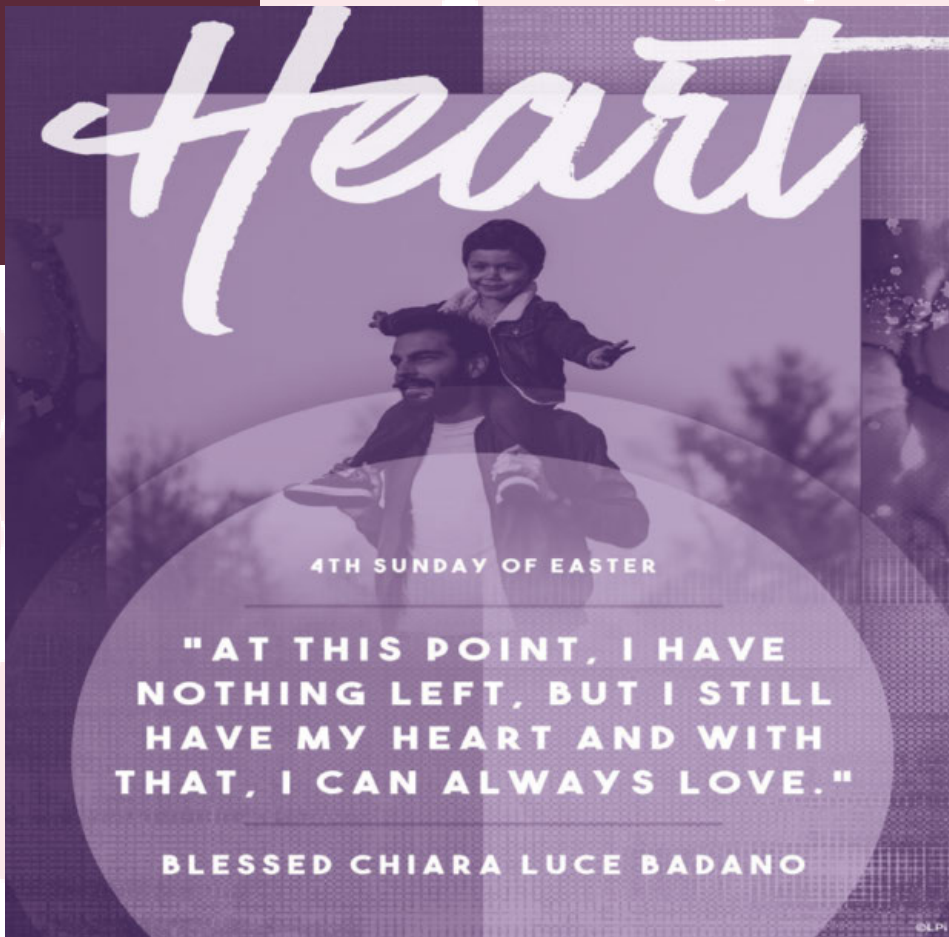


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Worship with us through our Liturgical Celebrations; Learn with us the teachings of Jesus as we expand our discipleship; Serve with us God's people inside and outside Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in a spirit of stewardship; and Gather with us to celebrate Christ's two great commandments of love.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass

Monday-Friday 6:30am
Thursday 2:00pm
(when school is in session)

Weekend Mass

Saturday - Vigil 4:30pm
Sunday 7:30, 9:30
Spanish Mass 11:30am

Confessions

Thursday - 12:00pm
Saturday - 11:00am



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Greetings!

I have been here for nearly two months now but I know that there are so many of you that I have not met yet. I hope to tell you a little about myself so that maybe we can find some common connections!

I was born and raised in a small town outside of Vandalia, IL. My parents still live in my childhood home. My oldest sister, Andrea, has twins (6 years old), a boy and a girl, and she lives with her husband in St Louis, MO. My middle sister, Kim, has a daughter (4 years old) and a son (2 years old). She lives with her husband in Mt Vernon, IL.

