

**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

On December 10, 1979, a very petite holy woman known as Mother Teresa of Calcutta spoke these words in her Nobel Peace Prize Acceptance Speech, "But I am sure in the families and many of our homes, maybe we are not hungry for a piece of bread, but maybe there is somebody there in the family who is unwanted, unloved, uncared, forgotten, there isn't love. Love begins at home. And love to be true has to hurt. I never forget a little child who taught me a very beautiful lesson. They heard in Calcutta, the children, that Mother Teresa had no sugar for her children, and this little one, Hindu boy four years old, he went home and he told his parents: I will not eat sugar for three days, I will give my sugar to Mother Teresa. How much a little child can give. After three days they brought into our house, and there was this little one who could scarcely pronounce my name, he loved with great love, he loved until it hurt. And this is what I bring before you, to love one another until it hurts, but don't forget that there are many children, many children, many men and women who haven't got what you have. And remember to love them until it hurts."

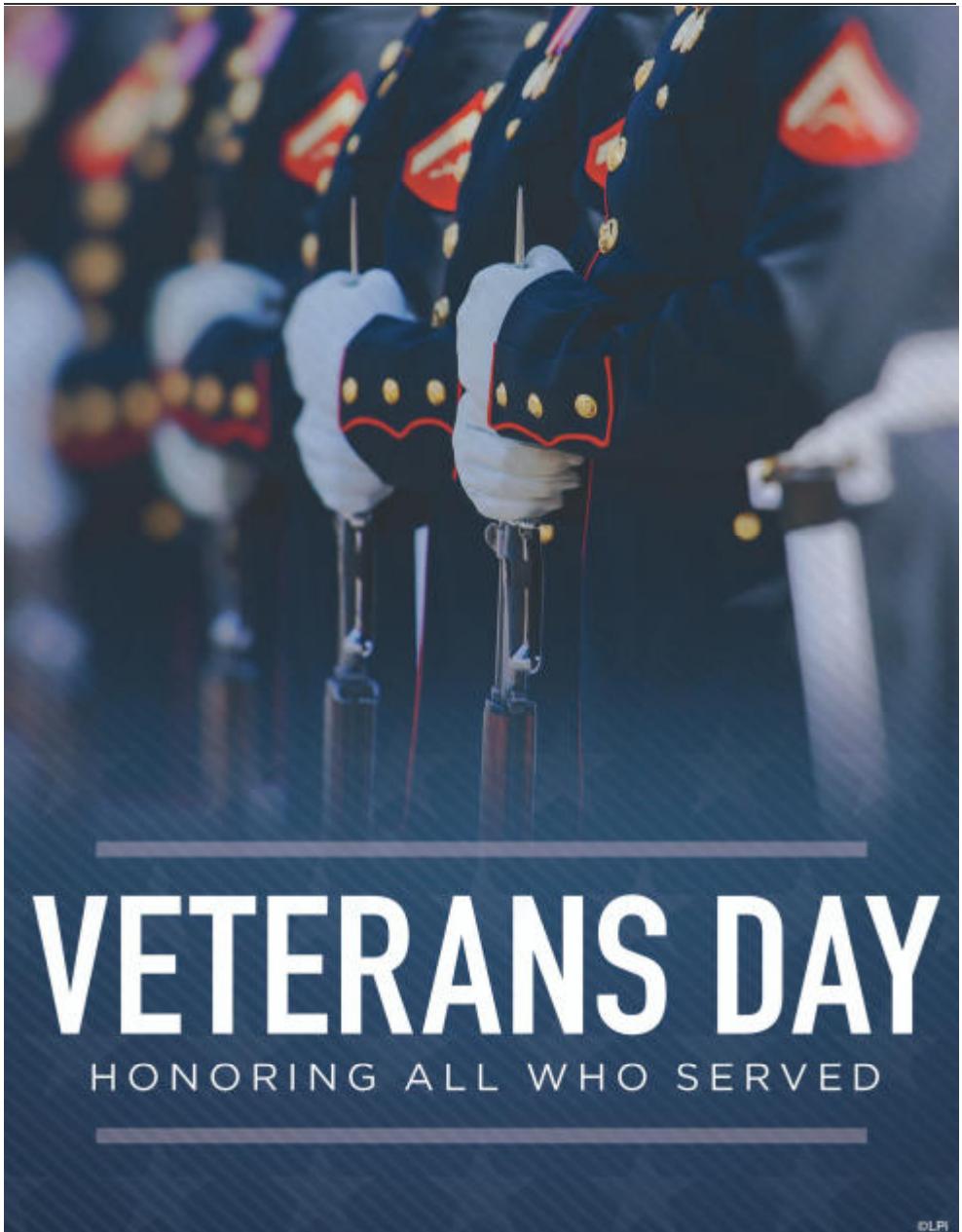
Living authentically and walking with holiness always involves sacrifice. It has to hurt. Only actions springing from true and deep sacrifice demonstrate true integrity. Without sacrifice, even what is apparently a generous gesture can be nothing. It is no wonder that the widow who contributed from her poverty received great admiration from Jesus and the young child in our story above the interest of Mother Teresa. It is easy to make the houses of our lives look like they are in perfect order when in fact they are in shambles within. Religion can sometimes make this hypocritical masquerade easy to accomplish. We can find ourselves in all the right holy places, reciting all of the correct prayers, participating in community collections, and reciting the proper doctrines only to find ourselves empty, shallow, self-focused, and overly anxious about personal concerns.

