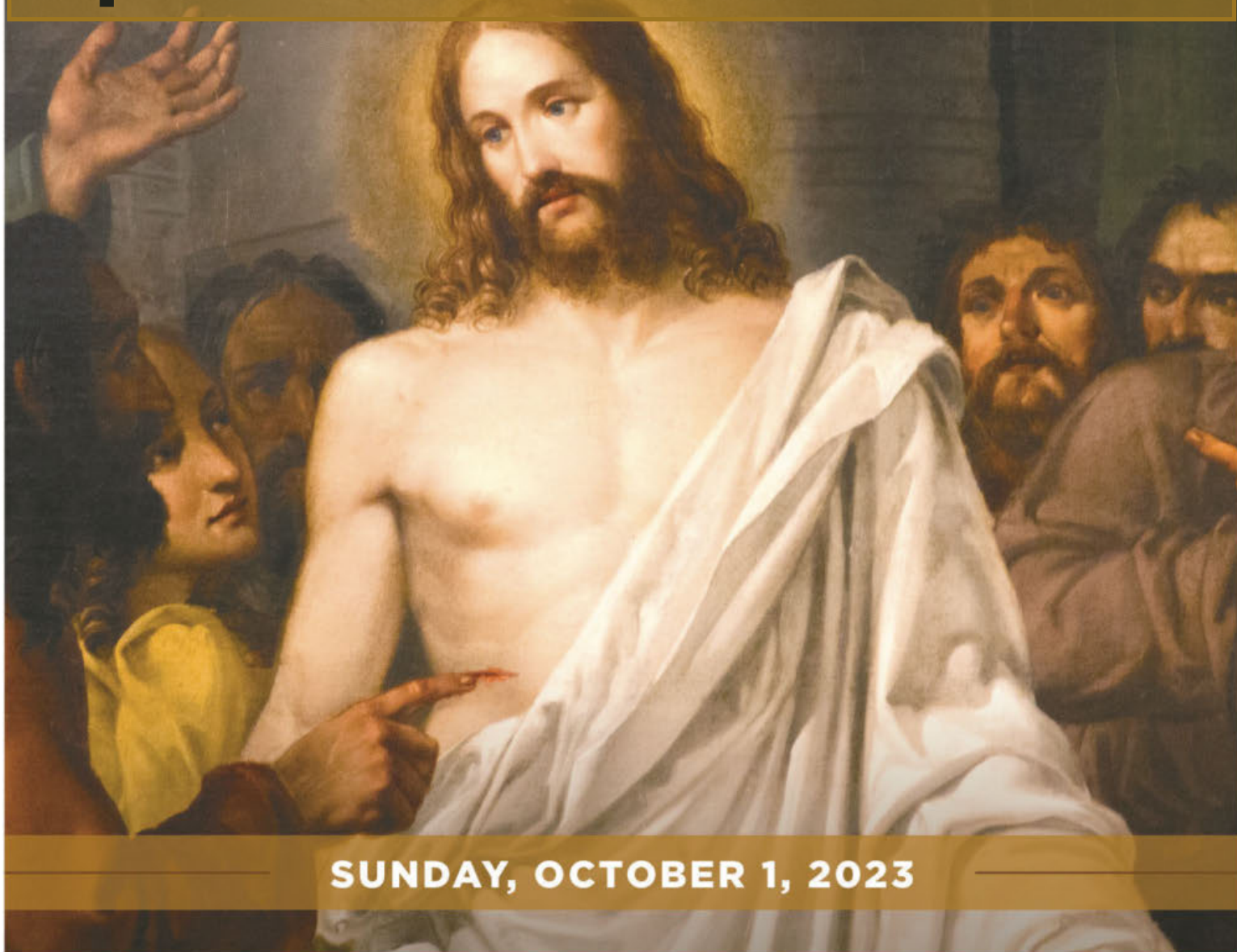




St. Thomas the Apostle

CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him." - Mt 21:32

Welcome!

We're so glad you're here and invite you to journey in faith with us. We believe the church is the sacrament of God's saving presence in the world. Our goal is to provide a spiritual home where all are welcome, where the healing, reconciling, liberating love of God flows through us to all people. If you have any questions about our parish, please call or email our parish office.



