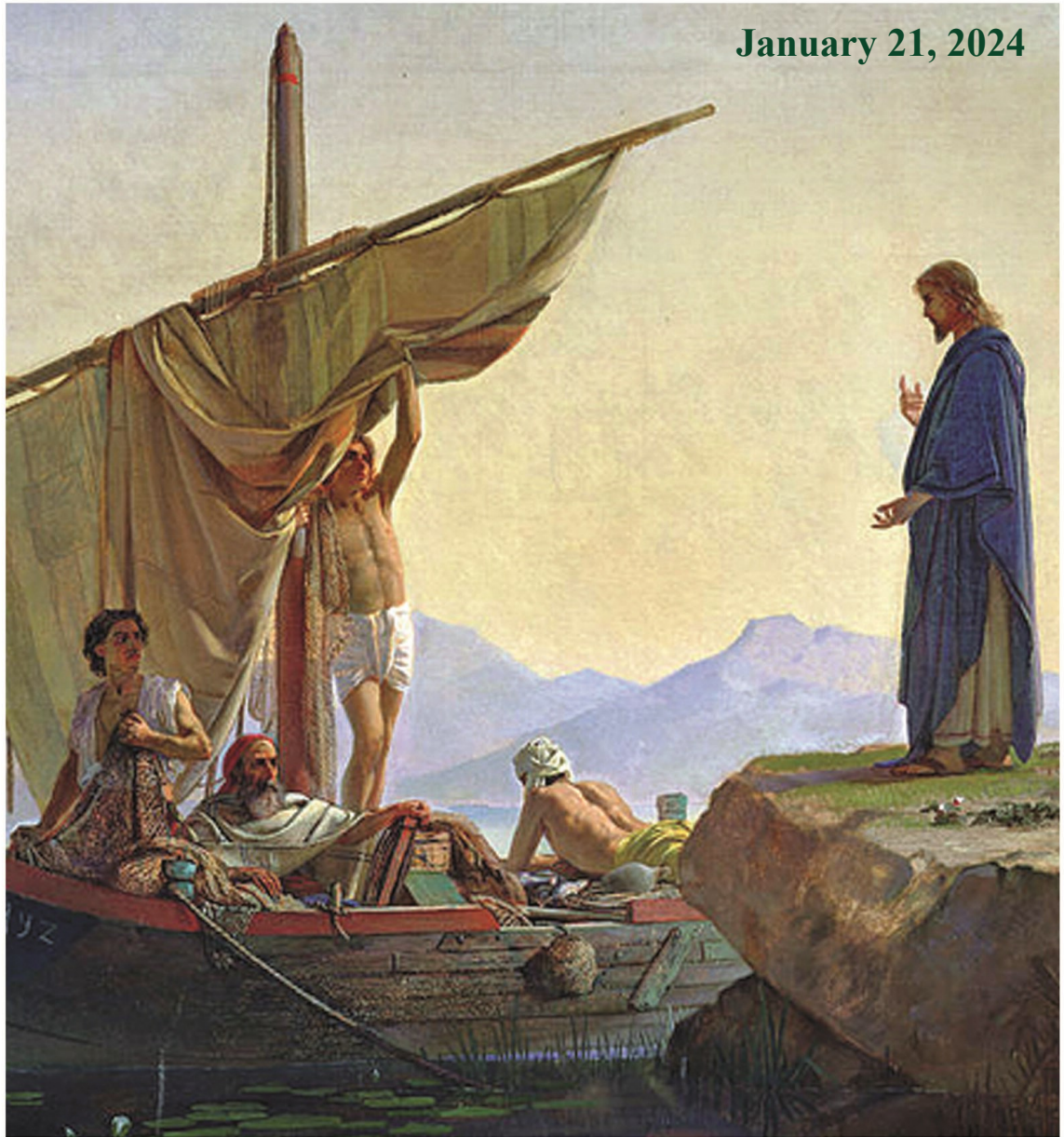


3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He walked along a little farther and saw James,
the son of Zebedee, and his brother John.
They too were in a boat mending their nets.
Then he called them.

