

SEPTEMBER 15, 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

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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BUT WHO DO
YOU SAY THAT
I AM?

MARK 8:29



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

Sheep or Goat?

I often get asked “Will this (and it is spelled out) get me to heaven? Even though what I am told the person has done to serve God well, I still refer them to the Gospel’s delineation of ‘the key to heaven.’ Mathew 25 is, in my opinion, one of the best but most frightening statements on how we can get to heaven. It is that section where Jesus pronounces the final judgments on souls he calls ‘the sheep and the goats’ based on how they treated others. **“Whatever you did to the least of my brothers, you did it to me.”** Yes, this is the statement that always

makes me stop and think before I act, and sometimes places me in the confession line on a Saturday afternoon.

The power of that statement converted a man who had been a hardcore atheist most of his life. While in his car, Sal prayed for the first time in his life, asking God that if he really existed would God intervene on behalf of his baby daughter. He did not specify the ‘what’, but just some sign of hope.

As he pulled into his parking place at the radio station, Sal saw a homeless man and he called to him, saying, “Have a nice day.” Sal walked over to the far end of the parking lot where the man had made a small fire, and asked the homeless man if he would pray for his daughter who would be going to the doctor later that day for tests.

The homeless man asked him, “Is there a problem with her spine?” That comment hit DiStefano like a brick. Then the homeless man said, “Yes, I’ll pray for her.” As DiStefano walked away, he asked the homeless man if there was anything he could do for him. The homeless man said, “You have done more for me by talking to me than society has done for me for a long time.”

As DiStefano walked into his studio, he suddenly remembered that the previous day when he opened a bible for the first time and stated to read it, the verse he found had Jesus saying, “Whatever you do to the least of my brothers, you are doing it to me” He believed that the beggar was indeed Jesus. Later that afternoon when the DiStefanos took their daughter to the doctor, the doctor concluded that she was fine, her spine was strong, so there was no reason for an MRI. **After being a hardcore atheist for most of his life DiStefano became a Christian that very day.**

I share this true story with you because even God-fearing people such as us, sometimes forget that those we work with, and those with whom we share activities are our brothers and sisters – for example the folks who worked during the Saint Monica Feast. They are the ones in whom we should see Jesus and those we should consider as brothers and sisters. God will judge us as we treated them.

Dear reader, please know that I pray for all of you, whether I know you or not. And consider: will you be a sheep or a goat? What you do each day determines where you will stand, and why!

Working hard to be a sheep!!! Sister Helene

This Week’s Highlight

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@bethesdahouseofmercy.org

STEWARDSHIP FOR SEPT 1, 2024

Sunday Offering	\$ 5,229.50
St. Monica Fund.....	\$ 663.00
Misc. Special Envelopes.....	\$ 98.00

STEWARDSHIP FOR SEPT 8, 2024

Sunday Offering	\$ 5529.18
St. Monica Fund.....	\$ 784.00
Misc. Special Envelopes.....	\$ 30.00



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

Who was recently buried.
May she and all of our dearly departed rest in peace.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 15

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Ted & Ann Marszal

10:45am Joseph & Margaret Dubas

Monday, September 16

Sts Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop

8:00am Karen Guzy

8:30am Exposition following mass

Tuesday, September 17

Weekday

8:00am Helen & Chester Basiewicz

Wednesday, September 18

Weekday

8:00am All Souls

Thursday, September 19

Weekday

Priest Intention

Friday, September 20

Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest & Paul Chong Ha-Sang & Companions, Martyrs

8:00am Helen & Ted Golubski

Saturday, September 21

St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

4:00pm Mary Yaro—100th Birthday

Sunday, September 22

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Winnie & Peter & Tammy Walchanowicz

10:45am William Winslow & Mary Bollinger

SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS

Please pray for the Seminarians of the Cleveland Diocese

Please join us in praying for the following seminarians this week:

Monday: Steve Zabiegien

Tuesday: Sean Homcy

Wednesday: Alexander Krukemeyer

Thurs: Daniel LaPolla

Friday: Billy Reed

Sat: Joseph Rohan

Sunday: *Pray for Bishop Amos*



Please Pray For the Parishioners Listed Below

Ron Brzoska, Lisa Bielawski, 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

