

The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector.

9 He then addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else.

10 "Two people went up to the temple area to pray; one was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector.

11 The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself, 'O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity—greedy, dishonest, adulterous—or even like this tax collector.

12 I fast twice a week, and I pay tithes on my whole income.'

13 But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.'

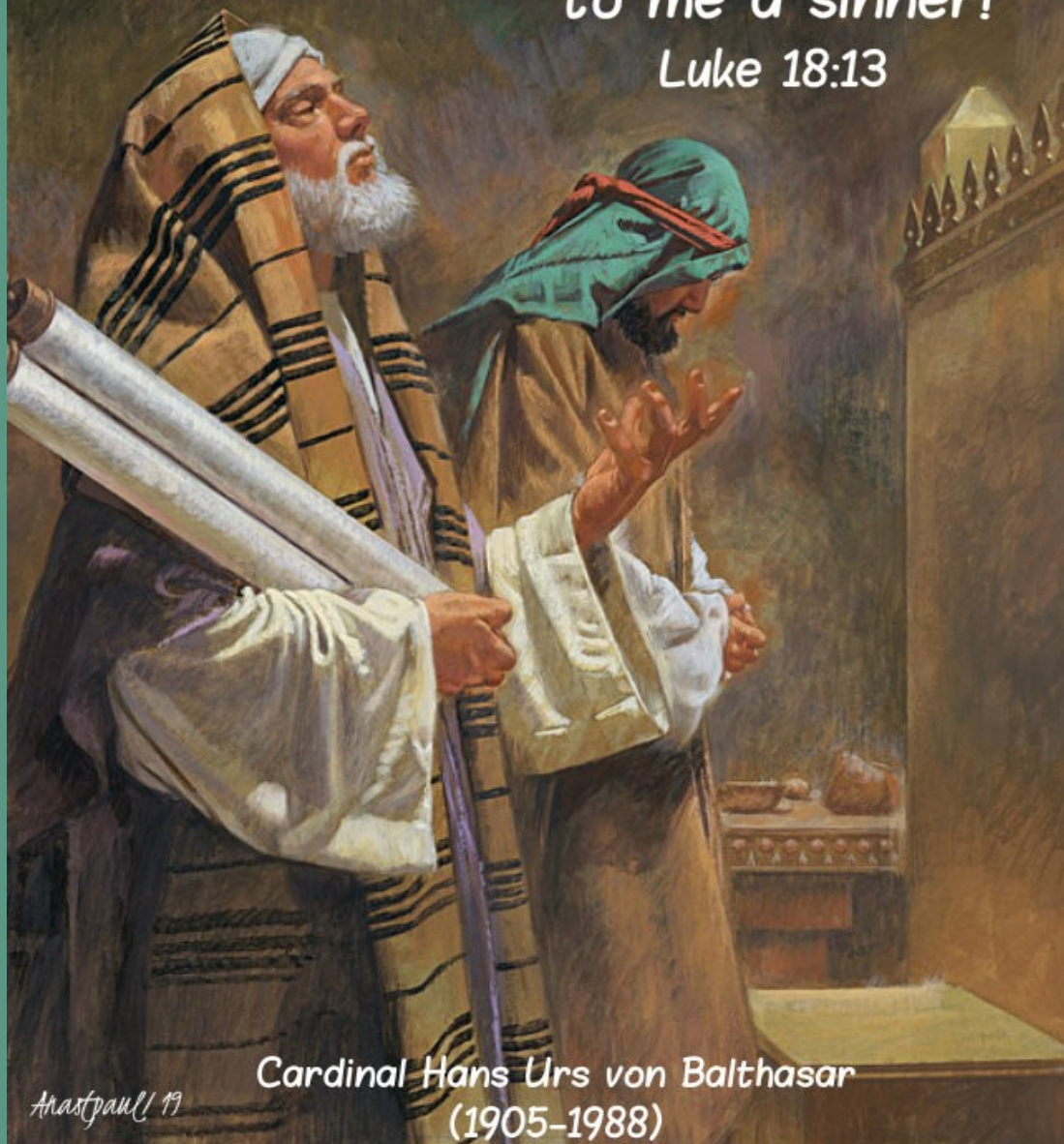
14 I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

Luke 18:9-14

October 26, 2025

**'God, be merciful
to me a sinner!'**

Luke 18:13



**Cardinal Hans Urs von Balthasar
(1905-1988)**



In celebrating 150 years of the Peoria Diocese, Holy Cross will also be celebrating the history of Catholic Education here at Holy Cross. We will be featuring Graduating classes from our past.

