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Wednesday Noon

Thursday Noon

Friday Noon

Saturday 4:15pm

Sunday 8:00 & 10:00

Office hours are Tuesday-Friday 8:00 to 4:00

May 16, 2021

*"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord." John 6:56*

Jesus assures his followers that they are
loved by the Father, and he will provide
for their needs.



First Holy Communion

Paul continues his journeys through the Galatian country and larger region, while a man named Apollos taught about Jesus in Ephesus. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the disciples that whatever they ask of the Father in his name, the Father will grant them.

Mass Intentions

Wednesday May 19th noon

Eugene Burzynski

Thursday May 20th noon

Sammy Sopchak, Leon & Ophelia Ketkoski

Friday May 21st noon

John & Frances Wisnoski

Saturday May 22nd 4:15pm

Felix & Rose Kimich, Patrick Busa, Agnes &
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Sunday May 23rd 8:00am

Bobby Borski, Harold & Dorothy Borski

Sunday May 23rd 10:00am

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Liturgical Ministers Schedule



Saturday May 22nd 4:15 pm

Lectors: Susan Wisnoski & Shirley Hesse

Rosary: Delores Posinski

Altar Servers: Allison Wisnoski, Jillian Wisnoski, Jacob Borski

Ushers: Darrell Wagner, Stephen Pasket, Danny Pasket, Johnny Pasket Jr.

Sunday May 23rd 8:00 am

Lector:

Rosary: Barbara Dibello

Sunday May 23rd 10:00 am

Lectors: Margaret McClosky & Christie Leman

Rosary: Eugene Yanchak

Altar Servers: Kyle Buenger, Ryan Buenger, Jonathon Ritchie, Morgan Moriarty

Ushers: Stan Sechelski, Jerome Klawinsky, Ian Campbell, Ben Leman

If you cannot be present, please find a replacement



Our Parish COMMUNITY

May 16, 2021

Ascension of the Lord (B)

Acts 1:1-11

Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13

Mk 16:15-20

Up in Heaven

The message of this feast is that Jesus was taken up into heaven. Just what does this mean? Is heaven “up there” along with the moon and the stars? Cosmology would question that. Today’s readings also say that Jesus is seated at God’s right hand. Is this science, or is it a concrete image used to explain something more marvelous than words can describe?

Traditionally the place of honor is at the dignitary’s right hand (decided by a right-hander, no doubt). That Jesus sits at God’s right hand means he enjoys the place of highest honor. The psalm response refers to this exalted place as the throne of God. “Throne” suggests king. Thus, the readings tell us that Jesus, who is now exalted with divine honor, is above everything else. Finally, to say that heaven is above means that it is beyond earth, perhaps not in actual distance but in distinction and glory. Thus, Jesus’ ascension means that the risen Lord is no longer limited by the

