

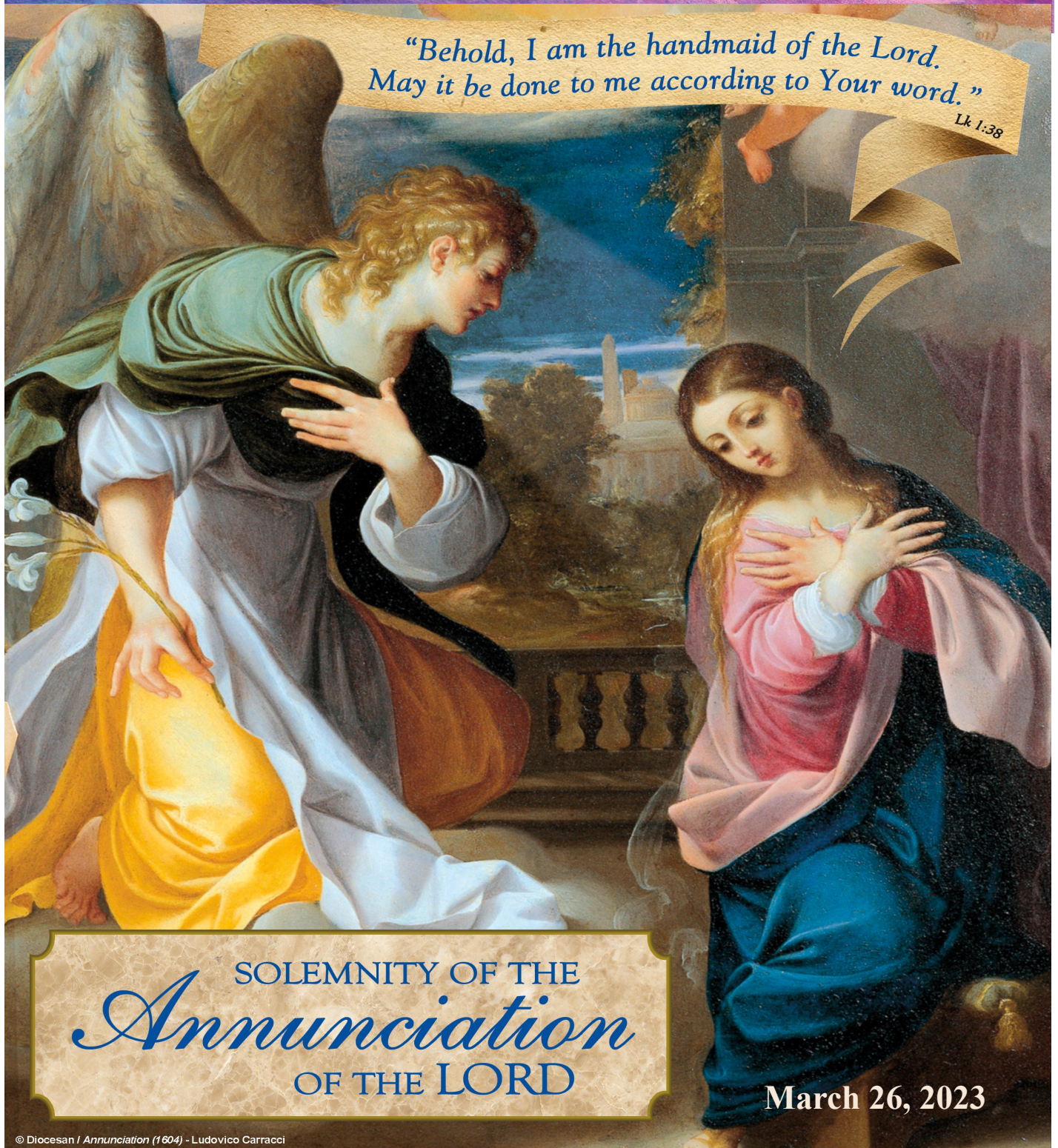
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

This illness is not
to end in death,
but is for the glory of God,
that the Son of God may
be glorified through it.

John 11:4

*"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.
May it be done to me according to Your word."*

Lk 1:38



SOLEMNITY OF THE
Annunciation
OF THE LORD

March 26, 2023

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Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



Eucharistic Revival

"He remains among us until the end of the world. He dwells on so many altars, though so often offended and profaned."

