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The photos on this page are from the Mages Christmas Party at St. Mary's Catholic Church in New Ulm. I don't know who made this beautiful cake to share, but I felt it was worthy of the front page. Grandma Barbara reading to the little children each Christmas is so special.

God's Blessings to all. Linda



January Birthdays

Sawyer Ibberson	Jan 05
Taylor Mages	Jan 09
Jessica Schmitz	Jan 09
Luke Fischer	Jan 10
Zach Mages	Jan 10
Kyle Strate	Jan 11
David Fischer	Jan 11
Andi Mages	Jan 11
Tom Mages	Jan 14
Cody Becker	Jan 15
Riley Strate	Jan 18
Ryan Wolf	Jan 19
Laura Wolf	Jan 20
Amanda Bemmels	Jan 20
Noah Mages	Jan 23
Arlene Mages	Jan 25
TJ Roiger	Jan 27
Ashley Mills	Jan 28
Autumn Butler	Jan 29
Grace Mages	Jan 30

A special Hello to My
Grandson Tobi Mages From
Oma Barbara
A special Hello to our German
cousins, Helmut, Birgit, Andi,
Elena, Rosalie and Tobi

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Coming Events

January 11, 2023 – Wedding Jory Mages and Jessica Hartly

January 27,28 & 29 – Men and boys fishing and poker weekend at Emerald Hideaway

February 2023 – Baby due for Scott and Ashley

April 26, 2023 – Mages Family Mass

May 23, 2023 – Mages Family Mass

June 06, 2023 – Mages Family Mass

June 17,2023 – Wedding reception for Larry and Debra Mages at their barn on the farm in Lafayette

June 25,2023 – Oswald and Elizabeth Mages Family Reunion at Ramsey Park in Redwood Falls, Mn

July 08,2023 – Annual MagesFest at Sleepy Eye Sportsman's Park

July 13, 2023 – Mages Family Mass

August 09, 2023 – Mages Family Mass

September 14, 2023 – Mages Family Mass

October 18,2023 – Mages Family Mass

November 21, 2023 – Mages Family Mass

December 12, 2023 – Mages Family Mass

Mass Schedule for Alphonse Mages Family Deceased Members

April 26, 2023 – Wednesday

May 05, 2023 – Tuesday

June 06, 2023 – Tuesday

July 13, 2023 – Thursday

August 09, 2023 – Wednesday

September 14, 2023 – Thursday

October 18, 2023 – Wednesday

November 21, 2023 – Tuesday

December 12, 2023 – Tuesday, the annual Sibling and spouses Christmas with Mom.

I was not given a start time for Mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Sleepy Eye, but I assume 7:15 am.

**Grandma Barbara Mages'
Christmas Dressing Recipe
Interpreted By: Aunt Lisa (Mages) Schmitz**

Mix together into 2 extra-large mixing bowls:

2-3 chickens, cooked, deboned and shredded (Include the drippings)

6 boxes/1 case Stove Top Dressing Mix (unprepared)

4 Large bags of dried bread cubes

4 Large onions, finely chopped

6 cups carrots, finely chopped

6 cups celery, finely chopped

Then add chicken broth by boiling:

8 quarts water with

3 Sticks of butter and

Chicken flavor soup base powder from a 12 to 16 oz. container (to taste)

Salt and pepper (to taste)

Line full size roaster with professional grade roaster liner or oil the roaster pan very, very generously. Pour the dressing into the roaster pan and bake at 375 degrees for 1.5 hours or more if extra cold. Transfer pan to the roaster bottom to plug in and keep hot while serving. You may need to add more heated chicken broth depending upon consistency. This should feed 125 people as a side for a Mages holiday banquet.

O Come All Ye Faithful

Mages Christmas Celebration 2022

On Saturday, November 26th, we were all blessed...blessed in love and family, near and far! We started out our traditional Mages Christmas Celebration in prayer. We prayed for those in our presence, those far away, those who have passed before us and those who are healing. We remembered Mike and Amy's family as they couldn't be with us due to the burial of Amy's mother. The bible says "Where two or more of you are gathered in His name...there is love" and St. Mary's Social Room of New Ulm was filling up quickly. Our wine table was explored and tested and it was so easy to remember Dad's smiling face offering you a taste as he greeted the party goers in year's past.

