



ST. LAWRENCE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH SANDOVAL, ILLINOIS

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 16, 2025

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SACRAMENTAL LIFE

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE. St. Lawrence: Sunday at 8:30 am - Tuesday at 9:00 am - Holy Day Vigil at 6:00 pm
St. Elizabeth: Sunday at 9:30 am - St. Mary: Saturday at 4:00 pm - Sunday at 10:30 am - St. Theresa: Sunday at 11:00 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.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Feb 16 Don & Barb Rohner

Feb 18 Clarence Bosler
Diana Kelso
Margaret Bowen
Marie White

Feb 23 Aaron Niepoetter

Feb 25 Alison Niepoetter
Timothy McCarthy
Jeanna Wooden
Juliana Griffith

LITURGICAL ROLES

February 16, 2025

SERVERS: Eugene Nalewajka
Theresa Ingles

GREETERS: Dennis Krupp

LECTOR: Mary Clark

GIFT BEARERS: Brenda Schaubert & Bob Perry

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:
Theresa Oldham (Body of Christ)
Need 2 for (Blood of Christ)

CANTOR: Marlene Lackey
COUNTERS TEAM: Jan Gillett
Theresa Ingles

February 23, 2025

SERVERS: Dave Peters
Ren Biggs

GREETERS: Cindy Lusch

LECTOR: David Schulte

GIFT BEARERS: Cindy Lusch & Bob Perry

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:
Dennis Krupp (Body of Christ)
Need 2 for (Blood of Christ)

CANTOR: Marlene Lackey
COUNTERS TEAM: Barb Spears
Theresa Ingles

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Feb 09, 2024

Envelopes	\$1,321.00
Loose	103.57
Building Fund	220.00
1 st Offering	10.00
Shalom	413.00
Convent Rent	700.00

Attendance – 87 –

Thank you for all
your donations.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun Feb 16

6th Sunday in O T

MASS:

CONFESSION 8:00-8:20

St. Lawrence: 8:30 am

St. Elizabeth: 9:30 am

St. Mary: 10:30 am

St. Theresa: 11:00 am

Mon Feb 17

OFFICE CLOSED

PRESIDENTS DAY

Knights Meeting

7:00 pm

Tues Feb 18

MASS:

St. Lawrence 9:00 am

Wed Feb 19

4th Degree Knights

Meeting at Sandoval

at 7:00 pm

Sat Feb 22

MASS:

St. Mary: 4:00 pm

OF SPECIAL INTEREST

It has come to my attention that the Prices, for The Messenger have increased. The Messenger Envelope in the Parish envelopes, are \$10.00 off.

The Messenger has increased to: Print Only - \$40.00 - Digital Only - \$35.00 - Both Print/Digital - \$45.00



March 5th.- Ash Wednesday

Drive-up Ashes - 7:00 a.m. - 8:10 a.m.
Ashes distributed in the parking lot

Mass with Distribution of Ashes
St. Mary Church 8:30 a.m.

Mass with Distribution of Ashes
St. Mary Hospital 12:00 p.m.

Mass with Distribution of Ashes
St. Lawrence Church 6:30 p.m.

Knights News

The next monthly meeting of the St. Lawrence Knights will be on Monday, February 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the hall.



Reverend Steven M. Paulter

This Thursday, I will be leaving for my annual pre-Lent trip to Florida. No, it's not to inspect the palms—those have already been ordered! Rather, it's a time for some much-needed rest and relaxation before Lent begins. For the fourth year in a row, I'll be staying at Universal Studios Resort in Orlando. Having gotten to know the area well, it's an easy and familiar place to navigate.

One of the highlights of my trip each year is attending Mass at Mary, Queen of the Universe Basilica and National Shrine. Since I serve as the pastor of two St. Mary churches, I often joke that I'm the Pastor of the Mary's—so it seems only fitting! If you've ever visited, you know that the grounds are beautiful, peaceful, and provide a quiet retreat from the busy pace of Orlando. My visit also gives me the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. While confession is always the same sacrament, it's also different in each place. At this shrine, confessions are offered daily from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and I'm always amazed at the number of people waiting in line—often 10 or more at a time. So much for the myth that no one goes to confession anymore! Even dressed in shorts and a t-shirt, priests tend to recognize each other, and I usually end up chatting with my confessor.

And yes, for those wondering—I am an amusement park junkie. My first visit to Disney World was when I was 13, before it was even finished! But what I love most about these trips are the diverse people I meet. I always wear a cap from a local business—this year, my King City Ford cap. Without fail, someone will spot it and ask, "Are you from Mt. Vernon?" And just like that, a new conversation—and often a new friendship—begins.