After I graduated High School I studied music for one year at a community college before I entered seminary my sophomore year in 2011. I studied Philosophy at Marian University while living at Bishop Simon Brute College Seminary in Indianapolis until 2013. I then studied Theology at St Mary of the Lake University, better known as Mundelein Seminary, being located in Mundelein, IL.

Upon Ordination on May 27, 2017, I was assigned as an assistant (parochial vicar) at the Cathedral in Springfield, IL and chaplain at Sacred Heart Griffin Catholic High School. In 2019 I was named pastor of St Fidelis, St Luke, and St Alexius parishes in Cass County Illinois. I was there for two years until I requested a leave of absence to address

depression and anxiety. For six months I have been participating in treatment and I feel that I am ready to minister full time again although I would like to be an assistant again.

Thanks be to God and the graciousness of Fr Friedel and the Diocese for allowing me to begin ministry again here at Our Lady of Lourdes, St Thomas, Millikin University, and St Theresa's. I am very excited about these assignments. I have missed being in parish ministry and beginning July 1 I will be officially assigned here with all of you. Until that time it is likely that you will see me around doing various ministries. Do not hesitate to introduce yourself because I am excited to be here and have had good experiences so far.

Peace,
-Fr Wayne

ALL ARE WELCOME!

If you would like to join the parish or if you are not Catholic and would like to learn about the Catholic faith, please call the Parish Office or visit our website.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MAY 9

6:30am | Charles Michael Frey

TUESDAY, MAY 10

6:30am | James Zindel

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

6:30am | Patricia Reilly

THURSDAY, MAY 12

2:00pm | Joanne Sea

FRIDAY, MAY 13

6:30am | Beth Marie Frey

SATURDAY, MAY 14

4:30pm | JW Fawcett Family

SUNDAY, MAY 15

7:30am | Dennis Sedlak

9:30am | Dr. Bill Wagner

11:30am | Sanctity of Life



FIRST READING

For so the Lord has commanded us, "I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth." (Act 13:47)

PSALM

We are his people, the sheep of his flock. (Ps 100)

SECOND READING

For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water. (Rev 7:17)

Gospel

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." (Jn 10:27-28)

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY FOR...

Roger Hess	Gloria Leonard	
Carol Hess	Joyce Nalefski	
Christina Mooney	Michael Brown	
Jack Frankovich	Sharon Nolte	Gloria Guy
Mary Benson	Janet Schollmeier	Maurice Payne
Adrienne Moore	Joan Forbes	Nick Bryan
Mary Blazier	Kathy Sheary	Jeff Hayes
Linda Randles	Jean Casselman	
Fr. Tony Wach, SJ	Molly Ellis	
Alison Stevens	Mary Paxton	

Call the Parish Office to submit a name to the prayer list.

Names will be removed after 6 weeks unless called to be kept on.

STEWARDSHIP		May 1, 2022
Sunday Envelopes	\$ 22,277	
Loose Cash	\$ 700	
Children Donations	\$ 0	
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Total Collected	\$ 22,977	
Year-to-date Goal	\$ 896,000	
Year-to-date Collected	\$ 821,329	
Difference	\$ -74,671	
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Diocesan Collections	\$ 820	

We're grateful to those who continue to financially support our parish. God bless you!

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

In Scripture, St. Paul uses the image of the Body of Christ to describe how interconnected, unified, important, and unique we are. Just because someone is not a priest or sister, that does not mean he/she does not have an important role and place in the Church.

Priests are leaders, but they cannot be in all places at all times; they are limited. One of the ways one can help serve in the Church, particularly our community, is by visiting those who are homebound, in assisted living, in nursing homes, and even those who are in the hospital. Residents can be brought communion, but even the gift of your presence is immensely valuable, more valuable than you may think. One can volunteer as frequently or infrequently as they would like. For anyone interested in volunteering, please email Jami Snow at jami@lol.com, or call her at the parish office.



