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JANUARY 2011

Gina and I want to thank everyone for all the gifts that this family gave us. The money that was given will go to pay for the web site. We want to thank all of you for your generosity.

The Mages Christmas 2010 was just fabulous. Our thanks to the committee Tom and Sharon, Larry and Maggie, Curt and Kathy and Lisa and Tony and their families. The church basement was decorated just beautifully, and having Santa there was so special. We had 147 members of this wonderful family present.

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January Birthdays

Taylor Mages	Jan 09
Jessica Schmitz	Jan 09
Zach Mages	Jan 10
Kyle Strate	Jan 11
David Fischer	Jan 11
Tom Mages	Jan 14
Riley Strate	Jan 18
Ryan Wolf	Jan 18
Laura Wolf	Jan 19
Amanda Bemmels	Jan 20
Noah Mages	Jan 23
Arlene Mages	Jan 25
Ashley Mills	Jan 28
Grace Mages	Jan 31

Happy Birthday Dad on Jan 06

New Addresses

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of each month. Articles
and photos can be sent to
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Coming Events

December 31,2010- January 02, 2011- Mages
Boys annual snowmobiling and fishing trip to Gull
Lake.

January 2010-Baby due for Jennifer and Adam

January 21,22 & 23,2011-Emerald Hideaway-
Men and boys fishing, snowmobiling and poker
weekend.

February 26, 2011- Hastings High School Show
Choir

July 24,2011- Mages Family Picnic in North
Mankato
Barb and Kevin Plath family hostess and host.

September 11,2011- Kodet Family Reunion at
Larry and Maggie's Farm.

September 17, 2011-Wedding of Joe and Imia.

September 24,2011- Kodet Sister's day

October 01and 02,,2011-Sister's Weekend
Emerald Hideaway **This is a change in date.**

February 29,2012- Wedding of Mando and Teresa

Fall 2012- Trip to Germany



Thank You From Mom



Josie and Great Grandma

As I sit here looking out through my icy, glazed windows I am reminded of the beauty of the wintry landscape. What a storm that was!! We are thankful that Mike and Brian found shelter overnight after being marooned in the ditch with 20 inches of snow, zero visibility, below zero temperatures, high winds and wind chills. The ice is still here so I'm extra careful even going to the mailbox. Thank the **Lord** that all of our family is safe.

I want to thank all of you for the lovely Christmas gifts. For the beef and pork, the gift cards, books, plants,

“the smell nice gifts”, the sweater, scarves, jewelry, comfy throw, cook book, the basket of kitchen goodies, for the “rice bricks”, umbrella purse, postage stamps, all the stocking fillers, and all the greeting cards. I find every item very useful, and enjoyable.

Thank You all so much.

We had a wonderful Christmas party. Thanks to our hosts, Larry and Maggie, Curt and Kathy, Sharon and Tom and Lisa and Tony and their families. They planned a great time with Santa coming to visit with everyone, and what a great attendance. I can still see that table laden down with all the good food. We have some terrific cooks in this family.

We remember that the reason for the season is the birth of **Jesus**, and we pray that the baby **Jesus** may bring you peace and joy in this Christmas season and through out the New Year.

Lots of Love, Mom



Charles Leo Strate November 26, 1947- January 19,2001



(10 years ago)
Remembering you is easy
We do it everyday
Missing you is the hardest part
As it never goes away.

To hear your voice,
To see your smile
To sit with you
and talk for awhile

Would be
our greatest wish.
Today, Tomorrow,
Our whole life through
We shall always love
and remember you

Nancy, Connie and Doug and girls, Becky, Shane and boys,
Brian, Michelle and boys, Sarah, Chad and family, Kim and Steve

Annual Mages Winter Trip

Due to the cold weather we had early this season, we are going to Gull Lake instead of Red Lake, our old stomping grounds for snowbiling and fishing. The plan is to head up on Friday, December 31st and stay till Sunday, January 2nd. Jeff has Bay Colony Resort rented for these days for whoever wants to come. Call Mike or Jeff at there home if you plan on staying at the Resort. It will sleep about 7 or 8.

