



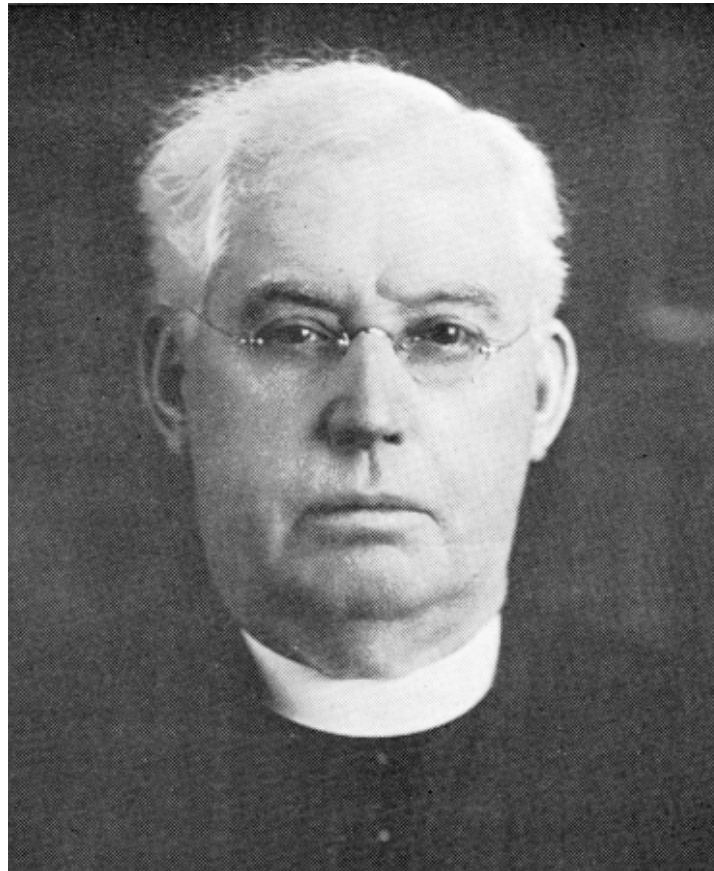
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Rev. Michael Mary Meara **“The Greatest Gift of God—The Priest”**

It wasn't Bishop Rosecrans who paid the diocesan debt, incurred for the Cathedral. "It wasn't Bishop Watterson, the dear, good man, for he fell too beneath the heavy load and died. I do remember, though the coming of a bright, young, black-haired priest into the scene...whose presence was discernible on every hand. He might be seen amid the workmen, out upon the street; down in the

basement; up in the galleries, everywhere, directing men in what they had to do. He might be seen, too, in the sanctuary, in the pulpit, in the confessional, and on the altar saying Mass. Later he was often seen out on the streets while visiting the sick, or going with the mourners, out to Calvary, to lay away their dead. He raised the fund that paid that debt, and gave us what we have today, a structure we may call our

own, a church all free from debt. You ask me who he was, or is? Come, listen, I will tell you how to ascertain.

“Go into the Cathedral any Saturday afternoon, or evening, when the penitents are waiting for their turn at the tribunal of penance, and when you discover the confessional having the largest number of penitents kneeling thereabouts, go over and read the name above its door. You will find it to be Father Meara.”

— Daniel McAlister¹

Stephen Meara (“mare-a”), the father of the subject of this sketch, was a native of Roscrea, County Tipperary, Ireland. He crossed the sea to Canada in 1840 and moved on to Boston a few years later. The mother, Ellen Maher, “came from Thurles. ‘A brave young Irish girl’ the least of whose fearing was the stormy ocean wave when with love in her heart and faith in her soul, she bade farewell to Holy Ireland and crossed the mighty ocean to Boston and joined her fate to Stephen Meara on April 26th, 1849.” The Rev. P. L. Lyndon performed the marriage ceremony at St. Mary’s Church on Bunker Hill with Edward Bohem and Mary Ryan as witnesses. “Six children blessed the union, Michael Mary, John Baptist, Sarah Angela, Mary Cecelia, Josephine Ignatius and Helen Marie. Stephen Meara took his bride to what was then the “far West” and settled for a time in Cincinnati. About 1852 “the young couple moved to Columbus and on Naghten Street, close by old St. Patrick’s, the boyhood years of our friend were spent.”^{2,3}

