

January 4, 2009: The Epiphany of the Lord



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary His mother. They prostrated themselves and did Him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. – Mt 2:10-11

LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, January 4 (Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12)

8:00 AM- For our Parish Family

10:30 AM- John & Frances Valigura

Monday, January 5 (1 Jn 3:22 – 4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25)

7:00 AM- Bernice Henneke Little

10:00 AM- Edward & Martha Appelt (H'ville Rehab)

Tuesday, January 6 (1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44)

7:00 AM- August & Agnes Dornak

Wednesday, January 7 (1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52)

7:00 AM- Joe & Helen Grafe

8:05 AM- Dale Schulte

Thursday, January 8 (1 Jn 4:19 – 5:4/Lk 4:14-22a)

7:00 AM- William E. Schindler

10:00 AM- Joe & K.V. Vanek (Stevens)

Friday, January 9 (1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16)

7:00 AM- Grace Ann Liska

8:05 AM- Arlyn "Buck" Leopold

Saturday, January 10 (1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30)

5:30 PM- Alfons & Lillie Michalcik

Sunday, January 11 (Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11)

8:00 AM- Linhart, Ludmilla, Johnnie & Benedict Hermis,

Leona Blaschke, Adolph & Hermina Marek

10:30 AM- Adele Richardson



Bulletin Sponsor: In memory of John & Frances Valigura by Bob & Lou Kubena.

Radio Broadcast Sponsor: In memory of Harvey Pavliska, Sr. by his family.

Our Gift to God: Christmas Day Collection –

Envelopes-\$8,262.50; Loose-\$2,991; Children's-\$55.

Sunday Collection – Envelopes-\$6,663; Loose-\$1,975;

Children's-\$65; Manna -\$1,128; Church Endowment-\$3,030; School Endowment- \$30; Catholic Ed.-\$280.

Promise of Marriage: Leslie Chapman & Tad Jansky on January 10.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of: Lillie Bohuslav, mother of Franklin, Marvin & Arnold Bohuslav; Bill Sebesta, father of Brandy Tolson. *May they & all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.*

December Baptisms: Gianna Danell, daughter of Gregory Foley & Angela Muniz; Austin Joseph, son of Brian & Traci Jalomo; and William Travis, son of Martin & Jennifer Cox.

Welcome to the Parish: Daniel Gutierrez & daughter, Jean Marie.

Sacred Heart Quilting Circle: In honor of Olga Haas' 94th birthday by John & Charlene Pillow - \$25.00.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, JANUARY 5

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

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

-RCIA Class, 7:00 p.m., Mary's House, 300 S. Dowling.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

-CCD: Grades K – 11th, 6:00 – 7:10 p.m.

-Spiritual Book Study, 6:00 p.m., Mary's House, 300 S. Dowling.

-Divine Mercy Prayer Group, 7:30 p.m., Church Cry Rm.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

-Right to Life Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Mary's House, 300 S. Dowling.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

-Blood Drive, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Family Center.

AMONG OUR SICK: Hubert Grahmann, Deacon Marvin Fikac, Mary Laas, Jacque Holchak, Alvin Rosenauer, Frank Luke, Douglas Bludau, Macey Moeller, Margaret Flores, Mary Ann Gaitan, Virginia Pederson, Odessa Blumberg, Debbie Fishbeck, Johnny Rainosek, 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, Harvey Prasek, Annette Krupala, Thelma Mikulenska, Alphonse Steffek, Mary Ann Kana, Bill Chapline, Anthony Corte, Philip Schlageter, Maggie Volcik, Matthew Walker, Amanda Conniff, Marcella Henke, Margaret Timm, Madeline Lakey, Sylvester Garza, Harry Jackson, Helen M. Appelt, Luke Bludau, Mary Kaiser, Michael Kutac, Rosalie Simpson, Hedwig Greer, Josephine Matejek, nursing home residents, homebound.

