

# St. Raymond-Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church

Detroit, Michigan

Sunday, July 4, 2021 thru Sunday August 1, 2021



## REFLECTIONS WITH FATHER MICHAEL : "WHAT IS IN A NAME?"

*We are the Catholic Community, multicultural family of St. Raymond-Our Lady of Good Counsel parish of Detroit. We share the love of Jesus by welcoming and serving friends and strangers, young and old, rich and poor. We are called to be the light of Christ in our neighborhood, strengthened by prayer and worship, especially the Eucharist.*

*We see ourselves as a rock in our community. We are dedicated to grow in unity with God and one another. We invite all to join with their time, talents and treasures in the journey toward building God's kingdom. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are dedicated to keep a Catholic presence in our neighborhood.*

**ST. RAYMOND-  
OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL  
PARISH**

*Adopted: June 26, 2011*

Happy 4th of July to all our parishioners, alumni, and friends! May we all be blessed during this special occasion and into the future! We thank the Lord for all His many blessings despite life's ups and downs. Through it all, the Lord remains good and wonderful. Let us, therefore, pause on this great occasion to bow in thanksgiving to God for the gift of this great nation, called AMERICA.

In the olden days when I was young, the name, AMERICA brought wonderful sentiments of a land liberty and compassion, richly blessed by God. Whenever I hear news of calamities and sufferings anywhere, AMERICA was always the first country to rush assistance to such needy people. It was truly incredible. The name, AMERICA, seemed to be synonymous with love and generosity. What a unique nation! Believe it or not, United States of America was, and to some extent, still is, the envy and admiration of other nations.

Shakespeare long ago asked, "What is in a name?" And he went ahead to answer his own question. We all remember his answer, do we not? According to him, "A rose by any another name would smell just as sweet." He was correct, of course. The name we give to a thing does not determine its essential nature. A rose would still be a beautiful and sweet-smelling flower regardless what name we choose to call it.

Does this mean that names are insignificant? Not at all! In African culture, names mean more than a label. They carry a message. For instance, the African name, Ngozi, means "God's blessing."

# Celebrating Our 80<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

**St. Raymond  
Our Lady of Good Counsel  
Catholic Church 1941-2021**



## **REFLECTIONS WITH FATHER MICHAEL :**

### **"WHAT IS IN A NAME?"** (continued from front cover)

People name their kids, Ngozi, if they found it hard to beget a child. When eventually the child is born, they name her, Ngozi, and she would be expected to be a blessing to the family. For me as a child growing up in Africa, the name AMERICA meant a lot to me. It brought to my mind images of a rich and generous nation, spreading freedom around the world. In other words, when "AMERICA" was mentioned, my mind goes to generosity and freedom. In other words, AMERICA was not a mere label, but much more.

The ancient Jewish culture also attached much importance in names. For the Jews of those days, names were more than means of identification. Instead, names embody deep meanings, and often convey powerful messages. For instance, Raphael in Hebrew means healer. Hence, the Angel Raphael was the healer of Tobit's blindness in the Book of Tobit. The same goes for the other names in the Old Testament, like Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Israel etc. They all mean something more than mere labels. When these names are mentioned, our minds go straight to the message the names convey.

John the Baptist is a typical example. When we hear that name, it isn't just a mere label, rather it conveys something about the owner of the name. It reminds us of the fore-runner of the Savior, and the one who actually pointed out the Redeemer to the waiting world, and also had the singular honor of baptizing the very author of Baptism himself.

My fellow reflectors and friends, seen from this light, names can embody something deeper and meaningful. They can point to something beyond mere labels. It is important to bear this in mind as we navigate the new terrain of Families of Parishes. We must ask ourselves, why are we now called FAMILIES OF PARISHES? Does this name mean anything, or is it a mere label and identification? In other words, do we really appreciate the significance and implications of being called Families of Parishes? Put in a simple way, do we realize that it means, our three former parishes of, Our Lady Queen of Heaven-Good Shepherd, St. Raymond-Our lady of Good Counsel, and St. Jude, are now Families of Parishes, and no longer individual, single, parishes. Like a family, they must learn to work together for the good of the entire family. Selfishness and narrow-mindedness must give way to cooperation and collaboratively ministry at all levels, including joint worship whenever need arises.

