

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 Assistant Principal: 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)

EUCHARIST ADORATION

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

RECONCILIATION:

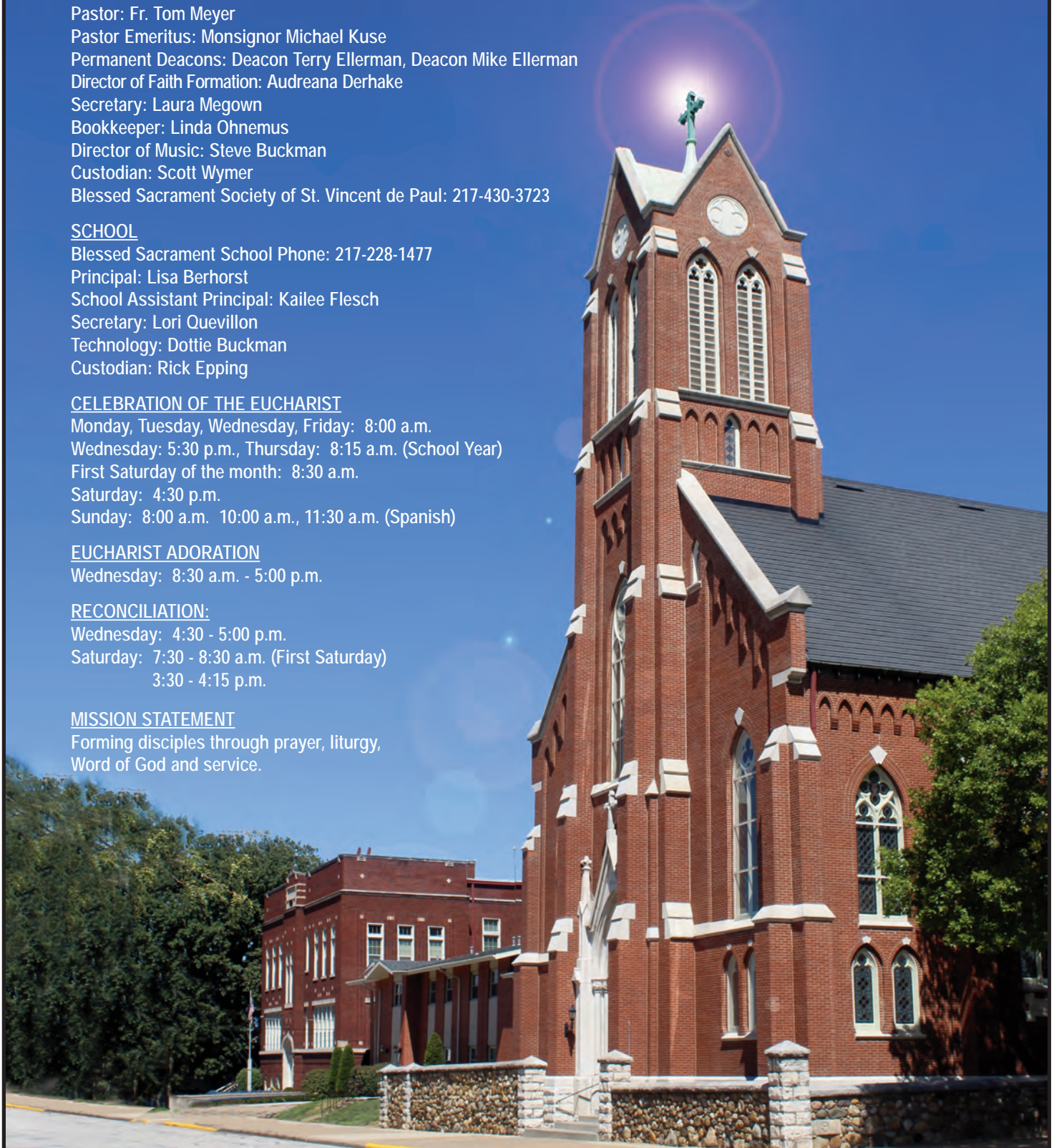
Wednesday: 4:30 - 5:00 p.m.