Spiritual Book Study: You are invited to participate in reading & discussing *The Return of the Prodigal Son* by renown author Fr. Henri Nouwen. A chance encounter with a reproduction of Rembrandt's painting of the encounter between the father & his wayward son sent our author on a long spiritual adventure. In his book he shares the deeply personal meditation that led him to discover the place within where God has chosen to dwell. We who join in this opportunity to study his work are sure to have our own encounter with God as we explore our life experiences in light of this familiar story from Scripture. Who do you most relate to – the father, the younger son or the elder son? Does it change for you? Come join us in this adventure & be enriched by the words we will read and the stories we will share on Wednesdays beginning January 7, 6:00 – 7:10 p.m. at Mary's House, 300 S. Dowling. For book ordering information, please call Pat Scherer at (979) 562-2252.

Thank you! The diocese's KC's, Catholic Daughters, Council of Catholic Women, Altar Societies & Youth Groups raised nearly \$23,000 through the sale of olive wood gifts for the Christians living in the Holy Land. Thank you all for your assistance in this project. A special thank you to the parishioners who purchased items. Cindy Brewer, Victoria Holy Land Christian Support Network.

From the Desk of Father John

On behalf of Fr. Michael, Deacons Sonny and Joey, Sisters Emiliana and Colette, and the parish staff, I thank you for all your many kindnesses, gifts and prayers during this Christmas Season. I also thank everyone who helped in any way with decorating in the parish and all those who participated in special ways in the various liturgies.

We pray that you and your families will have a blessed and healthy 2009.

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, the coming of the Three Kings. An old Catholic custom is the blessing of the home at Epiphany, especially the doorways. We can bless ourselves and the rooms of the home with holy water. We use chalk to mark the numerals and letters over doorways. The chalk reminds us of the dust of the earth from which we were made. The numerals consecrate the new year. The initials remind us of the legendary names of the Magi – Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar – and also stand for the Latin motto *Christus mansionem benedicat* (*May Christ bless the house*):

20 + C + M + B + 09

There is a very good Catholic television station called EWTN. It is on our local cable or you can get it on your satellite dish. EWTN has very good Catholic religious programming. It has a variety of instructional programs, daily Masses, the praying of the rosary and many inspirational programs. If you haven't watched it before, I would suggest you give it a try.



The Youth ConneXion



January 11: Youth gathering at 4:00 p.m. at the Youth House; meeting to follow.

January 17: CHAMPS meet at 2:30 p.m. in the church.

January 18: Youth meet at 5:00 p.m. in the church. Firefall to follow at 6:00 p.m.

Religious Education – Janice Busselman 798-3124

CCD classes resume January 7th.

First Penance: Practice January 17 at 9:00 a.m. First Penance on January 18 at 2:00 p.m..

Prayer for Rain: Almighty God, we are in need of rain. We realize now, looking up into the clear, blue sky, what a marvel even the least drop of rain really is. We place our trust in You. Look on our dry hills and fields, dear God, and bless them with the living blessing of soft rain. Then the land will rejoice, and the rivers will sing Your praises, and the hearts of men will be made glad. Amen.

Donations for Poinsettias: Lucille Etzler-\$10; Lillian & William Gohlke-\$25; Gilbert & Bea Butschek-\$25; Emmerlin Dworsky-\$10; Vernell Bozka-\$20; Leo & Evelyn Hoffer-\$100; S.E. & Mary Golsch-\$10; John & Evelyn Pavliska-\$10; Paul & Leona Najvar-\$10; Sarah Jansky-\$5; Evelyn Michalec-\$10; Leona Chovanetz-\$10; Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Drozd-\$10; Sheila & Dennis Jansky Family-\$20; Harry Hruzek-\$10.

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***Classes resume** January 5, 2009.

***First Penance:** practice on January 17th at 9:00 a.m.
First Penance on January 18th at 2:00 p.m.

***Spaghetti Supper:** January 21, 5:00–7:00 pm, KC Hall.

The Epiphany of the Lord

Throughout Germany at this time of year, you will find most main doorways inscribed with the following: 20+C+M+B+09. Children known as Sternsinger (star singers) dress up as the Magi and go door to door, requesting candy for themselves and money for the Church. As they leave, the house is blessed, and the inscription written in chalk. The 20 and 09 refer to the year, the CMB are said to represent either Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar – the Magi – or the Latin *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, which means "Christ, bless this home."