Families of Parishes means, the old order of one pastor to a parish is gone for good, and the new order of parishes sharing priests is now in place. Fortunately or unfortunately, nothing can be the same again. The old arrangement of one pastor, one parish, is now a thing of the past in the archdiocese of Detroit, and in many parts of the country. Therefore, the sooner we all wake up to this new reality, the better for our well-being. Without a doubt, the new arrangement has its challenges, as well as blessings. But, people may choose to focus only on the challenges, rather than the unfolding blessings – blessings of meeting and interacting with new people, cultivating new friendships, and sharing scarce resources etc.

Simply put, Families of Parishes means that all are to endeavor to work as family, navigating both the rough and smooth terrains, aware that witnessing to Christ Jesus remains our common quest. Every other thing is secondary. Our prayer today is, May the name, FAMILIES OF PARISHES, mean much more to us than mere label. Amen!

Have a blessed week and a wonderful month! And, again, happy 4th of July!!

FR. MICHAEL CHIDI NKACHUKWU

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THIS PERIOD OF

July 3—August 1, 2021

1. Parish office will be closed on Monday July 5 for the holiday weekend, and reopen Tuesday at 9am on July 6, 2021.

\*\*\*2. As announced previously, quarterly joint Parish Council and Finance Council meeting for each *Family of Parishes* in our group will take place this quarter as follows:

**St. Jude on Monday, July 12, at 7pm;**

**Our Lady Queen of Heaven-Good Shepherd on Tuesday, July 13, at 6pm;**

**St. Raymond-Our Lady of Good Counsel on Thursday, July 15, at 6pm.**

All Council members are encouraged to attend since these meetings might be the last before the transition to *Family of Parishes* joint Parish Council and Finance Council. Important transition issues will be discussed. Also, all the meetings will be in person, not by zoom. Mask wearing is recommended for the time being out of an abundance of caution. Thanks in advance.

\*\*\*3. The 2021 C.S.A. campaign is continuing with parishioners making their contributions or pledges. Many thanks to all who have already contributed something toward this year's C.S.A. May God's blessing rest upon you. It is hoped that others would emulate their example and contribute or pledge something for this year's campaign. Remember you can give directly to C.S.A. either by phone at **1-888-331-8695** or online at [www.givecsa.org](http://www.givecsa.org) (\*Please, provide the correct phone number and the online address here)

\*\*\*4. A beautiful 2007 Chevy Malibu, in good shape, with mileage, is for sale. Price is attractive and negotiable. Anyone who is interested may contact, Queen of Heaven parish office at 313-891-4553, or leave a message and phone number for a return call. It would be preferable to call during office hours (Monday- Thurs 9am-- 3pm).

\*\*\*5. As we prepare to conclude the year-long celebration of the *Year of St. Joseph*, the following Sundays and venues are earmarked for the conclusion of the special event with Benediction and Adoration as follows:

**Sunday September 12, at St. Raymond-OLGC; at 3pm;**

**Sunday October 10 at St. Jude at 3pm;**

**Sunday, November 14, at OLQH-GS, at 3pm**

Please, note that in these concluding parts, time for Benediction has been **moved up to 3pm**, instead of 6pm. A number of people said that 6pm was a bit late, because it was the time for family dinner for some folks. Kindly take note of this little change, and communicate the same to those who may not get, or read the church bulletin. We shall see how the change of time may impact participation in these concluding Benediction/Adorations. In the meantime, however, many thanks to those parishioners who participated in the first phase of the *Year of St. Joseph*. A good number parishioners didn't participate. Let's hope they would do much better this time. In the meantime, the *Prayer to St. Joseph* will continue as usual every Sunday before the final blessing at the end of Mass, as is being done now.

