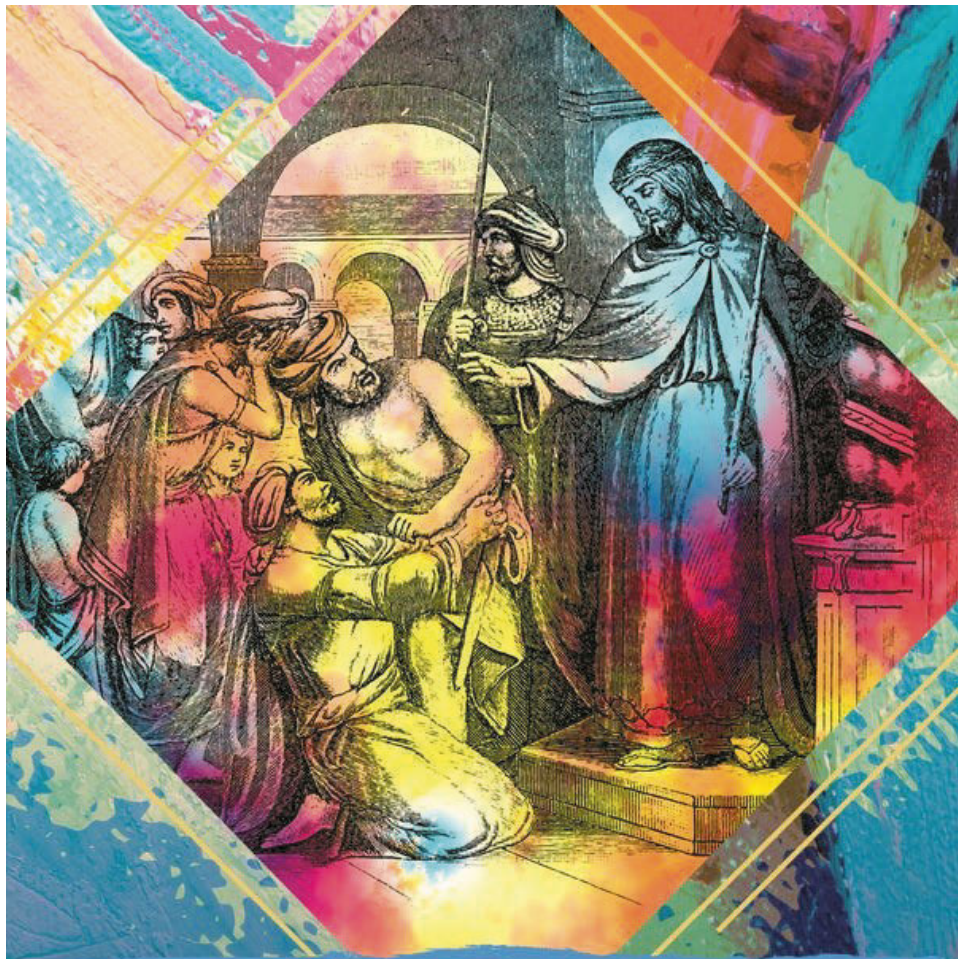




Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier Parish

Our Mission:

We honor the traditions of
our parish and welcome all to
unite in prayer and the Sacraments.
Loved by God and guided by the
Holy Spirit, we share the good news
of Jesus Christ through joyful
worship, faithful formation and
dedicated service.



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Should you not have had pity on your
fellow servant, as I had pity on you?”
- Mt 18:33-35

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September 17, 2023



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Saints JFX Mass Schedule

Daily Mass

6:30 am (SFX) Monday through Friday

8:30 am (St. Joseph) Monday through Saturday

Saturday Vigil Mass

5:00 pm (St. Joseph)

5:00 pm (SFX)

Sunday Mass

8:00 am (St. Joseph)

9:30 am (SFX)

10:30 am (St. Joseph)*

11:30 am (SFX)

4:45 pm (St. Joseph)

7:30 pm (SFX) Teen ACTION Mass

*Drive up communion is offered at St. Joseph Church after 10:30 am Mass. Please drive through the lower church parking lot to the Annex door on the south side of the church.

Confession is offered from 9:00 - 10:00 am on Saturday at St. Joseph Church.

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For information about Saints JFX School, please visit
www.saintsjfx.org

Saints JFX is on social media!

