

The Saint Joseph Journal

Form Community. Share the Good News of Christ. Be Witnesses for Christ in Everything We Do.

Though our situation is setting unprecedented limitations on our liturgies, prayers, gatherings and the Sacramental life of our Church, we will offer all the Holy Week Masses, to be taped: Palm Sunday Mass with the blessing of the palms and Passion reading; Holy Thursday Mass with the washing of the feet, presentation of sacred oils,

procession of the Body of Christ and stripping of the altar; Good Friday Service with the Passion reading, prayers for the universal church and all peoples and creation, reverencing of the cross, Communion, silence; Easter

Service with the blessing of the candle, welcoming individuals into the church, blessing of water, joyful music. Hopefully we can bring the joy of our faith in some manner to our respective lives and homes. Let God prevail as only He can, and may we be a grateful people for what we can share, what we believe, and the hope we bring into the world that is often beyond our understanding.

May I share some musings with you as we

Our Parish

By Fr.
Tim
Johnson



enter Holy Week, the warmth of Spring, the hope of graduation and ever evolving presence of nature, beginning with this

writes:

"I had just finished my paper route on Easter morning. As I passed Saint Gall's church, the sun was coming up. I didn't intend to go in for Mass, because I was in the midst of a teenage rejection of the Church. Then it happened! The sun hit the big silver cross in front of the church. I

couldn't take my eyes off it. Its fiery brightness made me realize how the apostles must have felt on the first Easter. An unseen force directed my feet up the church steps. I went in, knelt down, and prayed. For the first time in my life, I understood what

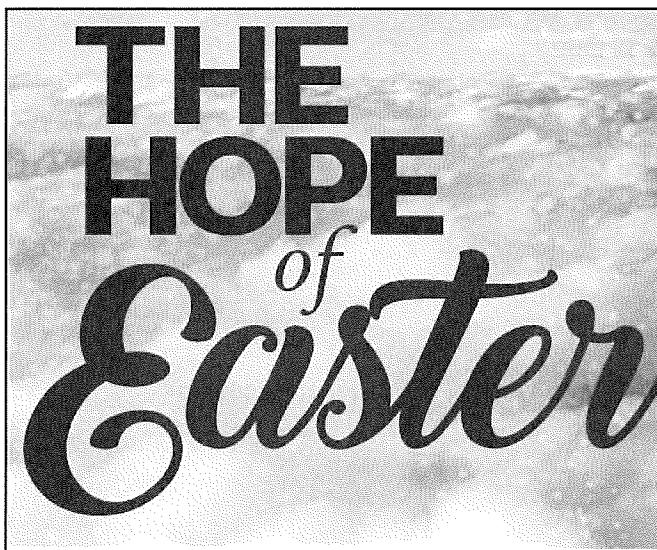
Easter was all about." (slightly adapted)

What does Easter mean to me?

What was my most memorable Easter?

"The Gospels do not explain Easter, Easter explains the Gospels." (J.S.

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reflection pertaining to this great feast of Easter we are about to celebrate regardless of the conditions around us.

"When John looked into the empty tomb of Jesus, he saw and believed." (John 20:8)

A high school student

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Accrual Basis

Saint Joseph Catholic Church
Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison
 As of February 29, 2020

	<u>Feb 29, 20</u>	<u>Feb 28, 19</u>
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
11000 · CASH	349,782.46	215,016.25
12000 · INVESTMENTS	512,518.65	492,963.15
Total Checking/Savings	862,301.11	707,979.40
Total Current Assets	862,301.11	707,979.40
Fixed Assets		
18000 · FIXED ASSETS	3,364,844.43	3,364,844.43
19000 · ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	-501,968.01	-501,968.01
Total Fixed Assets	2,862,876.42	2,862,876.42
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>3,725,177.53</u>	<u>3,570,855.82</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Other Current Liabilities		
22000 · PAYROLL LIABILITIES	1,473.73	1,145.93
24000 · FUNDS HELD FOR OTHERS	205.00	9,654.05
Total Other Current Liabilities	1,678.73	10,799.98
Total Current Liabilities	1,678.73	10,799.98
Total Liabilities	1,678.73	10,799.98
Equity		
31000 · UNRESTRICTED FUND BALANCE	3,473,251.66	3,314,213.68
32000 · PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED FUND ...	110,838.70	110,838.70
33000 · TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	15,602.21	15,602.21
Net Income	123,806.23	119,401.25
Total Equity	3,723,498.80	3,560,055.84
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>3,725,177.53</u>	<u>3,570,855.82</u>

