

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA-SAINT LUCY AND SAINT GILES PARISH



Blessed are they who follow the Lord!

PSALM 119

FEBRUARY 12, 2023 • Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA - ST. LUCY CHURCH
38 NORTH AUSTIN BOULEVARD, OAK PARK

DAILY MASSES THIS WEEK: Wednesday at 8:30 am

WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday at 5:00 pm (Confession prior to Mass, 4:00 to 4:30 pm); and Sunday at 9:00 am

ST. GILES CHURCH
1045 COLUMBIAN AVENUE, OAK PARK

DAILY MASSES THIS WEEK: Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6:30 am;

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 8:30 am; Saturday at 8:00 am (Confession following Mass, 8:30 to 9:00 am)

WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday at 4:30 pm and Sunday at 8:00 am and 10:30 am

Fr. Carl's Corner



Joyful, soulful, prayerful, colorful and beautiful would be some of the words that described the celebration of Mass at our St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church site last Sunday as we kicked off African American Heritage Month. Members of our many choirs came together and provided the music for our liturgy which was then followed by a wonderful potluck brunch where folks could mix and mingle over some tasty dishes.

In my homily, I spoke about the many challenges that family life must face today including the family of humanity and our family community as church. One of the pressing concerns is a lack of leadership in our common, societal life. Be it politics, business, education, or health care, we seem to have a lack of credible leaders. Many who offer to serve as leaders either lack the necessary skills or come with an agenda that doesn't make sense or threatens to divide rather than unite.

It's easy to become frustrated and angry. I focused on our need to go inside ourselves and find the courage to take Jesus' call to action to heart. That call, clear in last week's scriptures, was to be salt of the earth and light to the world.

To that end, we all need to think about one life-changing attitude or action we can take to be the salt and light that brings unity and peace to our small corners of the world. Imagine the difference we can make if we all try harder to lift up the values Jesus teaches: kindness, tolerance, acceptance, listening more to understand.

As we work toward unification and *building a new reality* together, I share this thought that I closed my homily with. Greg Boyle, founder of Homeboy Industries, talks about the power of extravagant tenderness in one of his books. He wrote, "Authentic Christianity never circles the wagons, it always widens the circle!"

A heartfelt thank you to all who helped plan the liturgy, advertised our gathering, provided music and song, served, ushered and set-up the gym and brought or donated food for our shared meal. What a beautiful, united effort and a reminder of what can be accomplished when we work together.

This weekend is the Annual Catholic Appeal. I never do a hard push on this with an in-pew solicitation since most of us receive the information in the mail and send it in. Just a reminder if you are doing so, **mark our parish name on the corresponding line so we do receive the credit.**

The Appeal offers us the opportunity to recall how the Lord is with us on our faith journey in good times as well as in the challenges we face to care for and support each other, especially those in most need. Let's keep in mind that a portion of our contributions will go to help Catholic Relief Services. Aware of the recent earthquakes and the suffering in many places where Catholic Relief Services are called upon to assist those in need, I urge you, please, to be generous in this year's appeal.

Today, our readings remind us to keep the commandments of God. If the law of the Lord is written in our hearts, we will act with honesty, mercy and love toward one another. This is a sure way to build unity and live in peace ... most of all to have peace within.

Have a blessed and safe week ahead.

With you a Christian. For you a priest.

Fr. Carl

Spiritual Life & Worship

ST. GILES CHURCH MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 13

6:30 — † The Deceased of the Parish

Tuesday, February 14

Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop

8:30 — † Joanna DeSanto

† Bill Rice

† Fred Schulz, Jr.