Mk 1:19-20

January 21, 2024



Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



Eucharistic Revival



EXCERPT FROM *A Eucharistic Christmas:* *ADVENT MEDITATIONS ON THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST*

Say Thank You

Just as we should devote adequate time to preparing our hearts before receiving Holy Communion, St. Alphonsus also advises us to spend adequate time in thanksgiving afterward. He observes that "no prayer is more dear to God than that which is made after Holy Communion."

What, then, constitutes a good thanksgiving? We should complete our union with Jesus by sincerely offering ourselves to him. Nothing can be more intimate than the union that takes place between the Creator and his creatures in Communion. The immense love that Jesus has for us should be the focus of our attention. But Jesus's love for us should evoke, in turn, our love for him. Love must be mutual to produce union. We must return love for love.

The second element of our thanksgiving after Communion is a time of petition. Our first and foremost petition should be that God will grant us the grace to fulfill everything we have promised to him in offering ourselves to him. At the same time, we can really take advantage of – in a good sense – the beneficence of Jesus in our soul. As St. Teresa reminds us, he is there as a king reigning in our hearts, offering to grant us whatever we seek that conforms with his will.

We need to remember this when we receive him in Holy Communion. He is present within us and is asking us, "What do you want?" This is a time to give Jesus our love and our faith. To trust him. To ask him what we want to ask him and let him heal us. Indeed, Jesus wants more for us than we want for ourselves.

-John Hampsch, C.M.F.

A Thought for Reflection: If we truly understood the wonder of the gift we receive, we would never stop thanking God for the Eucharist. Pray for a grateful heart. Practice gratitude every day, and it will become a habit of your heart.

Oh Jesus, present in the Blessed Sacrament, thank you for calling me by name and revealing your love to me. Thank you for the gift of my faith. Thank you for teaching me about this wonderful sacrament. Thank you for providing all my needs and for the people in my life who remind me of your goodness. Thank you for coming to me.



DEVOTION AND MASS:

Please join our parish family on Wednesday evenings for Devotion and Mass.
The Devotion begins at 5:30 p.m. in the church,
followed by Mass at 6:00 p.m.
**In January we are praying the
Rosary for Holy Cross Parish**

PASTORAL STAFF SERVING HOLY CROSS

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MASSSES

Saturday: 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass
Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m.
Weekdays: 7:00 a.m. Mon., Tue., & Thurs.
6:00 p.m. Wed.; 8:15 a.m. Fri.

DEVOTION 5:30-6:00 p.m. Wednesday

HOLY CROSS PARISH OFFICE

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HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

Greg Koerner, Principal
410 W. White, Champaign, Illinois, 61820
Phone: 217-356-9521 Fax: 217-356-1745

ADORATION

Fridays after the 8:15 a.m. Mass with Benediction
at 2:30 p.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Mon, Tue, Thur, 6:30-6:45 a.m., Fri. 7:45-8:00 a.m.
Or by appointment.

BAPTISM: Second and fourth Sunday of the month, after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Parents must be registered members and attend baptismal preparation sessions, preferably before the birth of the child. Contact the Parish Office 3 months in advance to schedule.

MATRIMONY: Couples contemplating marriage should call the Office at least 8 months in advance. At least one partner must be a registered parishioner at Holy Cross and be actively practicing the faith. If you have had a previous marriage, set no marriage date until you have discussed this with your Pastor.

CARE OF THE SICK: Call the Parish Office to make arrangements at any time for Communion and/or the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Two Wednesdays prior to the bulletin in which the information will be posted.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

OUR PARISH

HOLY CROSS MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Catholic Community of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is to provide a home for all who wish to join our spiritual family and share our Catholic beliefs and values. We are here to continue the life-giving works of Jesus Christ, to make His name known and loved, and to live our lives according to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, under the leadership of the Bishop of the Peoria Diocese.

