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## OCTOBER 2023

The photos on this page are from Sister's Weekend. Our sister Barb had everything decorated so beautifully for the fall weather and in memory of our Mother.

God's Blessing to all: Linda



## October Birthdays

|                    |        |
|--------------------|--------|
| Alan Strand        | Oct 01 |
| Wren Scharmer      | Oct 01 |
| Chad Mills         | Oct 02 |
| Sitara Plath       | Oct 03 |
| Finch Mages        | Oct 07 |
| Bonita Ingersoll   | Oct 10 |
| Tim Mages          | Oct 10 |
| Adam Mages         | Oct 11 |
| Jennifer Fischer   | Oct 13 |
| Donna Nelson       | Oct 15 |
| Riley Jensen       | Oct 18 |
| Nora Mages         | Oct 19 |
| Cindy Mages        | Oct 20 |
| Ada Vanderhook     | Oct 22 |
| Noa Vanderhook     | Oct 22 |
| Becky Wilson       | Oct 24 |
| Chrissy Vanderhook | Oct 30 |
| Brad Mages         | Oct 31 |
| Travis Mages       | Oct 31 |
| Hadley Ingersoll   | Oct 31 |

A special Hello to our German cousins, Helmut, Birgit, Andi, Elena, Rosalie and Tobi

[www.magesonline.com](http://www.magesonline.com)

## News Deadline

20th of each month

Send articles and photos to Linda at

[lindagall@rocketmail.com](mailto:lindagall@rocketmail.com)

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# Coming Events

September 30, 2023 – Kodet Day, Morton, Mn 11am

October 18, 2023 – Mages Family Mass

October 28, 2023 – 5:30 pm Mass for Dad and Mom on their anniversary at St. Mary's Sleepy Eye.

November 21, 2023 – Mages Family Mass

November 25, 2023 – Mages Annual Christmas Party at St. Margaret's Catholic Church, Lake Henry, Minn.

December 12, 2023 – Mages Family Mass

## 2024

March 31, 2024 – Easter Sunday Mass 9:30 am for Dad and Mom at St. Mary's in Sleepy Eye.

May 12, 2024 – Mass for Mom 9:30 am at St. Mary's in Sleepy Eye.

## October Anniversaries

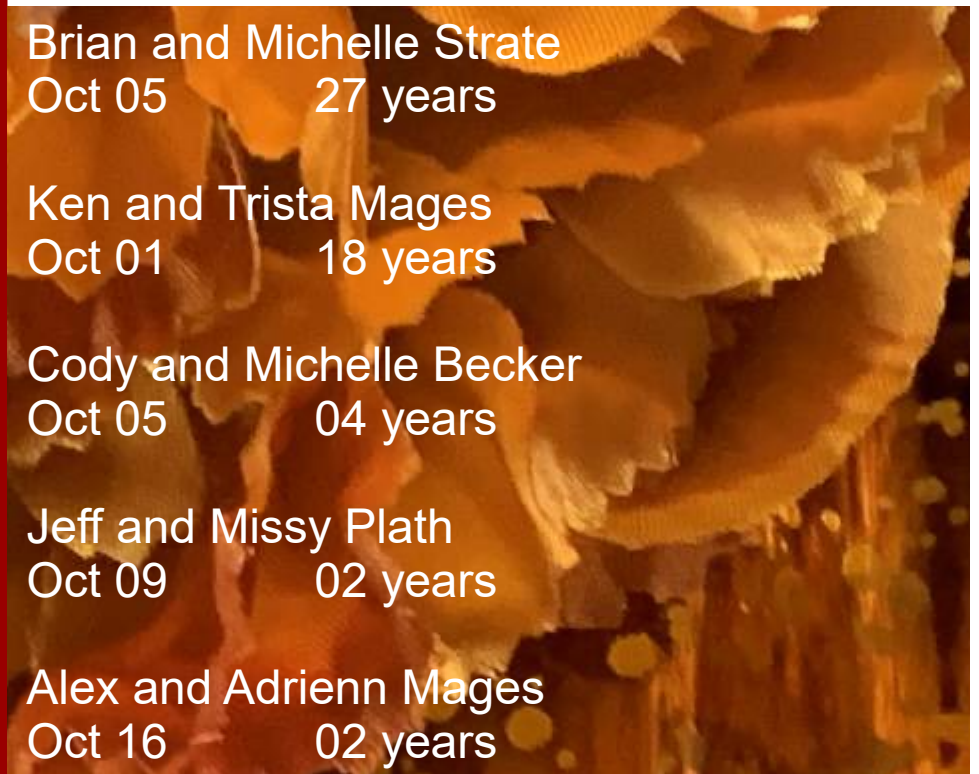
Brian and Michelle Strate  
Oct 05 27 years