Wednesday, February 15

6:30 — † Deceased of the Daley and Archibald Family

† Owen Petrzela

8:30 — † The Deceased of the Parish

Thursday, February 16

8:30 — † Elizabeth and Joseph DeStefano

Friday, February 17

6:30 — † Joseph and Helen Shaker

Saturday, February 18

8:00 — † Chester Hammer

*4:30 — † Dr. Harold and Carol Bonus

Sunday, February 19

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 — † All Parishioners and Benefactors

10:30 — † Joseph G. Guzzardo (50th Anniv. of Death)

† Rose Jantelezio

† Sally Poppe

**This Mass will be live-streamed from the St. Giles website, stgilesparish.org.*

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA-ST. LUCY CHURCH MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Wednesday, February 15

8:30 — † Rev. John Carolan

by Era Yee

Saturday, February 18

5:00 — † Stella Caro

by Era Yee

Sunday, February 19

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 — † Guy Colletti

by Evie Stockinger

† Rosa Seidler

by Donna Kanapes

Immense is the wisdom of the LORD;
mighty in power, he sees all things.

--Sirach 15:18

We Pray For . . .

Those who are hospitalized or homebound, including: Steven Acevedo, Patrick Ahearn, Coletta Ali, Jane Baker, Jori Baker, Phyllis Baker, Joe Bigliotti, Danita Bowie, Herbert Breidenbach, Phil Calabrese, Tiffany Church, Patrick Cibula, Ray Cimms, Patricia Crotty, Lucille Dalbis, Andrea Dickson, Donald Pettis Edmond, Wanda Farmer, Mike Fenske, Katherine Fisher, Tom and Carol Frank, Mary Ellen Frank, Jim Gallagher, Earl Gallermo, Michael Gallo, Grace Gryzlo Goodmanson, Maggie Astacio Hedges, Deacon John Henricks, Bill Holmes, Frank Huss, Phillip Jones, Patrick King, Marie Koko, Pat Koko, Paul Koko, Hardie Kressler, Kathleen Kroker, Kimberly Lester, Jim and Linda Lewis, Jake Lofgren, Gabriela Machado, Jim Madden, Virginia Madden, Lorry Madonia, Mary Mamolella, Patricia McDonald, Sr. Louise Noesen, Matt O'Connell, Amelia Patterson, Cary Phillips, Bob Quane, Patricia Reardon, Dennis Rusin, Maureen Sansone, Mary and Paul Schleitwiler, Colleen Rowley Schramm, Carole Sheehan, Sr. Carol Spiegel, Nina Stanley, Sarah Such, Joann Taylor, Julie Troost, LaNedra Vaughn, Shirley Venerable, Meg Welch, Nancy Wesclitz, Catherine Williams.

(Names will be periodically removed from this listing in the bulletin and also from the list of recurring intercessions spoken at weekend Masses. Others have received a Prayer Shawl representing the prayers for healing by the Parish community. Please contact the parish office to include someone on this prayer list or to request inclusion in the weekend Mass intercessions, or to request a Prayer Shawl.)

And for those of our family members and parishioners who have died, especially Laurence Msall.

WEDDING BANNES

- I Helena Accettura and Anthony Cicchiana
- II Ashley Santore and Joseph Manfredini

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Thank you for your generosity to the Parish at Christmastime! This year's Christmas offerings to date total \$124,274.44. Thank you to all who celebrated these special liturgies and remembered the Parish with a Christmas gift and to all those who were away and sent in their gifts. *Your continued generosity in support of St. Catherine-St. Lucy and St Giles Parish is truly appreciated!* The 2022 Donation statements have been mailed, please contact the parish office 708-383-3430 Ext. 420 if you have any questions.