The one who learns to discover their inner poverty, their spiritual poverty, is the only one who can truly place him or herself at the mercy of God. It is only when we allow ourselves to be empty that we realize Who we actually need to fill us. This is the real meaning of trust. Many of us are afraid to take the plunge. We allow ourselves to detach from only so much, always keeping a watchful eye on the protection of our securities. We understand the value of poverty, but we do not want to become too poor. As long as we are able to recognize this tension, our reluctance to let go and our struggle, we can continue our journey of humbly learning how to love so deeply that it hurts. God understands and waits.

# Sacred Heart

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### MISSION STATEMENT

We the parish family of Sacred Heart, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit seek to bring all to a fuller understanding of God's love by teaching, praying, witnessing for Christ and service to one another. Through the sharing of our time, talents, and treasures, we shall build up the body of Christ in our local parish, deanery, archdiocese and the world.

## 2 Staff & Parish Info

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### Parish Secretary

Office hours.....M-F 8:30 am-4:30 pm  
Email.....shccsecretary@sbcglobal.net

### Eucharistic Celebrations

**Weekend:** Saturday 5:00 pm; Sunday  
7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 am

**Weekday:** Monday-Thursday 8:00 am;  
(Friday 8:00 am-Communion Service)

**Holy Day:** Day 8:00 am, 12:00 noon &  
7:00 pm

### Sacraments

#### Reconciliation

Saturday at 4:00 pm or by appointment.

#### Baptism

Held on 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month following the 11:00 am Mass.  
Baptism is an introduction to the Catholic way of life, attendance at Sunday Mass is an obligation which is not taken lightly. Baptism preparation will be held on the 1st Monday of each month. Call Fr. Mathew for Baptism preparation and Baptisms +(636-937-4662).

#### Marriage

Preparation class must begin at least six months in advance of date of marriage. Make an appointment with the priest .

#### Communion Calls

If you are unable to come to Mass for several weeks due to illness, contact the Parish Office for a visit.

#### Perpetual Adoration Chapel

Open twenty four hours a day in the Convent Chapel. If interested contact the Parish Office (636) 937-4662.

#### PSR Classes

Held at school every Wednesday evening during school year from 6:45-8:00 pm.

#### Bulletin Deadline

Announcements must be turned in to Parish Office by Sunday evening.  
Email.....shccsecretary@sbcglobal.net



### Greetings from the Pastor

'Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me...' was written by John Newton, a British, and an Anglican clergyman and a hymn-writer who served as a sailor in the Royal Navy for a period, and later as the captain of slave ships. He worked on slave ships in the slave trade for several years. Do you know the context of the song, which no doubt, must be one of the most sung Christian songs in the world?

