

Saint James Catholic Community

*Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 7, 2021*

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God • Church • Community
Together We Can Do Great Things



Glory Be Tea

Sunday, December 12

12:30pm

Be Still and Know I Am Here

Guest Speaker - Sara Snyder

Tickets - \$15.00

On Sale After All Masses (except Sunday 5pm)

November 6 & 7 and 13 & 14

and in the Parish Office from 8:30 - 11:30am

St. James Catholic Church

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Mass Schedule:

Weekdays: Monday - Friday, 8:15am

Saturday, 5:00pm

Sunday, 8:00am, 10:30am, 5:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 4pm and Anytime by request

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Mission Statement

We, the community of St. James, are a prayerful and Eucharistic people who treasure our Catholic traditions. We strive to grow in our faith by being good stewards of the gifts God has given us; sharing God's truth with all. As the Body of Christ, we are called to love and serve everyone, especially the marginalized, with joy and hospitality.



HOPE Gift Cards Sold After All Masses This Weekend

HOPE Gift Cards are being sold in the Gathering Space after all weekend Masses through December 19.

If you need to place special orders, we need your order and payment by 6:00pm on Sunday for your order to be picked up the following weekend.

Orders can also be picked up after Masses or during the week by 11:00am in the Parish Office or by appointment by calling 781-4343 x200.

HELP TROOP 2115 HELP OTHERS



Donate personal hygiene items before and after every Mass Next Sunday, Nov. 13-14

Bring your donations to the entrance of the former church.

The Girl Scouts will be there to receive them.

Most Needed Hygiene Items

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| Deodorant | Laundry Detergent |
| Toilet Paper | Toothpaste |
| Shampoo | Conditioner |
| Lotion and Feminine Hygiene | |

Early Bulletin Deadline For November 28 Bulletin

Our bulletin printer has an early deadline for the November 28 bulletin.

Articles and information for this bulletin must be submitted no later than end of day Tuesday, November 16.

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Whitney True-Francis, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 816.392.0011 or true.francis@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

From the Pastor's Pen

In 1976, the United States Catholic Bishops Conference established a "National Vocations Awareness Week" to be celebrated on the 28th Week in Ordinary Time. The date was changed in 2014 to the first full week of November. We as a parish family of St. James join Catholic churches across our country in praying for and dedicating ourselves to the work of promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life.

The word "vocation" has its roots in the Latin verb, "voco," meaning "to call." The call comes from God and from the Church. In some mysterious way God plants the seed of this call into the hearts and minds of men and women as they seek to know God's plan for them. At this time in history, only men may be ordained as priests, though there are debates about women also being called to this way of life. Women, of course, answer the called by dedicating themselves to religious life as nuns. However, some women choose not to marry and to give their time and talent to the Lord's work, though not as members of religious orders. The call to the diaconate comes to married, as well as single, men.

Some men discern that they are called to serve the diocesan church and so are ordained to the diocesan priesthood. Others feel the call to membership in a religious order. They may be "strict religious," who take vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, or they may join an order which is called "a society of apostolic life," not taking vows but living community life, following the rules of whatever religious community they join. Usually formation programs take about eight years before the time of ordination by a bishop.

Most men who answer the call to be deacons are married and wives share very much in the ministries. Deacons proclaim the gospel and preach, preside at the sacraments of baptism, matrimony, and Christian Burial, assist at the altar and are leaders in parish activities. There is some conversation in the Church about opening the office of deacon to women.

So how can we participate in this Week of Prayer for Vocations. The most obvious way in prayer. In this day and age of scandals within the priesthood and religious life, we need to maintain a positive spirit. Most priests, deacons, and religious are dedicated to ministry and need the support of the people they serve. The priesthood and religious life are not superior to the work and ministries of the laity, just a different call and way of serving. May God bless all of you as you support and care for your priests, deacons, and religious.