Saint Joseph Catholic Church Profit Loss Prev Year Comparison

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Finance Council

The St. Joseph Finance Council met Thursday, March 12, 2020, in the parish office. Fr. Tim Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. and lead the group in prayer. The following were in attendance: Fr. Tim Johnson, Lay Directors Pam Fisher and Chris Stein, Council Members Tony Peschong, Chad Harms, Steve Anderson, Connie Jones and Marcy Wittrock and Financial Secretary Susan Reiser. Absent and excused was Jim Baumgard. The minutes from the Nov. 5, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Peschong moved with a second by Anderson to approve the minutes. All ayes. Carried. Newly appointed Finance Council member Marcy Wittrock was welcomed.

Projects Update

Gutter Project: Fr. Tim reported ice on the roof has damaged the new copper gutters. The installing company has been notified and will be inspecting the situation in the near future.

Bell Tower: Fr. Tim updated the group on the bells/clock tower project. Verdin has installed a new motor that allows digital updates. Additional electric work will be made in the near future.

The Globe: Reiser reported this is the final year of paying for unpaid parishioner subscriptions. A bill for \$1,707 has been paid.

TAO: The Diocese has indicated that St. Joseph will owe a little more than \$10,000 to the "Together As One Campaign," formerly the diocesan annual appeal.

Parish: Fr. Tim mentioned that he felt St. Joseph Parish needs to support Zach Jones, a seminarian student in his second year of study in Italy. After discussion, Anderson moved with a second by Harms to support Jones on a monthly or semester basis. The amount is to be determined by Finance Members on an electronic basis in the near future. Connie Jones abstained from voting. All ayes. Carried.

Haiti/Peace and Justice: Fr. Tim asked that bank account balances of Peace and Justice and the Haiti Committee be reviewed. As of March 12, 2020, Peace and Justice had \$17,692.35 in their account with Haiti's account totalling \$13,791.08.

Centennial Costs: Reiser outlined estimated Centennial Celebration Costs. Special Edition Centennial Photo Books will be available for sale to those parishioners who did not have their photo taken for the book and others that may want a collection of old time photos and information. Commemorative crocks will be available for sale. Fr. Tim is in charge of having prayer cards printed. The meal on Sunday, July 26, from 11 to 1, will cost \$10 and should result in little or no cost to the parish.

Future meetings: The Finance Council is required to meet at least quarterly. The following calendar was announced: Meet May 14 for budget discussion, meet in June to approve budget, meeting Sept. 10 and Nov. 12 and any additional dates as needed.

Fisher moved with a second by Harms to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m. All ayes. Carried. The next meeting will be held in May 14, 2020, 5:15 p.m. This meeting may be electronic.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Reiser

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Finance Secretary

For Your Information

March Statistics

(as of March 20, 2020)

Baptized in Christ:

None

Deaths

Tom Rieck

Died: Feb. 26, 2020

Buried: Feb. 29, 2020

Joan Langel

Died: Feb. 28, 2020

Buried: March 5, 2020

Weddings

None

KC's begin Helping Hands Program

The Knights of Columbus has initiated a new project under the Community Activity area called "Helping Hands". This is for anyone in the Parish who needs some extra help. Little project – big project. Inside – outside. Transportation. Our brochure gives suggestions of what we will help and assist with. But, it is your need that our hands will reach out and help you with. Contact Terry Abbas 330-9131. John Heller 330-4371 - Text preferred. Watch the bulletin for more information on "Helping Hands".



