

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024



St. Monica CHURCH

WELCOME

Masses

Saturday | 4:00pm

Sunday | 9:00 and 10:45am

Mon - Fri | 8:00am

No Mass on Thursday

Confession

Saturday | 3:15pm

Parish Office Hours

Mon - Thurs | 8:00am - 5:00pm

Friday | 8:00am - Noon

Saturday & Sunday | Closed

Parish Clergy

Pastor | Rev. John J. Mullee

Retired, In Residence

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Deacon | Stan Drozell

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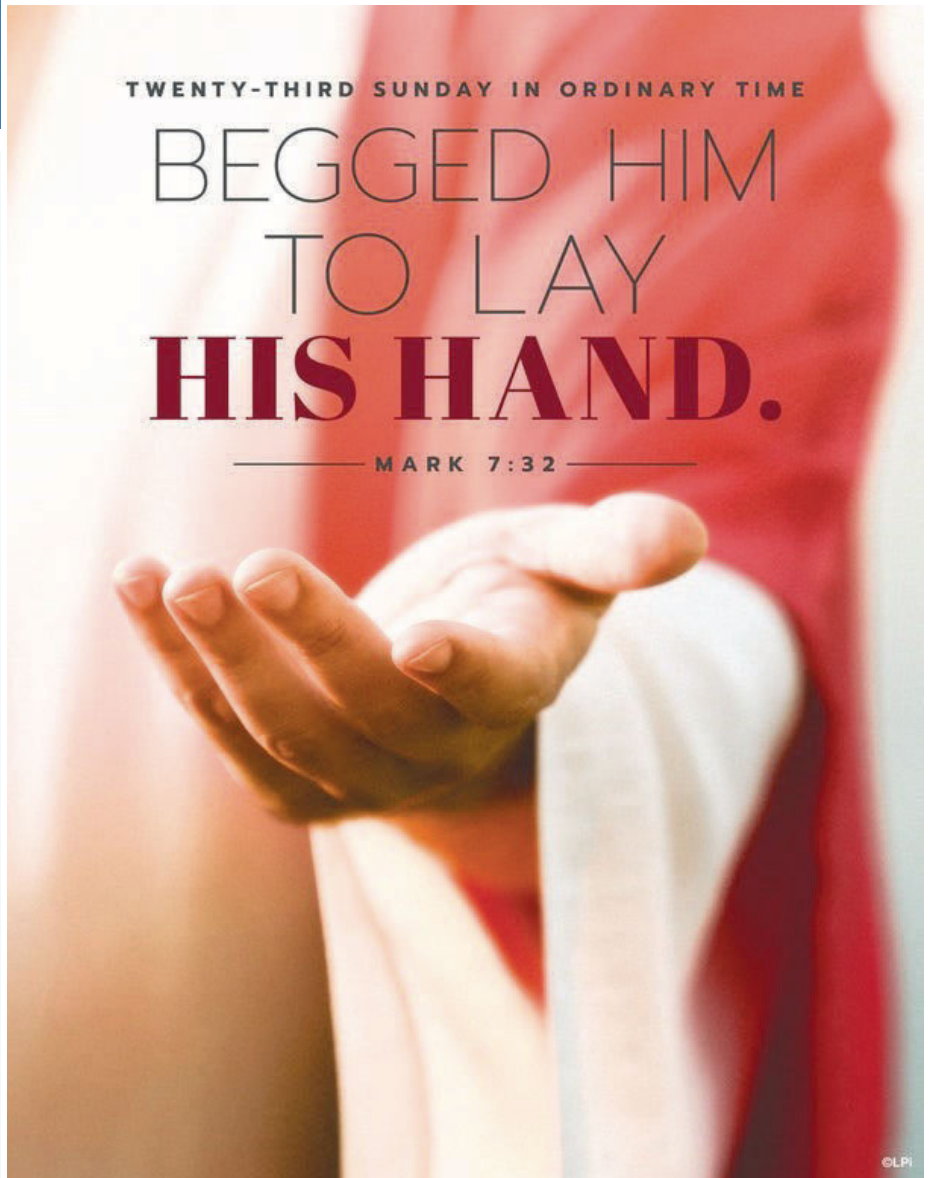
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OCFCU | (216) 663-6800

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BEGGED HIM
TO LAY
HIS HAND.

