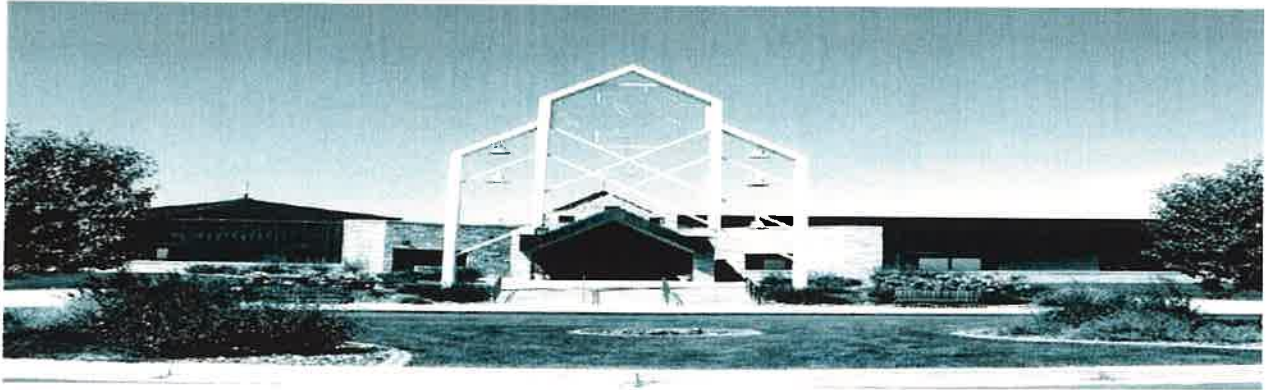


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Saturday: 4:00 p.m. **Sunday Masses:** 7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m. **Monday-Saturday:** 8:00 a.m.

Holy Days: Anticipated Mass, 6:00 p.m. | Holy Day Masses, 8:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Reconciliation: Saturday: 2:30 p.m. — 3:30 p.m. or by appointment

Adoration: To be announced

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M-F, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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Sunday Mass: 9:15 a.m.

Holy Days: TBD

10:30 a.m. Mass each Tuesday of each month

Ways to Deepen your Faith During Lent

Immaculate Heart of Mary Lenten Penance Service

Tuesday March 2 from after morning mass until the last

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With Holy Family School at 1:00 pm

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday at 5:30 pm in the Sanctuary

Lenten Devotional's

Available for both Adults & Children. Please find them in the baskets in the Narthex.

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Follow daily reflections and sacrifices through Lent.



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Weekend Mass Schedule

4:00 pm on Saturday, 7:30, & 10:00 am and 6:00 pm Sunday

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So Please wear your face Masks over the nose and mouth.

If you do not have one we have some available. If you take a cloth face mask to use please take it with you!

We are also asking everyone to please take a Sanitation Wipe from the baptismal font when entering the Sanctuary and take the personal responsibility to wipe your space off before leaving.

The 4:00 pm & 10:00 am Masses are being Live Streamed for your convenience.

Go to ihmgjt.org under Masses for the link.



2nd Sunday of Lent Yr. B –02/28/2021. Ref. 1st=Gn.22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18. 2nd=Rom.8:31b-34. 3rd=Mk.9:2-10.

Theme: Attaining God's blessings through Faith & Obedience

The place of faith & obedience can never be over-emphasized in our relationship with God. Through them, we prove ourselves true in our worship of God and open up ourselves to experience God's blessings, favors & glory. This was what Abraham demonstrated in the 1st reading of today and what Jesus wants His three Apostles & all of us to understand in the Gospel through His transfiguration. What do we learn from these?

