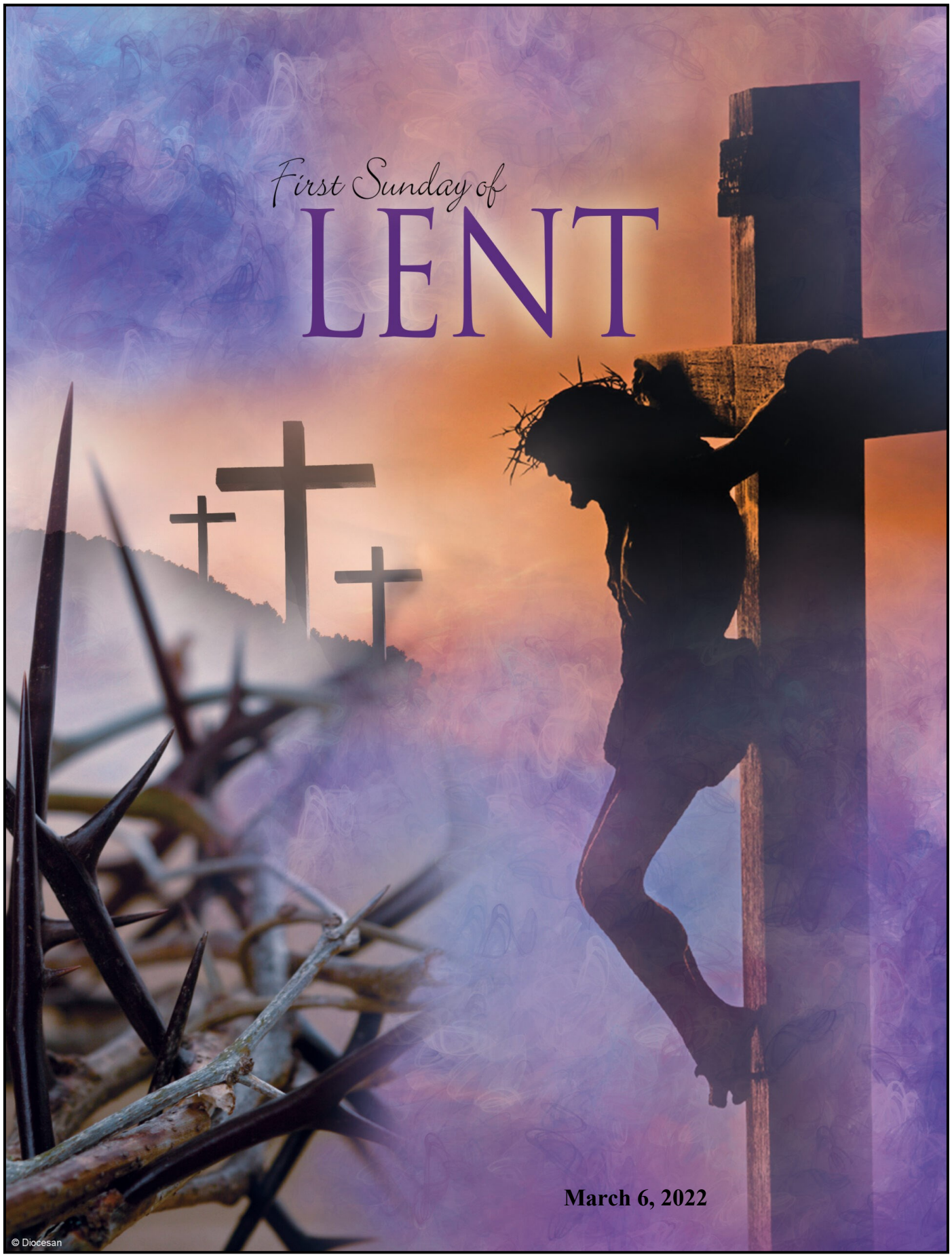

Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

O my God, my Redeemer, behold me here at Thy feet. From the bottom of my heart I am sorry for all my sins, because by them I have offended Thee, Who art infinitely good.

Stations of the Cross, 1, 2 and 3

Jesus, you stand all alone before Pilate. Nobody speaks up for you. Nobody helps defend you. You devoted your entire life to helping others, listening to the smallest ones, caring for those who were ignored by others. They don't seem to remember that as they prepare to put you to death.

Leader: *We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you*.
All: *Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world*.

Jesus, as you accepted your cross, you knew you would carry it to your death on Calvary. You knew it would not be easy, but you accepted it and carried it just the same.

Leader: *We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you*.
All: *Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world*.

Jesus, the cross you have been carrying is very heavy. You are becoming weak and almost ready to faint, and you fall down. Nobody helps you. The soldiers yell at you and try to get you up and moving again.