— MARK 7:32 —



OUR MISSION

We, the parish of St. Monica, work to create a Christlike family, welcoming all people where one encounters a loving God, by serving the spiritual, educational and social needs of the community.

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PASTORAL SCENE

Pastoral Scene

Fr George Smiga shared this reflection:

Pastor of a west coast parish became frustrated by the number of people in his community who were not coming to church on Sunday, so he formed a committee to investigate it. They eventually sent out this letter.

Dear Parishioner,

You are registered here in the parish, but we have noticed that you do not come to mass on Sunday. Thus, we have designated next Sunday as There Is No Excuse Not to Come to Church Sunday. We have

worked diligently to eliminate any excuse for not joining us for worship.

"Next Sunday cots will be provided for all who feel that Sunday is their only day to sleep in. Coffee and eye drops will be available for those who insist on staying out late on Saturday night. Steel helmets will be provided for those who claim that if they ever walk into a church the roof will fall. Sweaters will be provided for those who feel the church is too cold; fans for those who feel the church is too hot. There will be scorecards available for all who wish to keep track of the hypocrites who come to church on Sunday. We will have gift certificates for area restaurants for those who feel that they must stay home and cook. Finally, we are decorating the sanctuary with Christmas poinsettias and Easter lilies for those who have never seen the church without them."

The letter caused a good deal of discussion. But ultimately very few people decided to come back to church on a regular basis. This should not be surprising because you cannot argue, shame, or force people into accepting the value of church community.

A popular Communion Antiphon connects to the transformative Presence of Christ: Like the deer that years for running streams so my soul is thirsting for God, the living God. There are millions of souls experiencing deafness, darkness and pain. Christ's touch brought immediate healing to the man in the district of the Decapolis. Notice how personal and physical this drama is: Our focus is drawn to a hand, a finger, ears, a tongue, spitting. In Jesus, Mark shows us, God has truly come in the flesh. The Catholic Church is centered on our glorious Lord Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Let us say with Isaiah, "Here is our God, He comes to save us." Let us be rich in faith, that we might inherit the kingdom promised to those who love Him.

Please remember to observe silence as we prepare our hearts for the Eucharist before the beginning of Mass. And to dress more appropriately as a gesture of respect while in our Lord's House.

Our Lady of Lourdes: Pray for Us
St Monica: Pray for Us
Fr John

This Week's Highlight



There will be a

Divine Mercy

Holy Hour

this Sunday

at 2:30PM in Church

with Eucharistic Adoration,
the Chaplet of Divine Mercy,
and Benediction.

All are welcome!