Ken and Trista Mages  
Oct 01 18 years

Cody and Michelle Becker  
Oct 05 04 years

Jeff and Missy Plath  
Oct 09 02 years

Alex and Adrienn Mages  
Oct 16 02 years



# Mages Annual Christmas Party November 25, 2023

## The Mages Family Christmas 2023 Potluck

St Margaret's Catholic Church Social Hall

Lake Henry, Minnesota

November 25, 2023

At 12 Noon

Fun for everyone

Planned for you by this years committee

John and Cindy – Jeff and LeAnn

Duke and Jermayne – Dean and Donna

And families

# Maennerchor

On Saturday, September 16, the Mens chorus of Cold Spring, known as the Maennerchor ,

sponsored an authentic Bavarian Oktoberfest. This group has been around for 86 years, singing German songs, patriotic, gospel and favorite tunes for the public. Saturday was a first time Bavarian Oktoberfest for our community and it was such an exciting event.

It started out with a procession of the keg of beer, a priest, 2 mayors and a host of people. The keg was blessed by the priest, taped by the two mayors and enjoyed by all who came to celebrate. An old time band played for the first 4 hours and a country rock finished off the evening.

With 7 different beers on tap, 4 types of wine, canned beverages and German food served all night, you did not thirst or go hungry.

The arena was decorated as though you entered a Bavarian Hall in Germany..If you want to see more pictures go to [csmaennerchor.com](http://csmaennerchor.com). Duke and Jermayne





## Maennarchor Continued in Photo

Top picture: left to right: Duane, Roger, Jermayne, Sam, Allie, Lillie, Jenny, Aaron, and Lori

Photo to the right: The decorated arena



# New Baby



Lewis and Kristen are excited to share that Noah will be getting a baby sister come March 2024!

# Back to School...

Sawyer Ibberson is onto kindergarten with the start of the new school year. He is having a blast meeting his new friends, teachers, paraprofessionals, custodians and more! But best of all, he met his new bus driver... none other than his Great-Godfather, Tom Mages! Tom assures Sawyer makes it safely to Grandma Lisa Schmitz's farm for daycare every day after school. This year marks Tom's 20th year driving bus. He got his bus license years ago when his own kids Stacie and Scott were in sporting events, and has continued to generously give of his time to bring kids home in the afternoons. Sawyer sure is one lucky kid! Thanks for all you do, uncle Tom! Madeline Ibberson



**THANKS FOR  
KEEPING ME SAFE!**  
  
**YOU'RE  
WHEELIE  
GREAT!**



# Bench to be Placed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Bechyn, Minnesota



## **TO BECHYN AND BACK**

By author,  
Barbara Kodet Mages





# Family Card Day – September 14, 2023

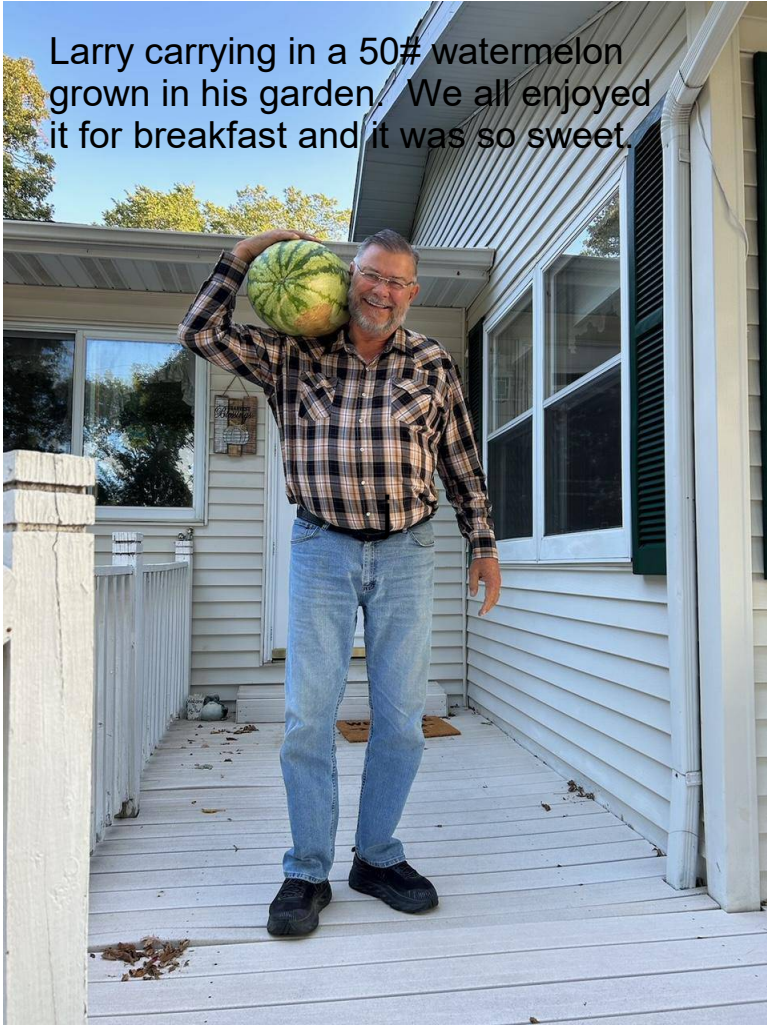
L – R: Dan, Debbie, Larry, Linda, Betty, Nancy, Amy, Jane, Debra, Arlene, Stretch and Amy's Dad, Jerome Steffl. Rich is behind the camera