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:30 p.m.	Jan. 27 Lector: David Kristovich EMHC: Kathy Murray, Sharon Kristovich, Peg Swanson Servers: Tom Murray, Brody Oliveira
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Jan. 28 Lector: Jay Geistlinger EMHC: Greg Koerner, Barry Dickerson Servers: Nicolette Burton, Landen Douglas
10:00 a.m.	Lector: Joe Murphy EMHC: Ben Laws, Bonita Higgerson, John Dixon, Pat Dixon Servers: Ben Summers, Ursula Tembo, Nolan Kiser
4:00 p.m.	Lector: Matthew Korah EMHC: Anthony Frasca, Stephanie Rank, Jim Linnenburger Servers: Lucy Rank, Sophie Rank



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, January 22

7:00 a.m. Special Intention

Tuesday, January 23

7:00 a.m. Robert Vandiver

Wednesday, January 24

6:00 p.m. John and C. Joan Murray

Thursday, January 25

7:00 a.m. In honor of Mark and Rose Burwell and Family

Friday, January 26

8:15 a.m. Rosemary Decker

Saturday, January 27

5:30 p.m. Andrew Mikulich

Sunday, January 28

8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners

10:00 a.m. Ricardo Galvan

4:00 p.m. Max Hershberger



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thank you, to all of you who committed to spending half an hour, or one hour, in front of the Blessed Sacrament during Friday Eucharistic Adoration last year. Because of you, we were able to continue Adoration all year, even when the students were not in school. Now that we are into the new year, we need to make sure that you all can continue the times you originally signed up for, so we can continue Adoration all year again. If you cannot, please call Penny Devall at 217-398-2878.

We invite other parishioners to consider committing to a time slot, so that there is more than one person in the church. Please pray about it, and if you find that you have been called to make this commitment, please contact Penny.

Everyone who has made the commitment, needs to write their name on the signup sheet by the main doors in the appropriate time slot *before* Friday. This way, the office staff can see what time slots are open. If there is no name, they think no one will come! So, when you are at Mass over the weekend, please take a few minutes before leaving to fill in your name. Wouldn't it be great if all the time slots were filled in this time of Eucharistic Revival!

If you know you cannot make your allotted time, please try and find a substitute. Many blessings flow when we spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. If you have not yet made a New Year's resolution, this would be a great one to consider.

If you have questions, please call Penny at 217-398-2878.



NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH, and of Holy Cross, through the Sacrament of Baptism, are Declan Major Mischo and Nolan Kane Mischo, sons of Justin and Catherine Mischo. Let us support little Declan and Nolan on their faith journey!



FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Fr. Tom Royer. May his soul and those of all the Faithful Departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Join us for our Monthly Encounter Nights

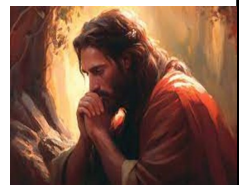
2nd Wednesday - after 6:00 p.m. Mass
--> in the Parish Center

Come and learn more about our faith!

4th Wednesday - after 6:00 p.m. Mass
--> in the church

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction

Come and spend time with Him!



COFFEE AND DONUTS -- Come over to the Parish Center after the Sunday morning Masses for a cup of coffee and a delicious donut. Join us for stimulating conversation. Join old friends, make new friends.

THE ECUMENICAL MEMORIAL PRO-LIFE PRAYER VIGIL

January 22, 2024 at 7 p.m.

Windsor Road Christian Church,
2501 West Windsor Rd, Champaign, IL 61822

Theme: "The Power of an Open Heart"

Speaker: Joy Pace, Holy Cross Pro-Life Committee

For more information:

[Facebook.com/prolifeprayervigilofcentralillinois](https://www.facebook.com/prolifeprayervigilofcentralillinois)

Or email ProLifePrayerVigil@gmail.com

Join us for this Free event! Reception and fellowship follows.



