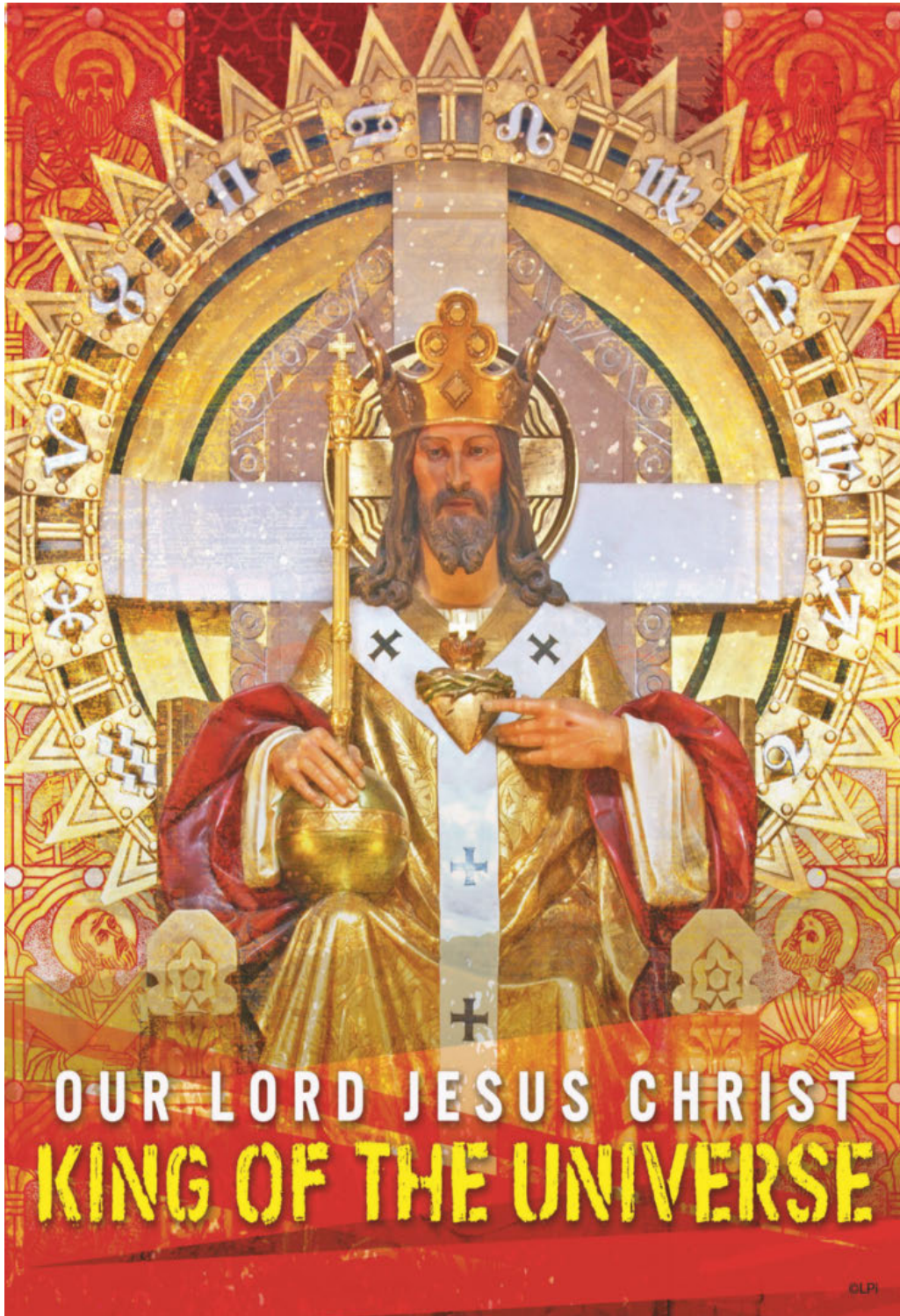


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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | NOVEMBER 24, 2024



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am

WEEKDAYS

Monday & Tuesday:
8:30 am

HOLY DAY MASSES

Consult the bulletin

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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Today, the last Sunday in the liturgical calendar, the entire Church is celebrating the great Feast of Christ the King. So, what does that, or should that, mean to us today? Let us take a few minutes of our time to really get to understand this important event.