Holy Cross School Class of 1955

Back Row: John Brown, Jerry Hayes, Jack Billington, Edward Oakes, Jay Boyd, Barney Joyce, Robert Byers, Walter Voskuil, Richard Jennings

3rd Row: Rose Marie Kington, Darlene Pierre, Mary Jane Farruggia, Fay Wonarski, Carol Bleichner, Juanita Osterhoff

2nd Row: Rosemary Mulcahey, Sherrie Ann Munds, Joann Buttimer, Maureen Callahan, Theresa Schneider, Mary Ann Buswell

1st Row: Frances Cacioppo, Mary Jane Hatfield, Joann Joyce, Judith Stearns, Carolyn Reis, Maureen McCauley, Rev. Msgr. C. J. Higgins

Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal

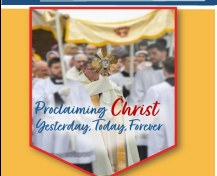
Proclaiming Christ yesterday, today, forever.

HOLY CROSS ADA - Thanks to the generosity of our parish families, we are well on our way towards our goal of \$98,603. Each gift is important to the mission of the diocese. If you have not yet had the opportunity, please return a pledge card with your response today. There are cards on the tables in the back of church. Your gift helps support the central ministries of our diocese including religious education of our young people, faith formation of adults, training of our future priests, Newman Centers on our college campuses and much more. Every dollar raised over our goal will be kept in the parish to help with our Parish needs. To those who have contributed, we are most grateful.

Contributions can be made by check payable to the Catholic Diocese of Peoria, by a credit or debit card, by direct debit from checking or savings account or online at www.cdop.org/ada.

Gifts of appreciated stock, grain, qualified charitable distributions (QCDs) or donor advised funds have special considerations and requirements. Contact 309-671-1550 for more information.

2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal



As the diocese celebrates its 150th anniversary, we are reminded of our mission as Christians. We are called to proclaim the Gospel yesterday, today, and forever. The Annual Diocesan Appeal gives us an opportunity to respond by sharing our gifts which will enable and equip the Church for today's opportunities and challenges in witnessing to our faith. There are many ministries and apostolates that the Diocese can offer that we as a single parish cannot. Recruitment and training of priests, vocation discernment program for young men, marriage preparation, ministry to our students on college campuses, evangelization, Catholic Charities programs... these are just a few of the many services we receive from the Diocese of Peoria. Your support, in prayer and through your sacrificial gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal, makes it possible to provide these services. **Please prayerfully consider making a pledge to this year's appeal ~**

cdop.org/ada



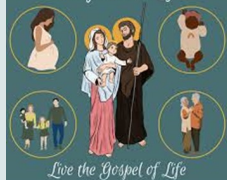
ADORATION ON FRIDAYS

Please consider signing up for a half-hour or more to visit Our Lord on Fridays beginning after the 8:15 a.m. Mass and ending with Benediction at 2:30 p.m.

Jesus would so love your company!



Respect Life



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 October, we are praying the Rosary for the Respect of Life

PASTORAL STAFF SERVING HOLY CROSS

*Msgr. Brian Brownsey
Father Joseph Baker
Deacon Ed Mohrbacher
Deacon Michael Smith*

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Jonathan Young

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Deacon Ed Mohrbacher

MASSSES

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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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 2:30 p.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Mon, Tue, Thurs 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.

Thirtieth 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

Saturday 5:30 p.m.	Nov. 1 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	All Saints Day Tim Spila John Kelley, Terry Sturdyvin, Peg Swanson John Haggin, Joey Haggin
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Nov. 2 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	All Souls Day Jay Geistlinger Sue Berndt, Barry Dickerson Emma Lwao, Landen Douglas
10:00 a.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Joe Murphy Bonita Higgerson, Margie Hoss Ben Summers, Lincoln Wood
4:00 p.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Rob Shanahan Katrina Covello James Linnenburger, Sam Easton



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, October 27

7:00 am Karen Santarelli

Tuesday, October 28

7:00 a.m. (First) Friday Memorial

Wednesday, October 29

6:00 p.m. Frances Pace and Melani Denato

Thursday, October 30

7:00 a.m. Timothy Mikulich

Friday, October 31

8:15 a.m. Bernie Hammel

Saturday, November 1

5:30 p.m. **All Saints Day**
Patricia Marie Merkle

Sunday, November 2

8:00 a.m. **All Souls Day**
For the Parishioners
Santiago González

4:00 p.m.

