

THE STEWARD



A quarterly newsletter for the community of Mary Our Queen Church, Omaha, Nebraska, October 2015

Fall Festival time comes again to Mary Our Queen . . . a new location, invigorated volunteers and near-perfect weather combine to make the 2015 festival particularly memorable.



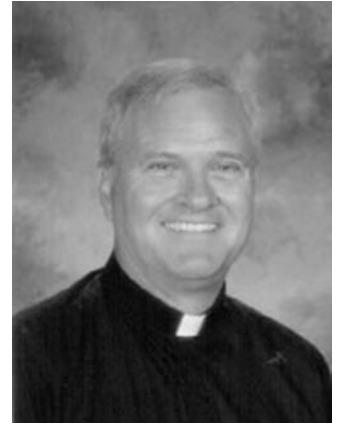
Entertainment included the Children's Choir, directed by Renee Spicka. Lower right, success brought smiles from festival leaders, including Michelle Zaleski.



A letter from the pastor

Dear Mary Our Queen Parishioners,

We have a few new staff members to welcome here at Mary Our Queen. Tom Centarri resigned as our youth director and has moved to Texas where he is now engaged to his girl friend. Jordan Moser is our new youth director, so I welcome her. Shelly Auch resigned as our school cafeteria director so we now welcome Michelle Zaleski to that position. Michelle has been a long time parishioner here at Mary Our Queen. Frank Fillaus resigned as our head maintenance man and moved back to Crofton, Neb. Bob Larson, our assistant maintenance man, has stepped up to take his place. We also hired Tyler Stephen as our new assistant maintenance man. Finally, Mary Tracy retired as our receptionist in the Parish offices. Kelley Sobetski is now our receptionist. I welcome all our new staff members here at Mary Our Queen.



I want to thank the Men's Club volunteers for all the hard work they did in taking out the carpeting in the priest's apartments and the painting of these apartments. I also want to thank Dan Reeder for his coordination of this effort.

Many people have asked if they could use our Wi-Fi at church, school or gymnasium. We did not have a guest Wi-Fi set up at that time, but now we do. The next time you attend a church, school or gymnasium event at Mary Our Queen, log on to the MOQ_Guest network and use the password: guest8663.

We have started the WeShare Online Giving Program here at Mary Our Queen. WeShare, our new tool for electronic giving and payments, is for Parish collections, archdiocesan collections and organization events collections. WeShare accepts all payment sources for donations including checking/savings direct withdrawals, debit card withdrawals and credit card withdrawals. WeShare also offers a giving history of your contributions. Just go to the Parish Website www.maryourqueenchurch.com and click the WeShare button. Click on the collection you wish to contribute to: Sunday Giving Collection, Capital Campaign/Ignite the Faith Collection, Food Bank Collection, Cafeteria Lunch Account Collection or Maintenance & Repair Collection (additional giving opportunities will be added in the future). Select the donation amount and frequency you want. Then enter your account and payment method information: checking/savings direct withdrawal, debit card withdrawal or credit card withdrawal. We will still accept traditional payments of checks or cash on any collections -- as an example: using your church envelopes with a check or cash payment.

May God's blessing continue to be with you,

Fr. Bob English

Celebrations



The festive cake (above), marking a half-century of Catholic education at MOQ School, symbolizes the celebratory spirit present in the Parish this summer and fall.

In photos counterclockwise from upper left: Archbishop George Lucas and a choir from MOQ school were participants in the school's 50th birthday party. Singers are Emily Righter, Grace Bathel, Daniel Davis, Charlie Shearman, Ellie Brock, Abby Mills and John Davis.

A teacher at MOQ, Mary Kay Esser, was honored in September at the Archbishop's education dinner as educator of the year.

Men's Club members kept up their traditional parking lot picnics each month throughout the summer, drawing parishioners of all walks of life for an evening of fellowship.

A Marian Hymnfest was held Aug. 23. Over 100 guests came on a beautiful Sunday afternoon to sing familiar Marian hymns as well as listen to the musicians as they shared a few new ones celebrating the queenship of Mary. Featured were the adult and children's choirs led by Renée Spicka, Paula Bonkiewicz on piano, Bernadette Smith on organ and Michon Bowen on flute. The program, emceed by Deacon Tom Frankenfield, incorporated historical information about Mary and the origin of some of the songs.



