March 28, 2021-Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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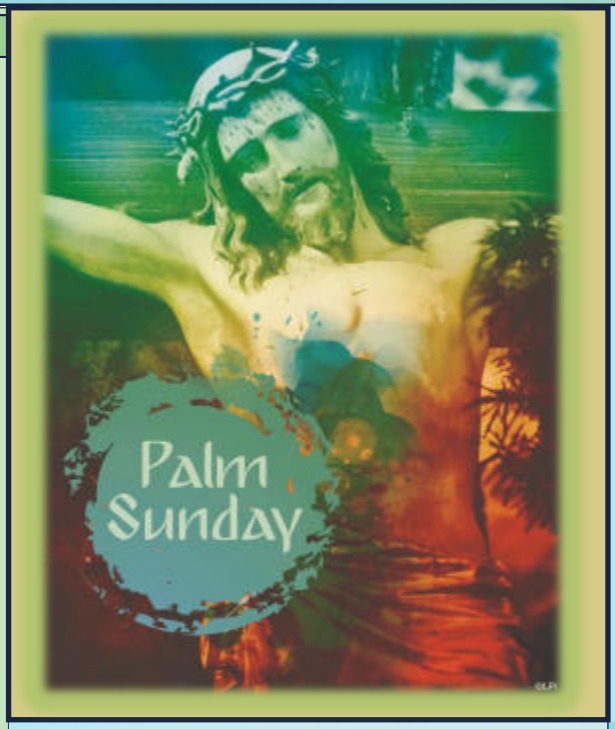

REGULAR MASS TIMES:

St. Michael
Tues. 5:00pm
Thurs. 8:00am
Sat. 5:30pm
Sun. 8:00am
& 6pm Mass in Spanish

St. Mary
Fri. 8:00am
Sat. 4:00pm
Sun. 9:30am

Holy Trinity
Wed. 5:00pm
Sun. 11:15am

Confession Schedule:

St. Mary:
Saturday
8:00am-9:00am
Or by appointment

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Readings for the week March 28, 2021

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39
Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: *Chrism Mass:* Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [2a]/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 [cf. 1 Cor 10:16]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 [Lk 23:46]/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42
Saturday: ***Vigil:*** Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 [42:2] or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3] or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mk 16:1-7
Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35 ©LPi

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER BARCH

Divine Mercy Novena

Do you have a special need or person you feel called to pray for?

Please read the following and prayerfully consider doing one or more days of the nine (9) day Novena of Divine Mercy.

The Novena only takes about 15 minutes each day. To do the Novena, you open each day with the Chaplet to the Divine Mercy and then say the prayer for the day's intention. You should begin it on Good Friday. It would conclude on Sunday the Feast of Divine Mercy. We will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Confessions beginning at 2:30pm to 3:00pm at St. Mary's in Galena. I will have posted the 9 Day Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet on our website for you. **The Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet can be found on our Parish Website: catholicgalena.com. Located on the Home Page, scroll down to Announcements, under Divine Mercy, click on Novena of Divine Mercy.**

Divine Mercy

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter, (commonly referred to as the 2nd Sunday of Easter).

Sister Faustina was a young, uneducated nun in a convent of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Cracow, Poland during the 1930's. Sister Faustina performed humble tasks at the convent, usually in the kitchen or garden.

However, she received extraordinary revelations or messages from our Lord Jesus. Jesus asked Sr. Faustina to record these experiences, which she compiled in notebooks. These notebooks are known today as the *Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska* and the words contained within are God's loving message of Divine Mercy. Saint, Pope John Paul II canonized Sr. Faustina on April 30, 2000, making her the first canonized saint in the new millennium.

The message of the Divine Mercy that Sr. Faustina received from the Lord was not only directed toward her personal growth in faith but also toward the good of the people. With the command of our to paint an image according to the pattern that Sr. Faustina had seen, came also a request to have this image venerated, first in the Sisters' chapel and then throughout the world. The same is true of the revelations of the "Chaplet" (Chaplet of Divine Mercy). The Lord requested that this Chaplet be said not only by Sr. Faustina, but by others: "Encourage souls to say the Chaplet that I have given you."