Leader: *We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you*.
All: *Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world*.

Wednesday evening devotions during Lent will be the Stations of the Cross at 5:30 p.m.
Mass will follow at 6:00 p.m.

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Elizabeth Kelley

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Jonathan Young

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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

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Adoration

Fridays after the 8:15 a.m. Mass with Benediction at 2:15 p.m. (when school is in session).

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 a baptismal preparation session, 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.

First 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 12** Lector: EMHC: Servers:	 Elizabeth Kelley John Kelley Nora Kelley, Mary Beth Franey
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	**March 13** Lector: EMHC: Servers:	 Sue Berndt No ministers Nicolette Burton, Trevor Tucker
10:00 a.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Joe Mefford John Dixon, Pat Dixon Jack McMahon, Brooke McMahon
4:00 p.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Ed Seebauer John Farney, Elaine Hershbarger Kristina Maloney, Nate Farney

Newest Members of the Church, and of Holy Cross, through the Sacrament of Baptism, are: Miles Nicholas Metzger Weber, son of Joshua Weber & Emily Metzger; and Lucy Reese Kampwerth, daughter of Michael & Amanda Kampwerth. Let us support these children on their faith journey!

Lenten Pilgramage: A Walk to the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

(Luke 9:3)

(March 6) **Preparing for the Journey:** *He told them, "Take nothing for the journey—no staff, no bag, no bread, no money, no extra tunic."*

What a feeling to be able to simplify our lives of clutter and things and enjoy those things in life that truly last—God, people, and the Word of God. Those are the only items we'll take on our ultimate journey. Loving relationships with family and friends will continue into eternity. The energy and time put into relationships will bring life, hope and health. Questions to think about: 1) Are there any relationships in my life that need some repair; 2) Do I need to simplify my life?

Masses For The Week

Monday, March 7
7:00 a.m. — Dr. Cesar Yu Co

Tuesday, March 8
7:00 a.m. — Tim Murphy

Wednesday, March 9
6:00 p.m. — Chris and Pat Cosgrove

Thursday, March 10
7:00 a.m. — Rosemary Decker

Friday, March 11
8:15 a.m. — For Marilou Mendoza

Saturday, March 12
5:30 p.m. — Chris Cosgrove

Sunday, March 13
8:00 a.m. — For the Parishioners
10:00 a.m. — Rosemary Smith
4:00 p.m. — Stephen Primmer

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Please continue to pray for our RCIA Catechumens and Candidates:

Catechumens
Jessee Evans
Maddie Johnson
Larissa Metz
Hannah Mueller

Candidates
William Baughman
Mike Downes
Ezinne Edomobi
Katie Hicks
Bill Kubaitis
Jhane Reifsteck

We have an amazing group of faith-filled individuals who are excited about the Catholic faith!

RCIA A Journey in Faith

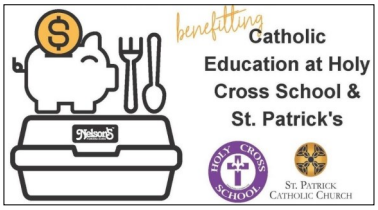
Congratulations to Nicolette Burton and Brooke McMahon, who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, Feb. 26th. May God's grace fill their lives!

Confirmation

Text-to-Give is another way of giving and is an enhancement to the Online Giving Program. The process is easy. In order to contribute to the Sunday & Holy Day Collections Fund, you must send a text with **the amount and the word Sunday** (e.g.,**25 Sunday**) to the Holy Cross specific phone number (**217 292-7871**) Your transaction will be processed through the Online Giving account associated with your phone number. The system will reply with a confirmation message and your gift amount.

If you want to use this way of giving, your phone number must be linked to your Online Giving account. If you are not sure it is linked, simply send the giving text and the system will walk you through the linking process.

All other donors, who don't have an Online Giving account yet, will follow the same steps. They need to send a text with amount and word **Sunday** to the (217) 292-7871 phone number. The system will send a link to create a new account. After registration, the system will send another text indicating that the opened account is ready for resubmission of the gift via **Text to Give.**



Save the rescheduled date for the annual **Cluckin' For Catholic Education Chicken Dinner** on Saturday April 23rd at St. Patrick's!

Drive through or Dine in. $15 per meal includes
Grilled 1/2 chicken, cheddar cheese potatoes,
southern style green beans, & a roll.
Free PB & J offered for dine-in ticket holders.

Tickets available in both parish offices, or purchase online at:

https://nelsonscatering.com/cluckin-for-catholic-education.