Fr. Tim

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God Bless, Fr. Tim

Following is a poem written by Mother Teresa scrolled on the wall a room of her humble abode ministering to children in Calcutta, India.

"People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centered.

Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives.

Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies. Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and sincere people may deceive you.

Be honest and sincere anyway.

What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight.

Create anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous.

Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, will often be forgotten.

Do good anyway.

Give the best you have, and it will never be enough.

Give your best anyway.

In the final analysis, it is between you and God.

It was never between you and them anyway.

~Mother Teresa~

And my parting muse consists of my ol friend, Mark Twain, commenting on the gift of this season of Spring.

"It's spring fever. That is what the name of it is. And when you've got it, you want—oh, you don't quite know what it is you do want, but it just fairly makes your heart ache, you want it so!"

Easter Blessings to you and your family,

Fr. Tim

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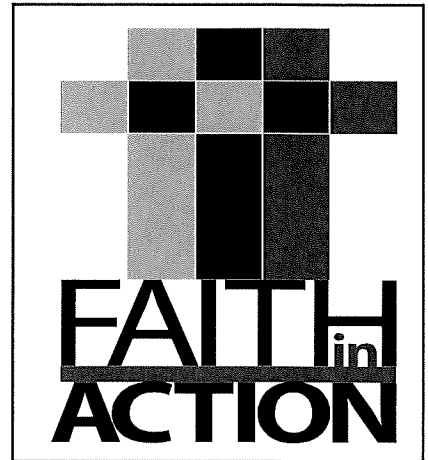
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the 20th of the preceding month.*

Together In Faith

By Sharon Mayer
Director of Faith Formation

April is typically a beautiful month. The time we look for trees to show signs of new life as well as flowers shooting up to show their colors. The month of the diamond and daisy they say. I like diamonds; happen to have a few. That would be appropriate since April is the month of my birth. I am a Taurus, the bull. Traits are loyalty, compassion, stubbornness, and honesty. Sometimes I read those horoscopes and laugh. Sometimes though- they seem accurate. We are who we make ourselves, no matter what sign of the Zodiac we might fall under. Following a zodiac prediction is like following a fortune in a cookie. Do you really want to put your future in that? I think not, but it is comical.



This month is usually busy with the conclusion of Religious Education. However, this year it ended abruptly in March with the coronavirus pandemic. I would like to acknowledge the dedication and work of our volunteer Catechists that have shared their time and knowledge with our students. We would not have a program without them. Thank you so much for your efforts. I also would like to thank my office assistant and snack lady who do way more than that. With everyone working together and being where they need to be when they need to be there is what makes my world go 'round'. I hope all of them feel as important to this parish as I feel they are. Kindness is like a circle that has no bounds. The more you give it, the more it will come around.

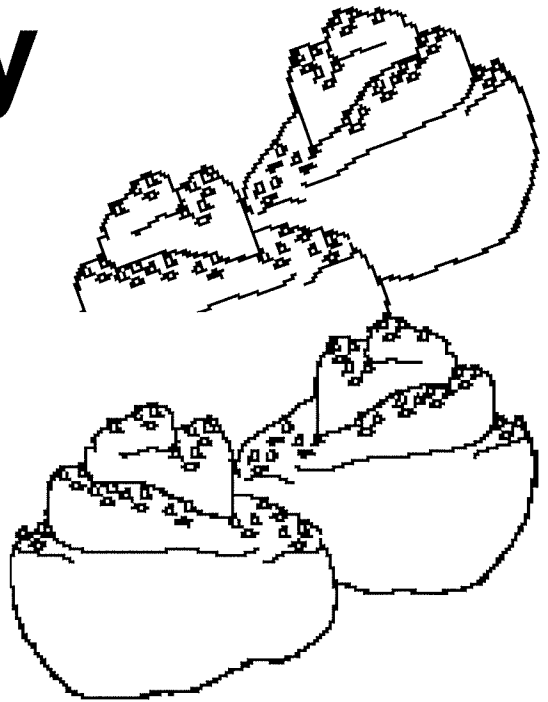
All of our planned activities for this month have been cancelled as many of you know by now. That will probably not stop children looking forward to Easter Sunday with the coloring of eggs, Easter bunnies, baskets of goodies and perhaps a new Easter outfit. Families will probably still get together even if it is a little different this year. We don't dress up like when I was young but it sure is fun to have that expectation of a new spring outfit. At some point in the future we will be anticipating First Communion which is postponed until it is safe to have that. We have 10 students this year to make this very important Sacrament. The Bishop will be rescheduling Confirmation.

