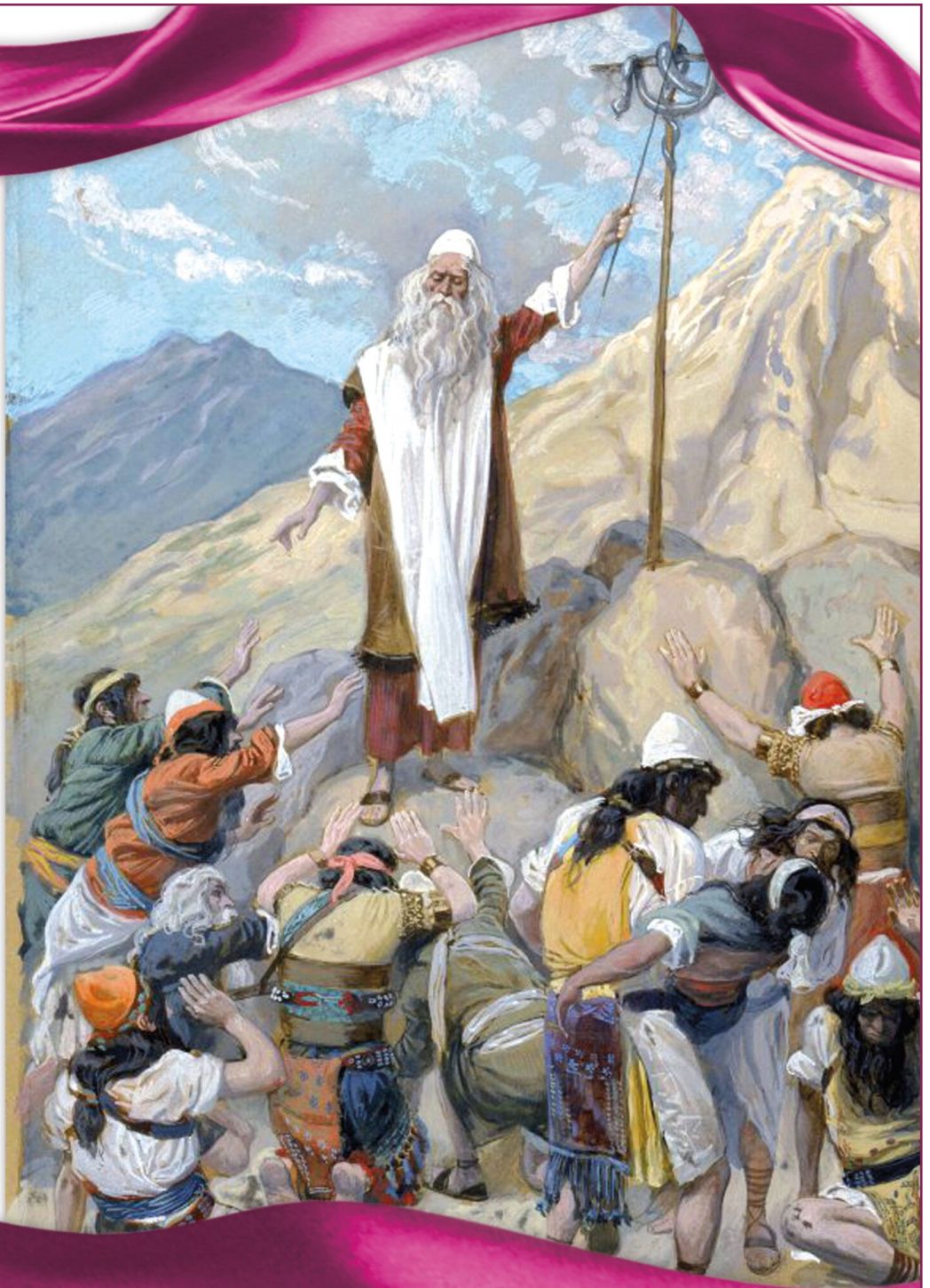


March 10, 2024

Jesus said to Nicodemus: “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.”