Lent is a season of renewal, a time to prepare our hearts and souls for the great celebration of Easter. Just as an athlete prepares before a race or a musician practices before a concert, we, too, must prepare spiritually. Reconciliation, prayer, and acts of charity are ways we can strengthen our relationship with God and others. Starting Lent with a clean soul allows us to journey more intentionally with Jesus, embracing the sacrifices and graces of these forty days.

So often, we find ourselves caught up in the busyness of life, moving from one task to the next without taking time to rest, reflect, and reconnect with God. Lent offers us that chance. It invites us to slow down, to step away from distractions, and to listen more attentively to God's voice. Whether it's through quiet prayer, attending daily Mass, or simply being more present in our relationships, we are called to draw closer to Christ. My hope is that each of us takes full advantage of this sacred time, allowing God's grace to work in our hearts.

As we prepare for Lent, brushing off the cold of January and February, I encourage each of you to seek the warmth of God's grace in the sacraments, especially Reconciliation. Try something different this year—go into Lent with a clean soul and journey through these six weeks with Jesus at your side.

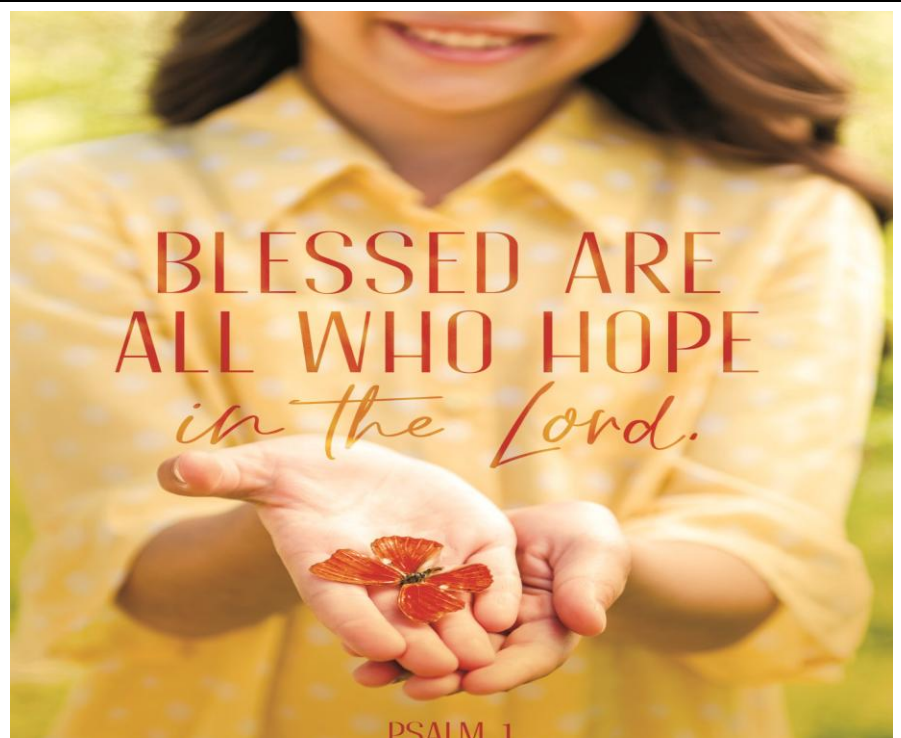
Please pray for me while I am away.

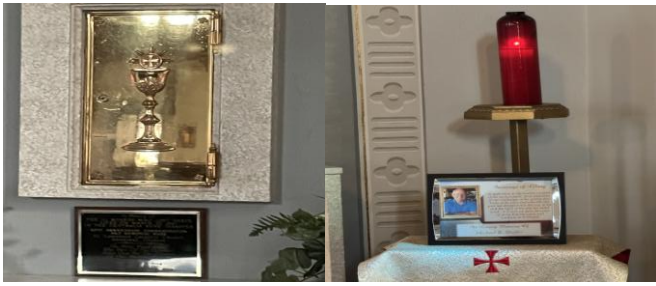
Know that I always keep you in my prayers.

Sunday, February 16th Respect Life Corner

"We often assume parenthood happens easily after 'I do,' but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility... If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you... God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility" respectlife.org/navigating-infertility





St. Lawrence Church

The Sanctuary Candle for the month of February in loving memory of...