- St. Maximilian Kobe

CCC 1380. It is highly fitting that Christ should have wanted to remain present to his Church in this unique way. Since Christ was about to take his departure from his own in his visible form, he wanted to give us his sacramental presence; since he was about to offer himself on the cross to save us, he wanted us to have the memorial of the love with which he loved us "to the end," even to the giving of his life. In his Eucharistic presence he remains mysteriously in our midst as the one who loved us and gave himself up for us, and he remains under signs that express and communicate this love:

"The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease."

- St. Pope John Paul II

Continue to look for the Weekly Eucharistic Revival column in the bulletin each week during Lent.



Did you know that an Italian teenager, Blessed Carlo Acutis, created a website compiling all of the Eucharistic Miracles to date? Carlo was 15 years old when he died.

His motto was:

"To always be close to Jesus, that's my life plan."

You can find Carlo's website at www.miracolieucaistici.org

MASS AND HOLY HOUR DURING LENT

Please join our parish family during Lent on Wednesday evenings for Mass and Holy Hour.

Following the 6 p.m. Mass, we will have a Holy Hour with Exposition, Meditation, Adoration, and Benediction

(There will **not** be the usual 5:30 p.m. Devotion during Lent)



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

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ADORATION

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

Fifth 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.	April 1 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Elizabeth Kelley Kathy Murray Nora Kelley, Sam Easton
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	April 2 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	John Karduck No Ministers Nicolette Burton, Avery Natschke
10:00 a.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Christopher Ostertag John Dixon, Pat Dixon Ben Summers, Mark Elliott Woolwine
4:00 p.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Rob Shanahan Ed Seebauer, Juliann Seebauer Nate Farney, Will Herges

† † † Masses For The Week

Monday, March 27 7:00 a.m.	Dominic Hieu Nguyen
Tuesday, March 28 7:00 a.m.	Teresa Kim Nguyen
Wednesday, March 29 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	For Luke and Stella Patrick <i>Holy Hour</i>
Thursday, March 30 7:00 a.m.	Joyce Hogan Kaes
Friday, March 31 8:15 a.m.	Tony Rein
Saturday, April 1 5:30 p.m.	Eugene Menke
Palm Sunday, April 2 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Joe Hacker Cathy Leahy For the Parishioners

Holy Week Schedule



*April 2 - Palm Sunday April 6 - Holy Thursday
April 7 - Good Friday April 8 - Holy Saturday
April 9 - Easter Sunday*



And Jesus said to Peter,
“So could you not keep watch
with me for one hour? (Mt 25:40)

HOLY THURSDAY: After the 7:30 p.m. Mass there will be Eucharistic Adoration until midnight. A sign-up sheet is available in the vestibule for that night. Please consider signing up to spend time with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration anytime until midnight.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: Remember that Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence. There is no adoration on that day. The Good Friday Service will be held at 3:00 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY: There will be NO confessions heard on this day. Easter Vigil will be at 7:30 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY: There will be the 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. Masses but NO 4:00 p.m. Mass.

Communal Penance Services

Monday, March 27th, 7:00 p.m. at St Matthew
Tuesday, March 28th, 7:00 p.m. at Holy Cross
Wednesday, March 29th, 7:00 p.m. at St Patrick

Lenten
Penance
Service

LENTEN MOVIE AND MEAL



Movie and a Meal: Lenten dinner of soup, bread, & water. The meal will be followed by the movie "Breakthrough," a story of a St. Louis teen who slipped through an icy lake, was under water for 15 minutes before being rescued, and was then in a coma. His family must rely on their faith to get through the ordeal.



When? Palm Sunday, April 2nd from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. At Holy Cross Parish Center, sponsored by Holy Cross Parish Council. Event is free; bring a friend, bring your family.

RSVP by **March 30th** as to how many are coming. Call the Parish Office at 217-352-8748.

ŚWIĘCONKA - BLESSING OF EASTER BASKETS

Of special interest to those of Slovak, Polish, Ukrainian, Lithuanian, and Central European background will be the traditional Blessing of Easter Foods at **3:00 p.m. on Holy Saturday, April 8th**, in the church.



Letter and picture from Lydia Patrick who we support from donations to Children of Hope and Faith.



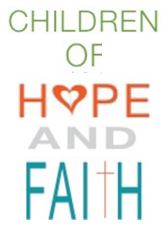
MARIE MONTE
P.O. BOX 82
RUEMGE - NGARA
2nd September 2022

Dear Holy Cross Parish

I hope you are fine and I am fine too. I hope you are going on well with your family and I am going on well with my studies.

