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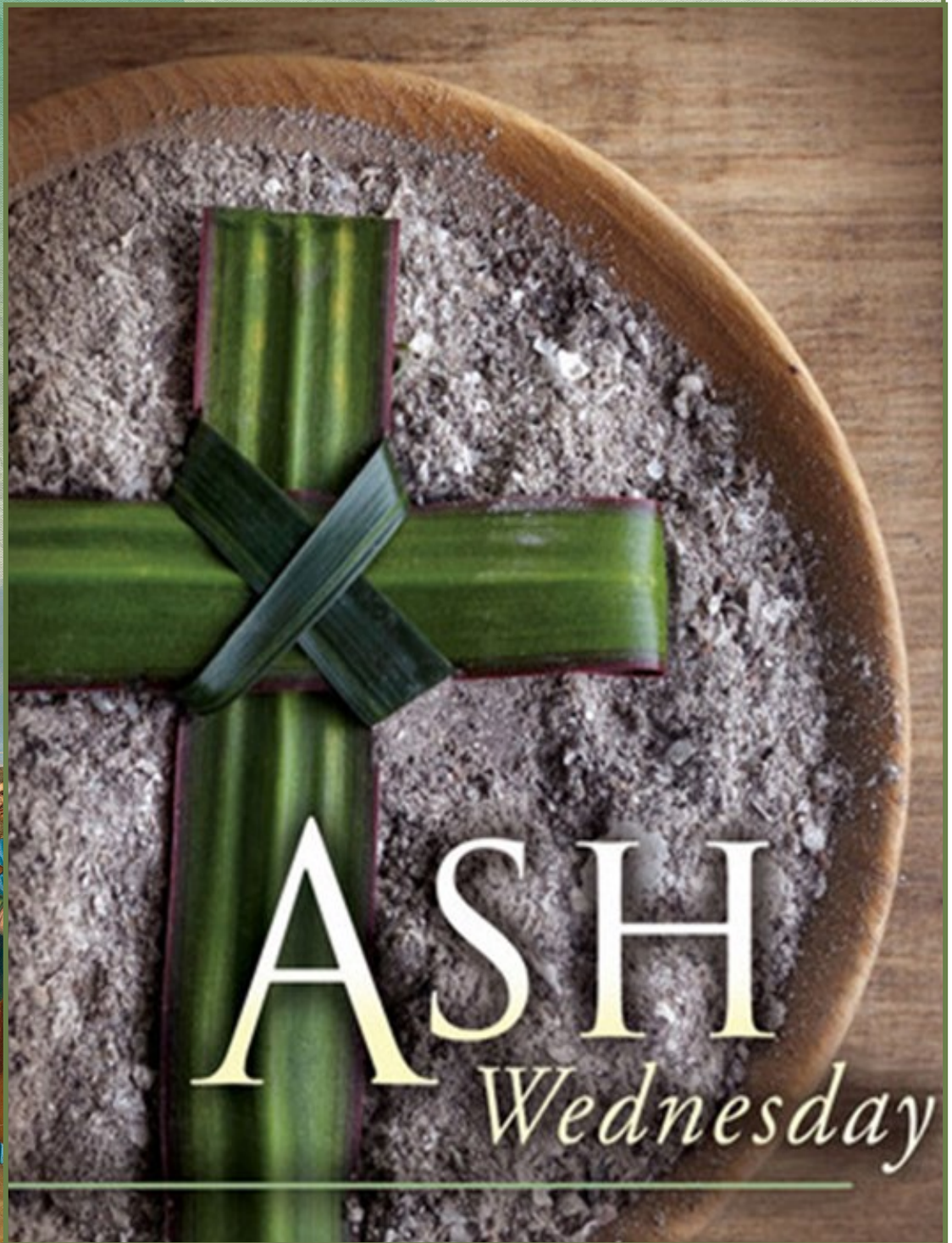
# Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher.”