Catholic Daughters provided a beautiful reception afterwards. Many thanks also to Knights of Columbus for providing the beautiful flowers, Legion of Mary for their hospitality and the statue of Mary, and all of their attendees for joining us in song in honor of Mary, Our Queen.

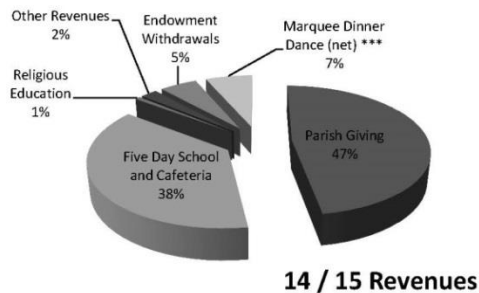
The Knights of Columbus received a giant card of thanks from children in the Vacation Bible school, sponsored the Knights. Earlier, MOQ Knights Council 11700 served refreshments at the annual priests' appreciation day.



Mary Our Queen Financial Report

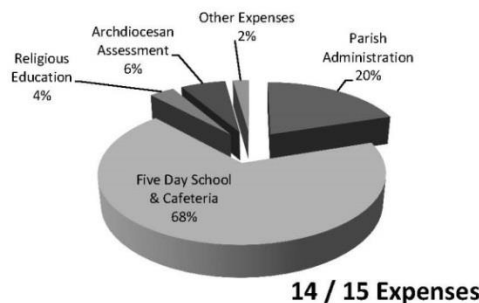
For the year ended June 30, 2015

<u>Revenues</u>	
Parish Giving	\$ 1,636,915
Five Day School and Cafeteria	1,296,468
Religious Education	28,039
Other Revenues	80,319
Endowment Withdrawals	180,000
Marquee Dinner Dance (net) ***	225,000
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 3,444,741



*** 225,000 written to MOQ Parish and School
 -58,851 earmarked for school tech infrastructure
 -60,000 earmarked for roof project

<u>Expenses</u>	
Parish Administration	\$ 679,918
Five Day School & Cafeteria	2,314,663
Religious Education	119,073
Archdiocesan Assessment	213,725
Other Expenses	75,315
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 3,402,694



NET REVENUE	\$ 42,047
earmarked school tech (MARQUEE)	(58,851)
earmarked roof project (MARQUEE)	(60,000)
TOTAL NET LOSS	\$ (76,804)

Report produced through the efforts of Finance Committee members – Report a consolidation of parish school and religious education statements.

Catholic Daughters raising funds, collecting socks for the needy

These past few months have been busy for our Catholic Daughters. We made desserts and assisted in the serving at the Seminarian Steak Fry hosted by the Knights of Columbus. We participated in the Fall Festival with our water stands, white elephant booth and bingo games. We donated needed items from our members to Youth Emergency Services at our September meeting.

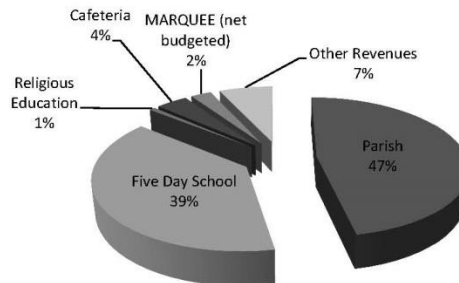
We are currently selling Younkers Community Day Coupon Books for \$5 a book to raise money for

our Parish and school donation gifts and to send our representatives to our national convention in July. The books will be on sale our Stewardship Fair table, or you can contact Mary Joslin at 402-880-3836. We will be holding a sock drive at Mary Our Queen for two weekends beginning the weekend following the Stewardship Fair. We are collecting new socks to donate to the Sienna Francis House and to the Princess Anne Home (the residents of both facilities, at this time, are primarily male).

Mary Our Queen Budget Report

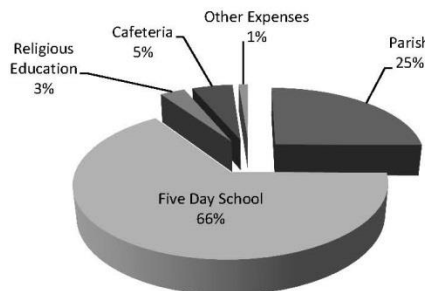
Fiscal Year 2016 (July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016)

<u>Projected Revenues</u>	
Parish	\$ 1,612,502
Five Day School	1,334,092
Religious Education	25,705
Cafeteria	137,620
MARQUEE (net budgeted)	90,000
Other Revenues	234,810
TOTAL PROJECTED REVENUES	<u>\$ 3,434,729</u>



15 / 16 Projected Revenues

<u>Projected Expenses</u>	
Parish	\$ 862,539
Five Day School	2,245,429
Religious Education	109,672
Cafeteria	177,089
Other Expenses	40,000
TOTAL PROJECTED EXPENSES	<u>\$ 3,434,729</u>



15 / 16 Projected Expenses

NET SURPLUS / DEFICIT	<u>\$ -</u>
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Report produced through the efforts of the Parish Finance Committee and School Board members.