On one of his trips on the sea with slaves, the vessel was caught up in storm and was on the verge of sinking. Newton prayed, "If you stop the storm and see me home safely, I will give up slave trading and will become your slave." God has His own way of hooking people back to do His job. The storm stopped, he was home safe! He kept his word. He gave up slave trading and became an Anglican clergyman, a preacher of the Gospel. Thus, Amazing Grace of God turned the slave trader in to God's slave.

The Lord leads us and guides the course of our life through turbulent sea each day. He guides our vessel of life from sinking in this turbulent world of illness, moral anarchy, transitioning value system and religiosity, individualism, and lack of commitment to anything - it is much different today from those good old days we grew up. The sea was much calmer then; the sail was a lot easier too. For us, the believers, God becomes the life jacket and the Church becomes the vessel. Jesus, the captain of the ship, steers our life in His amazing grace that we receive from the sacraments of the Church.

Every escape from a possible accident, healing from a terminal illness, or a near death experience is a second chance; the Lord is seeing us safely home. That moment of the sweet sound of the Unseen ushers us into the second phase of life, a life of conversion into a witnessing of the Gospel, like John Newton. Our existence has a purpose. Not everyone might get that second chance. God, in His wisdom, might see us safely into our heavenly home through some shipwrecks of life. That too is another phase of life, a life with God, the ultimate goal of Christian life. Death has a purpose too!

"When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun  
We've no less days to sing God's praise,  
Than when we'd first believed."

The grace of God amazes and surpasses life and death.

With love,

Fr. Mathew

*Dear God,*

I give thanks today for our veterans and their willingness to risk all for the sake of freedom. I pray You will bless them and their families. Protect them and heal them; comfort their hearts and grant them peace. May their dedication and honor never be forgotten.

*Amen*

## Vocation or Calling

### Question:

Can you explain what we mean by a vocation or calling? I have heard this term used in many different contexts and am not sure what it means. Does it apply to religious life?

### Answer:

A vocation or calling refers to a spiritual experience whereby a person senses within oneself the closeness of God and what he is asking in one's life. It is a realization of what one's part in God's plan could be. Vocation comes in all kinds of ways. Some are as dramatic as St. Paul's, being knocked off his horse, blinded, and hearing God's voice. Others are less dramatic, often occurring over time through little events and personal interests. Others happen in a hurry, accompanied by great spiritual insight or conversion. We often think that this applies to religious vocation, but in fact, every Christian has a vocation, a calling to serve others in and through the church. Whether married or single, religious or lay, we are all called to live out our baptismal commitment to preach and teach the Gospel message. Each of us has our role to play in God's plan, and we become coworkers with God in the work of redemption. With a little confidence, a willing spirit and God's grace, we can and will respond to his unique call.

## THE NATIVITY STORY

Join us at Sacred Heart on Dec. 24th at the 5pm. Mass and the reading of the Nativity Story called "The Christmas Tableau".

We need children 4-9 years of age to participate as shepherds, angels, sheep, cows, donkeys, I am looking into borrowing costumes, purchasing them or making them.

Fr. Mathew's idea is to have Mary and Joseph be a couple who already have a baby under 4 months. If we can't find anyone we will have the children take these roles.

For more information and/or to sign up to be part of the Christmas Tableau, please contact Karen Weber, 636-937-4662 or cell: 314-623-1139



## FESTIVAL CHOIR

It's not too late to join the Festival Choir! Consider coming to practices on Sunday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 in the church. We will sing for Mass on Christmas Eve. Ages High school on up are encouraged to share their singing with the parish. Ask Chris, the organist, if you have any questions.



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## Your Gift of Treasure

**Due to early submission of the bulletin, Oct 31 will be in the next bulletin.**



Sacred Heart Cemetery in Crystal City and Assumption Cemetery in Herculaneum will be removing all floral arrangements from the Cemeteries the week of November 7th, weather permitting. Anyone who has any arrangements they wish to save please remove them by November 6th and you can place them back after Sunday, November 14th. They will remove the floral arrangements from the monuments as well as the ground. Please inform anyone you may know that may not see this announcement. This clean up is done during the first full week of March and November each year.