Our Lady of Lourdes is happy to announce that Mrs. Jennifer Brummer will be the next principal of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School! Mrs. Brummer and her family are members of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. For several years before becoming assistant principal at St. Teresa,

Mrs. Brummer also taught middle school science at OLOL. We are happy to welcome her back to our faculty and look forward to fostering together the Lord's work at our school!

We want to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Bowser for all of her dedicated work as principal over the past several years. We will miss her dearly, but I pray that together with Mrs. Brummer, we can all keep up the excellent work that we see happening at OLOL!

With prayers for you and all of our families!

HOW TO SUPPORT UKRAINE

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Catholic Relief Services

www.crs.org

The Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy
of Philadelphia

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Catholic Near East Welfare Association

www.cnewa.org/campaigns/ukraine/

Aid to the Church in Need

www.churchinneed.org

Knights of Columbus Ukraine

Solidarity Fund

<https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/charity/ukraine.html>

Mary, queen of peace, pray for all the victims of this tragic and unjust war.

PLEASE CONSIDER INCREASING YOUR TITHE

Your donations to our parish are still needed!



This Easter Season, Fr. Trummer is hosting a Life in the Spirit Seminar, which focuses on deepening our relationship with the Holy Spirit. The seminar will talk about the essential truths of God's love, discipleship, and charisms and gifts of the Holy Spirit. If you want your faith reignited, and to experience the more God has to offer, then come to the Life in the Spirit Seminar. It will take place in the Enrichment Center at Our Lady of Lourdes

from 7-8pm. There will be optional time for continued socializing and discussion after 8pm. The seminar will be hosted on the following **Thursdays: (no meeting on 5/12), 5/19, 5/26, and 6/2.** The last session for praying for a deeper outpouring of the Holy Spirit will take place on Friday 6/3 at 7pm. Any questions can be emailed to Fr. Trummer– mtrummer@dio.org

Resurrection Narratives
**Tuesday May 10, May 17,
and May 24**
7 pm - OLOL Enrichment
Center



Looking for a way to dive a little deeper into the joy of the Resurrection? Come and join Fr. Friedel for a three-part presentation and discussion on some of the Resurrection stories we hear in the Gospels. Discover in a deeper way how the Resurrection changed the course of history and how we as Christians are called to be marked by these beautiful Paschal realities!

All are welcome--as always, bring your Bible and a friend (or three!).

Congrats to our students who received the sacrament of First Communion and Confirmation last Tuesday night at the Cathedral!



PARISH CONTACT UPDATE

If you would like to receive parish emails communicating meetings/classes/events/general information please email your name and email address to: communications@lolchurch.com

PRE-PLANNING YOUR FUNERAL

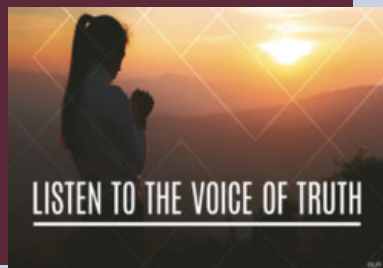
Preplanning your funeral assures you and reassures family members that arrangements will be made according to your wishes. Our guide book is available to assist you through the scripture and hymn selections, offering excellent suggestions to make your funeral liturgy personalized. Email Jami Snow at jami@lolchurch.com for more information.

Preplanning really can make a difficult situation easier for surviving family members by having your choices in place and eliminating time-pressed or uncertain decisions.

ROSARY

Please join us before Mass to pray the Rosary

Saturdays | 4:00pm
Sunday | 7:00am & 9:00am



May 8th, 2022

4th Sunday of Easter

“Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start.” (Pope Francis) We have a difficult time figuring out what is true and best for us. There are many voices talking and so many trying to get our attention. We wrongly convince ourselves that the true voice is the voice of progress, the one that speaks of contemporary wants and desires, enticing us with the latest trends and causes. We are taught, by listening to the voices around us, that truth is found in feelings and thought, and ideals must match current and popular human wants. Because we feel a particular way it must be true. Then, we find a shepherd who empathizes with us and affirms us. We follow that voice even though listening to that voice will render us powerless and lead us to harm. There are many with me in this procession to this pasture. I must be on the right path and listening to the right voice.