My prayers are with you each day. Fr. Michael

Mass Intentions

Week of November 8 - November 14

Monday 8:15am	Jim Mooney Family †† Joanna & Paul Mooney
Tuesday 8:15am	<i>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i> Veterans & Military Families
Wednesday 8:15am	<i>St. Leo the Great</i> † Deceased Boswell Children † Al Zimmerman
Thursday 8:15am	<i>St. Martin of Tours</i> † Joanne "Pearl" Martin Veterans Day
Friday 8:15am	<i>St. Josaphat</i> St. James Parish Veterans and Veteran Families
Saturday 5:00pm	<i>St. Frances Xavier Cabrini</i> † Frank Kromeich † Mathew George
Sunday 8:00am	† Clara Weyker †† Harry Woltkamp and Alex Bruening
10:30am	† George Dixon † Josie Parker-Martin
5:00pm	† Joseph John Nam Nguyen

November 11



Happy Veterans Day!

Visit The Military Display in the Parish Hall this Weekend and Next
See Page 9 For More Information

Contact Info

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Sat 4pm until finished; any time requested.

Sacrament of Baptism:

Baptismal Preparation Classes: Once a month
Contact Kirsten Maggi in the parish office, ext. 202 or
kirsten.maggi@stjames-liberty.org

Religious Education: For Preschool through adult spiritual development, please notify office of needs.

New Parishioners: Please register at the parish office.

We Welcome You!

St. James School: PS-8th grade offered.

Call the School Office, to inquire, 781-4428

Sacrament of Marriage: 9 months advance notice

Anointing of the Sick: Please call the parish office.

To Schedule an event in our Parish Facility:

email daryl.sweetland@stjames-liberty.org

or call Daryl in the Parish Office.

All Bulletin articles must be submitted by Monday

12Noon to: bulletin@stjames-liberty.org

Liberty Community Thanksgiving Service
All Are Invited To Attend

Thanksgiving Candlelight
COMMUNITY SERVICE

NOV 18
7:00 PM

Community of Christ
1220 W Liberty Dr, Liberty



The Liberty-Area Ministerial Alliance is hosting a worship service to give thanks and pray for our community. A freewill offering will be collected to help people in need. Outdoor venue, dress appropriately.

Someone is Watching and Wondering



As you know, November is the month in our Liturgical Year when we remember all those who have died. Remembrance is especially difficult when you have experienced a recent loss. A few weeks ago I found the poem below, which reminded me not only of my training as a caregiver but also of my own loss and feelings I experienced. The author of this poem is anonymous but it appeared in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, on September 19, 1998. The poem is entitled "Listen":

When I ask you to listen to me,
And you start giving me advice,
You have not done what I asked.
When I ask that you listen to me,
And you begin to tell me why I shouldn't feel that way,
You are trampling on my feelings.
When I ask you to listen to me,
And you feel you have to do something to solve my
problems,
You have failed me, strange as that may seem.
Listen: All that I ask is that you listen,
Not talk or do – just hear me.
When you do something for me
That I need to do for myself,
You contribute to my fear and feelings of inadequacy.
But when you accept as a simple fact
That I do feel what I feel, no matter how irrational,
Then I can quit trying to convince you
And go about the business
Of understanding what's behind my feelings.
So, please listen and just hear me
And, if you want to talk
Wait a minute for your turn – and I'll listen to you."

I was taught that presence and active listening are two of the most important attributes of being a caregiver. From my personal experience I know the truth of this statement. When I experienced great loss, I did not want to be left alone to work through my grief; I did not want constant hovering; I did not want to hear "words of wisdom" or someone else's experiences; I did not want solutions. What I needed was someone to hear me, who allowed me to express my feelings of sadness, loss, anger, and disappointment. Recovering from great loss is a life-long journey, softened by time, and feeling the loving presence of God. What better way to walk that journey than with an empathic listener to walk with me. Healing requires patience and trust; it requires loving kindness guided by our Lord.

Your Sister in Christ, *Sandy Gagnon*

WEEKEND SNOW REMOVER HELP NEEDED



We are looking for a few volunteers to augment our Snow Removal Teams this coming winter. How does it work you ask?

We have established four teams of 8-10 people. (We just need to add a few more to some teams.)

