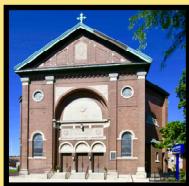


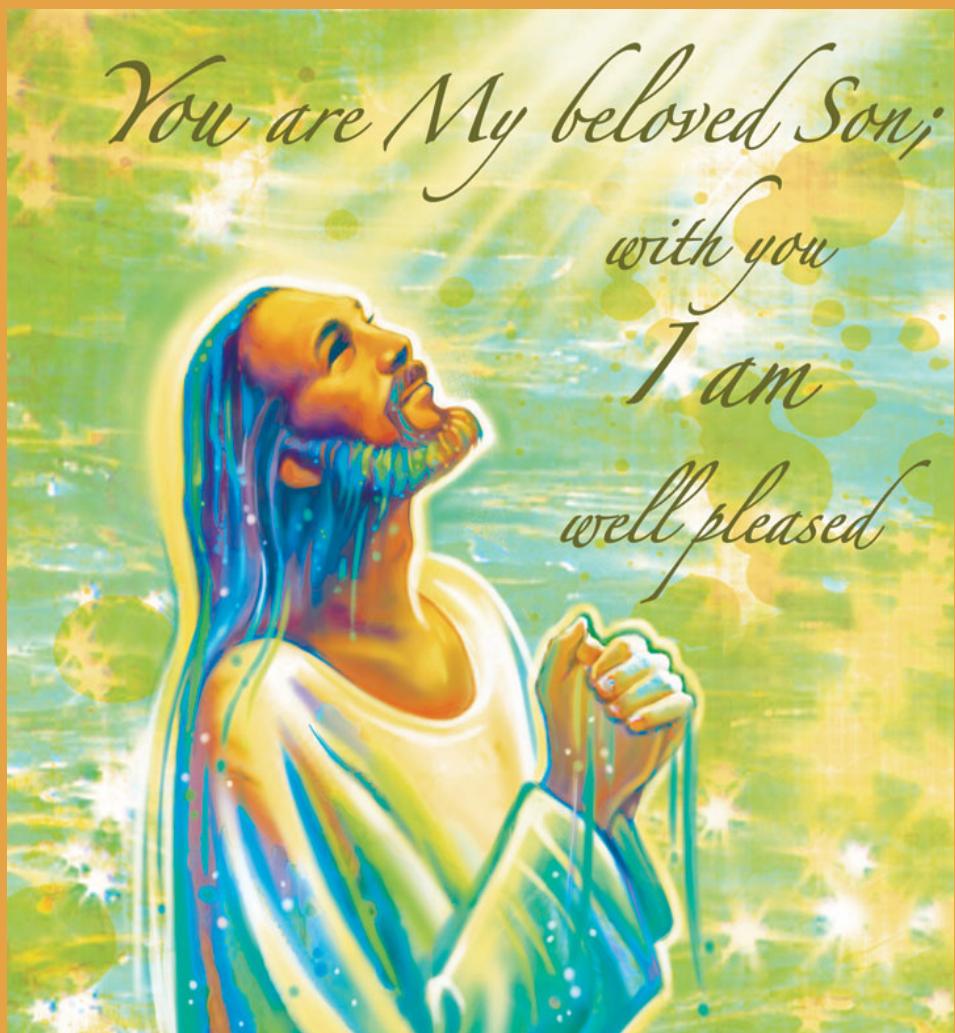
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**THE FEAST OF THE  
BAPTISM OF THE LORD**



**Jan.  
10  
2021**

**All you who are thirsty, come to  
the water!**

**— Isaiah 55:1**

# news and events

## Christmas Decorations

Christmas decorations will be taken down today after the 9:30 am Mass at St. Barbara Church and after the 10:30 am Mass at St. Therese Church. Parishioners are invited to take a poinsettia home if he/she wants.

## Safety Reminder

With the recent reports of the increasing COVID-19 infection rates in Chicago, we would like to remind you all to continue to observe all CDC and Archdiocese COVID-19 guidelines in all of our facilities:

- Wearing a mask fully covering your mouth and nose
- Practicing social distancing
- Washing your hands as often as possible
- Avoiding large group gatherings

Let's do our best to keep ourselves and each other safe and healthy; and let's continue to pray for an end to the pandemic and for God's healing power upon all sufferers. Thank YOU for your cooperation and for being super cautious.

