

Holy Spirit Catholic Church

NOVEMBER 6, 2022 | THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

God is not God
of the dead,
but of the living,
for to him all are

alive.

~ Luke 20:38

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH
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MASS SCHEDULE

*MASSSES ARE LIVE-STREAMED AT 6:30 AM MON/TUES/WED;
8:00 AM THUR/FRI; AND 9:00 AM ON SUNDAYS
(YOU TUBE HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH MARYLAND HEIGHTS)*

Monday thru Wednesday.....6:30am
Thursday and Friday.....8:00am
Saturday:8:00am and 5:00pm (Vigil)
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, and 11:00am
Holy Days: Please consult the bulletin.

Eucharistic Chapel Hours

Weekdays: 12am to 6am and 9am to 12 midnight.
Saturdays: 12am to 7am
Chapel will close at 7am Saturday until 9am Monday.
Eucharistic Adoration
1:00pm—6:50pm followed by Benediction

SPECIAL REQUESTS

COMMUNION CALLS

Please call the Parish Office to request Communion if someone is unable to attend Church.

HOSPITAL VISITS

Please notify the Parish Office concerning hospitalization.

SACRAMENTS

CONFESSION

Saturday 4:00 to 4:45pm or by appointment

BAPTISMS & CLASSES:

Baptism Class for parents/godparents is normally held on the first Monday of the month at 7 PM in the Church. To register for the meeting and/or to arrange for a baptism, call the Parish Office.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning marriage contact the pastor at least six months in advance.

Registration

New parishioners may register at Parish Office or download a registration form, www.holyspiritstl.org.

New information, such as change of address, phone numbers or moving from the parish, please call Parish Office at 314-739-0230

BULLETIN INFORMATION

Please submit information for the bulletin by Noon TWO Fridays before publication. Include name, daytime phone number of person submitting information, and group name.
Items can be e-mailed to msaputo@holyspiritstl.org.



A Note from Father Bob



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October 17, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Numerous Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests past the age of 70 benefit from the Retirement Fund for Religious collection. Donations to this special collection provide funding that helps religious communities care for their aging members.

On the weekend of November 6, all parishes in the Archdiocese of St. Louis will take up the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Senior religious were influential in establishing Catholic parishes, schools, hospitals, and charitable agencies throughout our archdiocese and the United States. They initiated programs to promote social justice and ministered to the neediest among us. Many of our senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served with little to no pay.

Today, many religious communities do not have enough retirement savings, and struggle to provide for a growing number of elder members. Increasing health care costs and decreased income make it difficult to provide necessary medical care, costly medications, and basic services. Covid-19 has only increased the challenge to provide adequate care.

Please consider making a financial gift to assist with the care of our senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Many thanks for considering this request.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski
Archbishop of St. Louis

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 6

7:30am Benjamin Magparangalan
9:00am People of the Parish
11:00am Violeta Dickmann

Monday, November 7

6:30am Jane Dixon

Tuesday, November 8

6:30am Eleanor Denton

Wednesday, November 9

6:30am Glenda/Hope Rosas

Thursday, November 10

8:00am Carol Smith

Friday, November 11

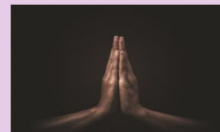
8:00am Karl Gill

Saturday, November 12

8:00am Evelyn Mareschal
5:00pm Ed Cody

Sunday, November 13

7:30am People of the Parish
9:00am Fisk Family (SI)
11:00am Dorothy Fehrenbacher



PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Almighty and merciful God, graciously keep from us all adversity,
so that, unhindered in mind and body alike,
we may pursue
in freedom of heart the things that are yours.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who
lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever. Amen

Holy Spirit

Contemplative Prayer Group

This group meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month: 3:30—4:45pm in the Resource Center.

NEXT MEETING ~ Mon., Nov. 7

Contemplative prayer, such as Centering Prayer, can lead one to discover the meaning of Psalm 46:

“Be still and know that I am God”.

