The Reading Catholic Community

Saint Agnes Church
186 Woburn St, Reading MA
Sunday: 9AM, 11AM
Daily Mass: 9AM - Mon, Wed & Fri

https://ReadingCatholic.org

Saint Athanasius Church
300 Haverhill St, Reading MA
Saturday: 4PM Sunday: 10AM
Daily Mass: 9AM, Tues & Thurs

November 1, 2020

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

"These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb."

Revelation 7:14

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE MEN AND WOMEN IN MILITARY SERVICE

God of compassion, we pray for our loved ones in the military, who offer themselves for the sake of others and who are separated from family and loved ones. Grant them courage, compassion, strength, and all they need for the living of these days. Sustain them through their every trial. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

Please pray for all service members, especially for:

Capt. Jared Peledge (US Army),
2LT Jeff Peledge (US Army Rangers),
Spc. William T. Fisher (US Army),
LCPL Peter O'Connor (USMC), LCPL Dean Lepore
Cpl. Daniel Gonzales (US Marine Corps),
Capt. Nicholas Staffier (US Army),
LCPL Robert Ciaccio (USMC),
1LT Luke Beaulieu (US Army), 26th "Yankee" Brigade
Cpl. Brenden Amico, Justin Whitmarsh,
PFC Michael Goddard, Chaplain Tom Whiteman,
USMC Major Zachary Johnson,
1st Lts. Ryan & Nolan Johnson, (US Army)
PFC Christopher Lewis,
USMC Capt. Katie Sliwoski,
1LT Gregory Connery, 3rd Infantry Div (US Army),
2nd Lieutenant Luke Sullivan (USMC),
Frank J. Pendergast (USMC)
Major Stephen Tyminski (US Army Rangers),
Patrick Cavanaugh, Cpl. David Goss (USMC),
Sgt. Brian A. Hartman, USMC

Let us pray for the success of the St. Agnes and St. Athanasius Collaborative. May we open our hearts to allow the Holy Spirit to work within and among us. May we intentionally seek to lead others to Jesus through our actions and build His Church in our community.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday Masses
St. Athanasius - 4PM Vigil (Saturday) and 10AM
St. Agnes - 9AM and 11AM
Daily Masses at 9AM
St. Agnes - Monday, Wednesday, Friday
St. Athanasius - Tuesday, Thursday

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31	
4:00 pm	John Emerald - Memorial
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 - SAINTS	
9:00 am	Jack Morrison - 8th Anniversary
10:00 am	Diane Buckley
	Francis Macklin - 30th Anniversary
11:00 am	Jerry Fiore - 6th Anniversary
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2	
9:00 am	No Mass Intention Request
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3	
9:00 am	No Mass Intention Request
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4	
9:00 am	No Mass Intention Request
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5	
9:00 am	No Mass Intention Request
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6	
9:00 am	No Mass Intention Request
SATURDAY, NOBEMBER 7	
4:00 pm	Claire Canty - Birthday Memorial
	Anna Hutchinson - Memorial
	Charles Hunter
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8 - 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
9:00 am	Jean and Larry Leitos
10:00 am	Michlyn Scarpitto-Queenan - Memorial
11:00 am	Mass of Remembrance

The Candle's shining light reminds us of the presence of Jesus Christ in the tabernacle.
This week St. Agnes' Sanctuary Candle is in remembrance of
Federico and DiRico Families

Dynamic Parish Invitation

Register to Join us this Thursday Night! Don't miss Amazing Possibilities, Matthew Kelly's latest event, featuring brand new content.

Join us this Thursday, November 5th at 8:00 pm, to journey with Dynamic Catholic founder Matthew Kelly, as he explores the opportunities that open to us when we realize our God-given potential. Want to start seeing all the possibilities God has in store for you? Attend Amazing Possibilities, featuring an interactive Dream Session, inspiring music, and a live Q&A.

The world sees who you are. God sees who you still can be.