Mike Shaffer

In Loving Memory

February 2025	Mike Shaffer
March 2025	Leo & Jeannie Nalewajka Nancy Berry & Marcus Oehmke
April 2025	Joe & Florence Altadonna
May 2025	Nancy Berry, Leo & Jeannie Nalewajka
June 2025	John, Freda, Eddy, Raymond, Danny, & Burns Family
July 2025	Marcus Oehmke
August 2025	Marcella Schulte
September 2025	Jim Gore, Shedelbower & Gore Families
October 2025	Bobby Hill, Aaron & Dorothy Niepoetter
November 2025	John, Freda, Eddy, Raymond, Danny & Burns Family
December 2025	Shaun Ford
January 2026	Altadonna Family
February 2026	Mike Shaffer
March 2026	John, Freda, Eddy, Raymond, Danny & Burns Family
April 2026	John, Freda, Eddy, Raymond, Danny Burns & Burns Family
May 2026	Open
June 2026	Open

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.

Finding Intimacy with God in Our Everyday Lives

How could prayer be a relationship with God, if it only remains a lifting of our minds to God? We need very special times of intimacy with God, but that time needs to be prepared for and built up to. To enrich our relationship with God, engages our hearts. That involves finding intimacy with God in the midst of our everyday busy lives, much like we do with the other important relationships of our lives. Perhaps as we pay more attention to what gives life and intimacy to these relationships, we might grow in the affective side of our relationship with God.

If this stirs a desire for that kind of relationship with God, one place to begin is to let God tell me about how loved I am. The God who says, "You are precious in my eyes and I love you." [[Isaiah 43:4](#)] If I'm open to God's expressions of affection toward me, that can open my heart to stir up affection in the form of grateful response. Love needs only a spark to get started. It takes ongoing care to keep the fire from going out. With special care, it can become a long lasting, warm and comforting, life-long relationship.

Marriage Prayer for Maintaining Vows

Dear Heavenly Father,

Grant us the strength to hold fast to our vows.

When we got married we promised to love, honor, and cherish each other as long as we both shall live.

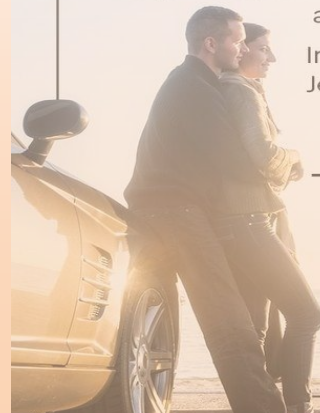
And so we ask that you teach us to love the way that we should, with patience and kindness, forgiveness and grace. Show us the best way to bestow honor one another. Open our hearts to fully cherish each other, and open our eyes to see the blessings we have.

Finally, Lord, may we never take these vows for granted, but rather fulfill them with honor and strength.

In the name of
Jesus we pray.

Amen.

—UNKNOWN



Woman'sDay

Quote for the week: Sometimes a miracle is simply meeting a person with a good heart.

Sixth Week of Ordinary Time

On the **Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time** we hear **Luke's** account of the Beatitudes and warnings, as Jesus proclaims the blessings he offers us and the warnings he gives us. It all is about accepting discipleship now versus choosing our own way now

Saturday is the **Feast of the Chair of St. Peter**.

We continue with first readings from the **Book of Genesis**. This is the beginning of the story of salvation: Cain and Abel, Noah and the Ark, the Tower of Babel. The week concludes with the **Letter to the Hebrews'** summary of the faith of our ancestors in the faith.

As we follow Jesus' ministry in **Mark's Gospel**, we witness Jesus' discouragement as he again encounters the challenges of the religious leaders: "he sighed from the depth of his spirit." As they retreat to the other side of the lake, Jesus warns his disciples against the rebellious "leaven" of the Pharisees and reminds them of the meaning of the miracle of the loaves - he is like God, come to feed them in whatever desert journey they encounter. Jesus heals a blind man who first sees only in a distorted way - a scene which begins the journey to Jerusalem on which Jesus tries to heal the blindness of his disciples. Peter acknowledges Jesus as the Christ but rejects Jesus' instruction that he must suffer and die before the resurrection. Jesus rebukes him and instructs his disciples about their discipleship. It is about taking up our own cross with him: "whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the Gospel will save it." Then Jesus takes Peter, James and John and shows them his glory, to prepare them for the scandal of the cross.

On the **Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time** we hear **Luke's** account of the difference discipleship means in the real lives of Jesus' followers: loving your enemies, turning the other cheek, doing to others what we'd want them to do for us, being merciful as our Father is merciful, forgiving as we wish to be forgiven, measuring out our generosity as we would wish to receive it.

Daily Prayer This Week

We can feel the tension in this week's readings. Jesus is trying to warn his disciples - and us - about the rebellious style of the Pharisees, about hypocrisy. And, he is trying to heal the blindness of his disciples - and us - about what his mission is all about. He has come to free us from sin and the captivity we have to all kinds of self-centered patterns.