We are very confused. What can keep us safe and from harm? Where do we go to find life, love, and happiness?

Jesus tells us that he is the way, the truth, and the life. The only way to get to Truth, who is God, is through him. There is no other way. The Church, the gate around God's pasture of life, is charged with the mission of directing us where God desires that we go. In the midst of all of the conflicting voices around us, the voice of truth is often muffled in all of the noise, but it beckons us to a life of virtue and grace. Helping us understand who we are and where we have to be, it discerns the voice of God, providing us with the safety net we need to stay straight on our path to life eternal.

We have to trust the voice of God, the true Shepherd, even when it does not mirror what we want and what others may believe. Faith goes way beyond feeling and involves a radical trust in Someone who can lead us and form us. At day's end, if we do not know to find our way home, we will be truly lost.



Lord, please grant eternal rest to the soul of **DEBRA OLEKSY**, mother of Amy Dent and **TONI SKELLEY**, sister of Martha McNamara.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE NEWS

Flowing from the teaching of the Catholic Church

Melissa Lucio, who was scheduled to be executed Wed., April 27, 2022 in Texas, was granted a stay of execution by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals. This allows her case to be sent back to the trial court to review new evidence. Advocates throughout the United States and the world led by organizations as the “Death Penalty Action Group”, the “Equal Justice USA” and the “Innocence Project” had been asking people to contact the Texas Governor and the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles to grant her clemency. If you recall, I have shared in the past that Melissa was convicted of murder in 2008 for the death of her 2 yr. old daughter, Mariah, which she and her family claim was instead a tragic accident. The child had fallen down a staircase outside the family's second-floor apartment two days prior to her death.

Melissa will remain on death row despite the stay of her execution according to her legal team. The trial court in Brownsville, TX will hold proceedings to hear the evidence of Melissa Lucio's innocence. The court will then make a recommendation to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, which will decide whether Lucio should receive a new trial. There's still a long way to go in her case and for her to receive an exoneration according to the Innocence Project attorneys. However, a bipartisan majority of the Texas legislature as well as several big name celebrities have called for mercy. Five members of Melissa's jury have come forward recently to say she should get a new trial based on evidence they did not hear at her trial. Let's thank God for all who worked to get this stay of execution for her and continue to pray that she will soon be free. She stated: “I thank God for my life. I have always trusted in Him.”

Submitted by Sr. JoAn, Co-chair of OLOL/St. Thomas Social Justice committee



The EPIC Youth Group will be having upcoming meetings for Junior High and High School students from 6:30 - 8:00pm at Holy Family in the Parish Center.

Junior High
May 22nd

High School



Saturday, May 14th 4:30pm

Sacristan - John Reidy
Lector - Cassie Yoder
Eucharistic Minister - Gail Kamm, Sue Reinhart, Dennis Reinhart
Gift Bearer Family - Yoder Family
Servers - Morgan Schollenebruch, Alexander Kairouz
Greeter - Gloria Walcher
Usher - John Smith, Cathy Smith, Barney Luckenbill

Sunday, May 15th 7:30am

Lector - Annemarie Mudd-Duncan
Eucharistic Minister - Tom Rood, Tyson Rood
Gift Bearer Family - Tohill Family
Greeter - Ceil Frankovich, Barbara McCoy
Usher - Bill Busbey, Jack McCoy, Steve Halicki

Sunday, May 15th 9:30am

Sacristan - Jim Lambert
Lector - Marge Satiroff
Eucharistic Minister - Janet Mari, Mary Lou Walker, Terri Haskins
Gift Bearer Family - Lohrstorfer Family
Servers - Miriam Wherley, Livia Wherley
Greeter - Beth Lohrstorfer, Fred Lohrstorfer
Usher - John Alley, Mike Gagnon, Matt Walters

Please frequently check the app for any openings or to fill substitution's needs.