Learn more and Register for the event: https://bit.ly/35gU2UB

Stay up to date with Dynamic Parish resources and events at readingcatholic.org/dynamic-parish

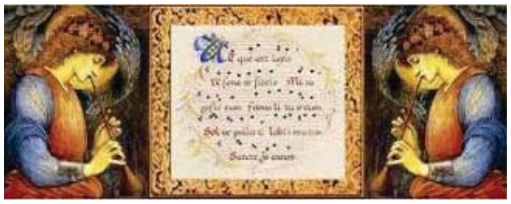
Annual Supermarket Gift Cards to Benefit Reading Food Pantry and Catholic Charities

Our annual collection of supermarket gift cards to benefit the Reading Food Pantry and Catholic Charities has begun and will continue through the month of November. The COVID 19 disproportionately affected members of our community. Those who were struggling financially prior to the pandemic find themselves in dire circumstances now. The Reading Food Pantry assists 120 Reading families. Catholic Charities has experienced a 500% increase if families needing food assistance. Among these families are the elderly and single head-of-household families.

Please donate supermarket gift cards in denominations of $5 - $15 to assist families who need our help to meet their basic needs. A collection box is in the back of St. Athanasius church near the restroom to accept donations.

For I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger
and you welcomed me… (Matthew 25:35)

Yours is a Share - Webinars for the Reading Catholic Community's Ministries



Join with others for these zoom webinars presented by Fr. Ed Malone. Both webinars are 2-part series on enrichment and renewal for all members of the Reading Catholic Community of St. Athanasius and St. Agnes Parishes!

Yours is a Share: The Ministry of the Music

Part 1 of the Ministry of the Music webinar will air on Thursday, November 12 at 7:00PM. Part 2 of the webinar will air on Thursday, November 19 at 7:00PM. Feel free to join in on both parts, or even just one. Pass this great information on to other St. Agnes and St. Athanasius parishioners who may be feeling a call to this Ministry!

Sign Up link for Yours is a Share: The Ministry of the Music - https://bit.ly/3cqfqsn
Zoom link: https://bit.ly/2Evsj7U | Meeting ID: 894 0578 3682 | Passcode: Music

FAITH FORMATION: GRADES 1 THROUGH 10

GRADE 2 NEWS: Due to Covid 19 we have had to get creative to help families negotiate their busy and ever adapting schedules.
Parent Meetings are offered monthly to support parents as they accompany their children on their spiritual journey.
Our second meeting is Monday, Nov. 2 at 7 pm. We will discuss H.S. and On-Campus Lessons thus far. We will also discuss the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
We strongly encourage families to access the "Formation" page on our website for Grade 2 Sacramental information: https://ReadingCatholic.org/formation

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION:
Confirmation I - Small Group Meetings via Zoom, Sunday, Nov 1 @ 4PM
Confirmation II - Small Group Meetings via Zoom, Sunday, Nov 1 @ 7PM
Zoom links for the candidate's assigned Zoom group has been emailed to the candidate and/or parent.

FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH ROSARY

In unison with the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Knights of Columbus as part of our ***Faith in Action*** Rosary service program invite you to join the Reading Catholic Community in weekly prayer. We have chosen to participate the first Tuesday of the each month in an effort to, "Build faithful families and communities through rosary prayer." Join us Tuesday, November 3rd, 7:00 PM at Saint Agnes.

Reading Catholic Community
Faith & Fellowship

A part of the human experience is a desire for connection with others. Relationship grows out of our common bonds, based not only on shared experiences but also by coming together in community to share our beliefs, ideas, cares, and concerns.

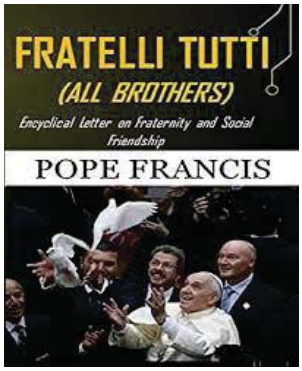
The Faith & Fellowship Ministry offers just this opportunity to meet in a small group setting. Small Groups offer a place for participants to share their faith journey, to find support, encouragement and care. Great friendships have developed out of our Small Groups.

