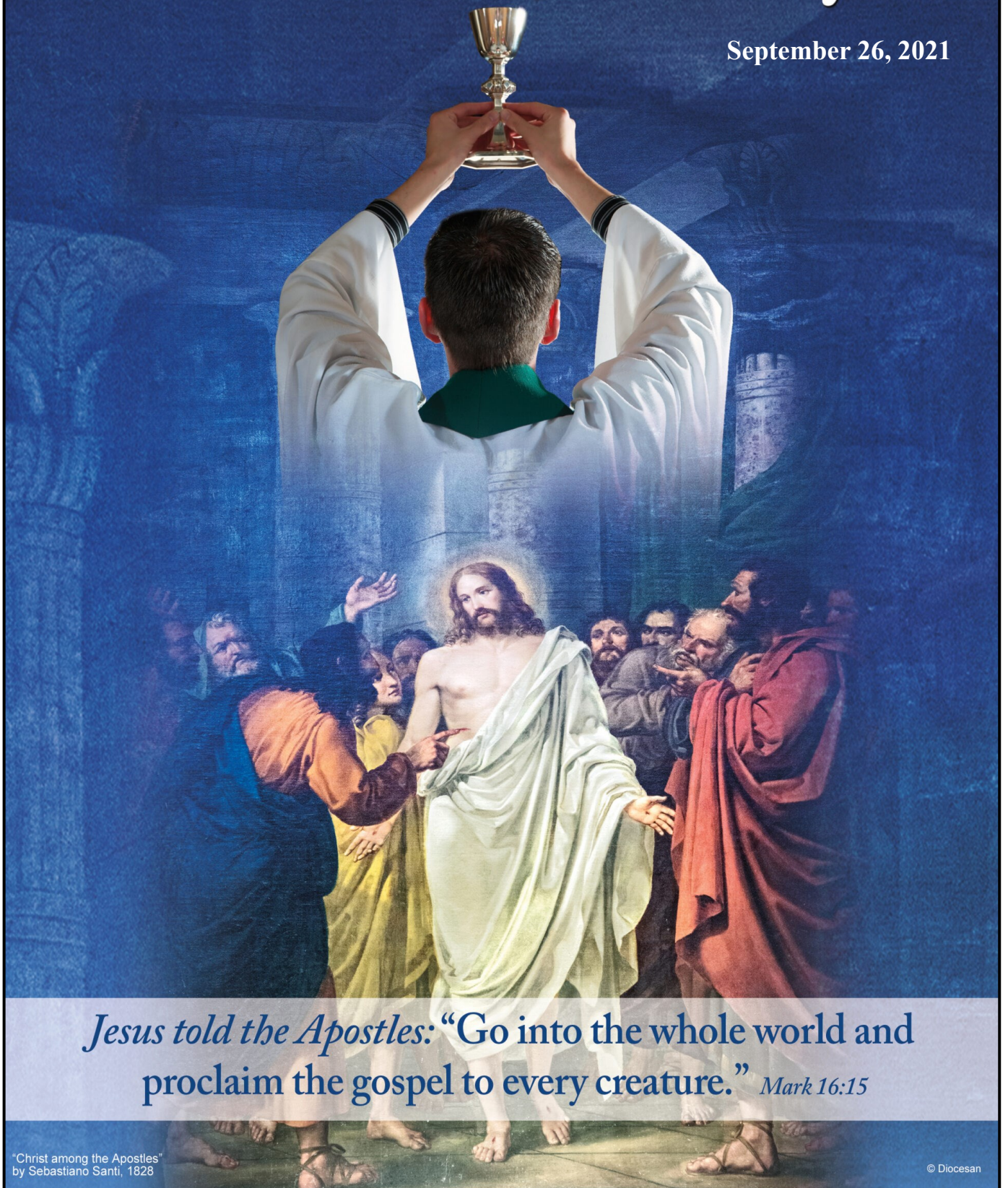


# Priesthood Sunday

September 26, 2021



*Jesus told the Apostles: “Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.” Mark 16:15*

"Christ among the Apostles"  
by Sebastiano Santi, 1828

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



## Priesthood Sunday



Priesthood Sunday seeks to reaffirm the priesthood of Jesus Christ and its central place in the life of the Church. This day also specifically honors priests, without whom the Holy Sacraments could not be conferred, for a single day out of the 365 days of the year during which they tirelessly serve their parishes. Celebrate and thank a priest today!

### How do you celebrate Priesthood Sunday?

**Have a Mass said for your pastor;** Pray a holy hour for your pastor, priests of the archdiocese and vocations; Send a letter to pastor thanking him for his service; Send a letter to pastor that you prayed a rosary for him with a thank-you note.