Have a nice evening
-Mike

Cookbook

Those of you who need to get your recipes in please do so now, as I will start putting it together after New Year's, and we would sure like to see you name in it. Linda

Thank You From the Galls

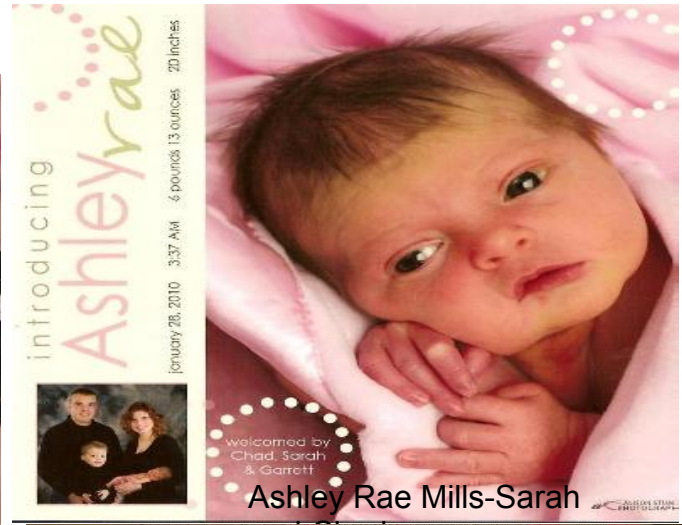
Joe and I want to thank this wonderful family for all the love and support this past year. Every act is filed away in our hearts. Thank you for the hugs, Masses, votive candles, our personal votive candle, the visits that we cherish, the cards, the phone calls, food, letters, visits to Mike's grave and the flowers and wreaths placed there as well as snow angels in the snow by Mike's grave. How special!!!

We could not have made it through this without all of you. I pray for all of you each day. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Joe and Linda
Nathan, Nick and Nolan
Gina, Todd and family

New Arrivals in the Last

Travis Daniel Mages-Lindsey and Tim



Stephanie Rose Mages- Trish and James



Anna Arlene Mages- Greg and MaryKay



Joselyn Rachelle Andersen-Gina and Todd



Elizabeth Ann Jones-Cassy Jones and Josh Deegan



Grady James Rath- Emily and Brennen



Bella Marie Bemmels- Amanda and Adam



New Arrivals Continue



Jasmine Miller- Steve and Melanie

Mages Christmas 2010



Show Choir

On Saturday, Feb. 26th, the Hastings High School "Roll It on the River" Showchoir competitions will be taking place and Michelle (a senior) will be competing by singing and dancing with the Hasting Highschool "Deva's" and again by performing with the show band of another awesome Hastings showchoir group. Last year, Jessica, Rebecca and I had the honor of being able to attend as Curt and Kathy's guests to watch Suzanne and Michelle Mages compete. This was an absolutely incredible day of entertainment. The girls looked gorgeous, sounded fantasatic and their groups were very, very professional looking. I think it cost me like \$10 to get in but the day was worth so much more. I would like to again attend, hopefully staying up at Curt and Kathy's Friday evening in time for the early Saturday competition which goes all day until approximatel 8 pm at night. (Last year I attended from approximately 10 am until 5 pm). I would like to get a car load or two of people to attend from the family. Let me know if you are interested. We could possible travel up together or at least meet up there at the performance. Lisa

The Christmas Party Crew



Mages Christmas Continue

Wearing Dad's Bolo's



Adam and Amanda Bemmels with Santa



All the Babies



Grandma and Brandon

Wearing Dad's Shirts



Cassy and Lizzy

Christmas Continued



Great Great Grandma and Lizzy

The Granddaughters with Grandma

Christmas Continued



Parents Beware

Just like in the movie, *Miracle on 34th Street*, when the real Santa pays a visit, you'd better beware! Though he may work in mysterious ways, just as he did in giving Susan her wish of a new house in the movie, the real Santa can make wishes come true! And, we could all tell that was the real Santa who paid us a visit at the Mages Christmas party! As you may recall, Michelle asked him for a new car—with heat. Well, she got her wish! Could it really have been Santa working in his mysterious ways that led to her “fender bender” on the icy roads just days later? And while it wasn't too serious, could it have been Santa who made the damage too costly to be worth fixing? Granted—the car wasn't worth much anymore to begin with. But, regardless, the bottom line is Michelle now has a different car, with heat that works really well. This is leaving Kristen and Suzanne a little perplexed—Michelle costs us a bunch of money by totaling the Deerslayer, as it has affectionately been called since Kristen crumpled its hood by hitting a deer some years ago (that wasn't worth fixing either), and the end result is she now gets to drive a newer and nicer car than they did? It just doesn't add up! Curt and Kathy