THIS WEEK

Activities CALENDAR

Monday, September 16

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

Tuesday, September 17

3:00pm Athletic Practice (bf, & g)

Wednesday, September 18

3:00pm Athletic Practice (bf, & g)
6:30pm G.A. Meeting (p)

Thursday, September 19

3:00pm Athletic Practice (bf, & g)
4:15pm Walking Class (J)
6:30pm Guild Meeting (c)

Friday, September 20

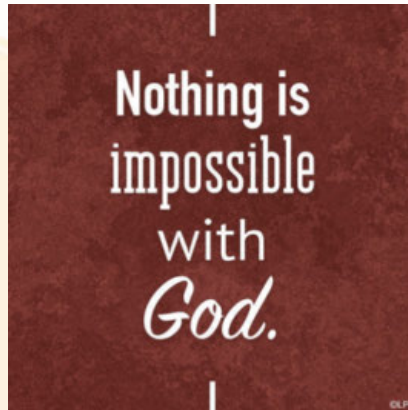
3:00pm Athletic Practice (bf, & g)

Saturday, September 21

2:15 OCIA (F)

Sunday, September 22

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

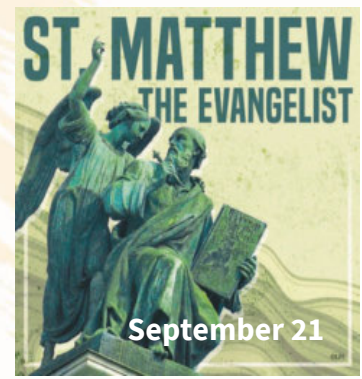
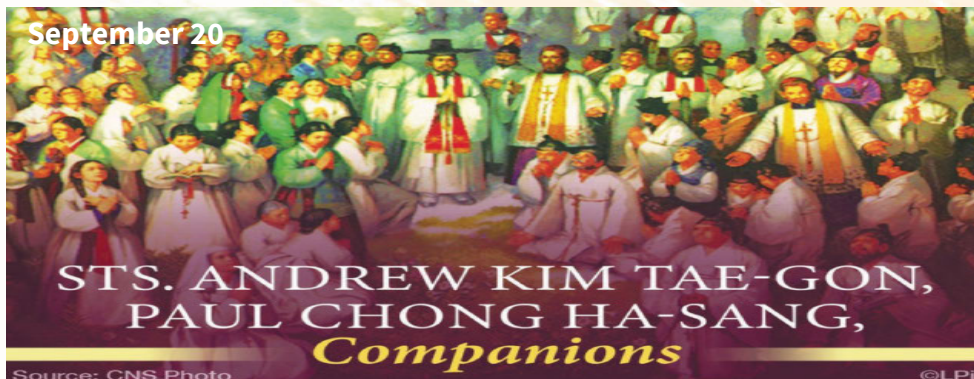
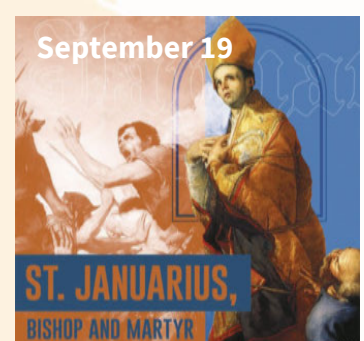
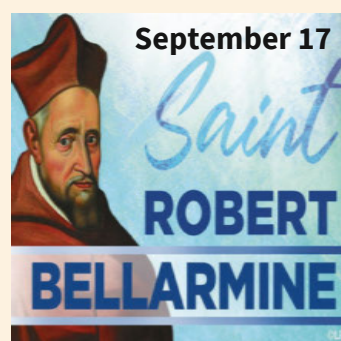


Marriage & Banns

III Phillip Zak and Elizabeth Naylor

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, 2024, 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.



St John Evangelical Lutheran Church

St John Lutheran Church,
11333 Granger Road, Garfield Heights
is celebrating the 170th Anniversary of
sharing the Gospel in this community.
Founded by German immigrants who loved the Lord and
knew the importance of worship, education and
community, those same goals
are what drives St John today.
The Celebration Worship Service is at
9 a.m. on Sunday, October 13.
There is a brunch following the worship service.
The tickets for the brunch are \$25.
Please contact the church office for more information
216-587-4222 or sjlutheran@att.net



The Mission Series & Study

We are living in a post-Christendom culture. To maintain Catholic identity in the face of intense cultural pressure, a new strategy is needed in all areas of life.