\*\*\*\*\*6. With the worst of the pandemic now behind us by God's grace, our *Families of Parishes* will resume the worthy practice of joining our sister-parishes during their big celebrations, especially annual celebrations or special fundraising events etc. To this end, some important celebrations are already lined up for the remaining months of this year, namely:

(a) **St. Raymond-OLGC annual Apple Festival on Sunday September 26.** The episcopal Mass for the three *Families of Parishes* will be at 10.30am, followed by raffle draws and light refreshments at the rear of the church. Please, everyone take note. On that day, **no other Sunday Mass will take place outside this special celebration.** In other words, all will worship at St. Raymond-OLGC in support and solidarity.

(b) **St. Jude** also is slated to **celebrate the feast of the patron-saint**, as well as the **80th anniversary of the parish on October 31.** Episcopal Mass at noon for the three *Families of Parishes* will highlight dual events, all things being equal. It is expected the noon Mass would be able to accommodate the parish alumni and some former pastors who would love to attend the great milestone. Refreshments/meals will be served after the Mass. However, any modification in this arrangement will be communicated to everyone. Thank you.

\*\*\*\*\*7. We are expecting that the **Commissioning Mass by Bishop Hanchon** for our **three Families of Parishes** will still take place as scheduled on **Sunday August 8, at 10am, at Our Lady Queen of Heaven-Good Shepherd church**, followed by lunch and presentations. Please, let's continue to get ready for this important event. If anything changes in the plan, all will be promptly notified. Meanwhile, a sign-in form will soon be circulated at the three parishes so that those who would be attending the event would sign up, as well as indicate their availability for lunch. This is necessary to have accurate counts. Also a name tag would be available for all participants. The occasion promises to be special and exciting, and Mass will be streamed for the last time for the folks who have not yet returned to regular Sunday Mass. As was done in the past, offering envelopes belonging to each parish would be returned to the appropriate parish, provided the church envelope is used.

8. Our next bulletin will be published on Sunday, August 8. That bulletin will highlight, among other things, the *Commissioning Mass* to be presided by the Bishop, and other activities. Watch out for that special edition, and make sure to save some for those that are home-bound. In the meantime, in keeping with the new structure of *Families of Parishes*, there will be some restructuring of staff postings and assignments before the end of September, to reflect our new reality. Please, let's keep this important exercise in our prayer.

**REPORT OF YOUR GENEROSITY FOR**  
**For the Weeks of June 6, June 13, June 20,**  
**June 27, 2021**

**Sat. & Sun. Regular Masses**

	#of Env.	Mass	Loose
6/06/2021	28	\$ 912.00	\$ 93.00
6/13/2021	29	\$ 803.00	\$ 138.00
6/20/2021	27	\$ 651.00	\$ 81.00
6/27/2021	23	\$ 906.00	\$ 17.00

**\$3,272.00(Mass)+\$ 329.00(Loose) = \$3,601.00**  
**Budgeted (\$1440/wk. x 4) = \$5,760.00**

**Thank you for your continued support and cooperation! Bless Your hearts!**  
**This financial summary only covers 25% of our entire yearly budget ...**

**Celebrating**  
**Our 80<sup>TH</sup>**  
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**Our Lady of Good Counsel**  
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**CLUSTER/COMPANION PARISHES OF**  
**ST. RAYMOND-OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL &**  
**OUR LADY QUEEN OF HEAVEN-GOOD SHEPHERD**  
 (LOCATED AT 8200 ROLYAT, OFF THE S.E. CORNER OF  
 OUTER DRIVE AND VANDYKE) OFFICE: 313-891-4553

**Pastor:** Fr. Michael Chidi Nkachukwu

**Associate Pastor:** Fr. Tyrone Robinson

*(Residence Our Lady Queen of Heaven Good Shepherd)*

**SAINT RAYMOND-OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL**  
 20103 Joann - Detroit, MI 48205

Phone: (313)527-0525 Fax: (313)527-977

PARISH E-MAIL: [infosaintraymond@gmail.com](mailto:infosaintraymond@gmail.com)

**Catechist (Hmong Community)**

Xai Lu Cha

**Development:** Carol Bissa

**Volunteer Parish Nurse**

**Spiritual Director:** Beryl Fletcher

**Secretary:** Alton James

**Minister of Music:** John Karski

**Bookkeeping:** Dave Elsey

**Maintenance:** Horace Pitts

**Lectors:**

**ORGANIZATIONS:**

**Altar Society:**

**Quilters:** Dolores

McHale (586)777-4144

**Choir, Dir:** John Karski

**THRIFT STORE**

Dolores McHale - (586)777-4144

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**313-372-0437**

Tues. 9:30-11:00 am - Thurs. 4:30-5:30 pm  
 in the Community Center.

