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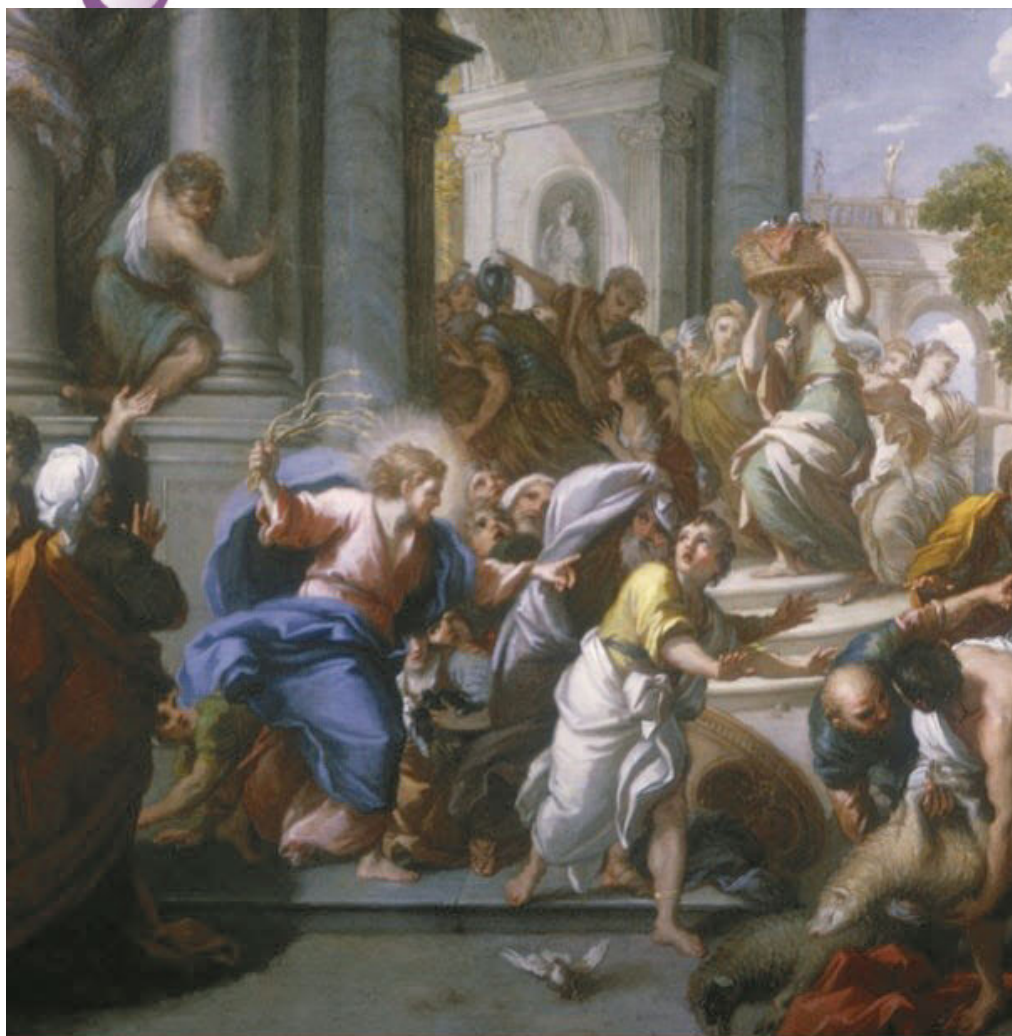
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MARCH 3, 2024

**3RD SUNDAY
OF LENT**



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. - Jn 2:13b-15a

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday 8:30 am and 10:30 am

Weekday Masses

Monday -

Communion Service 8:30 am

Tuesday to Saturday 8:30 am

Rosary

Monday to Saturday 8:00 am

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation

Saturday 9:00 am

Baptism

1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 12:00 pm.

Required Baptismal preparation on the 2nd Thursday at 7:00 pm. Call Parish Office to register.

Marriage

Please contact the Pastor at least 6 months in advance.

CONTACTS

Parish Office Hours

Monday to Thursday -
9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday During Lent at 7:00 pm

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BULLETIN DEADLINES

for March 10, 2024

MON. 1:00 PM 3/4/24

for March 17, 2024

MON. 1:00 PM 3/11/24

A Message from Fr. Sunny

Ask Father Sunny

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Time and again, I would do a bulletin article answering some questions that parishioners (or even non-parishioners) ask me in all kinds of conversations and settings. When I feel that the questions might be relevant to the rest of the community, I make a mental note to include it in this forum of Question and Answer. So here are some questions that people have asked, with the corresponding responses that I have given:

QUESTION #1: Why do I need to go to confession... I can talk to God directly? Why would I tell my sins to a priest, who is also a human, and a sinner, like me?