FROM THE

Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Thomas the Apostle,

The month of October is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Rosary. The rosary is a wonderful prayer and is part of the daily spirituality of a vast majority of Catholics. The Rosary is prayed at the parish on the first Friday of the month after the morning Mass during adoration. I am thankful for our daily Mass goers who so faithfully pray this prayer together as a community.

For those who are not familiar with the Rosary, it is a prayer that Our Lady gave to St. Dominic de Guzman and it is a reflection on various events of the life of our Lord and Our Lady. I would like to invite you to consider praying the rosary this month if it is not already part of your spiritual practice. When I pray the rosary, I find it personally centering and I can focus on a single moment of our Lord and really do some deep prayer around that moment.

For some parish news:

Please join us on Thursday, October 12th at 7 PM to hear our fall Distinguished Preacher, Fr. John Kartje.

Fr. Kartje will preach to us on the 99th anniversary of the dedication of our church building. Fr. Kartje was a parishioner here at St. Thomas before entering the seminary when he was a Ph.D. student at the University of Chicago. He was also one of my scripture professors when I was in the seminary.

I am very much looking forward to this event and I hope you can join us.

In all things, may God bless our parish.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Trail





Worship

TODAY'S READINGS: TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ezekiel 18:25-28 ♦ Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 ♦ Philippians 2:1-11 ♦ Matthew 21:28-32

Rose Grant (speedy recovery) ✠ Danny Soriano

We encourage you to prepare yourself for next weekend's liturgy by reading and praying the scriptures (visit www.usccb.org).

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 5:1-7 ♦ Psalm 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 (Isaiah 5:7a) ♦ Philippians 4:6-9 ♦ Matthew 21:33-43

DAILY READINGS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please remember those listed below in your prayers this week.

MONDAY, October 2

Memorial of the Guardian Angels

Readings: Zec 8:1-8 | Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 | Mt 18:1-5, 10

✠ Jenny & Jennifer Ancento

TUESDAY, October 3

Readings: Zec 8:20-23 | Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 | Lk 9:51-56

🍰 Fr. Michael Trail (birthday blessings)

WEDNESDAY, October 4

Saint Francis of Assisi, religious

Readings: Neh 2:1-8 | Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 | Lk 9:57-62

Lewis Family (speedy recovery)

✠ David Rotterdam

THURSDAY, October 5

Saint Faustina Kowalska, virgin

Readings: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 | Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 | Lk 10:1-12

FRIDAY, October 6

Saint Bruno, priest

Readings: Bar 1:15-22 | Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8-9 | Lk 10:13-16

✠ Curtis White and ✠ Dr. Herman Neal

SATURDAY, October 7

Our Lady of the Rosary

Readings: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29 | Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 | Lk 10:17-24

Angelica Salazar (speedy recovery)

Ronald Spencer (speedy recovery)



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

parishioners and friends who are ill:

Dorla Allen, Lucas Allen, Rita Allen, Alexandria Banks, Romulo Barreno, Dorothy Bonds, Bradford family, Diane Clarke, Emil F. Coccaro, Thomas & Carol Cole, Patricia Comeaux, Romy Crena, Esther Dionisio, Sr., Jean Douglas-Washington, Sheldon Dugan, Barbara Dunn, Pat & Dick English, Marilyn Epps, Joan Gallagher, Lina Garcia, David Giles, Pamela Graniczky, Albert Hines, Kathleen Holden, Maria Jimenez, Olga Jimenez, Carolyn Jones, Connie Jose, Terri Kilbane, Charlie King, Carol Landrum, Mary Lerps, Linda Loggins, Manowski Family, Anastacia I. Mebane, Clara Morgan, Caridad Neal, Carmen Orendain, Edmond Peirre, Agnes Pelt, David Nathaniel Robinson, Dick Russel, Nelson R. Sample, Justina Sentino, Zahari Simmons, Bobby Sims, Olustee Smith, Ernest Talbott, Sheree Tilford, Ronald Spencer, Ed Vaughn, Charles Walker, Sr., Jo Washington, Julia Washington, Terrance Watson, Richard West, Mavis Willis, Marie Bijou Wong, Joan Yedinak.

And for all who have died.