## Join us on Facebook

Our parish has a new Facebook page and it is <https://www.facebook.com/StMotherTeresaParish>. Please like us and follow us for parish events.

## Praying the Rosary

St. Mother Teresa loved praying the rosary and taught her sisters to love this wonderful devotion too. She taught that *our fervent praying of the rosary is a very special way for us to contemplate with our Heavenly Mother the mysteries of Jesus' life that she shared so fully. Yes, we must always be very faithful and never give up praying the Rosary.*

Our parish offers the following regular opportunities to pray the rosary together:

1. 5:30am on Sundays at St. Barbara Church
2. 5pm on Mondays with Sisters of the Missionaries of Charity at St. Therese Church
3. 2:30pm on Tuesdays in Mandarin on Zoom
4. 7pm on Wednesdays in English on Zoom
5. First Friday of the Month at 7pm at St. Therese Church

Please email Jing Zhang for the Mandarin Zoom information at [jzsstherese@gmail.com](mailto:jzsstherese@gmail.com) or contact Perry Lau via our parish offices at 312-842-7979 or 312-842-6777 for the English Zoom information.

## Bible Sharing

Our parish offers bi-weekly Mandarin and weekly Cantonese Bible Sharing on Zoom during this pandemic. All are welcome to join. For the Mandarin group, please email Jing Zhang for the Zoom information at [jzsstherese@gmail.com](mailto:jzsstherese@gmail.com) or contact John Lin via our parish offices at 312-842-7979 or 312-842-6777 for the Cantonese Zoom information

## Faith Formation Series Continues

All parishioners are invited to join Dr. Thomas Howard for this year's **ONLINE** parent faith formation series:

- Sunday, January 10, 2021, 9-9:45 am; Topic: Theology of Eucharist and Confirmation
- Sunday, February 7, 2021, 9-9:45 am; Topic: Theology of Reconciliation and Lent

To attend via Zoom, please email [thoward@sttheresachicago.org](mailto:thoward@sttheresachicago.org) and you will receive the link.

## **IN WHOM I AM PLEASED** **By Sister Caritas**

Sometimes when teaching I would have to find ways to encourage good behavior. I would tell the fourth row that they were sitting so straight and were the best row. Everyone in the row sat very straight and tall and all the other rows in the class immediately adjusted their behavior and I would proceed to compliment other rows. Soon the whole class was sitting correctly and quietly. Perhaps you remember a compliment from a teacher or another person you respected and what a deep impression it made on you.

In today's Gospel, we have the story of Jesus being baptized in the Jordan by John the Baptist. Jesus comes up out of the water. He saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." As the Holy Trinity is manifested in this gospel, The Father praises and identifies Jesus as the loved Son and is pleasing to the Father. This affirmation of Jesus is for John the Baptist and for anyone else who is there and is open to hearing and having faith.

If we are Catholic, at some time we were baptized. By being baptized we become adopted children of God. God is truly Our Father. Jesus is Our Brother and we are filled with the Holy Spirit. At that moment God The Father can say of us what He said of Jesus: "You are my son (or daughter) in whom I am well pleased." The challenge of our lives is to live this adoption and "be pleasing to the Father" each day of our lives. It takes faith to recognize this special relationship with God. We live in the grace we are given and are led by the Holy Spirit. If we take time to let this reality deepen in us, if we take time to live out our adoption, we will experience the affirmation of the Father. He will be pleased in us. God will live in us and we will reveal Jesus, God, to those we meet. Will you take the time to fully enter into this wondrous mystery?



# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

## THANKS

This past Christmas and New Year celebrations were peaceful, prudent, and certainly with less festivities. We were blessed to have so many of our parishioners and visitors to celebrate the masses both in person and online with us. At the same time, we missed seeing a lot of our parishioners who, without the pandemic, would have been part of our joyful celebrations.