Gracious and loving God,  
we thank you for the gift of our priests.

Through them, we experience your  
presence in the sacraments.

Help them, and all priests,  
to be strong in their vocation.

Set their souls on fire with love for your people.  
Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength  
they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.  
Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.  
Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.

Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.

Help them to become instruments  
of your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.  
Amen.

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Wednesday Devotion for September 29th at 5:30 p.m.  
will be the Litany of the Cross



## PASTORAL STAFF SERVING HOLY CROSS

*Fr. Joseph P. Donton, Pastor*  
*Fr. Leopold Mushobozi, Parochial Vicar*  
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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  
Phone: 217-356-9521 Fax: 217-356-1745

### 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.

# The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in 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>Oct. 2</b> Lector: David Kristovich EMHC: Kathy Murray Servers: Garrett Unger, Nick Unger
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>Oct. 3</b> Lector: Jay Geistlinger EMHC: No Ministers Servers: Wil Karduck, Henry Karduck
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	Lector: Joe Mefford EMHC: Jessica McMahon, Bonita Higgerson Servers: Chris Friedman, Jack McMahon
<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	Lector: Ed Seebauer EMHC: Anthony Frasca, Beth Frasca Servers: Kristina Maloney, Nate Farney



### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### Monday, September 27

7:00 a.m. Paul Kelley

#### Tuesday, September 28

7:00 a.m. For the Intention of the Donor

#### Wednesday, September 29

6:00 p.m. Bob Weber

#### Thursday, September 30

7:00 a.m. Joe, Ruth, and Pat Doyle

#### Friday, October 1

8:15 a.m. First Friday Memorial

#### Saturday, October 2

5:30 p.m. Chuck Schweighart

#### Sunday, October 3

8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners

10:00 a.m. Dewey Hines

4:00 p.m. John Zicarelli

### Eucharistic Outreach

**Eucharistic Outreach** will begin again soon! If you would like to have an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion make home visits to you, call the Parish Office at (217) 352-8748, or email at [office@holycrosscatholic.org](mailto:office@holycrosscatholic.org) to be added to the list.

### Something old, something new for Coffee

Shop on October 3rd. We will have donuts but we will also offer yogurt and granola bars. Of course, white and chocolate milk, orange juice, tea and coffee are always available. By the way, there are often VERY INTERESTING discussions at our Holy Cross coffee shop. Join other parishioners after the Sunday morning Masses. We are still looking for volunteers for Coffee Shop. To help out, please call Harry or Cheri Rakers at 217-352-4918.



### Mass COVID Protocol Update

We received a letter from the Vicar General of our Diocese indicating that in order to slow the spread of the highly transmissible COVID-19 Delta variant, we are to follow the governor's mask mandate.

Everyone over the age of 2 is required to wear a mask at all indoor settings. Thank you for masking up when we gather together, whether that be in the church or the parish center. In addition, the suspension of the obligation to attend Mass in person continues to be in effect.

### ROSARY—SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday, October 16th at noon.** Please join thousands of people across the U.S. as we pray the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy for our nation. We will pray at the outdoor statue of Mary on the north side of St. Matthew Church. This event is organized through "America Needs Fatima." For questions, contact Jane Walsh at 217-352-6673.





## THANKS FOR HELPING US CELEBRATE FEAST WEEK!

**Thank you** to all who came to celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross! We thank all volunteers who helped to make it GO, especially Deacon Mike Smith, Joslyn Unger; photographers Dave Devall and John Dixon; and the Scouts. We appreciate all the hard work and time put in to celebrating our Feast Week!

## PRO-LIFE

**40 Days For Life is September 22-October 31.** Join us at the Planned Parenthood on 3rd and Stoughton in Champaign. Hours are from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and we really like to have at least two people praying per hour. Contact Renee if you have any questions at 217-607-0811

Below are details about upcoming pro-life events—many wonderful opportunities to help foster a stronger Culture of Life! Please schedule some time to get involved.

\*40 Days for Life Fall 2021, Sept 22nd to Oct. 31st

\*Pro-Life Billboard Project, Ongoing

\*Rachel's Vineyard Post-Abortion Recovery Retreat, Sept. 24th to 26th

\*Life Chain, October 3rd

\*Deeper Still Abortion Recovery Retreat, Oct. 8th-10th

**LIFE CHAIN:** Sunday, October 3rd from 2:00-3:30 p.m. at Hessel Park, Champaign on the sidewalk along the south side of the park. Please join us, along with others across North America in peaceful, prayerful, public witness for the Right to Life for All. We will be standing with pro-life signs along the south side of Hessel Park, on the sidewalk along West Kirby Ave. This is a silent, prayerful witness for voiceless children who are threatened by abortion and who need us to stand up for them. Pro-life signs will be provided and can be picked up at the southwest corner of Hessel Park at the intersection of West Kirby Ave. and Grandview Dr. Attendees are also welcome to make and bring their own signs (peaceful and encouraging messages please, no graphic images). Lawn chairs and strollers are welcome.