Stephen Meara was an older man, being about 43 when Michael was born in October of 1850.⁴ He was a blacksmith and it was told that during the Civil war he did the iron work for cannon and army supply wagons.⁵ He was rather well-off for an immigrant Irish blacksmith and he and Ellen saw to it that their children were educated. Michael and John attended St. Patrick’s parochial school. Ellen had been given no opportunity to receive an education but saw to it that at least three of the four girls attended the private Sacred Heart Academy, taught by the Dominican Sisters of the Sacred Heart at Broad and Seventh in the 1870s.

Father John B. Murray, assistant priest at St. Patrick’s saw the evidences of priestly vocation in Michael and accompanied him to the seminary at Cincinnati in September, 1866. (He was soon followed thither by his younger brother, John Meara.) “In his seminary days at Cincinnati Father Meara and the other Columbus students—for old St. Patrick’s was a fertile field of priestly vocations—came to love Bishop Rosecrans and when he came to Columbus and opened his own little Seminary of St. Aloysius, their ‘lines were cast in pleasant places.’” On June 21, 1871 Michael transferred to St. Aloysius Seminary. There he taught Latin to the preparatory students, while preparing his own Seminary classes. He also was assistant prefect and a member of the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary.⁶

Michael was ordained a subdeacon on May 28, 1874 by Bishop Rosecrans at St. Joseph Cathedral; a deacon on May 29, and a priest on May 30.⁷ “After his ordination Father Meara was assigned to the Cathedral, and his early labors were under the kindly direction and sympathetic minds of Bishop Rosecrans and Bishop Gallagher.”

On May 28th, 1877, his brother John was ordained. For three months in 1878 the two brother priests attended St. Mary Parish in Delaware while Father Pilger was absent. Father John Meara’s “athletic renown, keen mind and fine priestly ability were destined for but short service, for on May 20th, 1878, with his first year of holy priesthood incomplete, God took him to Himself...”

About 1878 Bishop Jean Lamy invited Bishop Rosecrans to visit him in Santa Fe to rest after the arduous work of building St. Joseph Cathedral. The good bishop’s reply was, “Father Meara has broken down under the work and needs a complete rest. Please receive him as you would have received me, and oblige your old friend.” This was the last of many kind acts of Bishop Rosecrans.⁸

“Father Meara was anxious to serve the Administrator, Father Gallagher, realizing the burdens that were entailed upon him, but physicians ordered him to New Mexico and so in December, 1878 he went to Santa Fe, and thereabouts he spent six

months fortifying his lungs against a threatened attack of tuberculosis. These are pleasant days on memory's scroll, and as at times he unrolls it, the gentle ministry and gracious service of the 'Black Cap' Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati flashes upon a screen that is silvered with love and gratitude and every now and then upon his visitations to Cincinnati he steals an hour to visit one of their institutions and there recalls to his Sister friends Santa Fe and Albuquerque and pleasant days in the hill country of the glowing West.

"Returning to Columbus he took up with renewed vigor the duties at the Cathedral. The bonds of affection, formed in Cincinnati, for his life long friend, Father Nicholas A. Gallagher, were strengthened in the early days of priesthood and fastened as with bands of steel by the tasks that devolved upon the Administrator and the Rector of the Cathedral.

"The debt upon the New Cathedral hung as a cloud over the parish and the Diocese. [The later] Bishop Gallagher was a quiet man, himself, outstanding and unselfish in the labor of the vineyard of the Lord, little accustomed to praise, but in his later years, when he read the story of the payment of the debt, and upon occasional visits saw the attendance at the Masses and the Communion rails of the Cathedral, and the gradual transformation of the barn-like interior to the Gothic elegance that was the dream of Bishop Rosecrans, he frequently remarked that Father Meara conceived the successful plan in his youthful days and that together they were striving for its accomplishment.

