



# SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

AUGUST 15, 2021 | ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



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### WEEKEND MASS

Saturday | 7:00am, 4:30pm  
Sunday | 8:00am, 10:00am

### WEEK DAY MASS

Mon. - Fri. | 7:00am  
Mon. - Fri. | 8:00am

### CONFESSION

Tues., Thu., Sat. | 15 minutes before  
7:00am Mass  
Saturday | 3:45pm-4:20pm  
Other | By Appointment

### CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Mon.-Fri. | 8:00am-2:30pm  
Saturday | 8:00am-4:30pm  
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AUGUST 15, 2021 ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

# READINGS FOR AUGUST 15, 2021

## ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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### Reading I

Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab

God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant could be seen in the temple.

A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was with child and wailed aloud in pain as she labored to give birth. Then another sign appeared in the sky; it was a huge red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on its heads were seven diadems. Its tail swept away a third of the stars in the sky and hurled them down to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman about to give birth, to devour her child when she gave birth. She gave birth to a son, a male child, destined to rule all the nations with an iron rod. Her child was caught up to God and his throne. The woman herself fled into the desert where she had a place prepared by God. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have salvation and power come, and the Kingdom of our God and the authority of his Anointed One."

### Responsorial Psalm

45:10, 11, 12, 16

**R. (10bc) The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.**

The queen takes her place at your right hand in gold of Ophir.

**R. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.**

Hear, O daughter, and see; turn your ear, forget your people and your father's house.

**R. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.**

So shall the king desire your beauty; for he is your lord.

**R. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.**

They are borne in with gladness and joy; they enter the palace of the king.

**R. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.**

### Reading II

1 Cor 15:20-27

Brothers and sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the firstfruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the Kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death, for "he subjected everything under his feet."

### Gospel

Lk 1:39-56

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

And Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, and has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever.

Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.



**Sunday, August 15**

8:00am Joseph Grana  
10:00am People of the Parish

**Monday, August 16**

7:00am Kimling Family  
8:00am Joanne McCarron, SI

**Tuesday, August 17**

7:00am Jost Family  
8:00am Yvonne Marchbanks

**Wednesday, August 18**

7:00am Bryan Kreitler  
8:00am Barbara Edwards

**Thursday, August 19**

7:00am Francis Wubbels  
8:00am Beth Yarrington

**Friday, August 20**

7:00am David Fitzgerald  
8:00AM Judith Rodewald

**Saturday, August 21**

7:00am Bryan Kreitler  
4:30pm Vickie (Burgess) Stone  
Class of '69

**Sunday, August 22**

8:00am People of the Parish  
10:00am Tommy Bick

*“And Mary said, ‘My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior.’” Luke 1: 46*

After Jesus, we look to Mary as our model of stewardship. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God’s will. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we too are called to reflect Christ to the world. We do this by living grateful and generous lives. We do this by putting others’ needs before our wants.

**Your Contributions to God and Parish**

August 8, 2021 (Envelopes Used)	This Week	Year-to-Date
<b>Regular Env. (55)</b>	\$ 4,543.00	\$ 28,227.00
<b>Loose Money</b>	\$ 188.00	\$ 4,086.00
<b>School Support</b>	\$ 80.00	\$ 891.00
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$ 101.00	\$ 2,399.00
<b>Holy Days</b>	\$ 70.00	\$ 146.00
<b>Online Giving (80)</b>	\$ 4,354.00	\$ 16,408.00
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	\$ 125.00	
<b>ProLife</b>	(\$ 170.00)	
<b>Black &amp; Indian</b>	(\$ 2.00)	
<b>Missions</b>		
<b>Tithing</b>	(\$ 20.00)	
 <b>Grand Total</b>	 \$ 9,653.00	
<b>Total for Parish</b>	\$ 9,460.00	\$ 53,197.00
<b>Amount Needed</b>	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 54,000.00
<b>Difference</b>	<u>\$ 460.00</u>	<u>(\$ 803.00)</u>
 <b>FYE 2021</b>		 (\$ 15,462.00)

**From St. Vincent de Paul Society**

In today’s Gospel, even the child in Elizabeth’s womb leaps with joy at the approach of Mary, the “lowly servant,” who, by accepting God’s plan for her, became blessed for all generations. With love for your neighbors who have nothing, look around your house to see what furniture, household items, and clothing you no longer use...and give them to the Society. You may drop items off at any of the Thrift Stores or call for a furniture pickup.