So when we stay reflective this week, we can become more conscious of how we rebel from the path of Jesus, from joining him in becoming less selfish. When we begin our days this week, we can ask, "Lord, help me see the ways I'm too self-centered this week. Help me notice the needs of those you place in my life. Stretch my heart to love more today." It is simple, but it begins to change our focus.

As we go through the week, we can pay closer attention to our resistance, the places we catch ourselves holding back. We can open our eyes to see the patterns in our lives that we might not have paid attention to before. It doesn't have to be serious evil we are choosing. It might just be ways in which we are avoiding losing our lives for him. Once we focus, start paying attention to the daily choices we make, our day becomes a day of prayer. We can be in communion with the Lord throughout the day because it becomes a day of dialogue, in the midst of all the busyness. "Lord, as I put on this sweater, I'm aware how I just spoke to Helen. I'm sorry. That was all about my fear, wasn't it? I cut her off because I was just afraid of what she was asking of me. I became more aware of the cost to me than anything else. Please help me to continue to see how I respond to people. Please calm my fears." We can get in the habit of doing this kind of prayer every day, right where we are, in very brief moments. Finding intimacy with God in the midst of our daily lives is the goal of this kind of prayer.

All of this is reinforced by our prayer of gratitude each night. If we are liking this kind of communion with our Lord each day, and thanking God for it each night, there is no question that we will be developing a new pattern in our life. We tend to continue to do what we enjoy. And gratitude feeds even more openness and generosity.

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

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 16, 2025
Jeremiah 17:5-8
Psalms 1: 14, 6 (40:5)
1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20
Luke 6:17, 20-26

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 23, 2025
1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
Psalms 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13 (8a)
1 Corinthians 15:45-49
Luke 6:27-38

Gathering #594 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
Prep of Gifts #717 Christians, Let Us Love One Another
Communion #839 Soul of My Savior
#784 Pan de Vida
Recessional #825 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service
Readings 945





Saint Mary School PTO, Annual Lent Fish Fry

Join us on March 7, March 14, March 21, March 28, April 4, and April 11 from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM at the St. Mary School Gym/Cafeteria (424 E Broadway, Centralia, IL).

Enjoy a delicious meal featuring crispy fried fish or baked pasta, served with a variety of tasty sides, including baked beans, crinkle-cut fries, and homemade Italian slaw. Dine-in or carry-out options are available, so bring your family and friends for a great meal while supporting our school!

Adult meals include a 2-piece fish dinner with two sides for \$13 or baked pasta with garlic bread and one side for \$11. For kids (7 and under), a 1-piece fish dinner with one side is \$7, and baked pasta with garlic bread is \$6. Homemade desserts will be available for a free-will offering. Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy a fantastic meal while supporting the students of St. Mary School PTO ...we can't wait to see you there!



Blessings & Play: A Joyful week at SMS! A huge thank you to Paige Lauder and Mike Timmons of T & L Contracting and your crew for the beautiful new surface for the SMS playground-a job well done! The students are thrilled with the upgrade and can't wait to enjoy their refreshed play space. Along with this exciting improvement, the students also participated in a special celebration of Candlemas Day and received the blessing of their throats on the Feast Day of St. Blaise., This cherished tradition reminds us of faith, healing, and protection, bringing our school community together in prayer and reflection. We are grateful for the opportunity to uphold these important traditions and provide our students with both spiritual and physical enrichment. The Feast of St. Blaise serves as a reminder of God's protection, while the upgraded playground ensures a safe and fun environment for our children to grow and play. Seeing the smiles on their faces-whether receiving a blessing in church or enjoy the new playground-reflects the strong sense of community at SMS.



SMS CALENDAR WINNERS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2025
MATTHEW ELLIOTT – ST. LOUIS, MO
PAM CAMPBELL - CENTRALIA

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025
BRIANNA ASHBY - CENTRALIA
PATTI NELLSON - CENTRALIA

SAINT MARY PARISH, MOUNT VERON

2025 ST. MARY
PARISH-WIDE
 May 14, 2025 | 7:00 PM

REBOOT
 a life-changing event

TICKETS
AVAILABLE
 in the Church
 office & online!

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 Here!



\$30 in office | \$33 online



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. Whether you come for the quilting, the community, or both, know that a warm welcome awaits you. Contact Sally Tiemann, or visit us at St. Lawrence.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Fairview Heights, IL

Join our 40 Days for Life kickoff at the Coalition Life Community Center in Fairview Heights!

03.05.25
AT 4:00 PM
Indoor program starts at 4:30



COME SUPPORT OUR AMAZING SIDEWALK COUNSELORS!