Saturdays from 10 am to 1pm. In the Com.  
 Ctr. Donations are always welcome.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Xai Lu Cha

Hmong Catechist

Finance

Dolores McHale

Christian Service

Bob Selwa Stewardship/Adm.

Lynne Tighe

Member at Large

Henry Lazarecki

Member at Large

My Xiong

Hmong Com. Rep.

**COMMISSIONS:** Christian Service, Evan-  
 gelization, Worship, Stewardship, and  
 Religious Education

**St. Vincent De Paul News:**

We are still at work servicing the people through COVID-19 Pandemic. Not only do we have our Emergency Food Pantry. SVdP has also assisted and handled rental assistance, funeral expenses, furniture and clothing vouchers.

SVdP also has on hand some medical equipment for those in need... Wheel chairs, shower seats, walkers & more...

Please keep our Parish SVdP Conference in your prayers. We are always looking for new members to continue the 79 years of service and beyond to the

**WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR??? KNOW SOMEONE**  
**STRUGGLING??? SEE A VINCENTIAN AND TAKE**  
**THEM SOME FOOD.....**

**NEED HELP?? WANT TO HELP??**

**PLEASE CALL 313-372-0437**

**St. Vincent de Paul Conference**

**(St. Raymond-Our Lady of Good Counsel )**  
**Community Center , 20055 Joann Ave.**

**Want to make 2021 a better year for yourself and others ?...How about a Spiritual up lifting group that encourages a closer relationship with Our LORD thru prayer, readings, and works... What do I need to do? First of all day a Prayer...Lord what do you want me to do in this new year to make a difference. Come to a *St Vincent de Paul* session and experience the work that's being done for our Sisters and Brothers in need ..Then ask Our Lord is this "what You want me to do?" .The Request for help is growing....You are needed....Someone needs to answer the phone to listen to the needs to respond to the requests...to say a Prayer....The **PARISH** conference meets **Tuesday mornings 9-11:30and Thursdays 4:00-6:00...Give us a call 313-372-0437....or talk to Arland or Joann..after Mass....****

**MASK UP, LATHER UP, SLEEVE UP**



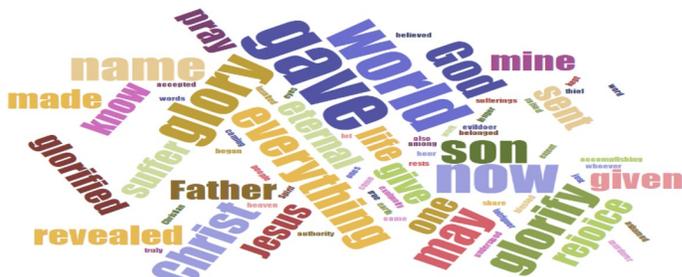
Pray for the Sick



Don Allen  
 Mary Allen  
 Andrea Allison  
 Joann Brown  
 Eilene Caponi  
 David Clinchoc  
 Jim Connor  
 Millie Connor  
 Diane Detloff  
 Denise D'Orazio  
 Jacqueline Dreary  
 Dustin Fielder  
 Beryl Fletcher  
 Ann Gabow  
 Anthony Gabow  
 Joan Gawron  
 David Gornowicz  
 Donna Grammatico  
 Lisa Gray  
 Gloria Janicki  
 Ray Klucens  
 Joan Lyczkowski  
 Carol McCloskey  
 Carol Mitchell  
 Long Moua  
 Dylan Nichols  
 Claudia Neubauer  
 Roberta Preston

Debbie Rissman  
 Rebecca Rozzell  
 Loretta Servo  
 Aime Marie Shoemaker  
 Fred Simpson  
 Mary Simpson  
 Essie Taylor  
 Mary Tunesi-Kowtun  
 Juanita Vazquez  
 George Wardell  
 Jackson, IV  
 Ruth Westrick  
 Minnie Wicks

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St. Raymond -



Millennium

Congratulations to all the June 2021 winners !