Newcomers are welcome to join at anytime! There are several options for meeting including continuing to meet at homes or at the Parish Center with appropriate social distance and masks or meeting via Zoom.

Want more information? Contact Marie Lucey at malucey@commhospital.com; Kevin McKenna at Kevin_Mckenna@hotmail.com or visit our page on our

POPE FRANCIS' ENCYCLICAL DISCUSSION GROUP (ZOOM MEETINGS)

You are invited to join a discussion group focusing on the latest encyclical by Pope Francis, "Fratelli Tutti". The sixty-five-page encyclical skillfully lays out the problems we face in today's world and how to address them in a humanitarian way. The Pope's words display the wisdom of years and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. It is a must read for everyone who wishes for peace in our world.
We will divide the encyclical into four parts and discuss one part weekly for a total of four meetings (8 chapters, 2 per meeting) over four weeks. The time and the dates of the meeting will be determined by the group as to the most convenient time for all. If you are interested in joining this discussion group, please contact either Ron D'Addario at daddario43@gmail.com or John Silva at john_Silva@verizon.net by Tuesday, November 10th. Please list any evenings, Monday through Friday, which would be best for you to meet.



We look forward to sharing the insightful wisdom of our beloved Pope Francis with you.

We are . . .

. . . in our Community

Mass of Remembrance - Sunday, November 8, 11am - St. Agnes Church

The Reading Catholic Community recognizes the month of November as a special month dedicated to all loved ones who have passed away. We begin November with a Mass of Remembrance, honoring loved ones whose funeral Masses were celebrated this past year at either St. Athanasius or St. Agnes churches. ***Due to COVID health/safety restrictions, we invite you to attend this Mass virtually.*** Mass will be livestreamed on our website: https://ReadingCatholic.org and also on our Facebook page and YouTube channel: https://facebook.com/readingcatholic and https://youtube.com/readingcatholic

Book of Remembrance Loved ones who passed within the last year, but did not have a funeral service at either St. Agnes or at St. Athanasius can be written into the Book of Remembrance to be prayed for by our parishes throughout the month of November. If you would like to add a loved one's name to the Book, call the office with your request, or submit it through the online form on the Mass of Remembrance webpage. In past years, parishioners could write names into this book. This year, we will have a memorial of all names scrolling on our website and the names will be entered into the Book of Remembrance at a later date.

"Mass of Remembrance" page on our website: **https://ReadingCatholic.org/remembrance**

News from the Sanctity of Life Ministry

As October – Respect Life Month – comes to a close we at the Sanctity of Life Ministry wish to thank and acknowledge all who participated in our efforts to promote the sacredness of life from conception to natural death; to nourish The Culture of Life. So thank you for supporting A Women's Concern and the Pregnancy Care Center annual fundraisers. Thank you for joining in on A Catholic Approach to Palliative Care video series. For many their pilgrimage on earth can be extraordinarily difficult. We are speaking of the Disabled. Our Ministry wishes to do more to recognize the dignity of such individuals. Do you have any ideas on what we may do? Do you have any time to help in this effort? Is the Holy Spirit whispering in your ear? Please contact Jonathan Nauman (978-922-7015) or Ken Charest (781-572-5535).

The Reading Catholic Community Parish Pastoral Council needs you!