The same is true of the revelation of the Feast of Mercy. "The Feast of Mercy emerged from my very depths of tenderness. It is my desire that it solemnly be celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the fount of My Mercy."

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA: In the Diary of St. Faustina, Jesus asked that the Feast of Divine Mercy, known today as Divine Mercy Sunday, the first Sunday after Easter (commonly referred to as the 2nd Sunday of Easter), be preceded by a Novena to The Divine Mercy. A novena is nine days of prayer in preparation for a feast. I the case of the Novena to The Divine Mercy, we pray the chaplet of The Divine Mercy each day for a specific intention.

Our Lord told St. Faustina, "I desire that during these nine days you bring souls to the fountain of my mercy, that they may draw strength and refreshment and whatever grace they need in the hardships of life, especially at the hour of death (Diary, 1209)
Other references: Jesus reveals God as Merciful Father, The message of God's love and mercy is especially made known by the Gospels

Promise of graces (from St. Faustina's diary):
"I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of MY mercy. (1109)
Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. (300)
The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion will obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. (699)
In addition, our Lord says through St. Faustina that we are to perform acts of mercy: "Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be acts of mercy" (742)

Plenary Indulgences: (the *full remission of all temporal punishment (time spent in purgatory*) due to sin in one's entire lifetime up to that point. Plenary indulgences can also be requested of Our Lord for the deceased.
Only one plenary indulgence per day can be obtained. Several plenary indulgences may be gained on the basis of a single sacramental confession; only one may be gained, however, on the basis of a single Holy Communion and prayer for the pope's intentions.
1.) The person truly repudiate and be sorry for all sin, mortal and venial;
2.) Reception of Holy Communion on the day the indulgence is sought
3.) Sacrament of Penance "several" days (not specified how many) before or after the indulgence is sought:
4.) Prayer (which can be in the form of an Our Father and a Hail Mary) for the intentions of the pope on the day the indulgence is sought.

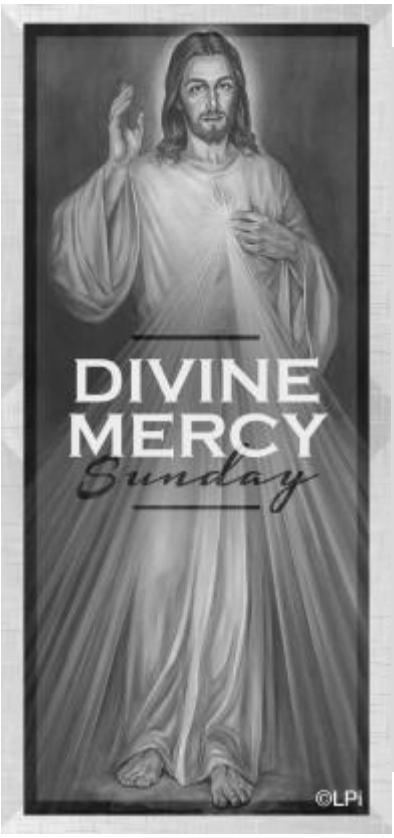
ST. MICHAEL NEWS

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 3/30 5:00pm
+Walter Petersen requested by Family
Thursday 4/1 6pm (Mass of the Lord's Supper)
+George Opatrny requested by the Gasparro Family
Sunday 4/4 8:00am (Easter Sunday)
+For the People of St. Michael, St. Mary & Holy Trinity Parishes
Sunday 4/4 6:00pm (Easter Mass in Spanish)
+The Poor Souls

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday 4/1 6pm St. Michael
Good Friday 4/2 Noon St. Mary
Good Friday 4/2 3pm Holy Trinity
Easter Vigil 4/3 8pm St. Mary
Easter Sunday 4/4 8am St. Michael
Easter Sunday 4/4 9:30am St. Mary
Easter Sunday 4/4 11:15 am Holy Trinity
Easter Sunday 4/4 6pm St. Michael (Spanish)



April 11th
St Mary Church
2:30pm to 3:00pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Confessions

(This is not a Mass)

The Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet can be found on our Parish Website: catholicgalena.com. Located on the Home Page, scroll down to Announcements, under Divine Mercy, click on Novena of Divine Mercy

