It also includes making commitments toward living in a new way. In what ways do I hear Christ calling me to change?

Our **Advent Parish Mission** begins this **Weekend!!!**... during the evenings of **Sunday – Tuesday, December 7 -9**. We have invited Catholic speaker **Patty Schneier** to lead us in this Parish Mission entitled "**See the Beauty, Discover the Joy.**" Please consider joining us for all or some of these three evenings of our Advent Parish Mission. It will be a wonderful way to spiritually prepare our hearts for the Solemnity and Season of Christmas. Please join us!

Tomorrow (Monday, December 8) we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**, which is a Holy Day of Obligation. We have two Masses available for your attendance tomorrow:

Monday 8:15 a.m.

Monday 5:30 p.m.

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.

Three weeks ago was our **Stewardship Commitment Sunday**. Thank you to everyone who filled out and submitted your Stewardship forms. If you have not yet turned in your form, you can do so online, or return your completed form to the designated location in the Gathering Space, or mail to the Parish Office. Thank you for discerning your gift of stewardship that you offer in love of Jesus and in support of the mission of Blessed Sacrament Parish.

We continue our **Capital Campaign: "Honoring our Past, Strengthening our Future!"** Please continue to pray for the success of our upcoming campaign. Our next big event will be our **Capital Campaign Commitment Weekend (December 13-14)**. This event next weekend will give every member the opportunity to make a pledge or gift who may not have done so by this time. Thank you for the many generous pledges and gifts we have received thus far! May the Lord continue this beautiful momentum to help bring some neat things to us here at Blessed Sacrament Parish and School.

There will be a **City-Wide Parish Advent Penance Services on Sunday, December 21 @ 2:00 p.m. at St. Francis Church**. Please mark your calendars to join us.

Finally, I would like to communicate that our **Parish Secretary Laura Megown** will soon be stepping down from her position here at the Parish Office. Laura has faithfully worked here for five years after she joined us in December 2020. She has been a delight here in the Parish Office, and has been such a kind and welcoming presence to all who call or come to our Parish Office doors. Please feel free to communicate your own gratitude to Laura over the next few weeks as we look to find her replacement. May the good Lord continue to bless Laura for all the good she has done for us here at Blessed Sacrament.

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



Calendar of Saints and Feasts for week of December 7 - December 13

December 7 – St. Ambrose
December 8 – **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**
December 9 – St. Juan Diego
December 10 – Our Lady of Loreto
December 11 – Pope St. Damasus
December 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe
December 13 – St. Lucy

Parish Staff Job Opening

Our parish is seeking a **full time Parish Secretary** to support the daily operations of our parish. **This position is open for immediate hire.** This role is ideal for someone who enjoys working with people, has strong administrative skills, and is comfortable using technology and databases to keep parish life running smoothly. They must have excellent communication and organizational skills and the ability to handle sensitive information with discretion. The ideal candidate should work well as a self-starter both independently and within a team. We are seeking someone active in their faith, engaged in parish life, and able to serve in alignment with the mission and teachings of the Church. A more detailed job listing can be found at blessedsacramentqcy.org

For questions or to apply please contact
Audreana Derhake at 217.222.2759 or email
faithformation@blessedscs.org

Our Giving Tradition Continues!

Even though we missed announcing it, weekly donations are still happening. Join us in sharing essentials with our community! **Next Sunday, December 14, 2025, is the 3rd week of Advent.** As in years past we will be collecting different items for the Catholic Charities and Ladies of Charity pantries. For the 3rd week of Advent we are collecting hygiene products such as diapers, wipes toothpaste/brushes, floss, soap, shampoo etc. During the 4th Sunday we will be collecting paper towels. Donations are collected in the Gathering Space.

CATECHETICAL CORNER

Welcome to the Catechetical Corner! Each week, we explore a truth of our Catholic faith – a small seed of understanding meant to help our love for Christ and His Church grow.