As a reminder, no planting of flowers or bushes on grave sites is allowed and only two or less floral arrangements are permitted on a grave, preferably on the stone. The placement of any statues or shepherd poles are not permitted on the grave lots at any time.

## SPECIAL COLLECTION RETIRED RELIGIOUS

Today we will have the collection for the Retired Fund for Religious. Please be generous and remember their dedication to service and the Lord.

Thank you much!

# Thank You!

We would like to thank everyone who made our Quilt Bingo a Big Success! We would like to thank all the Kitchen Workers, those who made desserts, our Floor Workers, our Callers, those who sold cards before the bingo, and those who set up and took down the tables and chairs. We especially would like to thank our Quilters who put in many hours of labor making those beautiful quilts. Without them, we would never have been able to make it possible. We had 243 players.

**The Quilt Raffle Winners:**  
**Quilt: Mary Hacker**  
**\$100 Scrip: Kathy Robertson**

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

The office will be closed temporarily on Fridays until further notice.

- Knights of Columbus BB Gun Shoot
- Knights of Columbus Monthly BB gun shoot Friday Nov 5th starting at 6pm. Prizes include meat, cash rounds, kids prizes and ladies rounds. Kitchen is open so bring the family for a fun night out. All proceeds go to local charities.
- KC council #1230 at 316 N. Adams in Festus. 636-937-8138.

**November 7, 2021**  
**32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living. (Mark 12:43-44)*

Jesus gets right to the point – we are all called to give money to support the mission of the Church, regardless of our circumstance. No gift is too small or insignificant! Giving money to support the mission of our local parish is a matter of our faith, just like praying and participating in parish ministries. When you make a financial offering, is it from your “first fruits” or from what is “left over”?



## MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Saturday, November 13 at 8:00am there will be a Mass remembering our deceased loved ones who have died this past year and also years passed. A simple candle will be lit during mass, remembering those parishioners who have died this past year. If you would like a candle lit in memory of your loved one regardless of the year of death, please call the parish office at 937-4662 by Thursday, November 11.

## Remembrance Book

During the month of November we will once again have the Remembrance Book in front of the Sanctuary to list those who we wish to remember during this month of All Souls.



**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

### The Look

Have you ever made the mistake of telling your spouse that you’re out of something — only to see them respond with The Look? Then you realize it: of course, he or she knows you’re out of butter. They knew it before a butter shortage was even a blip on your radar.

We might go to the fridge and lament the complete lack of ketchup. Then someone moves a couple items and show us the ketchup that so savagely eluded us just moments before.

Sometimes, we all have “the look” when dealing with God. We tell Him our stores are empty. “I’m out, God! I can’t do any more! Can’t give any more. Can’t take any more. It’s all gone.” But we forget: God is the keeper of our stores. He is the one who fills them, and the one who watches as they empty.

See, we don’t know how much we are capable of loving. We don’t know how much we are capable of serving. We don’t know how much we are capable of hoping. We see everything with spouse eyes. Only our Creator truly knows the limits of His creation.

Do you ever make the mistake of telling God “I’m done”? Be careful the next time you do. Chances are, He’s far from finished working.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



## Adoration of the Lord Sacred Heart Adoration Chapel is OPEN and volunteers are needed.

"One need not say much to pray well, we know that Jesus is there in the tabernacle; let us open our hearts to Him, let us rejoice in His Sacred Presence. That is the best prayer."

We have **SEVERAL OPENINGS**. Please call **Terri Wolk at 314-620-7527** for more information.

Openings for the following hours are needed to be filled ASAP. This is a great way to give your time and talent to your Parish and The Lord!

**Monday:** 5:00am

**Tuesday:** 8:00am

**Thursday:** 11:00pm

**Friday:** 12:00am

**Saturday:** 7:00pm

8:00pm

9:00pm

10:00pm

**Sunday:** 4:00am

We are in need for someone to do every other Friday at 6:00pm. If interested please reach out to Terri Wolk.

## WE SAVED YOU A SEAT FOR A LIFE-CHANGING EVENT!

From November 7 - 11, **Mary, Mother of the Church** (5901 Kerth Rd.) will sponsor a parish mission called "**Change Our Hearts!**" The mission will be led by Redemptorist Priest Fr. Peter Schavitz, C.Ss.R., a former Mary, Mother of the Church pastor.