Human Needs Garage Sale tops \$34,000 for needy people

The 35th annual MOQ Human Needs Garage Sale generated \$34,572 to be shared with Restored Hope, Holy Family Door Ministry, St. Mary's Church Door Ministry, St. Joseph's Church Door Ministry, Heart Ministry, Heartland Hope Mission, Siena-Francis House and Prairie Lane LifeHouse. They send their sincere thanks. The MOQ Human Needs share will go toward helping those in financial need throughout the year and sponsoring our 200 plus needy families at Christmas.

This certainly is an all parish stewardship event with roughly 300 adults, teens and seventh and eighth graders earning confirmation credits working from Sunday to Sunday at setting up, pricing, selling and cleaning up. Thanks to each and every one of you for your efforts in making the sale a huge success.

If you know of someone in material need, please call the Parish Center or Mary Parizek at 402-496-4778.

LADIES GUILD SETS ITS CALENDAR

The Ladies Guild was an integral part of the Fall Festival as it made its move to the street! What a gorgeous day it was! The Guild was in charge of many booths throughout the festival including the grocery booth, the hairspray and tattoo booth, the cakewalk booth, the smoothies, the root beer floats, the bake sale and of course the raffle booth.

The raffle once again was a very successful fundraising event due to all the generous parishioners who supported it as well as the generous business that donated. This fundraising event is vital for the Guild to support activities such as Golden Years, funeral lunches, luncheons for our parish staff and many Parish-sponsored events throughout the year such as "The Choice Wine."

In September we provided a breakfast for RCIA candidates and their sponsors. Circle 11 served over 80 people as they hosted Golden Years. Circle 8 and Circle 9 will host Golden Years in October and November. Also in November the Guild will provide lunch for the confirmation students as they make their retreat. We will provide treats to the religious education students and their families in November. On Nov. 17 we will host a "Gather with the Guild" social night in the Trinity Room at 7 p.m. All women of the Parish are welcome to attend to learn more about the Guild has to offer. As we look into December we turn our attention towards adopting our Christmas families.

Every woman is a part of the Ladies Guild, and there are many ways that you can get involved. If you are interested in joining a circle or becoming a board member or just want more information about the Ladies Guild, please call Carrie Hoarty at 402-578-8121 or Jenni Bragg 402-218-5665. It is great organization that does a lot of great things! Come Join in the Fun!

TEAMS OF OUR LADY GATHER

The 2015 Gathering in Rome of leadership couples and spiritual counselors of Teams of Our Lady (*Equipés Notre Dame*) brought 155 couples from around the world together for an exchange of ideas and experiences Sept. 6-11. The theme was "Here I am Lord, send me!" (Isaiah 6:8). George and Mary Klosterman, Central Region Responsible Couple and

members of MOQ, participated in the meetings, which focused on the Sacrament of Marriage and its aspects: fidelity, spirituality, redemption, fecundity and Mission.

On Sept. 10, the couples and spiritual counselors traveled to the Vatican for a private audience with Pope Francis. In his address, Pope Francis said, "I encourage all couples to put into practice and to live in depth, with constancy and perseverance, the spirituality followed by the *Équipés Notre Dame*. I think that the 'concrete points of commitment' (the endeavors) proposed are truly effective aides, which enable couples to progress with confidence in conjugal life on the way of the Gospel."

The complete address of Pope Francis to Teams of Our Lady (with notes by Rev. Kevin Vogel, Teams of Our Lady Omaha, Nebraska Sector Chaplain) can be found at **[PopeFrancisAddressstoTeamsofOurLady](http://www.zenit.org/en/articles/pope-francis-address-to-the-equipés-notre-dame)** or **<http://www.zenit.org/en/articles/pope-francis-address-to-the-equipés-notre-dame>**.

