

# A CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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2025 Gianna Home Babies: Jeneis, Mira, and Kyzer

  
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Maternity Home

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To share that message of hope with one another – in outreach, in service, in looking for ways to make our world a better place – gives true life to all of us, and is a sign of hope for the whole world.

— Pope Leo XIV



**Habemus Papam!**

On May 8th, Pope Leo XIV was elected as our new pontiff in this Jubilee Year of the Catholic Church



A pilgrim group from our Home traveled to St. James Basilica in Jamestown for the Jubilee Year Holy Door indulgence



# HOPE is a constant source of JOY

Dear Friends of Life,

As we celebrate this Jubilee Year of Hope, I reflect on the many blessings our St. Gianna & Pietro Molla Maternity Home family has received thus far in 2025. In May, we received a new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, who reminds us, “The Jubilee we are now celebrating helps us to realize that hope is a constant source of joy, whatever our age.”

Since our last newsletter, when we announced the birth of Jenesis, our Home has welcomed two more babies, Mira and Kyzer. These new lives bring us so much joy and meaning in our daily work.

We rejoice in our newly baptized whose lives in Christ began as they entered the Church at the Easter Vigil in April. At this celebration, Berina, baby Jenesis, and his mother, Pryslee, were baptized and became the newest members of the Church. At the same Mass, Tiffani and Pryslee received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. In May, Aubrey was confirmed and received her First Holy Communion. We are filled with joy for the many Sacramental graces that God has poured upon them.

We have also witnessed hope for the future through many graduations, including GED, kindergarten, college, school of hair design graduations. See page 8 for pictures! We are so proud of our graduates and are excited to witness how the Lord uses them.

Another great source of joy this year has been the celebrations of the holy men who serve as spiritual fathers for our Home: birthday of Father Joseph Christensen, FMI; 30th anniversary of the priestly ordination of Fr. Hils, the priestly founder of our Home; and a visit to La Crosse, WI, to celebrate His Eminence Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke’s 50th anniversary of priestly ordination. The witness and involvement of these priests has been instrumental in the success of our Home throughout the years.

Lastly, I joyfully announce the official adoption of my six-year-old daughter, Berina Lee Noel Jahner. She joins her three sisters Kassity, Geianna, and Aubrey – truly the treasures of my life. Like each of her sisters, Berina brings her unique personality and joy to our Home.

It is through the gifts of our generous and faithful friends of the Home that we can come together to celebrate the achievements of those of all ages who are blessed by the Home. Your financial support and, more importantly, your constant prayers are a source of great strength for us and the work we do. We continue to pray for you daily, and we thank the Lord that each of you are a member of our family.

With immense hope and joy,



Mary Pat Jahner, Director





Berina receiving the Sacrament of Baptism



We praise God for an outpouring of grace over the past few months. Several members of our Home received one, two, or three Sacraments.

Tiffani receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation



Prysllee receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion







Baptism



Communion



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In this Jubilee Year of Hope, Christ, who is our hope, indeed calls all of us to come together, that we might be that true living example: the light of hope in the world today.

— Pope Leo XIV



Confirmation







# Celebrating Cardinal Raymond Burke

Top: Celebrating Cardinal Burke's 50 years of priesthood with Dr. Gianna Emanuela, the daughter of Saint Gianna and Pietro Molla, in La Crosse, Wisconsin

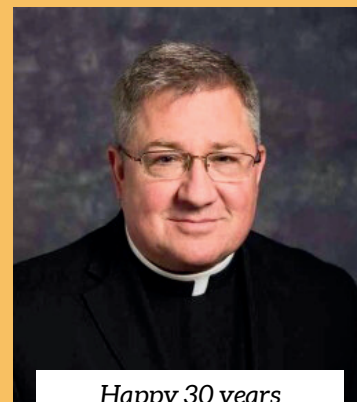
Right: Our moms and babies meeting Cardinal Burke

Far right: Berina standing by the Golden Jubilee Garden in honor of Cardinal Burke's 50th anniversary of ordination to the Holy Priesthood

*Ordained a priest by  
Pope St. Paul VI in 1975*



*Happy birthday, Father Joseph!*



*Happy 30 years  
of the Holy Priesthood,  
Father Hils!*



## Introducing... *Berina Lee Noel Jahner*

With great joy, Berina officially joined our family on July 8th at 2:49 pm. She joins her very grateful mom, Mary Pat, and three big sisters – Kassity, Geianna, and Aubrey. We are incredibly blessed by this precious six-year-old girl with beautiful dark hair, brown eyes, a magnetic smile, and contagious energy! Noel was added to Berina's name because she first joined our family on December 26th, 2024. Thank God for bringing her into our lives. We can't imagine life without her!