All Souls Day
Remembrance Mass



MASS OF REMEMBRANCE ALL SOULS DAY



The Annual Mass of Remembrance will be on All Souls Day, Sunday, Nov. 2nd, at 4:00 p.m. Families and fellow parishioners come together to remember those who have died this past year. Here are the names of those we lost since October 2024. **We Will Always Remember.....**

Sir Kni. Michael Palmisano

Bill Mischo

Mary Kay Cler

Ron Davis

Mary Ann Volker

Br. Kn. Patrick Dixon

Adreanna Brown

David Sanstrom

Aileesha Potter

Michael Cornyn

Karen Santarelli

Margaret Haynes Bargh

Sir Kn. Larry Head

Scott Daugherty

Br. Kn. Arthur Ehrlich

Br. Kn. Dr. Richard Bazzetta

Roma Buese

Anthony ("T Bone") Compton

Charlie Hoss

Steven Curin

Carolyn Gerald

Sir Kn. Albert Spohrer

Charlotte Joop

Bernie Hammel

Dean Schwenk

Barbara Cannon

Henri Stegemeier

Maria Elizabeth Wilkins

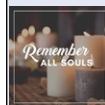
Florence (Flo) Smith

Mary Margaret O'Brien Wallin

Ilda Tzintzun Zamudio

Tabitha Helm

Whitney Dively



Sunday, November 2nd, the All Souls Day Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated during the 4:00 p.m. weekend Mass. All are welcome to attend.

Since All Saints Day, November 1st, falls on a Saturday, the obligation is suspended.

BOOK OF THE DEAD. Be sure to enroll the names of your deceased loved ones in the Book of Remembrance located in the vestibule of the church.

PURGATORIAL SOCIETY ENVELOPES for All Souls Day Remembrance are available on the shelves in the back of the church.



MASS OF REMEMBRANCE ALL SOULS DAY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND, 4:00 p.m.



Please join us for the Annual Mass of Remembrance on Sunday, Nov. 2nd, All Souls Day, at 4:00 p.m. There will be a special rite during the Mass when the names of our deceased will be announced and a rose will be presented to our Blessed Mother on their behalf.

Those involved in any parish ministry that supports those who have lost a loved one are especially encouraged to attend: the Bereavement Ministry; Funeral Luncheon cooks & servers, Parish Nurses, and Funeral Servers. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

SAVE THE DATE

ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR

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O God, source of all life and goodness, you fashion human lives in your image and likeness, and through your love, give each human life dignity, sacredness, and priceless worth; awaken in every heart new reverence for the least of your children, and renew among your people a readiness to nurture and sustain your precious gift of human life at all stages, and in all conditions.

FIRE FOUNDATION OF CENTRAL ILLINOIS PRESENTS 

Christmas Spirits Fundraiser

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FIRE FOUNDATION OF CENTRAL ILLINOIS

FIRE was founded in 1996 by a group of parents who shared a common dream; for their children with special needs to attend their parish schools with siblings and friends. Since that time, through the efforts of parents, a dedicated board of directors, many talented volunteers and community members who embrace inclusive Catholic education, more than \$7 million has been granted to partner schools located in the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph (MO) to support inclusive Catholic education.

The FIRE Foundation, an independent 501(c)3 organization, makes it possible for partner Catholic schools to hire special educators and paraprofessionals and to acquire learning materials and technology that create successful learning experiences for all children.

BINGO IN NOVEMBER! 

Join us for BINGO and fun at Holy Cross Parish Center on **Friday, November 7th**. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Bingo cards and Daubers will be available to purchase at that time. 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. (Prizes based on a minimum number of 25 people.) Daubers are \$1 or bring your own!

Concessions will be available for purchase at 5:30 p.m. Dinner: We will have a sweet chili and a traditional chili with cornbread, chips and a veggie tray. There will be crackers, shredded cheese and sour cream available to go on the chili. Cans of soda available for \$1. Lemonade, tea, & water is provided at no charge. If you have questions, contact the Parish Office at 217-352-8748.