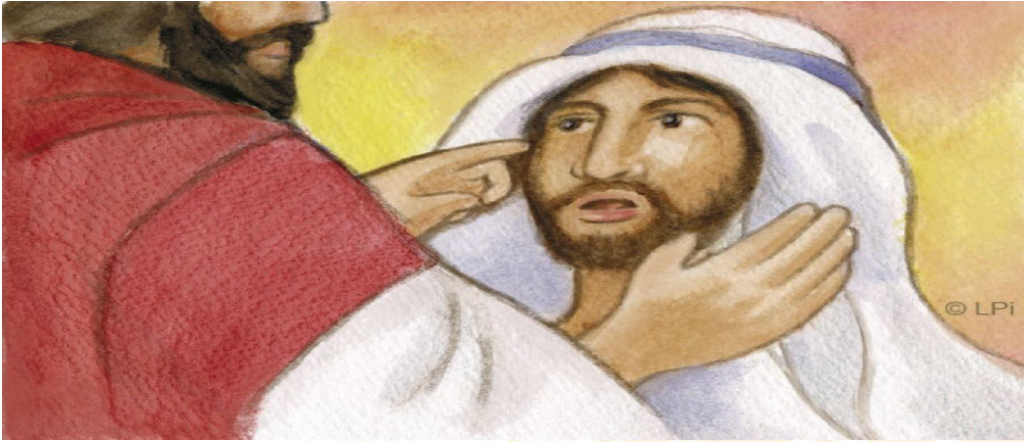
STEWARDSHIP FOR SEPT 1, 2024

Due to early bulletin deadline, stewardship numbers for Sept. 1st will be in next week's bulletin.

Please continue to mail in your donations, donate online or drop off at the office. You can also drop your donation in the baskets in church.

Thank you for your continued support

Please note our average weekly expenses are \$13,546.00



In Sympathy

Our sincere sympathy and prayers are extended for the family and friends of:

Deacon Ralph Netzbant
Jacqueline Embry,
John R Pruchnicki and
Clara Spracale
Who were recently buried.
May they and all of our
dearly departed
rest in peace.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 8
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Dave Karpa
10:45am People of the Parish

Monday, September 9
St Peter Claver, Priest

8:00am Frank Bednarchik
8:30am Exposition following mass

Tuesday, September 10
Weekday

8:00am Living & deceased Bob
Foster Family

Wednesday, September 11
Weekday

8:00am Deceased members Bob &
Karol Chamberlin Family

Thursday, September 12
Weekday

8:00am Priest Intention

Friday, September 13
**St John Chrysostom, Bishop &
Doctor of the Church**

8:00am Richard Krawczyk

Saturday, September 14
Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:00am Priest Intention
4:00pm Lawrence Eppele

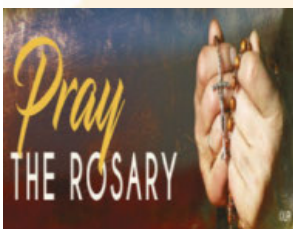
Sunday, September 15
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Ted & Ann Marszal
10:45am Joseph & Margaret Dubas

SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS

Please pray for the
Seminarians of the
Cleveland Diocese
Please join us in praying for
the following seminarians
this week:

Monday: Benjamin Baratian
Tues: Johannes
Benninghoff
Wednesday: Jake Carmak
Thurs: Jonathan Green
Friday: Benjamin Jackson
Sat: Simon Park
Sunday: *Pray for
Bishop Woost*



Join us every Thursday
at 6:00 pm in Church as
we pray the Rosary.

All are invited.



Please Pray For the Parishioners Listed Below

Williams Family, Madeleine Iglodi, Vivian Budd, Dorothy Hanzlick,
Szentendrey Family, Johnson Family, Davis Family, Beck Family,
Doreen Nottingham, Clara Sabo, Carol K, Barb Govang, Cyn Stelmak,
Dianna Paluscsak, Larry Govang, Morgan Doerner, Dawn Varrati,
Marianne Toma, Andrew P's Family, Cindy Sobelewski, Danny
Weiskopf, Sally Weiskopf, Geo, Ray Stachowiak, Joanne Reddinger

*Please call the parish office if you
would like to add a
name to the prayer list.
216-662-8685*

Activities CALENDAR

Monday, September 9

3:00pm Athletic Practice (bf, g)
4:15pm Walking Class (J)

Tuesday, September 10

5:00pm Back to School Night (g,c)
6:30pm Baptism Class (F)

Wednesday, September 11

5:00pm Back to School Night (g,c)
6:30pm G.A. Meeting (p)

Thursday, September 12

3:00pm Athletic Practice (bf, g)
4:15pm Walking Class (J)

Friday, September 13

3:00pm Athletic Practice (bf, g)

Saturday, September 14

8:30am Men of the Vine (ocu 1&2)
2:15pm OCIA (F)

Sunday, September 15

7:30pm A.A. Meeting (c)

Know Someone Who is Homebound

Ask them if they would like to receive communion on the First Friday of each month. If they would ask them to call the Parish Office (216) 662-8685 and they will be added to the list.