On August 8th, 1880, the Rt. Rev. John Ambrose Watterson, D.D., was consecrated Bishop of Columbus. Father Meara served as deacon for this ceremony.⁹ "Soon word came of the appointment of Father Gallagher as Titular Bishop of Canopus and Administrator of the Diocese of Galveston. With a realization that there is always a wide field for difference of opinion and plans in the accomplishment of what is deemed best for the progress of religion, and confident that a new administration would yield better results, when enthusiasm inspired the workman, Father Meara

reluctantly—for he loved the city of his youth and the friends and neighbors of his growing manhood and priestly care—asked for a change."

Daniel McAlister represents the parishioners with the words, "Again, when good, dear Bishop Watterson assigned him to a pastorate in Circleville, (an act I always thought was done to show him honor) we all were saddened that he had to go away. The congregation raised a little fund to testify its love and I was honored with the duty of addressing him. What could I say? 'You, Father Meara, have come near to us in these the last few years; but nearer to us still when at the bedside with our sick and in our times of sad distress. We part with you reluctantly. Our hearts are full.'"¹⁰

"In April, 1882, Father Meara was appointed to St. Joseph's Church, Circleville, and after attendance upon the consecration of his life-long friend, Bishop Gallagher, at Galveston, he entered upon the pastorate. In the full vigor of priestly zeal, his charming personality and manly character soon won the hearts of all. He saw at once the necessity of a parochial school and determined to build it. At his call the old men, the young men, but particularly the Young Ladies Sodality set themselves to the task. The school was completed, paid for and opened in 1886." Elsewhere the date is given as September of 1885. The school contained twelve classrooms, large corridors, broad stairways, and cost \$20,000. It was heated with hot air, well ventilated, and lighted with electricity. Attendance was about 200.¹¹ "The Sisters of Charity of Nazareth came to teach. The precious memories of their tender, uplifting care is enshrined forever in the names of the pioneers. There were five Sisters: Sister Dula, Sister Mary Clare, Sister Judith, Sister Serena, all capable teachers, and Sister Ethelinda, who cared for the home life. In the cottage below Mrs. Stout's residence they formed a convent home and no body of women ever changed so completely the hopes and ideals of growing youth. Father Meara was a fine devoted pastor. No night was too bad to answer the country sick call. He was a fine confessor. He never tired of the still, quiet work on the great silent river where flows the healing grace of Christ to the sinner souls. But his

impress in old St. Joseph's school will linger forever with those who were blessed to know his tender, solicitous care. His fine aspirations for all, his determined correction of the lazy, the arousing of the indifferent, the conquering of the incorrigible, stand out in memory. He lived for his school and the love even unto death, of all its students, for him grew and flashed keener and clearer. In his own household a gentle, tender mother presided, 'Joe', a more capable organist and choir-director never drew a baton over a small-town choir—Nell's voice in all its singular beauty rang from the choir loft and his sermons inspired and his presence captivated and encouraged the parishioners. His priestly friends came frequently, for he was the soul of hospitality... [His sister] Sarah's children, the Hutchins, came to the school and the full measure of the man was evidenced by the fact that no whisper of favoritism, even for his own, was ever uttered by the voice of envy or discontent. He was just even to his own, and he wanted them to have every advantage of what he believed to be, and what we now know to have been, the best school in the state.

"Father Howard, who became the Columbus Diocesan Director of Catholic Schools, and is now the Bishop of Covington, says of those days, 'I always felt that the interest I had in Catholic schools, I owed to the visits I paid in those days to the schools of our district, and especially to Father Meara's.'

"A convent was built to the rear of the school, a new cemetery was purchased and laid out, the Church was beautified interiorly and the spiritual life of the parish quickened and developed."

