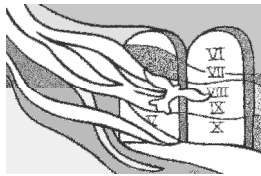


May 17, 2009: Sixth Sunday of Easter



“If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete.” — Jn 15:10-11

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LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, May 17 (Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/ Jn 15:9-17)

8:00 am- Mother’s Day Novena

10:30 am- For our Parish Family (HHS Baccalaureate)



Monday, May 18, Pope John I (Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26--16:4a)

7:00 am- Margaret Fojt

10:00 am- Mother’s Day Novena (Hallettsville Rehab)

Tuesday, May 19 (Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11)

7:00 am- Dennis Smirak

Wednesday, May 20, St. Bernardine of Siena (Acts 17:15, 22--18:1/Jn 16:12-15)

7:00 am- Joe & Agnes Koenig; Henry & Maxine Koenig

8:05 am- Living & deceased members of Henry & Emily Christ, Jr. Family

Thursday, May 21 (Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20)

7:00 am- Leona Haase

10:00 am- Albert Toman (Stevens)

Friday, May 22, St. Rita of Cascia (Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23)

7:00 am- Joe Etzler, Sr.

8:05 am- Billy & Edwin Chovanetz

Saturday, May 23 (Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28)

5:30 pm- Alois & V. C. Labay

Sunday, May 24, Ascension of the Lord (Acts 1:1-11/ Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 6:15-20)

6:30 am- For our Parish Family

8:00 am- Frank D. Gutierrez

10:30 am- Anton & Agnes Kubena



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Vigil Light: In memory of Alvin, Annie & Alvin Schneider, Jr.

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$6,062.50; Loose-\$920; Children’s-\$65; Home Missions-\$222.

Anniversaries:

Henry & Ann Kostelnik	40 years	May 20
Louis & Thelma Mikulenska	63 years	May 20
Anton & Mary Steffek	62 years	May 20
Gilbert & Bea Butschek	54 years	May 21
Raymond & Lois Dornak	53 years	May 21
Lupe & Mary Barrera	50 years	May 23

Grief Support on Thursdays, May 21–June 25, 6–7:30 pm, Sacred Heart Family Center. To register, call 798-2077.

Mandatory confirmation meeting for incoming Sophomores (HHS & SHCS), May 31, 6:00 pm in the Cafeteria.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, MAY 17

-CCD 8th Grade Recognition, 2:00 p.m., Church.

-SHCS Graduation, 4:00 p.m., KC Hall.

-St. Michael Church Picnic, Cuero. Roast Beef Dinner. Auction, bingo, cake walk, country store, game booths.

MONDAY, MAY 18

-Rosary & evening prayer, 5:30 p.m. in church.

-School Advisory Council meeting, 6:15 pm, Teacher’s Workroom.

-Catholic Daughters meeting, 7:00 p.m., Family Center.

TUESDAY, MAY 19

-Quilting Circle, 9:00 a.m., KC Hall of Fame Room.

-Serra Club meeting, 7:00 p.m., Jalisco’s Café.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

-Spiritual Book Study, 6:30 p.m., Mary’s House.

-Divine Mercy prayer, 7:30 p.m., Mary’s House.

SUNDAY, MAY 24

-Baptism Preparation Class, 9:00 a.m., Rectory. Please call the Rectory in advance to register.

-Sacred Heart Parish Spring Picnic, KC Hall. Fried Chicken & Stew Dinner, homemade dressing & all the trimmings 10:30 am – 1:30 pm. Drive-thru plates to go 10:30 am – 1 pm. Auction 1 pm. Bingo, cake walk, country store, religious articles, kiddie rides, game booths, delicious food, fun for all ages! Music on Main Pavilion by J & S Playboys 11 am – 1 pm. Free Dance on Polka Pavilion/Biergarten by Red Ravens & Jodie Mikula Orchestra 1 pm – 9 pm.