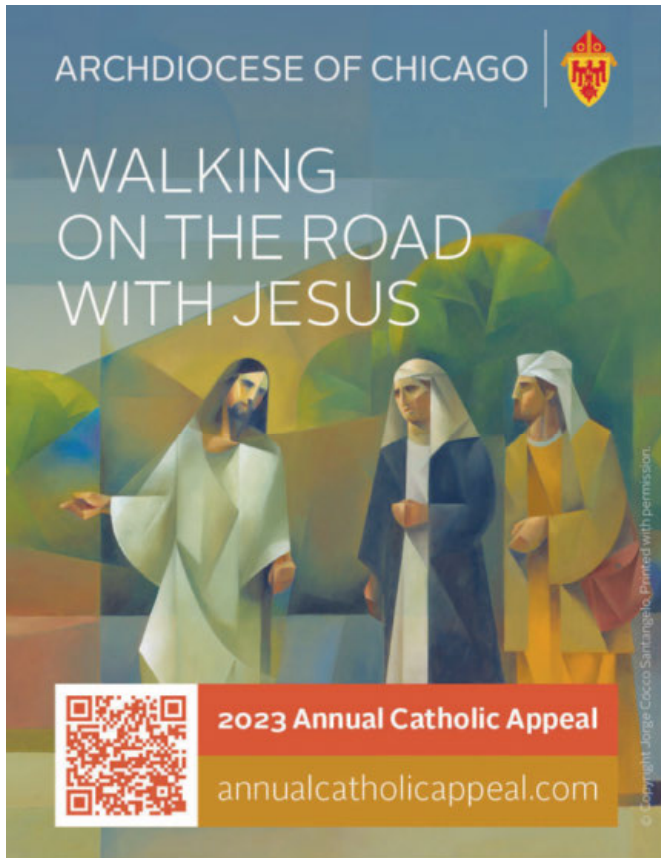
Praying the Rosary on Zoom Fridays at 7:00 pm



Join Deacon Kevin and Marci Morgan on Zoom to pray the Rosary on Friday evenings at 7:00 pm.

[https://us02web.zoom.us/](https://us02web.zoom.us/MeetingID:86588957490)
Meeting ID: 865 8895 7490
Passcode: 634955

Spiritual Life and Worship



2023 Annual Catholic Appeal... Walking on the Road with Jesus

This is Commitment Weekend! We will have an opportunity to listen to a recorded message from Cardinal Cupich on this vital annual need. Many parishioners have already received the Cardinal's mailing inviting them to contribute to this year's Appeal. On behalf of those served by the ministries, parishes and schools that receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your consideration and support this year and in past years.

The Appeal funds the work of the Church in the Archdiocese of Chicago in its holy mission to teach, to serve and to sanctify, thus carrying out the work of Christ. When you support the Appeal, you are united to a faith community that demonstrates the love of neighbor through the good works we are all able to collectively provide. With your thoughtful pledge or gift, you will be *Walking on the Road with Jesus*.

There is a table in the gathering space of each church site with information, offering envelopes and a basket for your completed donation. You may also offer your gift or pledge online by following the link on our parish website or scanning the QR Code here. **Please remember to add our Parish name on your offering form so that we get credit.** Thank you for your generosity!

SPRED Your Faith!

SPRED (Special Religious Development) is a parish-based ministry that provides faith formation and spiritual nourishment to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities of all ages.

Did you know that St. Catherine-St. Lucy and St. Giles Parish has a program for 22 years old and older?

We would love to offer programs 2022-2023 for other ages and we need your help!

SPRED consists of adult parish volunteers and welcomes people with different abilities from the following age groups:

Children: 6-10 years old

Adolescents: 11-16 years old

Young Adults: 17-21 years old

Adults: 22 years and older

Training for **SPRED** will be held on February 11, 18 and 25 from 1:00-6:00 pm at The Special Religious Development and Resource Center located at 2956 S. Lowe Ave., Chicago. They will also have additional training in March.

For more information, please contact Kelly McCreary, kmccreary@stgilesparish.org, or at 708-383-3430, ext. 101

Faith & Fellowship



Pray For Him

"Keith" (pseudonym) became a member of Faith & Fellowship sometime around 2017 when he was living at a "Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Facility" in Austin. Several years ago, he took an opportunity to move into an independent living program, and was excited to begin this new direction. Sadly, it did not work out well – his physical and mental health, the limitations of supportive services, and his disappointment that the transition did not meet his expectations led to his being bounced around to at least a half-dozen hospitals and nursing homes. Last week we found out that he had moved to a facility in Cicero; but when a Catechist went to pick him up for the African-American Heritage Celebration, he was told that Keith had been hospitalized – yet again.

Please pray for Keith.

Unification News

Center for Lifelong Learning and Faith Formation Survey

The planning team for the Center for Lifelong Learning is grateful for the more than 100 people who have responded to the survey. If you have not had a chance, now is the time.