Contact Renee at 217-607-0811,  
or [reneemullen@comcast.net](mailto:reneemullen@comcast.net)  
or <https://40daysforlife.com/champaign>



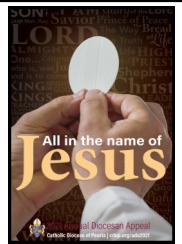
## ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL 2021

**Thanks to all** who made a pledge to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Currently, we have pledges of \$42,490.00 toward our goal of \$122,000.00. We have received pledge cards from 73 parishioners. A gift to the ADA, no matter how great or small, can go a long way. A pledge of \$10 or \$20 a month can add up. Even a one-time gift is helpful to the cause.

To those who have contributed, we are most grateful. If you have not yet made a gift to the ADA, we invite you to do so today. There are pledge cards available in the back of the church and in the Parish Center.

Every dollar raised to make our goal supports important diocesan services, and every dollar raised over our goal will be kept in the parish to help us finance repairs and maintenance to our Church and School parking lots.

*If you wish to make a donation on your pledge or to pay your contribution in full, please make your check payable to "Catholic Diocese of Peoria." Reminder statements are sent monthly from December to July. Donations may also be made by signing up for automatic deduction by credit or debit card, by direct debit, or online. May God continue to bless our Diocese and the services and programs provided by the ADA!*



## MOMS' GROUP

Holy Cross Moms' Group is meeting on Wednesday, September 29th from 9-11 a.m. in the parish center basement. We will listen to a Catholic motherhood podcast. Unfortunately, we are not able to provide babysitting services for older toddlers or babies at this time. Your young children are welcome to join us during meetings. Please wear a mask. Stay home if you or anyone in your family isn't feeling well.



If you'd like to view our entire fall schedule and meet some wonderful moms, please join our Facebook group at [www.facebook.com/groups/holycrossmoms](https://www.facebook.com/groups/holycrossmoms) and/or e-mail us at [hcmomsgroup@gmail.com](mailto:hcmomsgroup@gmail.com). We look forward to meeting friends and growing in holiness together!

## Last Week's Collection

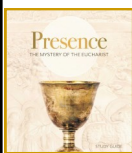
Offering for Sept. 18th/19th.....\$4,437.46

Thank you very much!

## Total Collections for August

Sunday & Holy Days.....	\$34,669.80
Automatic Contributions.....	\$9,835.00
Online Giving.....	\$8,138.80
	\$52,643.60
HC Tuition Assistance. ....	\$1,821.50
STM Tuition Assistance.....	\$467.00
Development Fund.....	\$2,559.00





**ADULT FORMATION** (formerly Bible Study) is back! Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually the “source and summit” of the Christian life. **Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist** explores the truth and beauty of Christ’s real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members. It is the crescendo of the entire story of salvation.

Join us at the Holy Cross Parish Center on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. beginning **Oct. 4th**, or Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m. beginning **Oct. 5th**. Register with the Parish Office to ensure a copy of the workbook. Holy Cross is covering the cost of books for this study!

### THANK YOU!

Holy Cross has put together nearly 100 school backpacks with close to 400 notebooks, 200 erasers, 100 rulers, 200 pens, 800 regular pencils and colored pencils, and they have been delivered to a church in Fisher.



These backpacks will be sent to countries around the world as well as delivered to places in the United States where children desperately need basic school supplies. Thank you to parishioners who donated supplies or money for us to purchase supplies. We also say thanks to Catholic Daughters who made the cloth backpacks, to those ladies who counted supplies, and to ladies who worked on the assembly line putting them all together.



### High School of St. Thomas More

217-352-7210

[www.hs-stm.org](http://www.hs-stm.org)

**Fall Preview Night 2021.** Calling all 7th and 8th graders: You are invited to Fall Preview Night 2021. Join us on October 27th at 6:00 p.m. in the STM cafeteria. The evening will begin with introductions of our administration, move to a tour of our beautiful campus, and then end with the opportunity to meet with our teachers, club advisers, coaches, and student leaders at our Info Fair in the cafe. We hope to see you there!