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Staff Guest Writer: Michael Cesario, Director of Evangelization & Ministry

Dear Friends,

It is with the utmost honor and humility that I greet you as the new Director of Evangelization & Ministry here at Saints Joseph Francis Xavier Parish. I want to first tell you something that you probably already know, this parish community is special! I've worked in ministry and with Catholic organizations for about 10 years now, and honestly, I have never received such a warm a welcome as I received from all of you. I want to sincerely thank everyone from the bottom of my heart for welcoming me here to this special place. I am beyond excited to be serving you all in this way!

My faith journey, like most, hasn't been one dimensional, simple, or easy. Rather, it's a complicated love story with dramatic peaks and valleys, hard lessons, and interesting communication - which somehow always has an underlying sense of peace. And then there are moments that God takes my breath away. He shows up in sometimes familiar and sometimes unfamiliar places. For me, he's always been a whisper, a small tug in the heart, revealing himself on his terms very slowly and intentionally. I guess that's guess that's how you know it's true love though; as love is patient and love is kind, and he has been incredibly patient and kind with me. Each day that goes by is another word written down in my lifelong love letter to God. I would love nothing more than to accompany others on their walk with God, wherever they find themselves on the journey. I know in my heart it leads to something beyond beautiful. I ask all of you to please accompany me on the journey and let us walk and write our love letters to God together.

With God, it's always an adventure! When you give situations to him, everything becomes exciting, and the tempo of life seems to go from a slow dance to an upbeat waltz. I never thought I would be in ministry, and when I was younger, I didn't want anything to do with ministry. But once I got into God's rhythm, he infused energy and passion into everything I did. I finally learned that when I stopped asking him for what I wanted, and started asking him what he had in store for me, my whole life changed. I "by chance" stumbled into a ministry role in college because it helped pay for my degree. Little did I know God was using that experience to unravel his plan for my life. I went from taking a ministry

position for a scholarship, to leading retreats and mission trips and falling head over heels in love with helping to connect people with God. (The next time you see me, tell me your story and I will tell you the rest of mine!)

He will take you to places you would never think you'd go and with people you never thought you would meet. My hope is that in a small way the programs I will be working to create will be a tiny candle where the grand fire of the Holy Spirit can shine. There is only one way these programs can succeed, with your help! YOU are the church, without any of you we don't have a parish. The lifeblood of whatever ministry program or initiative we try to create is and will always be you, our wonderful parishioners.

As we know, God is love. He made everything out of love, to love, all because of love. The love that I've witnessed permeating through this community is an intense sign that he is present in a vibrant way! The way I see it, all of us are all like stones in a beautiful church. Each stone is positioned in a unique way, serving its own role, with its own character. Together these stones are holding up and supporting one another and creating something special, something special enough where God resides in and is present. This is the community you are all a part of! I wish for nothing more than to become one of these many stones, and together we will provide a special place for God's love. It all starts, and it all ends with you, I can't wait to meet and work with you all!

Kindest regards,
Michael Cesario



Weekly Mass Schedule

<p><u>Monday September 18, 2023</u> 6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Mitchell Dobbins + Dorothy Schinler (L)Haser Family Intentions (L)Patty Ohle (L)Fina Riddle (L)Ken Ritson</p>	<p><u>Wednesday September 20 2023</u> 6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Marian Haney +Stephanie Fernholz (L)Haser Family Intentions</p>	<p><u>Saturday September 23, 2023</u> 8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>Intentions: (L)People of the Parish</p> <p>9:00 am SJ Confession</p> <p>3:00 pm SJ Wedding Potoczek/Johnson</p> <p>3:00 pm SFX Wedding Pappano/Ghanem</p> <p>5:00 pm SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Munz</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Sam Scalise +Michael Tischler (L)Leon Shtivelman</p> <p>5:00 pm SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Harnett</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Bud Gaynor +Jack McDonagh (L)Haser Family Intentions</p>	<p><u>Sunday September 24, 2023</u> 8:00 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Hendrickson, SJ</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Edward & Blanche Geishecker +Zygmunt & Kaczimiera Kaczorowski</p> <p>9:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Marian Haney</p> <p>10:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Liliana Suciuc (L)Intentions/Anonymous</p> <p>11:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Dave Crome</p> <p>4:45 pm SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Ryan</i></p> <p>Intentions: (L)Haser Family Intentions</p> <p>7:30 pm SFX ACTION <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p>
<p><u>Tuesday September 19, 2023</u> 6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Molly Harris +Tobias Kim (L)Sarah Kim Intentions (L)Haser Family Intentions</p> <p>9:00 am-10:00 am SJ Eucharistic Adoration</p>	<p><u>Thursday September 21, 2023</u> 6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Ryan</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Harnett</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Ben Bishop (L)Haser Family Intentions</p> <p><u>Friday September 22, 2023</u> 6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Ryan</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Maria Torreblanca (L)Haser Family Intentions</p>		
<p>+ Deceased / (L) Living SFX - St. Francis Xavier SJ -St. Joseph</p>		<p>Masses are livestreamed on our YouTube channel. To find our channel, search <i>Saints JFX</i> on www.youtube.com</p>	

