



ST. LAWRENCE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH SANDOVAL, ILLINOIS

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 14, 2025

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Ladies Sodality President

Mary Williams



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@ Community of Hope

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE: St. Lawrence: Sunday-8:30 am – Thursday-8:30 am - Holy Day Vigil-6:00 pm

St. Mary-Centralia: Saturday-4:00 pm – Sunday-10:30 am – St. Mary-Carlyle: Saturday-4:30 pm-Sunday-10:00 am

St. Teresa-Marydale: Saturday-7:30 pm – Sunday-8:00 am

Reconciliation: Before Sunday Mass 8:00 am - 8:20 am.

Baptism: Contact the office for Baptism preparation.

Marriage: Contact Pastor at least six months in advance.

Anointing of the sick: Available as needed and at Mass twice a year.

Communion for the homebound: Contact Pastor or call the office.

Religious vocation: For inquiries, contact Pastor

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MASS INTENTIONS

Dec 14 Ron Clark
Donna Stack

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

December 07, 2025

Envelopes	\$1,783.00
Loose	119.00
Building Fund	230.00
Christmas Flowers	170.00
Needy	35.00
Christmas Offering	40.00
Immaculate Concept	95.00
Thanksgiving	1.00
Mass Intentions	170.00
Shalom	65.00
Retire Religious	35.00
Hall Rental	85.00

Attendance – 104-

Thank you for all
your donations.

LITURGICAL ROLES

December 14, 2025

SERVERS: Loren Pepples II
Brenda Schaubert

GREETERS: Cindy Lusch
GIFT BEARERS: Cindy Lusch & Bob Perry

LECTOR: David Schulte

CANTOR: Marlene Lackey

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:
Deacon Dan Laquet (Body of Christ)
Kim Schulte & Jaime Toedte (Blood of Christ)

ORGANIST: Mary Ann Weatherspoon
COUNTERS TEAM: Bob Perry
Theresa Ingles

December 21, 2025

SERVERS: Eugene Nalewajka
Theresa Ingles

GREETERS: Dennis Krupp
GIFT BEARERS: Dennis Krupp & Bob Perry

LECTOR: Mary Williams

CANTOR: Marlene Lackey

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:
Deacon Dan Laquet (Body of Christ)
Dennis Krupp & Jane Waddell (Blood of Christ)

ORGANIST: Mary Ann Weatherspoon
COUNTERS TEAM: Jan Gillett
Theresa Ingles

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun Dec 14
Third Sunday of Advent
MASS:
CONFESSION 8:00-8:20
St. Lawrence: 8:30 am
St. Teresa:
Marydale: 8:00 am
St. Mary:
Carlyle: 10:00 pm
St. Mary: 10:30 am

Mon Dec 15
Knights Meeting
7:00 pm

Wed Dec 17
4th Degree Knights
Meeting at Sandoval
at 7:00 pm

Thurs Dec 18
MASS:
St. Lawrence: 8:30 am

Sat Dec 20
MASS:
St. Mary: 4:00 pm
St. Mary: Carlyle 4:30 pm
St. Teresa:
Marydale 7:30 pm

OF SPECIAL INTEREST

WELCOME FATHER STEVE PAUTLER & DEACON DAN LAQUET

CHRISTMAS MAS **DECEMBER 24, 2025 – 6:00 PM**

SERVERS: Dave Peters – Theresa Ingles

GREETERS: Cindy Lusch

LECTOR: Bill Broda

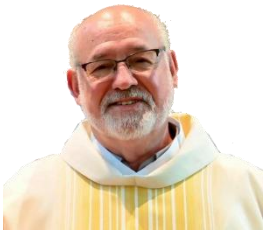
CANTOR: Marlene Lackey

GIFT BEARERS: Cindy Lusch -Bob Perry

BODY & BLOOD: Deacon Dan Lacquet
Mary Jo Jones – Loren Pepples II

Knights News

Thanks to everyone who attended the Christmas Brunch and brought all the delicious food.