When May arrives, I hope to have better news to write about, but I guess that all depends... I ask that you all pray very hard for the end of this pandemic that has disrupted our every day lives worldwide. If nothing else good comes of it, I know we should not take what we have for granted as it can change so rapidly.



Memorial Day Weekend Cinnamon Roll Event

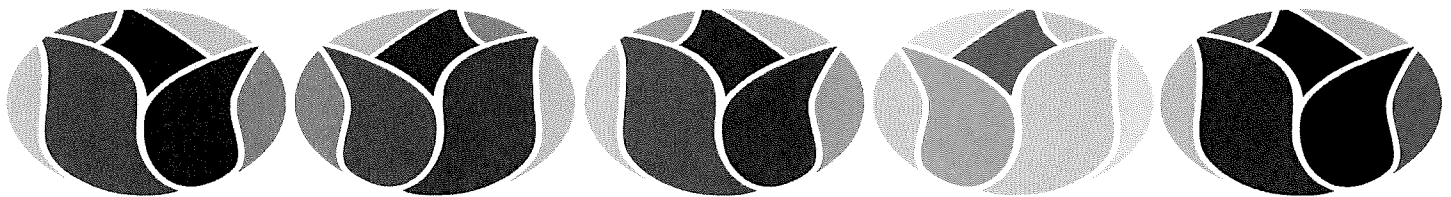
sponsored by the
Rosary/Altar Society



The Work Schedule:

- ✓ **Bakers:** Loretta Halbur, Faith Garcia & Patti Scott
- ✓ **Frosters:** (9 a.m. Sat., May 23)
- ✓ **Packing Ladies:** (Sat., May 23 @ 2 p.m.) (Need 3)
- ✓ **Sellers at 4 p.m.:** (3:30 Sat., May 23) (Need 3)
- ✓ **Sellers at 5:30 p.m.:** (5 p.m. Sat., May 23) (Need 3)
- ✓ **Sellers at 7:30 a.m.:** (7 a.m. "Just In Case" Sun., May 24(2)??)
- ✓ **Sellers at 9 a.m.:** (Sun., May 24 @ 8:30 a.m.)
(Need 2)

CDA Spring Salad Luncheon and Style Show



Saturday, May 30 (tentatively)

St. Joseph Parish Center

Doors open at 11 a.m.

Lunch at 11:30 a.m.

Fashions by "Sara At Elegance"

\$10/person

Raffle

Celebrating 100 Years: 1920-2020

SAVE
THE DATE



**Saint Joseph Catholic Church, Milford, IA, will
celebrate their Centennial July 25-26, 2020.**

Plan to be a part of this historic event!

Saturday night, July 25, 2020

All St. Joseph School Reunion Social

5-7:30 p.m.

St. Joseph Parish Center

Sunday, July 26, 2020

Centennial Mass at 10:30 a.m.

With Bishop Walker Nickless

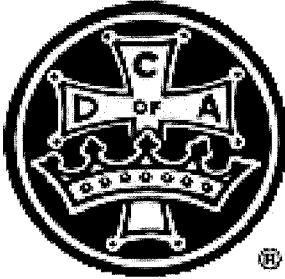
Roast Beef Dinner to follow

Program at 1:30 p.m.

Refreshments to follow.

