

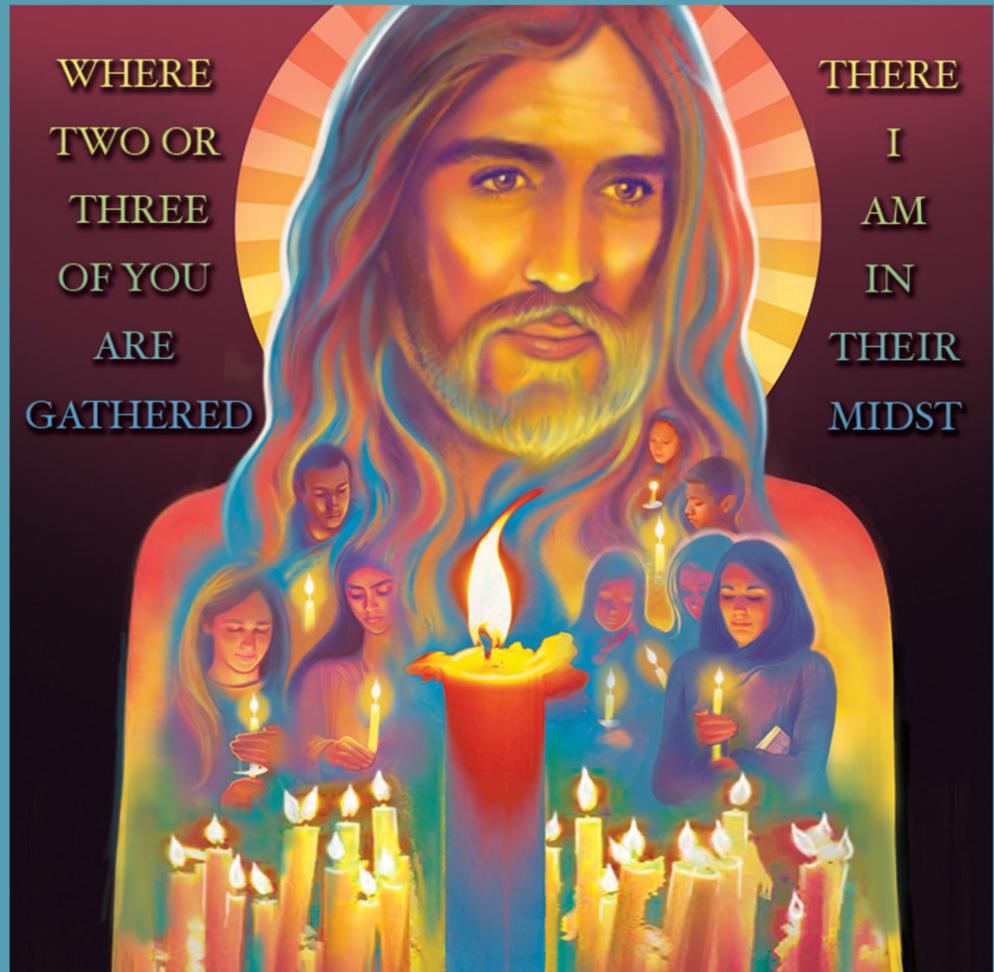
**ST. MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA  
PARISH**



**2859 South Throop Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60608**



**THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**



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**Sept.  
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**“If two of you agree on earth about  
anything for which they are to pray,  
it shall be granted to them by my  
heavenly Father.”**

**— Matthew 18:19**



**The Feast of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta**

St. Mother Teresa’s Feast Day was Saturday, Sept. 5th. The 5:00 pm mass with Bishop Robert Casey at St. Therese Church in honor of our parish’s beloved patroness has been live-streamed. You can watch it on the St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish channel on YouTube.

**Annual Feast of Santa Maria Incononata**

The Annual Feast of SMI in honor of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary will take place on Sunday, September 13th at 12:00 noon at St. Therese this year. Due to limited space, the mass will be live-streamed at our parish’s YouTube channel.

**RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults**

RCIA classes will begin in October. If you would like to become a Catholic, or if you are a Catholic but have not received the sacraments of Holy Communion or Confirmation, this class is for you! There is an information sheet on the table at the entrance to Church. Please fill out the sheet and give it to an usher or, if you need additional information, call the rectory.

**Save The Date**

**What?** Online Alpha

**When?** September 22nd, 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**Who?** Anyone who has a heart for Jesus

**How?** Email toward@sttheresechicago.org to

**“CARRY ON THE MISSION APPEAL”**

Our “Carry On The Mission Appeal” is ongoing. Our goal for this appeal is \$100,000. If we can raise \$50,000 by World Mission Sunday, October 18th, a generous donor has volunteered to match this amount. This appeal will help with continuing to run all ministries, opening our doors for Sacraments in a safe manner, and spreading the Good News to those who cannot come to church during the pandemic

The suggested amount per family is \$125; however, please donate whatever you can to help us meet our goal.