Over five nights, Fr. Pete will proclaim the Gospel through his own life, learning and experience. Each night explores faith topics such as the Bible, Crucifix, Ashes, Bread, and the Altar. The parish mission will be introduced at all weekend Masses on November 6 and 7 and each evening session will begin at 6:30pm in the church. For more information, call 314-894-1373.

All are invited. Invite a family member, friend, or neighbor to join us! Kids are welcome (childcare will be provided). Lights refreshments served afterwards. We look forward to seeing you!

## Dynamic Catholic, *Alive!* – Service

God again teaches the virtue of humility and service in the Christian life. Jesus advises us to reject the practices of the Pharisees who work so that they may be seen. Instead we should work quietly and humbly to accomplish what we have been commissioned to do and not merely to be seen by other people. There is great merit in toiling, persevering through difficult work with the sole purpose of serving God and our neighbors. When we work to be seen by others, our work loses its spiritual meaning. We must keep in mind that Christ tells us that we are the greatest when we serve most wholeheartedly and most selflessly. Another helpful Scripture passage for reflection is Colossians 3:17: "Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father." [archstl.org/dynamic](http://archstl.org/dynamic)

## 21st Annual Christmas Craft Bazaar

The St. Anne Sodality of St. Joachim Church in Old Mines are having their annual Christmas Bazaar, Saturday, November 13, 2021 from 9:00am-1:00pm. It will be held at the KC Hall in Old Mines.

For more information please call:  
Jayne Lawson 573-438-6446 or  
Phyllis Pashia 573-701-2008



First Saturday Devotion  
FOR WORLD PEACE  
A Redemptorist priest will have Mass and Confession for the First Saturday Devotions of Fatima at Sacred Heart Church, Crystal City on Saturday, November 6th at 8:30am and a taped program with meditations on the rosary.  
For more information please call  
314-420-7917.



St. Ann's Sodality Quilt  
Social Bingo  
Sunday, November 14, 2021  
Holy Rosary Activity Center  
716 E. Booneslick Rd Warrenton  
Doors open at 11:30 am  
Bingo starts at 12:30 pm  
Lunch will be available

For more information contact  
Barb Schneider at 636-456-3567 or Parish Office 636-456-3698 Ext. 1



# Ministry Schedules



## Ministry Schedule

### November 13th and November 14th

#### Altar Servers

5:00pm	Server Needed
7:30am	Tom Stoverink
9:00am	Brooklyn Buckner
11:00am	Luke Wren

#### Eucharistic Ministers

5:00pm	Sue Boyer
7:30am	Julia Hagan
9:00am	Dan Nicholson
11:00am	Terri Wolk

#### Lectors

5:00pm	Francie Wagner
7:30am	Shirley Perry
9:00am	Russ Hackmann
11:00am	Carolyn Hackmann
	Fran Nicholson
	Jeff Buckner
	Jessel Matlock
	Michelle Malaway

#### Scrip

5:00pm	Sue Boyer
7:30am	Carolyn Eisenbeis
9:00am	Genevieve Dabbs
11:00am	Ruth Burger



God our Father,  
you will never allow the powers of  
hell to prevail against your Church,  
founded on the rock of the apostle  
Peter.  
Let the prayers of Pope Leo the Great  
keep us faithful to your truth  
and secure in your peace.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your  
Son, who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.

### Readings for the week of November 7, 2021

Sunday:	1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Heb 9:24-28/ Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44
Monday:	Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10 [24b]/Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Wednesday:	Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Lk 17:11-19
Thursday:	Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175 [89a]/ Lk 17:20-25
Friday:	Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab [2a]/Lk 17:26-37
Saturday:	Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43 [5a]/Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday:	Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32

### Observances for the week of November 7, 2021

Sunday:	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time; National Vocation Awareness Week; Daylight Saving Time Ends
Monday:	32nd Monday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday:	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Wednesday:	St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
Thursday:	St. Martin of Tours, Bishop; Veterans Day
Friday:	St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr
Saturday:	St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
Next Sunday:	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, November 8