## FR. JOHN'S DIGITAL QUILL FOR SPIRITUAL MUSINGS AND PARISH NEWS

### Missionary Co-Op Appeal and Collection

Next weekend, Fr. John Hanson from the Society of Our Mother of Peace will be visiting our parish. He is part of the Missionary Co-Op appeal program that is run in all parishes throughout the summer months. He will be speaking to us on his order's particular mission and asking for spiritual and financial support for its work. Here is a letter of introduction from him:

Our Community, The Society of Our Mother of Peace, was founded in 1966 by Fr. Placid Guste, SMP. Our mission is to be free for God. This focus is lived out in the context of substantial time for prayer devoted to being alone with God plus communal prayer. This prayer life bears the fruit of reaching out invitingly to others to be drawn into and/or to deepen their relationship with Christ and His Holy Catholic Church through door-to-door evangelization, a private retreat program, a Lay Associate Program, spiritual direction, and conferences on the spiritual life.

We have two foundations in Missouri (one near St. Louis and the other in Springfield), one foundation in the Philippines and two in Nigeria. With no set income, we live by donation (God's Providence). Since we live a simple life, financial assistance for our missions abroad is so greatly appreciated. God bless you for your kind consideration of our need!

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. John Hansen, SMP

Major Superior of the Sons of Our Mother of Peace

There will be envelopes at the doors of the church this weekend that you can use for this collection or you can use your own envelope, marking your contribution "missionary co-op."

### Pre-K Lane Update

Since I arrived at St. Raphael, one project that we have been slowly making progress on is installing on Jamieson a pull-off lane for our Pre-K. If you have ever driven by there in the morning, with cars passing by, then you are familiar with parents trying to get their children out of their cars and into the school building. It is a quite dangerous experience.

Thanks to many dedicated individuals over these last years, the dream of a pull-off lane is becoming a reality. This lane will allow our Pre-K parents to pull slightly off of Jamieson, with a divider between them and Jamieson, in order to safely get their children out and into the building, and safely return to their cars to go about their day.

This project will take a couple of weeks or so to complete, so we will provide to Pre-K families an alternate procedure for the times they would normally use Jamieson for drop-off and pick-up.

Although we received a grant from the Archdiocese to fund this project, we will end up only using part of these funds. Our alderman Tom Oldenburg has taken great interest in the project and generously agreed to use part of his allotted funds to pay for the project. We thank Mr. Oldenburg for his generosity in helping us create a safer school experience for our families.

### Parish Picnic

We are only two weeks away from our parish picnic! Please continue to send in your raffle tickets and sign up via the Signup Genius to help work at the picnic. We are so humbled by the many generous families and businesses that have stepped up to sponsor our event. Thank you so much!

I will see you online or in church! - Fr. John  
#SRAstrong

## Weekly Devotion

O Raphael, lead us toward those we are waiting for, those who are waiting for us. Raphael, Angel of Happy Meetings, lead us by the hand toward those we are looking for. May all our movements be guided by your light and transfigured with your joy. Angel, guide of Tobiah, lay the request we now address to you at the feet of Him on whose unveiled face you are privileged to gaze. Lonely and tired, crushed by the separations and sorrows of life, we feel the need of calling you and of pleading for the protection of your wings, so that we may not be as strangers in the province of joy, all ignorant of the concerns of our country. Remember the weak, you who are strong, you whose home lies beyond the region of thunder, in a land that is always peaceful, always serene and bright with the resplendent glory of God.

## Encounter with Christ

Have you been wanting to go deeper into your relationship with Christ? Are you looking for a small faith community to help you grow in your love for Christ and the Church? Come and learn about the Regnum Christi model of a weekly "Encounter with Christ" for women at an informational meeting on Sunday, August 29, at 4:00pm in the parish office basement. If you have questions or want more information, please email Elena Switzer at [edsgrd@yahoo.com](mailto:edsgrd@yahoo.com).