\$250 Winner

Sam 7 Karen Mada #0262

\$50 Winners

Dennis Balicki #1554

Ray Klucens #3325

\$25 Winners

Mary Toussaint #2122

Marge Rama #1927

Dennis Capa #1420

Madelene Mannino #2372



If you did not turn in your tickets in yet,  
 You still have 49 more chances to WIN!

Get your ticket today!

Please call the parish Office for additional tickets or  
 contact Carol Bissa at carol\_bissa@yahoo.com!

Next Millennium Drawing—July 14, 2021!!!

Good Luck!



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 AMERICA!

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**FREE** wheelchairs, walkers, crutches and potty chairs are available in the St. Raymond Our Lady of Good Counsel Community Center, 20055 Joann St., Detroit 48205 (two blocks south of Eight Mile, four blocks west of Schoenherr). The Community Center is the middle building between the church and the school. **Open on Saturdays 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM.** Also open **Tuesdays 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM,** and



**IN MEMORIAM**

MASS WITH THE INTENTION OF THE NAMES OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED LISTED BELOW, WILL BE CELEBRATED AT ST. RAYMOND—OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL ON THE FIRST TUESDAY AND THIRD FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 8:30 AM. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

Regina Adamek 12.04.1921—12.08.2013  
Edward Adamek 07.13.1920—12.31.2006  
Elizabeth Altermatt 03.17.1914—03.04.2007  
Joseph Altermatt 07.21.1911—02.06.2006  
Lillian Kaitz Altermatt 05.01.1935—03.05.2015  
Tony Altermatt 08.27.1949—04.16.2015  
Earl Ball 02.17.1908—12.08.1966  
Lillian Ball 10.08.1918—12.08.2005  
Gerald "Jerry" Baumgart 09.22.1932—09.29.2012  
Edward Benninger 02.23.1921—05.16.1999  
Helen Benninger 03.25.1920—02.05.2012  
Mario Biordi 05.01.1930—10.29.2005  
Adeline Brdak 10.06.1923—10.29.2013  
Helen Brockert 02.01.1926—01-09-2017  
Lenus Brockert 09.26.1924—01.01.2006  
Raymond Brockert 08.17.1948—11.25.2000  
Thomas Brockert 09.16.1952—03.31.2014  
Frances Cantin 10.26.1927—01.12.2010  
Robert Cantin 08.05.1926—08.11.1991  
Claude A. Caponi 03.25.1926—11.27.2010  
Ronald Caponi 09.28.1958—05.23.2016  
Agnes Clinchoc Stanley P. Clinchoc Stanley R. Clinchoc Stephen Clinchoc

Frank Constante Lottie Constante Olana Constante James L. Connor 05.20.1978  
Patricia Connor 8.12.1949—4.1.2020  
Susanne Connor 06.13.1944—12.30.1956  
Helen Connor Whalen 06.05.1945—03.19.2017  
Daniel J. D'Orazio 01.07.1954—07.13.1999  
Amada Dizon 08.09.1950—12.06.2012  
Mary Fante 05.26.1913—02.12.2007  
Raymond Fante 02.23.1911—02.10.1979  
Edward Groll 10.17.1926—02.06.2009  
George Groll, Sr. 03.23.1928—06.12.2005  
James Groll 06.19.1929—02.14.2009  
Mark Gruca 12.30.1957—06.28.2012  
Darlene Guzdziol 04.12.1939—05.26.04  
Emily Guzdziol 06.06.1915—04.11.2006  
Joseph Guzdziol 01.05.1912—11.13.1980  
Earl Hesidence 2.26.1903—6.26.1968  
Rose Hesidence 4.23.1913—11.2.2014  
Judith D. Iskra 04.22.1941—04.17.2005  
Henry Jamroz Lillian Jamroz Generoso M. Jaramillo 07.03.1919—05.27.2012  
Rizalina B. Jaramillo 12.29.1923—02.25.2017