ANSWER # 1: Then why would Jesus tell his apostles to forgive sins? Read Jn. 20:23. It shows that as the body of Christ, the church has authority to “represent” Christ in forgiving sins or withholding the forgiveness of sins. When a penitent goes to confessions, it is not the priest that he/she encounters but Jesus Christ, and the priest is there “in persona Christi.” Confession is not about the righteousness of the priest. It is about what God is doing to the penitent in spite of the church. This is a very important Catholic teaching, that we go to confession for the forgiveness of sins, especially the mortal ones, that damage our relationship and communion, with God. Unlike other types of Christian theology that only take into account an EXCLUSIVE relationship with God and the individual person, confession also considers the relationship of the penitent with the rest of God’s family, the Church, which is also affected by our individual sins.

QUESTION #2: Is refusing to take medicine TECHNICALLY CONSIDERED suicide?

ANSWER #2: Suicide is a deliberate intention to end one’s life. If you are refusing medicine with an intention to die, then it is suicide. But some people do not want to take medicine for many other reasons, including the fact that some medicine may have terrible side effects and a person may not want those side effects. Others may simply feel tired of taking medicine. Still others may not be convinced that the medicine is making any real difference in their general wellbeing. These are just some of the other possible reasons why a person refuses medicine. As my professor in Moral Theology used to say back in Mundelein Seminary, “Sin is in the will...”

QUESTION #3: WHAT IS GOING ON WITH OUR DIOCESE; WHY ARE THE CHURCHES IN JOLIET CLOSING? WILL MARY QUEEN CLOSE?

ANSWER #3: If you want the full details of everything going on in our diocese, you need to go back to the first messages of Bishop Hicks when he started as our Bishop here in the diocese. After a thorough independent study of the diocese, it was identified that there is a need to do a targeted restructuring of our parishes. The bishop called it “pruning” IN ORDER THAT WE CAN BETTER BEAR FRUIT AS A CHURCH. For many who are privy to the status of the churches in Joliet, it is easy to say that this restructuring is overdue; it could have been done even twenty years ago. Feel free to check out the video messages of Bishop Hicks. He has been very thorough about everything that he is implementing and initiating for the diocese. I am confident that in the third and final year of the restructuring, our parish will remain and continue to grow. Let us not be complacent. We need to continue to find ways to grow and be relevant to families and communities in our area. We need to be missionary; we need to evangelize, and we need to be active in ministry. We are financially stable as a parish and our numbers have been growing. So, the trend tells us that we have more than enough reason to remain open and continue the story of faith here at Mary Queen of Heaven. So help us, God. Amen.

With prayerful affection,

Fr. Sunny Castillo

CALENDAR

3/2/24 SATURDAY
 6:30 am That Man is You- Barrett Hall
 8:30 am Couples for Christ Mass
 9:00 am Reconciliation Mass
 4:30 pm Mass

3/3/24 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT
 8:30 am Mass
 9:00 am Family Faith K-5
 9:30 am OCIA
 10:30 am Mass
 10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word
 3:00 pm El Shaddai Charismatic
 7:00 pm Parish Mission

3/4/24 MONDAY
 8:30 am Communion Service
 3:00 pm Girl Scouts-Social Hall
 6:30 pm Preschool Board Meeting
 7:00 pm Prayer Group
 7:00 pm Parish Mission

3/5/24 TUESDAY
 8:30 am Mass
 9:00 am YOGA
 3:15 pm Girl Scouts-Social Hall
 6:30 pm CRHP Women-Barrett Hall
 7:00 pm Parish Mission
 7:00 pm Choir Practice

3/6/24 WEDNESDAY
 8:30 am Mass
 3:00 pm Religious Ed Classes

3/7/24 THURSDAY
 8:30 am Mass
 6:30 pm Liturgy Committee
 6:30 pm CRHP Women-Social Hall

3/8/24 FRIDAY
 8:30 am Mass
 1:00 pm Diocese of Joliet-Barrett Hall
 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

3/9/24 SATURDAY
 6:30 am That Man is You in Barrett Hall
 8:30 am Mass
 9:00 am Reconciliation
 10:00 am Joyful Again in Rm 1
 1:00 pm Religious Ed.-Barrett Hall
 3:00 pm 1st Communion Retreat
 4:30 pm Mass
 4:30 pm Easter Food Drive
 6:00 pm Indian Catholic Community