To date, the following donations have been received:

**\$150 and Above**

Mr. & Mrs. Donald Sierzega - \$300  
 Mr. Bernard Krygowski - \$250  
 Mr. Ronald Kash - \$200

**\$125**

Mr. & Mrs. James Bertucci  
 Mr. & Mrs. Minh Do  
 Ms. Eleanor Pollock  
 Ms. Maria Rolon  
 Mr. Stanley Rzasa  
 Mrs. Adeline Skokal

**Below \$125**

Mr. Sylvester Maryas - \$25  
 Mrs. Barbara Ziemba - \$25  
 Mr. Joe Boniewicz - \$10  
 Anonymous - \$10

Thank you for your support. We will continue to update our totals weekly.



**Report as of August 15, 2020**

<b>Campaign Goal:</b>	<b>\$275,000</b>
<b>Total Pledged</b>	<b>\$286,697*</b>
<b>Percent of Goal:</b>	<b>104.2%</b>
<b>Total Collected to Date</b>	<b>\$139,577</b>
<b>60% Returned to St. Barbara</b>	<b>\$ 83,746</b>

\* The total amount pledged has been reduced by \$5,000 due to the cancellation of a pledge.

**THANK YOU, DIVINE MERCY**



We received an email from Fr. Andrzej. His brother-in-law, Grzegorz, has been released from the hospital and is on his road to recovery. Fr. Andrzej would like to thank all those who prayed for Grzegorz, and he especially thanks the Divine Mercy for answering our prayers.



# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

## CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS

Congratulations to our First Communicants, who celebrated their First Holy Communion last Saturday at St. Therese Church:

Michael Casey	Miranda Medellin
Sergio Cerritos	Briana Monreal
Aleksander Chavez	Patrick Mulhearn
Ryan Delfin	Javier Ortega
Anthony Dominguez	Sergio Reyes
Rossella Folino	Carys Rodriguez
Anthony Guzman	Yssa Villagrana
Autumn Lopez	Olivia Walczak
	Carter Walker

They were expected to have their First Communion on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020, but due to the global pandemic, we had to reschedule it to last Saturday. After a little more than three months of patient waiting, it was wonderful for me to witness our children's joy and excitement in receiving Jesus for the first time. Their love for the Eucharist is a reminder for us all to renew our love and appreciation for the gift of the precious Eucharist.

We thank their parents, families, teachers, and catechists for accompanying them and preparing them so well for this special celebration.

Thanks to Tony Lin and his friends for spending hours to voluntarily cleaning and rearranging all the boxes neatly for the choir loft at St. Therese Worship Site.

Thanks to Chris Lowe for donating three boxes of face masks to our parish.



## ST. MOTHER TERESA AND EUCHARIST

This weekend we celebrate the feast of St. Mother Teresa (Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>), patroness of our unified parish. It calls us to take some time to celebrate and to reflect on the work of Renew My Church and of the mission of our parish and of the inspiring life of St. Mother Teresa. Just a little over a year ago, our parish was blessed to be named, "St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta." St. Mother Teresa (1910-1997) dedicated her entire life to serve the poorest of the poor. Her unconditional love for Jesus and all of God's people continues to inspire countless people to serve, to give and to love. As Catholics and as a faith community, what an awesome example we have in St. Mother Teresa!

The secret for St. Mother Teresa's dedicated life is her love for the Eucharist. In a letter written by Mother Teresa in 1947 to Archbishop Perier of Calcutta, she writes:

**From the age of 5 1/2 years, – when first I received Him [Jesus] – the love for souls has been within – It grew with the years – until I came to India – with the hope of saving many souls” (Mother Teresa: *Come Be My Light*, Doubleday, page 15).**

Gina Loehner describes St. Mother Teresa's profound Eucharistic faith as follows:

**Mother Teresa believes that the union the sisters experience with Jesus in Holy Communion is inseparable from their lives. He himself renews and refreshes them every morning at Mass. ‘Our life is linked to the Eucharist,’ [Mother Teresa] would say. She also stated simply that without beginning each day with Jesus in Communion, ‘we could do nothing.’ (The Four Teresas, page 91).**

When it comes to adoration of the Eucharist, St. Mother Teresa says:

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth. It will make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in Heaven. A Holy Hour of adoration helps bring everlasting peace to your soul and in your family. It brings us personal peace and strength. It brings us a greater love for Jesus, for each other, and for the poor. Every holy hour deepens our union with Him and bears much fruit.**

It is clear that Eucharist was the indispensable source of strength and nourishment for St. Mother Teresa. We know that this is true for all Catholics – that Eucharist is “the source and summit of our faith.” So let's appreciate the gift of the Eucharist; let's ask for St. Mother Teresa's intercessions for the renewal of our faith; and let's pray for God's grace to empower us to imitate the holy life of St. Mother Teresa.