**CELEBRATING
100 YEARS**

Catholic Daughters News



Minutes from February 25, 2020 meeting

Following a delightful meal featuring all the customary Mardi Gras favorites, Darlene opened the meeting at 6:25 p.m. Following the pledge and opening ode, roll call of officers show 4 officers and 10 members present. The minutes from the January meeting were approved by general consent. Darlene read correspondence. The treasurers report was given and approved by general consent. Bill presented include: \$20.00 to Cheryl for soup for the retreat; \$33.37 to Darlene for soup for the retreat and rolls for the office staff; \$8.00 for past regent dues and \$10.00 for mass for Gordy Graves.

Motion by Ramona and seconded by Linda for approval for payment.

Financial secretary Julie showed we have 36 paid members with dues for 2020 now payable.

Chairman reports: Healing mass has been moved to March 12 with Loretta in charge. Linda and Ramona reported on a very successful Layette drive with items delivered to Birthright, LRH, and Catholic Charities.

Circle of love report were given

Old Business: proceeds of ½ the profit from the Fall Food Drive were delivered to the Food Pantry, the pre-Lenten retreat was a success with 40 women in attendance. Our spiritual bouquet for Fr. Schott was delivered by Darlene and Darlene and Susan will begin working on the flyers for the salad luncheon. Tammy and Deb J will be working on the raffle items and asked members to think about donations.

New Business: We elected Darlene to be our delegate to the National Convention. Patti may be our other delegate and we are also allowed 4 alternates if anyone is interested. Please talk to Darlene if you are. More details in March. Our next CDA mass will be April 25th at the 4:30 mass.

Good of the Order: Loretta read a prayer entitled "Jesus, help me".

Darlene thanked tonight's lunch committee, gave the announcements of future items. The meeting was adjourned at 7:18.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Aumer

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Knight News

By Don Breuker



St Joseph Council 7284

March Review – 2020

Reflections from the Knights of Columbus 7284 Council: The Coronavirus with its potential ramifications is a very sobering event that we are going to experience. We are going to have a test of a lifetime for us young people that none of us probably never have experienced. We are going to have to make some adjustments in our lifestyles. We will actually have to make sacrifices. We do have a choice on this. It is our decision, to think about others and about ourselves. We are going to find what we are made of. We are going to find out what kind of a Knight and Council we truly are. We are going to find out what kind of Parish we really are. With an event like this brings all sorts of opportunities and hope for us. We have opportunity to really reach out to others and help. Physical, financial, emotionally and spiritually. There is a lot of positive that can, and will happen, if we want. Again, we have a choice. It is our decision.

Helping Hands from the Knights: A new program that was being developed this winter is here. And, here just in time for the event we are going to experience. Susan prepared an 'ad' that is in the Journal somewhere.

Helping: The Knights are here and ready to provide help those in need. Do you need groceries? We will go grocery shopping for you. We will take you grocery shopping. Do you need some help around the house changing a light bulb? When spring comes, we will help with some of the yard work. With no school, do you need meals picked up and delivered? Need a ride for a doctor's appointment? We will help. Also, be considerate of us not to expose us.

Hands Contact Text or Call Terry Abbas 330-9131 John Heller 330-4371 – Prefer Text Or contact any member of St Joseph Council 7284 Knights of Columbus

As this is being put together, there have been numerous e-mail exchanges on ideas. We will try to keep Knights up to date with e-mails and the Parish Family through the Parish Office side. Our Parish website is being updated with information. www.stjosephilford.org The KC e-mail is: stjokc@gmail.com Two other phone numbers (cell) to call or text: Chris Jones – 712-330-1709. Don Breuker – 712-461-1321. The Council is looking into a modified food drive. We are going to be accepting cash donations to be used to help. The parish office will be our contact spot. Parish Office – 338-2274. We are in the beginning organizational stages so be patient with us. We will help.

Scholarships: Through the Council we have 4 scholarships of \$500 each that we will present. The due date was the 23rd of March. We will be flexible. If you want an application contact Bob Moore (320-4483) or the Parish Office (338-2274). If you have not delivered your application to school or the office, call Bob Moore or the Parish Office and let us know that you want to be considered. We will make arrangements directly with you for getting the application.