If you are unable to serve this upcoming weekend, please utilize the substitute button within Ministry Scheduler Pro or call the parish office at 217-877-4404.

Dealing with Loss



Those who have experienced the loss of a loved one often find healing and support through sharing with others with similar experiences. Ss. James & Patrick parish is hosting a grief session on **Tuesday, May 10, at 5:30 pm** in the parish house at St. James. Anyone is welcome to attend. For more information, contact Donna at 217-422-4534

Rosary Rally Please join us on the front steps of St. Patrick Church on **Saturday, May 14** to pray the rosary. We are appealing to Almighty God and our Holy Mother to save America from the current chaos, immorality, and social upheaval in our world. You are welcome to bring your rosaries and a chair, if needed. The rally is sponsored by America Needs Fatima.



Help support New Life Pregnancy Center with their Change for Life Baby Bottle Campaign. This campaign starts on Mother's Day, **May 8th** and goes until Father's Day, **June 19th**. Make sure to pick up your baby bottle to help make a difference with your small change.



Save the date! August 14th will be our Parish Picnic! Keep an eye out in the future for more information about how you can help make this year a success!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY | MAY 9

Mood Tides - 7:00pm

TUESDAY | MAY 10

St. Damien de Veuster, Priest

Prayer Group - 6:45pm
Ressurrection Narratives - 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY | MAY 11

Women's Group - 1:00pm

THURSDAY | MAY 12

Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr

Adoration - 9:00am
Confession - 12:00pm
8th Grade Graduation - 6:00pm
Life in the Spirit - 7:00pm

FRIDAY | MAY 13

Our Lady of Fatima

No Events Scheduled

SATURDAY | MAY 14

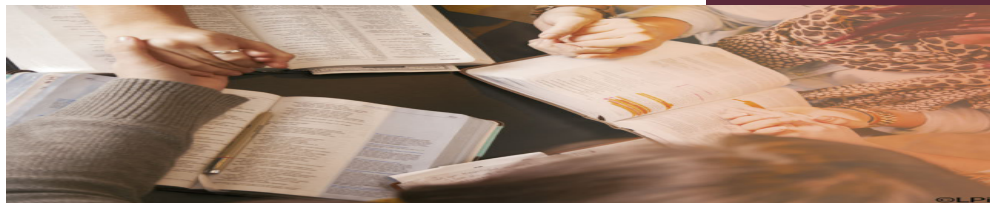
St. Matthias, Apostle

Confession - 11:00am

SUNDAY | MAY 15

5th Sunday of Easter; St. Isidore

Donut Sunday - After 7:30 & 9:30 Masses



The Upper Cenacle Prayer Group Tuesdays at 6:45pm

The Cenacle prayer group is a charismatic prayer group that tries to create the atmosphere of discipleship that was present in the Early Church.

The prayer group will meet from **6:45-7:45pm on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday** of every month in the church.

Our next session will be held on **Tuesday, May 10th.**

For any questions, please reach out to Fr. Trummer at mtrummer@dio.org (preferred) or call the parish office (217-877-4404).



We are looking for a weekly housekeeper for the rectory!

An eligible candidate would be available for about 4 hours a week to clean, vacuum, mop and dust the living areas.

Please contact the parish office at 217-877-4404 for more information.

Dear Parishioners,

Greetings to you and Happy Easter! I hope this finds each of you well!

I am writing to you today for two reasons. First off, today the Church celebrates the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. This is a chance for us to join our Catholic brothers and sisters the world over to pray for an increase in Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. In so doing, we publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest." While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries, consecrated life in all its forms, secular institutes, and to the missionary life. Please join me in praying especially for an increase in Vocations for our Diocese.