-Blood Drive, 10:00 am – 2:00 p.m., KC Hall parking lot during the picnic. *Please give the gift of life.*

AMONG OUR SICK: Hubert Grahmann, Deacon Marvin Fikac, Mary Laas, Jacque Holchak, Alvin Rosenauer, Frank Luke, Macey Moeller, Margaret Flores, Mary Ann Gaitan, Odessa & Doug Blumberg, Debbie Fishbeck, Josie Ohnheiser, Clint Brewer, Mason Leibham, Josie Muniz, David Tomek, Riley Mika, Joyce Svetlik, Louise Tesch, Mary Bonorden, Marie Grafe, Loraine Butschek, Jesse Cavazos, Bernice Woytek, Evelyn Henke, Lillie Sitka, Annette Krupala, Anthony Corte, Thelma Mikulenska, Alphonse Steffek, Bill Chapline, Maggie Volcik, Matthew Walker, Amanda Conniff, Margaret Timm, Sylvester Garza, Harry Jackson, Helen M. Appelt, Luke Bludau, Mary Kaiser, Michael Kutac, Rosalie Simpson, Hedwig Greer, Ed Aulick, Paige Haas, Milada Netardus, Anita Kallus, Hubert Etzler, Jeff Zavesky, Renae Ross, Alma Jurena, Kate Kopecky, Michael L. Drozd, Bill Biehunko, Lindal Finley, Gertrude Janak, Frank Fishar, Pam Dornak, Clayton Patek, Ronnie Dierschke, Elsie Steffek, Leonard Kubena, Doyleen Drozd, Richard Franzl, Lucille Etzler, George Bujnoch, Suzanne Romano, Shirley Conniff, nursing home residents & the homebound.



Calendar Membership: May 7: Jill Bludau-\$100; May 8: Mildred Timm, Shiner-\$100; May 11: Bill Bludau-\$50; May 12: Bob Janak-\$50; May 13: Tyson Migura-\$100.

From the Desk of Father John

Today we congratulate the seniors who are graduating from Sacred Heart Catholic High School. We wish them well as they continue their journey in life. Those graduating are Michael Adams, Kadee Bludau, Lyndsie Blundell, Wade Brown, Kristin Dworsky, Ryan Fojt, Douglas Gray, Chris Greer, Paige Hanacek, Cavan Harper, Anna Hemmi, Matthew Herndon, Joanna Hill, Slayton Hrnecir, Kelsey Jansky, Regan Johnson, Jennifer Kallus, Samantha Kubena, Matthew Lanik, Collette Lapham, Seth Machicek, Ariel Medrano, Grant Pustejovsky, Megan Rainosek, Serena Remmers, Aaron Schaefer, Kaylie Steffek, Christopher Vanek & Taylor Wagner.

Today we also congratulate the eighth graders from our Sacred Heart Religious Education Program who are moving into high school. They are Tate Bludau, Dustin Boehm, Shelby Bozka, Emily Bujnoch, Mark Cansino, Madeline Etzler, Brynna Hardt, Megan Henke, Lindsey Hermes, Brittany Janak, Tara Leopold, Kelsey Mertz, Michaela Mills, James Sims, Kelsey Steffek, Ross Steffek and Crystal Stoner.

This is an exciting time for all of our young people as the school year quickly draws to a close. Let us pray that they will all live their faith during the summer and thereafter.



The Youth ConneXion



Sun., May 17: Firefall & youth gathering will not be held today. We will resume the regular schedule next month.

Sunday, May 24: Church Picnic (Pig Plop). Nachos & Lemonade Booth. *Don't forget to work your shift!!!*

Sunday, June 7: BBQ cook-off & party (details to come).

All of the events "count" toward your trip to NCYC.....

Interested in worshipping through music? Bring your voice and/or instrument to the Youth House & let's play or learn together on Mondays 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. Call Lee Ann 798-5005 for more information.

Sacred Heart Church Pastoral Advisory Council

Election will be held on May 31. You will be asked to vote for 2 women & 2 men. Parishioners running for election are Debra Smirak, Donna (Glenn) Leopold, Mary Leopold, Karen Kahanek, Christie Steffek, Angela Harper, Keith Opela, Kevin Etzler, Andrew Pesek, Pat Fawbush, Brian (Buck) Bludau & Mike DeLaRosa.