True Faith in God can never deceive us: The delicate test from God requesting Abraham to offer Isaac (his source of happiness & fulfilment) as a holocaust shows the total self-giving & faith God expects from us. He is a jealous God who does not want anything less. He does not want anything or relationship, no matter how precious we see it, to be more important to our relationship with Him. This was why He tested Abraham with his most precious & valuable son. This test, humanly speaking, is a type that can destroy a home or make one doubt the sincerity of God's love for him. Abraham was able to overcome this because of what he knew about God; who made him 'somebody when he was nobody' and had proved to him that He (God) could change the course of nature for the one He loved. He called him & blessed him (Gn.12:1-3), entered into a covenant relationship with him (Gn.15 & 17) and had started fulfilling it with the birth of Isaac in his old age (Gn.21:1-8). With these, he had always seen himself as 'nothing without God & everything with God'. This is why St. Paul (2nd reading) wants us to understand that, 'If God is for us, no one & nothing can be against us. If He gave up His Son for us, how will He not freely give us everything else along with Him? (Rom.8:31-32). Hence, there is nothing we do for God that is too much and there is nothing He cannot do for anyone who has faith in Him. It was with these convictions that Abraham willingly accepted to offer up his son. Is there anything in our lives that has taken the position of God? Is there anything we could loose in our lives and we curse God or loose our faith in Him or we feel like taking our lives? On the other hand, what sacrifices are we making or willing to make because of our faith in God & obedience to Him (and not any material gain)? These are some of the questions that need answers from us this Lent. Remember, Abraham accepted to obey God and offer up his son not because of any material reward or blessing attached, but because of his Faith in God and the belief that God always has the best plans for him.

The Joy and Fulfilment that come with Faith in God & Obedience to Him: As we heard from the 1st reading of today, the story of the test of Abraham's faith ended with joy, a sense of fulfilment and blessings. Having proved his faith in God & shown obedience to His words, God provided Abraham an alternative for the sacrifice. God went further to re-confirm His earlier covenant promises to him (Gn.22:15-18). Relating this to the Gospel of today, the voice from heaven presents Jesus to the three Apostles & to us as the fulfilment of God's covenant promise to save us, urging us to listen to Him (Jesus) as Abraham did. The transfiguration of Christ and the appearance of Moses & Elijah point to the fact that the Joy & Blessings we experience here on earth are only 'pointers' to the real blessedness that God has prepared for us in heaven. That was why when Peter suggested that they remain on the mountain because of the glimpse of God's glory they felt, the glory vanished, leaving them with the command to 'listen to Jesus' and they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. The appearance of Moses – the greatest Law-giver and Elijah – the greatest Prophet, give credence to the call to 'listen & obey Christ' who came to fulfill & complete the missions of Moses & Elijah. It also shows us how we shall share in the glory of Christ at the end of our lives if we remain faithful to God to the end. These are the things the Lenten season reminds us to help deepen our faith in God like Abraham & express it through improved prayer life, dedication to true worship of God, repentance from our sins, self-denials/penance and fervent charity to others.

Surely, Abraham has always been a classical example of Faithfulness & Obedience to God and he earned so much blessing from God for these. Let us learn from him to be able to overcome the temptations that challenge our faith in our world today & in different circumstances in our lives in order to earn eternal glory with Christ. God's grace is very much available this Lent to help us.

Remain blessed! Fr. Timothy



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Tour Guide of the Mass



Your Guide for Remembering What in the World You Say During the Creed After Not Being At Mass Because of a Global Pandemic!

So we've talked about God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Now we get to talk about God's Church!

"I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church."

Have you ever paid attention to ALL of those adjectives? (I thought this was a Creed tour, not a vocabulary tour!) Well??? HAVE YOU!!! The adjectives (the words describing the "Church") are extremely important, so let's get into them! (I knew this was going to take more than one week...).

ONE. The Church is united, fully diverse among its individual people; but one in belief, one family of God. One celebration of Mass that continues from the first Mass, the Last Supper on Holy Thursday almost two thousand years ago, to today. One people with faults, and guilt, and sin. And one in our celebration of unity with Christ.

HOLY. Jesus Christ is without fault. The church, which he builds, is also without fault (...really?) Yes really! The *people* within the church have a few faults (only a few?), OK we have a LOT of faults! But with God's grace, we can strive to be as holy as Christ!

CATHOLIC. Wait... isn't that the name of our religion? Why yes, yes it is. And there is a reason WHY that's the name of our religion. The word "catholic" is pretty simple in that it just means "universal." We are the Universal Church, the Catholic Church. Across the world, the Mass is celebrated. There are certain pieces that are slightly different depending on one's location, but the overall meaning, celebration, prayers, and traditions are universal! Even if you don't understand the language you can still participate. So...like...that's pretty cool.