The Meaning of the Immaculate Conception
Many people think the **Immaculate Conception** refers to Jesus' conception, but it actually refers to **Mary's conception in the womb of her mother, St. Anne.** From the first moment of her existence, Mary was preserved from **original sin** by a special grace of God. This privilege was given to her because she would one day become the Mother of Jesus, the sinless Son of God. The Church teaches: *"To become the mother of the Savior, Mary was enriched by God with gifts appropriate to such a role"* (CCC 490), and *"The Most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, preserved immune from all stain of original sin"* (CCC 491). This is not something Mary earned – it is a pure **gift of God's grace**, given in view of Christ's future sacrifice on the Cross. The Immaculate Conception reveals God's plan of salvation already at work before Jesus' birth and shows us the beauty of a heart fully open to God. Mary's "yes" was possible because she was completely free to love without the wound of sin holding her back.





BSCS
7th and 8th Grade
Service trip to Horizons
November 2025



Please Pray for Parish Family Members:

Doris Hildebrand, Robin Cimera, Rita Esselman, Kristin Adams, Delores Lumpkins, Joe Conover, Jeff Lewis, Barb Bax, Greg Schoenekase, Debra Powell, Susan Peters, Mary Neuser, Linda Anemone, Maddie Maas, Sophia Fletcher, Fr. Tom, Fr. Mike, Phillip Holt, Robert Conover & Msgr. Leo Enlow.

Inviting all 13-15 year olds! Great River Quest, in Quincy IL, has a retreat coming up December 12-13, 2025 (6p-6p). It's a fast paced 24 hour retreat aimed at helping youth to examine their relationship to God, self, and others in their lives. You get to make new friends and get to know yourself come with better, all while lots of fun! Please contact Caroline Wiewel at 217-430-6086 or questcoordinator@greatrivertec.org for questions or fill out an app online at www.greatrivertec.org/quest

On behalf of our parish's St. Vincent de Paul Society thank you for your generous support of our Annual Appeal and 5th Sunday collection. Through your donations, we are able to provide assistance with food, rent, utilities, and other critical needs for individuals and families right here in our parish boundaries. We continue to be overwhelmed by your continued generosity to this ministry.



DIocese of Springfield in Illinois
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

December, 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Catholic Children's Home has been protecting and caring for needy and dependent children since the 19th century. Although times have changed, their mission to serve as a 'beacon of hope' for children in need has not. The Catholic Children's Home (CCH) has been a safe harbor and a place to call home for thousands of children over the years.

Today, CCH continues their mission by meeting the emotional, social, academic and basic material needs of all the children sent for residential care or special education services. "Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him." Psalm 127:3 The children served by CCH have been chronically abused, designated "unmanageable" by their schools or simply have no place to call home. They are some of the most vulnerable in our society.

The Christmas season can be a particularly difficult time for these youths as many of them are without a family. Those who have a family often lack the special care they need. Please keep these children in your prayers throughout this holy season of Advent and Christmas. With your help, the Catholic Children's Home can continue to serve the special needs of these children in the name of Jesus Christ, as it has since 1879.

In the spirit of Christ's incredible love for all children, I ask that you continue to support the work of the Catholic Children's Home and generously contribute to the special Christmas collection. "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 15:13) May God fill your hearts with love, grace and a spirit of giving during these blessed days of Advent and Christmas.

With every best wish and gratitude, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Thomas John Paprocki

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

QND High School is Seeking Qualified Candidates for a Maintenance/ Groundskeeper Position.

Qualified candidates should submit a cover letter, resume and two letters of reference by Friday, December 5, to QND Principal Mark McDowell at mmcdowell@qndhs.org.

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. 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, or just lend a helping hand.



***14 Day Candle
In Memory of
Bill Casper***

**2026
Stewardship**



Thank you to everyone who has turned in their stewardship form. 1/3 of forms have been returned. Please return your stewardship form if you haven't already.



Please use this QR code to submit your 2026 Stewardship form

Quincy Catholic Charities is seeking a part-time Office Assistant. The hours for this position are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:30-4:30, with some flexibility to determine the set schedule. Interested candidates can apply on Indeed. For additional information you may reach out to Kevin Williams, Area Director at Williams_gcc@cc.dio.org.