**RESPECT LIFE  
APOSTOLATE**

### FRIENDS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN

It's time again for the **Friends for Life** Campaign, extending from August 1 to August 15. Gifts to **Friends for Life** support families dealing with crisis pregnancies and the programs of the Respect Life Apostolate, including its Post-Abortion Healing Ministry. The work of the Respect Life Apostolate is

so important to changing the attitudes of our throw-away society by building the Culture of Life. You will find your **Friends for Life** envelope in the SRA August packet of envelopes. Please place your donation in the collection basket at church or drop it off at the parish office. Thank you for your generosity to the ProLife movement!

The SRA ProLife Committee

# ALTAR SERVERS

## SERVERS FOR AUGUST 22 - 29, 2021

### Sunday, August 22

8:00am	Brendan Cierpiot Lucas Feldman	Charlie Dirnbeck
10:00am	Linus Cyr Lydia Eddingfield	Claire Fuhr

### Monday, August 23

7:00am	No Servers Required	
8:00am	Ethan Bradshaw	Cillian Sheehan

### Tuesday, August 24

7:00am	David Hiatt	Kallista Hiatt
8:00am	Steven Irons	Brandon Young

### Wednesday, August 25

7:00am	No Servers Required	
8:00am	Ryan Schneider	Jack Delf

### Thursday, August 26

7:00am	Charlie Dirnbeck	Matthew Franz
8:00am	Brendan Cierpiot	Lucas Feldman

### Friday, August 27

7:00am	No Servers Required	
8:00am	Anna-Grace Guenther	Linus Cyr

### Saturday, August 28

7:00am	Lydia Eddingfield	Linus Cyr
4:30pm	Anna-Grace Guenther Cillian Sheehan	Steven Irons

### Sunday, August 29

8:00am	Nahima Ramirez Brandon Young	Dalila Ramirez
10:00am	Ethan Bradshaw Jude Potts	Lucas Feldman

# DAILY READINGS

Sunday	<i>Vigil:</i> 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 <i>Day:</i> Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Monday	Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44 [4a]/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday	Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday	Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday	Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mt 22:1-14
Friday	Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday	Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [4]/Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday	Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

## LECTORS FOR THE WEEKEND OF

**AUGUST 21-22**

### LECTORS

<b>4:30pm</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>Matt Fuhr</b>	<b>Judy Hoff</b>	<b>Linda Hiette</b>

## SRA SVdP Food and Household Items Needs

Greetings to all - what a joy to see so many parishioners back celebrating Mass in person. Throughout the last 16 months, our SVdP Conference has been especially busy assisting our neighbors with rent, utility, medical, and food expenses. Throughout our region, the need for food and basic household items has grown substantially. As our Mass attendance grows, we want to remind everyone that we continue to accept donations - which can be dropped into the bins at church. All items collected are delivered to neighboring food pantries, to whom we refer our neighbors when they have needs.

During the academic year, our school children hold a monthly food drive in unison with the parish so our donations are more abundant. Needless to say, we miss their contributions during the summer months. Please consider donating during this time. We, and our local food pantries, could especially use the following items:

- Protein-rich foods such as:
  - Peanut Butter
  - Tuna
  - Canned Meat
  - Beans
- Coffee
- Pasta
- Cereal
- Paper Items
  - Toilet Paper
  - Paper Towels
  - Diapers
- Personal-care Items, including
  - Shampoo and Conditioner
  - Laundry Detergent
  - Dish Soap
  - Bar Soap

We ask for your continued prayers for our neighbors in need and again want to express our gratitude for always answering the call.

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August 27 & 28

High School and College Aged Parishioners are needed as Ambassadors – Add your name to Sign-Up Genius. Great time to see old friends, help SRA, and get service hours.

Volunteers Needed – All Shifts! Link to Sign-Up Genius  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050849ADA82CA20-parish>



In 2015, Pope Francis released *Laudato Si*, a letter to the worldwide Catholic Church and all people of good will on the importance of caring for our planet: "our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us."

This fall, join Fr. John and fellow parishioners in reading and reflecting on the words our Holy Father offers us in this document. Each Tuesday, beginning on September 14, at 7:00pm, we will gather to discuss one chapter from this document for one hour. Our study will conclude on October 19.