DOROTHY DAY MINISTRY SEEKS SUPPORT

Dorothy Day famously wrote: "The mystery of the poor is this: that they are Jesus, and what you do for them, you do for Him." The mission of Dorothy Day Ministry at MOQ is to provide food and clothing to those most in need. On the last Wednesday of the month, we deliver supplies to Holy Family Church in downtown Omaha for use in their pantry and clothing center. Please consider adding a few items to your monthly grocery list. Any assistance you can provide would be greatly appreciated! Here are our current needs: canned vegetables, fruit, meat, soup or stews, pasta sauce, rice, child-size fruit cup snacks, small containers of peanut butter and coffee, all sizes of shoes, toiletry items, laundry detergent, paper and plastic grocery bags.

Items can be dropped off in the Narthex box throughout the month, or taken to our drop-off site at 3414 South 114th Ave from the Sunday-Tuesday before delivery. Contact Patrick Hoarty at pjhoarty@gmail.com or 402-502-0606 for information or to be added to our monthly email list. Thanks in advance for your generosity and support of DDM!



MOMS GROUP MOVING FORWARD

Another successful MOMS session drew to a close this spring with the Celebration Dinner Group 39. Pictured above are Shelly Ranck, LeAnn Anderson, Sarah Weber, Sarah Ashley and Aura Krist. We are so very excited to have this amazing group of MOMS joining our wonderful community!

Our Core Team is in place, with old and new members alike. Volunteers include MOMS Coordinators Liz Ostrander and Sharifa Coover, Facilitator Coordinators Toni Sykora and Mary Culjat and Treasurer Kay Daubendiek; marketing, Melissa Siedlik and Sarah Moline, spirituality, Julie Williams and Celeste Feuerbach, celebration, Anne Vacanti and Sara Norris, gifts, Lisa Zulkoski, outreach, Michele Krajicek and Angie Pensick, and communication, Alice Burns.

Have you been able to complete a MOMS session? New groups form every spring and fall, so please don't hesitate to contact our marketing team (reach Sarah Moline at 402-213-4669 or smoline0902@gmail.com or Melissa Siedlik 402-709-8769 or mkays75@gmail.com) or any of the other Core Team members. Also, have you completed a MOMS session and are now looking to renew the experience? We are always looking for facilitators, prayer partners, or future Core Team members! Contact Liz Ostrander at 402-614-2942 or lizostrander@cox.net or Sharifa Coover at 402-510-8085, mrscoov271@gmail.com). And remember to keep looking for those daily Grace Filled Moments.

MARQUEE PLANNING FEBRUARY EVENT

Mary Our Queen will host its 19th annual MARQUEE Dinner Dance and Auction on Saturday, Feb.13. Our theme, "The Journey Home," represents the faith journey we make during our lives and the home we have found in the MOQ community.

MARQUEE is the single largest Parish fundraiser. Whether you are a founding member or a newer member of the Parish, we all believe in the amazing community that we have at Mary Our Queen. We invite you to plan on attending this wonderful event.

We are very excited to announce a new area added to the silent auction, which is Sign-Up Parties. Party ideas may include: pool parties, family outdoor movie night, taco bike ride and many more! Other parishes have had great success with these, and we are currently searching for Party Hosts willing to donate and host a party.

We have two committee chairs remaining to be filled. If you feel the time is right to give a talent to the Parish, contact Kris Vigneri at 402-880-8210.

VOCATION COMMITTEE NEWS

Oct. 25 is Priesthood Sunday. We will once again have thank-you cards on the narthex table that weekend. Parishioners can write a note for Frs. Bob and Walter and place in the basket to be delivered that weekend. We need to thank them for all that they do. Without priests, there would be no Eucharist.

The National Vocations Awareness Week begins Nov. 1. As we conclude the Pope's Year of Consecrated Life, we sought to bring Consecrated Brothers or Sisters to MOQ. The LIHM Sisters will give a talk on their vocation on Nov. 2 to the school children. They are Sisters of Leaven of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and live in Schuyler.

Br. Damian Cayetano, OSB (Missionary Benedictines), will be giving the CCD children a talk on Nov. 4. He is from the Benedictine Mission House/Christ the King Priory outside of Schuyler.

On Nov. 3 from 7 to 8 p.m. in the church, there will be a Vocations Holy Hour with Exposition, Rosary, Litany and silent time. Please join us as we pray for more priests, deacons and adherents to the consecrated life.

