



**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD  
December 25, 2022**

Wed. December 28 - No Mass - St. John site  
 Thur. December 29 -No Mass- St. Columbkille  
 Fri. December 30 9:00am St. John site  
 Followed by Holy Hour for Vocations

Sat. December 31 4:00pm St. John site  
 Sun. January 1 8:30 am St. Joseph site  
 Sun. January 1 10:30am St. Columbkille site

**Confessions this Week**

**Saturday: 3:30 (ask Fr.at door) St. John site**

**Readings for the Week**

**Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup>**

Acts 6: 8-10 Matthew 10: 17-22

**Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>**

1 John 1: 1-4 John 20: 1-8

**Wednesday, December 28<sup>th</sup>**

1 John 1:5, 2:2 Matthew 2: 13-18

**Thursday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**

1 John 2: 3-11 Luke 2: 22-35

**Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup>**

Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14, Matthew 2: 13-15, 19-23

**Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

1 John 2: 18-21 John 1: 1-18

**Sunday, January 1, 2023**

Numbers 6: 22-27 Galatians 4: 4-7

Luke 2: 16-21

*Merry Christmas*



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**Let Us Give Thanks!**

**Weekend Collection – \$3631.00**

**Loose - \$416.00**

**Christmas Flowers – \$200.00**

**Religious Retirement – \$300.00**

**The Giving Tree - \$2226.00**

**650 Parish Families**

**(297 Family envelope holders)**

**112 envelopes used**

**Donations:**

**In memory of Audrey Osentoski, by Charlotte Baker**

**Mass Intentions for the Week of:**

**December 19 – December 25, 2022**

**Saturday St John site: + Tony Grifka**

**Saturday St Joseph site: + Charlotte Romzek**

**Saturday St Columbkille site: Good Shepherd Parishioners**

**Mass Intentions for the Week of:**

**December 26 – January 1, 2023**

**Saturday: St John site: + Cindy McCoy**

**Sunday: St Joseph site: Good Shepherd Parishioners**

**Sunday: St Columbkille site: + Michael Thomas Sweeney**

**In This Sunday's Readings**

**“And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us...” -- John 1:14**

It is easy to get caught up in the gifts that we receive and those that we give today and all through the Christmas season, But, we already have the ultimate gift – the gift of love that God gave all of us – His Son Jesus. That is the best gift we will ever receive.



**Merry Christmas to all of you**

**From the Parish Staff**

We hope you experience God this season through the gift of the birth of Jesus.

We challenge you to keep the joy and peace of Christmas with you throughout the year by sharing it with everyone you know!

### Faith Formation

Please pray for all who come together on Wednesday and Sunday.

Uibly site: 5:30-7pm (Jan.11, 18, 25)

Sheridan Corners site: 6-7:30pm (Jan. 11, 18, 25)

**We will be having our family night on January 4, 2023 at the Parish Center starting at 5:30pm with a meal.**

### Youth Group

We will not be meeting again until January.

Youth group is for all 7-12<sup>th</sup> grades & there is no cost.

### Knights of Columbus

Uibly/Sheridan Council #12850

Next Meeting: We will meet at 7:00pm at the Parish Center on Wednesday, January 11. We are always looking for New Members – call Jeff Maurer @ 989-553-4224. Our food pantry is available for anyone in need, located in Uibly. This is completely confidential and anonymous –

Call Jerry @989-550-9664.

Jeff Maurer Grand Knight-Uibly/Sheridan Council-12850

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and would like to thank you for all your support this passed year.

### BENEFIT FOR NATALIE

New Year's Eve Benefit for Natalie Morgan  
(19 month old from Harbor Beach battling cancer)

Uibly Heights

6:00 pm to 12:30 am

Smorgasbord with the following:

Prime Rib \$28.50

Perch \$16.00

Both \$41

Please RSVP for a guaranteed dinner spot to Melinda at 989-550-3955 or Jodie at 989-553-0899.