III Molly Friedl and
Chad McNamee

II Phillip Zak and
Elizabeth Naylor



Congratulations to Our Main Raffle Winners

Grand Prize \$500.00 Mark Murray

\$250.00 Prizes

Noah Hudson Reynolds • Kathy Zack
Steve Kanta • Joe Repinski • Joyce Armstrong
Darlene Rumienski • John Savarda • Sr.Marge

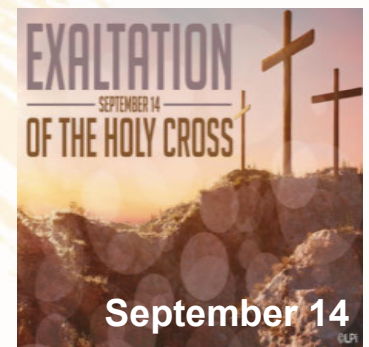
50/50 Raffle - Gail Smith

Wagon of Cheer - Linda Skladany

Bourbon Basket - Katie Medvetz

Guessing Game - Darlene Vuk

Financial results will be published when
they are finalized.



OTHER INFORMATION

Women's RETREAT

Weekend Healing Retreat for Women

Women suffering after an abortion are invited to a confidential, private healing retreat at Loyola Retreat House, just north of Canton.

October 25—27, 2024.

Encounter the mercy of the Lord in a safe, peaceful place through the sacraments, prayer, and scripture.

For more information, contact The Community of Jesus, the Living Mercy at 1-800-482-4100 or at reachout@bethesda-house-of-mercy.org

Sts. Peter & Paul Class of 1974 50th Year Class Reunion

Slyman's Tavern
6901 Rockside Rd.
Independence, Ohio

Saturday October 12th 5:00 pm

Any questions please contact:

Terri Tracy Kula:
terrikula@gmail.com

Or

Debbie Barto Napoli:
DebbieNapoli60@gmail.com

Holy Cross Cemetery, Cleveland Pre-Planning Seminar

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1-hour pre-planning seminar on **Wednesday, September 18th, at 5:30p.m.**

Please join us to learn more about the steps of burial pre-planning, the types of burial, and the

Rite of Christian Burial.

The event will be held at the Holy Cross Cemetery Office.

Please RSVP to the cemetery office **(216) 641-7575 ext. 3** or to

Brian Strauchon at

bstrauchon@clecem.org.

Visit **clecem.org** for more information.

"My Daily Prayers"

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DioceseOfCleveland.org/MyDailyPrayers

Come together in prayer, with My Daily Prayers!



Catholic Diocese
of Cleveland



St. Augustine Fundraiser

The 2nd annual St. Augustine Community Cupboard & Closet fundraiser is scheduled for November 2nd at Wild Eagle Steak & Saloon in Broadview Hts.

Our ministry serves over 1,100 families each month, and we love the support we get from our friends at St. Monica.

Save the Date...see you in November!!

OTHER INFORMATION

THE MISSION

— Series and Study —

"I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world." – John 17:14

Sharing Christ in our communities, families and culture.

The book *From Christendom to Apostolic Mission* will be our guidepost, for the journey of sharing Christ in our communities, families and culture, as we work to understand the age we have been given; to trace out how the Holy Spirit is working in it, and to seize the adventure of cooperating with him.