We are taking nominations for new members of the combined Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). **Nominations are due by November 2, 2020. Elections (if required) will take place on the weekend of November 7/8, 2020**

The PPC assists the Pastor in his leadership role of planning, organizing, initiating, promoting, coordinating and reviewing the evangelization, worship, religious education and service activities within the collaborative parish community. Qualifications include a Catholic who is registered and active in either parish, who participates in the sacramental life of the Church and who is 18 years old or older. This invitation is a great opportunity to help shape and guide our Catholic community now and into the future. The council will consist of at least four but not more than five parishioners from each parish. Please submit your name and contact information to either:

Rosemarie DeLacy, rosemarie.delacy01@gmail.com or Jim Taylor, unk541@gmail.com

READING K OF C PENALTY KICK CHALLENGE

There were 3 boys and 5 girls ages 8-12 who participated in the Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge hosted by Knights of Columbus Reading Council 1031. The competition was held Sunday, October 25th at 1:00 P.M. at Coolidge Middle School Field, Reading, MA. Players tested their skills by kicking a series of 15 penalty kicks. Points were awarded by kicking the ball through scoring zones in corners of the net; 20 points for upper corners, 10 points for lower corners, and 5 points for the middle zone. See attached photos of the participants from left to right; Kaleb Sintayehu, Olivia Mullen, Devlin Murphy, Teddy Palm, Kate Palm, Mia Kocev, Nikki Kocev, and Addis Sintayehu (not shown). All participants did an outstanding job hitting the corners.

Cardinal O'Malley Statement
Pope Francis comments on Civil Unions
October 22, 2020

Quite understandably, the Holy Father's recent statements concerning civil unions have captured the attention of the world press, because many people are anxious for the Church to change its position on marriage and family. Pope Francis strongly and consistently teaches that marriage is between a man and woman for a lifetime and that this is God's plan for having and raising children.

The Pope's endorsement of civil unions is not an endorsement of homosexual activity. Just as the Church does not campaign against civil laws that allow for common-law marriage or second marriages that are not sacramental, even though such arrangements can be in violation of the laws of the Church, the Holy Father recognizes that in civil society there can be cogent reasons to enact such laws providing for civil unions which are not the same as the institution of marriage.

Pope Francis has seen civil unions as a way for governments to provide protections and health care for couples in long-term, committed relationships, whether they be siblings or friends or partners. Such arrangements are not always of a sexual nature.

The Holy Father is very aware of the suffering and alienation of homosexual individuals, gay people, who are rejected by family and society. He is also keenly aware of the parents and loved ones who also suffer because a member of their family is bullied or marginalized for being different. The demands of sexual morality are very challenging for anyone seeking to lead a life of faithful discipleship. We do not serve people well by falsely claiming that we can change the Decalogue. Our task is to show people that we love them and care about them and that together we can strive to be better people, more generous, more courageous and more faithful to what God is calling us to do.

The Solemnity of All Saints

NOVEMBER 1, 2020

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints.

All Hallows' Day, the Solemnity of All Saints, or All Saints' Day is a celebration of all Catholic saints held on November 1 each year. "On this solemnity, we recall the holy men and women who, having completed their earthly journeys, now live forever with God. These saints, though not canonized, offer us models of abiding faith and love of God and neighbor" (Essential Guide to Seasons and Saints, 109).

In the Catholic Church, we are called to imitate and venerate saints because of their heroically virtuous lives, martyrdom, or their offering of life for others. But, what does veneration mean and why do we pray to the saints?

Veneration of the saints fosters our faith in God and does not detract from it. Rather, our faith in God is strengthen by our relationship with our brothers and sisters in the faith who are in heaven. The Church teaches that by imitating the virtues lived by the saints, the saints brings us closer to Christ. When we ask the saints to pray for us, we ask them to join their wills with the will of God and intercede for us here on earth. This is the Communion of Saints which we profess every Sunday in the Creed. In his homily on the Solemnity of All Saints in 2015, Pope Francis said,

Let us ask the Lord for the grace to be simple and humble people, the grace to be able to weep, the grace to be meek, the grace to work for justice and peace, and above all the grace to let ourselves be forgiven by God so as to become instruments of his mercy.

This is what the Saints did, those who have preceded us to our heavenly home. They accompany us on our earthly pilgrimage, they encourage us to go forward. May their intercession help us to walk on Jesus' path, and to obtain eternal happiness for our deceased brothers and sisters, for whom we offer this Mass.

November 1–7 is National Vocations Awareness Week!

We pray for all those discerning their vocations as holy priests, deacons and consecrated men and women.