Raffle items and dancing to ring in the New Year



### Card Party

Daughters of Isabella are hosting a card party on January 1<sup>st</sup> @ 1pm at the Senior Center in Bad Axe. Cost is \$8 and includes lunch.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### Counters:

**December 27:** Barb Roggenbuck, Jeanene Schmidt, Ann Ypma

**Tuesday, January 3:** Diana Briolat, Luci Kubacki, Judy Messing

**January 9:** Kathy Beaver, Carol Beaudin, Charlotte Baker

### 4:00pm Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup> St John site

**Lector:** Martin Kubacki

**EMHC:** Martin Kubacki

**Altar Server:** Judy Messing

**Sacristan:** Judy Messing

**Ushers:** Allen Peruski, Jim Czewski, Jim Osentoski, Whitey Pawlosky

### 8:30am Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup> St. Joseph site

**Lector:** Shirley Catalano

**EMHC:** Edie Izydorek

**Greeter:** Edie Izydorek

**Ushers:** Steve Briolat, Kerry Grifka, Bill Izydorek

### 10:30am Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup> St.Columbkille site

**Lector:** Amy Sweeney

**EMHC:** Zoe Tyrrell, Jacie Tyrrell

**Altar Servers:** Broden Peruski, Brayden Sweeney

**Greeters:** Bambach Family

**Gift Bearers:** Brynnleigh and Owen Bambach

**Ushers:** Nathan Peruski, Todd Gingrich, Dennis Sweeney

### A PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY: OCTOBER 24-

**NOVEMBER 2, 2023.** You are invited to join Fr. Bill Rutkowski and Fr. Francis George on an Italian Pilgrimage in the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi, St. Padre Pio & St. Benedict. This Pilgrimage is organized through Corporate Travel Service, Northville, MI. Highlights include San Giovanni Rotondo (St. Padre Pio), the Amalfi Coast, Montecassino & Subiaco (St. Benedict), the major Basilicas and sites in Rome, with an optional Pre-Tour Pilgrimage to Assisi (St. Francis) October 22-25, 2023. This land-only Pilgrimage starts at \$3,349 pp/double occupancy (Single occupancy +\$850), 8 nights at 4-star hotels, daily Mass, daily breakfast, 1 lunch, 5 dinners, fees, taxes, and so much more.; (Pre-Tour Pilgrimage +\$949: Assisi extension of 2 nights at a 4-star hotel, 2 breakfasts, 1 dinner). Group airfare is optional. **An information evening is set for Wednesday, January 18, 6:30 p.m. in Shepherd Hall, Christ the Good Shepherd Parish, Saginaw**, where a presentation will be made and questions answered. The pilgrimage is limited to 50 people, on a first come/first go basis. For a Pilgrimage brochure, or for more information, please contact Fr. Bill at (517) 881-1132 or brutkowski@diosag.org .



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## Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year!

Dear parish family member or friend,

Recently I heard a podcast by the Daughters of St. Paul, called *The Daughter's Project*. One of the sisters said that when we die and meet Jesus and see His smile, we will recognize it, and realize we've seen His smile before!

I believe that when I meet Jesus, I will recognize His smile because I've seen it before in your face and in the face of every person who has smiled at me with the love of Christ in their hearts. I will recognize His concern for me, because I've experienced your concern for me and for others. I will recognize His humility and humor, because I've seen your humility and humor. I will recognize every one of His virtues, because I've first seen many of them in you! Thank you for helping me to experience His smile, concern, humility, and humor. *Thank you Holy Spirit for transforming each of us into the image of Christ our Bridegroom!*

Here's a poem I wrote years ago. I pray it helps you experience His love for you today...

### The Fulfillment of Every Desire

Jesus is the "**Bread of Life**" – He gives Himself as Food  
(John 6:35)

Christ, Life-giving "**Fount of Life**" – my soul with strength imbued (John 7:37)

Jesus is "**Immanuel**" – "**God with us**" in the flesh  
(Isaiah 7:14)

Christ, the brand new baby born – The "**News**" that's always fresh (Luke 2)

Jesus, "**Bridegroom**" of our souls – He calls us to His Feast (Matt. 9:15; Luke 14:15)

Christ, the "**Servant of the Lord**" – Who serves the last and least (Acts 4:29-30)