\$35 Registration fee for book and study materials

RSVP at www.tobcle.org/register



This study is co-hosted
by TOB CLE and the Office of Marriage & Family Ministry



Start Date

- 9/30 **Monday at 3pm (Priests only)** – Dr. Matt Jordan
Center for Pastoral Leadership
- 10/1 **Tuesday at 7pm** – Dr. Joel Johnson
St. Justin Martyr, Eastlake
- 10/2 **Wednesday at 9:00am** – Maria Wancata
Holy Spirit, Avon Lake
- 10/2 **Wednesday at 9:30am** – Jen Ricard
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Cuyahoga Falls
- 10/2 **Wednesday at 7pm** – Jen Ricard
Holy Family, Stow
- 10/3 **Thursday at 7pm** – Dr. Beth Rath
St. Anthony, Parma
- 10/3 **Thursday at 7pm** – Maria Wancata
St. Joseph, Strongsville

4-week book series beginning the week of September 30th

Please Help Blanket Others in Warmth & Compassion this Fall & Winter!



St. Vincent de Paul Society **38th Annual Blanket Sunday** **October 12-13, 2024**

How YOU can help...

Make a contribution at church the weekend of October 12-13, scan the QR code below, or donate securely online: svdpcl.org.

You may also mail a check directly to: *St. Vincent de Paul Society Blanket Sunday*, 1404 E. 9th Street-3rd Floor, Cleveland, OH 44114

Your kindness will help neighbors in need this fall and winter, as thousands of warm blankets and other items (purchased in bulk with your donation!) will be given directly to



people experiencing homelessness and others through SVDP Ozanam hunger centers, SVDP parish groups, Catholic Charities agencies and homeless shelters in the Cleveland, Akron, Lorain/Elyria and Lake/Geauga metropolitan areas.

Your generous monetary donations make SO much possible. Thank you!



All assistance is given without regard to religious affiliation. We just help people!



OTHER INFORMATION



Faithful Citizenship: Dignity of the Human Person

In *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, the Catholic bishops of the U.S. identify the four main principles of the Church's social teaching—Dignity of the Human Person, the Common Good, Solidarity, and Subsidiarity—and apply them to concrete issues. This is not to tell the faithful for whom or against whom to vote but to provide a foundation for Catholics to better evaluate policies, platforms, and candidates in light of the Gospel and the Church's moral and social teaching. This entry focuses on the Dignity of the Human Person.



Because each human person is created in the image and likeness of God, each one of us possesses innate and inviolable human dignity. This dignity is present in each person from the moment of their conception and throughout their lives. As Pope Francis has emphasized, human dignity is central to building a society where we are "brothers and sisters all" (*Fratelli Tutti*, no. 8).

We engage in the public square with a foundation of human dignity that:

- Protects the most vulnerable—children in the womb who are in danger of abortion—while also standing in radical solidarity with mothers.¹
- Upholds the dignity of the elderly, disabled, or ill by strongly rejecting euthanasia and assisted suicide.
- Recognizes migrants and refugees through immigration reform that respects human dignity, provides a path to citizenship, and addresses the root causes of migration.
- Supports the dignity of the person, created male or female, and opposes an ideology that denies the difference and reciprocity between man and woman.²
- Overcomes racism in our hearts as well as in our systems and institutions, which denies that we are all equally made in the image of God.³
- Continues seeking reform of the criminal justice system, ends the use of the death penalty, and supports measures to reduce the threat of gun violence.⁴

Through our political participation, accompaniment of those in need, and the witness of our daily lives, may we support the dignity of every person created in God's image.



Learn more about *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* at:
www.faithfulcitizenship.org

1. USCCB, "Letter and Policy Recommendations Supporting Women and Children," October 26, 2022.
2. Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love), no. 56.
3. United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love*, 3-8.
4. Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, nos. 263-270. See also: *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, no. 84.



Content adapted from USCCB bulletin insert, approved by the body of U.S. bishops in November 2023.

Entrance Chant 659 Open My Eyes

First Reading Isaiah 35:4-7a

Thus says the LORD:
Say to those whose hearts are frightened:
Be strong, fear not!
Here is your God,
he comes with vindication;
with divine recompense
he comes to save you.
Then will the eyes of the blind be opened,
the ears of the deaf be cleared;
then will the lame leap like a stag,
then the tongue of the mute will sing.
Streams will burst forth in the desert,
and rivers in the steppe.
The burning sands will become pools,
and the thirsty ground, springs of water.

