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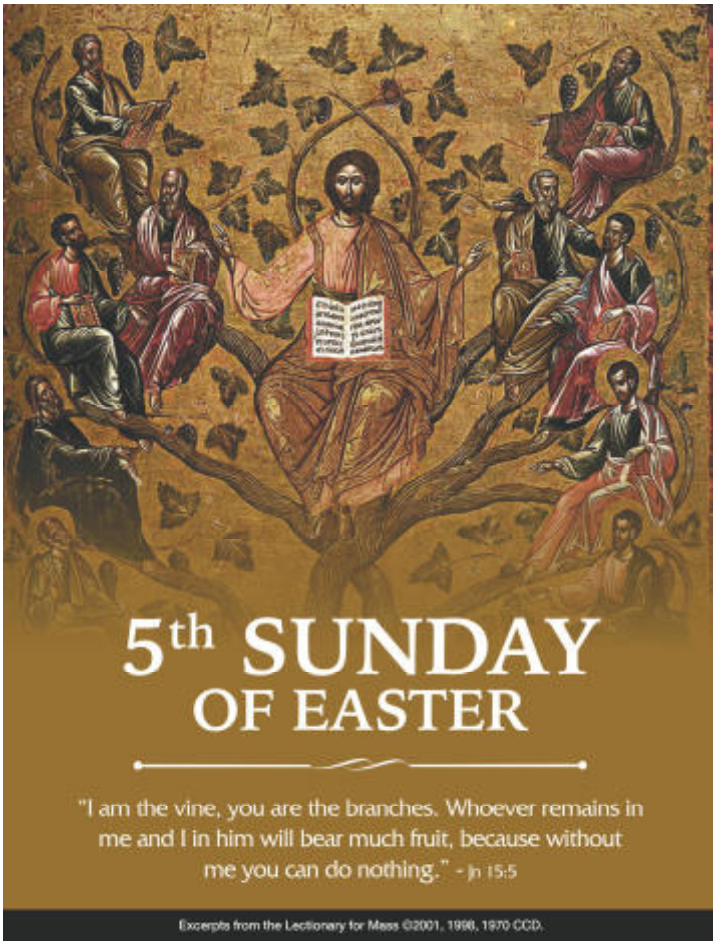

ST. WILLIAM AND ST. LAWRENCE PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

"We come together as members of St. William and St. Lawrence Parishes. Two parishes, with separate identities working together to grow in grace and love as disciples of Christ through the sacramental life of the Church, and to form new disciples by proclaiming the Gospel to all through word and service."

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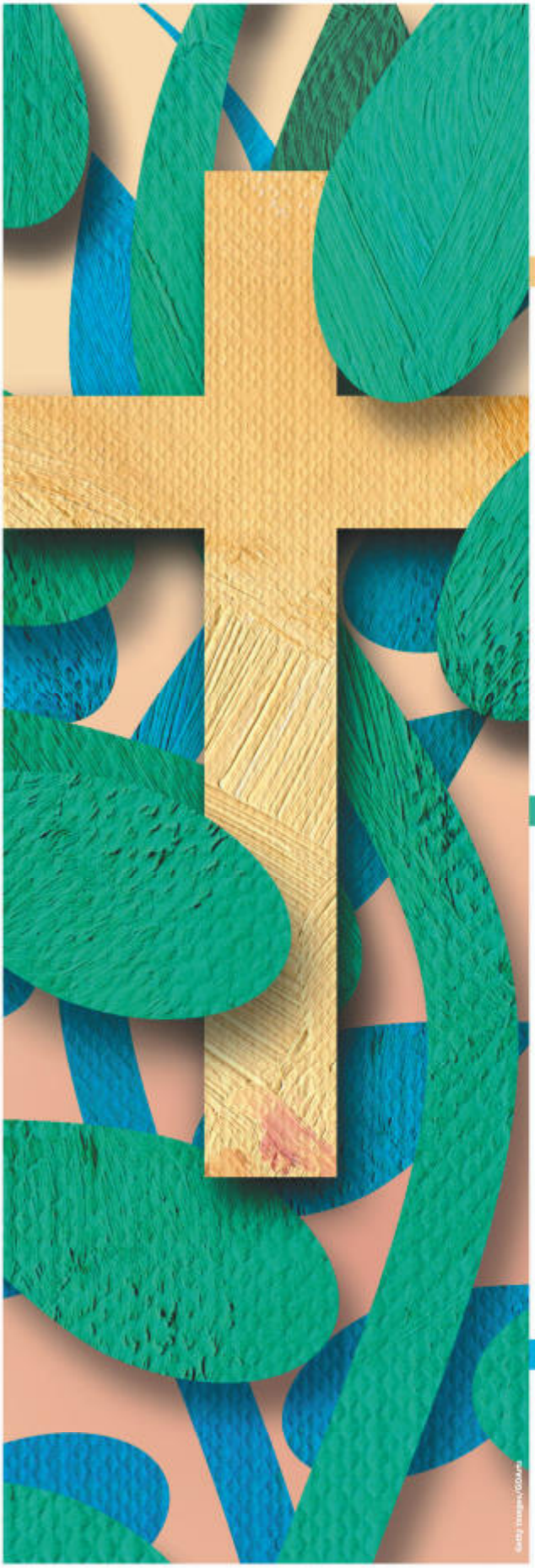