Please keep Carole Glosemeyer and her family in your prayers. She passed way on November 24, 2025. Her funeral was held here on December 1, 2025. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES Saturday, December 13, 2025

Mass Times	Servers	Communion Minister	Greeters	Lectors	Usher
Saturday, 4:30 p.m.	Luke Covert Jocelyn Weise Riley Grant	Ruth Bange Deacon Mike Marie John	Justin & Megan Hale (GS) Kathy, Kamden & Karson Huner (WD) Steve Myers (SD)	Jeanne Smith	Ed Duersterhaus Lee John Mark Ohnemus Jim Schrand

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR Sunday, December 14, 2025

Mass Times	Servers	Communion Minister	Greeters	Lectors	Usher
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Asher Richards Scarlette Richards Bryson Shull	Deacon Terry Karen Finson Kevin Steinkamp	Conrad & Lorraine Dvorak (GS) Patrick & Sue Ann Geveler (WD) Cheryl Thevil (SD)	Jeff Brandon	Brian Brod Jean Brod Larry Jochem Ed Lohman

Mass Times	Servers	Communion Minister	Greeters	Lectors	Usher
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Landon Bordewick Ava Beswick Oliver Derhake	Jill Kelly Mary Lenane Nancy Shodroski	Richard & Debra Schuering (GS) Patty Adam (WD) Patrick Peters (SD)	Audreana Derhake Bill Schodroski	Ron Kelly Marvin Schrecke Cory Vogel Greg Young

SERVERS Week of December 15, 2025

Monday, December 15, 8:15 a.m. – Hadley Hadley Garner, Asher Richards & Bryson Shull

Tuesday, December 16, 8:00 a.m. – Asher Richards & Bryson Shull

Wednesday, December 17, 8:00 a.m. – Hadley Garner, Asher Richards & Bryson Shull

Thursday, December 18, 8:00 a.m. – Sylvia Feldner & Alyssa Druffel

Friday, December 19, 8:00 a.m. – Sylvia Feldner & Alyssa Druffel

December – Stewardship for the Savior

As we journey through Advent and approach Christmas, our hearts are drawn to the humility and generosity of God. He gave us His only Son—not in grandeur, but in simplicity. In return, we are invited to give ourselves, our time, and our gifts to build up His kingdom.

Stewardship is one of the most powerful ways we prepare for the coming of Christ. In this holy season, your support makes it possible for our parish and school to celebrate with beauty and purpose—through liturgies, Advent events, and joyful outreach to those in need.

At our Catholic school, students are learning not only about the Nativity story but also how to prepare their hearts for Christ through prayer, service, and generosity. Their families benefit from your commitment to keeping Catholic education strong and spiritually centered.

As we exchange gifts this Christmas, let us remember that our best gift is the one we give back to God. Thank you for your continued stewardship—your generosity helps welcome the Christ Child into our community every day.



SPEAKER
PATTY SCHNEIER

Begins this Sunday!

Today!!!!

SAVE THE DATE

Fellowship 5:30 p.m.

Talk 6:30 p.m.

December

7, 8, & 9TH

COME JOIN US

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Eiers & Herold Families
Frank & Elsie Olps Family
Dietrich & Johnson Families
Less Duesterhaus
Louis J. Frese & Walker
Morrison Families
Bill Junkerman
Lawrence & Catherine Frese
Joe Altgibers
Parents of Jan & Toot Ewalt
Living & Deceased Members of Rita Walker Family
Maas & Doyle Families
Sage Moore
Haugh & Jochem Families
Cook, Gallaher & VandonBoom Families
Charlie & Scott Roan
Living & Deceased Members of Lawrence & Marie Klausner Family
Living & Deceased Hull, Dempsey & Kelly Families
Living & Deceased Members of the Schulte & Kroeger Families
Madalon Elam, Marshall & Mildred Campbell, Hamil & Hilda Elam, John & Delores Peterson & John Peterson Jr.
Selby & Meier Families
Missie Ohnemus
Milkint & Weede Families
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Virginia & Francis Liesen
Michael G. Liesen
Norbert & Viola Klingele & Families
Henry & Regina Geschwandner & Families
Louis Holtschlag Family
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Ted Peters; Vern, Rose & Gerald Zimmerman
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