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Pictured: Cindy Mense, Scott & Kara McBurney holding Lorne, Isaac & Sullivan, Mike Mense.

Congratulations to Kara McBurney *Chosen for the* **MOTHER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Kara McBurney was selected for the Mother of the Year Award by our panel of judges. She was nominated for the award by her parents Mike and Cindy Mense, pictured on each side of her. Kara spoke to a large crowd at the Shrine Mass on Memorial Day.

When she was carrying triplets, 5 years ago, Kara and Scott had choices during her pregnancy. They choose not to have selective reduction (ending the life of one of their unborn babies).

After the birth of the boys, Kara wondered what she could do to help others possibly avoid the trauma their family experienced. That was when Kara realized her mission was to help others. After years of volunteer work, she is now employed part time as the Family Team Specialist by the March of Dimes.

You can read more of Kara's story in our June newsletter.



2nd Place for Mother of the Year Adeline Feilmeier

Adeline went to help a widower take care of his fourteen children, ranging in age from 6 months to 16 years, after the sudden death of their mother. Three years later she married her employer and they had 2 more children for a total of 16 children.

In spite of all the hard work of living on a farm, she taught them love, admiration and appreciation. She never said a cross or unkind word about anyone and always had a sense of humor.

At age 101 she was still worrying about her children, if they were eating properly and had their socks darned. They told her “Mom, you need not worry, you taught us well”.

Her children refer to her as their “Angel Mother”. Adeline celebrated her 102nd birthday on August 28th. A belated “Happy Birthday”, Adeline.

Honorable Mention - Mother of the Year Pauline Markway

An amazing woman who raised 10 children, was bookkeeper for the family construction business, designed remodeling jobs, served on 4-H projects, started Perpetual Adoration at her church, volunteered on the Positive Mental Attitude classes at the prison, sewed, handcrafted Christmas ornaments, upholstered, created wedding cakes, designed and embroidered Priests stoles, altar clothes and banners and many more accomplishments.



Mother at National Shrine of Mary with Donna

Pauline has tremendous faith and taught her children the golden rule and humility. Her unselfishness to others has been an inspiration to many.



Mary, Chris, Jude, Dennis, Donna, Marc, Albert, John, Dad, Mother, Emily, Rita

We received so many great inspiring stories, it was very difficult to narrow it down to three. A special thank you to all you sent in a nomination, they are all winners!



Photo Contest Winner

Our congratulations to **Roger Gibson, Laurie, MO**, for his beautiful photo of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe is seen as you are leaving the grounds. It is truly a beautiful photo. We appreciate all the lovely photos we received. Our thanks to Roger and everyone who entered the contest. Watch for other photos in future newsletters.

Christmas Engraving

Our last engraving for the season will be October 29th. If you want to give your loved ones their names on the Mothers' Wall of life as a Christmas Gift, you will need to submit your application for engraving by October 21st.

If you don't make the engraving deadline, you can still give a gift card.

Welcome New Board Members

We want to welcome our new Board members, they are Ron & Janice Ohmes, Roach, Missouri and Dennis & Dot Woodward, Dayton, Ohio.

We are so happy to have them with us and are looking forward to meeting them when they come to the Shrine for the meeting in October.



Mary, Pray For Us

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A Prayer of Sympathy and Hope

*May the Angels lead you into Paradise,
And the Saints forever welcome you to the
Holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem!*

*May choirs of Angels welcome you,
With all your family and friends
Who have gone before you.*

*May you be with Mary, our Mother,
And may you find eternal rest
With Jesus, her Son, our Brother.*

In loving memory of

Aunt Marie

A donation has been made to
The National Shrine of
Mary, Mother of the
Church,
By

Rose Vanderbeck

I wish I could print this card in the beautiful silver foil so you could see how lovely it is. I have had several people remark that they "have framed the card".

These cards are now available for Anniversary, Sympathy, Get Well, (verse appropriate for each occasion) or blank cards for your personal usage.

We will be happy to send a card for you or to you. There is no charge, but donations are greatly



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