Mary Pat and her four daughters  
with the tribal court judge



Gianna Home group with Berina on her adoption day



Celebrating with a balloon release!



## Caleb Matthew Powers

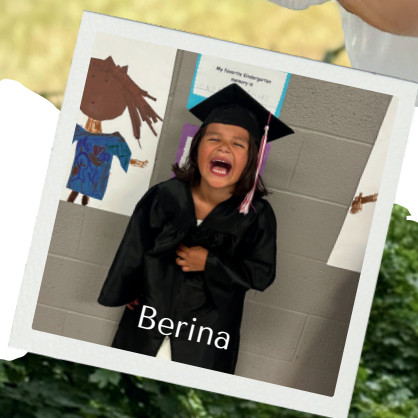
Caleb was born on July 16th, 2025, to Matthew and Alexis Powers. In his short life, baby Caleb touched and inspired many hearts.

We are grateful for the beautiful example of his parents who filled his seven hours in the world with so much love and the Sacraments of the Church.



Geianna

Congratulations  
to all of our  
graduates!



Berina



JJ



KK



Anne & Viana



# Making memories

at Saint Gianna & Pietro Molla Maternity Home





You and your intentions will be remembered in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered each First Saturday of the month. These intentions were offered March 19 - July 29.

# In Memoriam

## In memory of...

- +EDWARD ABERLE by Gerard & Joni Keller
- +GLORIA JEAN HAM ALLINGTON by Darryl & Janice Osowski
- +DUANE ALTENDORF, LINDA BABINSKI, LISA FERGUSON, IRENE ROLCZYNSKI by Bernadette Borowicz
- +EVIE BARTA by Delores Burianek, Wayne & Carol Denault, Deacon Tom & Mary Geffre, John & Dawn Miller, Brad & Nadine Schanilec
- +EVONNE BERG, LEO BITTNER, THOMAS CULVER, RITA DOSCH, JEANNE EISENZIMMER, MILDRED HEFTA HENRICKSON, ROBERT KUENEMAN, LEE LEBARRE, DONALD LANGE, KAREN LUDWIG, JENNY PULST, RICHARD & FRANCES SCHWAB, LORI STEVENSON, DARLENE & LINDA ZETTLER by Kevin & Brenda Regan
- +DR. MICHELLE BIANCO by Jonathan & Nancy Aal, Chris & Liz Mathison
- +BOB BORHO by Kevin & Brenda Regan, Mark & Jennie Rivard, Beverly Schons
- +RAY BOROWICZ by James & Ione Kuznia
- +TRAVIS BRADLEY, JENNIFER NEZVIG, RICHARD NELSON, ROD OLSON, WENDELL SANDS, DOUG SLOMINSKI by Jared & Robbyne Sands
- +HOWARD & LORETTA BROOKS, ROBERT MEIER, PETER & REGINA by Mary Ann Wanner
- +CORRINE CHAPMAN, LELAND MIKKELSEN, LAWRENCE SPELDRICH by Randy & Lori Zimprich
- +LARRY & JEAN CHARBONNEAU by Terrill Blomquist
- +JEAN CHARBONNEAU by Family & friends, Pat & Rita Lauer, Michael & Michelle Schumacher
- +LARRY CHARBONNEAU by Pat & Rita Lauer
- +DEACON DOUGLAS CAMPBELL by Al & Connie Brandt
- +FATHER DUANE COTE by Deacon Tom & Mary Geffre
- +BETTY CUDMORE by Sheila Slominski
- +TOM CULMER by Arlynn & Cheryl Hefta
- +TABITHA DALMAN, WAYNE RESSLER, KENNY REYERSON, LAWRENCE SPELDRICH by Deacon Wally & Colleen Dalman
- +ALICE DEMERS, JANYCE RAE VATNE by John & Dawn Miller
- +SHERYL DIEDRICH by Ron & Linda Beare
- +LEE EBERTS, ZANE KRIVORUCHKA by Angie Marsh
- +MARY JANE EISMANN, DAVID H. EISMANN by Wilbert Eismann
- +FRANCIS REIDY EWALT, ANGEL & MICHAEL REIDY by Sharon Reidy
- +TINY EXNER by Deacon Tom & Mary Geffre, Jackie Readell
- +ANASTASIA FORTNEY by Aaron & Lisa Fortney
- +ROS GANDER by Terri Heggie
- +PATRICIA GAUSVIK by Grant & Jackie Shaft
- +DUANE GEFFRE, TJ MCGOUGH by Wayne & Carol Denault
- +GEORGE GOESER, LAWRENCE SCHIERNBECK, LAVERN WILD by Ron & Rita Beneda
- +RYAN & HELEN GOROSKI by Gary & Stephanie Goroski
- +BRYAN GRABANSKI (20th anniversary of death) by Merlyn & Dolores Grabanski
- +CATHY GRABANSKI by Merlyn & Dolores Grabanski
- +FRANCES (FRAN) GRAALUM by Jack & Doreen Kennelly
