



## ST. LAWRENCE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH SANDOVAL, ILLINOIS

### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 14, 2025

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**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

### STEWARSHIP 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.	

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**SERVERS:** Loren Pepples II  
Brenda Schaubert

**LECTOR:** David Schulte

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:

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

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**SERVERS:** Eugene Nalewajka  
Theresa Ingles

**LECTOR:** Mary Williams

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:

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

### LITURGICAL ROLES

December 14, 2025

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**GREETERS:** Cindy Lusch

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

**CANTOR:** Marlene Lackey

**ORGANIST:** Mary Ann Weatherspoon

**COUNTERS TEAM:** Bob Perry  
Theresa Ingles

December 21, 2025

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**GREETERS:** Dennis Krupp

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

**CANTOR:** Marlene Lackey

**ORGANIST:** Mary Ann Weatherspoon

**COUNTERS TEAM:** Jan Gillett  
Theresa Ingles

### LOOKING AHEAD

#### Sun Dec 14

Third Sunday of Advent

**MASS:**

CONFESION 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.

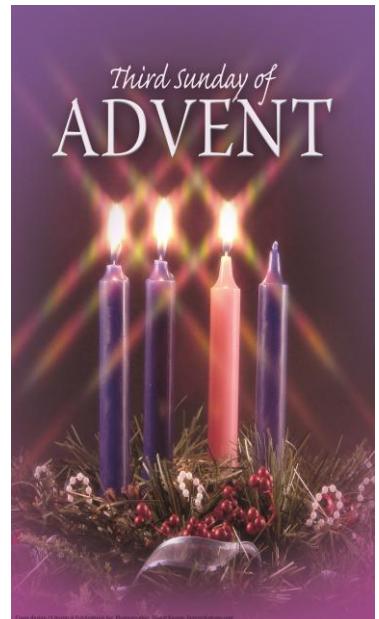


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### Respect Life Corner November 30, 2025

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

#### 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.



## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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



Topic:

**Spiritual  
Sonship &  
Fatherhood**

Discernment

## DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Join us for a day of prayer, reflection, and fraternity to explore what it means to live as beloved sons of the Father and how that relationship shapes our understanding of spiritual fatherhood. The day will include conferences, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, time for discussion & lunch. For single Catholic men ages 15-35. Email [mskorch@diobelle.org](mailto:mskorch@diobelle.org) for more information.

Sat. Dec. 20, 2025 St. Nicholas Parish Scan here to register  
9:00 AM - 2:30 PM O'Fallon, IL

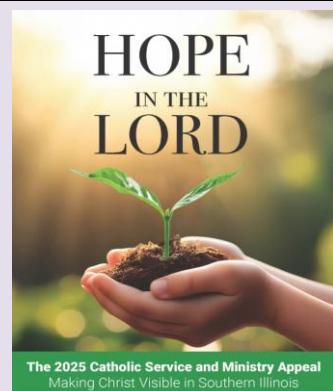
### Discernment Day of Recollection

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](mailto:mskorch@diobelle.org) if you have any questions.



### 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  
Funded by*

*The Catholic Service and  
Ministry Appeal*

## 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.

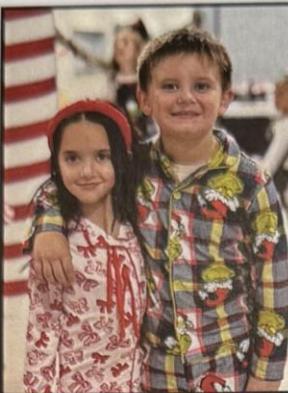
A week of recognizing ourselves, and recognizing our need for a Savior is a wonderful way to prepare. We can only turn to our God and trust in the safety we find accepting our God as the only god of our lives if we first can name the place in which we are in danger, with the choices we are making. We 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:  
<http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Prayer/A1-OT-30.html>

### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

<b>3<sup>RD</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> <b>December 14, 2025</b> <b>Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10</b> <b>Psalm 146:6-10</b> <b>James 5:7-10</b> <b>Matthew 11:2-11</b>	<b>4<sup>TH</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> <b>December 21, 2025</b> <b>Isaiah 7:10-14</b> <b>Psalm 24:1-6</b> <b>Romans 1:1-7</b> <b>Matthew 1:18-24</b>	<b>Gathering:</b> #274 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel <b>Pres. of Gifts:</b> #277 Patience, People <b>Communion:</b> #780 Bread of the World <b>Recessional:</b> #292 Let Valleys Be Raised  <b>Readings:</b> 864
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## 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

Layne 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  
Psalm 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9  
Matthew 21:23-27

**Tuesday, December 16, 2025**  
Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13  
Psalm 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23  
Matthew 21:28-32

**Wednesday, December 17, 2025**  
Genesis 49:2, 8-10  
Psalm 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17  
Matthew 1:1-17

**Thursday, December 18, 2025**  
Jeremiah 23:5-8  
Psalm 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19  
Matthew 1:18-25

**Friday, December 19, 2025**  
Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a  
Psalm 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17  
Luke 1:5-25

**Saturday, December 20, 2025**  
Isaiah 7:10-14  
Psalm 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. Come 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**

Fr. Godfrey Mullen, OSB

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**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 SCHAUERT

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 OVER THESE NAMES TO SEE IF ANY NEEDS  
 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, Alexus 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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