Betty Black

RECEIVE COMMUNION

At home, in a hospital, or nursing home

If you or a loved one are ill or homebound and unable to attend Mass, Ministers of Care are available to bring Holy Communion to your home, the hospital, or senior facility. The Ministers of Care are fully vaccinated, will wear a mask, and practice other safety measures. We ask that others present also wear a mask. To schedule a visit, call Lisa in the parish office at 773-324-2626.





MINISTERS OF CARE FALL RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING

If you are compassionate, prayerful, attentive to others, and yearning to serve the parish and Church in a more profound way, come explore becoming a Minister of Care at St. Thomas the Apostle.

Ministers of Care, using the Church's rites for visiting the sick and homebound, bring Holy Communion to, pray with, and offer a compassionate presence to patients at UC Hospitals, residents at Montgomery Place, and our homebound parishioners.

We greatly need new/additional ministers to assist with this wonderful and necessary ministry. Our parish has a rich tradition of having a strong presence to those who are sick and homebound.

Training begins in-person session on **Saturday, October 7 from 9AM to 1:30PM** in the parish hall.

For more information and to register, please contact the parish office at 773.324.2626 or email parishoffice@stapostleparish.org.

2023

DISTINGUISHED
PREACHER SERIES

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12 | 7:00 P.M.
 EVENING PRAYER FOR THE
 DEDICATION OF OUR PARISH CHURCH

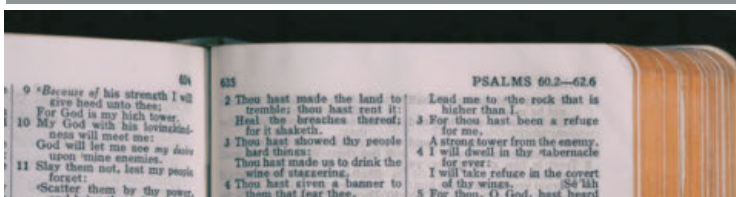
Rev. John Kartje
*Rector/President and Associate
 Professor of Biblical Studies and
 Homiletics, University of Saint
 Mary of the Lake*

Saint Thomas the Apostle
 Catholic Church and School



Celebration of the Sacrament of the
ANOINTING OF THE SICK
 Saturday, October 21
 during the 4:00 p.m. Mass





Faith FORMATION

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION NEWS

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION SESSIONS

Do you have an infant or toddler who is in need of the sacrament of baptism? Are you expecting a child?

Our next baptism preparation session is being held on Sundays, October 1 and 15, 2023 following the 10AM Mass.

Parents who are seeking the sacrament of baptism for their children are asked to attend this two-session course to deepen their understanding of the sacrament and prepare to celebrate it. The preparation course may be taken while you are expecting your child or after your child has been born.

To register for the upcoming session, please email Rosina Hendrickson at rhendrickson@stapostleparish.org.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

The Challenge to Forgive

"A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.'" (Matthew 21: 28-31)

Ezekiel 18: 25-28

Personal Responsibility

Philippians 2: 1-11

Imitating the humility of Christ

Matthew 21: 28-32

Parable of the two sons

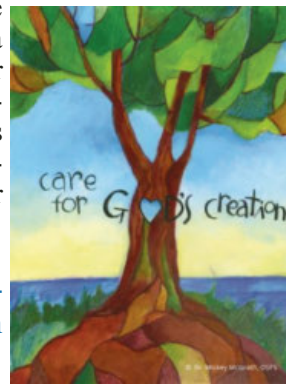


ADULTS: WHEN HAVE YOUR ACTIONS NOT MEASURED UP TO YOUR PROMISES? WHAT WAS THE OUTCOME? **CHILDREN:** WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON YOUR PROMISES TO OTHERS?

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION MONTHLY THEME

Care for God's Creation

As with all aspects of social justice and the principles of Catholic Social Teaching, there are two feet to caring for God's creation. First and foremost, we have our individual actions that can impact our sphere of influence. Second, we have a call to advocacy and working for systemic change. In his encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis invites us to consider five separate areas where change in our common home is occurring.



Family Faith Formation - Sunday, October 15, 2023 from 11am-2pm

Preschool Family Faith Formation - Sunday, October 29, 2023 from 9am-9:45

For more information on these upcoming Faith Formation opportunities, contact rhendrickson@stapostleparish.org.