If you have an interest, please contact

Karlye Keleher at 314-291-5209



FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

We express our deep sympathy and assurance of our prayers to the family of

♦ CHARLES VANDOREN, PARISHIONER

♦ TILL FEHRENBACHER, MOTHER OF VICKI DAVENPORT

MAY HIS SOUL REST IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Stewardship for Oct. 17 - Oct. 23, 2022

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 8,264.25
Loose Collection	\$ 511.75
Online Donations	\$ 8,925.00
Total	\$ 17,701.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 17,410.00
Weekly Surplus (shortfall)	\$ 291.00

Mission Sunday	HandS	Parish Improv.
\$887.00	\$85.00	50.00

Don't forget!

Sunday, Nov. 6th!

(Consider setting your clocks back before bed Saturday evening)

**Turn Clocks Back /
Standard Time**



GLUTEN FREE HOSTS AVAILABLE

Gluten allergy? Would you like a gluten-free host?
Please contact the Parish Office, 314-739-0230.

OUR MISSION:

We, the community of Holy Spirit Parish, centered in the Eucharist, and guided by the Holy Spirit, will use our shared wisdom to be a joyful, accepting and forgiving community. We encourage all to grow in the Catholic faith by teaching and proclaiming the Gospel, serving others and praising God.

SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to our Oct. 31 Red & Blue Raffle winner of \$25 ~ Tammy Williams
Thank you for supporting our school!

- Wed., Nov. 9:** 5:30pm—Parish Hall doors open to parents for Uniform Exchange, order Candy Grams, and purchase 50/50 raffle tickets prior to the **6:00pm Home & School Meeting (Babysitting Available in the Art Classroom for parents who want to attend the meeting)**
- Thurs., Nov. 10:** 8:00am—Kindergarten thru Grade 4 Mass led by Grade 4
- Fri., Nov. 11:** 8:00am—Grades 5 thru 8 Mass prepared by Grade 7
9:00am -2:00pm— Bookmobile will be visiting Holy Spirit School
9:15am— Grade 5 DARE with Officer Bob
- Sat., Nov. 12:** 1:30pm— Grade 8 students will receive the sacrament of Confirmation at Cathedral Basilica

HOLY SPIRIT YOUTH MINISTRY

FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM www.facebook.com/hsyouth AND as [hs_youth_stl](#) (HS Youth STL) on Instagram

HIGH SCHOOL TEENS:

EAT. PRAY. DISCUSS. gatherings are on **Thursday nights in the Resource Center from 6:30-8:00 p.m.** Over the next few weeks we'll be talking about friendship (and attempting to make Friendship Bread starters). We will have games, snacks, discussion and prayer together. **We are inviting the 8th grade to join us this year to help build up our youth ministry and small faith community.**

CONFIRMATION

• 8TH GRADE FAMILIES –

- ◊ **Confirmation is November 12 at 1:30 p.m.** See the information you were given or contact Donna Eisenbath if you have any questions. Plan to be there at least an hour early. Please do not be late.

WE NEED YOU!

- **PRAYER PARTNERS –** The most important thing you can do for us is pray. Watch here for opportunities to pray for specific needs for youth ministry and our young people.
- **NOVEMBER PRAYER INTENTION:** *In honor of All Saints and All Souls, please pray for our young people who have experienced loss in their lives. In addition, please pray for our Confirmation Candidates who are receiving their Sacrament on November 12.*
- **MIDDLE SCHOOL MADNESS (MSM) CHAPERONES:** We have a couple of volunteers, but could still use PCG adults to help chaperone. We meet one Friday a month from 7-9 p.m. October to April. Please contact Donna Eisenbath if you able to help one month. We only have 7 months to cover.