Edna Jaramillo-Guillermo 03.17.1955—04.10.2019  
Geraldine Jaworski Clemens (Rocky) Karski 08.23.1917—07.01.2008  
Marie Karski 09.30.1923—03.06.2001  
Bill Klucens 03.08.1921—07.22.2011  
Edna Klucens 06.17.1921—12.04.2010  
John Kociemba 05.28.1927—03.11.2014  
Margaret Kociemba 12.17.1928—11.04.2016  
Charles Koskos 1915—1961  
Charles S. Koskos 07.23.52—09.01.2018  
Eugena (Peggy) Koskos Randazzo 1924—2016  
Jack Kranik Jenny Kranik Earl J. Lange 01.18.1920—09.10.2011  
Florence Lange 10.5.1920—12.02.2001  
Marijean Edwards Levering 2.20.1974—7.27.2017  
Virginia "Ginny" Magreta 09.28.1933—6.10.2019  
Alfreda Makowski Stanley Makowski Catherine McCloskey 03.25.1927—06.25.2018  
Ronald McCloskey 12.04.1926—05.04.2016  
James E. McHale 12.06.1928—02.04.2015  
Larry McHale 09.06.1963—10.11.1984  
Amber McMann 11.5.1984—12.10.2019  
Mary Jean McMann Barney Olex 06.12.1920—11.20.2011

Gertrude Olex 03.10.1918—11.05.2001  
James Staley Pelc 4.06.1973—12.22.2018  
Michele Rautenberg 7.31.1952—1.31.2021  
Patricia H. Rautenberg 01.29.1926—03.19.2008  
Ralph A. Rautenberg 04.21.1924—02.07.1992  
Joseph Reuter 01.18.1898—05.31.1959  
Helen Reuter 03.10.1933—07.10.1979  
Theresa Reuter 09.13.1904—03.27.2005  
Joseph Siewcki Mary Siewcki Virginia Siewcki Kenneth Skowronek 05.16.1958—11.30.2014  
Lucy Skowronek 01.17.1932—09.09.2008  
Edmund Slowinski 09.01.1918—09.26.2003  
Sonja Slowinski 10.01.1922—02.01.2007  
Amelia Stepien 06.29.1922—12.20.2013  
Joan Stepien 02.20.1961—04.21.2016  
Rudolph J. Stepien 02.21.1918—05.05.1994  
Jason Stewart 03.08.1979—04.28.2014  
John Stewart 07.17.1960—02.09.2004

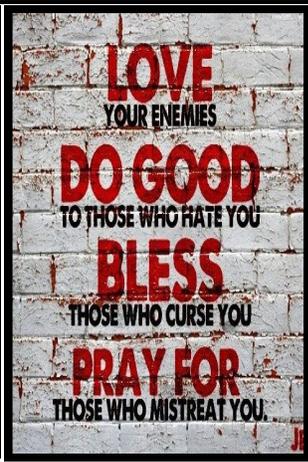
Walter Szymanski 05.05.1918—03.13.1989  
Ludmila Szymanski 03.05.1918—05.22.2002  
Mary Trocino 11.29.1923—12.21.2011  
Robert Tumavitch 08.22.1939—03.16.2010  
Albert Tunesi 7.28.1926—5.13.2018  
Arthur Tyll 07.03.1930—11.30.2006  
Brian Tyll 09.23.1957—12.28.2015  
Cathy Tyll 07.31.1930—03.23.2009  
Dave Tyll 08.21.1958—11.1985  
Larry Tyll 09.03.1959—06.03.1997  
Steve Tyll 06.11.1955—07.24.1980  
Archie Tyll 05.22.1966—09.09.2000  
Robert Eric Urban 10.23.1966—09.10.2016  
Harry Westrick 10.18.1919—10.14.2015  
Josephine Wierzbinski 03.19.1916—01.01.1979  
Raymond Wierzbinski 08.06.1914—03.31.2010  
Irene Wojcik 05.27.1919—04.02.1986  
Martin Wojcik 10.19.1917—05.05.1992  
Barbara Zaharek John Zaharek Johnnie Zaharek Steve Zaharek

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