Proceeds go to Holy Cross School.

HOLY CROSS EMAIL LIST 

Do you receive our Sunday morning emails? Each week we send out an email about parish & school happenings, links to Mass, readings, reflections, and so much more! To be added to our list, Email stephanie@holycrosscatholic.org

JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST

CATHOLIC SPIRIT RADIO NETWORK 

Catholic Spirit Radio (88.3 FM) is a very important resource for our community. They are a non-profit, listener-supported organization. Be the reason why this radio station can keep bringing people truth, joy, and inspiration daily! Please support them by listening and donating during their upcoming **LIVE broadcast of their Fall Appeal on October 29-31** from 7am -6pm. The theme is **"Miracles! With God, all things are possible"** so you can expect three days of stirring stories of miracles and interesting experts, plus a variety of national celebrities, priests and bishops, school children, and people from our community.

Additionally, there will be prayers, gifts, giveaways, and lots of fun! Listen on radio or by using the *Catholic Spirit Talk Radio* app, catholicspiritradio.com, Alexa, or Facebook livestream.

COFFEE AND DONUTS 

There's a nip in the air. Enjoy a cup of hot coffee or tea, a glass of milk or orange juice, and a delicious donut after the Sunday morning masses. Join friends or meet new ones at the parish center.

<i>Collections</i>	
Offering for October 11th/12th.....	\$7,276.30
Tuition Assistance.....	\$897.00
Offering for October 18th/19th.....	\$9,286.00
World Mission Sunday	\$690.00
Thank You Very Much!	



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

Empty Bowl Supper and Saber Showcase

The STM Art Club and the Art Department at The High School of St. Thomas More are **SOUPER** excited about sponsoring the 18th Empty Bowl Supper and Saber Showcase to help raise funds for **The Daily Bread Soup Kitchen** in Champaign. Join us at STM on **Friday, November 7th, 2025, from 5:30 to 7:30pm**. We are partnering with **Culver's on Marketview Drive** to bring participants a simple, delicious meal of soup and bread. Attendees may purchase a handmade ceramic bowl to remind them that there are always empty bowls in the world. In addition to a fine meal, the **Saber Showcase** variety show will feature performances of music, drama, dance, poetry and even comedy! Other supporting participants include Holy Cross School, St. Matthew School, St. Thomas School as well as family members, teachers and friends that have come and made bowls. The suggested donation for a **bowl and meal is \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and children**. The meal alone is \$5. Additional donations are welcome and there will be a silent auction of various artworks.

Save The Date - STM Madrigal Dinner

Join the lords and ladies of STM for a night of medieval revelry celebrating the birth of Christ. Dinner feasts will be on December 5th and 6th with a dessert only option on Thursday, December 4th.

Mark your calendars. Tickets go on sale soon.

SAVE THE DATE: Rooted in More Gala

Saturday, February 21, 2026 • Pear Tree Estate

Join The High School of Saint Thomas More for our **Rooted in More Gala!** This special evening celebrates the mission and impact of Catholic secondary education in Central Illinois. Your support helps us form students morally, intellectually, physically, and spiritually as lifelong disciples of Christ. Proceeds will benefit academic and classroom enhancements, facility upgrades, and enrollment growth initiatives.

Mark your calendars — more details coming soon!

STM Job Opportunities: STM is currently seeking applications for a Part-Time Spanish Teacher, and an Athletic Bus Driver.

If interested email:

Sr. M. Bridget at srmbridget@hs-stm.org and John Delaney, Athletic Director at jdelaney@hs-stm.org.



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

From the Desk of Principal Greg Koerner:

This September/October our Holy Cross students celebrated culture awareness. Culture Awareness Week came to a close on October 17th. What an amazing week of learning about and celebrating the diverse ancestry of our student body!

Thank you for all of your support.

WE ARE HOLY CROSS!

PICS FROM CULTURAL AWARENESS WEEK



VETERANS DAY HONORS

The Holy Cross School community invites all veterans and active military members to a special event on **Tuesday, November 11**, to show our appreciation for your service to our country. The morning begins with Mass at 8:15 a.m. Refreshments will follow in the parish center, and a student program will begin in the gymnasium at 10:00 a.m.

To reserve special seating for your veteran during the school program, contact Judy Crull at jcrull@holycrosselem.org by October 31, 2025.

