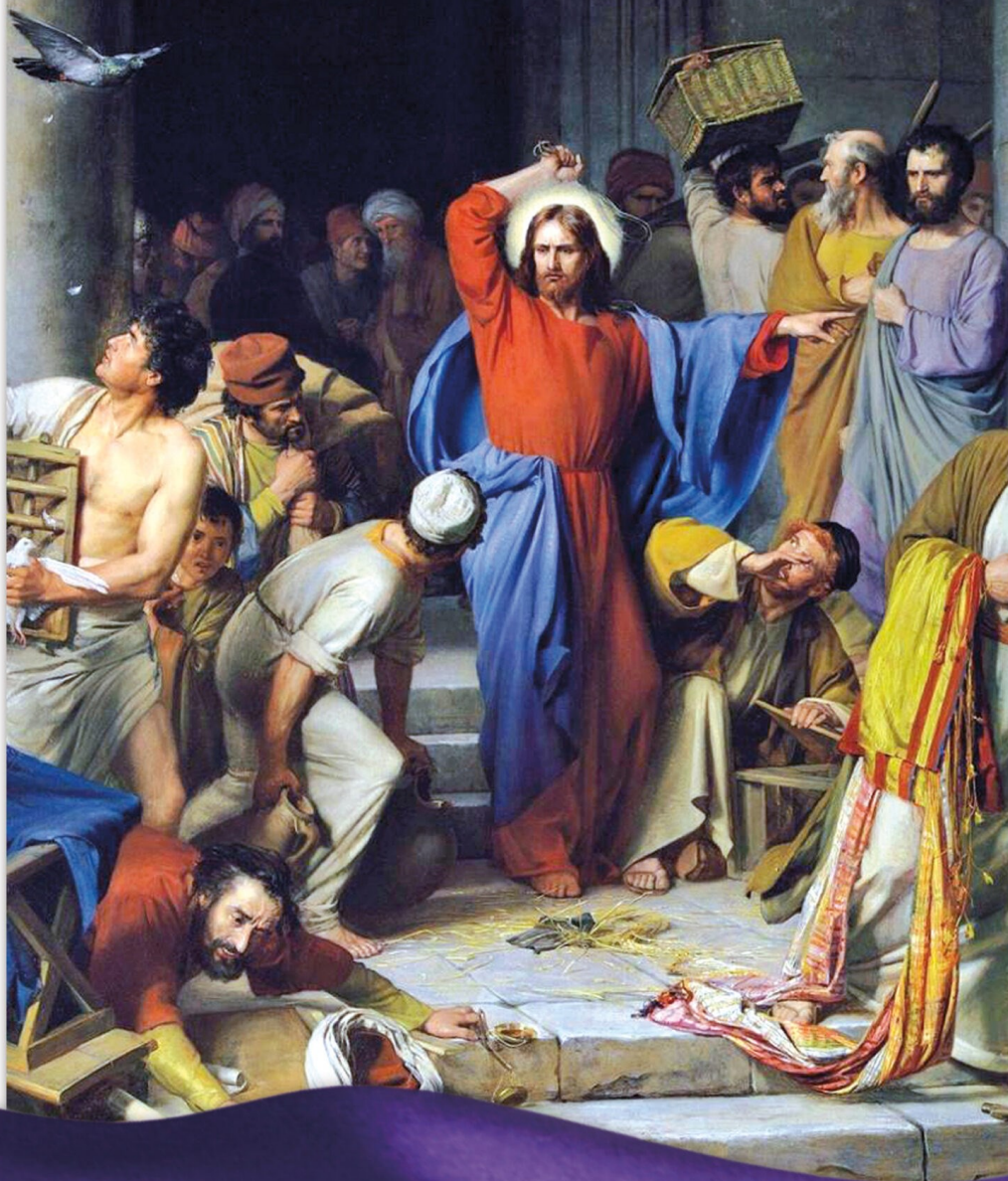


March 3, 2024

He made a whip
out of cords
and drove them
all out of the
temple area.
“Take these out
of here, and
stop making my
Father’s house
a marketplace.”