How are we to respond?

Join Theology of the Body Cleveland and the Diocesan Office for Marriage & Family Ministry this fall for **The Mission Series & Study**. During this 4-Week series beginning the week of September 30th, the book *From Christendom to Apostolic Mission* will be our guide as we work to understand the age we have been given and allow the Holy Spirit to transform our vision of what it means to be a Catholic in a culture opposed to Christian values.
7 Different Locations & Times across the diocese available.
Go to tobcle.org/the-mission for details and registration.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul Annual Blanket Sunday Appeal

The **38th Annual Blanket Sunday** in-parish appeal kicks off the weekend of
October 12-13, 2024.

Last year, funds from the appeal were used to purchase nearly 5,000 new winter blankets, in addition to winter hats, gloves and other necessities that were provided to unhoused neighbors. The need is great throughout Northeast Ohio and donations can be made securely online: svdpcl.org

Checks may also be mailed to:

St. Vincent de Paul Society Blanket Sunday, 1404 East 9th Street-3rd Floor, Cleveland, OH 44114.

Thank you for helping us “blanket” neighbors in warmth and compassion!

OTHER INFORMATION

2024

Men's Sock & Underwear Drive

Sponsored by the Cleveland Diocesan
Holy Name Society

This Years Recipient of the Proceeds of the Drive will be

Cleveland Police Foundation

The socks and underwear will be distributed to various charities in the City of Cleveland including St. Herman's House of Hospitality, the Metanoia Project as well as direct dispersal from officers to those in need on the streets.



When:

October 5th - October 13th 2024

What:

NEW men's socks, underwear in any size for the homeless and and needy. Or if you prefer, cash donations to be used to purchase socks and underwear

Please bring your donations to your home parish. There will be a collection box or area set up by your parish's Holy Name Society.

All donations of socks, underwear, and cash will be given to the Cleveland Police Foundation, which serves those in the Cleveland area in need.

Contact:

Will or Joe if you have any questions:

Will: 216 544 6785

Joe: 216 262 5823

Collection Box Located at: Front and Rear of the Church

OTHER INFORMATION



**Council 4130
Annual Clambake
Sunday October 6
1 - 4 pm**

CLAM BAKE - \$35
Half Chicken

STEAK BAKE - \$45
New York Center Cut - Strip

STEAK ONLY - \$35

DOZEN CLAMS - \$15

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RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

Reservations are due by Monday September 30, 2024 8PM

For reservations/tickets call (216) 662-2277

Takeouts are Available

OTHER INFORMATION



Faithful Citizenship: The Common Good

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 entry focuses on the Common Good.



The Common Good is “the sum total of social conditions which allow people, either as groups or as individuals, to reach their fulfillment more fully and more easily.” Human rights (to life, freedom of religion, and access to necessities for decent standards of living) must be protected, and basic responsibilities (to ourselves, our families, the larger society, and to earth) must be fulfilled to foster the common good.

In response to Pope Francis' call to build a “culture of encounter” in which those most in need receive our greatest concern and all people can flourish, we must:

- Support and strengthen marriage and family as the central institutions of social life and the primary school of virtue.
- Respond to climate change to protect our common home and vulnerable populations now and in generations to come.²
- Accept and care for the entire world, including our bodies, as gifts from God.³
- Protect religious liberty as a fundamental human right and crucial for the common good.⁴
- Prioritize the needs of the weak, vulnerable, and impoverished by advocating for policies that support a robust social safety net, decent jobs, affordable housing, and childcare.

Pope Benedict XVI writes in *Caritas in Veritate* (Charity in Truth): “To desire the common good and strive towards it is a requirement of justice and charity.” We must be attentive to the common good “juridically, civilly, politically and culturally” in the life of society. “The more we strive to secure a common good corresponding to the real needs of our neighbors,” he writes, “the more effectively we love them.”⁵



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

1. *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1906, citing *Gaudium et Spes* (The Church in the Modern World), no. 26.
2. Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* (On Care for Our Common Home), no. 49. See also Pope Benedict XVI, *Caritas in Veritate* (Charity in Truth), nos. 48-52, and Pope Francis, *Laudate Deum*, nos. 58 and 60.
3. Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* (On Care for Our Common Home), no. 155.
4. St. Pope Paul VI, *Dignitatis Humanae* (Declaration on Religious Freedom), no. 6; *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1907, citing *Gaudium et Spes* (The Church in the Modern World), no. 26.
5. Pope Benedict XVI, *Caritas in Veritate*, no. 7.