John 3:14,15

The Brazen Serpent
by James Tissot, circa 1899



4TH SUNDAY OF
LENT

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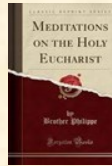


Eucharistic Revival



Excerpt from:

Meditations on the Holy Eucharist by Brother Philippe
**On What Preceded the Institution
of the Holy Eucharist**



Jesus seats himself at table with the twelve for the paschal supper. Thus it is, in a family and festive banquet that he prepared to institute the sacrament of his love. He wished to teach us that the adorable Eucharist is the spiritual banquet of the great Christian family, a sacred banquet of union and concord, a source of pure joy, and the image of the everlasting banquet of which he speaks on that very day saying to his apostles: *“And I appoint to you, as my Father hath appointed to me, a kingdom; that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and may sit upon thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”*

The divine Master begins the paschal feast which was to precede the Eucharistic feast. With his apostles, he eats of the flesh of the last figurative lamb, for henceforth, it is he himself, the Lamb of God, taking away the sins of the world, who will be immolated to the glory of his Father, and who, under the appearance of bread and wine, is about to offer himself in the same chamber, on the same table, to the same guests, thus inaugurating a sacrifice which shall have no end, and which along shall be agreeable to the Lord.

The new paschal is about to succeed the old. The former took place only once a year; the later will be celebrated without ceasing, and through it the whole life of Christians will be one banquet, prefiguring the eternal banquet in which they will be one day called to participate.

Jesus knew what a source of joy the sacrament of his body and blood would be to us, and therefore his heart, inflamed with love, sighs so ardently for the moment when he was to institute it: *“With desire I have desired to eat this Pasch with you before I suffer; for I say to you that from this time I will not eat it, till it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God,”*

Let us long, with the greatest desire, to eat the Pasch which Jesus Christ has prepared for us; let us sigh unceasingly for the happy moment when that great favor will be accorded to us, by which our soul becomes a new tabernacle.



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
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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

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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.

Fourth 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 16 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Tim Spila Kathy Murray, Peg Swanson Tom Murray, Sam Easton
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	March 17 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Barry Dickerson Mary Shelden, Ray Tucker Trevor Tucker, McKenna Tucker
10:00 a.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Joe Mefford Ben Laws, Bonita Higgerson, Jessica McMahon, Dawn Friedman Jack McMahon, Brooke McMahon, Lincoln Wood
4:00 p.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Mary Linnenburger - No Minister - Will Herges, James Linnenburger

††† Masses For The Week

Monday, March 11

7:00 a.m. Ritchie Easton

Tuesday, March 12

7:00 a.m. Teresa Kim Nguyen

Wednesday, March 13

6:00 p.m. Charles Wuebben

Thursday, March 14

7:00 a.m. Glenda Fallon

Friday, March 15

8:15 a.m. Joe, Ruth, and Pat Doyle

Saturday, March 16

5:30 p.m. Alice McDuffee

Sunday, March 17

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

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



FISH FRYS ARE HERE! March 15, and 22

Fish Fry run from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Free will offering.

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!



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!

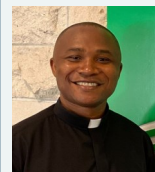
Senior Luncheon

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!



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!



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



FAITHFUL DEPARTED - Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Elizabeth Murphy. May her 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.



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.
-- In memory of Donna Menacher; Kevin Hodge.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

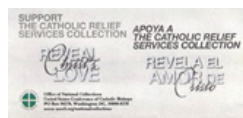


The collection weekend for CRS is March 9/10, but can still be collected after that weekend.

Across the globe, war, natural disasters, political strife, extreme poverty, and human trafficking combine to affect families in ways often unimaginable. Families are separated by migration for long periods of time, sometimes indefinitely. A decrease in the availability of visas makes prompt reunification unrealistic. Unaccompanied minors are exploited. Difficult and expensive legal systems keep families apart.