John 2:15,16

Jesus Casting Out the Money
Changers at the Temple
by Carl Bloch, circa 1800s



3RD SUNDAY OF
Lent

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Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



Eucharistic Revival

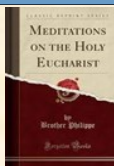


NATIONAL
Eucharistic
Revival

Excerpt from:

Meditations on the Holy Eucharist by Brother Philippe

On What Preceded the Institution of the Holy Eucharist



Jesus Christ, knowing that his hour was coming to pass from this world to his Father, wishes in his ineffable love to favor us with the most excellent of his gifts – to institute the divine sacrament, by which, while ascending into heaven to receive there the homage of adoration of the saints and angels, and to prepare a place for us there, he will nevertheless remain with the children of Adam, to be till the end of time our companion, our food, and our victim.

Let us contemplate him preparing to give us this pledge of his infinite love. He calls to him two of his disciples – Peter, the prince of the apostles, he who manifested the most lively faith and the most steadfast attachment; and John, the apostle of love, the virgin disciple. "And he said to them: Behold, as you go into the city, there shall meet you a man carrying a pitcher of water: follow him into the house which he entereth into; and you shall say to the master of the house. 'The Master saith to thee, Where is the guest-chamber where I may eat the Pasch with my disciples?' And he will show you a large dining room, furnished and there prepare."

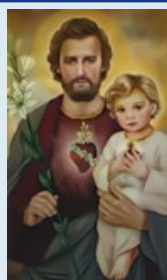
The apostles Peter and John do what is commanded them, and soon all is ready in the guest-chamber for the Pasch. In the evening, Jesus comes thither himself, with the other apostles, and by his presence sanctifies that holy apartment, that temple of the new law, that place forever memorable, where the most astonishing of miracles was to be wrought, where already the table was placed for the first Communion that was to be made in the Church, from which the Eucharistic stream was to take its source, to spread hence throughout the world, scattering and maintaining an abundance of supernatural blessings.

Let us respect our Churches, where all the wonders performed at the last supper are wrought; where the holy table is continually furnished; where the bread of angels, the food for eternal life, is given us; where the divine lamb remains day and night offering himself as a victim for us.



Friday Adoration after 8:15 a.m. Mass
with Benediction at 2:30 p.m.

**Holy Hour after Wednesday 6:00 p.m.
Mass during Lent.**



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

Fr. Leopold Mushobozi, Parish Administrator
Fr. Deogratias Mpewo, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Ed Mohrbacher
Deacon Michael Smith

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Deacon Ed Mohrbacher

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
410 W. White, Champaign, Illinois, 61820
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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.

Third Sunday of Lent

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.	March 9 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	David Kristovich Sharon Kristovich, Peg Swanson, Kathy Murray Garrett, Nick, Zora, Samantha Unger
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	March 10 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Justine Karduck Greg Koerner, Barry Dickerson Wil Karduck, Henry Karduck
10:00 a.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Andrew Zasada Terry Sturdyvin, Margie Hoss, Jessica McMahon, Brooke McMahon August, Philip, Camille Christhlf
4:00 p.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Ed Seebauer Juliann Seebauer Lucy Rank, Sophie Rank

††† Masses For The Week

Monday, March 4

7:00 a.m. Ray and Julie McGavran

Tuesday, March 5

7:00 a.m. Lisa Costello

Wednesday, March 6

6:00 p.m. Barbara Leathers

Thursday, March 7

7:00 a.m. In honor of John and Mary
Forrester and Family

Friday, March 8

8:15 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, March 9

5:30 p.m. Chris and Pat Cosgrove

Sunday, March 10

8:00 a.m. Johnny Deponai
10:00 a.m. For the Parishioners
4:00 p.m. Theresa Brya

There is NO Precious Blood at 4 p.m. Masses in March



FISH FRYs ARE HERE!

Fish Fry will run from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Free will offering.
--- March 8, 15, and 22.

We need volunteers to work from 1 to 3 hours during the Holy Cross Parish Fish Fry. **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, helping people to their seats, taking out trash, refilling supplies, etc. It's the most fun you'll ever have working!

If you have questions, or to sign up, please contact Jessica McMahon at 217-898-8846.



FISH FRY CAKE SALE DONATIONS NEEDED!

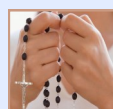


The Children of Hope and Faith are hosting their annual cake sale at the Fish Frys this year!

Slices of cakes will be .50 cents each and 100% of the sales are donated to The Children of Hope and Faith to raise tuition for Holy Cross's sponsored child, Lydia Patrick.

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 for those.

Please contact Sharon Kristovich at (217) 355-2096 or kristomail@comcast.net if you have any questions or have a special request. Thank you in advance for your support!