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Entrance Chant 501 Take Up Your Cross (ERHALT UNS, HERR)

First Reading Isaiah 50:4c-9a

The Lord GOD opens my ear that I may hear;
and I have not rebelled,
have not turned back.

I gave my back to those who beat me,
my cheeks to those who plucked my beard;
my face I did not shield
from buffets and spitting.

The Lord GOD is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced;
I have set my face like flint,
knowing that I shall not be put to shame.
He is near who upholds my right;
if anyone wishes to oppose me,
let us appear together.
Who disputes my right?
Let that man confront me.
See, the Lord GOD is my help;
who will prove me wrong?

The Responsorial Psalm Psalm 116:1-6, 8-9

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

I love the LORD because he has heard
my voice in supplication,
because he has inclined his ear to me
the day I called.

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

The cords of death encompassed me;
the snares of the netherworld seized upon me;
I fell into distress and sorrow,
and I called upon the name of the LORD,
"O LORD, save my life!"

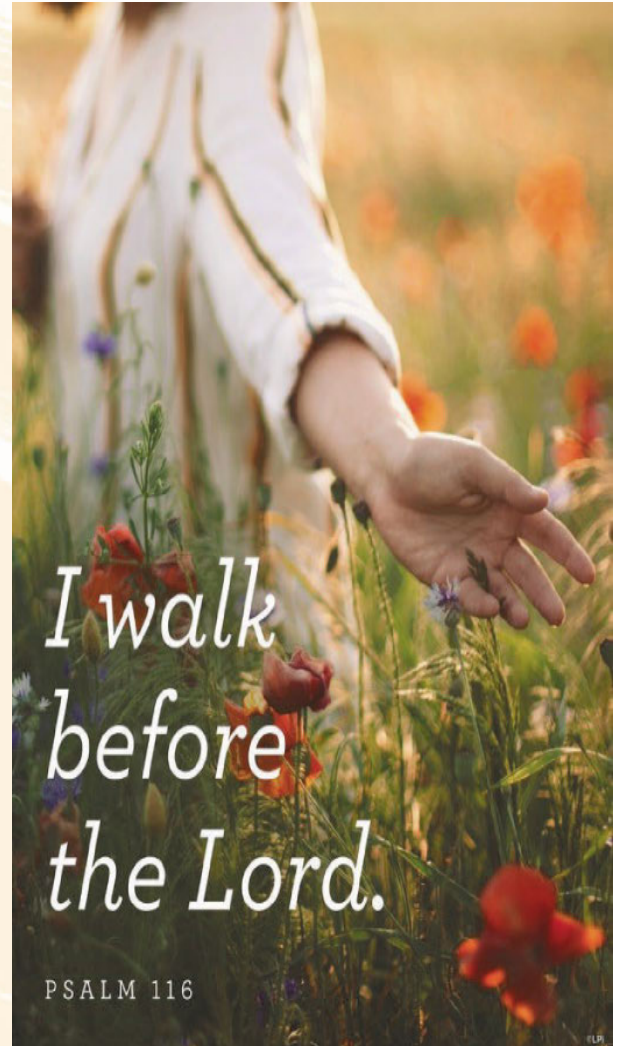
R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

Gracious is the LORD and just;
yes, our God is merciful.
The LORD keeps the little ones;
I was brought low, and he saved me.

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

For he has freed my soul from death,
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.
I shall walk before the Lord
in the land of the living.

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.



READINGS & SONGS

Second Reading James 2:14-18

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well, "but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it? So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

Indeed someone might say, "You have faith and I have works." Demonstrate your faith to me without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works.

Gospel Mark 8:27-35

Jesus and his disciples set out for the villages of Caesarea Philippi. Along the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" They said in reply, "John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others one of the prophets." And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter said to him in reply, "You are the Christ." Then he warned them not to tell anyone about him.