Deacon Dan Laquet

MESSAGE FROM OUR DEACON

On this Gaudete Sunday, this gospel invites us to reflect on something unique as the foundation of the source of our joy: Sharing what we have as a source of God's love for the poor. Today, the third Sunday of Advent, let us remind ourselves that the true sense of joy is sharing what we can with those in need. In the gospel of Luke, the crowd asks the prophet John the Baptist, "What should we do?" the prophet responds by inviting them to stop amassing unnecessary things as they wait for Jesus' coming, and to share what they have. Jesus modeled that for us by giving of himself to help those who were in need, the sick, the lame, the blind, the poor.

We are invited to make this advent the most spiritual season of our lives, where we can learn how to wait and meet Christ in others. In his apostolic exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, which means the Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis says, "Whenever we encounter another person through showing them love and giving of ourselves, we learn something new about God. We become closer to God, and therefore, we are happier."

This Advent reminds us that the coming of our Lord requires a certain emptying on our part. We must let go of our attachments, get closer to Christ, and free ourselves of everything holding us back. It is challenging to live a life of giving and not possessing but doing so can bring us great joy. In our faith, we can still be child-like, trusting in God to give us what we need and allowing us to share what we have with others. We might not immediately understand the spiritual reason behind what God is asking of us, yet, if we pray, if we have faith, hope, and love, we can discover that joy.

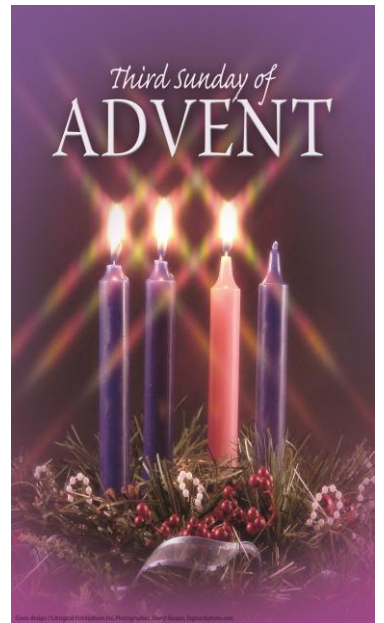
This sense of joy that Advent invites us to is not easy to achieve. It requires work to learn to detach ourselves from whatever is holding us back from meeting our Lord. Advent is about waiting, sharing, and love. Let us share what we have as we wait for the one who is coming. While we wait, let us make this time the most joyful experience of our faith. The church invites us to pray and to reflect this Advent season. We may want to pray with the following questions: What is holding me back in this season? How can I best prepare myself to receive the Lord? How would I feel if I found that my reluctance to share what I have would diminish Christ in the life of someone in need? In this season of waiting and giving may our greatest joy come from receiving Jesus through our giving and sharing with others.

This week's question:

Why does the Church have Midnight Mass on Christmas? I love it, but why so late or early?

Answer:

Midnight Mass goes back to the early Church in Bethlehem, when Christians gathered at night to honor the birth of Christ at the very hour He entered the world. It's meant to mirror that sacred stillness when heaven touched earth. The darkness reminds us of the world before Christ's light broke in. Sure, it's tough to stay awake, but there's something powerful about stepping into the cold night and hearing "Glory to God in the Highest" right as a new day and the Savior arrive.



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Respect Life Corner November 30, 2025

St. Josephine Bakhita, you were sold into slavery as a child and endured untold hardship and suffering. Once liberated from your physical enslavement, you found true redemption in your encounter with Christ and his Church. O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free. Provide comfort to survivors of slavery and let them look to you as an example of hope and faith. Help all survivors find healing from their wounds. We ask for your prayers and intercessions for those enslaved among us. Amen. USCCB, "Prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita"