ST. MARY NEWS

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Friday 4/2 Noon (Good Friday Service)
No Morning Mass~~Passion of the Lord Service
Saturday 4/3 8:00pm (Easter Vigil)
+Deceased Members of Court Isabella #572 requested by the Catholic Daughters
Sunday 4/4 9:30am (Easter Sunday)
+Kenneth Kennedy requested by Family

Attention Graduating Seniors:

Galena Knights of Columbus, Council 696 scholarships are available to students who practice the Catholic Faith. Applications are available with the Galena High School Guidance Counselor Applications are due by March 30th.

The Parish Office will be closed
Holy Thursday April 1st & Good Friday April 2nd

As we celebrate Palm Sunday, let us be open to the love from our spouse and God by participating in an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are on:

April 9th-11th in Brookfield WI
June 25th-27th in Geneva IL

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Prayers for Our Priests

Gracious and loving God, we thank your for the gift of our priests.
Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.

Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.

Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.

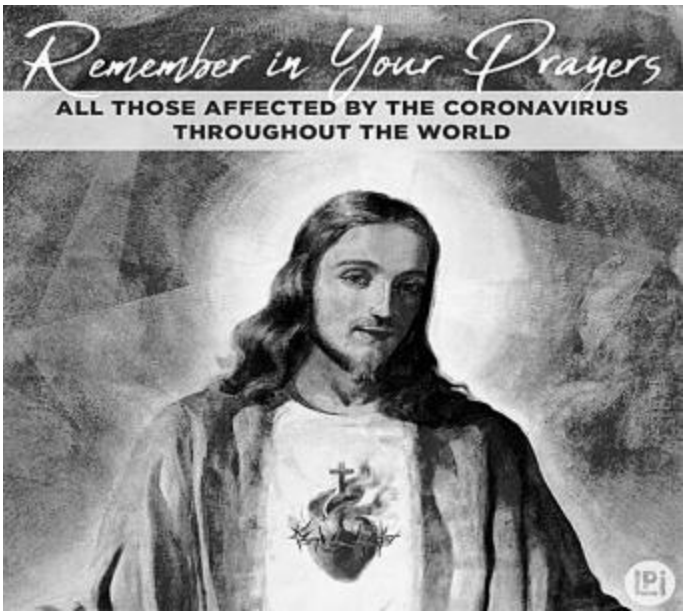
HOLY TRINITY NEWS

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Wednesday 3/31 5:00pm
+LaVonne Heitkamp requested by Family
Friday 4/2 3:00pm (Good Friday Service)
Passion of the Lord Service
Sunday 4/4 11:15am (Easter Sunday)
+Leo Werner requested by Terry & Virginia Holland

Please pray for:
Merla Carl, Bethany Diederich, Rose Oldenburg, Arlene Frank, Tim Simmons, Mike Simmons, Curtis Cook, Elaine White, Debbie Johnson O'Leary, Kate Redfearn, Gary Vondran, Sandy Scheckel, Mildred Allendorf, Emma Grace, Darlene Scharpf, & Jim Folks

If you want your living loved ones names in the bulletin requesting prayers, a family member **must call the parish office and authorize us** to have their names published in our weekly bulletin. Because of the privacy issues, we will not publish any names which are not authorized by the family either in the bulletin or in the intercessory prayers on Sundays and weekdays. This list will be updated every month unless the family wants us to leave their names for an indefinite period of time.



Prayer During A Health Crisis

Compassionate and Loving Father,
In the face of confusion and concern
impart to us the calm of your presence.
In You allow us to find hope and healing.
Be with those who serve the sick and give them
Your caring hands.
Be with those who lead and give them Your Spirit of wisdom.
Be with those who have fallen ill and give them Your comforting heart.
Wrap your arms around our world
and hold us in your love.
Allow us at this time of trial to then
serve as instruments of that love to all we meet.
We ask this in Your Name.
Amen.
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Finance Council Chairperson	Rick Weis	Bill Smith	Ron Doser
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Youth Ministry	Open	Open	Open
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Galena Catholic Daughters of America	Joan Pedersen		