I also write to you to invite you to my Ordination to the Priesthood at 10:00am on Saturday, May 28, 2022, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield, IL. I will be Ordained with my classmate, Deacon Paul Lesupati. We would both be honored and overjoyed to have you join us. If you are unable to join us in person, the Ordination Mass will also be livestreamed at dio.org/live.

Thank you for the many ways in which you have provided support, encouragement, and, most importantly, prayers to me over my time in Seminary Formation. It is not an understatement to say that I could not have made it this far without each of you. Please continue to pray for my classmates and I and know of our prayers for you. In thanksgiving for His many gifts, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Dcn. Zach Samples





Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This May, our diocese will take up a collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Please prayerfully consider supporting the collection this year. Fifty percent of collected funds stay in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois and the other 50 percent support communications projects in the United States and around the world. Let me share with you some examples that show the impact of your generosity to the CCC.

The past couple of years, we have had several major announcements that were critical for the people of our diocese. This included information about how our parishes and schools would operate during the pandemic. There were also exciting announcements about The Evermode Institute coming to Springfield, the Norbertine Fathers from Orange California coming to staff The Evermode Institute and having all Confirmations and First Holy Communion at the Cathedral, among other positive announcements. We also hosted a diocesan wide listening session via livestream in March in response to Pope Francis' upcoming Synod on Synodality. Catholic Times put together a special edition dedicated solely to the sacrament of confession in hopes of encouraging people to go receive forgiveness from God, helping them face their fear, providing a step-by-step instruction, and printing confession times in our diocese.

Over the past year, our diocese has been able to build upon several popular media endeavors and create new video series that are helping people better connect with our faith. Things like Hey, Father!, 73 Questions, The Benuh; Series, and Dive Deep, the official podcast of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, continue to grow and we have received many comments from lay Catholics about them learning something new or helping them grow in their relationship with Christ. Videos were also created to help children and parents prepare for coming to the Cathedral for Confirmation and First Holy Communion. We are also livestreaming Masses from the Cathedral every Sunday and for each Confirmation Mass.

Followers on the diocesan social media channels continue to grow. Our channels have far more followers than most dioceses our size, and several that are two to three times as big as our diocese. That shows that the communications content our curia team is producing is engaging, inspirational, and educational, and people want to consume it because it is helping them. With your generosity, we can continue these popular initiatives and bring people closer to our faith or even back to our faith.

Parishioners can donate online at parishgiving.dio.org/secondcollections or use their second collection envelope. You can also mail your donation to your parish office. For more information about the collection and the projects it supports, visit www.usccb.org/ccc.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki



Inspiration of the Week

Do we hear and follow? Before we can welcome Jesus as the Good Shepherd, we have to hear his voice. God's voice breaks into the dialogue of our lives in myriad ways, but we have to be attentive and receptive in order to hear it. It comes through the beauty of creation, the warmth and energy of love, the gift of compassion both received and given, the sacred miracle of life, and the orderly and purposeful design of things and in the truth found in God's commandments. Once we see the wisdom behind the commandments and teachings God places before us and are attentive to listening for His direction, we can begin to take the necessary steps and follow Him. We are easily misled and there are many convincing "shepherds." Only one is Good. It is only the Good Shepherd who can lead us away from the evils that can hurt us and bring us to the good. We may not always like where God asks us to go, and it may not be the path others prefer to take. But we have to follow it because we trust that our kind Shepherd will keep us safe.

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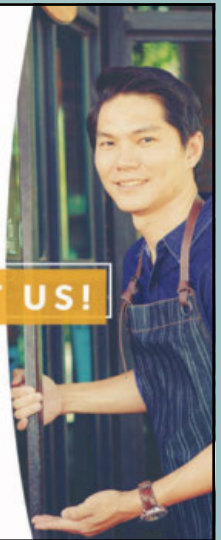


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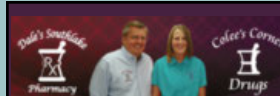
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