Please pray for our Confirmation Candidates, and ask their Saints to pray as well:

Paulo – Isadore of Seville	Molly – Catherine of Alexandria
Natalie – Our Lady of Guadalupe	Katherine – Francis of Assisi
Malia – Bridget	William – Juan Diego
Alexandria – Katherine of Alexandria	Brendan – John Bosco
Lilian – Genevieve	Anna – Jane Frances de Chantal
Wyatt – Hubert	Rocio – Brigid of Kildare
Amalia – Teresa of Avila	Abigail – Mary Magdalene
Brooke – Joan of Arc	Elizabeth – Monica
Charlotte – Cecilia	Alexis – Gianna Beretta Molla
Clara – Brigid of Kildare	Caitlyn – Rose of Lima
Tyler – Martin de Porres	Jacob - Hubertus
Sydney – Catherine Laboure	Molly – Elizabeth, Mother of John
Elise – Catherine de Virgri	Eleanor – Cecilia
Conner – Paul	Alexis – Catherine of Sienna
C. J. – Andrew the Apostle	Joshua – George
Gabriella – Cecilia	

Please remember in your prayers our
Sick and Home-Bound Parishioners
and those who care for them.

Don Abramovitz	Norma Gross	Pat Romano
Brian Bannister	Sherry Holland	Peggy Rumph
Lorraine Bath	Kenneth Jordan	Jean Schepers
Ronnie Bindbeutel	Sue Knoesel	Pete Schwaninger
Carol Bonner	Sr. Joan Kuester	Jim Smith
Becky Bonner	Rita Laurentius	Lois Smith
Jim Brockmeyer	Michael Lemp	Rudi/Brenda
Karen Clarke	Charles Medvick	Torricelli
Dorothy Dailey	Susie Meyer	Bill/JeanWeinzirl
Leon Deimeke	Glenn Mueller	Tom/Jeanne
Tom DuBois	Bob/Donna Pedrotti	Zemblidge
Debbie Dufaux	Karen Piskulic	
Ray/Betty Garvels	Bob/Tootie	
Jim Gerdes	Ponder	
Kathy Glaser	Carolyn Putnam	
Mike Graff	John Rath	

Please remember in your prayers our
Sick Relatives and Friends:

Kate Allen	John Garvels	Melinda Oeth
Kathryn Arnold	Michael Gill	Liz Prange
Bailey Family	Greg/Jane Hefley	Mike Prinzi
Paul Beckerle	Diane Herman	Jan Redden
Kendell/Tina	Paul Hyduchak	Alford Snowden
Bedell	Ray Jackson	Grace Solimando
Ann/Bill Boewer	Suzanne Johnson	Caroline Van Scoyk
Teagan Bracken	Karen Kohler	Barbie Schlenk
Colton Christian	Jenny Lemkemann	Bob Stroder
Brenda Joyce	Steve Mashmeyer	Jerry Sutterer
Crouch	Barb McDonald	Will Vonder Haar
Debbie Bick	Alton Mercer	Joyce Watts
Byron Difani	Lou /Betty Merritt	Chris Wells
Steve Essner	Colin Meyer	Paul Williams
Harold Feltmann	John Misauraca	Michelle Wilson
Kathy First	Bill Nobles	Ruby Winschel



National Vocation Awareness Week (NVAW) is Nov. 6-12th
and is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the
United States dedicated to promote vocations to ordained ministry and
consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our
prayers and support for those who are considering
one of these particular vocations.

For more information, go to NRVC.net



SSM Health Behavioral Health is located on the
campus of SSM Health DePaul Hospital, and offers a comprehensive array
of outpatient services to support the emotional and mental well-being of
patients and their families. They offer a full continuum of
psychiatric care and behavioral health programs for adults and adolescents struggling with mental health is-
sues. Our certified psychiatrists treat mental health disorders, including depression, anxiety and panic disorder,
schizophrenia, dementia, bipolar disorder and substance abuse disorders.

This department is also available for Caregivers of patients who may just need someone to talk to.

Patients/families are encouraged to park in

Parking Lot 8 and enter the building.

For more information, call 314-344-7101

PSR NEWS

FAMILIES

Thank you to all our families for making our dismissal process a success.

November 8 is our Community Prayer night in the church at 7:45. Please plan to join us.