3/10/24 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT
Daylight Savings Time Begins
 8:30 am Mass
 8:30 am Easter Food Drive
 9:00 am 1st Communion Retreat
 9:00 am Family Faith 6-8
 9:30 am OCIA
 10:30 am Mass
 10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word

PARISH NEWS

EASTER FOOD DRIVE

The St. Vincent DePaul Society and Mary Queen of Heaven Parish will be holding our Easter Food Drive the weekends of March 9th and 10th and March 16th and 17th. As in the past we have adopted 15 families for Easter and will be in need of canned fruit, vegetables, and soup, prepared foods, pasta, spaghetti and sauce, cereal of all kinds, drinks (including, coffee, tea, and juice), baking supplies, condiments (ketchup, mustard, mayo, pickles, etc.), cleaning supplies, dish soap, laundry soap, tooth paste, deodorant and goodies for Easter Baskets for the children age 12 and younger in the families. The families will be picking up their Food and children's Easter Baskets on March 22nd. Thank you and if you would like to help sort the food, we could use your help the evening of MARCH 18th at 7:00 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Sheila at 630-833-6657 or Karen at 630-279-4108.

SPRING IS UPON US! CCW SPRING WREATH MAKING

All the ladies of our parish and their friends are invited to join us on THURSDAY, MARCH 14TH AT 7:00 P.M. in Barrett Hall to make Spring Wreaths for their front doors or inside their homes. Peggy Garvin of Garvin Greenhouses in South Elgin will be at Mary Queen to instruct us on how to make a Spring Wreath. The fee for the evening is \$35 and will include all the necessary materials needed. *Please sign up for this event after the Masses beginning this weekend February 24 and 25th.* Should you have a glue gun and or wire cutters at home, please bring them along. Refreshments will be provided by CCW. We are looking forward to seeing you and if you have any questions, please call Phylis at 630-279-6239 or Sheila at 630-833-6657.



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Active Senior Expo All seniors in the parish are invited to attend Active Senior Expo at no charge (regular admission is \$2). The event will be held on Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at Lorena's Banquets, 543 West Lake Street in Addison.


Active Senior Expo features hundreds of products and services for seniors, free seminars, health screenings, giveaways, musical entertainment and door prizes. Show hours are 9:30 am to 2:00 pm and parking is free. Simply present this bulletin (or a photocopy) at the door and you and all members of your party will be admitted free of charge.

Phone: (630) 620-6347

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Thursdays at 6:00pm
 3040 Finley Rd., Suite 200, Downers Grove

Starting March 14th
 Join us for a new co-ed counseling group for young adults (ages 18-30).
 Questions? Email counselingreferrals@ccc-doj.org



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We are a faith-based organization providing service to people in need and calling others of good will to do the same.



PARISH NEWS



VACATION BIBLE “CAMP”

When: June 10th - 14th

Time: 9 to 11:30 am

Who: children ages 3 - 10

“Whenever I’m afraid, I put my trust in you.” (Psalm 56:3)

Registration is now open. See the link to sign-up at <https://www.mqhelmhurst.org/>



Encountering Christ in Prayer with Susan Tutaj on Tuesday, March 5 at 7pm in Church
HOLY GHOST CHURCH, 254 N. Wood Dale Road, Wood Dale

Praying is talking and listening to God. We will explore the listening part of prayer which can lead to Contemplation. Part of the evening will be spent time in prayer.

Susan Tutaj has served as the Director of Religious Education in several parishes, is a Spiritual Director and is currently the Coordinator of Discipleship at Holy Ghost Church, Wood Dale.



EXPLORING THE REAL PRESENCE OF JESUS with Dr. Mary Amore on Tuesday, March 12 at 7pm in Church
HOLY GHOST CHURCH, 254 N. Wood Dale Road, Wood Dale

We will explore the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist through the lens of Faith, Forgiveness, Transformation and Discipleship. *Dr. Mary Amore holds a Doctor of Ministry Degree in Liturgy and Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies from Catholic Theological Union. She is the author of four books and currently serves as the full time Executive Director of Mayslake Ministries.*



Begins with Mass at 8:00 am
Donuts and coffee/juice after Mass
Presentations begin at 9:00 am
Confessions available from 9:00-11:00
Pizza lunch provided
Conclusion at 1:00 pm

Video presentations by:
Bishop Ronald Hicks – Diocese of Joliet
Sam Blair – Former Navy Seal
Fr. Mark Bernhard – Joliet priest



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Guests are welcome

RSVP by **March 6th** to: **D. Thurman** d21thurman@gmail.com or 630-642-2618
Please Denote any **Special Dietary Requirements** when RSVPing to D. Thurman above.