The Catholic Relief Services Collection values families. It works to provide for their basic humanitarian needs, protect vulnerable children, reunite families, and encourage legislation that reflects the importance of family in society. The reach of this Collection spans the globe, helping families on every continent from an array of ethnicities and backgrounds, addressing a myriad of needs.

Please consider making a donation to CRS.



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 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 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 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:

Monday March 18 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Matthew

Tuesday March 19 at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Cross

Wednesday March 20 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Patrick

Holy Cross Parish Directory Update

Thank you all for your patience regarding the Holy Cross Directory. It is still a work in progress, but should be here by Spring. We were able to get some additional credits to use for the directory if we took our pictures by the end of August, so we took advantage of that offer knowing we still wouldn't get it completed until Spring. Thank you again for your patience!

Collection

Offering for March 2nd/3rd \$7,729.56.....Tuition Assistance \$953.00.....Thank you very much!



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

Spring Play: The High School of Saint Thomas More Drama Club will present *Moriarty's Daughters* by Claire Wittman. Performance dates are March 21st, 22nd and 23rd at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Cafetorium. Tickets are on sale now at STMMusicandDrama.ludus.com or may be purchased at the door prior to the performance. Tickets are \$8 for Adults and \$5 for Children and Students. No cost for children under 5.

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.



LENTEN RETREAT

Saturday, 3/23/2024, 9 a.m.—1 p.m. CST

Holy Family Church, Danville, IL
 Adoration
 Confession
 The Divine Mercy Chaplet

- Reflections on the book, "*Jesus I Trust in You*" by S. Faustina Maria, S.V.

Fr. Steven Loftus, pastor, as well as other speakers will share insights from St. Faustina's Diary. Doors will open at 8:15 a.m. A light breakfast and lunch will be served.

Hosted by **The Divine Mercy Cenacle Group**. For more information or to RSVP call **Connie Taylor** at (217) 427-2534 or **Marietta Foellner** 217-304-2586 (text please).

A \$10.00 donation may be given at the door. All proceeds will go to St. Vincent de Paul.



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!



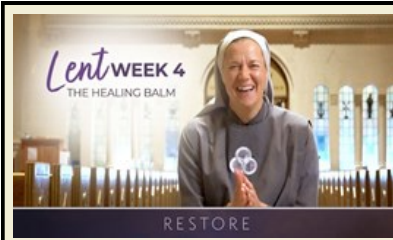
Financial Assistance Is Available.

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.



WEEK FOUR / RESTORE LENT with Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT

In week four of Restore, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, reflects on almsgiving and how it heals your relationships with others. One of the most powerful ways to heal your brokenness is to give—not only money or clothing, but also your presence and love—to those whom God has placed in your life, even those who have wounded you.



THE LAST SUPPER WITH DR. BRANT PITRE

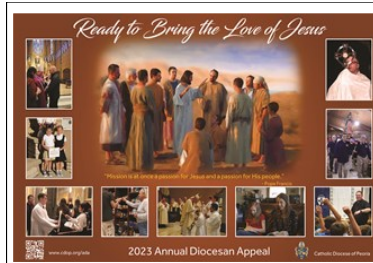
Join Dr. Brant Pitre as he dives into the biblical accounts of the Last Supper and the gift of the Eucharist. This presentation is an exclusive excerpt from an Augustine Institute Bible Conference made available to all of FORMED.



THE EARLY CHRISTIANS EP. 5: CONSTANTINE AND THE END OF THE PERSECUTIONS

The so-called "giving up" of the Church to the Secular Power is a recurrent theme throughout history. In this episode we shall discover the truth about Emperor Constantine and how he gave liberty to the Christians. And how, while granting them religious freedom, he tried to exert control over the Church.

Our Parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit formed.org/signup to sign up



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



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Dec. Mem. of Mueller, Neunhoffer, Willard Families
Robert F. Reiser Family
Dec. Mem. of Corkery, Cox, Murray Families
Nichols, Oetzel, Parod & Foltzer Families
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Ed & Jean Bown
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Hammel & Mitsdarfer Families
Margaret & Eldon Tufte and Dec. Mem. of their family
Barham & Bosch Families

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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.