Progress Reports will be coming home on November 8. Please look for them in your Email and with your child.

Remember to attend all family events with your child. I know the children look forward to having their families join in, and your family will be entered into the drawing for free family fees for PSR.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION-IMPORTANT DATES

***Tues., Nov. 8** – Community Prayer & Progress Reports sent home

***Tues., Nov. 22** – Thanksgiving Mass at 7:00 p.m.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sunday, November 6

8:00-11am—Scrip Sales, Parish Hall
7:00pm—Al-Anon, Rigali Rm & Zoom

Monday, November 7

1:00-7:00pm—Eucharistic Adoration,
3:30pm—Contemplative Prayer, Resource Ctr
closing with Benediction at 6:50pm
6:00pm—Quilting, Annex

Tuesday, November 8

9:00am—Quilting, Annex
12:00pm—Ladies Club, Rigali Rm.

Wednesday, November 9

9:00am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.

Thursday, November 10

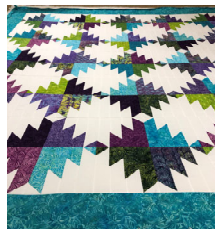
9:00am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.
6pm-7pm—Bell Choir Practice
7:15pm-8:30pm—Adult Choir Practice
7:00-8:15pm—Al Anon, by Zoom only

Saturday, November 12

4:00pm—Confessions

Sunday, November 13

8:00-11am—Scrip Sales, Parish Hall
8:00am-12:30pm—Blood Drive, Rigali Rm.
11:15—Doors Open for Quilt Bingo
7:00pm—Al-Anon, Rigali Rm & Zoom



HOLY SPIRIT QUILT BINGO

Sun., Nov. 13th

Doors Open at 11:15
Games begin at 12:45
\$20 Admission

Food and refreshments Available for Purchase.
Tickets for the Grand Raffle will also
be available for purchase

*Come play BINGO and you may be the
lucky winner of one of SIX BEAUTIFUL QUILTS!
DESSERT DONATIONS ACCEPTED
Please drop off in the Gym on that Sun. between
11:30 - Noon.
Questions: contact Cathy Fuest at 314-422-2622*

BLOOD DRIVE BE THE GIVING TYPE

Holy Spirit Parish

Sunday, November 13

8:00 am - 12:30 pm

Rigali Room—Annex

3111 Parkwood Lane

LifeSavings grant to help school with Education Support

Masks optional. Appointments required.
To schedule an appointment, scan QR code
call ImpactLife at 800.747.5401
or online at bloodcenter.org/group, grp #10414



BLOOD TYPE MUG OR A GIFT CARD



**We regret to inform you that the
Holy Spirit Parish Ministry of Support Group
WILL NO LONGER MEET.**

**Subsequently, the meeting for
TUES., NOV. 8 HAS BEEN CANCELLED.**

Holy Spirit Ladies Club

TUES. NOV. 8—12:00 NOON
RIGALI ROOM, ANNEX

Bring your lunch

We will be writing Christmas cards

All ladies of the Parish are Welcome!

Please come and check us out

For more info, call Dea 314-209-9231

SOCIAL JUSTICE SPEAKER SERIES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Our Speaker will be Joyce Jones of the Office of
Racial Harmony Diocese of St Louis.

For more information

Contact, Clare Duffy

314-291-2144 or Peggy Owen 314-602-9583

A CHILD'S GIFT

Give a little love to a child, and you get a great deal back.

~ 19th Century English writer, John Ruskin

Garden of Feeden

Now that the growing season has come to an end, the Garden Crew would like to thank everyone for their generosity. We were able to make weekly donations to HandS and deliver fresh vegetables to food pantries. See you next Spring!



The Reclamation Center of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis collects, cares for, and repurposes religious and liturgical items no longer in use.

It seeks to give these items new life in the Church, specifically in chapels, agencies, schools, retreat centers, and with the clergy.

**THERE WILL BE AN OPEN HOUSE
MONDAY, NOV. 7 FROM 11am—3pm.**

(Located behind the Cardinal Rigali Center)

Learn about their work!