Jesus, "**Savior**" of the world – there's POWER in his Name (Luke 2:11)

Christ, "**Good Shepherd**" of our souls – Who seeks the lost and lame (John 10:11)

Jesus is the "**Son of God**" – Who's also Mary's son  
(Matthew 3:17)

Christ, "**Messiah**", "**Lamb of God**" – His death forgiveness won (John 1:41; John 1:29)

Jesus, **God** and "**Son of Man**" – Divine and human One  
(Luke 19:10)

Christ, "**I Am**" 'fore Abraham – And 'fore time was begun (John 8:58)

Jesus, our "**Deliverer**" – The devil's plans upended  
(1 Thessalonians 1:10; John 8:36)

Christ, the "**Judge**" of you and me – When earthly life is ended (Acts 10:42)

Jesus is the "**King of Kings**" – Whose Kingdom love bestows

Christ, the very "**Lord of Lords**" – Who overcomes all foes (Revelation 17:14)

Jesus is the "**Lord of All**" – "**above all names**", HIS Name

Christ, confessed by every tongue – All knees bend to HIS fame (Philippians 2:9-11)

Jesus, "**Lion of Judah's Tribe**" – His Roar gives Satan flight (Revelation 5:5)

Christ, "**The Light**" of all the world – His followers have life's light (John 8:12)

Jesus is the "**Prince of Peace**" – Earth's peace can't hold a candle (Isaiah 9:6; Ephesians 2:14)

Christ, "**Our Hope**" in life's dismay – There's nothing He can't handle (1 Timothy 1:1)

Jesus, "**Life**" and "**Resurrection**" – Faith in Him makes clean (John 11:2)

Christ, "**The Way, the Truth, and Life**" (John 14:6) – "**The Door**" to pastures green  
(John 10:9; Psalm 23)

Jesus, "**Great High Priest**" for us – And "**pleasing sacrifice**" (Hebrews 4:14; Mark 1:11)

Christ, the Church's "**Cornerstone**" – For sin, His life the price (Psalm 118:22; Ephesians 1:22)

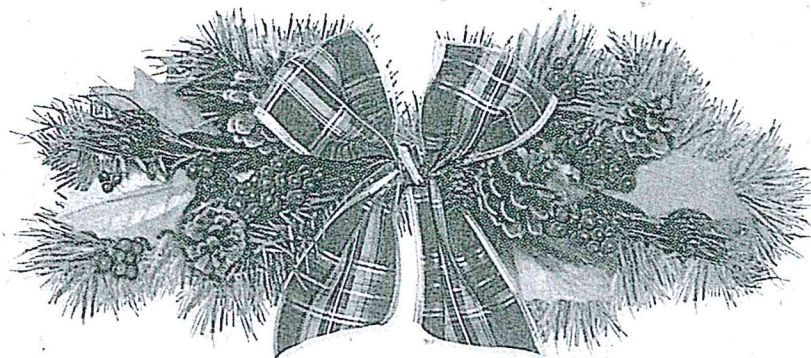
Jesus is the "**Vine**" of life – His branches to enthrall  
(John 15:1)

Christ, "**The Word**" with God above – In THIS Word God said ALL (John 1:1)

God bless you, Mary keep you and your loved ones this Christmas and New Year 2023!

*In the love of Christ,*

Fr. Nate Harburg



## WHEN LOVE CAME DOWN

CLOSE YOUR EYES AND SHARE THE DREAM, LET EVERYONE ON EARTH BELIEVE  
THE CHILD WAS BORN, THE STARS STONE BRIGHT  
AND LOVE CAME DOWN AT CHRISTMAS TIME.

CHRISTMAS EVE, 2 A.M. HEAVY SNOW IS FALLING DOWN  
AND THE STREETS CLOTHED IN WHITE ECHO SONGS THAT WERE SUNG BY CANDLELIGHT.  
WE'RE ALIVE, WE CAN BREATHE, BUT DO WE REALLY CARE FOR THIS WORLD IN NEED?  
THERE'S A CHOICE WE MUST MAKE EACH AND EVERY DAY.