- Each team is responsible for a weekend. The 1st through the 4th weekend.
- If it snows on your assigned weekend then you will be asked to come out and help clear the sidewalks (We have a commercial company do the parking lots)
- We have three snow blowers, 7 shovels and plenty of de-icer.

Please contact Dan Bacon 816-589-7958
or email bacon.dan324@gmail.com

Day of Remembrance *Sunday, November 21*

*All are invited to attend this
Day of Remembrance
as we remember our family members, loved ones,
and friends who have gone before us,
especially those who have died during the past year.*



12 noon ♦ in the Church

Our Advent Giving Tree Is Up ~ Your Donations Make a Difference



Through this ministry, St. James Parish has for many years provided incredible support to various charitable organizations, including our own parish, to help families and individuals who are in need, especially during the Christmas season.

Last year, due to the pandemic, you enthusiastically embraced a new approach to donating to the Advent Giving Tree (AGT). Through your generosity, we were able to provide much needed help to at least 69 families and more than 400 individuals.

This year we will take the same approach – using your cash donations to purchase Hope program gift cards, which we will then donate to charitable organizations within the metro area. Organizations include Bishop Sullivan Center, Liberty Women's Clinic, Hillcrest Hope, Love INC, Cedars of Liberty, Ashton Court, KC Indian Center, Journey to New Life, and needy families within St. James Parish.

Through November 28 , you can contribute by:

- Placing your donation in the Advent Giving Tree collection basket in the Gathering Space during all Masses.
- Mailing your donation to St. James Catholic Church, Attn: AGT, 309 S. Stewart Rd., Liberty 64068
- Dropping your donation off in the Parish Office.

Please make checks payable to St. James Church with "AGT" on the notation line.

This week we are highlighting the services of three more organizations AGT supports:

* **Liberty Women's Clinic (LWC)** provides free resources in a safe, accepting environment to help women make informed, life-affirming choices about their pregnancies. LWC does not refer nor provide abortions. With your donations, AGT will purchase Hope gift cards to help 10 mothers purchase a big ticket item (e.g. car seat, stroller, Pack 'n Play) for their newborn babies.

* **Journey to New Life (JNL)** has a mission to maximize quality of life for men and women returning to the community from prison. JNL helps these individuals reintegrate into the community, providing a welcoming center that offers respect while assisting with basic necessities, housing, and job assistance. Each year JNL serves approximately 2,000 people, including those with substance abuse and mental health conditions. Through your donations, Advent Giving Tree will continue to help provide funding for these services.

* **Kansas City Indian Center (KCIC)** operates as the metro area's only social service agency for American Indians. KCIC's mission is to encourage social, educational, and economic advancement of the American Indian community by promoting traditional and cultural values. Through the Advent Giving Tree, St. James helps support KCIC's food pantry and emergency assistance program. In 2020, our support provided 40 low-income families gift cards and a Christmas food basket for those families' holiday meal.

Thank you so much for helping our Advent Giving Tree continue to be a bright spot for those in need!!

The Advent Giving Tree Committee

Join Our Glory Be Tea Cookie Brigade



Help us stock up the cookie tables with four dozen of your favorite homemade cookies for the December 12th tea.

Cookies should be on the smaller side - 2" or less in diameter. Cookie bars cut in small squares are also welcome.

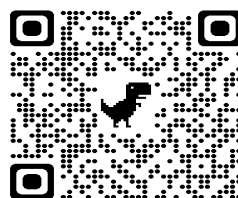
Cookies are due Saturday, December 11 by 1:00pm in the Social Hall by the former church.

To let us know that we can count on you to provide cookies, or for more information, contact

Jeanne Verssue at 294-0236
or email her at bverssue@gmail.com
or call Kathleen Quinn at 510-0352

Do you miss VBS?

**Do you remember the fun of attending VBS?
Do you want to bring VBS to St. James
this summer?**



Join our VBS Team today!
We need a strong team of volunteers to make VBS a 2022 Summer reality!



Use the QR Code to join our team today. Planning meetings will begin in January.

Contact Lori Tajchman for details.