St. Lawrence Church

**The Sanctuary Candle for the month of December
in loving memory of...**

Shaun Ford

In Loving Memory

December 2025	Shaun Ford
January 2026	Altadonna Family
February 2026	Mike Shaffer
March 2026	John, Freda, Eddy, Raymond, Danny Burns & Burns Family
April 2026	John, Freda, Eddy, Raymond, Danny Burns & Burns Family
May 2026	Marcella Schulte
June 2026	Ron Clark
July 2026	Marcus, Marilyn & Robert Oehmke
August 2026	Knabe & Dunphy Family
September 2026	John, Freda, Eddy, Raymond, Danny, & Burns Family
October 2026	Bobby Hill, Aaron, Dorothy, John & Delphine Niepoetter
November 2026	John, Freda, Eddy, Raymond, Danny Burns & Burns Family
December 2026	Shaun Ford
January 2027	Altadonna Family
February 2027	Mike Shaffer
March 2027	Marcus Oehmke

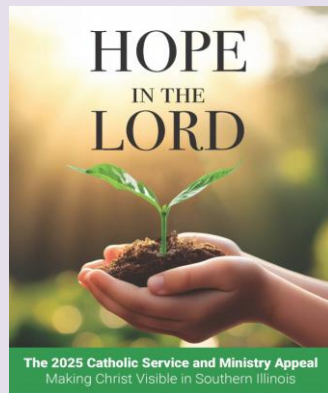
If, you would like to put a picture in front of the Sanctuary Candle put it up there on the 1st of the month until the last day of the month. You don't have to put a picture up if you don't want to. It is up to you.



RECENTLY DEPARTED SOULS

2025

Mary Kay Gunther
Michael Wooden
Victoria (Vic) Steele
Sharon (Jane) Rizzo
Adeline Pinston
Sr. Marlene Buese
Linda (Beckmann) DeKalb

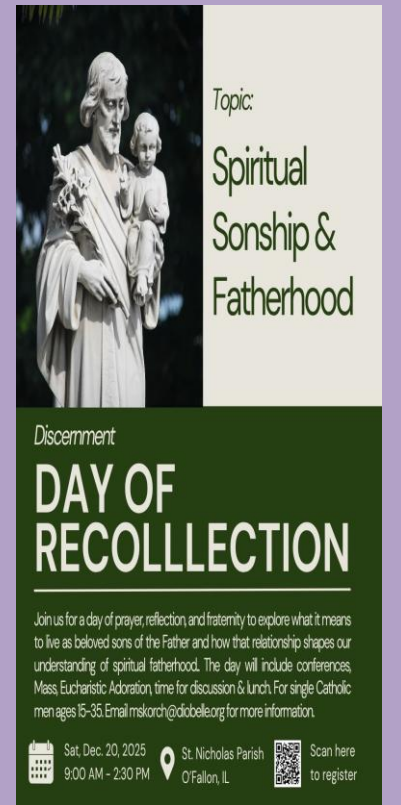


The 2025 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal Hope in the Lord

The true joy of Christmas is in the everlasting love of Christ. May you find His peace, love and joy now and in the coming new year. With deepest gratitude for your prayers and generosity,

*Ministries and Programs
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*The Catholic Service and
Ministry Appeal*



Discernment Day of Recollection

All single young men ages 15–35 are invited to a Discernment Day of Recollection on

Saturday, December 20, at St. Nicholas Parish in O'Fallon from 9:00 am-2:30 pm. The

day will focus on the theme of "Spiritual Sonship and Fatherhood" and includes

conferences, Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, time for discussion, and lunch. Please

email mskorch@diobelle.org if you have any questions.

Quote for the week: Let your faith be bigger than your fear

Third Week of Advent

The Third Sunday of Advent repeats an Isaiah reading from earlier in the week, filled with promise, healing and a hope for our longing: "Then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing.... They will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee."

As the last eight days of Advent begin midweek, the focus of the weekday readings returns to the gospels with stories from Jesus' family in the time before he was born. In Matthew's gospel, Joseph decides to divorce the pregnant Mary until an angel appears to him in a dream, saying, "It is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her." The rest of the week we turn to the first chapter of Luke's gospel. Elizabeth and Zechariah, struggling with their inability to have a child, are told they will have a child named John who will be filled with the Holy Spirit. When Zechariah doubts, he is struck speechless. Saturday's gospel is the beloved story from Luke's gospel of the Annunciation with Mary's humble response, "May it be done to me according to your word."