In 1892 it was said that Father Meara, "possesses the happy faculty of winning the friendship and co-operation of all with whom he comes in contact. He is progressive in his ideas, forcible and vigorous in his language, liberal in his views, and has that deep sympathy with humanity which adds to his influence among his parishioners."¹²

(To be concluded)

NOTES

- 1) Daniel McAlister, tribute to Father Meara in the *Catholic Columbian*, August. 16, 1912
- 2) Monsignor James Kirwin wrote a touching memorial to Father Meara on the occasion of his golden jubilee as a priest, which was published in the *Catholic Columbian* on May 30, 1924 ("Memories—Interesting Historical Sketch of Rev. Father Meara, Pastor of St. Joseph's Cathedral—Fifty Years a Priest of God"). It later was reprinted in booklet form. That sketch forms the outline of this article and otherwise unattributed quotations are taken from it.
- 3) *Portrait and Biographical Record of Fayette, Pickaway and Madison Counties, Ohio*; Chicago: Chapman Brothers, 1892; pp 454-455
- 4) The "List of Priests" in the diocesan archives gives his birthdate as October 23, 1850. His obituary and other newspaper accounts say Oct. 20. His tombstone at Mt. Calvary Cemetery says Oct. 22. The 1892 *Portrait and Biographical Record of Fayette, Pickaway and Madison Counties, Ohio*, p. 454, says Oct. 25.
- 5) Taylor, William A., *Centennial History of Columbus and Franklin County, Ohio*; Columbus: S. J. Clarke, 1909, pp 521-522
- 6) Hartley, Rt. Rev. James J., *History of Fifty Years*; Columbus: 1918, p. 50
- 7) Kelly, Michael J. and James M. Kirwin, *History of Mt. St. Mary's of the West*; Cincinnati: Keating, 1894; p. 287
- 8) Segale, Sister Blandina, S.C., *At the End of the Santa Fe Trail*; Milwaukee: Bruce Publishing Co., 1948; p. 136
- 9) Hartley, *op. cit.*, p. 39
- 10) Cf. note 1
- 11) Cf. note 3
- 12) *ibid.*

Abstracts from the *Catholic Telegraph*

(Continued, from Vol. XXXIV, No. 12)

July 18, 1857

Exercises at St. Mary's, Somerset, July 1.

First Senior Department - vacant.

Second Senior Department, First Division.

Courses: English Grammar and Epistolary Composition; Rhetoric and Composition; Sacred and Profane Modern History and Chronology; Latin; French; Oil Painting; Piano; Harp; Vocal Music.

Students mentioned: Kate Brady, Lizzie Brady, Kate Gallin, Mary Kelly, Teresa McDonough, Mary A. Magruer.

Second Senior Department, Second Division.

Courses: English Grammar and Epistolary Composition; Rhetoric and Composition; Ancient Geography and Chronology; Sacred and Ancient Profane History and Mythology; Arithmetic and Book-Keeping; Chemistry and Elements of Geology, and Animal and Vegetable Physiology; Elementary Drawing and Penmanship; French; Oil Painting; Piano; Embroidery; Christian Doctrine. Students mentioned: Margaret Dittoe, Maria E. Dolan, Margaret English, Ellen Hopkins, Kate Magevney, Mary Magevney

First Junior Department:

Courses: English Grammar and Epistolary Composition; Aids to Composition; United States History and Biography; Modern Geography and Natural Philosophy; Natural History and Botany; Reading and Orthography; Elementary Drawing and Penmanship; Piano; Embroidery; Christian Doctrine.

Students mentioned: Mary Campbell, Mary Carrigan, Ellen Cary, Mary Coyle, Cecilia Dittoe, Matilda Freeman, Laura Johnson, Isabel Reed, Kate Sneider, Lizzie Stone, Ellen Sullivan, Rebecca Tong

Second Junior Department:

Courses: English Grammar, Epistolary Composition, and Aids to Composition; Modern Geography; Reading and Orthography; Elementary Drawing and Penmanship; Arithmetic; Piano; Embroidery; Christian Doctrine.