APOSTOLIC. What the what does that mean? It means apostles. As in, the Catholic Church from the time Jesus Christ appointed, St. Peter, the Rock, as the first Pope, right on down to Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI and Pope Francis has had a complete and unbroken line of Apostles. Whoa. That's impressive.

For more on HOW these four important words relate to us as catholic Catholics, get to reading that ever important Catechism of the Catholic Church 811-870 (well that's a long section). See you next week! SM

2021 Lenten Outreach Project



This year we will be collecting donations for **CareFlight Comfort Kits**

a non-profit organization that provides "the caregiver (family member or friend) that accompanies a patient on a care flight with a bag of toiletries and other things to make their stay away from home a little easier." They have delivered over 200 bags to the GJ flight hanger, St. Mary's NICU, St. Mary's ED, Durango & Craig hangers. Items they need are:
New Fingernail Clippers, Pencil Sharpeners, Journals
Microwave soup bowls/lunch bowls,
Disposable Spoons/Forks, Non-perishable snacks, Travel Size Soap, Travel Size Deodorant, New Combs/Brushes, Adult Coloring Books, Insulated Travel Mugs & Cell Phone Chargers.

For more information please contact Sydnee in the parish office at 242-6121



Please Join:
Catholic Daughters Court Mount 941's
First Saturday Mass will be March 6, 2021
at 8:00 am at
Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Many years many memories!

March 2nd will be my last day as a working member of the dedicated staff at I.H.M. My greatest joy throughout the years has been the encounters with Christ seen in the hand and hearts of those serving within our ministries. It is where faith and family become one in spite of the challenges. This family of faith is and will continue to be in my prayers. Love Always~ Cheryl Morelli



Minister Schedule for Mar.6/7 2021

Due to COVID-19 we are not asking anyone to volunteer that is not comfortable coming in to Mass. All who are on this schedule have chosen to be serving.

8:00 am Mar. 6 (†) Emeline LeFebre by Catholic Daughters

Presider: Fr. Kenneth Obasi

4:00pm, Mar. 6 (†) Joseph Vince Kosterman by Jane Smith

Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

Servers:

Lectors: B. Kline

Eucharistic: M. Meyers & K. Sassano

Hospitality: R. Bertrand, A. Davis & S. Mills

7:30am, Mar. 7 (†) Fr. Bob Haberman by Woomeer Family

Presider: Fr. Kenneth Obasi

Servers:

Lectors: G. Bennett & J. Bennett

Eucharistic:

Hospitality: A. Ambrosier & L. Duncan

9:15 am Mar. 7 St. Ann's Palisade

Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

10:00am, Mar. 7 (†) Tom Gleason by Graves Family

Presider: Fr. Kenneth Obasi

Servers:

Lectors: E. Deschamp & J. Simons

Eucharistic: A. Deschamp & J. Peugh

Hospitality:

6:00pm, Mar. 7 (†) Fiona Hanrahan by Dowling/Steinbach

Family

Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

Servers:

Lector: N. Hall & P. Hall

Eucharistic:

Hospitality: C. Morelli

Readings for the Week of February 28 , 2021

Sunday: GN 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18 ROM 8:31b-34 MK 9:2-10

Monday: DN 9:4b-10 LK 6:36-38

Tuesday: IS 1:10, 16-20 MT 23:1-12

Wednesday: JER 18:18-20 MT 20:17-28

Thursday: JER 17:5-10 LK 16:19-31

Friday: GN 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a MT 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: MI 7:14-15, 18-20 LK 15:1-3, 11-32

Calendar of Events Week of Feb. 28, 2021

Sunday Feb. 28	7:30am Mass 9:15am St. Ann's 10:00am Mass 6:00pm Mass
Monday, Mar. 1	8am Mass
Tuesday, Mar. 2	8am Mass 12:00 pm to 7:30 pm Lenten Penance 1:00 HFS Lenten Penance
Wednesday, Mar. 3	8am Mass
Thursday, Mar. 4	8am Mass
Friday, Mar. 5	8am Mass 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross 4:30-7:30 pm Knights Fish Fry with Social Distancing & to go orders available.
Saturday, Mar.6	8am Mass 2:30-3:30pm Confessions 4:00 pm Mass