SO, CLOSE YOUR EYES AND SHARE THE DREAM, LET EVERYONE ON EARTH BELIEVE  
THE CHILD WAS BORN, THE STARS SHONE BRIGHT  
AND LOVE CAME DOWN AT CHRISTMAS TIME.

SO, MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE AND PEACE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR  
THE TIME HAS COME TO CELEBRATE, SO LET YOUR VOICES FILL THE AIR.  
EVERYONE, WATCH AND PRAY THAT THE SUN WILL SHINE ON A BRIGHTER DAY  
JOIN YOUR HANDS, LIFT THEM HIGH FOR THIS GIFT OF LIFE.

SO, CLOSE YOUR EYES AND SHARE THE DREAM, LET EVERYONE ON EARTH BELIEVE

THE CHILD WAS BORN, THE STARS SHONE BRIGHT  
AND LOVE CAME DOWN AT CHRISTMAS TIME,

CLOSE YOUR EYES AND SHARE THE DREAM, LET EVERYONE ON EARTH BELIEVE.

LOVE CAME, THE CHILD WAS BORN,

THE STARS STONE BRIGHT AND LOVE CAME DOWN AT CHRISTMAS TIME.

December 25, 2022

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

# The Nativity of the Lord

Is 52:7-10 | Heb 1:1-6 | Jn 1:1-18

## GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

The day we have been awaiting has arrived: Christ is born! All of our Christmas preparations – wrapping gifts and preparing holiday meals to be shared among family and friends – are meant to glorify and reflect God’s own work for and in us. That is, God’s greatest gift of himself, clothed in mortal flesh, who would one day offer himself as the bread of life: “The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.” Jesus came to the world in the form of the most helpless of us all, a newborn infant, so that through him we would be reconciled to the Father, for “to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God.” We celebrate the Incarnation of the Lord, for Christ is our salvation! It is through Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit that we are adopted into God’s family and receive the fullness of his grace. The fullness of God’s truth is revealed in Jesus Christ. “The Lord has made his salvation known”; “he has spoken to us through the Son.” Let us give thanks and rejoice this day!

## GO EVANGELIZE

### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The Good News of Jesus Christ is not meant to be kept to ourselves. Today’s Gospel reading reminds us that John the Baptist testified to the light of Christ before Christ had yet publicly appeared. Sharing the Good News is not optional! Even the earth proclaims the Good News in Isaiah, “announcing salvation, and saying to Zion, ‘Your God is King!’” Indeed, Christ the King – God in human flesh – has arrived. Just as John was sent before the Lord to proclaim his coming, so are we charged: Sent out to the world to go and announce the Gospel of the Lord, “so that all might believe.”

**WITNESS** How might you go out and proclaim the coming of the Lord? Don’t forget: sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ isn’t limited just to speaking to others. It includes *living* as Christ did – feeding the hungry, caring for the sick and the poor, defending the helpless – because we are Christ’s body in the world.





# **THUMB VETERANS ORGANIZATION**



**POST #1**

## **PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**JANUARY 1, 2023**

**SERVING 8:00 – 12:00**

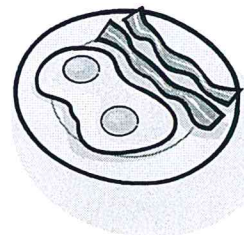
**T.V.O. HALL  
2153 BINGHAM STREET  
UBLY, MI**

**ADULTS - \$8.00  
CHILDREN (6-12) - \$4.00  
5 & UNDER – FREE**

**TAKE OUTS AVAILABLE – CALL STEVE 989-315-1226**

**PROCEEDS TO SUPPORT AREA VETERANS**

**“HELP US HELP THEM”**



## ***Good Shepherd Christmas Flower Donations***

In memory of Willard & Bill Allen, Todd Allen, & Pete & Gert O'Parka by Rose Allen

In memory of the Ternes Family by Charlotte Baker

In loving memory of John Beaudin, Stanley & Gladys Briolat, Jim & Bernice Weber, Sandy Peplinski, Madelyn Schrader, Fernand & Joe Beaudin by Carol Beaudin

In memory of Russ & Doris Bowers, Martin & Bertha Sweeney, by Todd & Janice Bowers