During this challenging time, I am continuously amazed by the good that so many of you do for our parish on a daily basis. Thanks to all for making our holy day celebrations safe and fruitful.

Special thanks to **our liturgical ministers** for their extraordinary commitment and to **all of our parishioners and benefactors** who have generously and financially supported our Christmas giving. Our Christmas collection in this unusual year is about \$50,000.00, which sets a new record high. This definitely helps our parish operations during this unprecedented time when more than sixty percent of our regular parishioners can't attend our parish's services in person, yet our parish strives to provide as many services both in person and online as possible and to do our best to keep our doors open.

Special thanks to **ZhiWei Niu and Paul Wang** for their generous Christmas donation of \$1,000.00 and for choosing our parish this year as their company's matching donation organization. So their \$1,000.00 with 3 X matching becomes a \$4,000.00 Christmas offering to our parish. If your company has matching donations, you may want to consider our parish too.

Special thanks to **Linda Leung and her family** for having 250 customized masks with our churches' logos made and generously donating them to our parish. I plan to give these to our ministers and volunteers in the upcoming Appreciation Gathering or at an appropriate time.

Special thanks to three of our youngsters, **Lizzy Andriacchi, Christina and Rosella Follino** for taking time to spread some Christmas joy and care to our neighbors by distributing a Christmas wrist band and a greeting message on behalf of our parish and thanks to **Ellen and Nick Andriacchi** for organizing this.



## NEW YEAR'S "RESOLUTION"

What's your New Year's resolution for your own life, your family and your parish?

The celebration of the Baptism of the Lord calls us to reflect on our own baptismal missions. Our baptism makes each one of us a part of the Body of Christ and gives us the privilege of living in the Good News and sharing it with our brothers and sisters.

As I look forward to serve you in the New Year, I would like to invite all of us to ponder and act upon the following areas of Mission for responding to the Mission entrusted to us by our Lord and for the good of our faith community: focusing and getting involved with **radical hospitality, faith formation and evangelization**. As a community, we must continue to follow the call of our Lord by being fed with the Eucharist, the center of our life and of the life of our community, by finding creative ways to reach out to our brothers and sisters with the Good News, and by fostering “a culture of care” as Pope Francis invites us to do at his New Year’s message.

I can spend hours and pages with each of the three areas I mentioned, namely hospitality, formation and evangelization. As for now, I ask you to pray about it and to give some thoughts on how you would like to be part of these missions. Throughout this year, you will hear more from me on these missionary endeavors and as a community we will intentionally work on them.

Peace

Fr. Francis

### Prayer for the New Year

"May God make your year a happy one!  
Not by shielding us from all sorrows and pain,  
But by strengthening us to bear it, as it comes;  
    Not by making our path easy,  
    But by making us sturdy to travel any path;  
    Not by taking hardships from us,  
    But by taking fear from our heart;  
    Not by granting us unbroken sunshine,  
    But by keeping our face bright, even in the shadows;  
    Not by making our life always pleasant,  
But by showing us when people and their causes need us most,  
    and by making us anxious to be there to help.  
God's love, peace, hope and joy to us for the year ahead."

*—Author Unknown*

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:



**JAMES RZASA**  
Son of Stanley Rzasa

and

**RICHARD (RICKY) MAZARKA**  
Son of the Late Sherrie and Chester Mazarka

Please keep the Rzasa and Mazarka  
Families in your prayers.

MONDAYS WITH THE SISTERS OF THE MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY:

4pm-5pm: meeting people on  
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at parishioners' homes



5pm-6pm: Holy Hour  
in St. Therese Church

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### ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

#### December 19, 2020 Report

<b>Donor Count</b>	<b>117</b>
<b>2020 Goal</b>	<b>\$ 16,941.70</b>
<b>Amount Pledged</b>	<b>\$ 23,518.02</b>
<b>Amount Paid</b>	<b>\$ 21,778.02</b>
<b>Balance Due</b>	<b>\$ 1,740.00</b>

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## SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Joseph  
(c. 1st century CE)

- He is the patron saint of workers.
- Spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary.
- Descendant of King David.
- St. Joseph had to give up a normal life to be a part of Mary and Jesus's life. He also risked his life to take Mary and Jesus to Jerusalem.
- Feast Day: March 19



**Student Reflection #1:** I believe this saint will help me pursue my faith because he shows what you can become when you work hard. St. Joseph will also help me pursue my holiness, because he shows me that I don't have to have a normal life. I can do what I want to do, whether that's becoming a priest, lawyer, or whatever I want to be. As long as I believe.