**Saturday Morning Faith Formation
Special Program on November 13
"With God In Russia"**

The program for Saturday, November 13 will feature a film about the great Jesuit Fr. Walter Cizek's historic story of surviving 24 years in Russian prison camps, and traces his incredible endurance and struggle for survival. It highlights his tremendous faith in God and the remarkable impact his life has had on the resurgence of Catholicism in Russia.

For this class we are using one of the many films available on FORMED, a premier online platform available to all St. James parishioners at no charge, that has over 4,000 Catholic studies, movies, audio dramas, talks, e-books, and more.

The class meets in person at 10:00am in the Conference Room (lower level of the church).

All Are Welcome and Invited To Attend

If you are not able to attend this class in person, log into your FORMED account and watch it from home. If you haven't signed up for a FORMED account, see the instructions on page 9.



Visit The Veteran's Day Display in the Parish Hall, Nov. 6/7 and Nov. 13/14

Veterans and Members of the Military are invited to share their 'military story' with us. Please share and show your pictures, memorabilia, medals, and other things you would like to share. Place the items on the tables in the Parish Hall (lower level of the church).

The St. James Military Outreach Ministry will provide light refreshments and a short video "The Church Connecting to Veterans" after the 10:30am Mass on the Sunday before and after Veteran's Day.

On Veteran's Day, Thursday November 11, consider visiting the Veteran's Day ceremony at Kansas City Vietnam Kansas City KCMO at 11:45am.

St. James has a Military Outreach Ministry. Present and former members of the military with questions can contact Ann Marie Roberts Puck at 816-469-0271 or email annroberts977@gmail.com.

**Devotion To The Christ Child Novena
Thursday at 7:00pm in the Narthex**



This Novena is being held one evening a week for nine weeks as we prepare for the birth of the Christ Child.

The beautiful reflections and prayers of this Novena focus on the birth of Jesus and His early years.

Our devotion on November 11, the second day of the Novena, focuses on the meaning and significance of the holy name "Jesus".

Attending this Novena is a wonderful way to prepare our hearts the coming of the Christ Child.

How do you prepare for the coming of Jesus in your homes? We'd invite you to share pictures of how you display the Nativity. Stay tuned for more information about this next week.

Please join us on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm in the Narthex of the former church.

This follows the Rosary for Healing that takes place in the church.



**St James Altar Society
Poinsettia Sale**

Just in time for Christmas, the Altar Society is taking orders for everyone's favorite Christmas flower - the Poinsettia.

The poinsettias are available in red, white, and pink. Set in 6 1/2 inch pots, these vigorous healthy plants grow to a height of up to 15 - 17 inches.

Cost \$18 each

Order by Monday, November 15
to reserve yours

To order call or email Janice Brimer
at 816-719-9558
janicebrimer@yahoo.com

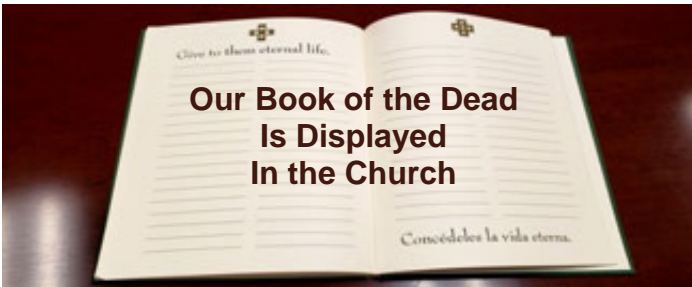
One of the Altar Society's ministry projects is to provide communion hosts for St. James. Proceeds from this sale will go to help fund their purchase.

Pay when you pick up your order at St. James.