Please pray for the sick and those in need:

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| Carmen Albino | Phillip Hall | Tiffany McGivern | Brian Slowinski |
| Rory Andrykowski | Tim Hanson | John McGinness | Mary Stapleton |
| Laura B. | Barbara Hardy | Dolores Meier | Gary Strutz |
| Ginnie Becker | Barbara Hawkinson | Colin Mowbray | Trudy Tonelli |
| Heather Campbell | Laura Hendricks | Daniel O'Herron | Elliott Villarreal |
| Cecelia Cruz | Catherine Horan | Pam O'Reilly | David W. |
| Peter DiClementi, Jr. | Bob Kerrigan | John Ondrejicka | Krista Wilkinson |
| Gino DiPaolo | Will Leming | Keith Osmanski | Audrey Williams |
| John Patrick Gabby | Betsi Burns Landolt | Monica Pecuch | |
| Ryan Glassberg | | | |

In prayer and loving memory of:

*Salvador Samaniego
Claire Shannon*



Please email officessjfx@ssjfx.org to add or remove a name.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is dedicated to helping the poor and others who have fallen upon difficult times.

If you or someone you know is in need of help, please call the parish office at (847) 256-4250 and ask for extension 44. If you are calling outside of business hours, please press 3 to leave a message, and we will return your call as soon as possible. All inquiries are treated in the strictest of confidence.



Saints JFX Ministry of Care



Experienced Ministers of Care are available to bring communion to our parish sick and homebound, those in senior facilities, and Evanston Hospital.

If you or a family member would like to schedule a visit, please contact the MOC Care line at (847) 256-2273 (CARE) or email mbirmingham@ssjfx.org

Sacraments at Saints JFX

Sacrament of Baptism

Request form can be found on our parish website: ssjfx.org/baptism.html

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 9:00 am-10:00 am at St. Joseph Church or by appointment. Please call 847/256-4250

Sacrament of Marriage

Request form can be found on our parish website: ssjfx.org/weddings.html

Parish registration forms can be found on ssjfx.org/join-our-parish.html

Stewardship Report

September 10, 2023

Collected at Church:

Envelopes: \$ 7,531.00
 Loose Cash: \$ 1,739.00
 Electronic Contributions: \$21,880.00

Total: \$31,150.00

If you are able, please consider contributing electronically via PushPay using the QR code.



Thank you for your generosity.

Marriage Banns

*Meghan Pappano and Tony Ghanam
 Bann III*

*Mary Potoczek and Jacob Johnsen
 Bann III*

*Gianna Tenerelli and Sean Edgar
 Bann II*

*Margaret McKenna and Ryan Wynn
 Bann II*

*Emily Bradford and Jason Trueblood
 Bann I*

*Madeline Rock and Brian Fulginiti
 Bann I*

*Jamie Gamber and Connor Watts
 Bann I*

Pray the Rosary

Please join us to pray the Rosary at 7:30 am daily

To join online:

<https://www.microsoft.com/microsoft-teams/join-a-meeting>

Meeting ID: 243 977 469 891

Passcode: MYhkSx

If you prefer to call in:

Dial (872)242-9930;

Conference ID: 267-145-550#

The Rosary is also prayed at 8:00 am, Monday through Saturday at St. Joseph Church, followed by 8:30 am Mass. All are welcome.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY, PRAY FOR PEACE

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2nd Lt Luke Stenberg

US Army

Rev Chaplain Maj John Barkemeyer
LTC Kelly Quinn Bell
Cpt Christopher Cannon
Cpt Ryan Cannon
PFC Richard Carlson
Spc Harrison Daniels
Maj Jason Harlan
Pvt Ryan Higgins
SPC Zach Lueken
Sgt Brenda Lore Mayo
Sgt David Lore Mayo
Maj Anita Scattone
Lt Col Shawn Schwarz
Lt Ryan Slattery
Maj Benjamin Stumpf