## SCHOOL NEWS

Our students worked hard on their virtual Christmas program. Visit the School Videos Playlist on our Parish YouTube Channel (St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish) to watch their performances.



## PROSPECTIVE PARENTS

Join us at one of St. Therese School's Open House Fridays this year!

St. Barbara Campus: 1-1:45 pm 1/15, 2/12, 3/12

St. Therese Campus: 2:15-3 pm 1/15, 2/12, 3/12

For more information, call 312-326-2837 or log on to [Admissions@StThereseChicago.org](mailto:Admissions@StThereseChicago.org)

You can also visit our website:  
[www.StThereseChicago.org](http://www.StThereseChicago.org)

## The Grace of Baptism

By Fr. John Cuff

Years ago, there was a conference in England to discuss the question, "What makes Christianity different from all the other religions of the world?" At the conference, some suggested that Christianity is unique in its teaching that God became a human being. It was pointed out that the Hindu religion has many instances of God coming to earth as human. Others suggested that it is the belief in the resurrection. Again it was pointed out that other faiths believe that the dead rise again. The debate grew loud and heated until C. S. Lewis, the great defender of Christianity, came in. "What's the rumpus about?" he asked. When he was told that it was a question of the uniqueness of Christianity, he said, "Oh, that's easy. It's grace."

In a reading on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, Paul's Letter to Titus focuses on us Christians as people who have been saved through the grace of Baptism. **"For when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit."** (Titus 3:4-5).

Here we see the meaning of grace. G-R-A-C-E spells God's Riches At Christ's Expense. The salvation we've received isn't in payment for any good works we may have done but a free and unconditional gift of God. In Baptism God wipes away all our sins and no longer holds us accountable for them. My favorite definition of grace is "God gives everything in return for nothing to us who don't deserve anything."

C.S. Lewis was right when he said that the doctrine of grace makes the Christian faith unique among all other faiths. There are no preconditions for receiving God's grace. To receive God's grace is free and unconditional. But to remain in God's grace demands a response from us. This response is, on the one hand, that we say no to the devil and to the temptation to run our own lives according to our selfish and worldly inclinations, and, on the other hand, that we submit to God and lead our lives in submission to God's holy will. In other words, we who have received the grace of baptism must endeavor to live up to our Baptismal promises.

As we celebrate Christ's Baptism in the Jordan, let us thank God for the free gift of salvation we received through the grace of Baptism. Let us also earnestly ask Him for the grace to keep us faithful to our baptismal promises to say no to Satan and all his false promises and to say yes to God even unto death.



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday - January 9 - Christmas Weekday

5:00 p.m. Health Blessings: B. Glabicki (Maria Saludo)  
 + Charles Palumbo (Wife, Rosetta Palumbo)  
 + Theresa Bertucci (Dominic Barbaro)  
 Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente & Family)

### Sunday, January 10 - The Baptism of The Lord

6:00 a.m. + Evelyn Badonski (Jim & Christine Bertucci)  
 9:30 a.m. + Teresita Villafuerte Holcomb (Angelica,  
 Emmanuel & Jeremy King)  
 + Stanley Slotarski (Family)  
 + Rita M. Lukas

### Monday, January 11 - Weekday

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Therese Church

### Tuesday, January 12 - Weekday

8:00 a.m. Health Blessings: Barbara Rekar (Maria Saludo)

### Wednesday, January 13 - Weekday; St. Hilary

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Therese Church

### Thursday, January 14 - Weekday

8:00 a.m. Birthday Blessings: Crisalgen Saludo (Tita Inday)  
 Special Intention (Dominic Barbaro)

