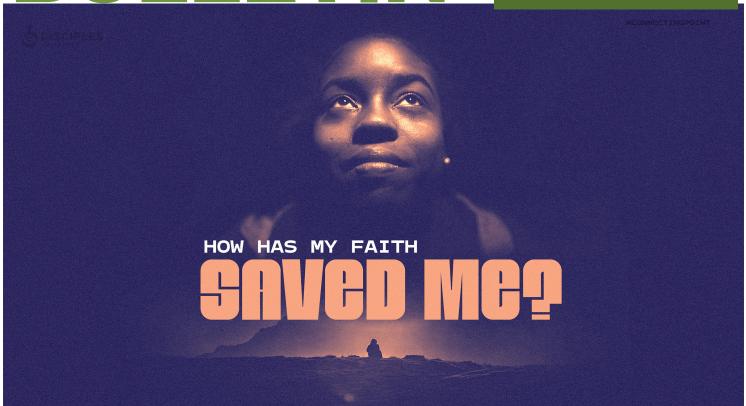
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October 27, 2024
30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



CONNECTING POINT

Amy Righi, Music + Liturgy Director - St. Isidore 🖪 amy@stisidore.church

Going into my junior year of college, I was performing in Los Angeles during the summer with a show group and was invited by an agent to relocate there and become a studio vocalist. A tempting invitation to any collegiate vocal music major, my fellow ensemble members were amazed that I

did not immediately agree to this opportunity. I was facing a divergent road where each path would have a distinctively different effect on the rest of my life. Something (or someone) told me to wait, take time to weigh my options, and pray.

After discussion with family, careful consideration, and prayer, it became obvious that God had other plans for me. I remember praying and remembering that our faith teaches us to live for others; quitting college for the Hollywood lifestyle would be me doing something really cool for myself. The more I thought

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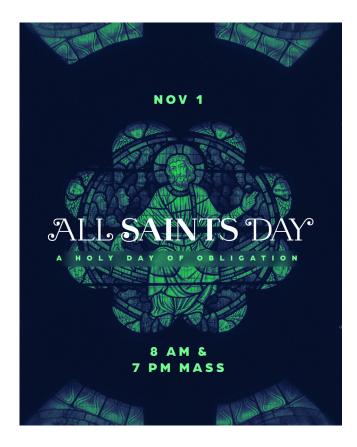
about that, the more uncomfortable I became. Finishing college and teaching would allow me to use my talents and interests to mentor other young people. I decided to stay the course and felt peaceful and convicted.

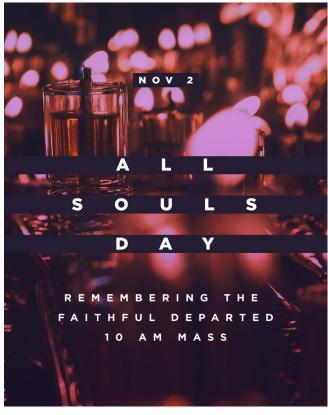
There have been many other big decisions and divergent roads since then: staying home to raise a family, gradually going back to work, and ending up full-time at church, among others. Prayer has always been first and foremost when considering which path to take. I truly believe

that God has always guided me to where he wants me to be. I am so peaceful and pleased that I have enjoyed a lifetime of sharing music with young people. I have also cherished my time volunteering/working for the liturgy of the Church, which holds so much meaning for me.

I often wonder who I may have become had I taken that other road so long ago. With faith, I stayed on God's course, and I truly believe that he continues to save me.