On Thursday, September 14 our family met at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Sleepy Eye to pray for the deceased members of the Alphonse and Barbara Mages family. After mass Rick and Jane hosted a potluck breakfast for all of us to enjoy. Much discussion took place as we hadn't meet for a time. Cards, 65, was played with Larry declared the winner. At noon we all headed to the Sleepy Eye Golf Club for lunch and we were joined by Ed and Brennen Mages. Diane Schweinfurter called that she was going to stop as she was on her way to a class reunion at the Sleepy Eye Community Center. Thank you Rick and Jane. Linda

# Family Cards in Photo

Larry carrying in a 50# watermelon grown in his garden. We all enjoyed it for breakfast and it was so sweet.



Aunt Diane came to visit, Diane, Rick, Larry, Dan, Debbie, Betty and Nancy .



Lunch at the golf course, Brennen, Larry, Jane, Nancy, Arlene, Dan, Rick, Betty, Debbie, Debra and Ed. Linda behind the camera.



Stretch poured today for Amy, Jane and Debra



Brennen and Larry

# Sister's Weekend September 16 & 17, 2023

Through an invitation from our hostess, Barbara Plath and the generosity of Larry and Debra Mages Sister's Weekend was celebrated at Emerald Hideaway Saturday and Sunday September 16 and 17, 2023. Barbara had everything decorated so beautifully with fall colors. Saturday at 5pm we all went to Mass at St. Philips Catholic Church in Litchfield. We then headed to a Mexican restaurant in Litchfield called Sonoras for an excellent evening meal. That evening back at the house we teamed up to present a skit of our choosing. Sharon, Connie and Debbie won, "The Irene Fischer," skit. Lots of laughter during this time. About 11pm we decided to play, "Grandma's Game," which I won.

The next morning we had breakfast together and then we did the gift exchange and the voting for best: Best Mom story – Debbie, Best Ring – Donna ( Barbara had us all pick a ring from a bowl and whoever had the ring that matched a necklace and earring won it. Best skit – Sharon, Connie and Debbie, Best drink – Debbie, Best silly purse – Donna and Best food – Sharon.

Those present were Barbara Plath, Debra Mages, Debbie Fischer, Sharon Mages, Melanie Miller, Connie Goblirsch, Donna Nelson, Nancy Strate and Linda Gall.

Linda Gall



# Sister's Weekend in Photo



# Sister's Weekend in Photo Continued



It was Melanie's birthday so the restaurant treated her to a dessert.



Best Drink made by Debbie

Ms. Magesfest given the grand entrance at the restaurant. Mom is there in spirit.

# Sister's Weekend in Photo Continued



L – R: Linda, Nancy, Donna, Debra, Sharon, Debbie and Barbara



Barbara's and Nancy's skit



Melanie and Debra's skit on how to drink a Bud Light.

# Sister's Weekend in Photo Continued



Sharon, Connie and Debbie



Debbie



Linda and Donna



Donna to the left and Barbara to the right opening their gifts at the gift exchange.