Catholic Current

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Mass Schedule

Saint Agnes Church

Sunday: 9:00AM
Sunday: 11:00AM (also live-streamed)
Daily Mass: 9:00AM on Monday, Wednesday, Friday (also live-streamed)

Saint Athanasius Church

Saturday: 4:00PM
Sunday: 10:00AM
Daily Mass: Tuesday 9:00AM
Thursday 9:00AM

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Sacraments

✝ **Baptism:** Maximum of 4 babies at each service

✝ **Baptism Parent Meeting:** ***Parents must attend a baptism meeting prior to the baptism. Meetings are held on the 1st Friday of every month at 7:00PM, currently by ZOOM meeting.***

St. Agnes Baptisms:
1PM Service - 1st Sunday of the month

St. Athanasius Baptisms:
1PM Service - 3rd Sunday of the month

Call the Parish Office to schedule baptism or for further information

✝ **Marriage:**
Arrangements are made with a priest at least six months in advance.

✝ **Reconciliation:**
Saturdays, 2:45PM - 3:45PM at St. Athanasius, crying room at back of church, in person

✝ **Anointing of the Sick:** Call the Parish Office to request. Extraordinary Ministers are also available to bring the Eucharist to the homebound.

✝ **Funerals**: Are held in the church subject to physical distancing and mask wearing

Reading Catholic Community

Reading Catholic Parish Council

Fr. Steve Rock, Christine Ambrose, Chrissy Cerretani, Janet Davidson-Dee, Rosemarie DeLacy, James Dudley, Bob Finigan, Jane Fiore, Ed Fitzpatrick, Steve Goldner, Paul Lannon, Joanne Metzger, Jody Roffi, Fred Santosuosso, Chris Scozzari, Lisa Tavoletti, James Taylor

Society of St. Vincent de Paul 781-258-8767

St. Vincent de Paul is known as the "Apostle of Charity" dedicating his life to the service of the poor. Today, the Reading Catholic Community carries on his work: some of us contribute time, some talent and others treasure in the confidential support of our Reading neighbors. Please call us if we can help you.

Hospital Chaplain

Winchester Hospital Chaplain: Mary Beth Moran, 781.756.2295

Bulletin Submissions

Due by Monday 12Noon for print in the upcoming weekend's bulletin. Email submissions to: ***bulletin@ReadingCatholic.org***

Parish Registration

Welcome to our Parish. Please call the Parish Office or register on our site at: https://readingcatholic.org/register-with-parish

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

For anyone interested in becoming Catholic and for Catholics who have not been confirmed, please call either St. Agnes or St. Athanasius Parish Office.

Altar Servers (For Youth in Grades 3 and up)

Currently suspended due to COVID-19
St. Agnes Contact: Michelle Goldner, 508-942-9788
email: chelle1127@msn.com
St. Athanasius Contact: Call the Office 781-944-0330

Gluten Issues

Please see a Priest or Deacon before Mass.

Mass and Sanctuary Light Intentions, Mass Cards

Call the Parish Office to schedule

Prayer Corner (St. Athanasius)

Call the Parish Office to add or renew a name of your loved ones or submit online at: https://readingcatholic.org/prayer-request

Prayer Tree Requests (St. Agnes)

Contact the office, place note in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel Prayer basket or submit online at: https://readingcatholic.org/prayer-request
Copies of the Prayer Tree are at the church exits.