Scan the QR Code here (or enter this URL in your browser <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YGBS68M>), pick up a paper copy in the back of church, or contact Marci Madary at mmadary@stgilesparish.org or 708-383-3430, ext. 404.

The survey will be closed on February 15. We value your ideas and feedback.

Faith, Finances, Facilities and Facts Meeting: **Monday March 6, 7:00 pm**

Eight months ago, we began a journey to form two new Catholic Parishes in Oak Park.

As newly unified parish communities formed from four original parish communities, we have faced a number of challenges.

The mergers have also been a source of many blessings in our worship and in our service to our sisters and brothers.

And yet, there are still many questions and uncertainties before us as we continue this journey of unification.

We invite you to an all-Oak Park Catholic Parishes Meeting to begin addressing these questions.

The focus of the meeting will be Faith initiatives, Financial summaries, Facilities reports and other Facts of note.

The meeting will be Monday, March 6, at 7:00 pm in McDonough Hall (2nd floor), 1101 Colombian Ave., on the St. Giles Campus.

The hall is handicapped accessible with a ramp on the south side of the building as well as an elevator available to reach the second floor.

Fr. Rex Pillai, Pastor, Ascension and St. Edmund
Fr. Carl Morello, Pastor, St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy and St. Giles
Carlos Guerrero, Operations Director, Ascension and St. Edmund
Matt Brophy, Operations Director, St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy and St. Giles

Wednesday Night Bible Study resumes on February 15! **7:00 pm in the St. Giles Parish Center Living Room,** **at 1025 Columbian Avenue, and over Zoom**

All are welcome - It is **NOT** necessary or required you attend each week... Come when you can!!



We will be continuing our series of diving into the Gospels using **The Chosen – Season Three** as a tool to help explore more deeply the reality of Jesus as God and man. We'll be sending out study guides, including bible verses/chapters that will be referenced in the episode that we will be watching each week as well as questions to ponder and discuss together.

Contact **Maria Samatas** at msamatas@me.com for more information!

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Lifelong Learning

In the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd atriums, January brought the end of the Christmas Season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. This was observed in Level 1 by the changing of the prayer table cloth from white to green. The children pondered one last infancy narrative, *The Adoration of the Magi*. The atrium environment was beautified with the addition of *Flower Arranging* to practical life work. And *The Parable of the Hidden Treasure* was also presented.

The Level 2 children reflected on *The Adoration of the Shepherds*, and how these humble people responded to the angel's proclamation of the Good News of the birth of Jesus. The responses of Simeon and Anna when they saw the baby Jesus after a lifetime of waiting were pondered in *The Presentation in the Temple*. The month ended with the parable of *The Precious Pearl*, which Jesus compared to the Kingdom of Heaven.



In the first session of Level 3 the children were presented *The Structure of the Mass*, and discussed how it is one great prayer divided into two parts – with each part made up of many prayers. The second session looked at *The Memorial*, the moment in the Mass when we remember the Last Supper and Jesus saying, “Take and eat..., take and drink..., do this in memory of me,” and how that act of memory carries forward in time and place. These presentations culminated with the celebration



of Mass with Fr. Carl in McDonough Hall. This special Mass lifted up the presentations that the children have seen in the atrium, and provided points of reference to tie the children's experiences in the atrium to the celebration of the Mass. The children enjoyed taking key roles in the liturgy.



Spiritual Classics – Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

The Divine Milieu by Pierre Teilhard de Chardin is the Spiritual Classics choice for our next discussion on **Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 7:30 pm** over Zoom.

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin was a 20th century Jesuit priest and a paleontologist who has captivated spiritual seekers with his expansive vision of God's presence throughout the Universe, embedded and churning in all matter. *The Divine Milieu* illuminates the boundless contours of our true nature and home in God, and shows the way to what he called “the divinization of our activities.”

Registration is required. To participate, just send an email to llaafc@ascensionoakpark.com with the name of the book in the subject line. You'll receive a return email before the discussion with a link for the Zoom meeting. For more information, links to obtain the book, and details for the upcoming discussions on spiritual classics, go to www.ascensionoakpark.com/apps/pages/athome. Reading the book is not required in order to join the discussions – feel free to just come and learn about Teilhard de Chardin and his spirituality. All Oak Park parishes are welcome.