Holy Cross Mom's Group

Next gathering is on Wednesday, March 9th. Join us as we pray the Chaplet of the Seven Sorrows. We will meet from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the Parish Center Basement.

Bereaved Parents of the USA Champaign-Urbana chapter will be meeting at 3:30 p.m. on **Sunday, March 13th** at Stephen Family YMCA, 2501 Fields Dr. South. We will meet in the community room. We will continue to meet on the 2nd Sunday each month. For more information, contact Jerry or Jane Pica at 217-373-1321.

Fish Fry Volunteers Needed!

Fish Fry will be here before we know it. **March 4th, March 25, April 1 & April 8. We will not have the fish fry during Spring Break.** We need volunteers to work at least one hour up to 3 hours, during the Holy Cross Parish Fish Fry. Choose from the following times: 5-6 p.m. or 6-7 p.m., or clean-up crew. Jobs include pouring soda, cleaning tables, helping people to their seats, taking out trash, refilling supplies, etc. Please call or text Jessica McMahon at 217-898-8846 to sign up. It's the most fun you'll ever have working!

Fish Fry Cake Sale! The Children of Hope and Faith will be hosting their cake sale at the four parish fish frys this year for 50 cents apiece! We are looking for cake mix, frosting, eggs and oil donations. For each sheet cake, we use 3 boxes of the same mix, 3 cans of frosting, 9 eggs and about 1 cup 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.

100% of the sales are donated to The Children of Hope and Faith. Thank you in advance for your support!

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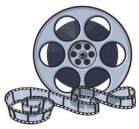

Lenten Movie and a Meal

You are invited to Holy Cross's Movie and a Lenten Meal on Sunday, April 3rd.
Dinner is at 5:10 p.m. and Movie at 5:30- 8:00 p.m.

In the spirit of Lent, we invite all of you to share a meager meal of soup and bread, followed by 3 episodes of the record-shattering series: *The Chosen*.

Haven't heard of *The Chosen*? It is the first-ever multi-season TV show about the life of Jesus. Created outside the Hollywood system, *The Chosen* allows us to see Jesus through the eyes of those who knew Him.

We will watch:
"Jesus Loves the Little Children" episode 3: - 30 minutes
"The Rock on Which it is Built" episode 4: - 49 minutes
"The Wedding Gift" episode 5: - 54 minutes

Last Week's Collection

Offering for February 26th/27th……$5,812.69

Thank you very much!

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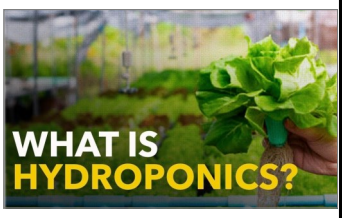
From Principal Greg Koerner:

What is Hydroponics?



At its core, hydroponics is a method of growing plants. But instead of using soil, hydroponics depends on a water-based nutrient-rich solution. The idea may seem novel but has actually been around for thousands of years and has helped to enable population growth as the availability of arable land decreases.

Holy Cross School is proud to announce that we will be receiving a hydroponic tower for our school. With the help of Dick Tryon, CEO of Tryon Technology, John Calderon, a steward of Holy Cross; Ben Khachaturian, CEO of Tryon Technology, and Jack Haines, Holy Cross School will be the first school in Illinois—and the second school in the country—to incorporate a Tryon hydroponic tower.

Holy Cross School will be at the forefront for developing curriculum in this field. Students will be learning how to grow plants with just water, comparing why different plants grow and others do not, figuring the cost of growth, and how the community can benefit from hydroponics. Students will also learn about the health benefits from hydroponics, the history of hydroponics throughout civilizations, and how NASA uses hydroponics on the International Space Station.

This opportunity could not be possible without the hard work and endless meetings of John Calderon. John has been a God-send for Holy Cross. He has been meeting with Mr. Tryon and Rotary International to ensure that Holy Cross would be the one to receive the Tryon tower. Thank you, John.

We believe that this opportunity will push Holy Cross to the forefront of educating students in East Central Illinois and the Peoria Diocese. Our long-term plan is to become the leading model for the 42 diocese schools before having it available to public schools. The teaching staff at Holy Cross are extremely excited to have the opportunity to create the curriculum and to work with our students to give them the best educational experience.

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Spring Musical. *Into the Woods*, Jr*!* Performance dates are Thurs-Fri. March 24/25 in the cafeteria at 7:00 p.m. with a Saturday, March 26 Matinee at 2:00 p.m. Doors open 30 minutes prior to show time. Admission is $7.