The parish will provide a copy of the Encyclical to all who would like to participate. Also, if you cannot make all of the sessions, you are welcome to participate in the study.

**We are asking that you contact the parish office if you would like to participate at 314.352.8100 or [parish@straphaelarchangel.org](mailto:parish@straphaelarchangel.org) by September 7.** Please respond if you are planning to participate so that we have enough copies of the Holy Father's document for everyone to participate fully in the conversation.

When man set foot on the moon, he said a phrase that became famous: "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." In essence, humanity had reached a historical goal. But today, on Mary's Assumption into Heaven, we celebrate an infinitely greater conquest. The Madonna has set foot in paradise: she went there not only in spirit, but with her body as well, with all of herself. This step of the lowly Virgin of Nazareth was the huge leap forward for humanity. Going to the moon serves us little if we do not live as brothers and sisters on Earth. But that one of us dwells in the flesh in Heaven gives us hope: we understand that we are precious, destined to rise again. God does not allow our bodies to vanish into nothing. With God, nothing is lost! In Mary, the goal has been reached and we have before our eyes the reasons why we journey: not to gain the things here below, which vanish, but to achieve the homeland above, which is forever. And Our Lady is the star that guides us. She went there first. She, as the Council teaches, shines "as a sign of sure hope and solace to the People of God during its sojourn on earth." (*Lumen gentium*, 68)

What does our Mother advise us? Today in the Gospel the first thing she says is: "My soul magnifies the Lord." (*Lk 1:46*) Accustomed to hearing these words, perhaps we no longer pay attention to their meaning. To "magnify" literally means "to make great," to enlarge. Mary "aggrandizes the Lord": not problems, which she did not lack at the time, but the Lord. How often, instead, we let ourselves be overwhelmed by difficulties and absorbed by fears! Our Lady does not, because she puts *God as the first greatness of life*. From here the *Magnificat* springs forth, from here joy is born: not from the absence of problems, which come sooner or later, but joy is born from the presence of God who helps us, who is near us. Because God is great. And, above all, God looks on the lowly ones. We are His weakness of love: God looks on and loves the lowly.

Mary, in fact, acknowledges that she is small and exalts the "great things" (v. 49) the Lord has done for her. What are they? First and foremost, the unexpected gift of life: Mary is a virgin yet she becomes pregnant; and Elizabeth, too, who was elderly, is expecting a child. The Lord works wonders with those who are lowly, with those who do not believe that they are great but who give ample space to God in their lives. He enlarges His mercy to those who trust in Him, and raises up the humble. Mary praises God for this.

And we - we might ask ourselves - do we remember to praise God? Do we thank Him for the great things He does for us? For every day that He gives us, because He always loves us and forgives us, for His tenderness? In addition, for having given us His Mother, for the brothers and sisters He puts on our path, and because He opened Heaven to us? Do we thank God, praise God for these things? If we forget the good, our hearts shrink. But if, like Mary, we remember the great things that the Lord does, if at least once a day we were to "magnify" Him, then we would take a great step forward. One time during the day to say: "I praise the Lord," to say, "Blessed be the Lord," which is a short prayer of praise. This is praising God. With this short prayer, our hearts will expand, joy will increase. Let us ask Our Lady, the Gate of Heaven, for the grace to begin each day by raising our eyes to Heaven, toward God, to say to Him: "Thank you!" as the lowly ones say to the great ones. "Thank you."

We would like to welcome the following new members to our church. We hope that you know that we are here for you. There are several committees and clubs that you might like to join where you can meet other parishioners. As a faith community, we like to help others in our area and those less fortunate than we are. We hope you will consider joining us in future activities at our church. Please join us at Mass either online or in person at church. Again, welcome to St. Raphael the Archangel Parish; we are happy to have you join us.

Patrick and Hanna Whyte  
Amy Aboussie

## What is the RCIA Anyway?



RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a process the Catholic Church has developed for people who are interested in finding out about the Church and might want to become Catholic. Think of it as being similar to purchasing a home. You research homes, prices, neighborhoods, etc., when house hunting and only make a decision to purchase a house after spending a lot of time in preparation and consultation with others. That is what RCIA offers - explanations of what and why Catholics believe and do what we do.