If a service member does not yet have a star on our school "Wall of Stars," forms are available at the school or parish office. A 3" x 3" or 3" x 5" picture of the military family member is needed and cannot be returned.

Hello and welcome back. Since our last article....



- Msgr. Brownsey and the Knights held holy hour at Holy Cross. Our plan is to have one every 3 months at various churches throughout the vicariate. Come join us next time and spend an hour with Jesus. Details will appear in future bulletins.
- We're planning another Saturday morning clean up at St. Mary's Cemetery, if you'd like to help, please contact Dennis Santarelli through the Holy Cross Parish office.
- Sunday, November 2nd, there will be a Mass of Remembrance at Holy Cross Parish for deceased family or other loved ones. The Knights will provide an honor guard for that event. Please join us.
- Could you use an extra \$10,000? Who couldn't? The Knights are holding their annual statewide "help a seminarian" raffle, first prize is \$10,000. Proceeds benefit future priests in training, (there are currently three men from our vicariate in the seminary). ~ For tickets, please contact John Cullen through the parish office at Holy Cross or Larry Swinyer through St. Matthew's parish office. Winners need not be present for either raffle.
- Also, our local council is holding its annual "Turkey Gobbler" raffle with proceeds going to a variety of charities we support. This raffle features all cash prizes. For tickets, contact any Knight or Larry Swinyer through St. Matthew Parish Office.
- Have you ever considered becoming a knight? If so, take the first step by going online to kofc.org/join, or scan the QR code here and in less than 10 minutes; you can be a part of us.



Look for "Knights Corner" news in future bulletins.

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.

Prospect Bank



If you would like to help families in need, consider making a donation to the Holy Cross Pro-Life committee.

You can donate by:

- on-line giving (see special area for Pro-Life with TJ's picture),
- in the collection basket (*please put your name and contact info, and that the \$ is for Pro-Life, or
- check (** please be sure to put Pro-Life in the memo line **)

For more info – please call Joy at 217 840-0322.

Thank you and God bless you!

Please keep everyone in your prayers!

~~~ New baby on the way ~ a new family to assist ~ ~~~some sad news ~~~

- We are about ready to have a new baby born – mom should be giving birth next week!
- We have a new family – a married couple with three children, two in diapers. We are trying to assist them with other services also
- And in sad news, one of the moms we helped so many years ago Diana, her 21-year-old son Keywaun died from some sort of accidental shooting. He was visiting relatives in Chicago, was having his hair cut and was shot. Please pray for his mom Diana, his dad and his family. Everyone is in shock.



Invitation:

Do you want to pray together? Join me!

Wednesdays - 1:00 pm at the
St. Matthew Adoration Chapel

Fridays - 1:30 pm at Holy Cross Adoration
Anytime after Mass, join me for a proper
Thanksgiving after Mass!

Joining together in silent prayer -
for dignity for the unborn, marginalized
and every human is a really good thing!

Want to help or know more?

Contact Joy Pace at 217 840-0322 or joypace@msn.com



HOLY CROSS FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIAL

Devall, Desmier, Jensen Families
Menke & Leahy Families
James, Marie, Paul, Joe, & Edward, Knoke
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 & LoGrasso Families
Ed & Jean Bown
Chuck, Chad, Meghan Schweighart
Larry Hausmann, Bob Soucie
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

Tangora & Kovera Families
William & Mary McMahon, Linda & Mike Wesolowski
McNamara & Mulcahey Family
Living & Dec. Mem. of Giuffre & Cacioppo Families
Boudreau & Arseneau Family
Aloysius J. Winka
Charlie & Evelyn Bell
Zeilenga Family
Rentfrow Family
Towner Family
Haggin Family
Rakers-Wade Families
Hershberger & Kick Families
Dec. Mem. of Cochrane-O'Brien families
Liv. & Dec. Mem. of Graham, Fellers & Gordon Family
John E. Sullivan Family

Theresa Brya
Birdie & Edward Cronau
Raymond Timpone
Maxine Timpone
Margaret B. Schwenk
Living & Dec. Mem. of Schwenk Family
Perodin Family
Menacher & Sizer Families
Leonard & Loretto Doyle
Alan & Patricia Berndt
Thomas McCarthy
Costello Family
Ron Murphy
Dec. Mem. of Murphy & Sullivan Families
Living & Dec. Mem. of Williams, Lykins, Barham Fam.
Dan Crawmer