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THE
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DISCIPLE

May 2, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31 | 1 Jn 3:18-24 | Jn 15:1-8

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Today's readings are at once challenging and reassuring. Challenging, because we are to remain in Christ, by "[keeping] his commandments and [doing] what pleases him"; and reassuring, because we know that the Holy Spirit is with us and we can "have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask." As Jesus says to us, "I am the vine, you are the branches ... without me you can do nothing." Through the Eucharist, the sacraments of the Church, Sacred Scripture, and in belonging to a faith community, God gives us many ways to grow closer to Jesus, and to direct our life toward him. In the pruning of sinful habits from our lives and building us up, through grace, to walk in the fear of the Lord, God transforms our hearts so that we remain in him, and he in us. And with the help of the Holy Spirit, we are enabled to speak out boldly in the name of the Lord.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Just as the new life and growth of springtime is already very visible in many parts of the United States, today's first reading describes a kind of springtime in the Church. Even as Saul faced multiple death threats, he continued to boldly proclaim the Good News. "The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers." Today, many Christians around the world face persecution for their beliefs or live in cities or countries where violence, poverty, or hunger threaten their lives. We, too, face challenges and hardships. Life is not easy! Let us find "consolation" in the Holy Spirit and build up the Church and one another through prayer, generosity, and friendship.

PRAY Consider spending an hour with Jesus in Eucharistic adoration. Find a small way to build up the Church beyond your family and parish by praying for Christians in other parts of the world.

Matthew 9 Mission
Office of Vocations
DIOCESE OF OWENSBORO

These are the people that signed up for the Matthew 9 Mission, for the days of 26-2 of every month. They will pray the rosary for vocations to the priesthood. If you would like to sign-up, call the office.

SAINT WILLIAM CHURCH

26 Heather Clark
27 Randall & Arlene Cecil; Ann Cecil
28 Brook & Jared Mattingly
29 Fr. Augusty Valomchalil
30 Joey & Tara Moore
1 Dianne Ballard
2 Alicia & Steve Kurz Family

SAINT LAWRENCE CHURCH

26 Sarah Boarman
27 Kenny & Debbie Lanham
28 Wilma Knott
29 Amy & Travis Higdon Family
30 Doris William
1
2 Laura Rhodes

MASS INTENTIONS

Tue.	8:00 a.m. SW	Gene & Margaret Higdon (dec)
Wed.	8:00 a.m. SW	Gabe Payne (dec)
Thurs.	8:00 a.m. SW	Jake & Frances Payne (dec)
Thurs.	6:00 p.m. SL	Catherine Mudd (dec)
Fri.	8:00 a.m. SW	Darrell Cecil (dec)
Sat.	8:00 a.m. SL	Delphine Payne (dec)
Sat.	4:00 p.m. SW	Sam & Mary Frances Fulkerson
Sun.	6:30 a.m. SW	Parishioners
Sun.	8:00 a.m. SL	Lois Willoughby (dec)
Sun.	10:00 a.m. SW	Marie Merimee (dec)

The Sunday noon Mass and Monday morning Mass will no longer be offered.

Chad Roberts, Tootsie Fulkerson, Edith Johnson, Cindy Payne, Ronnie Goetz, Joe Fitzgerald, Marti Rhinerson, Junior Hurm, Shelia Sanders, Dwayne Mattingly, David Montgomery, Allie Rickard, Ashley Whitaker, Cary Mattingly, Starla Warren, Terry Stone, Francine Wright, Donna Barnett, Cecilia Recker, Sherri Murphy, Keilen Aud, Stevie Rhodes, Alex Payne, Whitney Burden, Eddie Burden, Jim Hazel, Nancy Meisenhelder, Jimmy Haynes, Jerome Hamilton, Kent Recker, Paige Morton, Margie Duncan, Warren Lanham, Janet Cecil, Kenneth Huskisson, Bill McBrayer, Charles Aud

STEWARDSHIP

"Our return to the Lord": In thanksgiving for the blessings we have received from God, last weekend we chose to return a portion to the Lord"

With the restriction due to the Coronavirus there will be baskets to drop tithing envelopes in after Masses. You may still leave envelopes in the door at the church office or mail them.