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
7th Sunday of Easter
May 17, 2026**

Monday 8:00 am	May 18, 2026 Communion Service
Tuesday 8:00 am 6:00 pm-Pre-K Graduation	May 19, 2026 Communion Service Klene Family
Wednesday 8:00 am 5:30 pm	May 20, 2026 Communion Service Communion Service
Thursday 8:00 am	May 21, 2026 Communion Service
Friday 8:00 am	May 22, 2026 Communion Service
Saturday 4:30 pm	May 23, 2026 Bill Schodroski
Sunday 8:00 am 10:00 am 11:30 am-Spanish	May 24, 2026 Laura Holtschlag Family John Sloup People of the Parish

Sunday, May 10, 2026

Regular Collection:	\$ 6,619.25
Electronic Giving:	\$ 760.00
Total Collection	\$ 7,396.25
Weekly Support Needed:	\$ 12,013.00
Deficient/Surplus:	(\$ 4,633.75)
Regular Support Actual (YTD)	\$ 526,846.18
Regular Support Needed (YTD)	\$ 540,585.00
Regular Deficit/Surplus: (YTD)	(\$ 13,738.82)
Total School Collection	\$ 4,382.00
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This Week in Our Parish

Sunday Edge Youth Group-LL	May 17, 2026 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Grief Share-GS Legion Of Mary-GS Jr. Legion of Mary-GS	May 19, 2026 10:00 a.m. 1:15 p.m. 3:00 p.m. -4:00 p.m.
Wednesday Adoration-Church Pre-K Graduation-Church Liturgy Committee-GS	May 20, 2026 8:45 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.
Thursday OCIA-GS Choir Practice	May 21, 2026 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.

From the Pastor's Desk

Today we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord**. We celebrate today Christ's ascension into heaven after forty days of post-Resurrection appearances to his disciples. According to St. Paul, God the Father "put all things beneath (Christ's) feet and gave him as head over all things to the church." Christ now rules as King and Shepherd until the end of time when he will bring all in all.

This upcoming Tuesday, May 19 at 6:00 p.m. we celebrate our **BSS PreK Graduation**. We honor our PreK students who are now preparing for Kindergarten. We thank PreK-4 teacher Lori Moore for her continued fantastic leadership of our BSS PreK-4 program.

Next Saturday evening, May 23 at the 4:30 p.m. Mass we will celebrate the **Extended Form of the Pentecost Vigil**. The Extended Form gives us the opportunity to "pray in vigil" for the coming of the Holy Spirit, much as Mary and the Apostles did at the original Pentecost.

Next Sunday, May 24 at 10:00 a.m. Mass we will honor all **Parish Graduating H.S. Seniors from the Class of 2026**. A small reception will be held for them in the Gathering Space following our 10:00 a.m. liturgy. Congratulations to our Graduating Senior Class of 2026!

Next Monday, May 25 we will have our annual **Memorial Day Mass at Calvary Cemetery @ 9:00 a.m.** Please join us for our Memorial Day Masses as we honor the memory of our faithful departed. In the event of rain, Mass will be moved to 9:30 a.m. at St. Peter Church.

This month of May we encourage members to give to our semi-annual Collection for our **Quincy Catholic Cemeteries**. Monies from this collection help provide ongoing care and support to our parish cemeteries. Please place your contributions in the Cemetery Care envelope found in your monthly packet.

On Wednesday, June 3 we are organizing a **Server Appreciation Outing to Siloam Springs State Park**. This is an opportunity for us to express our appreciation for our altar servers for their dedication and wonderful care they give to this ministry. We will have opportunities for hiking and fishing, followed by a picnic lunch and an outdoor Mass. I thank Ashley Bockhold and Andy Flachs in helping to organize this event.

Vacation Bible School will soon be here. The date for this year's **VBS is June 7 -11 @ 6:00-8:30 p.m.** each evening. Please contact VBS Coordinator Allison Menz if you would like to volunteer or sign up.