Our committee this year put on a savory roast beef, mashed potato, gravy, and dressing meal complimented by the many, fine foods and desserts flourishing the heaping serving tables contributed by our family members. Our guests, young and old, all of the Alphonse and Barbara Mages family, numbered off to one hundred thirty-five people in attendance. Great Grandma Barbara, was beaming with pride and joy, as were her many children, many now grandparents themselves. Larry and his new wife, Debra started the day with Larry's new song about their love and she sat by his side as he serenaded her. Larry also sang another song he wrote in honor of his longtime friend, Mark Weber, who very recently passed away. The wine, food, music and company were all so priceless.

O Come All Ye Faithful Continued

Following the banquet, a few events were planned. Everyone quieted down as Great Grandma Barbara, accompanied by Donna and Deb, softly sang Silent Night. She then gathered with all of the little children around her and read them the story of the Innkeeper and Jesus' Nativity. The children all sang Happy Birthday to Jesus, led by Great Grandma Mages and also Halle Bemmels. She then handed out gifts for the little children and they were all very thankful. Another priceless moment! We had a beautiful Christmas and Nativity backdrop set up so many many family members took pictures together with Great Grandma Mages in their photos in remembrance of this special day together. Halle continued on with more and more beautiful Christmas songs.

Before supper was served a very special Great Granddaughter led the prayer....Olivia Roiger, age 2, daughter of Stacy and TJ Roiger, and granddaughter of Tom and Sharon Mages. She did a perfect job! It was such a precious moment.

Thanks to all of those who were able to bless us with your presence and to all of those who brought such spectacular food. Also, many, many thanks for our committee this year for all of their hard work...The Tom and Sharon Mages family, The Tony and Lisa Schmitz family, The Curt and Kathy Mages family and the Larry and Debra Mages family.

Merry Christmas everyone!

Lisa Schmitz

Mages Family Christmas in Photo



A gift for all the children 12 years of age and under.



Photo middle left is all the boxes with each families name on them to hold all the Christmas cards passed out each year. Left bottom photo and right bottom photo are some of the table decorations.



Mages Christmas 2022 in Photo



Photo to the left is Madeline holding Max with Sawyer and Avery

Top photo is Jermayne and Duane Kuss.

Bottom right photo is Larry serenading his new bride, Debra



Mages Family Christmas in Photo Continued



Mages Family Christmas 2022 in Photo Continued



Mages Christmas 2022 in Photo Continued



Photo to the left is Jessi, Jory and Poppy receiving their quilt from Grandma Barbara for their upcoming wedding.

Below is Larry singing to the crowd.



Debbie helping the children entertain the crowd. Photo to the right is Great Grandma Barbara reading a Christmas story to the children.



Ladies Night Out by Donna

Ladies Night Out at St Philip Catholic Church in Litchfield

On December 1st of 2022, I was happy to host a table for Ladies Night Out and was honored by the family members and friends that were able to join me at my table. I decorated the table in a Christmas theme and supplied a little chocolate treat for each of my guest to take home.

Linda came with a car full of friends, which included, Barbara Johnson, Jane Weber and Karen Wingen. Those girls made a fun day of lunch and shopping before arriving at the church. Deb was gracious to help me with the entertainment for the event and she came with, Mom, and Nancy. Nancy had the opportunity to visit with a large group of her friends that she knows from Litchfield and Manannah. They all loved seeing Nancy. Last Car to arrive was Queen Connie, Lisa, and Sharon and they were full of smiles and hugs. I sure appreciate you gals driving all the way to my parish for this fun event. The gal sitting next to me is a good friend from Atwater, Cecilia Kurtz. Linda and I found out when visiting with Cecilia that night that when Cecilia was in first and second grade, she went to St Mary's Catholic School in Sleepy Eye, Small World!

We gather about 30 minutes before the meal and were able to enjoy wine and go around the room and look at all the beautifully decorated tables. The room held about 170 women for the night, and we were served by the Men of the Knights of Columbus, Father Jeff, and Father Brian, who also did the clean up and dishes when meal was over, and the ladies went into the church for the show. The meal was Chicken Kiev, Buttered Baby Potatoes, Fresh Salad, Bread, Steamed Veggies and Cheesecake Dessert.