No RSVP necessary

For more information: 314-792-6461
(masks are required)



National Shrine of Our
Lady of the Snows –
Visitors Center

Gifts From Friends We've Yet to Meet: A Day of Prayer

Presenter: Virginia Herbers

Saturday November 19, 9:30 am – 3 pm
(Lunch included)

Join us for this day of reflection focusing on a few Gospel characters whose names we will never know—whether it's the boy with the loaves and fishes, the woman with the hemorrhage, or the 'good thief', there are several individuals who interact personally with Jesus and have a significant impact on his ministry—even though we cannot name them. We will explore a few of these characters, reflecting on what gifts they have to offer us for our own lives of faith and discipleship—here and now.

Cost: \$35 (Lunch included)

For more information, call 618-394-6281.

Register online at <https://snows.org/ministries/spiritual-programs/>



HandS Giving Tree 2022

We will begin collecting gifts for The HandS Giving Tree beginning the weekend of Nov. 19 & 20 and continue through Sunday, Nov. 27 in the Gathering Area of Church.

Purchase one of the suggested gifts from the list below for St. Augustine's Wellston Center.

DO NOT wrap it and include the price of the item - if possible.

Suggested Gifts: (please no puzzles, crafts or gifts for children under age 3)

Toys: cars, trucks, ethnic dolls, games for teenagers, remote control vehicles, and sports items.

For All Ages: clothes, sleeper blankets, sweaters, jackets, underwear, socks, sweat suits (Large & X-Large & 2X).

Household: sheets (full and queen size), kitchen and bath towels, dishes, glasses, pots and pans, toaster ovens, electric skillet, coffee maker, flatware, flashlights, wall clocks and storage containers

Other: men and women fragrance or soap gift sets, hand lotion, holiday food gift packages (example: Hickory Farms), popcorn tins, jewelry, radios, cameras and watches

OR

Make a monetary gift to HandS and place in the collection basket (in a labeled envelope) at Church, or donate through online giving or drop off to the Parish Office. **Please no gift cards.** Due to the ongoing Covid-19 concerns we will not be collecting children's toys for Community Helping Ministry again this year.

Return all gifts to Church no later than Sunday, November 27.

If you have questions, please call Edna Stepanek 314-853-1582 or Shari Buschart 314-600-8101



REQUEST FOR HANDS THANKSGIVING DINNER\DONATIONS

It's That Time of Year Again!

HandS is once again asking for food or monetary or Wal-Mart gift card donations for our Thanksgiving Food Baskets for our clients. We have **23 families** on our list and will more than likely add a few more!

NEW THIS YEAR – We are asking families to indicate choices of items they would like to receive in their basket so we have changed the donation list some!

If you prefer to contribute money, please make your check payable to “Holy Spirit HandS”; place the check or cash in an envelope marked “HandS Thanksgiving Baskets” and place it in the collection basket at Mass or drop it off at the Parish Office.

OR

If you would like to purchase a gift card to allow us to shop, please purchase **WAL-MART gift cards from Holy Spirit Script program** and they will get them to us

PLEASE MAKE YOUR DONATIONS NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, NOV. 13.

GROCERY ITEMS NEEDED:

- TURKEYS or TURKEY BREASTS**
- MARGARINE/BUTTER – 1 LB PKGS**

****PLEASE CALL NORMA (739-3159) TO MAKE A DONATION OF TURKEYS, (BEFORE PURCHASING AS WE ONLY NEED A LIMITED NUMBER OF THESE!) BUTTER (no rolls needed), AND TO ARRANGE A TIME FOR DELIVERY TO THE PANTRY.**

- INSTANT MASHED POTATOES
- CANNED CHICKEN BROTH
- CANNED CHICKEN GRAVY OR GRAVY PACKETS-- **NO GLASS JARS PLEASE**
- CANNED FRUIT (peaches, pears, pineapple, applesauce, fruit cocktail)
- CANNED VEGETABLES (peas, corn, green beans, peas, mixed vegetables)
- JELLO – red or orange (we do like to have a small amount of sugar free jello too)

NO CANNED PUMPKIN OR PUMPKIN PIES, STUFFING, CRANBERRY SAUCE OR SWEET POTATOES PLEASE – WE ARE PURCHASING THE NUMBER NEEDED.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY.