On the Fourth Sunday of Advent, we read in Matthew's Gospel about Joseph and his decision to divorce the pregnant Mary. An angel comes to Joseph: "Do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her."

Daily Prayer This Week

This third week of Advent, our daily prayer continues to allow us to become much more concrete about naming our desires and preparing the way for the Lord. We begin this week with joy, knowing that our celebration of all the ways our Lord comes to us is near.

For some of us, the great grace will be to ask that expectant hope - and the joy that this can bring - will fill our hearts and replace whatever is heavy or dark or sad there. We can only let our Lord bring good news to us who are poor, if we acknowledge our poverty. He can only proclaim liberty and release to us if we can admit that we are captives and prisoners to so many habits and patterns that inhibit joy.

A week of recognizing ourselves, and recognizing our need for a Savior is a wonderful way to prepare. We can only turn to our God and trust in the safety we find accepting our God as the only god of our lives if we first can name the place in which we are in danger, with the choices we are making. We can surrender our fear of being put to shame by humbly coming face to face with who we can sometimes be. The depths of gratitude and joy come when we can experience the tenderness with which our Lord keeps taking us back.

This is a wonderful week to examine our consciences as we let our daily, prayer-filled background moments interact with some of the places in our daily lives in which we discover the need for mercy and peace. Wherever we encounter some experience of darkness or fear, some struggle with faith or hope, some discouragement about my own generosity or freedom, it is there that we have an opportunity to pause, in the briefest way and pray, "Come, Lord Jesus; come and visit me here, in this place." Preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, individually or in common, can be a powerful Advent religious experience. And the one who forgives us deeply desires to heal us and give us his peace.

Taken from the "Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer" on the Creighton University's Online Ministries web site:
<https://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Prayer/A1-OT-30.html>

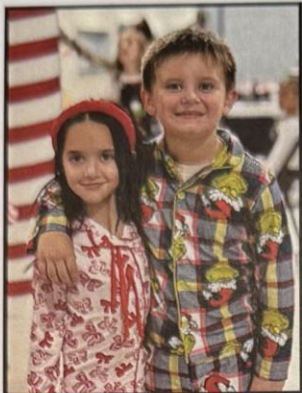
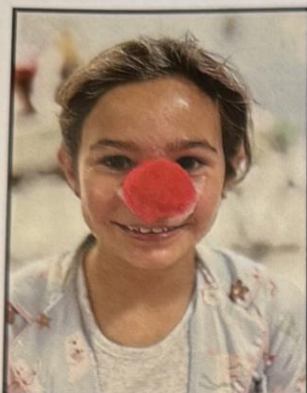
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

3RD Sunday of Advent
December 14, 2025
Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10
Psalms 146:6-10
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

4TH Sunday of Advent
December 21, 2025
Isaiah 7:10-14
Psalms 24:1-6
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-24

Gathering: #274 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Pres. of Gifts: #277 Patience, People
Communion: #780 Bread of the World
Recessional: #292 Let Valleys Be Raised

Readings: 864



Advent Sparkles at St. Mary School and Parish

The Advent spirit at St. Mary blooms with steady joy. The Holly Jolly Christmas Pajama Party brought bright faces, warm laughter, and enough sugary fuel to keep every child wide awake well past bedtime. The Altar Society Christmas Party followed with the familiar rhythm of friendship at long tables filled with stories, good food, and a few playful moments that reminded everyone why these gatherings matter. Every seat held a person who showed up with heart.

The lighting of the nativity scene and courtyard drew parishioners outdoors as the figures in the manger stood quietly under the evening sky. Families lingered, talked, and took in the gentle glow before heading inside for more celebration. The SMS girls stepped forward as the entertainment for the Christmas party and delivered with confidence. Their voices and presence lifted the room. Advent at St. Mary stands rooted in community, steady faith, and the simple strength of people coming together.