ST. MICHAEL WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE WEEKEND OF MARCH 14, 2021

Adult Envelopes Received ……..	$2,263.00
On Line Giving……	$10.00
Offertory……	$45.00
Building Fund Envelopes Received ….	$17.00
Easter Envelopes Received……	$35.00
Easter Flower Envelope Received ……	$10.00
**Total …….. **	**$2,380.00**

Contributions reported include those mailed to the office & collected from Mass

International Appeal……	$665.00
Holy Land/Good Friday……	$3.00

ST. MARY WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE WEEKEND OF MARCH 14, 2021

Adult Envelopes Received …….	$2,078.50
On Line Giving……	$105.00
Offertory……	$142.00
Building Fund Envelopes Received ….	$166.00
Easter Envelopes Received …….	$250.00
**Total …… **	**$2,741.50**

Contributions reported include those mailed to the office & collected from Mass

International Appeal……	$675.00

HOLY TRINITY WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE WEEKEND OF MARCH 14, 2021

Adult Envelopes Received …….	$299.00
On Line Giving……	$175.00
Offertory……	$30.00
Building Fund Envelopes Received ….	$20.00
**Total …… **	**$524.00**

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March 28, 2021-Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Many struggle with Jesus. Some who consider themselves faithful hail him in their churches but still struggle to figure out what to do with him on our streets. The message is somehow more palatable when it echoes pious renderings and sentiments and involves singing hosannas during worship. It becomes a bit trickier when it gets to the part about changing the way we conduct the business of our lives, becoming more sensitive to the disadvantaged, poor, and marginalized, and living as servants of our Loving Creator. Ultimately, it is a struggle between wanting to be God ourselves and letting God be God as God is. That's why it's so easy to become hypocritical. We, like those who hailed Christ as he arrived in Jerusalem and sent Christ to the cross to die, also talk out of both sides of our mouths. We entertain what suits us at the time and walk away from the rest.

Many neglect God's beautiful creation because they prefer what humans have made instead. Progress isn't seen in preserving and enhancing what God has made but replacing it with something we believe is better and more useful. The earth, flowers, and animals are all expendable if they stand in the way of the "more" we want to achieve. We seek to remove as many obstacles and hurdles as possible in search of the easiest, quickest, and most efficient path we can find. We have created drugs and laws that preserve our free choice, even though it may mean setting aside God's vision and example. Why suffer when we can easily be put to rest? Why endure insult or injury when we can retaliate, eliminate or subdue? Why accept life when it is acceptable to choose otherwise? We want to be God and resist accepting the fact that our real Creator has already given us the blueprints for the life we need to live in the Beatitudes and in the example of his Passion. We don't like being stewards and managers and really want the power to do as we wish and desire. We want to create our own way.

Where has the true, effective Christian voice been through all of the wars and violence, prejudice and unjust conquests, abuse of human beings and attempted extinctions of nationalities, the establishments of procedures and protocols that serve only a few and not the many and all of the injustices and exploitations that are a part of our human history? A few courageous prophets have stood up and out throughout all of the comings and goings of our human journey with many receiving the same fate as the Crucified One we hail this week. Some still walk among us as shining stars showing us how it really can be. How would Jesus' journey have ended if he lived life as we do? Unless we encounter the good with the bad, the just with the unjust, the grace with the sin, the glory with the cross, the death with the life we most certainly risk rendering God obsolete. After all, haven't we already convinced ourselves that we can do better? ©LPi

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Invites you to join us in prayers and support for the priests and sisters of our diocese. To show our appreciation and gratitude for their dedicated lives of service, a prayer calendar assigns a special day to each priest or sister. The dates of each week will be in the bulletin.

March 28th-31st

3/28-Fr. Peter Wilkin
3/28-Fr. Daniel McCaffrey
3/28-Msgr. Andrew Burns
3/28-Diocesan Seminarians
3/29-Fr. Arthur Kreckel
3/29-Msgr. Leo Keenan
3/29-Society of Jesus
3/30-Aurora Deanery Priests
3/31-Fr. Harold Heineman
3/31-Fr. John Ryan
3/31-Fr. Thomas Considine
3/31-Priests & Religious who are ill

ST. MICHAEL, ST. MARY AND HOLY TRINITY PARISH CALENDAR

Watch for future updates for Events ~~
will be dependent on directions from the Diocese

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Our Website is still a work in progress, however you can sign up for Flocknote to receive emails and texts.