**Let Justice
and Peace Flow**
Season of Creation 2023

A Mighty River
Amos 5: 24

CONNECTION TO TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

The Scriptures on this Fourth Sunday within the Season of Creation remind us that God's ways are not our ways and they invite us to contemplate some of God's Jubilee ways of living on Earth, giving birth to the New Creation.

PRAYING AT HOME

► SING

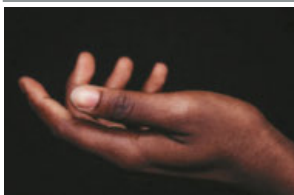
Litany of the Earth by Barbara Bridge
<https://youtu.be/jlWlthGJd0k>

► READ

Psalm 65; the faithful, aware of its unworthiness, offers praise for God's bounty and victory over creation.

► PONDER THE WORD:

What words, phrases, or images stir your heart from this reading? Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal what you are to learn and enact from this prayer.



Stewardship

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Please contact Allen Hawkins, 630-945-4133 for more details.

PARISH CREATION CARE COMMITTEE



The Archdiocese of Chicago encourages each parish “to form integral Creation Care Committees that reflect the teachings of Laudato Si’ and here at St. Thomas, we’d like to explore this possibility. We want to learn who within our community would be interested in such an initiative that would help the parish bring to life the Church’s principles of synodality, solidarity, and subsidiarity. Caring for all of God’s creation is a fruitful avenue for bringing new

life across the generations as we find ways to renew our Church together. If you are passionate about the intersectionality of Care for Creation/Environmental Issues and the Church’s social doctrine and responsibilities, then please contact Timothy Johnston at tjohnston@stapostleparish.org.

THE HYDE PARK KENWOOD Food Pantry



is open to give out groceries from 10am until 1pm on Saturdays at the **Hyde Park Union Church** at 56th & Woodlawn.

For more information, contact Margaret Mitchell at mmm17@uchicago.edu.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED for setting up on Fridays 3:00 pm–4:30 pm and food distribution on Saturdays 9:30 am–1:30

pm. For further information and to sign up, please contact Margaret Mitchell at mmm17@uchicago.edu.

“Stewardship leads us to recognize, develop, and use God’s gifts within us. We use them to satisfy our own needs and those of our neighbor. The Gospel call to love our neighbor necessarily includes serving other people and there is no better way to do this than by using our gifts in responding to our neighbors needs.”

—B. Evans,

Stewardship: Living a Biblical Call, p. 66

How shall I share my gifts?

Book available from Liturgical Press, Collegeville, MN

Stewardship

Living a Biblical Call

Bernard F. Evans





Events

COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP

9TH DECEMBER 2023

SAVE THE DATE

PARISH ADVENT DAY OF REFLECTION



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FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM




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Sign up at: chicagowalk.org/Volunteer

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SAVE THE DATE!

Families with Young Children

Sunday, October 8, 2023 11AM-1PM
On the Parish Lawn (Rain location: Gym)

Join us for a time of fun and fellowship following the 10AM Mass. Additional details coming next week.

Contact Rosina Hendrickson at rhendrickson@stapostleparish.org with any questions or to assist in planning this event.



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St. Thomas the Apostle school put on an ALUMNI MEET-UP that happened on Friday, 15th at 6pm in the school gym. This was a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with old classmates, make new connections and reminisce about the good old days.

We have a wide array of activities that was planned for that night, including a cocktail reception, a dinner buffet, and a keynote speech from one of our distinguished alumni.