Sacred Heart School Advisory Council Election will be held on May 31. You will be asked to vote for 2 men. Individuals running for election are Michael Grahmann, Scott Blaschke, Jim Mullen, Anthony Harper & Glenn Steffek.

~~~ SPRING PICNIC NEWS ~~~

Dressing: Please come to the KC Hall at 8:00 a.m. on Friday to help make the dressing.

Potato Peeling: Please come to the KC Hall at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday to help peel potatoes.

Raffle Books: Don't forget to turn in your raffle books. You may drop them off at the Rectory or bring them to the picnic. Thank you for your support!

Please bring to the KC Hall on Sunday morning:

Cake Walk: Please bring at least 2 cakes.

Country Store: Items are needed – crafts & handmade items, fresh & canned vegetables, jellies, baked goods, noodles, etc.

Bingo: Please bring bingo prizes to the stage.

Auction: You may bring your auction items to the auction trailer on the Main Pavilion.

Pickles, Cakes & Kolaches are needed for the dinner. Please bring these items to the kitchen.

Sacred Heart Parish Spring Picnic, Sunday, May 24

One more week to the picnic! Cattle & auction items are still needed for the picnic. Please call or come by the rectory at your earliest opportunity. Cash donations are also being accepted.

Cattle: Marcus & Marjorie Grahmann- 18 mon. cross-bred heifer; JBar Angus (Mark & Karen Janak)- 18 mon. reg. Angus bull; Wink & Ida Bludau- crossbred heifer calf; Marvin & Lillian Rabel- 2 yr old male donkey; Charles & Doloris Leopold- 3 yr old Brangus cow with 1st calf; John & Beverly Haas- yearling Angus bull AI sired; Mark & Dianne Grahmann- 18 mon. crossbred heifer.

Auction: Fred & Debbie Huser & family- cedar glider swing; Gene & Trudy Janak- 2 (6 gal.) crocks with lids; Irene Szwarc- 22 Barbie dolls; Sweet Home Sand & Gravel- 2 (\$100 each) gift certificates for materials & services.

Donations: Elizabeth Kleiber-\$100; Eddie & Catherine Kosh-\$100; Lillian & William Gohlke-\$100; Leo & Evelyn Hoffer-\$500; Sarah Jansky-\$100; Daniel Kuhn-\$100.

Buy your Pig Plop Squares (\$10 each) from the youth at the picnic for a chance to win \$500! Proceeds benefit Sacred Heart youth programs. Thanks for your support!!



Truck Raffle Tickets (\$100 ea.) for a 2009 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 4x4 Z-71 Crew Cab are available at the rectory. The drawing will be held at the picnic.

Religious Education ~ Janice Busselman 798-3124

May 17: HHS Baccalaureate at 10:30 a.m. Mass.

8th Grade Recognition Mass at 2:00 p.m.

Vacation Bible School: June 22 – 26. Registration forms may be picked up in church or at the rectory. For more information or to volunteer, please call Janice, 798-9164.

Sacred Heart Catholic School News
(361) 798-4251

- *High School Graduation**, May 17, 4:00 p.m., KC Hall.
- *High School Exams**: May 18 – 20. High School dismissed at 12:00 noon.
- *PreK & Kindergarten Celebration**, May 20 at 9:00 a.m. in church.
- *Early dismissal**: May 20 at 12:00 Noon.
- *8th Grade Recognition Day**, May 20, 7:00 p.m. in church, followed by a reception in the Family Center.
- *Student Holiday**: May 21. Teacher's workday.
- *Last day of school**: May 22. Dismissal at 9:15 a.m.
- *Booster Club meeting**, May 27, 7:30 p.m., KC Hall.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

It was 1943, and Hitler's legions of death squads had occupied most of Poland. In the small town of Nowogrodek, sixty Jews were executed. Soon, however, the Gestapo arrested another 120 citizens to be executed simply as a show of force. A small order of nuns, the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, offered themselves in exchange for the release of the 120 prisoners. The Nazis agreed, and on July 18th, eleven sisters were lead out into the woods and were murdered. Today, a biala fara (white church) stands at the final resting place of the blessed martyrs who gave their lives without hesitation for their friends.

Perhaps it is difficult to comprehend what it would feel like to willingly lay down one's life for a friend. In today's Gospel reading from John, we are given the answer through what is known as the Great Commandment – love. Jesus tells us that there is no greater love than to be willing to make the ultimate sacrifice for another. This is exemplified in God's pure, unending love for us in offering His only Son to die for our sins and give us everlasting life. If we are able to love one another purely and wholly as He loved us, all things will be possible, even our ultimate sacrifice for another.



The Catechism of the Catholic Church is very clear in explaining Jesus' words to us that if we are to love one another "as I have loved you" we cannot do it simply through words of promise or imitation (CCC 2842). Only through the strength of the Holy Spirit will we be empowered to demonstrate, from the bottom of our heart, true love, mercy, and forgiveness. In the words of St. Ignatius of Loyola, "Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost."

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FINANCIAL REPORT – APRIL, 2009

Church Income:

Sunday Collections	\$ 30,818.10
Other Donations	1,317.39
Rice Bowl Collection	1,289.00