The aim of writing this letter is to thank you for paying school fees and sending many gifts to me. According to me, I like playing and singing Church choir songs, eating rice with meat. I like yellow colour, my best subject is English and Kwahili language, my favourite dream is to be the future teacher because I like preaching the word of God. Still to my wish, I would like to say thank you for your prayers because they helped me to pass in my form four examinations, where I got division two which it is a very good division and also I prayed for you so as to get good success in your life and still I also move my thanks to you for me to God until I succeeded in studies. I don't have much to add on unless wishing you all the best and praying so much to God so as you may achieve your goals.

Your daughter in Christ
LYDIA-PATRICK.



ONE MORE FISH FRY

Our last Fish Fry! **March 31st**. Volunteers work from 1 to 3 hours: from 5-6 p.m. or 6-7 p.m., or clean-up crew. They pour soda, clean the tables, help people to their seats, take out trash, refill supplies, etc. Please call or text Jessica McMahon at 217-898-8846 to sign up.



FISH FRY CAKE SALE!

The Children of Hope and Faith are again hosting their cake sale at the Fish Frys this year! 100% of the sales are donated to The Children of Hope and Faith to raise tuition for Holy Cross' sponsored child, Lydia Patrick. Thank you for your support!



COLLECTION APPEAL—CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF CHAMPAIGN AND PIATT COUNTIES

Catholic Charities of Champaign and Piatt Counties provides a variety of charitable services for needy individuals and families living in Champaign and Piatt Counties.

Our Food Pantry at St. Patrick's in Tolono is open to anyone and any family in need.

Our Light of Hope and Good Samaritan programs offer a variety of direct care support services, gift cards for multiple needs, transportation services and much more.

Our Parish Ministry of Financial Help program assists parishes by providing short-term rent, housing, or utility assistance for individuals and families in need, and much more.

All our services are free. To help raise funds for these services, we would appreciate any donation. **Envelopes are available at back of church, on the table in the parish lobby, or in the parish office.**

Every dollar collected from our parishes serves individuals and families in need in Champaign and Piatt Counties. Thank You for helping us meet the needs of the poor among us!

Catholic Charities Community Advisory Board of Champaign and Piatt Counties
P.O. Box 8937, Champaign, IL 61826



SAVE THE DATE—The Catholic Charities Community Advisory Board of Champaign and Piatt counties invites you to the **20th Annual Steak Dinner at Philo Tavern on Sunday, April 30th**, located at 101 Washington Street in Philo, IL.

This annual fundraiser benefits several important charitable programs in Champaign and Piatt counties, including St. Patrick Food Pantry in Tolono, which is open to anyone and any family in need, regardless of income or residency; our Light of Hope and Good Samaritan programs, and our new Parish Ministry of Financial Help program that helps parishes serve parishioners in need. **All our services are free.**

Tickets for the dinner are \$40/person. Cash bar opens at 4 p.m. Dinner is served at 5 p.m. To purchase tickets, contact Gloria Fellers at 217/649-8786. Please make checks payable to Catholic Charities. We look forward to seeing you at the dinner!



Fiscal Year 2022/23

	February Contributions	Jul-Feb Contributions	Jul-Feb Pro-rated Budget	Budget Deficit/Surplus
Sundays & Holy Days	27,096.84	276,811.98	266,666.67	10,145.31
Automatic Contributions	9,740.00	77,375.00	80,000.00	(2,625.00)
Online Giving	9,414.90	72,101.40	66,666.67	5,434.73
Subtotal	46,251.74	426,288.38	413,333.33	12,955.05
HC Tuition Assistance	2,078.50	16,744.00	16,666.67	77.33
STM Tuition Assistance	527.00	4,786.00	4,000.00	786.00
Development Fund	2,316.00	24,971.00	41,666.67	(16,695.67)



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

STM Job Opportunities: STM is seeking applications for a Head Boys Soccer Coach and a Bus Driver. If interested, email Jon Marston, Athletic Director, at jmarston@hs-stm.org.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt: The STM Interact Club Easter egg hunt will be **Today, March 26th** from 1:30-3:30 p.m. It will be held on the STM football field, unless it rains and is moved to the gym. There will be games and an Easter egg hunt. No registration needed. Participation fee is a book to be donated to Orphans' Treasure Box.

Spring Musical: STM's Spring Musical is "*The Big Bad Musical*." It will be performed March 30th at 7 p.m., March 31st at 7 p.m., April 1st at 2 p.m., and at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria. Come support our students and enjoy a howling good time. Ticket \$5 for adults / \$3 for students & seniors.