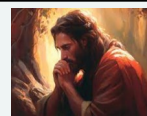


PRAYING THE ROSARY AFTER MORNING

MASS - Please join us as we pray the Rosary after the 7:00 a.m. Mass on Mon, Tue, & Thur.

Join us for our Monthly Encounter Nights

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



On Wednesday, March 13th,
Father Julien Esse
(Parochial Vicar at St. Matthew),
will be the guest speaker.
Come and listen to his story on the
impact of the Eucharist in his life!

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!



FAITHFUL DEPARTED - Your prayers are

requested for the repose of the soul of Bruce Hannon. May his soul and those of all the Faithful Departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

HOLY CROSS PARISH/SCHOOL BOOKKEEPER FULL-TIME POSITION OPEN

Holy Cross Parish has an immediate opening for a Bookkeeper. This is a full-time position that handles the finances for both the church and school.

Primary Purpose: Under the direct supervision of the Pastor and/or Principal, to assist in the administration of the school and parish's accounts payable function, ensuring the accuracy and timely payment of invoices, maintaining accurate account balances, in conformance with policies and practices as well as applicable laws and regulations.

Accounting experience required.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Holy Cross Parish Office at (217) 352-8748 or by email at office@holycrosscatholic.org.

Senior Luncheon

If you are 55 or older, Join us for good food, good friends, and fun at the Senior Luncheon Thursday, **March 14th at noon**, and every second Thursday of the month. We look forward to seeing you there. Don't forget to bring a side dish to share!



EASTER FLOWER FUND

Our beautiful Easter altar decorations are made possible through gifts to the Flower Fund. If you'd like to make a donation in the name of a loved one, please place your gift in the collection basket in a plain envelope marked "Easter Flower Fund." Include a note with the names of those to be remembered. The names will be listed in the bulletin.

Collection

Offering for Feb.24th/25th.....\$6,443.11

Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday, March 10th. Remember to set your clocks 1 hour ahead on Saturday night.



The 2023 Tax Statements are ready to be distributed.

Please contact the Parish office by phone (217) 352-8748, or email (office@holycrosscatholic.org), if you would like your tax statement. We can send it to you, or you can pick it up in the office Mon - Fri, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Thank You!

Lost and Found - Holy Cross has a Lost and Found box in the Sacristy at the church which is getting quite full. If you are missing an item and think you might have left it in the church, please call the Parish Office (217) 352-8748 or stop by and we can check for you. Thank you!

LENTEN MORNING OF RECOLLECTION

All are invited to a Lenten Morning of Recollection to contemplate, "*The Miracle of the Rosary!*"

Father Leo will present a meditation on the history and the importance of this prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. There will be time for quiet prayer and an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The morning will end with Benediction.



Saturday, March 9, 2024

9 – 11:30 a.m.

Holy Cross Church

Lent 2024



The Faithful are encouraged to celebrate the paschal mystery during the season of Lent by devoting themselves more deeply to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Wednesdays: March 6, 13, 20, 27

6:00 p.m. - Mass

6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - Holy Hour with Exposition, Meditation, Adoration, Benediction

March 27 -1:00 p.m. – Living Stations of the Cross (in Church)

Fridays: March 8, 15, 22

8:15 a.m. - School Mass

9:00 a.m. - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m. - Confessions

2:30 p.m. - Benediction

5:30 p.m. - **Pray and Stay** - Stations of the Cross followed by the Fish Fry

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Fish Fry ~~ **Free Will Offering** ~~
Dine in or pick up available at the door off of the playground parking lot. Cake is 50¢ a piece (proceeds go to Children of Hope and Faith)

Sacred Triduum:

March 28, Holy Thursday

7:30 p.m. - Mass

March 29, Good Friday

3:00 p.m. - Service

March 30, Easter Vigil

7:30 p.m. - Mass

Easter Sunday: March 31

8:00 a.m. - Mass

10:00 a.m. - Mass

Lenten Vicariate Reconciliation Services:

March 18, 2024 at 7:00 PM at St. Matthew

March 19, 2024 at 7:00 PM at Holy Cross

March 20, 2024 at 7:00 PM at St. Patrick



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

Spring Open House. Is high school on the horizon for your son or daughter? We invite all families with middle schoolers to STM's Spring Open House, which will be held on Wednesday, March 20th from 6 to 8 p.m. Current students will give building tours and faculty/staff will be present to answer questions about what The High School of St. Thomas More has to offer. Questions? Email admissions@hs-stm.org for more information. We hope to welcome you to the Saber family soon!