Finally, I would like to give a big **Thank You to the Women's Prayer Breakfast Planning Team** who did a marvelous job last Saturday in planning and executing our first ever Women's Prayer Breakfast. The event was a big hit with over 60 women participating. The breakfast food was delicious. And the featured speaker - Sister Clementia - was Spirit-filled, dynamic, and spiritually nourishing for all of our ladies. Thanks to our WPB Planning Committee for doing an amazing job in planning and coordinating this event!

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



CALLED & COURAGEOUS WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Living with Purpose and Understanding our Worth

Featured Speaker:
Dr. Mary Ruth Hackett
Catholic author, speaker, and podcast host



Called and Courageous Women's Conference in Springfield Coming in October

Life is full of highs and lows, and it can be hard to see where God is in the middle of it all. At this year's Catholic Women's Conference, discover how to trust God in the messy, real moments of everyday life. Learn how your emotions influence your spiritual life and how to challenge the lies that lead to self-criticism, comparison, and discouragement. You'll leave with practical tools to learn how to recognize God in your daily life, grow in prayer, and live with greater confidence in your identity as a beloved daughter of God. No matter what your season of life – single, married, divorced, widowed, young adult, or retired – you'll find encouragement, community, and hope. When? **Saturday, October 10.** Christ the King parish Center, Springfield. Women ages 18+. Cost \$30. For the full schedule, speaker information, and registration, visit go.dio.org/cac. Even if you are on the fence about God, remember: God is not on the fence about you.

Women's Silent Retreat – Women of the parish are invited to step away from the busyness of daily life and encounter the Lord in silence on a guided retreat at the White House Jesuit Retreat. This peaceful retreat, held September 21–24, offers time for prayer, reflection, and spiritual renewal in a beautiful setting just outside St. Louis.

Several women from our parish are already registered to attend, so you'll be joining a group of familiar faces while also sharing in the broader retreat experience.

There is no cost to attend; however, a freewill donation is appreciated. Space is **very limited**, so early registration is encouraged.

To reserve your spot or learn more, please contact Audreana Derhake at the parish office: 217-222-2759.

Called & Sent: A summer retreat for high schoolers – Join other high schoolers looking to learn more about God's Highway to Heaven. Hear from priests, religious, and lay speakers diving into the heart of the Church – the Eucharist. Called & Sent will be July 18-23 at the Villa Maria Retreat Center in Springfield. To learn more, go to dio.org/events or contact Fr. Zach Samples, Promoter of Vocations, at zsamples@dio.org.



JULY 18-23, 2026



go.dio.org/dx8

VILLA MARIA RETREAT CENTER - SPRINGFIELD

A Gift for Your Child

Baptism: A Beautiful Beginning

Baptism is the beginning of your child's life with God—a moment where they are welcomed into His family and filled with His grace.

The Church encourages Baptism as early as possible, so your child can grow up knowing they belong to Him from the very start.

After age 7, children prepare differently as they begin making their own profession of faith.

No matter where your family is on this journey, we're here to help.

If your child has not yet been baptized, we would love to help you take this step. Please reach out to the parish office—we're here for you!

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Helping Families with a Prenatal Diagnosis – Families faced with a prenatal diagnosis often are confused, frightened, and may lose hope and faith. Be Not Afraid (BNA) helps families navigate through the months of planning the arrival of their son or daughter after receiving a prenatal diagnosis, providing compassion, support, advocacy, and guidance along each step of the way. To learn more, go to benotafraid.net. Any questions? Contact Gracie with the Office of Marriage and Family Life 217-321-1124 gortiz@dio.org.

Online Giving Made Easy! QR codes for online giving are now available inside the front cover of the *Gather* hymnals in the pews. Simply scan the code with your smartphone camera to make a secure gift anytime — quick, convenient, and paper-free. Thank you for supporting our parish!