8:00am Peggy Evanik

### Tuesday, November 9

8:00am Robert Peery

### Wednesday, November 10

8:00am Nan Sansoucie

### Thursday, November 11

8:00am Glenda, Timothy &  
Michael Miller

### Friday, November 12

8:00am Prayer Service

### Saturday, November 13

5:00pm Karen Eisenbeis

### Sunday, November 14

7:30am People of the Parish  
9:00am Carol Krall  
11:00am Ed Jaskiewicz



### Tuesday, November 9

8:45am Legion of Mary RMR  
3:30pm RCIA RMR

### Wednesday, November 10

6:45pm PSR SC  
7:00pm PSR 7th & 8th Grade Parent Mtg SC Cafeteria  
7:00pm Neocatechumenal Way RMR

### Thursday, November 11

8:45am Quilters ANN  
6:00pm Quilters ANN

### Friday, November 12

7:00pm Neocatechumenal Way RMR

### Saturday, November 13

8:00am Remembrance Mass CH

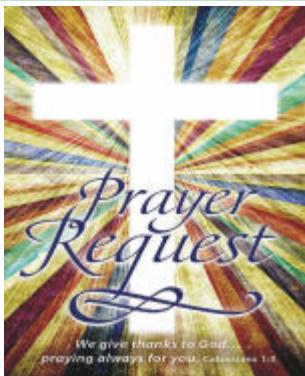
### Sunday, November 14

6:30pm Festival Choir Practice CH

Neocatechumenal Way date and time has changed from Sunday at noon to Friday at 7:00pm in the rectory meeting room.

# News and Notes

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## Young at Heart

The next meeting for the Young at Heart will be on Tuesday, November 9th at OL School Cafeteria. We begin our meeting with Pot Luck at 6:00 PM. Bring your luck as we will be playing some Bingo after a short meeting. Come early and enjoy an evening of good food and fellowship.



**Pray For Our Sick:** Your prayers are requested for the sick of the Parish. Please remember the many people who are suffering with cancer and various other illnesses in the hospitals, the Nursing Homes, as well as at home and **also remember** all those of the parish who are pregnant that they will have a safe delivery and a healthy baby. **Prayer Requests:**

Gina Allen	Marilyn Emily	Holly Martin	Millie Ritcher
Martin Ames	Kristine Fears	Nadine McConnell	Kathy Robertson
Agnes Baker	Tim Fears	Carol Turgeon- Miller	Steve Roth of Iowa
Matt Bequette	Sergeant Robert Paul	Joshua Miller	Linda Schmitt
Mary Breitbarth	Figge	Doris Moeller	Jeanette Smock
Carolyn Bridges	Jacob Finch	Cerita Munshaw	<b>Joe Sonnenschein</b>
Lucy Brindley	David Friesner	Ruth Nichols	Pat Spillers
Marian Charleville	Michael Frey	John & James Norris	Janene Spresterbach
Clare Coleman	Lori Hassel	Jax Okenfuss	Louise Spresterbach
Galena Coleman	Dorothy Hendrix	Jeff Osia	Patricia Swader
Francis Coleman	Traci Hendrix	Ashley & Jimmy	Juanita Swyers
Wendell Coleman	Mary Hill	Perrot	<b>Larry Turley</b>
Jacintha Davis	Phyllis Hill	Tim Perry	Wayne Turley
Diana DeClue	Shari, Bert &	Susan Peterein	Merrily Varone
Karen Dettmer	Andrea Horn	Miranda Pfaff	Leah Broyles Vogt
Angie Dill	Steve Jennings	Carolyn Pool	Al Walker
Mylissa Dornself	Joanne Johnston	Kathleen Portell	Henry Walker
Chris Doskocil	Carol Kaltenbronn	Geralyn Prior	Patty & Greg Ward
Joe Douglas	Carol Kestermont	Prosser Family	Rose Weeks
Leanne Doza	Don Linderer	<b>Coletta Reecht</b>	<b>Bobby Wilde</b>
Glen Elsworth	Joshua Lucas	JoAnn Reeves	Jordan Winkel
Joe Elsworth	Beth Mahn	Donna Riedy	Chuck Yount

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