Americans have a difficult time in understanding the place of a king in our midst. We have often heard others joke about how the British honor their Queen. We take lightly how other nations honor or revere their monarch; but to the subjects of those countries, the monarchy is something they are proud of and look upon with dignity. To them their king or queen is a symbol of that dignity and leadership, even when the office is primarily ceremonial.

To Christians the world over, Jesus Christ is also a symbol, but a symbol of much more than earthly dignity and leadership. He is not only a symbol of salvation and eternal life, He is the essence of our salvation and eternal life. He is the face of God and, indeed, He is God Himself. Therefore, our allegiance to Jesus Christ should be much more than ceremonial on our part because He is the key to our salvation, and for the last 2000 years he has been the "King" of the largest body of human beings on earth, the Church. No earthly monarch or ruler can say that! No earthly lord has ever had so many subjects; but do we truly realize that in our hearts and show it in our actions and speech?

It is true that Jesus asks for our allegiance, but he doesn't force us. He rules with love, not with threats. Within His army are saints, sinners, cardinals, bishops and dock workers, along with secretaries, students and nuns. All of these make up the "Church Militant" as defined in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. These are the people who have pledged themselves to serve God through Jesus Christ whom they recognize as their "King of kings" and "Lord of lords."

The Readings for the Feast of Christ the King all reflect some aspect of Jesus our King. **In the First Reading from the Book of Daniel (7:13-14)** we have the title "Son of Man" that Jesus used in reference to himself, meaning someone who is more than an angel and who receives "dominion, glory and kingship over all peoples and nations." **The Responsorial Psalm (93:1, 1-2, 5)** is a direct reference to Jesus as Lord and King. **The Second Reading from the Book of Revelation (1:5-8)** reveals Jesus as the "Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end of all the living." **The Gospel Reading from John (18:33b-37)** is the scene before Pilate where Jesus confirms that He is the King...for this "He was born and for this He came into the world."

So, when you come to Mass today, or anytime, please be prepared to worship the greatest leader, the divine monarch, the longest reigning king of all times who longs to come into your heart and soul just to be with YOU and listen to your story, your problems, your hurts and feelings. He is waiting to give you a share in eternal life and happiness. All that He asks of you is to follow Him daily in everything you do, so that you don't lose your way. So, what are you waiting for? **He is waiting for you!**

Something to think about during your prayer time this week.

Rev. Edward J. Smith **2**

NOVEMBER 24, 2024

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

CONFESSION

Saturday 3:00 pm or by appt.

BAPTISM

At least one parent must be a parishioner & actively attend Mass prior to calling the Office.

Baptisms will be held on the 4th Sunday of the month.

MARRIAGE

At least one member of the couple must be a parishioner & actively attend Mass prior to calling

Couples need to make arrangements at least 6 months in advance

No date may be reserved until discussion with the pastor of the parish.

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SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING: His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed. (Dn 7:14)

PSALM: The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty. (Ps 93)

SECOND READING: To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, who has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever and ever. (Rv 1:5-6)

GOSPEL: Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth." (Jn 18:37)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK NOVEMBER 24, 2024

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 91:1, 1-2, 5 (1a)/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 -6a and 8a/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22

Next Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)/1 Thes 3:12-4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

NOVEMBER

Sunday - Nov 24th - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

10:00 am - †Stephen Saltis

Requested by: Carol Bainbridge

Monday - Nov 25th - St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr

8:30 am - †Living & Deceased of the Parish

Tuesday - Nov 26th - Weekday Mass

8:30 am - †Lois Terschak

Requested by: Joseph & Juanita Smith

Saturday - Nov 30th - St. Andrew, Apostle

4:00 pm - †Grace Matesic

Requested by: Loving Family

Sunday - Dec. 1st - 1st Sunday of Advent

10:00 am - †Anthony Smith (Birthday)