Peace

Fr. Francis

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### Join Our Family of Faith

Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and a commitment to the life of the parish family. Being a registered parishioner makes things much easier when it is time for baptism, confirmation and weddings, when asked to be a baptismal or confirmation sponsor, and even funerals. We are often asked to provide affidavits for baptismal and confirmation sponsors. We can only do this if a person is a registered, active, and contributing member in our parish. How do you know if you are already registered? A registered parishioner receives all parish mailings.

**Are you a registered parishioner?** If not, please consider registering. At present, the parish office is open Monday - Wednesday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. or speak with Fr. Li after Mass.

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**Our Parish's Live-Streamed 10:30 am Sunday Mass:** Catholics are still absolved from Sunday obligations. Those who can't yet participate in person can still join us online; our 10:30 am Sunday mass is live-streamed via Facebook and Youtube ([https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzAgZ6h3s85o\\_fB3QSYO2VQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzAgZ6h3s85o_fB3QSYO2VQ))

Remember to "like" our new SMTc Facebook page to receive the latest news about the parish: <https://www.facebook.com/StMotherTeresaParish/>

**Reminder:** If you are considered as part of the “vulnerable population;” if you have pre-existing health conditions; or if you are experiencing any health issues, out of super abundant caution and pure love for yourself and others, we strongly encourage you not to join our mass in-person for now and we kindly invite you to join our online masses.

## LOVE ONE ANOTHER by Sister Caritas

Some families have difficulties. Auntie will not talk to another aunt or uncle. Something happened many years ago. Other family members have to “tiptoe” around the problem family relationship. Sometimes these things go on one generation after another. After a while, people do not remember why “we don’t talk to Aunt Suzie.” Where love is supposed to be, people are treated as the Jewish people treated the Gentiles. They did not relate to each other.

The readings in the liturgy today give us blueprints, or outlines, useable in relationships or families. The first reading tells us how to act if our “brother”, or any person, wrongs us. Go to the person and tell them. If going alone and talking does not work, take two or three others with you and tell the person again with witnesses. If the person does not listen or is unwilling to change, then go to the church. If they will not listen to even the church, “then treat that person as a Gentile or tax collector. If the person who wronged you does not keep the commandments, or does not change even after your warning, God will see them as guilty. If you do not correct them because of their behavior and choices, God will see you as guilty.” St Paul tells us to “owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another.” Jesus said, “Where two or three are gathered in prayer and ask anything in my name, I am there in the midst of them,” St. Paul says, “Love is the fulfillment of the laws.”

How will you live out these teachings? Today, we see violence, shooting and other things directed at others. We want peace and health and betterment of our lives. We pray for an end to the virus. We try, at this time, to pray for justice toward each other. We pray out of love for those who have lost their jobs, those who are in danger of a loss of their homes. We pray for those first responders and teachers on the front line of healing and preventing the spread of the virus. Two or three or all of us “gather together and ask the Father in Jesus’ name. We ask out of love for others, those of our family, friends, and faith community in the name of Jesus. We ask the Father. All of us gathered together in the name of Jesus know Jesus is in our midst.

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### Weekday Masses 8:00 am

Monday, Wednesday, Friday — **St. Therese Church**  
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday — **St. Barbara**

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## PARISH COMMUNICATION NEWS

### SMTCP Facebook:

If you haven't done so already, please “like” <https://www.facebook.com/StMotherTeresaParish/> to receive the latest news about the parish.

### SMTCP New Email System:

If you haven't done so already, please take a moment to sign up at <https://stmotherteresaparish.activehosted.com/f/1> to receive the weekly bulletin and news from the parish.

### SMTCP New Bulletin Design:

We are working to unify our parish bulletins. If you would like to share your designing talent, please let Fr. Francis know.

### SMTCP New Website:

We have been working on a unified website. Thanks to all who have helped so far. We need volunteers to assist with the content and translation (from English to Chinese). If you would like to be part of this ministry, please let Fr. Francis know.



**6 Day Vigil Light Candles**  
**\$3 for one, \$5 for two**  
**Small Candles: 50¢**

### WHY LIGHT A VIGIL LIGHT?

The lighting of a Vigil Light Candle is a beautiful way to pray. Our prayer intention continues to burn even when we are no longer in church. The lit candle keeps a prayerful vigil, burning day and night, for the person or intention offered up to Jesus, Mary, or one of the saints. Each burning flame is a symbol of faith and trust in God, giving witness to our belief that **Our Lord is the Light of the World.**

### PEACE on EARTH!

Pray for the safety  
of the men and women of our  
**UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES**  
protecting and serving the world over.  
May our world one day be at peace.





## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, September 5 - Vigil of The Twenty-Third

#### Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. **Feast Day Mass of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta with Bishop Robert Casey (at St. Therese Church)**

5:00 p.m. + Linda Duddleston (Spalla Family)  
+ In Loving Memory of Mike Nardi (Frank & Sophie)  
+ Juanita Smith (Bette Pienta)  
Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)

### Sunday, September 6 - The Twenty-Third Sunday in

#### Ordinary Time

6:00 a.m. + Charles Sims (Christine Krupa)  
+ John & Josephine Czarnecki (Family)  
Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)  
9:30 a.m. + Russell Lech (B. Glabicki)  
+ Ralph Eneberg (B. Glabicki)  
+ 3rd Ann. Rem.: Rose Furmanek (Sonny)  
+ Birth. Rem.: Eleanor Leverence (Son, Gary)  
+ Fred Stroncsek (Wife, Rose)  
+ Teresita Villefuerte Holcomb (Angelica, Emmanuel & Jeremy King)  
+ Nick Paolino (Wife, Mary)

### Monday, September 7 - Weekday

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

### Tuesday, September 8 - The Nativity of the Blessed

#### Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. + The Deceased Members of the Barbaro Family (Dominic Family)

### Wednesday, September 9 - St. Peter Claver

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

### Thursday, September 10 - Weekday

8:00 a.m. + Ann. Rem.: Vernon Sandacz (John & Susan Adomaitis)

### Friday, September 11 - Weekday

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

### Saturday, September 12 - The Most Holy Name of

#### Mary

8:00 a.m. All Parishioners, Living and Deceased

### Saturday, September 12 - Vigil of The Twenty-Fourth

#### Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. + Daniel Kutansky (Alanna)  
+ Ed Glabicki (Bette Pienta)  
Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)

### Sunday, September 13 - The Twenty-Fourth Sunday

#### in Ordinary Time

6:00 a.m. + Ben & Mary Kulbida (Family)  
9:30 a.m. + Alfred Helma (B. Glabicki)  
+ Walter & Dorothy Rzasa (Sharon & Season Meyers)  
+ Teresita Villafuerte Holcomb (Angelica, Emmanuel & Jeremy King)  
12:00 p.m. Feast of Santa Maria Incononata (at St. Therese Church and live-streamed on YouTube)

### Collection - Week of August 29th - 30th

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 406.00
Sunday Loose:	\$ 153.00
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$ 559.00</b>
Piano & Organ Main. Collection:	\$ 135.25
Weekly Budget:	\$ 2,200.00
July 1st to Present (Actual):	\$ 11,789.50
July 1st to Present (Budgeted):	\$ 19,800.00



Electronic giving through **GiveCentral.org** is the safe and secure way to make your weekly donations to St. Barbara. Donate via credit card or electronic check (ACH). Sign up by visiting St. Barbara's home WEB page and follow the prompts.

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH

#### 5:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Minister: J. Lukwinski  
Lector: Eljay Raya

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

#### 6:00 a.m.

Altar Server: G. Vanderford  
Eucharistic Minister: S. Guest  
Lector: J. Bertucci

#### 9:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister: H. Alonzo or A. Alonzo  
Lector: Sr. Kathy McNulty, osf

**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:**

#### Until January 1, 2021

**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**

**Pastor:** Fr. Francis Li  
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Rectory Phone: (312) 842-6777

**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday:  
8:00 am - 4:00 pm. At the present time, the office is closed  
on Thursday, Friday, 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, 9:30 am  
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

##### **CONFESSION**

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, Jacqueline Dybas, Kathy Egle, Nenita Feliciano, Jerry Felske, Minnie Ford, Natalia Francone, Bill Frank, Darlene Frost, Harold Frost, Paul Gadamski, Ray Gadamski, Lily Ann Galloway, John Gasca, Cheryl Lynn Gilhooly, Bernadette Glabicki, Ed Glos, Pat Grieco, Koen Guest, Jose P. Gutierrez, Kellar Harris, Lynette Heidemann, Jasmine Henson, 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 Marczuk, Zena Masi, Maria Mawgwi, Lil' Joe Michalak, Cindy Moore, Dr. Mike, Cydney Muti, Stephanie Nicks, Deacon Jack O'Leary, Theresa Oleszkiewicz, Allison Pakula, Virginia Pakula, Eva Castillion Parcon, Josie Petkus, Michael Petruck, Dolores Pienta, Mitchell Pienta, Ellen Pietrzak, Beverly Pirelli, Ray Polakowski, Robert Potter, Barbara Rekar, Josephine Richardson, Sandra Rios, Joel Rivera, Jose Rodriguez, Jose C. Rodriguez, Mila Rolon, Dolly Roti, Ellen Ryan, Therese Ryndak, 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

