Sister Desideria Nihlein (Theresa Nihlein)

Sister Desideria Nihlein was born on September 17, 1865 in Grosshenbach am Maen, Bavaria. Her parents were Joseph Andrew and Augusta Roller Nihlein. She came to the United States in 1871 and entered the novitiate at Sacred Heart, Buffalo, New York in 1888. She professed her vows there on August 11, 1892.

Sister Desideria worked in the kitchen and dormitory all her religious life. Most of her time was spent in Holy Name Province, but she also served at Holy Rosary Mission, South Dakota. She died on June 22, 1943 at St. Joseph's Hospital, Alliance, Nebraska. She is buried in Calvary Cemetery, Alliance, Nebraska.