- +RAY GREEN, DAVID SCHNEIBEL by Candonn & Cheryl Granger
- +MIKE GREMBOWSKI, ROGER FELTMAN by John & Alice Robin
- +SOPHIE GRIGGS by Bev Witt
- +JOANIE GRONSO by Nativity Church Women of the Word
- +JIM & KATHY GUDAJTES, JD & MARLYS MILLER by Tony & Kim Miller
- +TONY GUST by Ronald & Colette Mooney, Joseph & Phyllis Unruh
- +HOANNE HAIRE by family: Jane & Rollie Golay, Bill Haire, Mary & Cam McCullough, Barb & Matt Bear, Ann & Brian Bendemer, Tom & Christy Haire, Brian Haire, Steve & Amanda Haire
- +BOB HARVEY by Don & Nancy Polasky
- +DOROTHY HUCK by Family & friends, Mike & Kris Huck, Msgr. Timothy McGee, Mike & Marilyn Smyth, Dwight & Phyllis Thompson
- +LYNNE JACOBSON by Kay Tanata
- +DONALD KASPRICK by Delores Burianek, Merlyn & Dolores Grabanski
- +LARRY KELLY by Dale & Mary Klein
- +JULIE KENNEDY by John & Dawn Miller, Brad & Nadine Schanilec, Rod & Joan Schanilec
- +PAT KLOSTERMAN by Kairouan Moffet
- +DAN KRATOCHVIL by Mary Ann McKenna
- +MARGARET LAGER by Larry & Dianne Larson
- +HELEN LIEBERSBACH by Ryan & Kimberly Wilson
- +DARRYL LUTOVSKY by Ray & Linda Lutosky, Ron & Rita Beneda, John & Dawn Miller, Rod & Joan Schanilec
- +GENE MAKINSON by Janna Rygg
- +MICHAEL MARKMAN by Matthew & Sarah Komprood
- +GAIL MARTINSON by Paul & Eileen Rinde
- +ORLAND & MARY MCDERMOTT by Rev. William McDermott
- +ETHAN MONSHAUGEN by Brad & Nadine Schanilec
- +RICHARD & DOROTHY NARLOCK by Doreen Parkes
- +SYLVESTER & LAVONNE NARLOCK, DONALD NARLOCK by Brian & Diane Rokke
- +MARY ANN NAUMANN by Pat & Rita Lauer
- +RICHARD NELSON by Margaret, Karyn & Ken Vasek and family
- +LINDA ORMISTON by Brenda K. Rohrich
- +LUCILLE PASA by Kenny & Evelyn Kilichowski
- +GEMMA JUDE HOHDVOHT PINTA by Carl & Vida Carroll
- +RANDY PFEIFER, VERNON & JOSEPHINE PFEIFER by Joe & Lora Killoran
- +ELISE PICARD, JUDY EATON, HAZEL WILK by Tom & Jean Picard
- +CALEB MATTHEW POWERS by Amy & George Hanna, Ryan & Tami Altendorf, Kelly & Sadie Altendorf, Holly Pikalek, Dana Altendorf, Kelsey Altendorf, Daniel Altepeter (Air Seeder Parts), Dennis & Felicia Gerszewski, Chad & Christy Johnson, Rick & Elaine Kilichowski, Mary Mondry, Tami, Mark & Scott Nice, Rod & Joan Schanilec, Mike Wysocki, Keith & Helen Zikmund, Jan Altendorf, Terry Burns, Garry & Irene Evenson, Jody Gerszewski, Brian & Laurie Harris, Donny & Mary Johnson, Scott & Julie Johnson, Kurt & Jennifer Kelley, Robert & Linda Kilichowski, Ruth Mattson, Jarrod & Becky McMillan, Nancy Nice, Jared & Robbyne Sands, Gary & Beverly Slominski, Trevor & Brittany Slominski, Kevin & Julie Zikmund, Lorraine Zikmund
- +NICHOLAS RUHLAND by Florence Ruhland
- +MARK HOWARD, RICHARD LAHAISE, LOIS PENAS SCHAFFER, BERNICE VANYO by Sheila Trontvet
- +DONALD SCHUSTER by Merlyn & Dolores Grabanski, George & Faye Moen
- +SIX MISCARRIED GRANDCHILDREN by Ken & Vickie Sims
- +PAUL SPOONLAND, DEANNA EKLUND HOGAN by Rod & Joan Schanilec
- +RUDY SWEERE by Steve & Ellen Wallgren
- +CAROL TUCKER by Ralph Tucker
- +VOLKER & WOTZKA FAMILIES by Dennis & Joann Volker
- +BECKY WALD by Jacob & Molly Rodenbiker
- +DONNA WALTZ by Beverly Schons
- +ROSEMARY WASILEWSKI by Aaron & Eva Carlson
- +JAMES WELLS by Arlynn & Cheryl Hefta, Kevin & Brenda Regan
- +INEZ WOELL by Ruth Geske