March Activities: All are Postponed

April Activities: Postponed for the time being.

Pray. Pray. Pray. Be safe. Be thoughtful.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

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|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Erin Frerichs | 14 Becky Wittrock | 27 John P. Harmelink | 30 Grace Christensen |
| 1 Nicholas Langel | 15 Dustin Abbas | 27 Sharon Mayer | 30 Ron Kolegraff |
| 1 Doug Svoboda | 15 Natalie Matthews | 27 Barbara Woodley | 30 Jarold Krogman |
| 1 Courtney Wittrock | 15 Brian Petersen | 28 James Higgins | |
| 2 Jeanette Baack | 16 Lois Crane | 28 Casey Jones | |
| 2 Angela Matthews | 16 Lester Janssen | 29 Cecelia Bender | |
| 3 Frances Anderson | 16 Douglas Kratz | 29 Tayler Berglund | |
| 3 Doreen McCabe | 16 David Langel | 29 Holt Hunziker | |
| 3 Donna Snyder | 16 Jo Martin | 29 Asher Knudtson | |
| 4 Kristen Mueggenberg | 16 Matt Richter | 30 Erin Akin | |
| 5 Bonnie Berte | 17 Marge Wollner | | |
| 5 Pat Rolfes | 18 Mary Lack | | |
| 5 Hannah Schlueter | 19 Kayleigh Anderson | | |
| 6 Sherry Titterington | 19 Trinity Anderson | | |
| 7 Liam Knudtson | 19 Lynnette Cook | | |
| 7 Kyle Ruble | 19 Barb DeMuth | | |
| 7 Jollene Sporrer | 19 Jonathan Hansen | | |
| 8 Tammy Delaney | 19 Abby Walleck | | |
| 8 Merlin Wuebker | 20 Eliana Creswell | | |
| 9 Billi Feller | 21 Kaitlyn Kraninger | | |
| 10 Megan Haisman | 21 Ashley Richter | | |
| 10 Irene McCoy | 21 Joy Roetzel | | |
| 10 Bonnie Simonson | 21 Zada Simpson | | |
| 11 Sara Allen | 22 Linda Breuker | | |
| 11 Clara Forney | 22 Rachel Neeman | | |
| 11 Dalton Kilgore | 23 Scott Berglund | | |
| 12 Carol Anderson | 23 LaDonna Janssen | | |
| 12 Les Banwart | 23 Tim Pieper | | |
| 12 Jeanette Keller | 23 Olivia Rohlk | | |
| 12 Jennifer Kraninger | 23 Katie Slater | | |
| 12 Joshua Miller | 25 Joseph Berg | | |
| 12 Linda Thiesen | 25 Aleah Buhrman | | |
| 13 Diane Albers | 25 Todd Haisman | | |
| 13 Ed Packebush | 26 Lori Anliker | | |
| 13 Herman Richter | 26 Myrna Herbers | | |
| 13 Leona Spieker | 26 Koltan Kollasch | | |

April 2020						
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Celebrating 
An Anniversary This Month

- 1 - Phil and Jan Nau
- 4 - VerDon and Donna Schmidt
- 5 - Robert and Deb Faulkner
- 6 - Steve and Jane Christensen
- 6 - Terry and Judy Kramer
- 7 - Bob and Marilyn Higgins
- 8 - Kyle and Becky Clark
- 8 - Cheryl and Roger Moss
- 8 - Jeff and Jan Zwagerman
- 11 - Gary and Janice Pithan
- 15 - Chad and Lisa Loreth
- 16 - Matt and Kris McHugh
- 16 - Duane and Tammi Schnetter
- 17 - Kyle and Becky Clark
- 17 - Adam and Benita Nelson
- 17 - Jarret and Brooke Smith
- 18 - Jim and Laurie Murray
- 22 - Mike and Sally Clark
- 23 - John and Linda Higgins
- 27 - Bob and Kathy Eilers