Students mentioned: Amanda Barnes, Euphemia Bates, Alice Bergan, Kate Braddock, Mary Ellen

Campbell, Eugenia Dittoe, Lizzie Green, Isabel Johnson, Maggie Maginnis, Florence Magruder, Margaret Phillips, Laura Sambring, Mary Scally, Irene Stone

August 15, 1857

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CHILLICOTHE, JULY 15, 1857.

Senior Class:

Courses: Christian Doctrine, French, English, Sacred History, Ancient and Modern History, Ancient and Modern Geography, Mythology and Astronomy, Arithmetic and Algebra, Epistolary Compositions, Natural Philosophy and Chemistry, Writing, Needle Work, Piano, Vocal Music. Students mentioned: Caroline Alberty, Rosa Carville, Lizzie Cofft, Anna Cook, Mary Ann Cook, Jenny Cox,

Almira Evans, Anna Hanley, Gertrude Harvey, Kate Heffernan, Dorliska Lenormand, Kate McCabe, Pocahontas McVeigh, Elcey Meeks, Hannah Moriarty, Kate Moriarty, Susan Parcels, Kate L. Poland, Kate B. Reilly, Maggie Reilly, Henrietta Richards, Kate Roach, Alma Sanford, Anna Sanford

Elementary Class

Courses: Grammar, Reading, Orthography, Sacred and Profane History, Elements of Chemistry and Natural Philosophy, Modern Geography, Epistolary Composition, Arithmetic, Writing, Needle Work. Students mentioned: Mary Belleison, Mary Ann Cooke, Carolina Crudons?, Almira Evans, Mary Fritch, Susan Gallangher, Gertrude Harvey, Kate Hoffman, Mary Ann McNamara, Louisa Marzluff, Mary Miller, Ann Murphy, Susan Parcels, Alice Poe, Henrietta Richards, Alma Sanford, Lizzie Scott

Primary Class:

Courses: Christian Doctrine, French, Sacred History, Geography, Grammar, Spelling and Reading, Arithmetic, Writing, Needle Work. Students mentioned: Alice Adams, Mary Adams,

Caroline Bader, Catharine Barman, Louisa Barnam, Susan Berklene, Lizzie Carville, Annie Cooke, Maggie Ewing, Catharine Hammer, Elizabeth Hammer, Lizzie Hickman, Lucy Hoffman, Mary Kramer, Dorlilska Lenormand, Leocadia Lenormand, Mary Jane McClury, Mary McNally, Alma Sanford, Maria Scully

Class not mentioned:

Elizabeth Robey, Sarah Fougere, Mary Dohan, Josephine Schildres

August 29, 1857

REV. EDWARD FITZGERALD was ordained priest...from the hands of the Most Rev. Archbishop Purcell, on Saturday, Octave of the Assumption, in the Seminary Chapel.

September 12, 1857

Sacred Heart, Pomeroy.

There were fifty-five persons, four of whom were converts, confirmed in this church, last Sunday. High Mass was celebrated by Very Rev. Mr. Ferneding, and the Archbishop and the same Rev. gentleman

preached, the one in English, the other in German. In the afternoon, two bells were solemnly blessed, the Archbishop having explained the ceremony and traced the history and noticed the devout use of church bells.

A beautiful Altar and Tabernacle have recently been procured by the zealous Pastor, Rev. Mr. Albrinck, and his pious flock.

On Sunday evening, sixteen young men, arranged in order before the pastoral residence, sang with sweet, strong voices and fine accord the "Kappella," the "Fatherland," and our "Club Song." They belong to a society to encourage one another in the practice of virtue and piety, for which is used as an auxillary and recreation the cultivation of music.

DIED

In Chillicothe, August 30th, Mrs. MARY ANNE THOMPKINS, daughter of Bartholomew and Mary Kelly, of Cincinnati...