In memory of Elmer & Bea Brahmer & family, Roy & Dorothy Geyer, by Robert & Judy Brahmer

In memory of Stanley & Gladys Briolat and Charles Francis Briolat, Jim & Bernice Weber, Luke Snyder, John Beaudin, Sandy Peplinski, by Charles Briolat

In memory of Sandra Peplinski, Stanley Briolat Family, Clayton Parrish Family, by Leonard & Marge Briolat

Michael & Diana Briolat

In memory of Stanley & Gladys Briolat, John Beaudin, Jim & Bernice Weber, Roman Briolat families, Luke Snyder, Peter Ulfig families, & Sandy Peplinski, by Sue Briolat

In memory of Cass & Frances Schefka, Stan & Gladys Briolat, Jim & Bernice Weber, Marv & Mary Ann Longuski, John Beaudin, Tony Grifka, A special friend, Lucas Snyder and Sandy Peplinski, by Virgil & Elaine Briolat

In memory of Lucy & William Eckenswiler, Hazel Turner, Kevin Brown and Wallace Brown, by Clara Brown

In memory of John & Emma Lubeski, Vincent & Agnes Bukoski, Carol Krause, Susan LaPointe, Eleanor Pazkowski, Marie Wasierski, by Lawrence & Marlene Bukoski

Dan & Kathy Creguer

In memory of Schefka & Czewski Families, Marvin & Mary Anna Longuski, Tony Grifka, by Jim & Delphine Czewski

In loving memory of Angeline & Leonard Deachin, by Karen Deachin

Grace Emmendorfer

Paul & Sherry Essenmacher

Gordon Farrelly

In memory of Frank & Mary Navock, Paul & Dorothy Fischer, by Jerry & Valerie Fischer

In memory of Beatrice Flannery, by Joseph Flannery

In memory of Donald Krawzyk, Kubacki Family, Fligger Family, Krawzyk Family, Mrazek Family, by Ralph & Eleanor Fligger

In memory of Leo & Rita Walsh, Gary & Christopher Franzel, Douglas & Barb Walsh, Wayne, Frances & Arnold Lapeer, Glen & Emma Franzel, by Charles & Sharon Franzel

In memory of Jerome Franzel, by Eleanor Franzel

Vernon & Dianne Glaza

Rod & Darlene Gornowicz

In memory of wife, Beverly and Son, Kevin, by Richard Grifka

Andy & Jeanne Gusa

## ***Good Shepherd Christmas Flower Donations***

In memory of Ed & Jeanette Guza, by Paul Guza

Sharlene Hagen

In memory of Ted & Della Gucwa, Thomas Gucwa and Richard Haley, by Mary Haley

In memory of Neil & Florence Sweeney, Parker Thomas Hanselman, Edwin & Vi Hanselman, Florence Sweeney Michalski, Josephine Sweeney Abed Rabo, Michael Thomas Sweeney, by Tom & Maureen Hanselman

In memory of Elmer & Leona Hessling, Melvin & Ester Booms, Donna Klama, Marvin Booms, by Kevin & Louise Hessling

In memory of Val Izydorek, by Chuck & Jo Izydorek

In memory of Valerian & Louise Izydorek, by Bill & Edie Izydorek

In memory of Lester & Helen Greyerbiehl, John & Lottie Janik, Shirley & Raymond Leppek, Tracey Janik, Michael Greyerbiehl, Janet Sweeney, by Henry & Nancy Janik

In memory of all my loved ones, by Sharon Jurn

In memory of Ed & Francis Kanaby, by Marilyn Kanaby

Greg & Kim Keller

In memory of Joe Kroetsch, Br Jerome Kroetsch, by Suzanne Kroetsch

In memory of Joseph Pichla, Bill & Lorraine Lackowski, Dennis Hagen, Joan Pichla and Lou Laming, by Ronald & Doreen Lackowski

In memory of Virginia Lubeski, Emma Lubeski, Regina Prill, John Lubeski and Alex Prill Sr. by Harvey Lubeski