Parish Life

Being a true Gospel neighbor

One day, when some people wanted a description of the boundaries of their responsibility, they asked Jesus “Who is our neighbor?” Jesus replied with the parable of the Good Samaritan, who helps the injured man at the side of the road when others passed him by. Then he turned the question inside out: “Who was the neighbor to the man who needed help?” Many of our parishioners have responded to this question by being a true neighbor to those in need.

When there was an opportunity to help create the temporary winter shelter at the former rectory of St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy, Jack Crowe was one of those who became a neighbor to those in need. As a former lawyer, he brought an understanding of contractual issues that needed to be addressed as our parish collaborated with Housing Forward and the Village of Oak Park. He could also draw on his experience in the startup up of several Catholic educational programs, including Cristo Rey Jesuit High School, Christ the King Jesuit College Prep, Cristo Rey Network, and working at Year Up, a program to give young adults meaningful work experience.



Jack minimizes his own role in the shelter project. “My goal is to leave every meeting with nothing on my to do list,” he jokes. Still, his ability to bring people together around a vision, gain agreement on a strategic plan, and identify the necessary tactics helped move the project forward.



Jack is quick to praise Fr. Carl and Lynda Schueler of Housing Forward for their leadership and the Oak Park Village for their financial support. Matt Brophy, Dan Doody, and Jim Jankowski brought together the resources and labor to make essential renovations to the building. As a result, staff and volunteers are welcoming up to 15 people each evening, providing a warm, safe environment and an evening meal and breakfast.

Jack is a third generation Oak Parker. His grandparents attended St. Catherine of Siena Church and later St. Giles. His dad attended St. Catherine elementary school, and his father's name appears on a plaque honoring parishioners who served in WWII.

Jack and his wife Ave Zuccarino got married in St. Catherine Church in 1989. Later, Ave and Jack joined the Family Mass Community at St. Giles parish. The whole family has participated in the Appalachian Service Project. “We believe we are here to help those in need, to be loving, to be servants,” he said.

After a health crisis two years ago, Jack stopped working, which “freed up some time,” he said, laughing. As he has gotten older, he has felt called to “the more contemplative side of life, to be a more loving person,” he said. “This leads to caring for our sisters and brothers. It’s not a single event; it’s a process.”

Jack sees the unification of parishes and the Austin Boulevard location as “an opportunity to co-minister together, enriching Oak Parkers with the diversity and talent on the West Side.”



For more information about the Housing Forward winter shelter at the St. Catherine-St. Lucy location, checkout the parish Bulletin or our website. To volunteer at the shelter, contact Cherrell Jackson at cjackson@housingforward.org.

Parish Life

CCW Lenten Soup Suppers are back!

Please join us on Thursdays in Lent for a simple meal of soup and fellowship.

The first soup supper will be on Thursday, March 2, in McDonough Hall on the St. Giles campus from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. Please bring your own bowl and utensils. Admission is free.

There will be a free-will donation to benefit Housing Forward.

Calling all soup makers! Individuals or groups are needed. Please contact Beth Chlumecky for details at 224-725 9841 or lutzchlumecky@comcast.net.



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We're on a Mission...

...to bring together parishioners, neighbors, friends, and family for a one-night-only live music event on Saturday, February 25, 2023.

Doors to the venue, Greater Chicago Church located at 705 Jackson Blvd. in Oak Park, open at 7:00 pm, and the first band takes the stage at 7:30 pm.

Purchase tickets by scanning the QR code on the event poster on the next page.



We also need volunteer help to make this event a success! If you would like to volunteer, please scan the QR code here to sign up! Thank you!

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**SEEKING SITE CAPTAINS, VOLUNTEERS,
& MEAL PROVIDERS FOR OUR
EMERGENCY OVERNIGHT SHELTER**

The Senior Corner



We are preparing for our annual **Mardi Gras Luncheon**, set for Tuesday, February 21, at 12:00 pm in McDonough Hall on the St. Giles campus.