(To be continued)

**Baptisms in the Church of St. Peter the Apostle near Bolivar
1844-1867**

(Continued, from Vol. XXXIV, No. 11)

1849, continued

Aug. 29 Peter, son of Peter Labbe; spons. Peter [blank] P. Peudeprat
 Sept. 16 Mary Louise, daughter of Francis Theophilus Lomond and Mary Josepha Lab; spons. Louis Lab and Mary Dorothy Lab.
 Aug. Rollinet
 Oct. 21 John Adam Antoni, born Oct. 18, son of Conrad Antoni and Catherine Kunzmann; spons. John Lindner and Mary Bernhart. Aug. Rollinet
 Sept. 10 Joseph Kern, born Aug. 31, son of Joseph Kern and Magdalene Durringer; spons. John Hebrand and Monica Eckenweiler. J. H. Luhr
 Nov. 11 Clara Hoff, born Sept. 24, daughter of Eisick Hoff (non Catholic) and Catherine

Pfeffer; spons. Felix Pfeffer and his wife. J. H. Luhr
 Nov. 11 Catherine Weber, born Oct. 5, daughter of Leonard Weber and Catherine Haas; spons. John Muth and Catherine Muth. J. H. Luhr
 Nov. 11 Catherine Weigand, born Oct. 28, daughter of George Weigand and Mary Bilz; spons. Catherine Barth and her husband Nic. J. H. Luhr
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 Nov. 11 Catherine Barbara Kranz, born Nov. 1, daughter of Joseph Kranz and Barbara Kesner; spons. John Breidenstein and Catherine Kranz. J. H. Luhr
 Nov. 11 John Wygand, born Oct. 21, son of Magnus Wygand and Rosina Lauer; spons. John Weckmann and Catherine Weckmann. J.

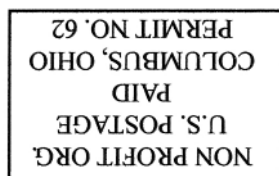
- H. Luhr
 Nov. 12 Nicholas Gilbert, born Oct. 17, son of Valentine Gilert and Barbara J. Kolbach; spons. John Henry Müller and Catherine Barth and Nicholas Barth (noncatholic). J. H. Luhr
 Dec. 2 John George Joseph Heit, born Nov. 27, son of Anthony Heit and Ann Mary Brendel; spons. George Streep and Maryann Schollinger. J. Brünemann
 Dec. 27 William James Euler, born Nov. 12, son of John George Michael Euler and Barbara Geis; spons. James Erb and Caroline May born Erb[?]. J. H. Luhr
 Dec. 27 Catherine Frances Hain, born Dec. 3, daughter of Peter Francis Hain and Ann Margaret Elizabeth May; spons. George Haas and Catherine Wekmann. J. H. Luhr
 Dec. 27 John, born Dec. 4, son of Nicholas Frank and Mary Huber; spons. John Bastäter and Susan Frank. Brunemann
- 1850**
- Feb. 1 John Sebastian Weckmann, born Jan. 20, son of Henry Weckmann and Regina Link; spons. John Weckmann and Ann Mary Weckmann. J. H. Luhr
 Feb. 1 Eve Rothermel, born May 15, daughter of Wendelin Rothermel and Catherine Manns[?]; spons. Valentine Montag and Eve Trageser. J. H. Luhr
 Apr. 15 Elizabeth, born Apr. 1, daughter of M. Louise Bastiert; spons. Laurence Renel[?] and Elizabeth Cardot. Aug. Rollinet
 Apr. 25 John, born Apr. 5, son of Conrad Streb and Elizabeth Schilling; spons. John Streb and Mary Ann. J. Brünemann
 Apr. 25 Frederick, born Jan. 12, son of John Nollde and Elizabeth Zeiger; spons. Frederick Kres and Margaret. J. Brünemann
 Apr. 25 Barbara, born Dec. 2, daughter of Damasus Eberhard and Agatha Beider; spons. Lazarus Schäfer and Mary Hill. J. Brünemann
 May 3 Eve Esch, born Feb. 2, daughter of Gerhard Esch and Mary Dell; spons. Damian[?] Pfaff and Eve Tragesar. Luhr
 May 9 Ann Barbara, born Dec.[?] 22, 1848, daughter of Franz Littel and Agnes Littel; spons. Christian Littel and Barbara Littel. Muckerheide
 May 19 John George Kilian Trotman, born Oct. 22, 1849, son of Kilian Schickling and Eve Rothenbücher; sons. George Schickling and Dorothy Huth. Muckerheide
 June 9 Mary Henrica, daughter of Alphenri Bonsseau and Adelaid Georgeot; spons. Justine Georgeot and Emily St. Voirin. Aug. Rollinet
 June 30 Ann[?] Mary, born May 18, daughter of Michael Eckenweiler and Monica Hermann; spons. Mathew Eckenweiler and Veronica Eckenweiler. H. Muckerheide
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 Aug. 11 Ann Mary, born Aug. 3, daughter of Conrad Schilling and Magdalene Bilz; spons. John Streb and Ann Mary Schilling. H. Muckerheid
 Aug. 11 Justina, born Aug. 9, daughter of Michael Oestrich and Christine Essert; spons. Nicholas Franz and Justina Erb. HM
 Aug. 18 Elizabeth Catherine, born Aug. 11, daughter of Conrad Tragser and Gertrude Weigand; spons. Catherine Tragser and Frida Dornecker. HM
 Sept. 29 Nicholas, born Sept. 4, son of Martin John Trotte and wife Margaret Drem; spons. Nicholas —Drin and Mary Rose Drem. HM
 Sept. 29 Mary Magdalene, born Sept. 27, daughter of John Weidgand and Catherine Franz; spons. Joseph Franz and Mary Magdalene Weigand. HM
 Oct. 13 Josephine, born Oct. 8, daughter of James Erb and Caroline May; spons. Caspar Heim and Regina Erb. HM
 Oct. 13 Mary Josephine, born Oct. 9, daughter of Magnus Hammer and Catherine Walz; spons. Balthasar Nidenthal and Josephine Weigand. HM
 Oct. 13 Regina, born Oct. 10, daughter of Magnus Weigand and Rosina Lauer; spons. Nicholas Erb and Theresa Siebert[?]. HM
 Nov. 10 John, born Oct. 1, son of Henry Müller and Mararet Gamel; spons. John Balzer and