Norma Wibbenmeyer
Thanksgiving Dinner Chairperson

32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

2 Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14
Ps 17:1,5-6,8,15
2 Thess 2:16--3:5
Luke 20:27-38

Monday November 7

Titus 1:1-9
Ps 24:1b-6
Luke 17:1-6

Tuesday November 8

Titus 2:1-8,11-14
Ps 37:3-4,18,23,27,29
Luke 17:7-10

Wednesday November 9 Lateran Basilica in Rome

Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12
Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9
1 Corinthians 3:9c-11,16-17
John 2:13-22

Thursday November 10 St. Leo the Great

Philemon 7-20
Ps 146:7-10
Luke 17:20-25

Friday November 11 St. Martin of Tours

2 John 4-9
Ps 119:1,2,10,11,17,18
Luke 17:26-37

Saturday November 12 St. Josaphat

3 John 5-8
Ps 112:1-6
Luke 18:1-8

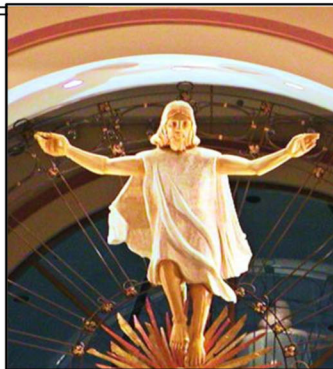
Do you believe in the resurrection? That's the question that Jesus indirectly poses when he challenges the Sadducees in today's Gospel reading.

As Christians, we believe that someday we will experience a resurrection like Christ's after we depart from this present earthly "age" or stage of life. All believers who follow Jesus will live as the angels do. This is why Catholic funeral Masses are Resurrection Masses and use white instead of black as the liturgical color.

But do you believe in the resurrection of love? Jesus explained the resurrection in terms of marriage. Marriage is to be a reflection of God's radical love for his people. Marriage is supposed to unite a man and a woman in an enduring love that is the very presence of God. It gives witness to the world that God's faithfulness and commitment to us is real.

So why would Jesus say that marriage is not a part of the resurrection of the dead? Why won't today's marriages become perfect and continue forever after both husband and wife have entered heaven? Here on earth, love is imperfectly given and imperfectly received. Therefore, it's constantly dying and being resurrected

again, every day, to the extent that each spouse repents and forgives. (The same is true of any friendship.)



Perfect love is God. We live as true children of God when we love our brothers and sisters the way he loves them. Marriage does not exist in heaven because it's an imperfect love: We love our spouses more than we

love others. In heaven, we will love our spouses fully (yes, even our ex-spouses!) *and* we will love everyone else just as much. And those who have loved us poorly will love us better than the best spouse could love us now.

Marriage is only an earthly foreshadowing of the divine, faithful, creative love that we will share with everyone in heaven.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. Who has failed to love you enough? Who has caused you pain?
2. How would you feel if that person were to greet you at the entrance of heaven at the moment of your death? Do you have enough love for that person to get you through the door?
3. How is a marriage like God's love?
4. Describe the ways that God loves us, and relate these signs of true love to what you've experienced in good friendships. How is this a foretaste of heaven?

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Mal 3:19-20a; Ps 98:5-9; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19



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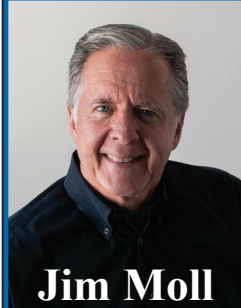
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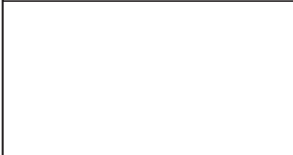
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