Attendees may bring either an **appetizer**, a **salad**, a **main dish** and/ or **dessert**. Beverages will be provided. You won't want to miss this opportunity to party before we enter the holy season of Lent. Please call **Ann Sullivan at 708-345-3374** to sign up and bring something to share. Remember, people make the party, and **ALL ARE WELCOME**. Fun is the order of the day, so beads and masks are strongly encouraged.

Our 2023 membership fees (\$25) may be paid at our February meeting. You might be looking at this information and be wondering who do they consider a Senior? Well, anyone who wants to enjoy fellowship with others. Come see what we are all about.

St. Catherine of Siena - St. Lucy Church
38 N. Austin Boulevard in Oak Park



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Site captains recruit and manage a team of volunteers from their congregation to fill volunteer needs and/or meals for a night of shelter operation.
- > **Evening Shelter Host** (6:30 pm–10:00 pm)
Volunteers help get set-up for the evening, greet the shelter guests as they arrive help them to set up their sleeping area, host dinner, and interact with clients until lights out.
- > **Overnight Attendant** (10:00 pm–5:00 am)
Volunteers support staff in ensuring a safe experience for the shelter guests.
- > **Breakfast Host** (5:00 am–7:00 am)
Volunteers serve a light breakfast, help shelter guests exit and assist with light clean-up.
- > **Meal Provider**
Volunteers donate and deliver a hot dinner meal, and/or a continental breakfast and/or a sack to-go lunches for 15 people.

To sign up, please scan the QR code to access the interactive calendar. Additional job descriptions and volunteer requirements can be found on the calendar.

For additional information, contact Cherrell Jackson at cjackson@housingforward.org



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Food For Thought Freedom to Live in Love

*"Blessed are they whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the Lord.
Blessed are they who observe his decrees,
who seek him with all their heart." (Psalm 119:1-2)*

We read this Sunday
of fidelity and freedom.
How much freedom do we have?
In Sirach, worthiness is wisdom:
"Choose the commandments.
If you trust in God, and keep
the candle of compassion burning,
You too shall find the Light.
Stretch forth your hand;
Before man are good and evil,
sun and darkness.

The Psalm promotes
opening our eyes to the ways
of wisdom and wonder.
Paul feels even with wisdom,
animated by the Spirit,
people in their hearts
cannot comprehend God's works.
Matt's gospel is a revelation of
Jesus' wisdom and integrity,
speaking in support of the law:
*"I have come not to abolish
the law, but to fulfill." (Matt 5:17)*

Jesus' call to clarify
what had gone before,
focused on God's love of humanity.
He preached radical nonviolence;
Interpersonal reconciliation;
Unfaithfulness of idolatry;
Defense of the disabled;
With *"Let your 'yes' mean 'yes'
and your 'no' mean 'no,'"*
the intensity of integrity.

Describing Jesus as holy,
honest, caring and charitable,
highlights dimensions of integrity
as son of God and son of man.

On the Mount, Jesus spoke
of the purpose of life
and the place of law;
Anger and resentment
expressed deep disrespect.
Jesus preached his invitation
to profound freedom. Today he would
warn us that to agitate and anger
confines us to a mental prison.

Today's readings invite us to claim
the freedom to live in love.
In the Eucharist we say
yes to Christ's way.
Let our yes be yes!

Tom Lynch. tgl7714@gmail.com. 2/12/23

Sources: NCR, M. McGlone, 2/12/23
Sirach 15:15-20; Matt 5:17-37
1 Corinthians 2:6-10



Raise a slice FOR A GOOD CAUSE

ST. CATHERINE-ST. LUCY AND ST. GILES PARISH

DATE

**Tuesday, February 28,
2023**

LOCATIONS

**Lou Malnati's Oak Park
11:00am - 11:00pm
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FOR QUESTIONS

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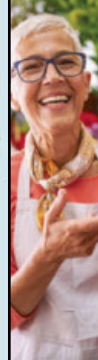
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