He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days. He spoke this openly. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. At this he turned around and, looking at his disciples, rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

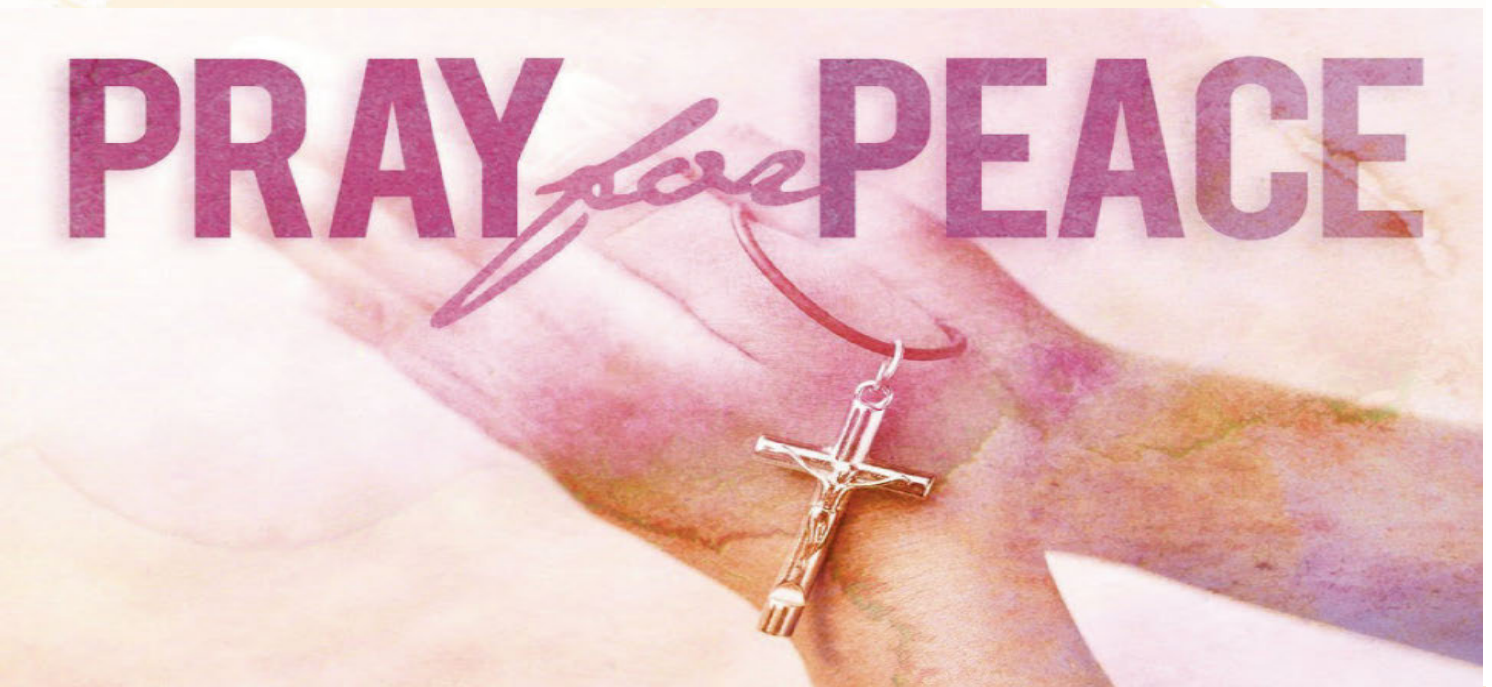
He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it."

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Offertory Chant 702 Prayer of St. Francis

Communion Chant 665 Center of My Life

The Concluding Rites 703 Let There Be Peace on Earth



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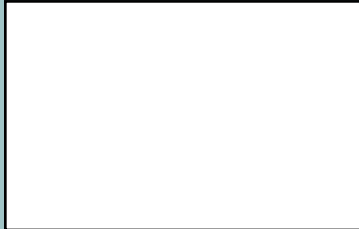
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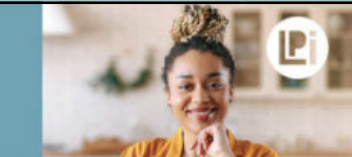
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