Blessed Sacrament Catholic School

May Crowning



WE'RE HIRING

5th-8th grade Part Time
Religion Teacher



Requirements:

- Bachelor's degree in Education or related field
- Good communication and classroom management skills
- Strong commitment to the teachings of the Catholic Church

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, and three letters of reference via email to principal@blessedscs.org or by mail to:

Mrs. Lisa Berhorst, Principal
Blessed Sacrament Catholic School
1115 South 7th Street
Quincy, IL 62301

St. Mary School in Mt. Sterling, a PreK-8 Catholic School, is seeking a PRINCIPAL. For more detailed information including salary range, benefits, required qualifications, school information, and how to apply, please reach out to the Pastor, Fr. Aaron Kuhn at akuhn@smseagle.org. Interested candidates will need to submit an application package by May 27, 2026

Please Pray for Parish Family Members
Doris Hildebrand, Robin Cimera, Rita Esselman, Kristin Adams, Delores Lumpkins, Jeff Lewis, Greg Schoenekase, Debra Powell, Mary Neuser, Linda Anemone, Fr. Mike, Robert Conover, Msgr. Leo Enlow, Don Kelly, Rosie Meyer, Bill Timmerwilke, Ceil Duesterhaus & Lisa Wright.

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.

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 For Peace in the World

Come join us at Junefest, Saturday, June 6 at St. Dominic School. The evening begins with Mass at 4 p.m. in the school followed by the opening ceremony at 5 p.m. There will be food, drinks, entertainment, and games. New this year will be the Foam DJ Party from 5:30-7:30 p.m. for all ages! with a DJ afterwards. Basket Raffle, Cash Raffle, Bingo, Cornhole Tournament, Silent Auction, Football Toss, Kiddieland and more.

Fr. Aaron Kuhn is being moved from this area to a new Priestly Assignment. To show appreciation for Fr. Aaron's quiet and dedicated service to this area, **his family will host a party on Wednesday, June 10 starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Quincy Notre Dame Cafeteria.** Meal and world-famous soft-serve ice cream served. RSVP greatly appreciated but not required. RSVP by call or text to (217)-242-5217 or (217)-740-7326. Everyone is welcome and the party starts when you get there!

Community of Catholic Women May Meeting

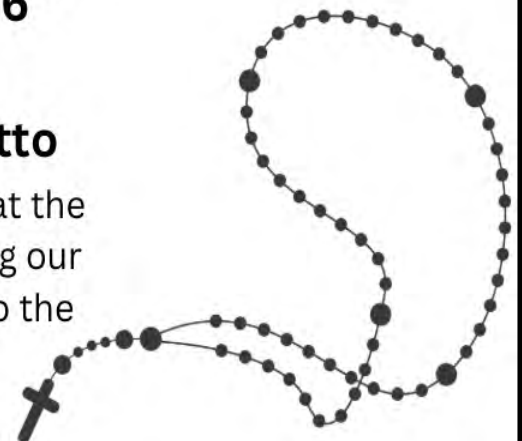
Tuesday, May 26, 2026

6:00 p.m.

Gathering Space & Grotto

Join us for the Rosary outside at the Grotto. We will also be finishing our book study of *Slowing Down to the Speed of Joy*.

Snacks will be provided.



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES May 23 & 24, 2026

Mass Times	Servers	Communion Ministers	Greeters	Lectors	Ushers
Saturday, 4:30 p.m.	Kaileb Baker Mia Baker Luke Coovert	Deacon Terry Karen Finson Doug Luther	Kim & Stephanie Dobbs (GS) Steve Myers (WD) Debbie Smith (SD)	Pam LaTour Jane Lester Pam Luther Val Paden Teresa Zaerr	Gary Beckman Dean Herring Jim Schrand James Smith
Mass Times	Servers	Communion Ministers	Greeters	Lectors	Ushers
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Bryson Shull Aislynn Shull Asher Richards	Deacon Mike Laura Peterson Kevin Steinkamp	Ferd & Barb Niemann (GS) Conrad & Lorraine Dvorak (WD) Kailee Flesch (SD)	Mary Lynn Tucker	Joe Casper Brett Niemann Gerry Salfen Andy Weise
Mass Times	Servers	Communion Ministers	Greeters	Lectors	Ushers
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Cora Agrabright Kynzi Barnes Riley Grant	Lisa Brehorst Ann Gage Jessica Genenbacher	Maria & Christopher Hillebrenner (GS) Tom & Katherine Bailey (WD) Cheryl Thevil (SD)	Audreana Derhake Kathy Xamis	Ted Derhake Ron Kelly Marvin Schrecke Nathan Terwelp

