

Poinsettia Flowers In Memory of

- Karen Grose by Ron Grose
Jean Grose by Ron Grose
Sherrill Grose by Ron Grose
Harold Ullsperger by Ron Grose
Gladys Ullsperger by Ron Grose
Marilyn Finn by Fr. Joseph Finn
Deceased parents of Mike & Jan Berger
Deceased siblings of Mike & Jan Berger
Deceased relatives of Al & Barb Allen
Jim Franssen Sr. by John Franssen
Madge Franssen by John Franssen
Aaron Frisbie by Kathleen and Dave Frisbie
Lonnie Franssen by Kathleen and Dave Frisbie
Agnes & Elwin Everitt by Mark Sampson
Ludmilla & Frank Veleba by Mark Sampson
Martha & Munro Furtwangler by Mark Sampson
Margaret Sampson by Mark Sampson
Church Family by Philumena Mowery
Clarence Kaspari by Jackie Kaspari
Jacob and Malinda Ratzlaff by Jackie Kaspari
Henry and Delores Kaspari by Jackie Kaspari
Jan Ratzlaff by Jackie Kaspari
Pam and Allan Ratzlaff by Jackie Kaspari
Albert Walsh by Fr. Joseph Walsh
Eleanor Walsh by Fr. Joseph Walsh
Frances Walsh by Fr. Joseph Walsh
Fr. Jack Copenhaver by Fr. Joseph Walsh
Charlie Wean by Fr. Joseph Walsh
Fr. Mark Huynh Nguyen by Hong Dao
Angela Mai Dao by Hong Dao
Jean Kilts by Hong Dao
Maria Xiem To by Hong Dao
Lucille & Leonard Balk by James & Beverly Balk
Tom Balk by James & Beverly Balk
Mary Ann Bales, Hertha Bales & Lois Priess by Lisa Bales
Alexis Heaslip, Olga Bom, Magdalena Hirt by Lisa Bales
Barb Bienka by Lisa Bales
John & Lillian Kobza by Sally Williamsen
Lillian & Michael Dawson by Sally Williamsen
Sonia & Jim Hansen by Sally Williamsen
Barbara & Bill Robertson by Sally Williamsen
Nguyen Chi Phuc by Nhung Dao
Dao Van Dai by Nhung Dao
Nguyen Chi Bien by Nhung Dao
Dao Chi Cuye Mai by Nhung Dao
Ruth Collins by Bob & Rebecca Duncan
Arline Wesely by Bob & Rebecca Duncan
Deceased Members of the Munguia/Macias Family
- Norman, MaryAnn and Donnie Duensing by Susan Kelley
Arline Wesely by Robert and Rebecca Duncan
Ruth Collins by Robert and Rebecca Duncan
Arthur & Harriett Sullivan by Pat Duff
Norman L. Duff by Pat Duff
Mary Sullivan Knapp by Pat Duff
David & Melissa Janssen by Barb Janssen
Antone & Alice Voboril by Barb Janssen
Tim Janssen by Barb Janssen
Gloria & Leo Janssen by Barb Janssen
Mike Eckel by Mike Macek
Evelyn Macek by Mike Macek
Mary Macek by Mike Macek
Karen Mraz by Brad & Kathy Maestas Graham
Patricio & Elisa Maestas by Brad and Kathy Maestas Graham
Alvin & Dorothy Martens by Brad & Kathy Maestas Graham
Gene & Elaine Graham by Brad & Kathy Maestas Graham
Mr. & Mrs. Vincente Delgado by Robert & Patricia Delgado
Mrs. Patricia C. Delgado by Robert & Patricia Delgado
Joe P. Maestas by carol Maestas by Caroline Maestas
Macario and Lucy Mindieta by Caroline Maestas
Salvador Mindieta by Caroline Maestas
Manuel Cabral by Caroline Maestas
Jose Cabral by Caroline Maestas
Fr. Ramon Decaen by Brian Streeter
Joe and Lill Bauer by Dave Bauer
John and Marie Hines by Dave Bauer
Jim and Anna Bauer by Dave Bauer
Bob & Virgie King by Tim & Connie King
Ashley Kulwicki by Tim & Connie King
Stephen Bonnett by Muggs Bonnett Koperski
Ted Koperski by Muggs Bonnett Koperski
The Beach Families by Kerry & Patricia Rogers
The Rogers Families by Kerry & Patricia Rogers
Jean Patton by Donna Felber
Delores Luchsinger by Donna Felber
Dave Turner by Melinda Pearson
The McCarthy Family by Sandy McCarthy
The Crouse Family by Sandy McCarthy
Anna Brooks, Dale & Beverly Anderson by The Anderson Family
Marcella and Felix Schmitz by Their Children and Grandchildren
Maxine Van Der Dium by Her Children and Grandchildren
Gerard Hohmeier by Theresa Hohmeier
Edna & Nickolas Gyhra & Richard Shoemaker by David Gyhra
Moises Fernandez by Luis & Patricia Fernandez
Betty Yanez by Luis & Patricia Fernandez
Wayne & Dors Rowe by Eileen Thaden
Jonathan Rowe by Eileen Thaden