Eucharistic Adoration - In person after the daily mass: Friday 9:30am-12Noon at St. Agnes Church

Calendar of Events

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

7:00 AM	Men's Group ZOOM meeting
2:45-3:45 AM	Reconciliation at St. Athanasius crying room (in the back right of the church), in person
4:00 PM	Mass at St Athanasius, in person

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 - ALL SAINTS

9:00 AM	Mass at St Agnes, in person
10:00 AM	Mass at St Athanasius, in person
10:00 AM	Grade 1 and 2 (Session 1)
11:00 AM	Mass at St Agnes, in person and live-streamed
12:00 PM	Grade 1 and 2 (Session 2)
4:00 PM	Confirmation I Zoom Meetings
7:00 PM	Confirmation II Zoom Meetings

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2

10AM-3:30PM	Collaborative Office Hours
3:45 PM	Faith Formation Grade 5
5:00 PM	Faith Formation Grade 6, 7, 8
7:00 PM	Grade 2 Parent Zoom Meeting

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

10:0AM-3:30PM	Collaborative Office Hours
3:45 PM	Faith Formation Grade 3
5:00 PM	Faith Formation Grade 4
7:00 PM	Tuesday Evening Rosary - St. Agnes Church

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

10:0AM-3:30PM	Collaborative Office Hours

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

10:0AM-3:30PM	Collaborative Office Hours
8:00 PM	Dynamic Parish: Amazing Possibilities Webinar w/ Matthew Kelly

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

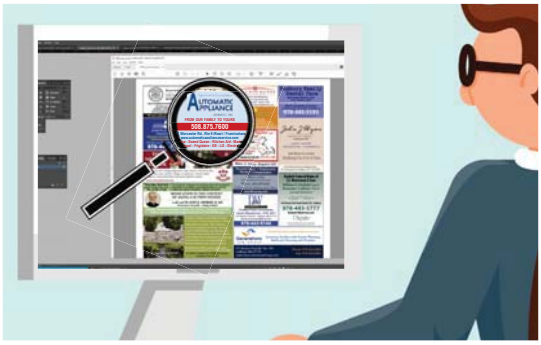
9:30AM-Noon	Eucharistic Adoration at St Agnes Upper Church following Mass, in person
10:00AM-3:30PM	Collaborative Office Hours
7:00 PM	Parent Baptism Zoom Meeting

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

7:00 AM	Men's Group ZOOM meeting
9:30 AM	St. Vincent de Paul - St. Agnes Parish Center 2nd Fl
2:45-3:45 AM	Reconciliation at St. Athanasius crying room (in the back right of the church), in person
4:00 PM	Mass at St Athanasius, in person

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8 - 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM	Mass at St Agnes, in person
10:00 AM	Mass at St Athanasius, in person
10:00 AM	Grade 1 and 2 (Session 1)
11:00 AM	Mass of Remembrance
12:00 PM	Grade 1 and 2 (Session 2)



DUE TO THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK, BUSINESSES AND CONSUMER BEHAVIOR ARE SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACTED.

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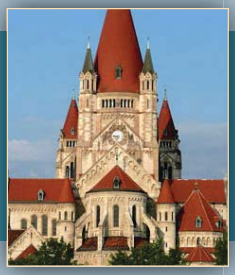

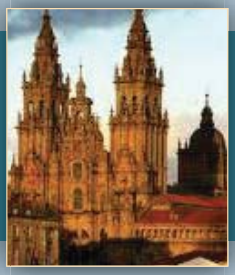
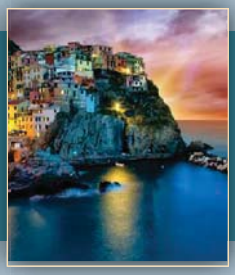

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November is the month of ALL SOULS

During November, it is **CatholicTV's** privilege to pray for the souls of your **departed loved ones** at each **daily Mass**. If you would like us to pray for them by name, please send us an email at **AllSoulsRemembrance@CatholicTV.org.**

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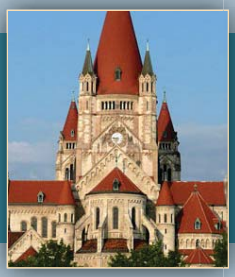

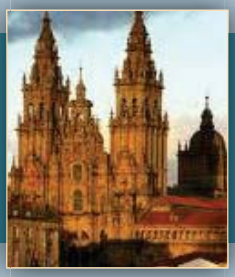

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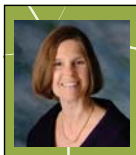

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