CURSILLO WEEKEND FOR MEN

Champaign-Urbana area men! A Men's Cursillo weekend will be held Jan. 26-28, 2024 at St Patrick's Catholic Church, Urbana. What a great way to start the new year by joining other men, strengthening your faith in Christ and His Church!

Contact Greg Koerner gkoerner@ymail.com or
Cathy Koerner cathkern007@gmail.com for information.



FOR THOSE AGE 70½

There is good news if you have reached age 70½ and you would like to help (your parish, school, ministry). If you have an IRA, the government requires you to take out a certain amount each year and be subject to federal tax. However, the law allows you to donate this amount directly to (your parish, school, ministry) during 2023 and have it distributed free of federal income tax!

What a wonderful opportunity for those 70½ to help (parish, school, ministry). Please contact the custodian of your IRA or your tax advisor.

Collections

Offering for Jan. 13th/14th.....	\$4,853.75
Development Fund.....	\$475.00
Tuition Assistance (Jan. 6th/7th).....	\$483.00



INCOME TAX STATEMENTS

If you would like to receive a statement of your contributions made in 2023 for tax planning

purposes, please fill out this form, cut it out, and drop it in the collection basket at Mass. Or you can also email your request to:

office@holycrosscatholic.org.
Or call the Parish Office at 352-8748.

NAME: _____

Phone Number (optional): _____

Nelson's
FUNDRAISING

DRIVE THRU • DINE IN Cluckin' for Catholic Education Chicken Dinner

\$15 per meal. Grilled 1/2 chicken, Nelson's cheddar cheese potatoes and southern style green beans, & a roll.
Free PB & J offered for indoor dining.



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Catholic
Education at Holy
Cross School &
St. Patrick's



ST. PATRICK
CATHOLIC CHURCH

We are kicking off Catholic Schools week with the
Annual Cluckin' for Catholic Education Chicken Dinner!

Saturday, January 27th

Dine in or Drive Thru 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Holy Cross Parish Center

All proceeds benefit Catholic Education at Holy Cross &
St. Patrick's! Tickets on sale now online at
<https://nelsonscatering.com/Holy-Cross> or available
at the Parish Offices.

Tickets must be purchased by January 22nd.



**Did you Know? Your child can
attend a Catholic School?
Financial Assistance Is Available.**



Tuition assistance scholarship grants from the endowment fund established as a result of the Diocese of Peoria **ROOTED IN FAITH** Campaign and named in honor of Archbishop Spalding, the first Bishop of Peoria, will be available for the 2024-2025 school year for students enrolled in or intending to enroll in grades Kindergarten through 12 in any Catholic school located in the Diocese of Peoria whose families are active members of a Catholic parish in the diocese. All grants will be based on financial need objectively assessed.

Information about the grants and application materials may be obtained from any Catholic elementary or secondary school in the Diocese of Peoria or on the Diocesan website www.cdop.org under Catholic Education and then under Financial Assistance.

Consult the detailed protocols and procedures and checklist for all requirements necessary to be eligible for an award.

Parents must apply online at: online.factsmgmt.com/aid. Families of students currently receiving grants are reminded that all grants are for one year only, and anyone seeking to renew a grant for the 2024-2025 school year must reapply. Deadline date for the completed application is April 26, 2024.

Notification of grant awards will be made in June of 2024.



High School of St. Thomas More
217-352-7210
www.hs-stm.org

Spring Gala and Raffle Tickets: The High School of St. Thomas More Gala Cash Raffle tickets are available for purchase, please contact the high school at 217.352.7210 to purchase tickets. Payment options are cash or check. The tickets are one for \$20 or three for \$50. Cash prizes are \$3,000, \$1,500, and \$500. The drawing will take place at our 2024 Gala on **Saturday, February 3rd**, at the Pear Tree Estate. Presence is not required to win. Must be 18+ to participate.

Admissions Application Open for 2024-25 School Year
STM is accepting admissions applications for the next school year. Go to www.hs-stm.org and click the menu in the upper right corner, then "Apply Now" to get started today. Have questions? Contact the Enrollment Office at admissions@hs-stm.org. We hope and pray to welcome you and your child to the Saber family!