CALENDAR

OCTOBER 27 - NOVEMBER 3

27

- 9 AM OFFICE HOURS
- 8 AM MASS
- 9:45 AM MASS/ CHILDREN'S CHURCH
- 10:45 AM BECOMING CATHOLIC
- 11:45 AM MASS/ CHILDREN'S CHURCH
- 12:45 PM K OF C SPECIAL NEEDS RECEPTION
- 1 PM **BAPTISM**

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- 9:30 AM STRETCH & STRENGTH
- 2 PM ROSARY
- 4 PM CONFIRMATION YEAR 2 PRAYER WALK

29

- 7 AM **AA MEETING**
- 8:30 AM **MASS**
- 9:30 AM BIBLE STUDY: REVELATION (MORNING)
- 1 PM GRIEF SUPPORT
- 4 PM CONFIRMATION YEAR 2 PRAYER WALK

30

- 8:30 AM **MASS**
- 9:30 AM STRETCH & STRENGTH
- 5:30 PM CHOIR REHEARSALS
- 6 PM GIVING TREE TAG
 ASSEMBLY TEEN SERVICE
 PROJECT

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- 7 AM **AA MEETING**
- 8:30 AM **MASS**
- 9 AM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
- **3 PM CONFESSIONS**
- 7 PM CBS OF MICHIGAN

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OFFICE CLOSED

- 8:30 AM **MASS**
- 9:30 AM STRETCH & STRENGTH
- 7 PM MASS

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- 3 PM OFFICE HOURS
- 9:30 AM RECONCILIATION WORKSHOP
- 10 AM KIDS COALITION AGAINST HUNGER (AT ST. ISIDORE)
- 10 AM MASS
- 4:30 PM **MASS**

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- 9 AM OFFICE HOURS
- 8 AM MASS
- 9:45 AM MASS/LITTLE LAMBS/CHILDREN'S CHURCH
- 11:45 AM MASS/LITTLE LAMBS/CHILDREN'S CHURCH
- 3 PM ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS
- 6:30 PM YOUTH GROUP

EVENTS



SUN | OCT 27 | AFTER ALL MASSES

K OF C COFFEE AND DONUTS

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting Coffee and Donuts after all Masses in the Gathering Space on Sunday. Fill up your cup spiritually at Mass, then see the Knights for your

fill of coffee, donuts, and fruit. You are invited to linger awhile as you visit with your fellow parishioners. We hope to see you there.





SUN | OCT 27 | 2 - 4 PM | ST. ISIDORE

TRUNK-OR-TREAT

Join us for a spooktacular Trunk-or-Treat event at St. Isidore filled with fun, candy, and creative costumes! We're looking for volunteers to decorate their car trunks and hand out treats to excited trick-or-treaters. Whether you love Halloween or just want to bring smiles to the kids, this is the perfect way to get involved. Enjoy a safe and festive afternoon of trick-or-treating, music, and prizes for the best-decorated trunks. Don't miss out—invite your friends and be part of this unforgettable Halloween experience!



FRI - SUN | NOV 1 - 3 | WASHINGTON TWP, MI

MEN'S CAPUCHIN RETREAT

Gospel Characters is this year's theme

Fri: Check-in at 6:30-7:30 PM Sun: Ends with lunch at 1 PM Light appetizers available Friday evening with meals provided Saturday and Sunday.

Register online at capretreat.org.

Please let Kurt Dekoski (dekoski_kurt@att.net / 586-215-8243) know you registered. Contact Kurt or the Retreat Center at info@capretreat. org / 248-651-4826 / www.

capretreat.org with any questions.



SAT | NOV 2 | 9 AM | ST. FRANCIS-ST. MAXIMILIAN

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

St. Francis-St. Maximilian will host an in-person, English-language Protecting God's Children session for volunteers and others who require certification. **Prior online** registration is required at virtusonline.org.

St. Francis-St. Maximilian is located at 63811 New Haven Road in Ray, MI, 48096.





SAT | NOV 2 | 10 AM - 12 PM | ST. ISIDORE

KIDS COALITION AGAINST HUNGER

Join our Disciples Unleashed Family of Parishes and local groups to package 100,000 meals for those in need locally and globally. Volunteers are needed on Saturday, Nov. 2, from 10 AM to 12 PM, with additional help required for setup and cleanup.