After supper we made our way into the church where Deb and I had our music equipment and lights set up at the front. We entertained the ladies with classic country music and Christmas music. We were joined by the St Philip Music Choir for one song. I was honored to introduce my family members present during the program which also included our cousin, Julie Johnson. The highlight of the night was Mom when she came up and talked about her experience this summer meeting and doing music with the Ukrainian Kids that David and Sam hosted. She also talked about and sang her Bohemian Love Song and lead us all in Silent night. Deb and I told stories about Mom and all her Grandkids and Great Grandkids and about the many Rosaries that she made through out the years. We had a hidden card in one of the church benches and Lisa from Darwin found it. Her prize was a homemade blessed, Christmas Green, Rosary from MOM. This group of Ladies just loved Mom and truly enjoyed her Stories including the one about how her and Father Jeff Horejsi are related and how their grandparents came over from Europe and landed at the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island.

A huge Thank you to all of you for coming to join me for the evening and to Deb for doing the show with me and mom for being our featured hit for the evening. I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas.
Love you, Donna

Ladies Night Out in Photo



L-R: Lisa, Mom, Nancy, Sharon, Debbie, Connie, Jane, Karen, Barb, Linda, Cecelia and Donna.

Ladies Night Out in Photo Continued



Top left is Debbie, Donna and Mom. Top right is Donna's beautifully decorated table.

Bottom left is Linda and Mom. Bottom right is Linda, Jane, Karen and Barb.

Ladies Night Out in Photo Continued



The entertainment for the evening was Debbie, Mom and Donna. I had the privilege of witnessing this beautiful evening. My friends told me if they have it again next year we are coming. Linda

January Angels



Margaret, Maggie,
Mages
September 02, 1951 –
January 23, 2018

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



Magesfest 2023



Magesfest 2023 will be hosted by the Dan Mages family this year, July 07 & 08. Camp sites can't be booked until after midnight January 01, 2023 and then Dan will book a bunch of these camping sites plus the two cabins. If you are interested in any of these sites please let Dan know ASAP phone number is 507-276-4006. You can do Friday or Saturday night or both.

Magesfest will be held at Sportsman's Park in Sleepy Eye, Minnesota.

The photo above is from last years Magesfest at Sibley Park in Mankato, Minnesota.

Christmas at Mother's, 2022

On Friday morning, December 16th we were all fortunate enough to be invited to Mother Barbara's house for a Christmas celebration of siblings and spouses. The roads were full of snow but many ventured out to attend this greatly anticipated day. Unfortunately, the weather also held a few back. First Mass was celebrated at St. Mary's Church in Sleepy Eye for all of the deceased members of the Alphonse Mages family. Prayer took place to start things out at Mom's and those present and those who couldn't be there were prayed over and thought of. This was followed by a lovely breakfast of egg bakes, Deb's blueberry struessel and lots of homemade sweets and savory items. The coffee was steamy and hot and the lemonade was icy cold.

The world's largest card game then broke out around Mom's dining room table with 12 people playing at all times. "65" was the game of choice. When someone would leave the table another person would fill in and a 3.5 hour marathon of card playing took place. The final winner was Lisa in Dean's spot, who was filling in for Mike I believe. Great team work took place and we all had lots of fun all around. Thanks to Nancy for scoring this crazy intense game. Along with cards, many of the women were catching up and visiting while eating and drinking coffee in the living room. Rick took on the role of bartender if my memory serves me right.

At 12 noon the oven buzzer went off and we were lining up in the kitchen to eat the wonderfully prepared potluck lunch. Debra's meatloaf and Jane's Minnesota hot dish were the hit of the lunchtime crowd. Following lunch, more visiting and storytelling continued on and on. Mom's homemade candy looked so tempting and pretty in an old fashioned kind of way and kept everyone's sweet tooth at bay. Such a memorable effort by all of the cooks in the kitchen again.

In the afternoon, Rick and Curt helped Mom set up and learn how to operate her new toy, the medical alert system our family lovingly gave her for this year's Christmas present. Thanks Mother for such a wonderful party. The Mages family is still making memories together after all of these years! Love, Lisa

Sibling and Spouse Christmas at Moms in Photo

Donna by the kitchen sink. L-R: Lisa, Dean, Tony, Mom, Rick, Debbie, Nancy, Curt, John, Larry, Debra and Tom



L-R: Sharon, Cindy, Arlene, Jane, Kathy, Dean and Amy



Mom's Christmas with Children and Spouses in Photo



Larry and Debra



Jane



Sharon, Jane, Amy and Kathy

Sibling Christmas in Photo Continued



Top left photo is Jane, Sharon and Tony.

Lower right photo is Dan, Tony, Mom, Rick and Mike

Photo below is Mom's Christmas candy