7th & 8th Grade Student Shadow Visits: Do you have a 7th or 8th grader interested in attending STM? Sign them up for a Shadow Visit Day! Generally on the 2nd Tuesday and 4th Thursday of each month, these visits give a prospective student a chance to see firsthand what STM is all about by following a current Saber for a day. To sign your son or daughter up, go to hs-stm.org and click the "Visit" button in the menu on the homepage. Questions? Email Rachael McMillan at admissions@hs-stm.org.

Job Opportunities: STM is seeking applications for a Bus Driver. If interested, email Sr. M. Bridget at stmbridget@hs-stm.org, Mr. Corapi at acorapi@hs-stm.org, and Jon Marston, Athletic Director, at jmarston@hs-stm.org.



We are still in need of
**LECTORS and
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**



Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in learning more or would like to be a part of one of these ministries. Call 217-352-8748 or Email office@holycrosscatholic.org. Thank you!



Holy Cross School
217-356-9521
www.holycrosselem.org

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2024:

Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. The theme for National Catholic Schools Week 2024 is "Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community." Holy Cross has been building faith and serving the community for 112 years. CSW starts the last Sunday in January and runs through Friday, February 3rd. HCS will begin its celebration on Saturday, January 27th with the "Cluckin' for Catholic Education fundraiser from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Parish Center. On Tuesday, January 30th from 9 to 11 a.m., our school will be hosting an Open House. The evening of Wednesday, January 31st, the Kindergarten and Kindergarten Readiness Program has scheduled an informational meeting at 6:30 in the Parish Center, followed by a tour of the school. Students will be participating in various service, religious, and educational activities throughout the week.



WE ARE HOLY CROSS!

Holy Cross PTC presents

Happy ALL-Idays

12th Annual Trivia Night & Silent Auction
Saturday, February 24, 2024

Appetizers and Bar open at 5:00 pm.
Trivia contest at 7:00 pm.
Silent Auction, Raffle, & Games through the night!
Prize to best dressed table!

Silent Auction runs online February 17th-24th.

\$40/person - \$320 table of 8
Registration online at: hctrivianight24.givesmart.com
or text hctrivianight24 to 76278

Registration closes February 17th.

Fiscal Year 2023/24

	Dec Contributions	July-Dec Contributions	July-Dec Pro-rated Budget	Budget Deficit/Surplus
Sundays & Holy Days	43,080.14	215,047.56	200,000.00	15,047.56
Automatic Contributions	9,350.00	56,500.00	57,500.00	(1,000.00)
Online Giving	10,547.70	60,389.66	55,000.00	5,389.66
Subtotal	62,977.84	331,937.22	312,500.00	19,437.22
HC Tuition Assistance	1,584.50	11,197.00	12,500.00	(1,303.00)
STM Tuition Assistance	457.00	3,352.00	3,000.00	252.00
Development Fund	2,226.00	13,758.20	25,000.00	(11,241.80)

Adult Formation



Jesus and the Eucharist

ADULT FORMATION SPRING STUDY: *JESUS AND THE EUCHARIST*

As we continue this year of Eucharistic Revival, we would like to invite you to grow closer to Jesus alongside fellow parishioners through *the Jesus and the Eucharist* study. This study was specifically designed for this Year of Parish Revival, and we will be joining many other parishes throughout the United States in participating in this small group study.

Each session is full of rich theological content, powerful testimonies, and unique and timely messages from individual bishops across the country. This is a great opportunity to dive more deeply into the richness of our Eucharistic faith.

This study will be a special time to grow in community within our parish as we walk this sacred year together, and we really desire you to join us:

Mondays 6:30-8:30 p.m. or Tuesdays 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
February 5, 12, 19, 26 February 6, 13, 20, 27
March 4, 11, 18 March 5, 12, 19

There is no fee for this study!

Call the parish office, 217-352-8748, or email Elizabeth Kelley, elizabethkelley@holycrosscatholic.org to register.