Mass Intentions

Sunday Feb. 28, 2021

7:30 am - (†) **Philip & Ryan Moyer** by Sara Carlson

10:00 am - (I) **Michael Huber** by Frank Huber

6:00 pm - (†) **Mike McInaney** by Barbara Vogel

Monday Mar. 1, 2021

8:00 am - (I) **Lu Kerski & Carol Dotta** by Friends

Tuesday Mar. 2 , 2021

8:00 am - (†) **Mike McInaney** by Jim & Carol Cadez

Wednesday Mar. 3, 2021

8:00 am - (†) **Alan Ewbank** by Kimbrell Family

Thursday Mar. 4, 2021

8:00 am - (I) **Dion Plsek** by Family

Friday Mar. 5, 2021

8:00 am - (†) **Laurelle Parrotta** by Justine Tilger

Saturday Mar. 6, 2021

8:00 am - (†) **Emeline LeFebre** by Catholic Daughters

4:00 pm- (†) **Joseph Vince Kosterman** by Jane Smith

Prayer Opportunities:

Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday 7:30am in the Chapel
Morning Mass: Monday-Saturday 8:00am in the Chapel
Until further notice.

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Immaculate Heart of Mary Quarterly Financials

	Oct-20	Oct. 2020 YTD	Nov-20	Nov. 2020 YTD	Dec-20	Dec. 2020 YTD
Tithing	62,430.52	247,836.52	46,623.77	294,460.29	112,587.85	407,048.14
Other Income	46,899.86	79,927.55	12,473.80	92,401.35	19,438.75	111,840.10
Total Exp	68,852.23	266,312.41	66,408.69	332,721.10	79,226.51	411,947.61
Net Profit/Loose	40,478.15	61,451.66	(7,311.12)	54,140.54	52,800.09	106,940.63



Updated Information of Coronavirus at IHM

As of February 17, 2021 IHM will be following the latest COVID-19 restrictions. We are allowed 175 person capacity at mass while maintaining **6 feet Social Distancing**. We are asking that the **Governor Mandated** wearing of Face Coverings over the nose and mouth upon entering and moving throughout the building be followed. They can only be removed while sitting and maintaining 6 ft. diameter of social distancing between individuals or family groups. Masks must be worn while singing. Any groups at IHM are still limited to 10 or fewer people and must be at least 6 feet apart from each other. Please practice personal hygiene and be respectful of your fellow parishioners. Thank You, IHM Staff.



BIRTHRIGHT BABY SHOWER

Catholic Daughters Court Mount 941 will be accepting donations now, until our annual Birthright Baby Shower held on March 14, 2021 at St. Joseph Church. 2-5:00 pm. Please place any new or gently used items in the box provided in the Narthex, prior to March 14. Call Treva Teskey 639-2209 or Carol Hollis 858-5093 for more information.

Lenten Penance

Lenten Penance will begin on Tuesday March 2, 2021. From after morning Mass until the last persons are done. Then resume at 12:00 noon and continue until 7:30 pm. The Holy Family kids will be here at 1:00 pm. We ask for you to bring your patience as there may be a wait.



Knights News

IHM Knights of Columbus will be having 4 Lenten Fish Dinners in the Friendship Rooms at IHM every Friday in March (5th, 12th, 19th and 26th) from 4:30 to 7:30pm. More information will be made available in future bulletins. If you have questions or suggestions call Bob Bianchi at 970 822-1147 or send an email to rbianchigi@gmail.com. We are planning a scrumptious dinner, please plan on joining us and enjoying this fellowship opportunity, with social distancing. **Pickup orders are available.**



Eucharistic Adoration

Here are more ways to pray during this Lenten Season:
 1. Place yourself in the presence of Christ. 2. Give Thanks, 3. Ask/Present Christ with your intentions and those of others around you. 4. Meditate 5. Ask for Forgiveness.