We also need to raise \$35,000 to fund the event, with just \$35 providing 100 meals. Please consider volunteering or making a donation to help us reach our goal. **Sign up to volunteer or donate today!**



THU | NOV 7 | 12:30 - 1:30 PM

ESTATE PLANNING LECTURE

After the next Rambling Roses meeting, St. Therese will host a lecture on Elder Law and estate planning, presented by the Rutkowski Law Firm. Since a light lunch will be served, **please RSVP by Nov. 5 to the parish office** at 586-254-4433 or Marilyn Cito, Parish Nurse, at 586-254-4433 Ext #320 or via email at Marilync@stol.church.





BEGINS THU | NOV 7 | 7 - 8:30 PM

VERTICAL MARRIAGE SERIES

This five-week series for couples will cover the following topics: "The Elusive Secret" – Focus on your relationship with God first, "Fight Me Like a Man" – Having and Resolving Conflict, "To Cheer and to Cherish" – Top relationship needs for men

- Physical Intimacy, "All In" -Committing to be "All In" with God, your marriage, and your mission. Register online or in the parish office. Begins Thursday, Nov. 7, and runs for five weeks. Cost: \$10

and women, "God in the Bedroom"

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

Discipleship Formation | ♣ Veronica LaPlant **4** veronical@stol.church

Once again, the St. Therese Discipleship Formation Staff, sponsored by the K of C, will host the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest, open to children ages 5 through 14.

The goal is to increase the awareness of young people's faith and to encourage them to speak to other youngsters "in their own language" about the true meaning of Christmas. Posters should be 11" x 17" and centered around examples of the Holy Family and the Nativity of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Entry forms are available in the church office and on the welcome desk. Please submit all artwork by Tuesday, Dec. 3.

Judging will be based on slogan, artistic merit, and overall impact. All entries will be displayed at a K of C breakfast in December and retained by the Knights.

The winners of each age group will receive a \$25 award from the K of C, and their entry will be entered into the K of C *district* poster contest. District winners will then go on to the state contest, and so on.

All children are encouraged to participate, regardless of artistic ability. As K of C member Paul Candela says, "By engaging the creative talents and imaginations of our young people, we hope they will come to a deeper understanding of the true, spiritual meaning of Christmas."

Please direct questions to a member of the Discipleship Formation staff or Paul Candela at candelas@woway.com.



Coats for Kids Reminder

Paul Bieber

Throughout October, the Knights of Columbus have been collecting coats to help families who struggle to clothe their children with warm coats for the winter. This is a reminder that **this coat drive ends on Thursday, Oct. 31**. There are boxes in the Gathering Space for you to place your donation of clean, gently used (or brand new) coats and jackets in all sizes, from toddler to high schooler. Your donated coats will be taken to the Capuchin Service

Center in Detroit in early November and given to kids who will be very thankful to receive them. There is still time to make your donation. You have been very generous in the past. Please help again this year.



▶ 10 Surprising Things that Happen When You Go to Adoration More Often - Part 4

Evangelization Committee

The last four ways that going to Adoration may impact you are...

7. You realize how fortunate you are

If it is as simple for you as getting in the car and driving to Adoration at church (or even walking to the nearby chapel), you realize how much you can take it for granted. Some would love to spend more time with Jesus in Adoration but are homebound, sick, or busy. Then, there are those around the world who actually risk their lives for the Eucharist in places where they are persecuted for their faith. When you remember those who walk for hours or days in dangerous situations to be present with Jesus, you realize what a gift it is to be able to pray openly.

8. You realize God has a sense of humor

The more you are able to sit and let God speak to you (instead of spending all your time filling the silence by talking to him), you'll find that God has a really good sense of humor. He likes a joke or two, and sometimes, these moments are funny enough to make you want to laugh out loud. Surprising, maybe, but don't the best fathers show you their love by affectionate good humor?!

9. You want to go to Confession more

This might sound scary, but it's not. Confession allows us to experience the mighty, boundless ocean that is God's mercy. His mercy swallows up all our sins and gives us a true kind of freedom-freedom without fear, which allows us to make the leap into his love and goodness, complete with all his perfect plans for our lives. Time and time again, going to Confession reinforces the knowledge that we are jumping into the arms of a father who loves us very much and "never tires of forgiving us" (Pope Francis).