TNT group stepping up its program, with tours and good works

The TNTs, MOQ's over-50 group, kicked off our annual membership drive with a potluck dinner Sept. 25. The drive continues through the Stewardship Fair and ends with a celebratory BBQ dinner Oct. 30. Catering will be provided by Celestial Cuisine with entertainment by Kim Eames, local guitar/vocalist. Registration flier will be in the Bulletin.

Recently we toured South Omaha, the "Magic City" on Ollie the Trolley, provided by the Durham Museum. We also offered our Ice Cream Social for Grandparents' Day at the Parish Festival. We are still collecting coats for the Indian Mission through most of October.

Upcoming events include an out-to-lunch day in November and our annual trip to Joslyn for Holiday

Under Glass. It includes tour, lunch and Christmas Concert.

Ongoing activities of Movement and Improvement classes, and Card and Game Day are open to all over-50 parishioners. Check the Bulletin for more information on these and for other news.

Please consider membership in this group. We provide a wide range of activities and events and a great deal of enjoyable fellowship. Dues are \$10 per individual and \$15 per couple. Members may receive reduced registration price for some of our functions and first consideration for limited events such as bus trips and tours.

Mickey Riesberg - mickr9@cox.net 402-558-0109.

New MOQ office staff members introduce themselves

1. My name is **Kelley Sobetski**, I have had the great pleasure to join the wonderful Mary Our Queen Parish office team. You may recognize the name Sobetski, and, yes, I am related to Jodene Sobetski. She is the wonderful aunt of my husband Dan.

About myself: I am married to Dan Sobetski.

Our 25th wedding anniversary – Oct. 13. We have three children (who really can't be called children any longer). Our oldest daughter is Patti Satterlee. She is a graduate of UNO. She was married this year to Nick

Satterlee. She is 24 and is a manager for Von Maur.

Our daughter Grace is 22. She is working for Hampton Inns and will be headed back to school soon. Son John, 20,

is commissioned in the Air Force and blessedly stationed in Lincoln.

We are members of St Thomas More Parish. I will be attempting to fill the shoes of Mary Tracy, who has retired. I would appreciate everyone's patience as I adjust to this new role. So far I have been welcomed with open arms by all the parishioners whom I have met. What a warm and wonderful Parish family. It has been a pleasure to come to work every morning and I feel blessed to have the opportunity to participate in the mission of Mary Our Queen. I look forward to assisting you with your Parish needs.

2. Hello. My name is **Jordan Moser**. I am the director of Youth Ministry. I attended Duchesne Academy for high school where I played golf. Rain or snow are just minor details in the game, if you are ever looking for another person to play, just ask me!

I will be graduating in December from the University of Nebraska - Lincoln. I previously worked for Menards as a kitchen and bath designer. I know plenty about those two rooms, so feel free to ask me any questions.

I look forward to my time here and meeting many of you.



2015 Knights of Columbus Council #11700 Soccer Challenge Winners

Winners	Girls
Age 8	Justina Cronin
Age 10	Taylor Moffatt
Age 11	Ava Zimmerman
Age 12	Isabelle O'Grady
Winners	Boys
Age 9	Rory O'Grady
Age 10	Zach Schumacher
Age 11	Ben Olson, Joe Vermillion
Age 13	Joey O'Hara

Eucharist and My Spiritual Journey

By Deacon Paul Rooney

When I look back on my 36 years of ministry as an ordained permanent deacon, I wonder in awe, just a little bit, about "how on earth did I ever get here?" That awe increases when I look at the 46 years that preceded my ordination. But the short answer is easy: Eucharist!

Our Catechism teaches us that ALL ministries, good works, and sacraments "are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it" (CCC 1324). I can truthfully say that Eucharist was not necessarily the center of my life in the first half of my life. But then I married my beloved wife Patricia in 1963, and was assured of someone who prayed for me daily and who had Eucharist at the center of her life, to influence me. (She now joins with me in most of my ministries, which is a blessing!)

Then God in his gracious mercy "touched me" on April 17, 1973 – and it was a touch that made me know experientially that I know that I know that God IS! From that moment forward, Eucharist became the center of my life.