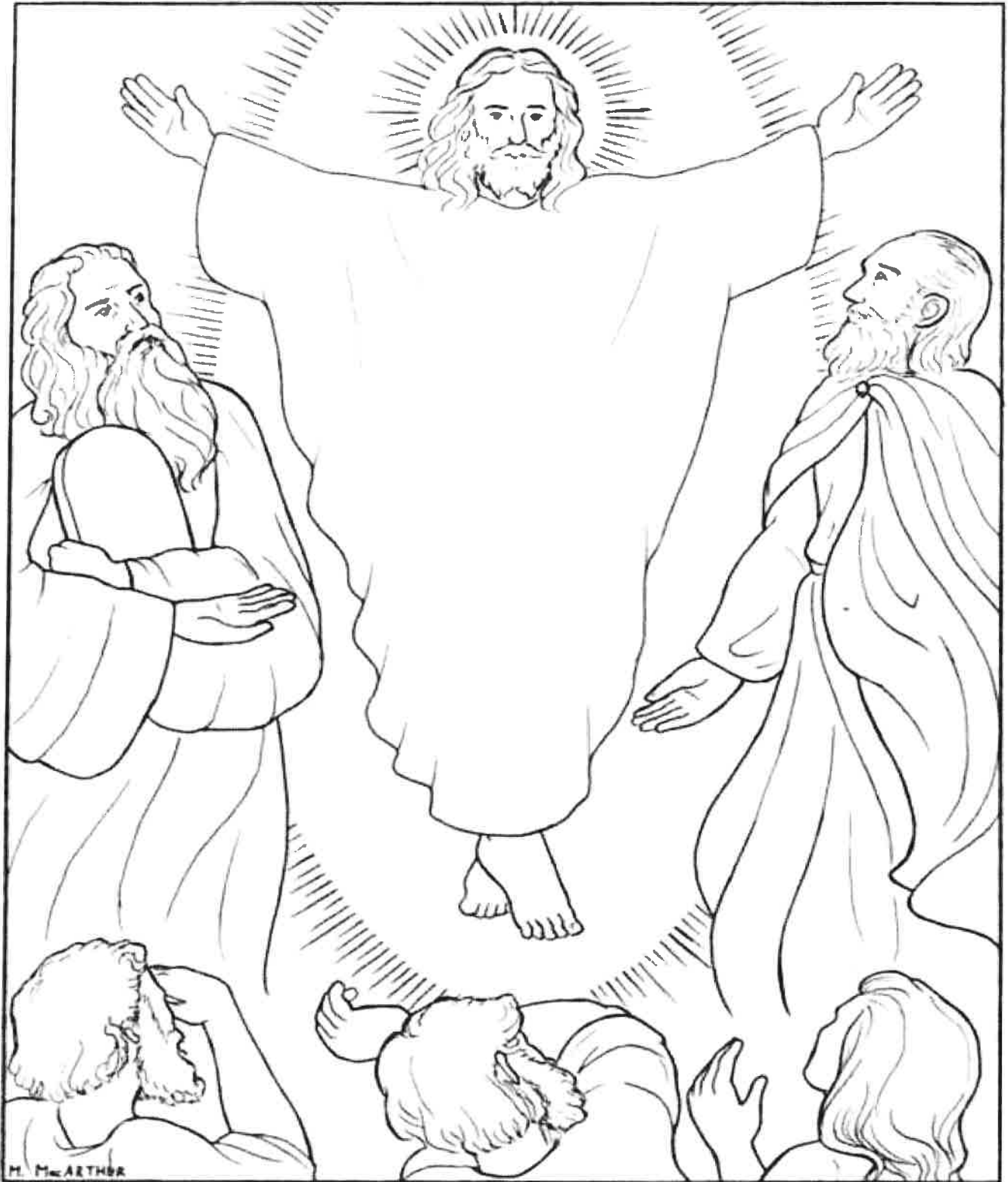
Pray the Holy Rosary.

For Fasting this Lent, In the words of Pope Francis:

Fast from hurting words and say kind words. Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude. Fast from anger and be filled with patience. Fast from pessimism and filled with hope. Fast from worries and have trust in God. Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity. Fast from pressures and be prayerful. Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy. Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others. Fast from grudges and be reconciled. Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

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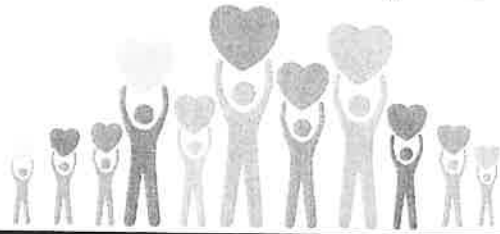
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