Requested by: Joseph & Juanite Smith

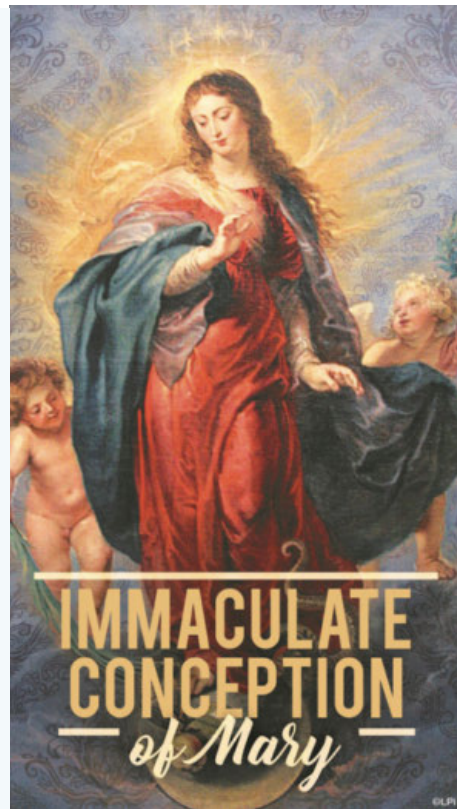
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HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASSES

**Monday,
December 9th**

**8:30 am
(with the School Children)
&
4:00 pm**

*Eucharistic Ministers:
Hilaire T., & Pam W.*



Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, November 30th at 4:00 pm

Lectors: Laura V.

Eucharistic Ministers: Jerry D., Patty R., Michael S.

Sunday, December 1st at 10:00 am

Lectors: Celia F.

Eucharistic Ministers: Hilaire T., Dan L., Karen L.

OFFERTORY REPORT

FISCIAL YEAR (7/1/24-6/30/25)

AMOUNT BUDGETED WEEKLY..... \$5,779.00
 SUNDAY COLLECTION (11/3/2024) \$6,645.00
 7/1/2024 TO DATE +/- BUDGET..... + \$2,612.25

MY GIFT TO GOD REFLECTS HIS GENEROSITY TO ME

If you are unable to contribute, please submit your envelopes all the same as it is our most clear indication of active participation for Mass.



YEAR-END GIVING

This season of giving is a perfect time to express your gratitude for the blessings in your life by making a year-end gift to our parish. As you plan your charitable contributions for 2024, please know that we gratefully accept gifts of cash and appreciated assets, such as stocks and bonds.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

This Thanksgiving, let us remember all the good things, and people, who have come into our lives. We focus on thanking each one who has helped us, and ultimately thank God for the good gifts of this world.

God our Father, Graciously accept from your humble people a thankful heart and spirit. Everything we have and are able to share with others ultimately comes from your love of your creations. Often we think that everything we have is our own creation; we ask you this day to create in us a spirit of gratitude, that we may always know that all good gifts come from you. We ask this through Christ our brother, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



PRAYER REQUESTS

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Gloria Badillo	Janet Baxter	Joanne Bilancini	Tim "Swampy" Burton	Lynn Coscho	Ann DiFrancesco
Jerry Donovan	Denise Ellis	Deacon Jose Flores	Norma Jean Flores	Scott Friges	Virginia Glass
Barbara Glick	Joe Gluvna	Brian Grace	Dan George	Renee Golowenski	D'Arie Gonzalez
Delores Gonzalez	Jose Gonzalez	Jose Gonzalez Jr.	Juan Gonzalez	Clara Hodorowski	Kevin Holley
Phyllis Holomuzki	Bob Humphrey	Jennifer Humphrey	Boston Lee Jackson	Iris Pearl Jackson	Al Jacobs
Devin Jarvis	Sylvia Johnston	Johnna Kuhar	Amanda Jacobs-Leadbetter	Deacon Luis Maldonado	Dean Martin III
Alan McCartney	Rita McConley	Sandra Merkly	Jen Mitterholzer	Frank Murphy	Mary Nazario
Luci Payne	Elizabeth Raddell	Emily Raddell	Joe Rizzo	Jack Tocchi	Audali Torres
Rosa Torres	Nanette Truffin	Peter Uies	Stacie Velasquez	Nick Vivens	Sherri Wedgeworth
Paul Winkler	Doris Zgola-Whitka				

Call the Parish Office if you would like to add someone to this list. Please notify us when to remove the name.