April 25, 2021	**St. William envelopes**	**St. Lawrence envelopes**
Regular Collections	$ 8,221.00	$ 1,525.00
Loose	$ 25.50	
Children's		
Total	**$ 8,246.50**	**$ 1,525.00**
Weekly Budget	$ 9,600.00	$ 2,800.00
Collections Year to Date**	$ 350,116.41	$ 107,543.82
Budget Year to Date**	$ 412,800.00	$ 117,600.00
Over (Under) YTD**	**$ (62,683.59)**	**$ (10,056.18)**
Home Missions	$ 165.00	$ 5.00

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SACRAMENTS

CONFESSION: St. Lawrence Saturdays 7-7:30 am. **Gym** Saturdays 3-3:30 pm.

BAPTISM: Parents requesting Baptism for an infant or child under age 7, contact Kara Bekebrede, at the parish office. Baptismal preparation is required and is held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month **by appointment only**.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Anyone having surgery or wishing to receive the Sacrament is asked to call the Parish Office.

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS: Any home-bound parishioner wishing to receive Communion or a pastoral visit is asked to call the Parish Office. Please notify the Parish Office upon admission of a family member into nursing homes or hospital.

HOLY MATRIMONY: At least one party must be a registered member of this parish. Do not set a wedding date before meeting with the Pastor. Please call for an appointment with Fr. Augusty at least six months before scheduling the wedding. The bride and groom must be free to marry in the Catholic Church before a date can be selected.

Welcome to our newest member!

Abram Bryant Payne

son of Aaron & Erica Payne

PRAYER CHAIN

We are starting a prayer chain for our community. If you would like to be involved, please contact the office at 270-281-4802 or Janice Millay at 270-281-5915 or wildcat0@aol.com.

NEED PRAYERS?

We will get your request to the chain! Call Janice or the office!

Mary Carrico Catholic School's

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St. Lawrence Picnic Grounds

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NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

In conjunction with the Owensboro National Day of Prayer on May 6, 2021, Sts. Joseph & Paul will host a gathering at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM. This prayer time will include music, scripture from the deuterocanonical books, and the Rosary. Those who are interested will have time to transition to the Daviess County Courthouse lawn for participation in the greater community activities. You will go to the base of the flagpole to pick up your assigned scripture verses prior to 11:30. From 11:30-11:50, assigned readings will be read simultaneously so that in 20 minutes, the entire Bible is covered. A prayer and worship service will then be held from 11:50-1:00 for those who desire to stay.

BRING YOUR BIBLES AND LAWN CHAIRS FOR BOTH EVENTS.