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The Veterans by Philumena Mowery
Doug & Lynda Whyrick & Family by Brad & Kathy Graham
The Munguia/Macias Family by Teresa Macias
Karl & Louis Kulwiki by Tim & Connie King
Zerita Hendricks by Muggs Bonnett Koperski
Leon & Cynthia Harre by Melinda Pearson
The Holy Family by Katherine Nashleanas
Shirley Cruickshank by Michelle Williams
Darin William by Michelle Williams
Sister Carol Hohmeier by Theresa Hohmeier
Alice Gyhra by David L. Gyhra
Our Blessed Mother by Anonymous
Luis Delgado by Luis & Patricia Fernandez
Elvira Cuadros by Luis & Patricia Fernandez
Gabriel and Adriana Fernandez by Luis & Patricia Fernandez





Dear Parishioners, Friends, and Guests of St. Mary's Catholic Church:

Merry Christmas! May the Lord bless you throughout this happy and holy season and cover you with His peace in the coming New Year.

The picture to the left is of the statue of our Blessed Mother, in the courtyard, between the church and the rectory. She adorns that space for us, a beautiful reminder of the protection she offers our parish church and the invitation she extends to enter into her loving arms. I consider St. Mary's *Our Lady's church*, the place she has appointed in downtown Lincoln to present her son Jesus to the community and to give comfort and strength to His disciples. The statue is of Carrera marble, a rough finish

which shows some signs of dirt and soot from the busy traffic on K Street. Like every fine piece of artwork, it will require professional care to restore it to its former beauty.

You have noticed that our beloved church also needs some care, and since this past July, members of our parish have worked diligently to lay out a plan for the restoration of the church. We're working with the professionals: architects, engineers, energy officials from the city, the chancery (Bishop Conley, Fr. Fulton and Tracy Lockwood) and the Diocesan Building Commission. In mid-January, we are to meet the Building Commission again and will seek approval to repair the gutters, flashing, and downspouts of the church and do some work around the foundation to stop water from flowing back toward the building. This project is a beginning, an effort to stop further deterioration to the building. We anticipate the cost of this work to be around \$100,000. A generous parishioner has stepped forward and made an initial challenge gift of \$30,000.

This small repair effort is a first step in a multi-year, multi-million-dollar restoration project. I want you to know what is unfolding in the months ahead. I encourage you to open your heart to the Blessed Mother who might be asking for your help. We love this church. We love our Blessed Mother. We need to show our love, in art and stone, in prayer and song, in spiritual, personal and financial support. Our Mother's shrine needs our help. She needs you.

I invite you to spend a few moments with the picture of her statue above. Let her speak to you. Let her share her life with you. It's all there, in her form, her hands, and her sublime face. I think you will experience yourself there too.

Merry Christmas!

Fr. Walsh