### Friday, January 15 - Weekday

9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Therese Church

### Saturday, January 16 - Weekday

8:00 a.m. Mother's Day Remembrance

### Saturday, January 16 - Vigil of The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. + Anna Zuniga, Maria Elena Zuniga, and Juan Figueroa (Laura D'Souza)  
 Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)

### Sunday, January 17 - The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:00 a.m. Health Blessings: Judy Lukwinski (Maria Saludo)  
 + Linda Zyla (Arlene & Cliff Whitehouse)

9:30 a.m. Archbishop Quigley Council KC's #2428  
 Anniversary Mass  
 + Teresita Villafuerte Holcomb (Angelica,  
 Emmanuel & Jeremy King)

Birthday Blessings: Rose Stronczek (Diane  
 and Marilyn Rzasa)

**For those unable to attend Mass due to illness or  
 for those who do not have access to the internet,  
 please be sure to watch the Mass on television:**

**Cardinal Cupich Mass from  
 Holy Name Cathedral  
 ABC-TV Channel 7 - Chicago  
 Sunday Mass: 9:30 am**

### Year-Round

**Mercy Home - Sunday Mass at 9:30 am  
 WGN- TV Channel 9 - Chicago**

### Collection - Week of December 26th - 27th

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 565.00
Sunday Loose	\$ 171.00
<b>Total Church Collection</b>	<b>\$ 736.00</b>
Mailed-in Collection	\$ 437.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 1,173.00</b>
Second Collection	\$ 139.00
Mailed-in Second Collection	45.00
<b>Total Second Collection</b>	<b>\$ 184.00</b>
Weekly Budget:	\$ 2,200.00
July 1st to Present (Budgeted)	\$ 57,200.00
July 1st to Present (Actual)	\$ 40,935.07
<b>Christmas Collection (To Date)</b>	<b>\$ 5,329.25</b>

### Collection - Week of January 2nd - 3rd

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 2,087.09
Sunday Loose:	\$ 209.00
<b>Total Church Collection</b>	<b>\$ 2,296.09</b>
Mailed-in Collection	\$ 185.25
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 2,481.34</b>
Holy Day Collection - January 1st	\$ 227.00
Give Central for December	\$ 2,600.00
Weekly Budget:	\$ 2,200.00
July 1st to Present (Budgeted)	\$ 59,400.00
July 1st to Present (Actual)	\$ 46,243.41

## **LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 16TH

#### 5:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Minister: J. Lukwinski  
 Lector: Eljay Raya

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 17TH

#### 6:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister: S. Guest  
 Lector: J. Bertucci

#### 9:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister: P. Rodriguez or J. Rodriguez  
 Lector: W. Podrazik

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**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday, and Wednesday: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm and Friday: 9:00 am - Noon. At the present time, the office is closed on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.

**Baptisms:** Parents must be registered practicing parishioners and attend a baptismal preparation session before a baptism will be scheduled. Call the rectory office for further information.

**Communion Calls:** Please contact the Rectory when someone who is homebound or in the hospital wishes a visit to receive Holy Communion or the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The Anointing of the Sick is for anyone seriously sick and not only for those near death.

**Ministry of Care:** Eucharistic Ministers are available to visit, pray with, and bring Holy Communion to those who are sick and unable to attend Mass. Notify the Parish Office when this service is needed.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** is a program for anyone inquiring and seeking information about entering the Catholic faith.

**Weddings:** Weddings need to be scheduled at least six months in advance. Couples are reminded to secure the Church date before the reception hall.

#### **MASS SCHEDULE**

#### **WEEKEND LITURGIES**

St. Barbara: Saturday: 5:00 pm; Sunday: 6:00am, 9:30am  
St. Therese: Mandarin Mass on the 2nd Saturday of the month at 4:00 pm followed by Bible sharing and food.  
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am; and Mandarin Mass on the 4th Sunday of each month at 12:30 p.m.