US Marine Corps

Pvt 1st Class Colin Brennan
Pvt Stuart Corboy III
Sgt Joseph Devroy
Cpt Peter Dulaney
Sgt Brandon Galgay
Sgt Aidan Gobeyn
Cpt Brad Gustafson
Ssgt Walter Ramirez
Cpt William Smith
Pfc Trevor J. Talbot
Pvt 1st Class Stevie Williams

US Navy

Cmdr Kevin Carlson
PO2 Kevin Morrison
ENS Hugh Rider
Lt Cmdr Tom Smith
Shane Zeman

US National Guard

Liam Gobeyn
Sgt Steven Tetzlaff
Sgt Jackson Knott

*If you would like to add or remove a name,
please contact us at officessjfx@ssjfx.org.*



Readings for the week of September 17, 2023

Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8)/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17

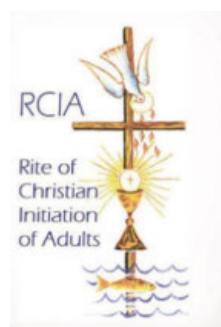
Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a



Seeking God gives us life and joy. He is our refuge and our salvation (Amos 5:4-6, Lamentations 3:25, 1 Chronicles 22:19).

RCIA is a fantastic program for anyone who wants to learn about our Jesus and his Holy Church!

The program will officially start on Wednesday October 4, 2023 - please sign up by emailing Michael Cesario at: mjcesario@ssjfx.org

The RCIA program assists individuals who want to receive the sacraments of initiation: Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, & Reconciliation.

Not sure about joining yet? Please still reach out to Michael for a conversation, he'd love to meet you and learn about your faith journey!

Please plan on attending one of our town hall meetings—we need your input!



Saints Joseph and
Francis Xavier Parish
One Plan



VISIONING TOWN HALLS

What do you envision for the future of Saints JFX?

Join us to share your thoughts!

WHEN: Tuesday, September 19 | 6:30pm - 8:30pm

WHERE: St. Joseph Gymnasium, 1740 Lake Avenue, 60091

OR

WHEN: Tuesday, September 26 | 6:30pm - 8:30pm

WHERE: St. Francis Xavier Gymnasium, 808 Linden Avenue, 60091

**Note locations have changed from the church to the gymnasium!*

For the Saints JFX master planning process, the Parish is hosting **two Visioning Town Halls** to share initial concept studies that illustrate exciting opportunities and enhancements for the Saints JFX One Plan. Both Town Halls will cover the same information and will be in an **informal open house layout with a rolling introductory presentation** to give people context about what the Saints JFX One Plan is all about! Feel free to drop by one or both events, any time between 6:30pm and 8:30pm – presentations will run every ten minutes starting at 6:30pm.

Town Halls will include both informational and interactive exhibits, to provide you with the opportunity to learn about the planning process, explore concept studies, provide input and ideas directly on the exhibits, and actively contribute to shaping the future of Saints JFX.

We need your input! Bring the whole family, this is a family friendly event. Come explore with us and spread the word to neighbors and friends.

www.SaintsJFXOnePlan.com

SAINTS JFX MEN'S CLUB



Thanks to all who joined us for our September meeting as well as the parish golf outing. Two great events to start the new year.

Our next meeting will be Thursday October 5.

Encourage your friends to enroll as a member of the Men's Club via the parish website:
ssjfx.org/mens-club.html

If you're looking for fellowship and a sense of community, we need you! Scan the QR code for ways to serve, and a team leader will reach out to you.



Registration for the Women's Club Fall Membership General Meeting and Dinner is open – RSVP by using the QR code here. Sign up closes September 17. The event will take place on Wednesday September 20 at the Wilmette Harbor Club.



Please consider joining the Women's Club! You can find detailed information as well as instructions on how to join at ssjfx.org/womens-club.html. Check out our monthly e-newsletter (September through June) to find out more about the Club's activities. Please email us at ssjfxwomensclub@gmail.com with any questions.

Deirdre Dennett and Jennifer McGinn
 Co-Presidents,
 Saints JFX Women's Club



****Current members-you can renew membership using the QR code here****



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To learn more about Catholic Charities visit:
catholiccharities.net



Special thanks to Bay Photo for supporting ASV and its artists.



On Saturday, September 30, and on Sunday, October 1, the St. Vincent de Paul, Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier Conference will hold a Clothing and Household Goods Donation Drive from 1 to 3:30 pm in the St. Joseph Church parking lot.