Holy Land Collection	1,231.00
Family Center Rental	335.00
Religious Articles	1,885.25
Interest	821.45
Picnic Transfer	<u>19,300.00</u>
Total Church Income	<u>\$ 56,997.19</u>

FINANCIAL REPORT – APRIL, 2009 (Continued)

Church Expense:

Salaries	\$ 6,373.47
Utilities	1,487.58
Church Expense	1,308.42
Rectory Expense	345.27
Office Expense	1,762.92
Religious Articles	1,896.01
Family Center Expense	267.44
Medical Insurance	3,090.00
Pension Plan	1,047.00
Repairs	315.59
Special Collection	2,520.00
Building Insurance	<u>1,528.12</u>
Total Church Expense	<u>\$ 21,941.82</u>

School Income:

Field Trips	\$ 304.00
Bus Fees	175.00
Pre-K Tuition	5,500.00
K – 12th Tuition	46,015.00
Extended Care	1,795.00
Catholic Education Envelopes	2,576.00
Memorials	1,360.00
Shop Donations	35.00
Donations	1,235.00
Gym Fund	1,311.20
Academic Meets	101.25
Magazine Drive	195.76
Miscellaneous	<u>536.00</u>
Total School Income	<u>\$ 61,139.21</u>

School Expenses:

Salaries	\$ 64,564.10
Contracted Services	593.04
Office & Teaching Expense	674.90
Postage	50.55
Staff Development	222.22
Public Relations	80.41
Library Expense	317.79
Utilities	3,927.71
Plant Repairs	1,376.12
Custodial Supplies	129.60
Bus & Vehicle Expenses	1,553.42
Payroll Taxes	4,812.96
Medical Insurance	11,427.84
Retirement	3,155.00
Property Insurance	2,438.71
Convent Expense	719.80
Acquisition of Equipment	1,135.00
Technology	277.28
Marathon Expense	1,440.00
Magazine Drive Expense	6,849.39
Extravaganza	190.00
Miscellaneous	<u>399.25</u>
Total School Expense	<u>\$ 106,335.09</u>

Parish Income	\$ 118,136.40
Parish Expense	- 128,276.91
Parish Deficit	\$ (10,140.51)

SACRED HEART CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Frank Krenek:

George & Bernadette Kramer	10.00
Joseph & Diane Kallus	10.00
Janice Kahanek	10.00

SACRED HEART CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUNDIn memory of Frank Krenek:

Bernard & Mary Grahmann	5.00
Peoples State Bank	10.00

SACRED HEART DAYCAREIn memory of Bernie Bludau:

Albert & Margaret Pozzi	20.00
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SACRED HEART SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND

<u>In memory of Anita Hajovsky Drabek:</u>	10.00
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<u>In memory of Edwin Rother:</u>	10.00
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Evelyn & Phillip Bujnoch	
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In memory of Bernie Bludau:

Paul Eisman	100.00
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Mike & Carolyn Grube	40.00
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Sherry Hale	10.00
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Adela Patlovany	10.00
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Charles & Dorothy Jansky	10.00
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Gary Don & Elizabeth Lane, David &	
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Nora Thornton, Mark & Lisa Vagasky	150.00
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Mike & Cindy Bludau	20.00
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Bill & Virginia Curley	10.00
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Mr. & Mrs. Michael Starnes	10.00
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Charles & Geralyn Klimitchek	10.00
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Norbert & Betty Sobotik	20.00
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Janet Brier	10.00
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Leonard & Mary Sklar	10.00
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Gus & Lucille Werner	10.00
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Travis & Audrey Klimitchek	20.00
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Blake & Cindi Janak	40.00
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Robert & Karen Kahanek	10.00
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Evelyn & Phillip Bujnoch	10.00
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Daniel & Anna Klekar	5.00
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Larry & Carolyn Svetlik	20.00
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Dennis & Carol Siegel	10.00
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Janice Staudt	20.00
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Henry & LaNora Konvicka	10.00
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Doug & Audrey Staudt	20.00
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Mr. & Mrs. Julius Hanslik	10.00
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Sandra & Edward Pustka	10.00
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Bruce & Gayle Wesson	10.00
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Sarah Dickey	20.00
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Irene Barton Family	10.00
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Donnie & Mary Jo Bludau	20.00
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Monroe & Mary Margaret Rieger	20.00
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Mike & Margaret Hanslik	5.00
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Ronnie & JoAnn Bludau	20.00
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Freddie Bludau & Delores	10.00