#### **WEEKDAY LITURGIES**

St. Barbara: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday: 8:00 am  
St. Therese: Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 8:00 am

#### **HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION**

St. Barbara: Vigil Mass: 7:00 pm; Holy Day Masses: 6:00 am, 8:00 am

St. Therese: 8:00 am, 7:00 pm

**FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR:** St. Therese - 7:00 pm

**FIRST SATURDAY HEALING MASS:** St. Barbara Chapel - 8:00 am

#### **CONFESION**

St. Barbara: Saturday 4:15 - 4:45 pm or by appointment  
St. Therese: By appointment

#### **THE ROSARY**

St. Barbara: The Rosary is prayed on Sunday at 5:30 a.m. before 6:00 am Mass.

Please pray for those homebound, hospitalized and in need of continued prayers:

Amalia Agins, Austin Agins, Bernadette Agins, Joyce Agins, Stephen Agins, Mary Aguirre, Debbie Annerino, Walter Annerino, Amy Averet, Kimberly Babe, Geraldine Baldwin, Tony Baressi, Judith Beaudry, Christine Bertucci, Joseph 'Joey' Bertucci, Lonnie & Theresa Bertucci-Falls, Jennifer Bond, Fr. Michael Bowler, Jeff Bowman, Andrea Brongiel, Mary Camarda, Anthony Capone Sr., Adele Castro, Laverne Connolly, Tim Consola, Joe Cruz, Patti Cuchetto, Paul DeGrazia, Henry Diaz DeLeon, Kathy Egle, Nenita Feliciano, Jerry Felske, Minnie Ford, Natalia Francone, Bill Frank, Darlene Frost, Harold Frost, Paul Gadomski, Ray Gadomski, Lily Ann Galloway, John Gasca, Cheryl Lynn Gilhooly, Bernadette Glabicki, Ed Glos, Pat Grieco, Koen Guest, Jose P. Gutierrez, Sheila Hansen, Kellar Harris, Lynette Heidemann, Jasmine Henson, Barbara Herr, Denise Holland, Gwen Holub, Morris Humphrey, Michaeline Hunter, Ted Hunter, Suzanne Ivester, Jennifer Janson, Chester Jendryczka, Dr. Joe, John Kaput, Dorothy Kawalerski, Rose Kisielowski, Stanley Kiwala, Anna Kolendo, Janice Kutansky, Craig Labudda, Ken Labudda, Sunny Labudda, Baby Kinsley Paige Leschinsky, Kiera Litwin, Lenny Loretto, Richard Lyznicki, Nancy Mallory, John Mangan, Kayle Marth, Paul Martinez, Bill Marcuk, Zena Masi, Maria Mawgwi, Lil' Joe Michalak, Cindy Moore, Dr. Mike, Cydney Muti, Stephanie Nicks, Ann Njeru, Deacon Jack O'Leary, Theresa Oleszkiewicz, Allison Pakula, Virginia Pakula, Eva Castillion Parcon, Josie Petkus, Michael Petrucci, Theresa Pickens, Dolores Pienta, Mitchell Pienta, Ellen Pietrzak, Beverly Pirelli, Ray Polakowski, Robert Potter, James Pzarek, Barbara Rekar, Josephine Richardson, Sandra Rios, Joel Rivera, Jose Rodriguez, Jose C. Rodriguez, Mila Rolon, Dolly Roti, Ellen Ryan, Therese Ryndak, Patricia Sacony, Maria Saludo, Edward John Schmit, Jr., Laverne Scianna, Kennedy Shepski, Adeline Skokal, Raymond Smolinski, Gary Solverson, Sharon Solverson, Rosalie Spalla, Diane Spata, Joanne Stewart, Lauren Stronczek, Rose Stronczek, Robert Synal, Baby Zachary Synal, Emily Rose Thomas, Norbert Trojanowski, Bill Ufferman, Dolores Ufferman, Dave Ulczycki, George Vanderford Sr., George Vanderford Jr., Juan Vargas, Joyce Vogt, Ava Walczak, Sadie Walker, Barbara Webb, Bill Webb, Sylvia Wiertel, Madison Young, Eugene & John Zabek, Evelyn Zaleski, Virginia Zawacki, Irene Zima



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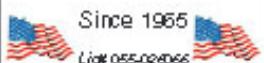
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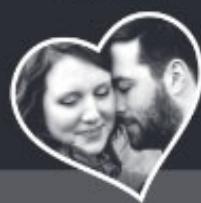
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