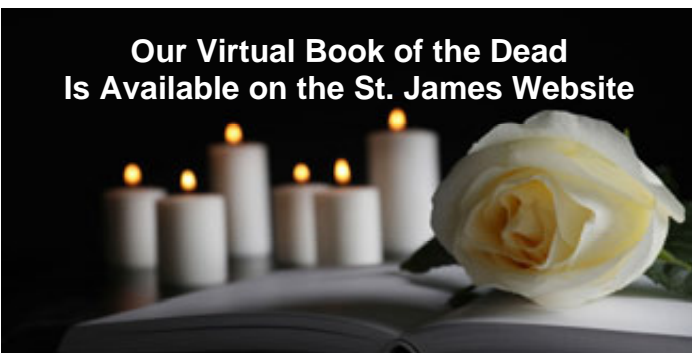
The delivery date will be announced.

**Visit Our Website
for current information
about what's happening
at St. James
www.stjames-liberty.org**

During the Month of November, We Remember and Pray for our Beloved Dead



You are welcome, throughout this month to write the names of your loved ones and others who have died whom you would like us to pray for and remember this month during our Masses.



Our Virtual Book of the Dead Is Available on the St. James Website

To add a name, go to our website. On the left side under "Latest Parish Postings," click on the *Book of the Dead* post. Click on the Submit Button and enter the information.



November 7 - November 13

Christian life comes with many choices, the most important being deciding your vocation.

National Vocation Awareness Week is designed to help promote vocation awareness and to encourage young people to ask the question: "To what vocation in life is God calling me?" Will you be called to the single life, consecrated religious life, ordained priesthood, or married life?

Please consider your call to serve God in your particular vocation. Hopefully some of you will hear a call to priesthood, diaconate or religious life and will be open to that possibility.

*If you would like more information contact
Fr. Mike Roach at
frmike@stjames-liberty.org.*

Parish Religious Education

Confirmation: Confirmation students meet November 7 and 21 for student-only sessions. On Friday, December 3, we will gather for Praise, Worship and Adoration. Together we will meet a Pray With The Church Requirement, but more importantly we will bring students together for an opportunity to act as Church, to pray as Church, and to worship together. The Confirmation experience guides our students to a deeper faith life and brings our students to a better participation in the need to worship as a Church. Please support our Confirmation group with prayers and support.

Middle and High School RE Program: Middle and High School students meet November 7 as we wrap up our session on The Invitation. Thank a MS or HS Catechist this week. Our middle school program is wrapping up a four-session program called The Invitation, where students are shown Jesus' invitation to spread His story and it's relation to their own lives. Our high school program is doing the same and they are being led to go a bit deeper into that call. Theresa Brier leads our middle school program and is assisted by an amazing team of volunteers who facilitate and guide peer-to-peer discussions on the topic. Derek Wilson, Andrea Grow and Liam Arciga are guiding our high school students. This week, be sure to appreciate the catechists and volunteers who are assisting with your students' religious education opportunities at St. James!

High School Opportunity: Sunday 11/7 is the last day to register for the opportunity to attend the Benedictine College Youth Outreach (BCYO) Underground event on Saturday, November 13. We will transport to Benedictine College in Atchison, KS at 4 pm, and return to St. James at about 10pm. The evening will include pizza, keynote speaker Kelly Collangelo, adoration and confession, and a candle-lit mass. All high school students are invited to attend this opportunity to grow closer to Jesus Christ.

Elementary RE: Upcoming Sessions: Wednesday 11/10 and Sunday 11/14

November's Elementary RE topic is Reconciliation and is quite timely as the students in the sacrament prep program are preparing to receive the sacrament at the end of this month. This is also a great opportunity for us, as adults, to examine how we perceive this sacrament and how our perception is passed on to our children. Elementary-age children are still of a mindset that what is important to their parents is important to them. When children see their parents make time for the sacrament of reconciliation, there is an immediate connection to it's importance in our lives. When that process is repeated in a child's life, it solidifies the importance and is more likely to become important in adulthood. Our prayer is that our monthly sessions on 11/10 and 11/14, paired with our weekly emails, will help change your perception of the sacrament and will bring you closer to the opportunity to return to a state of grace.

Birthdays this week: Today we celebrate all that you with God's help, have accomplished.