10. You fall in love

Ultimately, you can't help this one! When you spend more time with an open heart in Adoration and just let Christ love you, then you'll fall in love, too. That love will define you and allow you to be yourself. "I came that they may have life, life in all its fullness" (John 10:10).

From CatholicLink.org



DISCIPLESHIP FORMATION

GROW Updates

Roughly 500 people attended the annual St. Therese of Lisieux Pumpkin Patch Party on Oct. 11. In addition to painting pumpkins, families enjoyed cider and donuts, games, treats, face-painting, and even making s'mores by a fire. Thank you to all who attended and to the volunteers who made this event possible!

Look for more wonderful family opportunities as we move into the holiday season!





Halloween Safety Tips

Health Ministry | ♣ Marilyn Cito, Parish Nurse **4** marilync@stol.church

Halloween is typically associated with lots of fun things to do, like trick-or-treating, attending parties, carving pumpkins, and eating candy, but there are potential dangers families should consider. When planning festivities this year, keep these Halloween safety tips in mind:

- Don't leave candles burning in pumpkins/luminaries. Use battery-operated flames instead.
- With small children, paint or decorate a pumpkin with stickers since carving tools are difficult for them to use.
- Use flame-resistant costumes, wigs, and accessories. Ensure costumes fit to avoid tripping and falling.
- If applying face paint, avoid the eyes and test for skin allergies before using.
- Use a flashlight, LED light, or reflective tape to make children's costumes visible to others, including cars.
- If wearing a mask, test for visibility out of the eye holes and proper breathability.
- If a costume requires a sword or weapon, do not swing it around.
 Keep the pointed part away from the body and others to avoid hurting anyone.

Halloween Safety Tips for Kids/Pets:

- Do not allow your children to go inside a home to accept candy unless you accompany them.
- Inspect candy before eating.
 Check the contents of bags/
 buckets for choking hazards
 and ensure the candy is sealed
 correctly. Throw away anything
 that's been opened or not

- packaged. Wait until getting home before eating candy so it can be properly inspected.
- Review labels for potentially harmful ingredients like peanuts, tree nuts, dairy, or gluten (if your child has allergies).
- Supervise children when eating hard candy/peanuts since they could choke.
- Ensure children brush their teeth before bed to get rid of excess sugar eaten.
- Keep candy away from pets since it can be toxic to them.

Halloween Safety Tips for Adults:

- Lock your doors so valuables are safe while you're out.
- Ensure your pets are secure in the house if passing out treats to kids.
- Stay in neighborhoods that are familiar to you.
- Go out with family or friends.
 Keep children in sight and stay together. Designate a meeting spot in case you get split up.
- Start early, and don't stay out late. Observe the neighborhood time recommendations.
- Tell kids to walk—not run—and cross at the corners only after looking both ways.
- Plan your route. Stay on the same side of the street (instead of zig-zagging back and forth).
- Hand out individually wrapped candy/treats to prevent the spread of germs.
- Only approach homes that have a porch light on (or are obviously accepting trick-or-treaters).
- Wear shoes that are easy to walk in (e.g., sneakers).

 If inclement weather is forecasted, dress appropriately or consider staying home.

And, in case you want to skip the traditional trick-or-treating routine this year and do something different, here are a few ideas:

- Host a Halloween party: Invite some of your (children's) friends or relatives to a party at your house.
- Movie night: Watch a scary movie together. Maybe someone in your neighborhood has a projector and would host an outdoor movie night!
- Halloween trunk-or-treat
 parade: Coordinate with your
 neighbors to have the kids dress
 up and parade around the block
 before handing out candy from
 your trunk.
- Spooky scavenger hunt: Hide
 Halloween-themed items in the
 yard for the family, or organize
 a neighborhood hunt to various
 "haunted" spots to gather
 information that leads to a prize!