Servers Week of May 25, 2026

Monday, May 25, 2026— Addie Dawson

Tuesday, May 26, 2026— Addie Dawson

Wednesday, May 27, 2026— Addie Dawson

Thursday, May 28, 2026— Hadley Garner & Haley Terwelp

Friday, May 29, 2026— Handley Garner & Haley Terwelp

May - Honoring Mary and Mothers

May is the month of Mary, our spiritual mother and model of humble stewardship. When the angel appeared, Mary said yes—not knowing what it would cost. Her fiat—her “let it be”—was the ultimate act of faith and trust.

We honor Mary this month by imitating her: by saying yes to God’s call in our lives, by trusting His plan, and by generously offering ourselves in service.

We also honor our earthly mothers and all women who teach, guide, and nurture our children. Catholic education is built on their strength and sacrifices. Our teachers, volunteers, and mothers shape lives and model love every day.

Your stewardship this month supports not only the work of our parish and school, but also the women who make our faith community flourish. Consider making a gift in honor of your mother, a teacher, or a woman who formed your faith.

Like Mary, let us give our yes to God—and trust that He will do great things through us.



BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH INVITES YOU TO VBS 2026!



When: June 7-11 from 5:30-8:00pm

Where: Blessed Sacrament School

Who: 3 years old (potty trained) to 5th grade (grade entering fall 2026 school year)

Cost: \$25 per child or \$65 for family of 3 or more (includes t-shirt and nightly snack)

Registration: Scan the QR code to register and pay online, or visit the Parish Facebook page to click the registration link

Volunteers: Adults and 6th-12th grade students that would like to volunteer, scan the QR code for volunteers or contact Allison Menz. (Can earn service hours!)

Questions: Contact the parish office or Allison Menz (allisonmenz@blessedscs.org)



Volunteer Registration

Student Registration



First Friday Memorials 2026

Flaiz, Lohman Families & Nick Miller Ken & Stan Moening Albright & Havermale Families Hessling Family Selby & Meier Families William & Esther Bergman Mr. & Mrs. Earl Keck Mary & Greg Wellman Kenneth & Joan Steinkamp Goehl & Koeters Families Clarence & Evelyn Genenbacher Family Tracy Dede & the Families of Mary & Jerry Lovell Bange & Benz Families Larry Meyer Kenneth, Dale & Janet Unmisig Klinge Families Henry & Regina Geschwandner and Families Gale & Annette Family Living & Deceased Members of the Dempsey & Kelly Melissa Ohnemus Franke & Smith Families A.B. Blickhan & H.B. Schuering Families Living & Deceased Member of Schulte & Kroeger Families Haugh & Jochem Families Elam, Campbell & Peterson Families Roehling & Doellman Families Eiers & Herold Families Jeffrey & BJ Vandeboom Fr. Don, Everett and Mary Knuffman Living & Deceased Members of Penie & Emma Vahlkamp Families	Louis J. Frese & Walker Morrison Families Living & Deceased Members of The Michael Turner Family Sallie Gehring Milkint, Weede & Orcutt Families Larry Steinkamp Family The Olker & Lohman Families Sage Moore Fenwick & Schinderling Families Living & Deceased Members of Rita Walker Family Mary Ann Broemmel Bill & Mark Hughes Cook, Gollaher & Vandeboom Families Charlie & Scott Roan Living & Deceased Members of Lawrence & Marie Klausner Family Peters & Maguire Families Bill Wegs Louis Holtschlag Family Ezra Derhake Living & Deceased Members of CCW Patrick Dolan Dietrich & Johnson Families Bob Burghart Carl & Margaret Speltznagel Andrew Maas Parker & Mildred Gates Barabra Gerdes & Mary Gates Living & Deceased Members of the Don & Nancy Kelly Family Deceased Members Gerald L. Schwarz Family Toot Ewalt Norbert & Viola Klingele and Families
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