# Sister's Weekend in Photo Continued



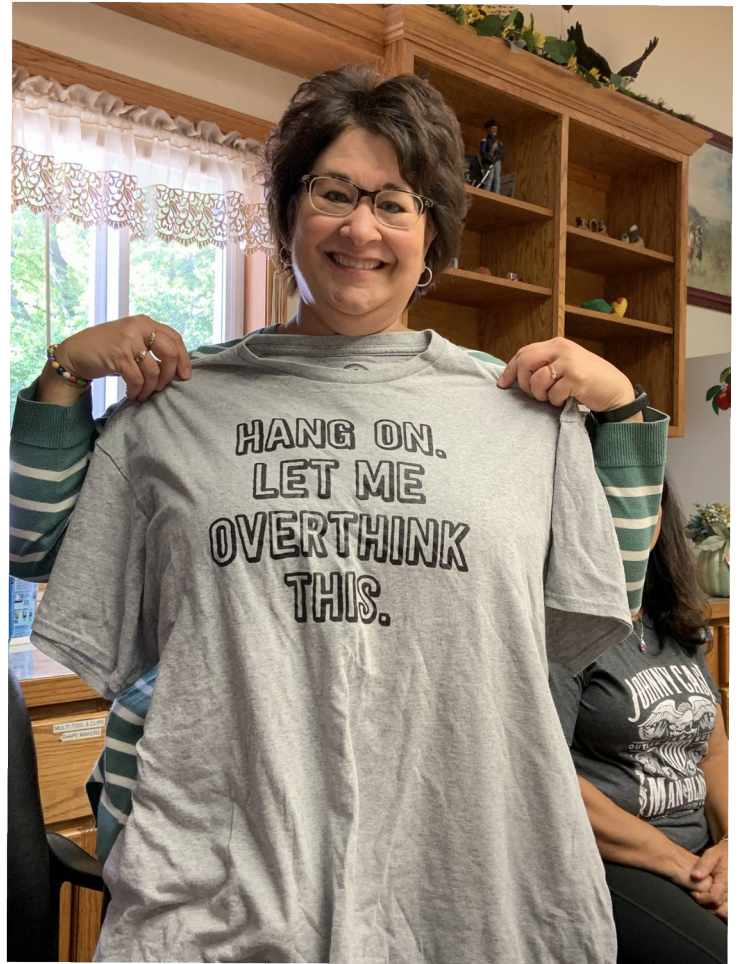
Opening gifts top left  
Debra, top right  
Debbie Middle left  
Linda, Middle right  
Connie and Bottom  
middle is Melanie.  
Bottom right and  
middle flower  
arrangements



# Sister's Weekend in Photo Continued



Sharon opening her gift. Donna looking on



## In Memory of Dad and Mom



Nancy

ST. MARY'S 636 1st Ave N • Sleepy Eye MN 56085  
 (507) (507) 794-4171 • saintmarys@sleepyeyetel.net • Office Hours Mon-Fri 8am-4pm  
 Weekend Mass Times: Sat., 5:30pm; Sun., 7:30am, 9:30am

JAPANESE MARTYRS 30881 County Rd 24 • Sleepy Eye, MN 56085  
 (507) 794-6974 • jmartym@sleepyeyetel.net • Office Hours Tues Sat 9am-12pm  
 Weekend Mass Time: Sat., 8:00pm

ST. PAUL'S 209 Field St N • PO Box 277 • Comfrey, MN 56019  
 (507) 877-2361 • stpoomfrey@yahoo.com • Office Hours Mon & Wed 9am-1pm/Fri 1-4pm  
 Weekend Mass Time: Sun., 10:00am

ST. MICHAEL'S 510 W 3rd St • PO Box 459 • Morgan, MN 56266  
 (507) 249-3192 • churchofstmichaelmorgan@gmail.com • Office Hours Tues & Fri 8:30am-12:30pm  
 Weekend Mass Time: Sun., 8:00am

September 10, 2023 • Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Notes from the Pastor  
 From Fr. Steffl:  
 This Sunday, September 10, the AFC Holy Hour will be at St. Michael's at 7 pm, praying for those who are grieving and experiencing loss in their lives.

Next few weekends, Tina Losleben will be speaking shortly at the end of the Masses (Sept. 10/11 at Japanese Martyrs and Morgan, and Sept. 16/17 at St. Mary's) about the **Confraternity of Holy Mothers**. It is an organization that has existed for many years in our parishes, a community, whose primary purpose is a commitment mothers make to pray for their children and grandchildren. They have a few other activities throughout the year, but the primary focus is prayer for the families of the parish. For women of the parish, if you haven't been involved up to this point, I would like to encourage you; it's not a burdensome commitment.

A while ago, I mentioned that there was a set of stained glass windows from a closed parish that had the Joyful and Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary that would fit into the windows in the church north entrance to St. Mary's. For a while, I have had a few up after having them repaired. The Mages family came forward to pay for the expense of having them repaired in memory of their parents, Alphonse and Barbara. Now we are in the process of having brackets made to hold the stained glass windows inside the existing window wells.

There is an insert in the bulletin this weekend on understanding the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

The Mages Family have donated the money to install the stained glass windows mentioned in the church bulletin at St. Mary's in Sleepy Eye