Ruben Campos	Peter Wiegert	Nathan Olson
Alaina Donnici	Scott Bailey	Kyle Palmer
Cornie Giambrone	William Blackwood	Christina Panis
Adia Harbert	Michael Book	Miller
Katelynn Heutinck	Thomas Burns	Selene Paredes
Lena Hite	Jessica Fullinwider	Harlow Phillips
Michael Lemington	Cristian Garza	Sarah Prichard
John Marshall	Sebastian Garza	Katelyn Smith
Sean Peters	John Gragg	Rhonda Torno
Thomas Reardon	Mia Graham	Al Habiger
Kelvin Rodriguez	Maria Kain	Richard Kirwan
Alice Sage	Thomas Mesmer	Oliver Klosterman
Leah Schaub	Bianca Noah	Jamie Paredes
Nicole Serrano	Connie Rigg	Leanna
John Stauffer	Susan Stanley	Pfannenstiel
Chad Walthall	Matthew Stillman	Holly Smith
Anna Weiner	Sadie Werth	Zachary Stadler
Kaden Westhoff	Rachel Willoughby	Kathy Tatum
Allison Carter	Greene	Daniella Torres
Franklin Deaver	Andrew Graf	Willa Verhoff
Simon Deaver	Brian Jorgensen	Lesley Westhoff
Michael Downey	Michael Kieffer	Matthew Angles
Azayla Drew	Jacqueline Murtha	Taylor Bauer
William Federhofer	Richard Nyberg	Julie Bell
Kristin Filardo	Kathryn Smith	John Findlay
Sarah Jones	Eli Timmerberg	Amy Goforth
Zachary Klein	William Bennett	Nancy Gremling
Lisa Lauck	Olivia Grow	Liv Haskins
Abigail McCoy	Jill Hamerle	James Newell
Annemarie Pfeiffer	Richard Kosorog III	Reba Sutlief
Mary Weishaar	James Mooney	

**HELP CLOTHE THOSE IN NEED BY SHARING
NEW AND GENTLY USED
WINTER COATS and WARM CLOTHES
FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN**



The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Winter Coat Drive this year. Many coats are needed.

Also needed are socks, gloves, scarves and other warm clothing.

This coat drive runs through Sunday, November 21. Please bring your donations to the Narthex of the former church building weekdays or weekends between 7am and 7pm. There is a pile for adults and one for children. Drop them off by the applicable sign.

Donations will be distributed to St. James Midtown and homeless veterans in time for Thanksgiving.

Thank you in advance for your donations.



Have You Been Enjoying Formed.Org?

This year *Formed.Org* is providing the curriculum for our Middle School and High School RE programs, as well as our Confirmation prep program. In addition, it has provided the supplemental materials for both the First Reconciliation program and the Elementary RE program.

Formed.Org is being provided to ALL of our parishioners, not just those involved in our Religious Education program. It's simple to access, and we are providing the instructions again in case you still need to sign up!

- Go to Formed.Org in your browser (not in the downloadable app)
- Choose "Sign Up"
- Choose "Sign Up as a Parishioner"
- Find our parish by entering the zip code 64068 and Choose St. James Catholic Church, Liberty, MO
- Enter your name and email address (no password required!)
- Select the "Sign Up" button
- That's it! You will have access to content of *Formed.Org* for the remainder of the St. James subscription year.
- You can now download the Formed app to your phone (but don't sign up on the app as it requires payment; sign in after you sign up).

If you have issues or still have questions, contact Lori Tajchman at lori.tajchman@stjames-liberty.org.

**First Reconciliation
A Simple Request of Our Parish Family**




St. James is blessed to be preparing 80 students for their First Reconciliation. These students and their families will receive the sacrament at the end of this month.

We ask our entire parish family to add these children and their parents to their prayers, asking that in the sacrament they are wrapped fully in God's loving mercy.

"Faith is having the courage to let God have control."


We Pray to our Lord Jesus for healing

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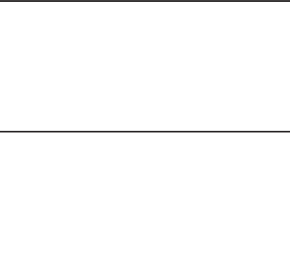
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