STM Admissions News: Calling all 8th graders. If you aren't a part of the **more than 40 students** already in the STM Class of 2026, apply for free today! For a step-by-step guide of the admissions application process, go to https://www.hs-stm.org/page/step-by-step-stm-admissions-application-process

Spring Break: STM will be on Spring Break March 14th through March 18th. The school office will be closed that week and will reopen at 7:30 a.m. on Monday, March 21st. Pray for a safe and restful week.

(See next page for another STM item)

The Catholic Post

We strongly encourage support and readership of our diocesan newspaper, **The Catholic Post**. We hope all members of our parish will use this valuable resource for Catholic living and unity in our diocese. Follow **The Catholic Post** on Facebook to get breaking news first and to share stories and images of faith with your friends and family.

Did you know that you can place a message atop a page of our diocesan newspaper, **The Catholic Post**? Your special message will be seen in 10,000 Catholic households! Memorialize a deceased loved one; give thanks for blessings such as a new grandchild or a marriage anniversary; or give a shout-out to a pastor or teacher. A page sponsorship of $100 is one suggested level of giving in **The Catholic Post's** subscription drive now underway on the theme of "Spread the Word!" Contribute instantly via credit or debit card online at thecatholicpost.com; call (309) 671-1550 during business hours; or send a check to **The Catholic Post**, PO Box 1722, Peoria, IL 61656. The regular subscription rate remains at $30.

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"The Diocese of Peoria is our large family of faith in central Illinois. It is important that we stay connected, listen to one another, and make an effort to know one another. And a vital way that is done is through the print and digital efforts of our excellent diocesan newspaper, The Catholic Post. I strongly urge your support and readership." — **Bishop Daniel R. Jenky, CSC**

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TRIVIA NIGHT AT STM. STM's NHS Trivia Night will be on **March 30th** from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. There will be 5 categories: Sports, Faith/Religion, School Trivia, Pop Culture, and Science-Human Anatomy.

Individuals- $7; Groups (4-5 max), $25.
We need at least one email per group or the individual. Walk-ins are acceptable! We will accept cash or check at the door. Desserts will be provided.

There will be opportunities for groups to participate in competitions to earn additional points that one cannot earn as an individual. There will be a pasta competition whereby you bring in your best pasta dish, and the group with the best Group Name (school appropriate) will both receive additional points. To register for the event, click here:https://forms.gle/3uo1ADYCgdD69gst8

Questions? Please contact us at 22ckerr@hs-stm.org.

Our Parish has a FORMED subscription. To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.

A Word from Joy

We are seeking 10 individuals or families who are willing to give $100/month to Holy Cross Pro-Life Committee. We are hoping to continue our work to serve the poor – especially those families with small children. Will you consider being a family (or a group of families) that will consider this level of giving? We would like to continue to pay for diapers, rent, food and other items so that families can avoid homelessness and be stable financially. Help us to be the face of Christ to those in need.

40 Days for Life, Spring 2022

WHEN: Wednesday, March 2nd to Sunday, April 10th at Planned Parenthood, 302 East Stoughton St., Champaign

WHAT: An international peaceful prayer collaboration to pray for help and healing for all affected by abortion. Prayers are welcome anytime during the 40 days, but especially when the abortion clinic is open during normal business hours. Individual churches are encouraged to choose a day and time to come and pray. Contact: Renée at 217-607-0811, or reneemullen1@comcast.net

FACEBOOK: https://www.facebook.com/40DaysCU/

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

FOR A CHRISTIAN RESPONSE TO BIOETHICAL CHALLENGES MARCH 2022

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

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HOLY CROSS FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIAL

Devall, Desmier, Jensen Families
Menke & Leahy Families
Jerry & Loretta M. Dano
Paul, Joe, Edward, & Marie Knoke
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
Pellum & Gillis Families
Thelma Sparks, Parents of Charles & Thelma Sparks
Ed & Jean Bown
Chuck, Chad, Meghan Schweighart
Larry Hausmann, Bob Soucie
Living & Dec. Mem. of Cler & Flavin Families
Graham & Huguet 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
Living & Dec. members of Baum & Decker Families
Barham & Bosch Families
Tangora & Kovera Families
William McMahon, Linda & Mike Wesolowski
McNamara & Mulcahey Family
Living & Dec. Mem. of Giuffre & Cacioppo Families
Boudreau & Arseneau Family
Margaret Turkcan
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
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Perrodin Family
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Liv.& Dec. Mem. of Eli & Hazel Kinser Family
Glen & Helen Jones
Betty Madrey
Menacher & Sizer Families
Leonard & Loretto Doyle
Alan & Patricia Berndt
Thomas McCarthy
Costello Family
Leta & Kenny Porter
Bill Mooney
Ron Murphy
Dec. Mem. of Murphy & Sullivan Families
Living & Dec. Mem. of Williams, Lykins, Barham Fam.