Luke 6:40



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**Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**





## Eucharistic Revival



NATIONAL  
Eucharistic  
Revival

### He prepares, He invites...

Once, St Teresa (of Avila) was overwhelmed with God's Goodness and asked Our Lord, "How can I thank You?" Our Lord replied, "Attend one Mass."

"Our Lord knew well that we were too weak to walk courageously along the road of life that is often very difficult. So His prophet who saw from afar all the treasures hidden in the Church of Jesus Christ said, *"Thou hast prepared a table before me, against them that afflict me"* (Psalm 23:5).

The food of this table is Jesus Christ Himself, His Divine Flesh, His precious Blood. It is He who prepares the feast and invites us to it."

-St Madeleine Sophie Barat

RESPOND to the invitation of Jesus Christ Himself.

Consider attending Holy Mass daily during the season of Lent.

If this is already your routine - add a daily Holy Hour.

He has prepared the Table - and invited YOU!

<https://truthhimself.blogspot.com/2018/01/he-prepares-he-invites.html>

*"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in heaven, and will help bring about an everlasting peace on earth."*

- Mother Teresa of Calcutta

### ADORATION ON FRIDAYS

Please consider signing up for a half-hour or more to visit Our Lord on Fridays beginning after the 8:15 a.m. Mass and ending with Benediction at 2:30 p.m.

Jesus would so love your company!



### 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 March we are praying the  
Litany to St. Joseph

### PASTORAL STAFF SERVING HOLY CROSS

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#### MASSES

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*  
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#### 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.

# Eighth Sunday of 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

<b>Saturday</b> 5:30 p.m.	<b>Mar. 8</b>	Lector: Elizabeth Kelley EMHC: John Bingaman, Patty Bingaman, John Kelley Servers: John Haggin, Joey Haggin
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>Mar. 9</b>	Lector: Sue Berndt EMHC: Barry Dickerson, Ray Tucker Servers: Trevor Tucker, McKenna Tucker
10:00 a.m.		Lector: Michael Roedelbronn EMHC: Dawn Friedman, Margie Hoss, Terry Sturdyvin, Jay Ehlman Servers: Tim Friedman, Camille Christhilf
4:00 p.m.		Lector: Rob Shanahan EMHC: Katrina Covello Servers: Sam Easton, Matthew Woodward



### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### Monday, March 3

7:00 a.m. Richard Urchell

#### Tuesday, March 4

7:00 a.m. Aloysius Winka

#### Wednesday, March 5

8:15 a.m. **Ash Wednesday**  
12:10 p.m. Maria Rosa and Antonio Mussari  
6:00 p.m. Michael Andrew Cooney  
Charlie Hoss

#### Thursday, March 6

7:00 a.m. Patricia Thompson

#### Friday, March 7

8:15 a.m. First Friday Memorial

#### Saturday, March 8

5:30 p.m. Karen Santarelli

#### Sunday, March 9

8:00 a.m. Robert and Kathleen Roberts  
10:00 a.m. Ricardo Galvan  
4:00 p.m. For the Parishioners



**COFFEE AND DONUTS** -- Brr! It's cold outside! Come over to the Parish Center after the Sunday morning Masses and warm up with a cup of coffee and a delicious donut. It's been a Holy Cross tradition for over 50 years. Join us for stimulating conversation.



### FISH FRY CAKE SALE!

The Children of Hope and Faith will be hosting their annual cake sale at the Fish Frys this year!



We are looking for donations of cake mixes, frostings, eggs, and oil. **For each sheet cake we use 3 boxes of the same cake mix, 3 cans of frosting, 9 eggs and about 1½ cups of vegetable oil.** A gluten free dessert and angel food cake are also served each time, but we do not need any donations.

Please contact Sharon Kristovich at (217) 355-2096 or kristomail@comcast.net if you have any questions or have a special request.

100% of the sales are donated to The Children of Hope and Faith to raise tuition for Holy Cross's sponsored children Amelia Gotifrid and Lydia Patrick.