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Call the "Prayer Line" for immediate prayer requests,

Linda: 440-667-9050 from 9 am - 3 pm or Terri, 440-320-3272 from 3 - 9 pm

ADORATION CHAPEL

Excerpt from A-5 “Worthy is the Lamb”

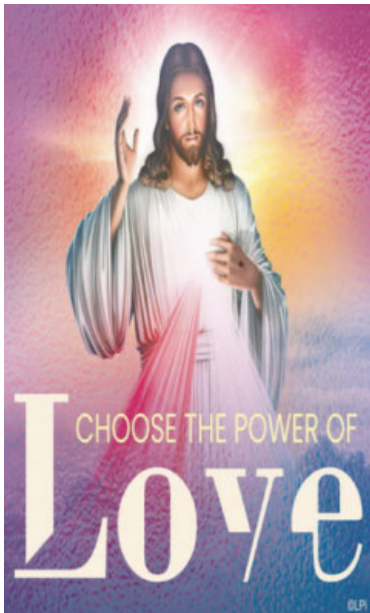
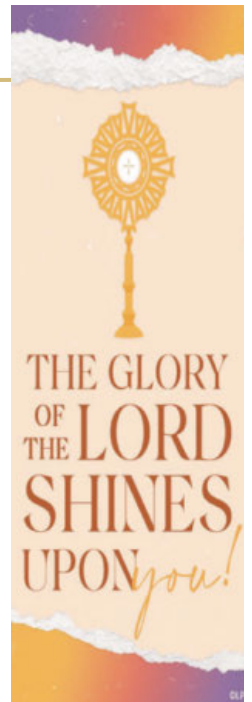
Feast of Christ the King: *“All the nations shall come to adore You.” (Ps 86:9) “Lay people must join priests so that together we point to the Lamb, Jesus, in the Blessed Sacrament, as the answer to all the ills of the Church and human society. From the Lamb flows the river, crystal clear, which provides the healing and the medicine for all the nations (Rev 22:1-2). The Lamb on the throne will shepherd us and lead us to springs of life-giving water (Rev 7:17). The lamp is the Lamb whose light casts out the darkness (Rev 21:22-44). Those in authority fight against the Lamb, but the Lamb is victorious because He is ‘Lord of lords and King of Kings’ ” (Rev 17:14).*

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, France - Feast Day: November 27th

Prior to her visions of Our Lady, St. Catherine Laboure (*Feast Day: November 28th*), received daily manifestations of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Traditionally, following the recitation of the novena, there was exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle - Feast Day: November 30th

It is said that God will answer the prayer of whoever recites the following prayer 15 times a day from *November 30th until Christmas: “Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In the hour, vouchsafe, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ and of His Blessed Mother. Amen.”*



DIVINE MERCY MEDITATION - PART 2: A WHOLE-BURNT OFFERING

And for the accomplishment of this offering, you will unite yourself with Me on the Cross. I know what you can do. I Myself will give you many orders directly, but I will delay the possibility of their being carried out and make it depend on others (*Diary, 923*).

**The words of Jesus appear in boldface type*

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, You know how weak I am. You know I want to do Your will, but I get detoured and distracted. In the words of St. Bernard, help me “to lean on You, my Beloved.” Amen.

Get daily meditations emailed to you at forms.thedivinemercy.org/dmdsignup/.

JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU!

PRO-LIFE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK FROM [PROLIFECORNER.COM](https://www.prolifecorner.com)

Let us throw ourselves on the mercy of God, our Creator, & unceasingly ask Him for an end to abortion & euthanasia. Then & only then can we have peace in our hearts, in our families, & in the streets of America.

Think about this:

Abortion: *“This is not the kind of issue that we simply agree to pray about or nod in agreement that that’s where I stand. This calls for action - the kind of action God will lead you to do...the options are many”*

Find out your option by joining the pro-life movement today.

Lord, let us not be cowards; give us the courage & wisdom necessary to stand up & fight the evil of abortion & euthanasia today. Amen!



BE THE LIGHT: SHARE YOUR BLESSINGS

This annual holiday program is meant to help our needy School Families & Active Parishioner Families.

We are asking for monetary donations that can be used to purchase gift cards to help these needy families.

Donations can be made through the regular weekend collections on the weekends of November 23-24 & November 30-December 1 or mailed to the Parish Office.

Checks should include the memo line: *Be the Light.*

If you are a family that needs help, please call 440-288-1752 Ext. 247 and leave your name and phone number.

You will be verified and then contacted. **The cut off date will be Monday, December 2nd.**

Thank you for considering a donation on behalf of our own struggling brothers and sisters. God Bless You!