## In honor...

Phil Huck by Matthew Copeland  
Julie, Rosalie, Renea, Rita & Kathy by Glen & Tawnia Heilman  
Josiah & Clara Morales family by John & Jan Klocke  
Frank & Pat Paumen by John & Jan Klocke  
Ed & April Mitchell family by John & Jan Klocke  
Granddaughter Carsyn's 21st birthday by Holly Lyons  
Delores Jellasma by Peter & Donna Mack  
Mary Ann McKenna by Michael McKenna  
Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila by Ben & Linda Ofstead  
Kristina Wolf by Tom & Jean Picard  
Treacy Gibbens, Joe Sayler, Dom Sayler, Michael Sayler, Tom  
Zepeda by Roger & Mary Sayler  
Mary Pat Jahner by David & Seana Tamisiea  
Gerald, Anita, Phillip Meier, Louise Turner by Mary Ann Wanner  
Child's health by Andrew Sieklicki

## Prayers/special intentions

Souls in purgatory by Brian Beaton  
Baby's health by Marie Bellerud  
By Roger & Mary Sayler  
Robert Sweeney by Sheila Slominski  
Baby boy soon to be born by Bernard & Marissa Sweeney  
Emily & Joey, Mary & Bob by Mary Timko  
Father James Gross by Steven & Annella Winger  
Brother by John Paul Allmaras  
By Gina Becker  
Father Josh by Darryle Carlson  
Helen Christenson, Sonya Privratsky by Angie Marsh  
Collin & Kelsey by David & Dorothy McCullough  
Healthy baby & pregnancy by Chris & Emma Savageau  
Cecilia Ferk  
Family of Sam & Zoe Ora by Christin Seward

## In celebration...

Alfreda Sauer's 90th birthday by Carol Gerszewski  
Gabriella Freidt by Kelly & Keila Baker  
Father Bernard Pfau's 60th anniversary of priesthood by Paul & Colleen  
Samson  
Father Gerard Braun's 40th anniversary of priesthood by Paul & Terri Clark,  
Rich & Kathy Ellison, Paul & Colleen Samson  
Father Damian Hils' 30th anniversary of priesthood by Patricia Drees  
Monsignor Joseph Goering's 25th anniversary of priesthood by Paul & Colleen  
Samson  
Father Fred Harvey's 25th anniversary of priesthood by Margy Froelich  
Father David Richter's 25th anniversary of priesthood by Clarence & Liz  
Moch  
Father Jim Tiu's 25th anniversary of priesthood by Paul & Colleen Samson  
Doug & Sandy Dukart's 50th wedding anniversary by Joe & Melinda Fridrich  
Dan & Shari Sim's 50th wedding anniversary by John & Jan Klocke  
Richard & Marlene Novotny's 50th wedding anniversary by Angie Marsh  
Arden & Cathy Howey's 50th wedding anniversary by Frank & Susanne  
Argenziano  
Birth of friend's baby: Michael Alan Bender by Angie Marsh  
Melvin Tibert's 70th birthday by Brad & Nadine Schanilec



**In thanksgiving** to the pastor, deacon, and parish council members of the former Saint Bernard of Clairvaux Catholic Church of Oriska as they close their doors. We are most grateful for your gift to help young moms and babies.

Lila Harmsen departed from this world on July 31st. She was deeply devoted to the unborn, dedicating her time to travel, pray, and spend countless hours each week at abortion facilities, first in Fargo and later in Moorhead, serving as a voice for those who could not speak. Her compassion for every individual led her to engage with parents contemplating abortion. No one demonstrated more faithfulness at the abortion facility than she did; her efforts were truly heroic.

Each week, she would make the journey from Valley City, enduring the sweltering heat or biting cold for hours on end. When her husband, Bill, was still alive, he struggled with back and knee issues, yet he would accompany her and pray in their car. They were remarkable together, and now both are united in eternity.



Lila Harmsen

"When the time comes, as it surely will, when we face that awesome moment, the final judgment, I've often thought, as Fulton Sheen wrote, that it is a terrible moment of loneliness. You have no advocates, you are there alone standing before God – and a terror will rip your soul like nothing you can imagine. But I really think that those in the pro-life movement will not be alone. I think there'll be a chorus of voices that have never been heard in this world but are heard beautifully and clearly in the next world – and they will plead for everyone who has been in this movement. They will say to God, 'Spare him, because he loved us!'" – Henry Hyde



So much HOPE!



So much JOY!

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