SMS CLAENDAR WINNERS

December 1, 2025

Karen Rogers – Centralia – Dax Garrison – Aviston

December 8, 2025

Laynee Timmons - Centralia

SUNDAY MASSES:

Sandoval:

St. Lawrence - 8:30 a.m.

Centralia:

St. Mary (Vigil) - 4:00 p.m.

St. Mary - 10:30 a.m.

Carlyle:

St. Mary (Vigil) - 4:30 p.m.

St. Mary - 10:00 am

Marydale:

St. Teresa (Vigil) - 7:30 pm

St. Teresa - 8:00 am

Salem:

St. Theresa (Vigil) - 5:00 pm

Kinmundy:

St. Elizabeth – 7:30 am

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday, December 15, 2025

Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a

Psalms 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9

Matthew 21:23-27

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13

Psalms 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23

Matthew 21:28-32

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

Genesis 49:2, 8-10

Psalms 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17

Matthew 1:1-17

Thursday, December 18, 2025

Jeremiah 23:5-8

Psalms 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19

Matthew 1:18-25

Friday, December 19, 2025

Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a

Psalms 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17

Luke 1:5-25

Saturday, December 20, 2025

Isaiah 7:10-14

Psalms 24:1-4ab, 5-6

Luke 1:26-38



PLEASE NOTE: THERE HAVE BEEN SOME CHANGES TO MASS TIMES!

Mass Schedule



SEASON OF CHRISTMAS NATIVITY OF THE LORD

St. Mary Church - Children's Mass - 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 24, 2025 - Vigil Mass

St. Lawrence, Sandoval - Children's Mass - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 24, 2025 - Vigil Mass

St. Mary Church - 12:00 a.m. - Midnight Mass

Thursday, December 25, 2025 - Christmas

St. Mary Church - 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, December 25, 2025 - Christmas

THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

St. Mary Church

Saturday, December 27, 2025 (Vigil) - 4:00 p.m.

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

St. Lawrence, Sandoval

Sunday, December 28, 2025 - 8:30 a.m.

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

St. Mary Church

Sunday, December 28, 2025 - 10:30 a.m.

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

St. Mary Church - (Vigil - New Year)

Wednesday, December 31, 2025 - 4:00 p.m.

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

New Years Day Mass - St. Lawrence

January 1, 2026 - 8:30 a.m.

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

St. Mary Church - (Vigil - Epiphany)

Saturday, January 3, 2026 4:00 p.m.

St. Lawrence Church, Sandoval - Epiphany

Sunday, January 4, 2026 - 8:30 a.m.

St. Mary Church - 10:30 a.m.

JOIN MARY'S MERRY QUILTERS MONDAY

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH - 9:00 A.M.

In the tapestry of life, it's the threads of love, faith, and fellowship that make the most beautiful patterns. We hope you'll consider weaving your unique thread into our quilting group. Com for the quilting, the community, or both, know that a warm welcome awaits you. **Contact Sally Tiemann, 618-830-7604** or visit us at St. Lawrence.

Sister Fluff's Pilgrimage to the Land of the Gaudy Mouse!

Sister Fluff of Divine Mischief reporting before takeoff. Father Steve is circling the rectory with the expression of a man asked to escort a relic through customs. He worries about traveling with a Feline Support Kitty, and I reminded him the early martyrs handled lions, so he will manage one small nun in fur. I persuaded him to bring me on his long-awaited trip to Florida, home of the oversized over dressed mouse. Aunt Sister Gracie secured lodging for me in her lofty feline condo atop Cinderella's Castle, insisting it reflects proper monastic dignity, though I have doubts. I packed all essentials including favorite snacks, emergency Snickers, and a prayer card for when turbulence tests Father Steve's composure. He gets Seat A1 because he is pastor, and I shall claim A2 with seasoned pilgrim calm. The weather promises seventy four and sunny. Father Steve mentioned I might sit quietly by the pool, and I offered a polite nod that convinced no one. He spoke of an Uber to the Magic Kingdom, and I pretended deep understanding. Once we arrive, I intend to enjoy the sun with modest discipline or mild chaos. More adventures soon!