Drivers can pull into the lot from Lake Avenue and our volunteers will take the donations and put them into trucks.

Please bring bags or boxes of clothing and household goods such as pots and pans, plates, glasses, silverware and small appliances like toasters and blenders. (Sorry, we will not be able to accept furniture at this event.)

Please help us to help others! Donate to our September 30-October 1 Donation Drive and consider joining our team to staff our call line, create sack meals for those without enough to eat, and assist people struggling to care for themselves and their families. Contact me at sfxstvincentdepaul@comcast.net to learn more, including volunteering at the upcoming Donation Drive.

Peace,

Brian Avery
 President
 St. Vincent de Paul,
 Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier Conference

Volunteers needed
Children's Liturgy of the Word
 Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier Parish

Our Children's Liturgy of the Word program has resumed at 9:30am and 10:30am Sunday Masses.

We need adult volunteers to run the program!
 Scheduling is flexible.

Please contact Dana McKenna at dmckenna@ssjfx.org for more information and to volunteer.

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Move Past Small Talk - Each week is a discussion of thoughts, experiences, & perspectives on topics such as Who is Jesus? How can I resist Evil? How does God heal?

Not sure? Just come and see; it's food, friends, & great conversation! All are welcome, regardless of spiritual background or beliefs



MONDAYS

Starting 9/18/23 from 7:00-8:15pm (ONLINE)

TUESDAYS

Starting 9/12/23 from 6:30-8:00pm

WEDNESDAYS

Starting 9/13/23 from 9:30-11:00am

OR

Starting 9/13/23 from 12:00-1:30pm

THURSDAYS

Starting 9/21/23 from 7:00-8:15pm (ONLINE)



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QUIGLEY DAYS

September 30, 2023

10 a.m. Mass and Adoration, Lunch
St. James, Arlington Heights

Noon Paintball Explosion, East Dundee

Transportation available.



For details and to register:
forms.office.com/r/eG1ZVY2p8Q
or scan code.

A FAMILY OF Faith

Registration is open for our new Family of Faith (FOF) program (replacing the previous YFF program). FOF enables parents to reconnect with their own faith as they learn how to share it with their children.

Families choose when to work with their children, which accommodates a wide range of schedules, learning styles and abilities. Registration can be found at: ssjfx.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/9/responses/new

Please mark your calendar for our Meet and Greet for registered families on September 24th after the 4:45pm Mass at St. Joseph Church.

For more information, please contact Dana McKenna at dmckenna@ssjfx.org.

Share Our Gifts with Tax Credit Scholarships

"Our relationship with St. Thomas offers Saints JFX parishioners incredible opportunities to live their discipleship... We are one body of Christ and one church, no matter what the ZIP Code." - Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier Sharing Parish Commitment

Illinois' bipartisan Invest in Kids Act Tax Credit Scholarship Program provides need-based scholarships for students to attend K-12 private schools, like our sharing parish partner, St. Thomas of Canterbury School. Donors who give through our scholarship granting partner Empower Illinois in support of these scholarships receive a 75% state income tax credit on their gift and can direct their donation to St. Thomas of Canterbury.

And there has never been a better time to take advantage of the Tax Credit Scholarship Program.

Last year, a generous group of parishioners participated in a match that raised over \$800,000 and funded over 130 scholarships to help clear the waitlist of students eligible for tax credit scholarships at St. Thomas of Canterbury. And this year's match has already begun! Gifts made to St. Thomas of Canterbury through the Sharing Our Gifts campaign will be matched \$1 for \$1 to clear the waitlist, which means that **for every dollar you donate an additional dollar will be donated to St. Thomas of Canterbury, our Sharing Parish School.** But we must act fast! The matching gift program will only last until October 1, or until matching funds are depleted.

With this match, if you make a \$3,000 tax credit scholarship gift:

- You earn a \$2,250 state tax credit
- You are only out of pocket \$750
- Your donation will be matched (\$1 to \$1) to become \$6,000
- You fund a FULL scholarship for a child in need

Please consider giving a child the gift of a quality education this year. Scan the QR code to request more information and contact Pat Bittorf, Empower Illinois' Director of Major Gifts, at patrick@empowerillinois.org with any questions.



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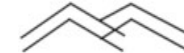
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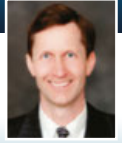
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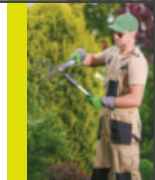
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