### FISH FRYS ARE COMING!

**Ash Wednesday is March 5th.**

**Our first Fish Fry will be Friday March 7th.**

Additional Fish Fry dates: March 14, 21, 28, & April 4, 11. We need volunteers to work from 1 to 3 hours during the event. Choose from the following times: 4:45—5:45 p.m. or 5:45—6:45 p.m. or 6:45 p.m. clean-up crew. Jobs include pouring soda, cleaning tables, assisting people to their seats, taking out trash, refilling supplies, washing dishes, etc. It's the most fun you'll ever have working! To sign-up, please contact Nicolette Burton ([26nburton@hs-stm.org](mailto:26nburton@hs-stm.org)), or Brooke McMahon ([26bmcmahon@hs-stm.org](mailto:26bmcmahon@hs-stm.org)), or go directly to sign up genius.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E45ABA723A0FCC25-54371571-holy>

### Collections

Offering for February 15th/16th.....\$10,071.00  
Offering for February 22nd/23rd.....\$5,589.74

Thank You Very Much!



### FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of Roma Buese, Carolyn Gerald and Charlie Hoss. May their souls and those of all the Faithful Departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



8:15 a.m. Mass  
 12:10 p.m. Mass  
 5:30 p.m. Devotion  
 6:00 p.m. Mass



The **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY FOOD PANTRY** is in need of donations. Thank you to all who have responded to the call for help thus far. The number of people in need, including families with children, increases often. Any non-perishable food item is appreciated. Gifts can be dropped off at the back of the church or at the Parish Office. **Monetary gifts are also welcome.** Please make checks out to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.



Members of **Catholic Daughters of the Americas for Champaign County Court #1070** are standing with 75 blankets they collected for the homeless and needy. They will be taking them to Daily Bread Soup Kitchen, Mercy Refuge, and Courage Connection where they will be handed out. Thank you to CDA!

# APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

**MARCH 2025**

**FOR FAMILIES IN CRISIS**

*Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences..*

[www.apostleshipofprayer.org](http://www.apostleshipofprayer.org)

## FAMILY NIGHT!



## DINE TO DONATE

→ Support ←

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF CHAMPAIGN & PIATT COUNTIES  
 TUESDAY, MARCH 4  
 3PM-10PM



**10%**

### DONATION NIGHT

for Catholic Charities of Champaign & Piatt Counties .

Present this flyer at the Champaign location and Texas Roadhouse will donate **10%** of your total food purchases to Catholic Charities of Champaign & Piatt Counties !

**217-355-9901**  
 204 N. COUNTRY FAIR DRIVE  
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CATHOLIC  
**SPIRIT RADIO**  
 NETWORK

Catholic Spirit Radio Network invites you to join them on a Pilgrimage to Mother Angelica's Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville, Alabama and EWTN Studios in Irondale, Alabama from **Monday, August 18, 2025 to Thursday, August 21, 2025.** For more details go to our website: [catholicspiritradio.com](http://catholicspiritradio.com) and click on the EWTN Pilgrimage tab in the menu. **Only a few seats are available. Registration and full payment need to be completed by May 31, 2025.** For questions, call Kathy at (309) 828-6554 or Jerry at (630) 514-6221



### BIBLE STUDY WITH CATHOLIC SPIRIT RADIO

*(Attend in-person or via Zoom)*

St. Leo the Great said, "What was visible in our Savior has been passed over into the mysteries." In the Eastern Church the sacraments are often referred to as the mysteries. Learn how the mysteries of Christ's incarnate life become present today in the sacraments. Learn how these mysteries have been woven into the very fabric of salvation history. See how they are foreshadowed into the Old and revealed in the New Testament. Join us at Catholic Spirit Radio starting Thursday, March 13th at 6:30 p.m. for this 11-part series. \$20. For more information or to register contact Anthony Pecora at 309-750-9062 or [perio2000@frontier.com](mailto:perio2000@frontier.com)



## High School of St. Thomas More

217-352-7210  
www.hs-stm.org

**Spring Sports Showcase:** Get ready for an exciting evening on March 13th at 6:00pm! This event will be a fantastic opportunity to get a sneak peek into the upcoming spring sports season. We will be introducing our dedicated Spring Sport Athletes, and a captivating keynote speaker will share their insights and inspiration with us. Save the date and join us in supporting our athletes' commitment as they embark on an exciting season ahead!"