Speaker: **Fr. Matt Nathan**, Pastor at St. Pius X in Lombard, IL

DINNER MEETING DETAILS
Monday, March 11, 2024
St. James the Apostle Catholic Church
480 S Park Blvd, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

Evening Program



- 6:00 pm - Rosary
- 6:20 pm - Mass - Celebrant **Fr. Matt Nathan**
- 7:00 pm - Fellowship (In Social Hall)
- 7:20 pm - Dinner and Welcome
- 7:50 pm - Members updates from Officers & Announcements
- 8:00 pm - Guest speaker presentation followed by Q&A
- 9:00 pm - Closing prayer and Adjourn

PRESCHOOL NEWS

FROM GENET PINKERTON, DIRECTOR

We had a great visit from Elmhurst Dentistry for Kids. They taught us how to brush our teeth and let the kids practice on the dinosaur's teeth. Then the dentist read a story about all different kinds of animal teeth. The last activity was for the kids to decide if a food was good for our teeth or not. Everyone enjoyed the visit and learned a lot about taking care of their teeth!



PARISH NEWS

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

Synod Sessions

The Diocese of Joliet will host two Synod Sessions to gather feedback from diocesan parishioners in preparation for the Second Session of the Synodal Assembly in October 2024. The guiding questions for the sessions are:

1. Where have I seen or experienced successes—and distresses—within the Church's structure(s)/organization/leadership/life that encourage or hinder the mission?
2. How can the structures and organization of the Church help all the baptized to respond to the call to proclaim the Gospel and to live as a community of love and mercy in Christ?

All diocesan parishioners are invited to attend one of two Synod Sessions offered:

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27
6 TO 8:30 PM

ST. RAPHAEL
1215 Modaff Road
Naperville, IL 60540
Room: Sts. Joachim and Anne

THURSDAY, MARCH 14
6 TO 8:30 PM

ST. JOHN PAUL II
907 South 9th Avenue
Kankakee, IL 60901
Room: Parish Hall



Synod Session Outline

- 6 p.m. Sign-in/refreshments
- 6:30 p.m. Opening prayer/reflection
- 7 p.m. Small group discussion of two questions (see left)
- 7:45 p.m. Break
- 8 p.m. Share themes from small group discussions
- 8:30 p.m. End



Pre-registration for either date is required. Please scan the QR code or visit www.crcd.org/Synod

Those who are unable to attend can email responses to the above questions to dsalvato@dioceseofjoliet.org.

Come Learn about the Life of St. Margaret of Castello

Thursday, April 18
6:00 - Potluck Dinner
7:00 pm - Presentation

Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church
Ministry Center Social Hall
36 N. Ellsworth St., Naperville



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(The Diocese of Joliet is a member of the Synod on Synodality)

Director of Catechesis and Evangelization, Michael Lewandowski, will present on the life of St. Margaret of Castello. Born in 1287 in northern Italy to rich and powerful nobles, Margaret's birth was met with her parents' disgust and rejection, as she was born with numerous deformities. Eventually, out of fear of her discovery, Margaret's parents confined her to a cell connected to a church. It was here in the solitude of the mountains that she formed a profound and intimate relationship with God. She was later abandoned by her parents and left to fend for herself in a strange city. She would be taken in by beggars and then by various families. However, her holiness and deep love of God inspired and changed the hearts of those she encountered. She became a lay Dominican and served the sick and the imprisoned until her death at the age of thirty-three.

For more information and to RSVP, please visit [sspeterandpaul.net/cloud](https://www.sspeterandpaul.net/cloud)

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

FROM MARY GLAUDELL, DIRECTOR

Joliet Youth Day – June 1st

You have heard of World Youth Day and the spiritual awakening that invokes. Now, you have a chance to participate in a similar experience on a smaller & local scale. **The Diocese of Joliet is hosting a day long Youth Day on June 1st.**

Let the Holy Spirit light fire up your faith and discipleship in a day designed to be both lively and deeply spiritual.

Information Meeting

When: March 10th at noon

Where: Barrett Hall

Who: Current 7th graders to 21-year-olds.

Learn what is a Youth Day and how you can join our group!