Reference:

www.safesmartliving.com/halloween-safety-tips, Sadie Cornelius / September 27, 2022

Last Call for Candy Donations!

♣ John Karski ◀ johnk@stol.church

Halloween is approaching again, and Sacred Heart Major Seminary (SHMS) is requesting our help. Each year, the community opens its doors and hearts to over 2,000 children from the surrounding Detroit neighborhood to meet the seminarians and give the kids an evening of safe fun.

If you can participate in keeping this important tradition going, please place your wrapped candy donations in the designated bin in the Gathering Space by this Sunday, Oct. 27. Thank you.

Christmas Adopt-a-Family/Foster Child

♣ John Karski ◀ johnk@stol.church

Our parish Adopt-a-Family/Foster Child program helps struggling families and foster children in our area have a magical Christmas and experience the light of Christ.

Sponsors are matched with a family or foster child who cannot provide Christmas due to difficult circumstances. We will provide information on their needs to make your shopping easier. You can also help by giving a financial donation.

If you or your group would like to help, please contact John Karski at 586-254-4433 x302. **We kindly ask for all requests by Nov. 15** to determine how many we can assist.

Thank you from RTL-Lifespan!

Right-to-Life LIFESPAN would like to extend our appreciation for the enthusiastic turnout at the annual Lifechain public prayer and Rosary on Oct.

6. We particularly thank Deacon Greg for leading us in praying the Rosary. Thank you to all who support LIFE!

Ministry Schedule

SAT | NOVEMBER 2

Lector 1: Iolanda Agazzi Lector 2: Volunteer Needed Altar Servers: Volunteer Needed Usher Team 2: Sam Guzzardo

SUN | NOVEMBER 3 8:00 AM

Lector 1: JP Welhelm Lector 2: Janis Fick

Altar Servers: Volunteer Needed Usher Team 3: Matt Stephan

SUN | NOVEMBER 3 9:45 AM

Lector 1: Michelle Mistretta Lector 2: Charlene Tocco Altar Servers: Volunteer Needed Usher Team 4: Tomaz Dopico

SUN | NOVEMBER 3 11:45 AM

Lector 1: Volunteer Needed Lector 2: James Snodgrass Altar Servers: Volunteer Needed Usher Team 1: Diane Kuptz

We pray for the sick...

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Asterisk denotes newly added name

Baby Scarlett Bacheldor, Mary Beaulieu, Michael Beaulieu. Don Beninati, Patricia Binkowski. Madeleine Black, Kathi Bliss, Jennifer Bourgeois, Mary Brown, Joanne Camacci, Barbara Cassidy, Barbara Chilcutt, Patricia Ciavattone, Bruno Corless, Kaye Dan Denton, Eden Derderian, Eloria

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DeGregory, Joseph

DeGroot, Christian

DeRemer, Colin Fain, Rose Marie

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Guzzardo, Mary Hill, Dan Hill. Sandv Hoos, Roger & Nona Hope, Charlie Jachcik, Bradley Jachcik, James Jachcik, Nancy Kelley, Shirley Knee, Colleen Kremer, Paul McBride, Andrea Mackowiak, Elaine Malane. Sharon Marino, Richard Markle, Susan Matthews, Sue Matthews, Dave Mumma, Brad Neddermeyer, John Nehra, Rebecca Nguyen, Bruce O'Brien, Shawn Okon, Ann Marie

Oleszkowicz, Bonnie Parent, Julie Pasque, Evelvn *Patterson, Dave Pattison, Matt Pazin, Delphine Pazin, Richard Petz. Christine Poma, Teresa Przepiora, Donna Marie Ramirez, Tina Ricardo, Tan Rinehart, Nicholas Roland, Debbie Roland, Melanie RoseAnn Saffo, Nazar Samulski, Dolores Schafran, Barb Shock, Maureen Selesniak, Sharon Sienkowski, Carol Snodgrass, Doris Sterling, Carol

Okon, Mary Anne

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...and for those serving in the military