**Spring Play:** Come join The High School of Saint Thomas More this March 27-29 for "You're A Good Man Charlie Brown." The beloved Peanuts cast are all here exploring the ins and out of growing up and coming to realize where true happiness can be found! Tickets are \$8 for Adults, \$5 for Students, and Children 5 and under get in free. For tickets and information visit our ticket site at <https://stmusicanddrama.ludus.com> or email [ckreps@hs-stm.org](mailto:ckreps@hs-stm.org).

**Shadow Visit Days for 7th and 8th Graders:** Do you have a 7th or 8th grader interested in attending the High School of St. Thomas More? Sign them up for a Shadow Visit Day! Generally, on the 2nd Tuesday and 4th Thursday of each month, shadow visits give prospective students 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](https://hs-stm.org) and click the "Visit" button on the menu on the homepage. Questions? Email Rachael McMillan at [admissions@hs-stm.org](mailto:admissions@hs-stm.org) for more information.

**Admissions Application Open for 2024-2025.** STM is accepting admissions applications for the next school year. Go to [www.hs-stm.org](http://www.hs-stm.org) and click on the menu in the upper right corner, then "Apply Now" to get started today. Have questions or need help with the application? Contact the Enrollment Office at [admissions@hs-stm.org](mailto:admissions@hs-stm.org). We hope and pray to welcome you and your child to the Saber family!

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**Rome Odunze Youth Football Camp at STM!** Star Chicago Bears Wide Receiver Rome Odunze will be having a youth football camp for ages 6-16 here at STM on July 12th, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.. For more information, go to: <https://www.flexworksports.com/camps-1/rome-odunze-champaign%2C-il>

**STM Job Opportunities:** STM is currently seeking applications for a Head Football Coach and a Bus Driver. If interested, email Sr. M. Bridget at [srmbridget@hs-stm.org](mailto:srmbridget@hs-stm.org), and John Delaney, Athletic Director at [jdelaney@hs-stm.org](mailto:jdelaney@hs-stm.org).



Holy Cross School  
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www.holycrosselem.org

### From the Desk of Principal Greg Koerner:

Where did February go? Don't blink. Lent will be here before you know it.

Isn't that how it always is? The Christmas season is behind us and it feels like Ordinary Time has only just begun, but suddenly it's Ash Wednesday, and we're scrambling to decide what we're doing for Lent and wondering whether our choice of penance is too hard or too easy.

This year, don't let Lent take you by surprise, have your plan in place.

Before Ash Wednesday catches you unaware, make a point of sitting down at the kitchen table, in your classroom, or in the church and give some thought to how you want to spend Lent this year. If you have no idea where to begin, rest assured: there is a solid foundation to work from. The Church doesn't leave us to figure things out ourselves. There are three holy practices which Catholics are called to embrace in penitential seasons such as Lent and Advent. These three practices are **prayer, fasting, and almsgiving**.

When you make your Lenten plan, choose something specific from each category and you're set for a grace filled journey to Easter. Have a great Lenten season.

**WE ARE HOLY CROSS!**

*May our schools continue to be beacons of light which enable all to live the Gospel message – 'Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.'*  
(John 13:34)

**JOIN US**  
**STM Preview Night**  
March 12, 2025  
from 6:00pm to 8:00pm

For Prospective Families with Students in Grades 5-8

- TAKE A TOUR
- LEARN ABOUT OUR ACADEMICS, ATHLETICS, ARTS, AND EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
- HEAR FROM FACULTY & STAFF, STUDENTS, AND FAMILIES
- FINANCIAL AID OPPORTUNITIES

SCHEDULE A SHADOW VISIT OR TOUR + LEARN MORE AT [WWW.HS-STM.ORG](http://WWW.HS-STM.ORG)