Director of Religious Education – Woodridge IL

St Scholastica Catholic Church in Woodridge is seeking to hire a par-time Director of Religious Education. This position is a non-benefitted 29-hour a week position (requires some evening and weekend work). Full-Time, benefitted position is a consideration if willing to take on our RCIA and Adult Faith Formation programs. Job responsibilities include, but not limited to the management of religious education programming for grades 1-7, Sacrament preparation for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist (including St. Scholastica School and children beyond normal sacrament age), oversee Children's Liturgy of the Word and collaboration on other parish activities. Participate regularly at parish staff meetings. Since this is a formal ministerial position, candidates must be a fully initiated and practicing Roman Catholic in good standing, and must know, profess and act consistently in accordance with the doctrinal and moral teachings of the Catholic Church. A degree in education, theology or a related field is not required but helpful. Experience in parish religious education and a collaborative approach with good communication and computer skills are necessary. To view a complete job description, visit:

[The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois.](https://www.stscholasticaparish.org/) If interested in this amazing opportunity, please send a cover letter and resume to Jean Palasz at jpalsasz@stscholasticaparish.org.



Sunday, March 3, 2024
 8:30 am James Constertina
 10:30 am † Anthony Del Santo
 † Anna Frank

Monday, March 4, 2024
 8:30 am Communion Service

Tuesday, March 5, 2024
 8:30 am Thomas Simpson

Wednesday, March 6, 2024
 8:30 am George Wichgers

Thursday, March 7, 2024
 8:30 am Aidan Ebbola

Friday, March 8, 2024
 8:30 am † Karla Kenevan

Saturday, March 9, 2024
 8:30 am For All God's Children
 4:30 pm For Those Struggling with Mental Illness

Sunday, March 10, 2024
 8:30 am † Joseph Ransom Rice
 For the Faithful Mary Queen of Heaven
 10:30 am † Gerlando Tamburello

Universal Prayers

March 3
 For the Parishioners of St. Anne Parish, in St. Anne and St. Lawrence Parish in South Wilmington, that they will receive abundant blessings during this Diocesan Anniversary Year.
 Let us pray to the Lord.

Tuesday, March 5 - St. Anne, St. Anne

Friday, March 8 - St. Lawrence, South Wilmington

Prayer REQUESTS

Michelle Shufelt, Russ & Lynn Kubycheck
 Requested by MQH Parishioners

Kathleen Anselmo, Nicolas Freer & Rachel Thompson
 Requested Sheila Reiter

VOCATION PRAYER CALENDAR

3/1 - Brs. Charles Gregor, Peter Hannon, Thomas Harding, Thomas Hetland FSC

3/2 - Dcns. Michael Fitzpatrick, Anthony Holmes, Andres Jalove

3/3 - Sr. Teresa Fix IHM, Sr. Monica Allamandola, Sr. Arlene Ashack IBVM

3/4 - Fr. James Dougherty

3/5 - Sr. Marietta Brummel, Sr. Lorna Hays IBVM

MINISTRY SCHEDULE			
Saturday, March 9, 2024 & Sunday, March 10, 2024			
	SATURDAY 4:30pm	SUNDAY 8:30am	SUNDAY 10:30am
LECTORS	E. Walker	M. Pretlow	P. Naples
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK - MARCH 3, 2024

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent
 29: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 / Ps 19:8-11 / 1 Cor 1:22-25 / Jn 2:13-25

Monday: Lenten Weekday [3]; Saint Casimir
 237: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b / Pss 42:2-3; 43:3-4 / Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Lenten Weekday [3]
 238: Dn 3:25, 34-43 / Ps 25:4bc-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9 / Mt 19:21-35

Wednesday: Lenten Weekday [3]
 239: Dt 4:1, 5-9 / Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 / Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Lenten Weekday [3]; Saints Perpetua and Felicity
 240: Jer 7:23-28 / Ps 95: 1-2, 6-9 / Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Lenten Weekday [3]; Saint John of God, Religious
 240: Hos 14:2-10 / Ps 81:6c-11b, 14, 17 / Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Lenten Weekday [3]; Saint Frances of Rome, Religious
 242: Hos 6:1-6 / Ps 51:3-4, 18-21b / Lk 18:9-14

DONATIONS		
WEEKLY OFFERINGS REPORT	Sunday	\$ 5,081.00
SUNDAY, February 18, 2024	Mail in	\$ 505.00
	Electronic	\$ 2,592.50
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2ND COLLECTION - MARCH 10		
Catholic Relief Services Appeal—USCCB		
<i>THANK-YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY</i>		

3/6 - Sr. Ann Hyzy, Sr. Judy Illig IBVM

3/7 - Fr. John Doyle, Fr. Stanley Drewniak

3/8 - Fr. Robert Duda, Fr. Thomas Dunn

3/9 - Dcns. Joseph Cuzzone, Donald Cyr, Joseph Dalpiaz

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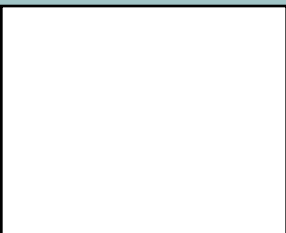
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