Sts. Timothy & Mavra and Marriage

This week we celebrate the feast of Sts. Timothy and Mavra, a couple whose example of Christian marriage should inspire us today. Mavra was also known as Maura or Martha. Timothy and Mavra were born in Egypt in the late 200s . They lived under the Roman Emperor, Diocletian, who was known for his persecution of Christians. However, living in a small village in Egypt, Timothy and Mavra had no connection to Diocletian in Rome except through their pagan governor, Arianos. Timothy and Mavra were devout Christians in their young adulthood. Mavra came from a very pious Christian family, and Timothy was a lector or reader at Mass. He was known for his knowledge and love of Sacred Scripture. Every day after work, villagers would gather around Timothy to listen to him read the scriptures to them. The young couple was married, and hoped to live a happy life. However, after 20 days of marriage, Timothy was called to trial for teaching the Christian faith. Arianos ordered him to hand over his sacred books to be destroyed. Timothy refused saying, "how can I give over my spiritual children, the sacred books, into your polluted hands?" Arianos grew enraged and Timothy was pierced through the ears with an iron rod. It was so painful that his pupils leapt out of his eyes, meaning they dilated with no control. He was then hung by his feet and his mouth was stuffed with wood. Mavra was tortured as well after refusing to convince her husband to deny Christ. Instead she encouraged him. Her hair was pulled out, her fingers were cut off, and she was put in a cauldron of boiling water, which didn't affect her. All the while, both prayed for their torturers and had visions of angels comforting them. They were then crucified, and kissed their crosses, following the example of Christ. The newlyweds were nailed to their crosses facing each other and lingered for nine days, comforting each other in their martyrdom. As they died, they saw angels pointing to thrones in heaven next to Jesus that were awaiting them. This holy couple spent almost a third of their marriage dying together for Christ. Miraculously, sometime after their death, the cruel Arianos himself repented, became a Christian, and was martyred for Christ. His feast day is December 14. As most of us are called to the married vocation, we have much to learn from Timothy and Mavra. The purpose of a vocation is to lead us to heaven. Therefore, a married couple should always be leading each other closer to Christ and heaven. Timothy and Mavra were so recently married, yet they succeeded. While it is ideal that both husband and wife lead each other, sometimes one leads more than the other. Many wives have become saints through leading their pagan husbands to sanctity, and vice versa. Marriage is always meant to be centered on Christ, with your spiritual lives being the top priority in your marriage. How can we live this more in our marriages? It can be as simple as praying together more often, going to Mass together more often, or asking your spouse how his/her relationship with God is. Marriage is also meant to be fruitful. Physically and spiritually. While Timothy and Mavra didn't have time to be physically fruitful, their marriage did bear spiritual fruit at least through the conversion of Arianos, and probably other witnesses of their martyrdom. It can be tempting to only keep our eyes on the physical world in a marriage, but let us always remember, and remind each other, that ultimately success is only measured in heaven or hell. Sts. Timothy and Mavra, pray for us!

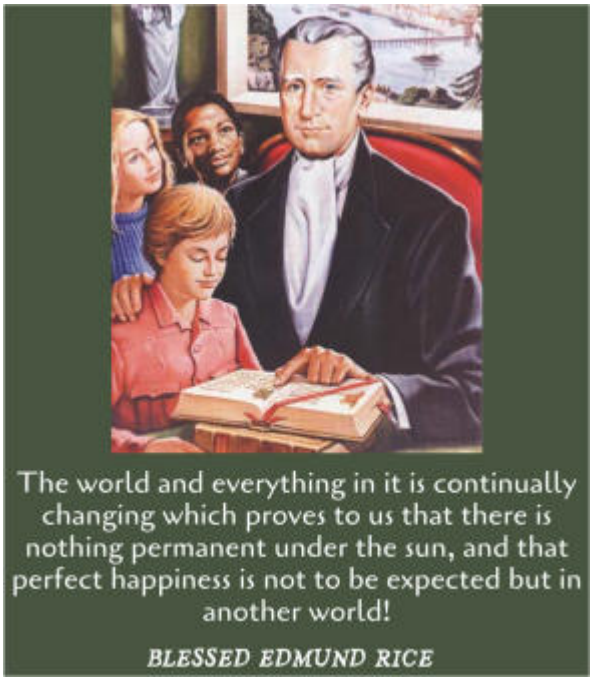
HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!

May 3 –9

May 3	Joey & Tara Moore	19 years
May 5	Benny & Karen Morris	42 years
May 8	Thomas & Stacy Hamilton	17 years

There is no greater force against evil in the world than the love of a man and woman in marriage. After the Holy Eucharist, it has a power beyond anything that we can imagine.