**THE HIGH SCHOOL OF SAINT THOMAS MORE**

Questions?  
Contact the Enrollment Office at 217.352.7210 or [admissions@hs-stm.org](mailto:admissions@hs-stm.org)





**A LENT TO REMEMBER**  
Using the highly-acclaimed Augustine Institute programs Symbolon and Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession, *A Lent to Remember* explores the ways God reaches out to each of us with his mercy. Through Christ's suffering on the cross in the Paschal Mystery and his perpetual reception of his people in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God makes his love, his very self, present to us in the world. By reflecting on the Paschal Mystery and making a step-by-step examination of the Rite of Confession, *A Lent to Remember* communicates God's invitation to each one of us to come experience his indescribable love this Lent.



**LENT WITH BROTHER FRANCIS**  
Learn and pray with Brother Francis in any of the four seasons offered below!

- Season 1: Daily Meditations (new this year!)
- Season 2: 4-part Series
- Season 3: Let's Learn about Lent
- Season 4: The Stations of the Cross

**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.

**Freedom**

- **We need more movers**, who will only be called when needed. Contact Joy!
- Thank you to a new volunteer who wants to help

**Thank You's:**  
Thanks to St. Matthew Church who helps local families in need via their Change for Change initiative. They contributed to the Holy Cross Pro-Life ministry to help people in need in our area!

Thank you to all our special donors who support us! God bless you! Thank you to our donors and prayer warriors who make our work possible!

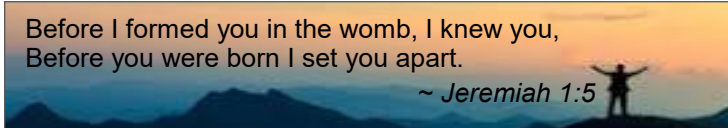
Thank you to a Holy Cross family that donated many boxes of diapers and wipes to our ministry! We are giving those out to our families! May God protect you and bless you! We pray for all our benefactors, those we do pro-life work with, and all the people and families we have helped. God bless you all.

**New News:** We have a request for a bus pass for an adult daughter of a woman we have helped. We have a new partner to help supply twin beds to area children – it's called Sleep in Heavenly Peace. They are a national organization and have a chapter in Mahomet. We received a request from a grandmother who needed a bed for her grandchild, and herself. We hope SHP can help! · We helped a young woman with proper professional pants and special shoes for her new medical job! · We are trying to partner with the Regional Planning Commission (RPC) and Empty Tomb to help pay for housing for one of our parish families. We placed 2 of our families on the food assistance program with St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you to everyone helping families in need! God bless you all!

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Want to help or know more? Contact Joy Pace at 217-840-0320, or [joypace@msn.com](mailto:joypace@msn.com)

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**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, Fotzler & LoGrasso Families
- Ed & Jean Bown
- Chuck, Chad, Meghan Schweighart
- Larry Hausmann, Bob Soucie
- Liv. & Dec. Mem. of Pastore, Buzinsky, & Piccolo Families
- Lamendola/Smith/Hammers Families
- Hammel & Mitsdarfer Families
- Margaret & Eldon Tufta and Dec. Mem. of their family
- Barham & Bosch Families

- Tangora & Kovera Families
- William & Mary 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
- Hershberger & Kick Families
- Dec. Mem. of Cochrane-O'Brien families
- Liv. & Dec. Mem. of Graham, Fellers & Gordon Family
- John E. Sullivan Family

- Theresa Brya
- Birdie & Edward Cronau
- Raymond Timpone
- Maxine Tlmpone
- Margaret B. Schwenk
- Living & Dec. Mem. of Schwenk Family
- Perrodin Family
- Menacher & Sizer Families
- Leonard & Loretto Doyle
- Alan & Patricia Berndt
- Thomas McCarthy
- Costello Family
- Ron Murphy
- Dec. Mem. of Murphy & Sullivan Families
- Living & Dec. Mem. of Williams, Lykins, Barham Fam.
- Dan Crawmer