Sister Fluff, F.D.M.

Feline of Divine Mischief

BIRTHDAY

12-14 Andrea Pryor
12-15 Michael Hill
12-19 Debbie (Sullivan) Conrad
12-20 Marlene Lackey
12-25 Brenda Schaubert
12-26 Drew Hill
12-27 Carl Altadonna
12-27 Tom Hill Jr.
12-28 Joseph Beckmann
12-28 Jolynn Garrett
01-01 Jaime (Johnston) Toedtle
01-13 Mary (Schedelbower) Gore
01-14 Dennis Krupp
01-14 Nancy Nalewajka
01-15 Jaime Nattier
01-24 Cora Oehmke
01-26 Joe Hill
01-31 Clay Cain III
02/01 Lucas Alonso
02/09 Jeanne Faith

ANNIVERSARY

12-30 James & Annette Nattier
01-10 Robert & Antoine DeBernardi
02-08 Clayton & Kay Cain

SHALOM IS NEEDING HELP

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2025
SETTING UP FROM 9:30 AM - ?.
DISTRIBUTE ON SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 13, 2025 FROM 7:00 AM –
9:30 AM FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT BRENDA SCHAUBERT

**Those in nursing homes or
assisted living are:** Gerald &
Phyllis Fanger. Please pray for
them, their families and their
care-givers.

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED DECEMBER

01-89 Dean Day
01-96 Eileen Smith
05-02 Louis "Gene" Warren
07-98 John Burns Sr.
17-04 Marie Suarez
08-77 Dorothy (Bone) Niepoetter
08-08 Russell Satchwill
09-05 Irene Miller
10-95 Glenn McColpin
11-88 Ann Arrasmith
11-88 Frederick Thomas
13-89 Lula Payne
15-93 Violet (Basola) Atchison
16-20 Shaun Ford
17-21 Ronald Clark
18-91 Edison Massa
19-97 Steven Ulm
20-02 Gloria Ostroka
21-03 William Gerrish
22-89 Lela Listello
22 Walter Schymick
23-03 Margaret Laws
23-03 John Ostrodka
25-09 Donald Rohner
26-00 Bernice DeBernardi
26-83 Charles DeBernardi
26-91 Elizabeth Massa
28-18 Florence Beckmann
28-90 Edward Lyons
28-93 Henry Nalewajka
30-02 Betty Spinner
31-83 Margaret Dickens

PRAYER REQUEST – CAN YOU PLEASE GO OVER THESE NAMES TO SEE IF ANY NEEDED TO BE REMOVED PLEASE LET OFFICE KNOW

2 Special Cancer People, Chris Berry, Brianna
Blakley, Clayton & Kay Cain, Craig Church,
Heather Clark, Mindy Clark, Daisy Conrad,
Jared Fogerson, Don Frazier, Sue Gambill,
Debra (Small) Gerrish, Drew Gore, Mary Gore,
Ron & Barb Grasher, Debbie Grasher, Alexis
Hall, Bill & Mary Hall, Mary Ann Hall, Tom Hall,
Michelle Irvin, Wilma Jourdan, Judy Jenkins,
Bob Kannall, Cassy Karcher, Curt & Marlene
Lackey, Tom Lusch, Karleigh McClaren, Tracy
Minton, John Mullen, Jerry Nitz, Earl Nolte, Jeff
Orrell, Donna Paine, Rachel & Sandie Peters,
Brenda Pinkston, Jerry Ratermann, Pat
(Gerrish) Roestel, Larry Saale, Kenny & Mary
Saatkamp, Rachael Sager, Otto Schaffer, Tim
Schaubert, Kim Schulte, Fr. Carl Schrage, Jack
Shanafelt, Mickayla Skibinski, John Alan Small,
Milya Smith, Patti & Jerome Stack, Brittany
Starbreck, Evelyn Szatkowski, Janette
Torrance, Jane Waddell, Waylon Vick, Ledger
Whisenand, Ella Wiemerslager, Sara Wright.

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