Martha Teicner[?]. HM
 Nov. 10 Emily, born Oct. 29, daughter of
 Benedict Ehret and Frances Lauer; spon.
 Franz Lauer and Elizabeth Gimbel. HM
 Nov. 10 Baltasar, born Nov. 1, son of Andrew
 Weigand and Eve Franz; spon. Baltzar
 Nietenthal and Sophia Weigand. HM
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 Nov. 24 Conrad, born Oct. 31, son of John
 Bambeck and Ann Mary Streb; spon. Conrad
 Antoni and Catherine Kunzmann. HM
 Nov. 11 son of Valentine Becker and Catherine
 Herbert, born May 2; spon. Magnus Weigand
 and Rosina his wife. H. Muckerheide

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Feb. 2 Mary Elizabeth, born Jan. 19, daughter of
 Bibecka Beckler; spon. Joseph and Elizabeth
 Gimbel. H. Muckerheide

Feb. 23 John George, born Feb. 4, son of Adam
 Huth and Mary Waigant; spon. John George
 Waigand and Mary Bilz. HM
 Feb. 17 Michael, born Feb. 8, son of Peter Franz
 Hein and Elizabeth May; spon. Michael Haas
 and Elizabeth Pott. HM
 Mar. 2 Francis, born Feb. 25, son of Francis
 Margot and Mary Gabriella Drem; spon.
 Joseph Ditrach and Mary Rose Drem. HM
 Apr. 17 Cirol John, born Mar. 19, son of Joseph
 Kranz and Barbara Gaesner; spon. John
 Baptist Rastatter? and Catherine Kranz. HM
 May 11 Mary Elizabeth, born Apr. 27, daughter
 of John Koch and Susan Frank; spon. Adam
 Koch and Elizabeth Frank. HM
 June 8 Conrad, born June 3, son of John Strep
 and Ann Mary Schilling; spon. Conrad Strep
 and Elizabeth Schilling. HM
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