Our website address is: catholicgalena.com This will take you to the Home Page and right below our address and telephone number there is a link that says: **Signup for Flocknote**...Click on that link and it will take you to **Galena Parishes...sign up to get updates**. Fill in your First Name, Last Name, Email and Mobile Phone Number, then Click: Sign Me Up. That's it! You will start receiving emails and texts to keep you up to date on Church matters!

Intercessions for Life
March 28th-Palm Sunday

May all mothers facing difficult pregnancies be lovingly accompanied as they prepare to encounter Christ anew through the gift of their children; **We Pray to the Lord**

Sharing the Gospel with Children:

In today's Gospel, Jesus spent forty days in the desert. Jesus stayed close to God, and he followed God's directions every day of his life. When Satan came to test Jesus he was ready. Jesus passed every test beautifully. He said "No" to temptation. When you write spelling words over and over, it is easier to remember them. If you are learning a new language, it helps to make flash cards to practice with. Once you memorize all your words, taking the test is pretty easy. The more you read the Bible and do what God asks in his word, the easier it will be for you to pass Satan's tests, too.

Prayer

God, help me to stay close to you so that I am ready for my tests.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Jesus helping you remember Bible verses.

Mission for the Week

Memorize Proverbs 1:3, "You will learn what is right and honest and fair." Practice writing it and saying it every day, until you know this verse by heart.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS FOR ALL 3 PARISHES

Greetings:

The 2021 Lenten season is rapidly coming to its conclusion. Today we enter that wonderful liturgical period described as Holy Week! Holy Week truly encompasses a lot. **Hence, the better we understand the true significance behind the different days, the better we will be able to celebrate and share the true meaning with our family**. So, let us now spend a moment to breakdown and evaluate the meaning of these seven special days referred to as Holy Week.

What Happened During Holy Week: (a little cheat sheet)

+ **Palm Sunday:** Liturgical color, red. Jesus rides a donkey into Jerusalem, the people wave palm branches at him shouting "Hosanna".
+ **Holy Monday:** Liturgical color, purple. Jesus and his disciples go into the temple, and Jesus overturns the tables since people are selling things rather than praying there.
+ **Holy Tuesday:** Liturgical color, purple. Jesus and the disciples return to the temple and teach the people many things with parables and give the people the new commandment.
+ **Holy Wednesday (AKA Spy Wednesday):** Liturgical color, purple. Judas agrees to hand over Jesus for 30 pieces of silver.
+ **Holy Thursday (AKA Green Thursday):** Liturgical color, white. Jesus has the Last Supper, which is the institution of the Eucharist and the first mass. He also washes the feet of his disciples. Jesus asks his disciples to pray in the garden with him all night, and they fall asleep.
+ **Good Friday:** Liturgical color, black. Jesus dies on the cross. All the things from the stations of the cross happen this day.
+ **Holy Saturday:** Jesus is dead in the tomb. The evening of Holy Saturday is considered the "vigil", and Easter celebrating can begin then.
+ **Easter Sunday:** Liturgical color, white. **He Has Risen!**

We your parish family extend this warm invitation to both you and your family to come and help celebrate with us this- Holy Thursday, Good Friday and especially the Easter Masses as we all contemplate the ultimate sacrifice and then as we rejoice in the resurrection.

God Bless ~~Deacon Jay

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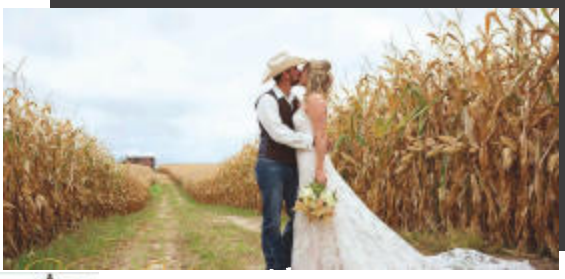
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