The Responsorial Psalm Psalm 146:7-10

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

The God of Jacob keeps faith forever,
secures justice for the oppressed,
gives food to the hungry.
The LORD sets captives free.

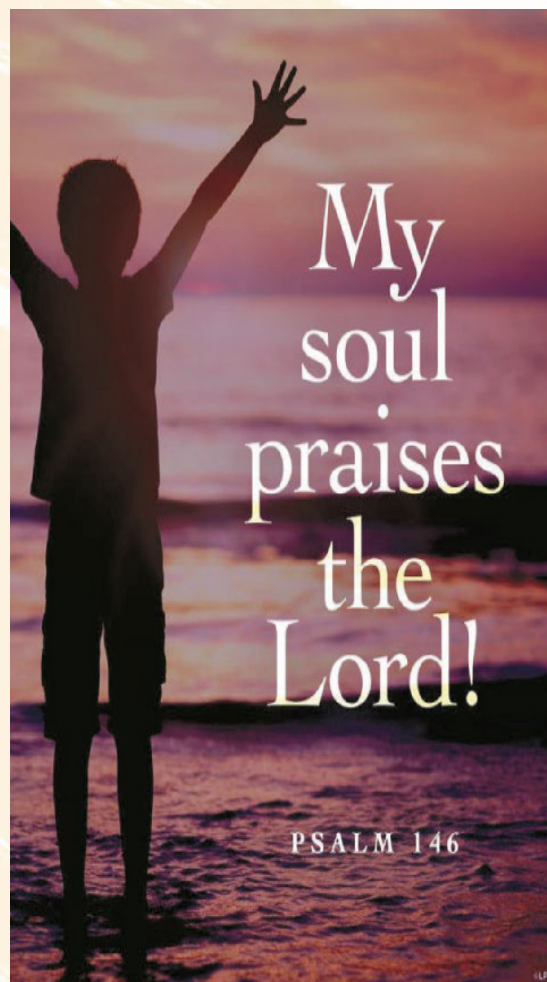
R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

The LORD gives sight to the blind;
the LORD raises up those who were bowed down.
The LORD loves the just;
the LORD protects strangers.

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

The fatherless and the widow the LORD sustains,
but the way of the wicked he thwarts.
The LORD shall reign forever;
your God, O Zion, through all generations.
Alleluia.

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!



READINGS & SONGS

Second Reading James 2:1-5

My brothers and sisters, show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. For if a man with gold rings and fine clothes comes into your assembly, and a poor person in shabby clothes also comes in, and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say, “Sit here, please,” while you say to the poor one, “Stand there,” or “Sit at my feet,” have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil designs?

Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?

Gospel Mark 7:31-37

Again Jesus left the district of Tyre and went by way of Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, into the district of the Decapolis. And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man’s ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, “Ephphatha!”— that is, “Be opened!” — And immediately the man’s ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. He ordered them not to tell anyone. But the more he ordered them not to, the more they proclaimed it. They were exceedingly astonished, and they said, “He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

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Offertory Chant 626 Come to the Water

Communion Chant 796 Taste and See (Hurd)

The Concluding Rites 566 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name



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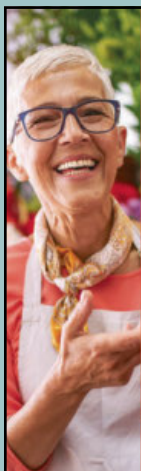
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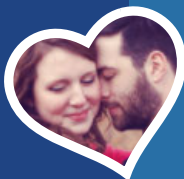


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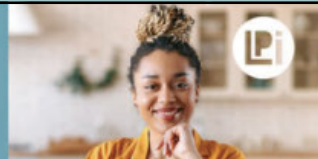
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