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Joan & Terry Schmidt	20.00
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Caroline & Robert Polasek	50.00
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John & Sherry Henke	20.00
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Mr. & Mrs. Leon Steffek	10.00
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Louis Rother & Grace Rother	20.00
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Mr. & Mrs. Robert Pesek	20.00
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Ronnie & Janet Hornischer	10.00
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Roy & Jean Schaefer	10.00
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Doug & Sherri Grahmann	10.00
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Terry & Ervin Bludau	20.00
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Mark & Gayle Bludau	20.00
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George & Dorothy Bujnoch	15.00
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Kenneth & Barbara Bludau	25.00
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Richard & Frances Henke	10.00
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Tom & Lisa Hermes	10.00
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SACRED HEART SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUNDIn memory of Bernie Bludau:

Cheryl Sedlacek	25.00
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Jerome Pesek	20.00
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Emmerlin Dworsky	10.00
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RL & Elsie Orsak	10.00
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Jerry & Virginia Kubenka	10.00
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Joe Etzler Family	20.00
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Ethlyne Zappe, Pete & Glenda Trlicek	35.00
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Larry Hajovsky	40.00
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Dennis & Cynthia Matula	20.00
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Frank & Bernadette Bludau	10.00
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Mr. & Mrs. Winfred Bludau	25.00
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Forrest & Carol Sevcik	10.00
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Mr. & Mrs. A. R. Wearden	25.00
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Connie & David Smith	100.00
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Rodney Kalich	20.00
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Carol Esse Timmons	25.00
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Joseph & Carolyn Holub	50.00
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Robert & Cheryl Labbe	50.00
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Charlie & Anna Neumeyer	20.00
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Allan & Charlene Janak	20.00
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Joan Pruet	10.00
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Pam Adger	25.00
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Marvin & Annette Grahmann	20.00
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George & Irene Knebel	25.00
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Steven & Shandlyn Koehne & boys	10.00
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In memory of Frank Krenek:

Herbert & Georgie Etzler	20.00
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David & Mary Polasek	20.00
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SACRED HEART SCHOOL ALUMNI FUNDIn memory of Bernie Bludau:

Marcus & Marjorie Grahmann	25.00
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SACRED HEART SCHOOL OPERATING FUNDIn memory of Bernie Bludau:

Frank & Jo Nell Janecek	20.00
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James Stump	100.00
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Larry & Doris Grubert	10.00
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Mark & Dianne Grahmann	25.00
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Ted & Mary Kay Salari & family	20.00
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Ella Mae Bludau	10.00
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Freeman & Jackie Pettus & family	10.00
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Pat Mladenka	5.00
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In memory of Frank Krenek:

James Liska	20.00
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Paul & Sandra Migl	10.00
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Harvey Jahn	25.00
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In memory of Anita Hajovsky Drabek:

Larry & Doris Grubert	10.00
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Gayle & Mark Shrode	20.00
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In memory of David Janak:

Larry & Doris Grubert	10.00
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In memory of James Kouba:

Freeman & Jackie Pettus & family	10.00
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In memory of Patsy Steffek:

Shanna Clark & SHCS 3rd Grade Class	20.00
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