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Nick Radwick, AF Staff Sgt. Drew Reynolds, AF Derek Skorupski, Army CPL. Nathan Taylor, Marine CPT Keith Trojniak, Marines Dante Vanuck, Army SFC Cally Wood, Army Andrew Zalewski, Navy

Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Give us peace. Amen

Mass Intentions

SAT. OCT. 26 4:30 PM

- + Diane Tocco
- **†** Margaret Sowers
- + Alfred Saam
- + Paul Hill (2nd Anniv.)
- + Salvatore Ciraulo (Bday)
- † James Blaisdell, Jr.
- + Maria Basirico-Fiorello
- + Joe Basirico
- + Joseph & Nina Salomone
- + Patricia Sandstrom

SUN. OCT. 27 8:00 AM

For the People of St. Therese of Lisieux Parish

- + Edward Graney
- + Chester Eliasz
- + Thresia Abraham
- + Tom Westerlund

SUN. OCT. 27 9:45 AM

- † Anthony Badaglialacqua
- + Jerry & Mary Ann Wasik
- + Frances Gentile
- † Michael Quackenbush
- + Mike Martin (10th Anniv.) Joanne Reiss

SUN. OCT. 27 11:45 AM

- + Robert Rogers (1st Anniv.)
- **†** Keith Hannenberg
- + Gloria Strzelecki
- + Shirley Rafferty
- + Elinor Musta

TUE. OCT. 29 8:30 AM

Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life

† Michael Fischer (Bday)

Jacob Stegner

Living & Deceased Members of the Ruhana Families

† Mary, Fay, Inez Zakoor

WED. OCT. 30 8:30 AM

- + Fr. Larry Jackson
- + Dave Kuptz
- Paul Michael Ahee

THU. OCT. 31 8:30 AM

Living & Deceased Members of the Benenati Families

+ Robert McCoy

FRI. NOV. 1 8:30 AM

For the people of St. Therese of Lisieux Parish

SAT. NOV. 2 4:30 PM

For all deceased parishioners and friends of St. Therese of Lisieux Parish

SUN. NOV. 3 8:00 AM

For the Intentions in Our Prayer

- **†** Edward Graney
- † Don & Blanche Trudeau (Anniv.) Living & Deceased Members of the Ahee Families Mary Ruhana (Healing)

- † Joe Hessell
- † Joan McMahon
- † Virginia Lachowski

SUN. NOV. 3 9:45 AM

- † Hub Kraemer
- † George & Peggy Ciolli For the Intentions in Our Prayer Box For the People of St. Therese of Lisieux Parish
- † Germena Recchia
- † Jerry & Mary Ann Wasik
- † Maria Guzik
- † Leonardo Vonella
- † Theresa Ann Majewski Michael Zelasko

SUN. NOV. 3 11:45 AM

- † Virginia Bumol For the Intentions in Our Prayer Box
- † John & Ann Rein, Carolyn Gambino
- † Pietra Ventimiglia
- † Onorio Recchia
- † Joyce Geis, Tom Antkowiak
- † Beverly Moore (2nd Anniv.)
- † James Blaisdell, Jr.
- **†** Gaspare Lombardo
- † Salvatore Lorenzano (Bday)

Readings

SUNDAY

Jer 31:7-9:

Ps 126:1-6:

Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

TUESDAY

Eph 5:21-33;

Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5;

Lk 13:18-21

THURSDAY

Eph 6:10-20;

Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10;

Lk 13:31-35

SATURDAY

Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6:

Rom 6:3-9;

Jn 6:37-40

MONDAY

Eph 2:19-22;

Ps 19:2-3, 4-5;

Lk 6:12-16

WEDNESDAY

Eph 6:1-9;

Ps 145:10-14;

Lk 13:22-30

FRIDAY

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14;

Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6;

1 Jn 3:1-3;

Mt 5:1-12a

SUNDAY

Dt 6:2-6;

Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Heb 7:23-28;

Mk 12:28b-34

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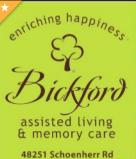
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