In memory of Richard Maikrzek, by Rose Maikrzek

In memory of Richard Marsh, by Marie Marsh

In loving memory of our son, Jason, by Clem & Cindy Maurer

Jason & Carol McCarty

In memory of Marshall Briolat Family and Patrick McCarty Family, by Mike & Glorie McCarty

In memory of Joseph & Stella Gucwa, William & Violet McNish, Henry Gucwa, Peter Gucwa, by William & Barbara McNish

In memory of Earl Longuski and Eugene Longuski, by Greg & Shelly Messing

In memory of Neil & Florence Sweeney, Mike Sweeney, Flora & Josie, Donna & Justin, by Ken & Mary Messing

In memory of William & Doris Langenburg, by Kent & Betty Miller

Brenda Miskokomon

William & Kathy Nichols

In memory of Chris Ogryski, by Jill Ogryski

In loving memory of our son, Kevin and the Lemanski & Osentoski Families, by Jim & Rita Osentoski

In memory of Melvin Osentoski, Loreane Holz, Duey Holz, by Marvin & Amy Osentoski family

In memory of Tracey Lynn Rich, by mom and dad



## ***Good Shepherd Christmas Flower Donations***

In memory of Joseph & Blanch Pawlosky Family and Tony & Agnes Olshove Family, by Jerome & Bev Pawlosky

In memory of Frank & Lillian Peplinski, by David & Marilyn Peplinski

In loving memory of Richard Peruski, Randy Peruski, Scott Peruski, Dennis Peruski, Marshall & Rose Briolat, Frank & Marie Peruski, Peter & Victoria Ulfing, Lawrence & Theresa Lamke and Judy Harrington, by Chris Peruski

In memory of John Peruski, Nick & Agnes Heleski, John & Delphine Peruski, Jeni Ann Kedding, by Evelyn Peruski

In memory of John & Delphine Peruski, Sylvester & Isabel Wodwaska, Jeffrey Fess, Austin Lochrie, by Glen & Geraldine Peruski

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. William Healy, Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Smith, David Healy, by Kay Peruski

In memory of Henry & Loraine Austin, Ron Austin, Mary Austin, Elizabeth Phillips, by William & Jean Phillips

In memory of Joseph Pichla, Dennis Hagen, Nick & Agnes Heleski, John & Madeline Pichla, Edward Pichla, by Beatrice Pichla

In memory of Joseph Pichla Sr, Clarence Kubacki and Dennis Hagen, by Ken & Karen Pichla Joe & Ellen Radomski

In memory of Eugene Romzek, by Evelyn Romzek

In memory of John Beaudin and Theresa Schmidt, by Rick & Jeanene Schmidt

In memory of the Sitnicki family and Dorothy & Stephen Vavro, by Pete & Linda Sitnicki Gerald & Terry Sorenson

In loving memory of our deceased parents, Doug & Delores Rice, Merlin Stacer, by Richard & Cathy Stacer

In memory of Eugene Stewart, Walter & Dorothy Messing, by Dawn Stewart

In memory of Flora, Josie and Mike, by Dennis & Rita Sweeney

In memory of Barb Sweeney, James B & Virginia Sweeney, Ron & Joanne Sweeney, by Gerald Sweeney

In memory of the deceased members of the Sweeney and Guza families, by Jeffery & Amy Sweeney

In memory of our son, Mark, by Robert & Carol Sweeney

In memory of Sara Osentoski, David Osentoski, by Roger & Melissa Sweeney

In memory of Janet Sweeney, by Terry & Colleen Sweeney

In memory of Thomas Timlin, James & Pearl Smith, by Doris Timlin

In memory of Walter & Mildred Uhl, Sandy Peplinski, Gordon & Julie Messing, by Bruce & Lori Uhl

In memory of Joseph Wolschlager, Paulette Maurer, Theresa Hund, by Josephine Wolschlager

In memory of Floyd & Agnes Garold, Harold & Shirlee Wroubel, Albert, Mary, Ronnie, Bob, Carol, & Linda Franzel, by Floyd Wroubel & Family

In memory of Richard Ypma, Mildred & Melvin Bukoski, John & Loretta Ypma, by Ann Ypma