Today, we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, in which we remember the adoration of the newborn Christ by three wise men from the East. This should leave no doubt in anyone's mind just how far and wide the promise of a Savior had spread. These representatives of pagan religions from other lands were determined to pay their respects; it was as if they were born to do this – to acknowledge in some way the beginning of the greatest reign of the greatest king of all.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that the Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and savior of the world (CCC 528). In the three wise men from different lands and different religions, we understand that in Jesus Christ, all are welcome. The Epiphany is the third manifestation of the mystery of the Incarnation, following the Annunciation and the birth of Christ. Today is truly the beginning of the paschal mystery.

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Donations for Poinsettias: Jerry & Margaret Kallus-\$15; Fr. John in memory of his parents & grandparents-\$50; Don & Barbara Rainosek in memory of V.L. & Rose Rainosek, Alvin J. Grahmann-\$50; in memory of Rudy & Mary Opela-\$20; in memory of Ryan Grahmann by his family-\$25; Leona Labay in memory of V.C. Labay-\$20; Ella Mae Bludau in memory of Ervin Bludau, Sr.-\$20; Rudy Petru Family in memory of Dorothy Petru-\$100; A.J. & Jo Kutac in memory of Stanley Kutac, Frieda & Newton Renken-\$15; Laurence Wagner Family in memory of deceased members-\$20; in memory of Victor & Alma Brosch by their children-\$30; Roland & Georgia Schaefer in thanksgiving for their 55th anniv.-\$20; Debra Smirak Family in memory of Dennis Smirak-\$25; Dennis & Betty Janecek in memory of Gene Novak-\$20; Guntram & Elaine Janak Family in memory of Alvin & Annie Schneider, Sr. & Guntram & Annie Janak, Sr.-\$10; Marilyn Hajek in memory of Viola C. Grahmann-\$20; in memory of Harvey Pavliska by his family-\$25; Cleo Muras Family in memory of Magdalen Muras-\$25; Gene & Trudy Janak in memory of their parents-\$20; living & deceased members of Josephine Matejek Family-\$10; Maureen & Anthony Gronos in memory of Al & Joyce Wagner-\$50; Bohumir Pustejovsky Family in memory of Hedy Pustejovsky-\$20; Jerry & Mary Jo Janak in memory of their parents-\$15; Lillian Haas Family in memory of Carl Haas-\$15; Marvin & Lillian Rabel in memory of Stacey Rabel-\$10; Martha Sitka in memory of Henry J. Sitka-\$20; Victor & Lucille Vasek in memory of Robert & Rosa Helmcamp-\$10.

FINANCIAL REPORT – NOVEMBER, 2008Church Income:

Church Donations	\$ 33,013.50
Other Donations	4,415.35
Religious Articles	914.95
Campaign for Human Development	669.00
Family Center Rentals	615.00
Interest	<u>20,060.79</u>
Total Church Income	<u>\$ 59,688.59</u>

Church Expense:

Salaries	\$ 5,972.09
Utilities Expense	1,710.62
Church Expense	1,640.72
Rectory Expense	244.92
Office Expense	1,967.02
Religious Articles	1,139.24
Family Center Expense	451.05
Medical Insurance & Pension	2,592.00
Repairs & Maintenance	218.79
Campaign for Human Development	669.00
Building Insurance	<u>1,528.12</u>
Total Church Expense	<u>\$ 18,133.57</u>

School Income:

Bus Fees	\$ 175.00
PreK Tuition	5,425.00
K – 12th Tuition	45,140.00
Extended Care	1,885.00
Catholic Education	1,739.00
Memorials	80.00
Home & School Assoc. Donation	10,075.00
Library Income	5,100.00
Knights of Columbus Donation	5,351.83
Miscellaneous	310.00
Grants	10,500.00
Interest Income	12,477.06
Book Fair	<u>2,124.65</u>
Total School Income	<u>\$ 100,382.54</u>

School Expense:

Salaries	\$ 64,858.34
Contract Services	719.72
Office & Teaching Expense	1,586.10
Postage	183.26
Staff Development	710.83
Public Relations	2,500.00
Textbooks	58.85
Library Expense	1,787.50
Utilities	6,481.75
Plant Repairs	1,283.82
Custodial Supplies	982.07
Bus Expense	3,526.43
Payroll Taxes	4,776.08
Medical Insurance	11,112.84
Retirement	230.00
Property Insurance	2,438.71
Convent Expense	523.20
Miscellaneous	581.17
Technology	1,252.49
Marathon Expense	3,675.00
Book Fair Expense	<u>1,865.84</u>
Total School Expense	<u>\$ 111,134.00</u>