Admissions Application Open for 2023-24: Current 8th grade and high school families: Just a reminder that STM is still accepting admissions applications for next school year. Go to www.hs-stm.org and click on "Explore" then "Apply Now" to get started today. Questions? Contact the Enrollment Office at admissions@hs-stm.org. We hope to welcome you and your child to the Saber family!

Student Shadow Program: The Shadow a Saber Program is back for Spring 2023! For details and registration info, go to www.hs-stm.org. Click on "Enrollment" and then "Shadow Program." Questions? Go to admissions@hs-stm.org. We look forward to welcoming your child to campus soon!

**Prayer to Our Lady, Mary,
 Help of Christians**



Most Holy Virgin Mary, Help of Christians, how sweet it is to come to your feet imploring your perpetual help.

If earthly mothers cease not to remember their children, how can you, the most loving of all mothers, forget me? Grant then to me, I implore you, your perpetual help in all my necessities, in every sorrow, and especially in all my temptations. I ask for your un-

ceasing help for all who are now suffering. Help the weak, cure the sick, convert sinners. Grant through your intercessions many vocations to the religious life. Obtain for us, O Mary, Help of Christians, that having invoked you on earth we may love and eternally thank you in heaven. Amen.

St. John Bosco



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From the Desk of Principal Koerner:

By seeing the extraordinary in the ordinary, we deepen our understanding.

Who would think that you can grow radishes with no soil?

We are continuing to experiment with what food can be grown in our aquaponics lab.

As you can see, we are challenging our students to take the ordinary, and turn it into an extraordinary learning opportunity.



WE ARE HOLY CROSS

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL PRESENTS.....



Thursday, March 30th @ 7:00 PM
Friday, March 31st @ 7:00 PM
Saturday, April 1st @ 2:00 PM

Holy Cross School
 410 W White St
 Champaign, IL

TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR
 ADULTS \$8
 STUDENTS \$5
 SENIORS \$5
 CHILDREN UNDER 2 FREE

Tuition Assistance Consideration:

*Submit the FACTS Grant & Aid Application with fee online at online.factsmgt.com/aid.

*Call Parish Office to be put on the Spalding Scholarship list.

Deadline for the completed application is **April 28th, 2023**.

Notification of grant awards will be made in June of 2023.

Another funding opportunity is also available due to the Invest in Kids Act legislation in Illinois. Students may be eligible for up to 100% of tuition and fees under a program for tax credit scholarships (TCS). Details on how to apply and who qualifies are available on the **Empower Illinois** website at:

www.empowerillinois.org. Students who receive a TCS are ineligible to receive a Spalding award.

Collection

Offering for March 18th/19th.....\$7,334.26

Thank you very much!



TRIDUUM: A SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE

Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage is a beautiful, 30-minute contemplative documentary. This film cinematically walks through the locations of the Holy Week story, re-presenting the most important days of human history. Immersed in the real and sacred places of the Holy Land, the pilgrim faithful is brought tangibly nearer to the story, the landscape, and the reality of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Triduum draws Catholics and those with open hearts and minds to experience a deeper understanding of these events and places, and offers rich meditations for the pilgrimage of daily life. Now more than ever, as many of us are confined to our homes, journey along this spiritual pilgrimage and be drawn more deeply into the life and love of God.

Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage is the Augustine Institute's gift to the world for Holy Triduum—available on FORMED and free for everyone through Easter.

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



PRO-LIFE

40 DAYS for LIFE, SPRING 2023

Until Sunday, April 2nd, at Planned Parenthood, 302 E. Stoughton St. Champaign. And the new Equity Clinic, 2111 W. Park Court, Champaign.

It is 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 clinics are open during normal business hours. Individual churches are encouraged to choose a day and time to come and pray. Since we will now have 2 abortion clinics, we encourage people to come pray at both locations.

Suggested prayer times for the Equity Clinic are Fridays from 1 to 5 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Suggested prayer times for Planned Parenthood (PP) are Fridays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Unfortunately, both clinics are open on Mondays and Tuesdays, so please choose either location for prayer on those days. Since PP is open late on Monday, prayer is suggested there from 5 to 6 p.m. on Mondays. Since Equity Clinic is open later on Tuesday, prayer is suggested there from 4 to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays.

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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HOLY CROSS FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIAL

Devall, Desmier, Jensen Families
 Menke & Leahy Families
 James, Marie, Paul, Joe, & Edward, 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
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 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
 Living & Dec. Mem. of McNabney Family
 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.