Pro-Life and Good Catholic Happenings!

PRAYER FOR LIFE AND DIGNITY God of all life,

Help us to appreciate the great gift that is human life formed in your image, a reflection of your holiness.

Help us to recognize you in all whom you have created: children not yet born, families affected by poverty and war, people of different abilities, people from other lands, and all who are victims of hatred and racism.

Help us to bear witness to the dignity of all whom you have created, regardless of stage of life, or wealth, or ability, or color, or creed, for every person is fully equal in your loving eyes.

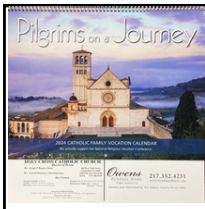
Share with us your holy knowledge that we are all your children, each bestowed with inherent dignity.

May your justice reign forever! Amen.

PRAY FOR AN UNBORN CHILD

A priest of this diocese, Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen encouraged people to spiritually adopt an unborn child, and thereby combat the abortion mentality and general anti-life sentiment in our world today. It is said that although the identity of the child you pray for will be unknown to you during your earthly life, there is every hope that you will be united with that child forever in Heaven.

Archbishop Sheen wrote the following daily prayer to spiritually adopt an unborn child: *"Jesus, Mary, Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn child that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion. Amen."*



2024 CALENDARS

are available next to the bulletins as you exit the church after Mass, as well as in the Parish Office. Many thanks to Owens Funeral Home for providing us with complementary calendars every year!

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

The advertisements that appear completely defray all publishing costs with which the church would otherwise be burdened. Please patronize these sponsors as a thank you for their kind generosity.

Do you see someone at Mass you don't recognize?

Go up and say hello. You may just be the one who welcomes this new member into our Parish Family.

Slumberland

HOLY CROSS FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIAL

Devall, Desmier, Jensen Families
Menke & Leahy Families
James, Marie, Paul, Joe, & Edward, Knoke
Living & Dec. Mem. of Donato, Pace, Follis Families
Dec. Mem. of Mueller, Neunhoffer, Willard Families
Robert F. Reiser Family
Dec. Mem. of Corkery, Cox, Murray Families
Nichols, Oetzel, Parod & Foltzler Families
Dec. Mem. of Happ, Krueger Families
Ed & Jean Bown
Chuck, Chad, Meghan Schweighart
Larry Hausmann, Bob Soucie
Living & Dec. Mem. of Cler & Flavin Families
Liv. & Dec. Mem. of Pastore, Buzinsky, & Piccolo Families
Lamendola/Smith/Hammers Families
Hammel & Mitsdarfer Families
Margaret & Eldon Tufte and Dec. Mem. of their family
Barham & Bosch Families

Tangora & Kovera Families
William McMahon, Linda & Mike Wesolowski
McNamara & Mulcahey Family
Living & Dec. Mem. of Giuffre & Cacioppo Families
Boudreau & Arseneau Family
Aloysius J. Winka
Charlie & Evelyn Bell
Zeilenga Family
Rentfrow Family
Towner Family
Haggin Family
Rakers-Wade Families
Hershbarger & Kick Families
Dec. Mem. of Cochrane-O'Brien families
Liv. & Dec. Mem. of David & Bernice Williams Family
Liv. & Dec. Mem. of Graham, Fellers & Gordon Family
John E. Sullivan Family

Birdie & Edward Cronau
Raymond Timpone
Maxine Timpone
Margaret B. Schwenk
Living & Dec. Mem. of Schwenk Family
Perrodin Family
Living & Dec. Mem. of McNabney Family
Liv. & Dec. Mem. of Eli & Hazel Kinser Family
Menacher & Sizer Families
Leonard & Loretto Doyle
Alan & Patricia Berndt
Thomas McCarthy
Costello Family
Leta & Kenny Porter
Ron Murphy
Dec. Mem. of Murphy & Sullivan Families
Living & Dec. Mem. of Williams, Lykins, Barham Fam.