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.



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

From the Desk of Principal Greg Koerner:

We will be about halfway through this year's Lenten season this week. At the beginning of the Lent, some of us decided to abstain from certain foods or activities. Others resolved to add some foods to their diets or activities to their daily routines. Still, many people choose to consolidate some additions or subtractions **that they already have. Many of us simply have been doing something since the beginning of our Lenten journey.**

Where are we now? Have we stopped with our Lenten observances? Have we forsaken Jesus in the wilderness? Have we forgotten that he is still in the desert preparing himself for the ultimate price of our salvation? Have we quickly forgotten that he is still in the wilderness, lonely, hungry, thirsty, weak, and isolated? Lent is just halfway. It is not over yet.

The whole idea of making Lenten observances is to deepen our relationship with Christ, to unite ourselves in fraternal solicitude to the suffering Christ. His sufferings and all the hardships he endured are to free us from our sins and show us how to embrace suffering.

WE ARE HOLY CROSS!



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.factsmgt.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 for the completed application is **April 26, 2024**. Notification of grant awards will be made in June of 2024.

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

FOR THE NEW MARTYRS
MARCH 2024

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

www.apostleshipofprayer.org



We are still in need of
LECTORS and
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS



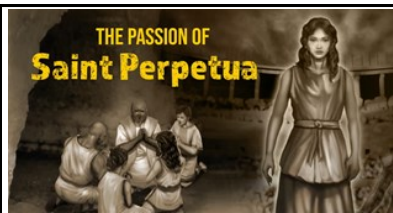
Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in learning more or would like to be a part of one of these ministries. Call the office at 217-352-8748 or Email office@holycrosscatholic.org. Thank you!



COFFEE AND DONUTS

Come over to the Parish Center after the Sunday morning Masses for a cup of coffee and a delicious donut. Join old friends, make new friends.

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Saints Perpetua and Felicity, martyrs - Feast Day March 7

THE PASSION OF SAINT PERPETUA

with Mike Aquilina 49m

This is a documentary that tells the true account of this courageous martyr and her companions.

Join Mike Aquilina, Vice-President of the Saint Paul Biblical Theology Center and well-known author of more than a dozen books on Catholic history, doctrine, and devotion, as well as co-host of EWTN's "Swear to God" – as he recounts the history and message of this timeless true story and its relevance for us today.

Containing footage taken at the actual sites where the story took place in Carthage, Tunisia, this documentary will inform as well as inspire.

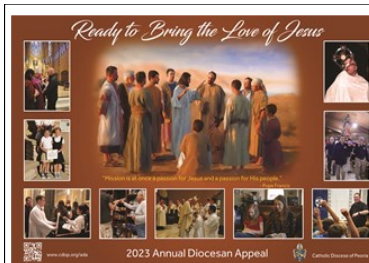


WEEK THREE / RESTORE LENT

with Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT

In week three of Restore, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, explores the root of personal sin and reflects on a quote from Bob Schuchts of the John Paul II Healing Center, *"Behind every disordered desire is a good and holy desire, an unmet need, an unhealed wound, and a hidden pattern of sin."* Sr. Miriam will help you open your heart to the Lord and let him go to the root of your sin—the why. It is here that the Lord wants to encounter you.

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Annual Diocesan Appeal Update

The ADA began in our Diocese in September. This year the procedure was different in that our parish office does not do any processing or reporting

ourselves. All appeal responses were sent directly to the Diocese. Our last Pledges & Payments Report from the Diocese was dated January 31, 2024. Because we are still short of our goal, we sent out a letter last week to parishioners who typically donate to the appeal, but had yet to do so as of the January report. If you received one of these letters, but have already given, please contact:

stephanie@holycrosscatholic.org.

We will need to contact the Diocese to inquire about your gift. If you would like reassurance that your gift has been received and processed, feel free to contact Stephanie as well. January ADA results can be found below. If you would like to give to the appeal, please make a donation online [HERE](#) or drop a check in the collection basket or in the parish office with the memo "ADA".

Thank you for your support!

ADA Goal: \$119,274 Pledges Needed: \$17,081

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.

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Menke & Leahy Families
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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 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

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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
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Perrodin Family
Living & Dec. Mem. of McNabney Family
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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.