Bring snacks, trail mix, granola bars, gloves, hand warmers, sunscreen, hot cocoa, bottled water, etc. to nourish our sidewalk counselors!

Sign up to pray with us at fvh40days@yahoo.com

SUNDAY MASS

St. Mary (Vigil) 4:00 p.m.
St. Mary (Vigil) Carlyle 4:30 p.m. & 7:30 a.m.
St. Lawrence - 8:30 a.m.
St. Elizabeth - 9:30 a.m.
St. Mary - 10:30 a.m.
St. Theresa - 11:00 a.m.



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Young Adult

Catholic Speed Dating

Ages 21-33

Scan QR code to register



Speed Dating



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Thursday, February 27th, 2025

Check in 6:30 PM, Event 7:00-9:30 PM

Holy Trinity Parish, Fairview Heights, IL

ILLINOIS PRO-LIFE MARCH



Join the Diocese of Belleville at the Illinois Pro-Life March in Springfield, Illinois, on Tuesday, March 25, 2025!

The day will include Mass with Bishop Michael McGovern as homilist, followed by the Rally and March around the Illinois State Capitol building.

Parishes, schools, & individuals are encouraged to attend!

Registration coming soon!



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT MKING@DIOBELLE.ORG

BIRTHDAY

02-16 Mary (Altadonna) Vogt
 02-17 Lucas Alonso
 02-17 Stacey (Nalewajka) Ford
 02-22 Ashley Alonso
 03-05 Msgr. David Darin
 03-10 Tom Lusch
 03-23 Clayton D. Cain
 03-23 Chris Williams
 03-29 Lacy Toedte
 04-06 James Nattier
 04-13 Mickayla (Schulte) Skibinski
 04-16 Johnny Bosler
 04-16 Lana Nalewajka
 04-20 William Hall
 04-29 John Toedte
 05-03 Jane Waddell
 05-05 Garry Pryor
 05-06 Jared Farthing

ANNIVERSARY

03-22 Jolynn & Chares Garrett
 04-10 Tom & Cindy Lusch
 05-20 Tony & Lana Nalewajka

SHALOM IS NEEDING HELP

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2025
 2025 SETTING UP FROM 5:00 PM - ?.
 DISTRIBUTE ON SATURDAY,
 FEBRUARY 8, 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 FEBRUARY:

01-21 Charlotte Carson
 02-14 Marilyn Oehmke
 03-94 Marie Theresa Porter
 04-98 Cora Elizabeth Schooling
 04-90 Walter Schymick
 05-07 Clarence Holkamp
 05-05 Janice F. Kannall
 08-01 Mary F. Hudzik
 10-84 William E. Hall
 13-09 Eugene Mauchnik
 13-92 Dorothy Schweda
 14-98 Tony Piasse
 14-93 Marie White
 20-98 Martha A. Ramsey
 21-19 Diana Kelso
 23-07 An M. Miketta
 25-08 Margaret Bowen
 25-01 Alison Lee Niepoetter
 26-07 Charene J. Bosler
 26-04 Margaret "Peggy" Earle
 26-17 Julianna Griffith
 26-95 Ralph G. Koppers
 28-87 Timothy McCarthy
 28-17 Jenna Wooden

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

2 Special Cancer People, Brenda Altadonna, Chris Berry, Brianna Blakley, Earl Bosler, Shirley Brady, Clayton & Kay Cain, Craig Church, Mindy Clark, Daisy Conrad, Jared Fogerson, Don Frazier, Sue Gambill, Debra (Small) Gerrish, Mary Gore, Barb Grasher, Debbie Grasher, Alexis Hall, Bill & Mary Hall, Tom Hall, Michelle Irvin, Bob Kannall, Marlene Lackey, Judy Jenkins, Karleigh McClaren, Tracy Minton, John Mullen, Jerry Nitz, Earl Nolte, Jeff Orrell, Susan Parrish, Wayne Pepple, Rachel & Sandie Peters, Brenda Pinkston, Gary Quick, Jerry Ratermann, Joel Rivera, Bart Robbins, Pat (Gerrish) Roestel, Kenny & Mary Saatkamp, Rachael Sager, Otto Schaffer, Monica Schaubert, Kim Schulte, Fr. Carl Schrage, Shamus, Jack Shanafelt, Mickayla Skibinski, John Alan Small, Milya Smith, Zelma (Wurm) Smith, Patti, Jerome Stack, Brittany Starbreck, Vicky Steele, Evelyn Szatkowski, Janette Torrance, Jane Waddell, Waylon Vick, Ledger Whisenand, Craig Williams, Sara Wright.



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