May 3, 2021
FEAST OF PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES
Today's readings: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 14:6-14
Don't think less of others
Poor James the Lesser. The other apostle named James—the Greater—got the better nickname. We don't even know anything about James the Lesser, other than his name and that Jesus picked him to be one of the 12—but that alone speaks volumes about this James. We've all experienced what it feels like to have labels attached to us that make us feel less in the eyes of others, if we even feel seen or known at all. But God looks past those labels to the truth of our identity. That's where you'll find your value and dignity, even if others don't seem to. Remember that, like James, you are God's chosen.
"Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?"
May 4, 2021
EASTER WEEKDAY
Today's readings: Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a
May their force be with us
Today is Teacher Appreciation Day, recognizing teachers as a force for good—especially in this pandemic year. Through John Baptist de La Salle, patron saint of all teachers, we might say the best educators naturally follow a "Lasallian" philosophy of education. "The Lasallian tradition emphasizes the fact that all people, especially the young, have an inherent dignity which comes from their being created in the image of God," explains St. Mary's College of Winona. "Education is a means of developing this dignity for the well-being of each student as well as for the well-being of our society." Thank a teacher today.
"Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."
May 5, 2021
EASTER WEEKDAY
Today's readings: Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8
Celebrate the dignity of diversity
Though today's "Cinco de Mayo" celebrations commemorate but a single Mexican victory over France at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862, in the United States it has become an opportunity to honor the heritage and culture of Mexican people. As folks revel in parades and festivals, enjoying Mexican cuisine and music, we recall these words from the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "Human interdependence is increasing and spreading through the world . . . embracing people who enjoy equal natural dignity." Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with a prayer of gratitude for the richness of human diversity.
"I am the vine and you are the branches."
May 6, 2021
EASTER WEEKDAY
Today's readings: Acts 15:7-21, John 15:9-11
Focus on the essentials
One of the earliest conflicts in the church had to do with whether Gentiles should have to follow the laws and customs of Judaism. Because Christianity grew out of Judaism, early church leaders had a hard time sorting out what was essential to the emerging Christian faith and what was simply the "way we've always done it." This question continues to vex church leaders to this day and has gone through many iterations—from questions about ritual practices, to prayers and social norms. What is essential to the faith? That we love God with our whole heart, mind, and soul, and love our neighbor as ourselves. Everything else may well be a matter of custom. When it comes to faith, take time today to get back to the basics.
"It is my judgment, therefore, that we ought to stop troubling the Gentiles who turn to God."
May 7, 2021
EASTER WEEKDAY
Today's readings: Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17
Connect with creation and Creator
If you have a garden, you might be checking the forecast these days to see if conditions are right for planting. Gardens play an outsize role in the Christian imagination. From the Garden of Eden to the Garden of Gethsemane, key events happen in gardens. For centuries communities of sisters, brothers, and priests have cultivated gardens for food, edification, and connection to a major metaphor for spiritual development. Seek out a patch of green, and whether you plant a seed or enjoy a bloom, connecting with creation will connect you with the Creator.
"It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain."
May 8, 2021
EASTER WEEKDAY
Today's readings: Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21
Elevate your spiritual gaze
Blessed Teresa Demjanovich (1901-27) has been called America's "Little Flower." Like Thérèse from Lisieux, France, Teresa from Bayonne, New Jersey was a spiritual writer of great insight who also died young. Because of her virtue, her writings, and a miracle healing attributed to her intercession, she was beatified in the Newark cathedral in 2014, the first-ever such ceremony held in the United States. Her elevation to sainthood awaits confirmation of a second miracle. Teresa's mother died in the 1918 pandemic, which killed well over 500,000 Americans. Sound sadly familiar? Ask Blessed Teresa's intercession for all who have suffered because of COVID-19.
"You do not belong to the world, and I have chosen you out of the world."



Mary Carrico Catholic School

Mary Carrico Catholic School strives to provide an environment for a quality faith-based academic education that prepares its students to become successful in living the Gospel of Christ, and capable of success in all aspects of life.

Thank you Father Augusty!

The students and staff at Mary Carrico will miss you!

Upcoming School Events

May 2 First Communion

May 12 Server, Reader, and Sacristan Training 6-7:30 Parish Hall

May 14 Last day for preschool

May 18 8th Grade Graduation 6:00

May 19 Last day for students/ early release at 11

May 23 BBQ Drive Through

Contact the school office to order SCRIP cards of sign up for the

mobile APP-Raise Right

You will need MCCS' code to enroll

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Mark your calendar!

May 23 BBQ Drive Thru!!

A big thank you to Greg and Angie Beyke at A&G Garden Center for hosting a fundraiser for MCCS on their opening day on April 25. Thanks to all the cooks, singers, and workers and all those that came out to support us!

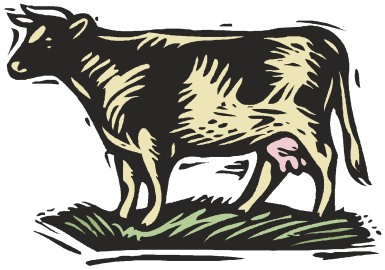
A big shout out to Millay's Tavern for hosting a pool tournament to benefit MCCS. They raised and donated over $600 dollars to the school. Kenny and Donna Lawson have been great community partners for our school!

Beef Raffle

MCCS PTO beef raffle was a great success. The winners were Randy Kamuf and

Cindy Mattingly. Thank you to everyone who bought a

ticket! We sold over $6000 worth of tickets!



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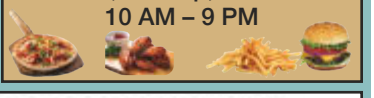

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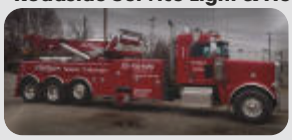

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