Dates to Remember

Friday, 9/29

Spirit Day and Spirit Snacks Sold



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September 19, 2023

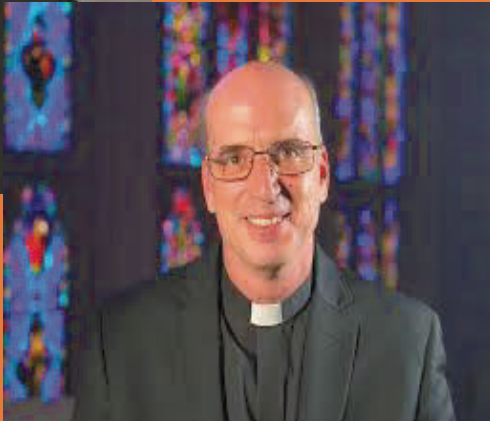
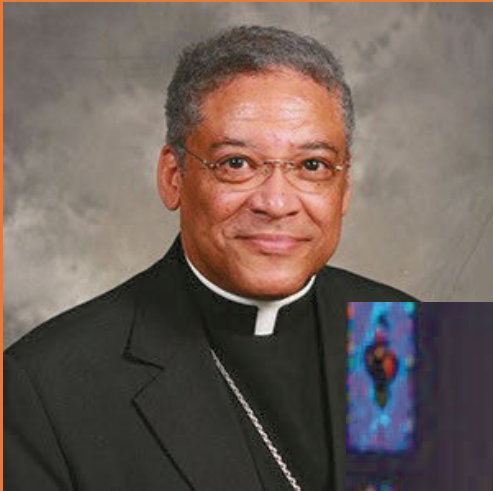
Pope Francis today announced he has accepted the resignations of Auxiliary Bishops Joseph N. Perry and Andrew P. Wypych. Bishop Perry is 75, the age at which canon law requires bishops to submit their resignation to the pope. Bishop Wypych, 68, has resigned for health reasons.


“We are blessed to have had the service of Bishops Perry and Wypych for so many years. They have made significant contributions to the life of the Church both as priests and as episcopal vicars, and I am grateful for their ministry,” said Cardinal Cupich. “I am particularly pleased that Bishop Perry will continue in his pivotal role as diocesan **postulator** for the canonization cause of Venerable Augustus Tolton.”

Cardinal Cupich has announced that Bishop Kevin M. Birmingham, formerly episcopal vicar of Vicariate IV, will replace Bishop Perry as episcopal vicar of Vicariate VI. In addition, Cardinal Cupich has appointed two priests, Fr. Marek Smolka and Fr. William Corcoran as interim vicars of Vicariates IV and V, respectively.

Fr. Smolka, a native of Poland, has served as associate pastor of St. Francis Borgia Parish and Holy Name Cathedral, both in Chicago. He is now pastor at St. Francis Borgia Parish, dean of Deanery IV-D and coordinator of the Polish Ministry Council.

Fr. Corcoran, a native of Evergreen Park, has served as associate pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Palos Hills and St. John Fisher Parish in Chicago. He was pastor at St. Linus Parish in Oak Lawn and is currently pastor of St. Elizabeth Seton Parish in Orland Hills and dean of Deanery V-E. He has been a faculty member at Quigley Preparatory Seminary South Niles College and Archbishop Quigley Preparatory Seminary.





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Paula Jones, director of parish operations, ext. 109

Kianda Boyd, director of marketing

kboyd@stapostleparish.org | ext. 289

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday:	8:00 AM and 10:00 AM
Monday:	8:00 AM
Tuesday:	8:30 AM
Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday:	8:00 AM
Saturday:	4:00 PM VIGIL
Holy Days:	8:00 AM
Confession:	Sundays, 9:00-9:45 AM Saturdays, 2:30-3:30 PM or by appointment

BAPTISM: Visit our website for additional information or contact Rosina Hendrickson at rhendrickson@stapostleparish.org

MARRIAGE OR MARRIAGE PREPARATION: Contact Fr. Michael Trail at least six months before your wedding date.

TO SCHEDULE A FUNERAL: Email the parish secretary, Lisa Couch or call 773-324-2626

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE PARISH AS A MEMBER?
Contact the parish secretary, Lisa Couch or visit our website for the registration form.

INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OR BECOMING CATHOLIC?
Contact Rosina Hendrickson at rhendrickson@stapostleparish.org

Any school related matters or interested in having your child enrolled St Thomas the Apostle School?
Email admissions@stapostleschool.com

IN NEED OF MATERIAL ASSISTANCE?
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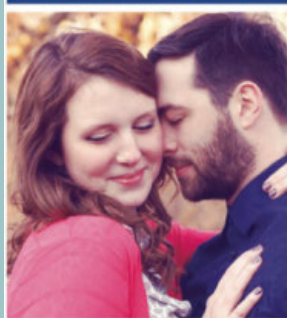
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