PARISH INCOME	\$ 160,071.13
PARISH EXPENSE	<u>- 129,267.57</u>
PARISH BALANCE	<u>\$ 30,803.56</u>

SACRED HEART CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND

Estate of Joe Konvicka 1,000.00

In memory of Lorene Fuller:

Tandy Brands Accessories 50.00

In memory of Alma Brosch:

Jerome & Nan Drozd 10.00

Richard & Jo Nell Vacek 10.00

Barbara & Danny Allcorn 25.00

Julius & Rose Mary Sedlar 10.00

Ben & Mary Lee Brosch 10.00

Adela Mullen 20.00

Irene Brosch 10.00

Steven Boehm 20.00

Franklin & Henrietta Filip 5.00

John & LaVerne Trojcek 10.00

Peoples State Bank 10.00

Marvin & Monica Holik 20.00

In memory of Helen Schulte:

Glenn & Donna Leopold 10.00

In memory of Jerome Molina:

Annie K. Henke 5.00

In memory of Eugene Novak:

John & LaVerne Trojcek 10.00

Evelyn Haas 10.00

Patsy & Helen Zabransky 10.00

Joe, Ruth & Patrick Fabian 5.00

Vlasta Hullek 10.00

Donna Arnold 20.00

Mr. & Mrs. Ben Brosch 10.00

Rosalie Tobola 5.00

Frank & Wanda Allen 40.00

Allen & Arlene Becan & Family 20.00

Marvin & Lillian Rabel 10.00

Bernice Novak 20.00

Sam & Sandy Buyajian 50.00

Peoples State Bank 10.00

Angela Dornak 20.00

In memory of Victor Buzek:

Daniel & Carolyn Strauss, Edward Strauss 20.00

Robert & Barbara Grahmann 15.00

Matthew, Martha & John Bludau 10.00

Garry & Geraldine Dornak & girls 10.00

Forrest & Carol Sevcik & Family 10.00

Bohumir & Maryann Pustejovsky 10.00

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas J. Sitka 10.00

Mark & Dianne Grahmann 20.00

Laverne & Paula Wolf 25.00

Chris & Julie Kubena 25.00

Marilyn Strauss 20.00

SACRED HEART SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUNDIn honor of Msgr. Stanley Petru's Anniversary:

Charles & Dorothy Jansky 20.00

In memory of Alma Brosch:

Irene Brosch 10.00

Frank Marbach & Arlene Abbott 30.00

Daniel & Monica Matula 20.00

Harvey & Susan Hlavac 25.00

Bobby & Gladys Jiral 20.00

Viola Konvicka 20.00

Julius Belicek 5.00

Larry & Judy Appelt 15.00

Paul & Mildred Vesely 10.00

Rosalie Tobola 10.00

Forrest & Carol Sevcik & Family 10.00

Elroy & Barbara Holik 10.00

SACRED HEART SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUNDIn memory of Alma Brosch:

Adolph & Bernice Marek	10.00
Dan & Barbara Respondek	10.00
Phillip & Pat Smirak	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Henry Bonewald & Family	10.00
Carolyn & Richard Roos	20.00
Anthony & Barbara Hlavac	25.00

In memory of Eugene Novak:

Robert & Louise Pesek	10.00
Forrest & Ann Dittrich	20.00
Leonard & Fannie Lamza	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ervin Neskora	10.00
Sylvester & Dolores Janak	10.00
Delores & Ernest Laitkemp	10.00

Louis Patek	10.00
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Bill & Virginia Curley	10.00
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Evelyn Dornak & Family	25.00
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Alma & Larry Biediger, Sr.	100.00
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In memory of Dorothy Petru:

	10.00
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In memory of Wilhelm Grahmann:

	10.00
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In memory of Victor Buzek:

Charles & Dorothy Jansky	10.00
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Forrest & Ann Dittrich	10.00
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Cynthia McIntosh	25.00
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George & Dorothy Bujnoch	25.00
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Robert & Louise Pesek	5.00
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SACRED HEART SCHOOL ALUMNI FUNDIn memory of Eugene Novak:

Eugene & Darlene Kainer	20.00
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In honor of Frank & Rita Zaruba's 50th Anniversary:

Nicholas & Barbara Grahmann	50.00
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Jerome & Evelyn Grahmann	50.00
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SACRED HEART SCHOOL OPERATING FUND

Anonymous	2,000.00
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In honor of Msgr. Stanley Petru's Anniversary:

Ronnie & Agnes Huser	20.00
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In memory of Riley & Reese Manning:

Michael & Deborah Earley	50.00
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In memory of Alma Brosch:

Dennis & Rose Mary Havlik & Family	20.00
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Donnie & Nicole Belicek & Family	20.00
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Vic & Katherine Kahanek	20.00
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Lorene Nerada	10.00
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Larry Hlavac Family	25.00
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In memory of Eugene Novak:

Leroy & Alice Bludau	15.00
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Glenn & Donna Leopold	10.00
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Pam, Randy & Tori Dornak	20.00
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Kathleen & Mike Chovanetz	25.00
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Robert & Leona Steffek	10.00
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Frank & Rita Zaruba	10.00
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George & Adair Bean	25.00
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In memory of Victor Buzek:

Jerry & Jackie Robertson	10.00
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Lois & Mike Nelson	25.00
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Glenn & Donna Leopold	10.00
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Rosemary Hermes	10.00
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Dennis Haas Family	20.00
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James & Tonie Brooks	10.00
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Gail & Edward Kallus	25.00
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Glen Bludau	20.00
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R. E. & Bonnie Valentine	25.00
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Leo & Dorothy Henke	10.00
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SACRED HEART SCHOOL OPERATING FUNDIn memory of Victor Buzek:

Arthur Etzler, Jr.	25.00
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Pauline Najvar	10.00
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Leonard & Frances Pesek	10.00
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Franklin & Nola Bohuslav	15.00
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SACRED HEART SCHOOL ATHLETICSIn memory of Victor Buzek:

Daniel & Dorothy Rother	10.00
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SACRED HEART SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUNDIn memory of Ethel C. Bludau:

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In memory of Victor Buzek:

Laurence & Carol Bludau	15.00
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SACRED HEART CHURCH MUSIC FUNDIn honor of Frank & Rita Zaruba's 50th Anniversary:

Harry Hruzek	10.00
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In memory of Eugene Novak:

Kubena Funeral Home	20.00
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In memory of Victor Buzek:

John & Evelyn Pavliska	20.00
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Bob & Lou Kubena	20.00
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In memory of Jerome Molina:

John & Evelyn Pavliska	20.00
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SACRED HEART CHURCH FLOWER FUNDIn memory of Eugene Novak:

Harvey & Doyleen Drozd	10.00
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SACRED HEART CEMETERY FUNDIn memory of Alma Brosch:

Ladell Hogan	25.00
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SACRED HEART EARLY CHILDHOOD & DAYCAREIn memory of Alma Brosch:

Carl & Beth West	10.00
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In memory of Eugene Novak:

John & Melinda Cernosek	25.00
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Jayne & Francis Kana Family	20.00
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SACRED HEART QUILTING CIRCLEIn memory of Eugene Novak:

John & Charlene Pillow	20.00
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Dan & Mathilda Melnar	15.00
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Margaret Bludau	10.00
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Lawrence & Delores Grahmann	10.00
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Daniel & Dorothy Rother	10.00
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In memory of Victor Buzek:

Dan & Mathilda Melnar	10.00
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In memory of Ethel C. Bludau:

Kubena Funeral Home	20.00
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SACRED HEART BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEEIn memory of Victor Buzek:

Joyce Thomas	30.00
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CAROLYN DWORSKY SCHOLARSHIP FUNDIn memory of Eugene Novak:

Lucille Etzler	5.00
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DOROTHY HENNEKE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDIn memory of Eugene Novak:

Roland Henneke	10.00
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Tommy & Elsie Grahmann	20.00
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Roy & Loretta Hardcastle	10.00
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HILBERT & AGNES BLUDAU SCHOLARSHIP FUNDIn memory of Herbert Bludau:

Terry Bludau	20.00
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DWAYNE JANAK SCHOLARSHIP FUNDIn memory of Eugene Novak:

Vic & Katherine Kahanek	30.00
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In memory of James Kouba:

Guntram & Elaine Janak & Family	25.00
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