Let me tell you a tiny bit about that "touch." I was at a non-Catholic prayer meeting, to try to "show" my brother that he was being led astray by his new friends. But within five minutes of arriving, the Lord "touched me" and gave me a profound sense of His Presence. He also gave me an unquenchable desire for Holy Scripture. (When I got home, the first thing I did was to buy a Bible, which I had never read before.) The third thing that happened at that prayer meeting: interiorly I said to the Lord, "Lord, I don't know what they've got, but I want it! But I'm not worthy!" Im-

mediately after I quietly told the Lord that, the itinerant preacher turned around, looked straight at me as if reading my mind, and said, "You will never be worthy. He alone is worthy." That word touched my heart, and I knew that a renewed life with the Eucharist at the center was all that mattered for the rest of my life!



In the deacon formation program (1975-79) we were taught repeatedly that our ministry must first receive its strength from the altar, from reception of Eucharist, from Love Himself. Otherwise we are just "sounding gongs" with no foundation (1 Cor 13:1). I took that to heart, and like my thirst for scripture, I now have an unquenchable thirst for Eucharist.

The Lord desires to give this thirst to ALL Christians. But we have to listen to Him, and we cannot do that unless we read and reflect on scripture (preferably focusing on the daily Mass readings, in union with the Church). So I encourage you: if you desire to be a good minister, or just a good Christian, make Holy Mass (both Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist) the center of your life. It will transform you daily! (And if you feel a call to become a Permanent Deacon, it is a must.) May God bless you daily with this precious gift of Himself!

NEW MOQ MINISTRY OFFERS HEALING PRAYER

One of MOQ's newest ministries is the offering of private prayer for healing. A team of four is available for "laying-on-of-hands-prayer" every Sunday, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

This form of prayer has its origins in apostolic times. We pray for parishioners who come with all kinds of requests: physical pains, emotional ailments (e.g., depression), spiritual attacks, and so on. Jesus is the healer, not the Team! All sessions remain absolutely confidential. We have 13 team members who have undergone extensive weekly training via Christian Healing Ministries.

Requesters make a phone appointment through **Deacon Paul Rooney (402-289-3862)**. Team members are Craig and Ann Hagenau, George and Mary Klosterman, David and JoAnn Medeiros, Vern and Jean Packard, Debbie Roberts, Paul and Pat Rooney, Paulette Smith and Lisa Zulkoski. We ask for your prayers. If you are interested in joining our team, contact Deacon Paul Rooney.

Return Service Requested

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Stewardship of the Spirit – July 1- Sept. 30, 2015

BAPTISMS

Adele Rose Berthold, Maren Nicole Blum, Audra Elizabeth Borer, Declan Lee Bull, Carter Michael Murphy Casey, Maura Regina Cortright, Lauren Barbara Eiting, Chapman Steele Fauble, Jack Andrew Frazier, Nixon Reid Hamill, Lillian Chalen Huether, Henry Dean Kelly, Miles Henry Krobot, Charles Alexander Kruse, Lincoln Allen Lentz, Mia Josefina Lin Ulanday Louie, Cooper Philip Poland, Eleanor Rose Danielle Qudensley, Hazel Jane Rau, Nathaniel James Rozmus, Isaac David Rustermier, Isabelle Rose Smith, Riley William Underwood, Kaiden Ross Wendel, Sophia Marie Yague-Dunn.

NEW MOQ REGISTRATIONS

Jim and Jennifer Berscheidt, Trent and Colleen Bradshaw, Ryan and Andrea Biga, Daniel and Sarah Dunn, Nancy Eymann, Jonathan and Kara Fast, Stacia Lu Floersch, LaShawn and Choya Flores Jr., John and Theresa Fox, Todd and Carrie Hamill, David and Kristin Jessen, Jeremy and Sara Johnson, Jodi E

Kelly, Matthew and Emily Moore, Kim Morrison, Jessica Nitsch, Mark Nogowski, Misty Peterson, Trevor and Rachel Poland, , Joseph and Nicole Robinson, Nicholas and Jessica Rustermier , Steven and Barbara Schmit, Sondra Schuetz, Scott and Amy Sladovnik, Anthony Tyler.

DEATHS

George A. Crowe, Rose M. Mahoney, Bernard J. McGrath, Gerald “Jerry” Raymond Palzkill, Genevieve J. Pullum, Shirley Marie Reidman, Christopher Michael Tribulato, Madonna A. Tribulato, Christopher Conley, Sally Miller.

WEDDINGS

Andrew Reisdorff & Stephanie Mannino - July 11
Dustin Neil Radtke & Kara Beth Kirk - July 18
Shane Ryan Reardon & Satarah Suzanne Funk - July 25
Daniel Patrick Gillespie & Danielle Marie Krause - Aug. 29