MONTHLY HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE AT ST. TERESA - 11/26

Join us at St. Teresa of Avila Church on Tuesday, November 26th at 7 pm as we pray that unborn lives are saved and all life will be considered valuable. *Our prayers make a difference!*

The Holy Hour will include Scripture, Litanies & the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

If you have any questions, call the church office at 440-934-4227.

MARIAN GUILD CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON - 12/8

The Marian Guild's Christmas Luncheon will be held on Sunday, December 8th, at the Lorain Senior Center on Garfield Boulevard after the 10:00 am Mass (approx. 11:15 am).

All ladies of the parish are more than welcome to join us! The cost for this luncheon is \$15.

Chicken Paprikash, with all the fixings, will be on the menu, along with a delicious dessert and beverages.

In keeping with our theme for this year, "Alumni Speaker," Linda Schoenberger Howell will again entertain us, not only with her soulful and seasonal music, but also with an interesting program reflecting on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

For reservations, please send the coupon below with your check to:

The Marian Guild c/o St. Anthony Church, P.O. Box 2199, Sheffield Lake, OH 44054.

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MARIAN GUILD HOLIDAY BAKE SALE - 12/14 & 12/15

The Marian Guild will be sponsoring their annual Holiday Bake Sale and Gift Basket Raffle after Mass on Saturday, December 14th & Sunday, December 15th in the main vestibule of the church.

****If you would like to bake cookies for this event, we would greatly appreciate the donation!*

Please drop them off at the church on Friday, December 13th between 10 am and NOON.

We will be glad to pick up if you are unable to bring them to the Church.

*Call Linda, 440-667-9050 to schedule a pick up.****

As in the past there will be a tempting array of delicious homemade cookies and other small items for purchase, and of course, a 50/50 raffle. And in keeping with our past reputation, we will have lots of gift baskets filled with a variety of items: seasonal, sports, home goods and fun and unique things, just in time for the gift giving season!

Please mark your calendar NOW for this event.

FOOD SERVICE POSITION AT ST. ANTHONY SCHOOL

We are looking to hire a foodservice position for 6.5 hours per day to prepare and serve breakfast & lunch, right here at our own St. Anthony of Padua School.

Qualifications: High school diploma or equivalent preferred. Previous foodservice experience a plus. Must pass BCI&I and FBI background check. Excellent communication skills. Onsite training provided.

Contact Nutrition Services Department at 216-696-6525 Ext 3340 or email cszabo@dioceseofcleveland.org for more information and an application.

Giving Tree Donations

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The students of the St. Anthony of Padua Little Trojans Pre-School class are asking for your support in living in the way of St. Nicholas. As we count our many blessings during the holiday season, we remember those who are less fortunate!

The Little Trojans Pre-School class is partnering with **Birthright of Lorain for the Giving Tree Program**. The students have decorated the Giving Trees with "angel ornaments" that list gift requests for underprivileged babies and children right here in Lorain.

Please consider choosing an ornament from one of the Giving Trees located in the Church vestibules of different price ranges to help a baby or child in need.

If you are not able to choose an angel ornament in person, there are some items that are always needed you can donate: *diapers of any size, pull-ups (sizes 3T-5T), baby wipes, children's underwear & socks (all sizes), baby wash & shampoo, baby washcloths & towels, cotton sleepers (sizes 0-3 & 3-6 months), fleece sleepers (sizes 0-18 months), outfits for all seasons (sizes 12 months-5T), receiving blankets, baby fleece blankets, baby sleep sacks (0-6 months) and books.*

Please **DO NOT WRAP** the gifts. **Instead use an open gift bag & attach the ornament tag. Gifts should be brought to the church by the weekend of December 14th & 15th and placed in front of the St. Anthony altar.** These gifts will then be delivered to the Lorain County Birthright & will be received by those in need this Christmas Season.

*The Little Trojans Pre-School students & Birthright sincerely thank you for your generosity.
May God Bless our parish families of St. Anthony of Padua this Christmas Season!*

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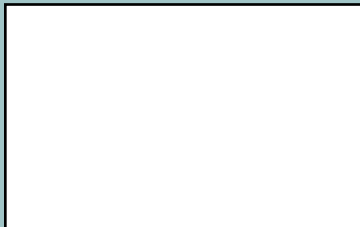
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