**Long Term Substitute.** STM is looking for a long-term substitute teacher to teach in our History classes from mid-November through the end of January. If you are interested, please contact Sr. M. Bridget at [smbriidget@hs-stm.org](mailto:smbriidget@hs-stm.org)

**Employment Opportunities.** We are seeking a Head Girls Soccer Coach, a Head Girls Basketball Coach, a part-time night custodian, and a Bus Driver. If interested, email Sr. M. Bridget at [smbriidget@hs-stm.org](mailto:smbriidget@hs-stm.org) and Mr. Anthony Corapi at [acorapi@hs-stm.org](mailto:acorapi@hs-stm.org)

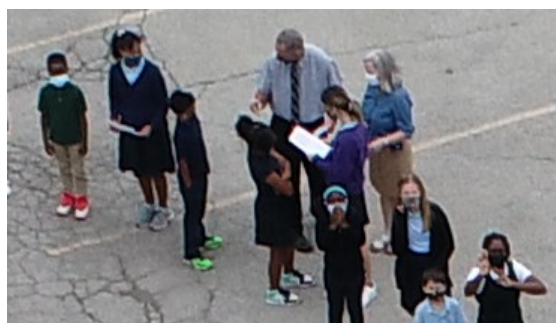


**Holy Cross School**

217-356-9521

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

### Holy Cross School Students Doing a Rosary for Feast Week



Principal Greg Koerner and Director of Religious Education, Elizabeth Kelley, hold a microphone for each child as they recite their part of the rosary.



### Hot Dog Day - A Holy Cross Feast Week Tradition for Many Years!

“Always Home - Always Family”  
WE ARE HOLY CROSS



### AFTER CARE HELP NEEDED

**Job Opening:** We still have a position to fill in After-Care. The hours are 2:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday. If interested, please email Holy Cross School at [hcs@holycrosselem.org](mailto:hcs@holycrosselem.org) or call the school office at 217-356-9521.



Clean, gently used winter coats (new coats would be great also!) are needed for the 18th Annual "Coat the Community" drive. Donations will be accepted **Saturday, October 16th** from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon at The Keller Williams Realty parking lot at Village at The Crossing, 2441 Village Green Place, Champaign.

When you donate, you will be eligible to enter our giveaway.

Children's coats are especially needed. The Salvation Army will assist in the free distribution of the coats to local families in need. Go to

[www.CoatTheCommunity.com](http://www.CoatTheCommunity.com) for more information. Hosted by The Scott Bechtel Group, Keller Williams Realty.

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### WHY A PRIESTHOOD?

Doesn't every baptized believer have a priestly role in the Kingdom of God? Are Catholic priests lonely? Fr. John Riley and Chris Stefanick dive into why the Catholic Church has priests.



WHAT IS THE GREAT MISSION I HAVE BEEN CALLED TO DO?

### CALLED SESSION 3: CALLED TO HOLY ORDERS WITH FR. PAUL HOESING

Every baptized Christian is supposed to make the priesthood of Jesus real in this world. However, God calls some men to serve the Church within Holy Orders, acting in the person of Jesus to give the grace of the Sacraments to all. How can young men know if they're called to this special role?

Our Parish has a FORMED subscription. To set up your free account visit [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup) and select our parish.

### 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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### BINGO IS BACK!



Holy Cross is hosting Bingo (adults only) at the Parish Center on **Friday, October 1st**. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. to purchase Bingo cards. Bingo will begin at 6:30 p.m. Join us for 15 games of Bingo! \$20 for 9 cards per game. Or \$10 for 3 cards per game. Cash prizes will be \$25, \$50, & \$100 (based on a minimum number of 25 people). Daubers are \$1 or bring your own! If you have questions, contact the parish office at 217-352-8748. Concessions open at 5:30 p.m. Dinner & dessert for a donation of \$5. Soda for \$1. Proceeds go to Holy Cross School. We request that masks be worn when not eating and drinking.

### 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 & Foltzler 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 Turkan  
Aloysius J. Winka  
Charlie & Evelyn Bell  
Zeilenga Family  
Rentfrow Family  
Ron Murphy  
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  
Margaret Hettinger  
Raymond Timpone  
Maxine Timpone  
Living & Dec. Mem. of Schwenk Family  
Perrodin Family  
Living & Dec. Mem. of McNabney Family  
Liv. & Dec. Mem. of Eli & Hazel Kinser Family  
John Michael Cabutti  
Glen & Helen Jones  
Betty Madrey  
Menacher & Sizer Families  
Leonard & Loretto Doyle  
Alan & Patricia Berndt  
Thomas McCarthy  
Costello Family  
Leta & Kenny Porter  
Bill Mooney