If you interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church or know someone (a relative, friend, or neighbor) who might be, please join us this fall - there are “no strings attached.” We meet at the parish office on Wednesday evenings and will have our “get acquainted” meeting on Wednesday, September 29. For more detailed information, please call Fr. John at the parish office at 314.352.8100 or Dennis Matreci at 314.681.3002.

## ABORTION HEALING MINISTRY



Recently, the Respect Life Apostolate launched its **Abortion Healing Ministry**, an effort to assist men, women, couples, and families wounded by abortion. The ministry uses an integrated approach to healing, combining both psychological and spiritual resources. The **AHM's** network of specially-trained caregivers, including clergy, lay staff, mental health professionals, and spiritual directors, work as a team to provide care to those touched by abortion loss. This program enables the suffering to grieve, to develop a personal relationship with Christ, and to be united with the Church through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

If you are in need, please contact the website: [archstl.org/hope-healing](http://archstl.org/hope-healing). If you feel a deep, personal loss due to an abortion, please reach out to the **Abortion Healing Ministry**.

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### South City Deanery PSR Registration

South City Deanery PSR provides formal Catholic religious education (Grade 1 to Confirmation prep) for the children in parishes of the South City Deanery. Sessions are on Monday evenings, September through May, from 6:20-7:40pm. Our program continues and supplements the religious formation from parents, who are the first teachers of their children in the ways of the faith. We assist families in the areas of knowledge of the faith, beliefs and Christian life skills and religious practices, and strengthening the growing relationship with Jesus and his Church. Registration for 2021-2022 South City Deanery PSR year will be held on:

August 15 (Sunday) from 11:00am to 1:00 pm in the Cafeteria at St. John the Baptist Parish

August 23 (Monday) from 6:00 – 8:00pm in the St. John the Baptist Parish Center

First Reconciliation and First Communion are usually done as part of the 2nd grade curriculum. We also have preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion for students grades 3-8 **Students must be in the PSR program for two years in order to receive First Reconciliation and First Communion.** Confirmation is usually done in the 8th grade and above. **Students must be in the PSR program for two years (Pre-Confirmation and Confirmation classes) before being confirmed.** For more information on the program or registration, contact Deacon George Watson at [stl.scdpsr@gmail.com](mailto:stl.scdpsr@gmail.com) or 314.773.3070.

### Our Parish Mission Statement

We, the parish of Saint Raphael the Archangel, celebrate Jesus as the center of our life. Through our active participation in the Eucharist, we strive to recognize Jesus in our daily lives and the lives of others. Our commitment is to grow as a parish family, and live this through our religious, educational, social, and civic involvements, witnessing to all, our faith in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

### Prayer Network

Our prayer network continues its quiet work of praying for our parishioners who are ill, recovering from illness, and for special intentions as well. We also invite you to remember these petitions daily in your prayers. If you are interested in having an intention added to the prayer chain or to receive the list of intentions, please contact the parish office.

### A Prayer Before Holy Mass

Heavenly Father: I, your unworthy servant, come to worship You in this Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. By Your grace, kindly help me to listen attentively, pray devoutly, and receive worthily the Sacred Body and Blood of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. May Your Holy Spirit open the eyes of my heart to perceive more fully the great Mystery that takes place on the sacred altar. At this Holy Mass, I wish to pray in particular for the following intentions: *(here name them)*. Amen.

### Welcome to the St. Raphael Parish Family!

If you are new to our community, we extend to you a heartfelt welcome. Please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office. You can also call us at 314.352.8100.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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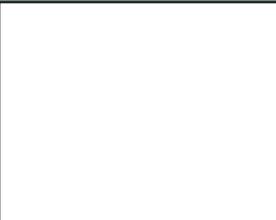
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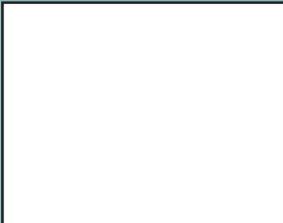


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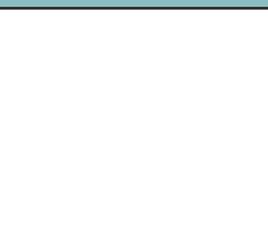


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