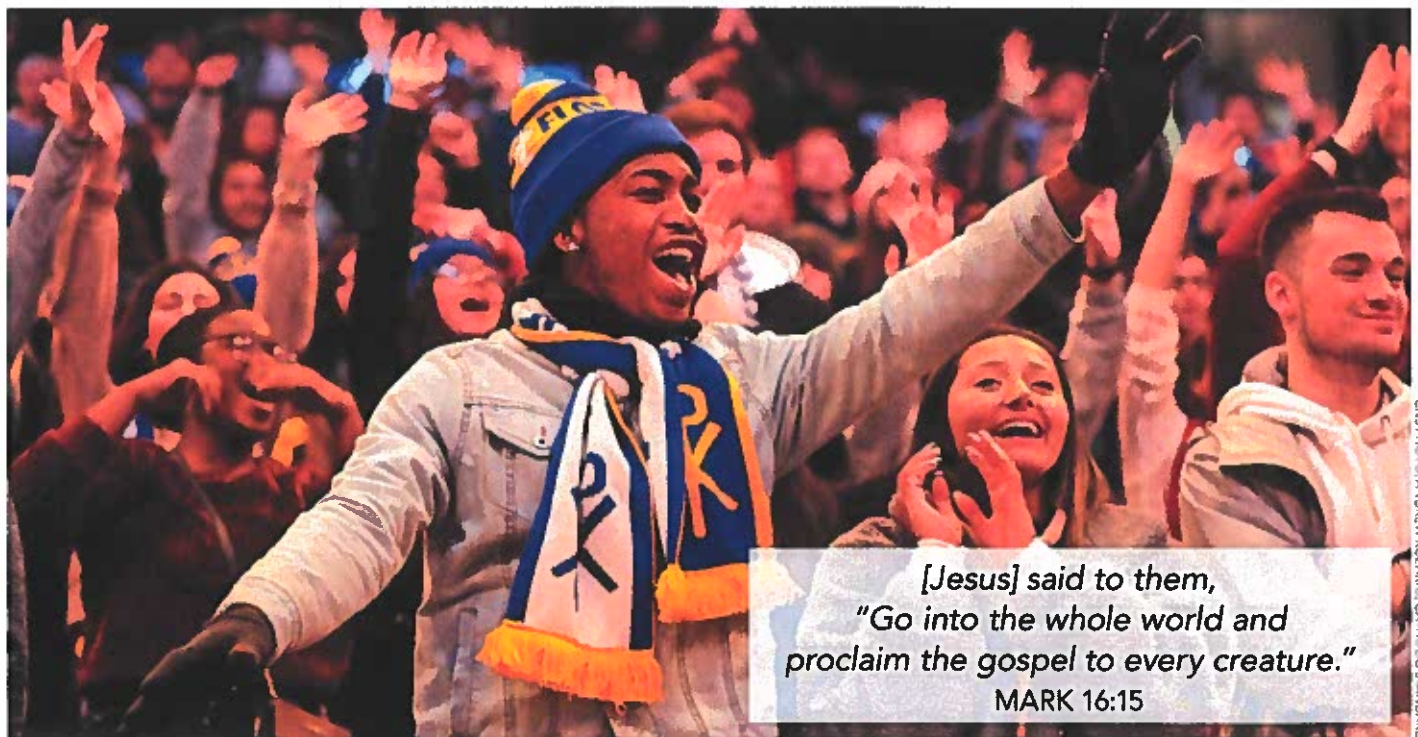
restrictions of earth’s space and time but now enjoys the highest honor with God everywhere and always.

This is the message the disciples were sent to preach. This is the message we also are sent to preach. But how are we to do it? By the way we live our lives. Emmanuel Célestin Cardinal Suhard of Paris (1874–1949) wrote: “To be a witness...means to live in such a way that one’s life would not make sense if God did not exist.” Do our lives show that we believe this?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ Thank God for people in your life who mirror God’s generosity, forgiveness, and kindness to you.
- ★ Think about ways you might mirror God’s goodness to others.



[Jesus] said to them,
“Go into the whole world and
proclaim the gospel to every creature.”
MARK 16:15

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Dear Padre,

My neighbor, a fundamentalist Christian, said I won't be saved unless I accept Jesus as my personal savior. Didn't Jesus become my savior when I was baptized?

Your neighbor is probably referring to John 3:7, when Jesus said, "You must be born anew" (*Common English Bible*). Jesus is talking about a spiritual rebirth; we must have a spiritual birth in order to be saved. As you noted, Catholics believe this happens at baptism. In John 3:5, Jesus says,

"Unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, it's not possible to enter God's kingdom."

We are saved by the waters of baptism. But for Catholics, it's not merely a one-time event. We continue to accept or reject the salvation offered us by the decisions we make every day.

Your neighbor used the words "personal savior." Catholic Christians go even deeper through the sacraments. We develop and nurture a very personal relationship with Jesus by regularly receiving the Eucharist. In the sacrament of reconciliation, we admit we have sinned and ask Jesus to forgive us. And in the sacrament of confirmation, our relationship is "sealed" with the gift of the Spirit.

Many Catholics also celebrate the sacrament of marriage. The couple's personal relationship with Jesus is deepened through the love the couple shares.

So, tell your neighbor you are indeed saved by Jesus. And because you are saved, you deepen that relationship with Jesus by living a sacramental life.

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



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Calendar

Monday
MAY 17

Easter Weekday

Acts 19:1-8

Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday
MAY 18

Easter Weekday

Acts 20:17-27

Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday
MAY 19

Easter Weekday

Acts 20:28-38

Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday
MAY 20

Easter Weekday

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11

Jn 17:20-26

Friday
MAY 21

Easter Weekday

Acts 25:13b-21

Jn 21:15-19

Saturday
MAY 22

Easter Weekday

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31

Jn 21:20-25

Sunday
MAY 23

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11

1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13

or Gal 5:16-25

Jn 20:19-23

or Jn 15:26-27;

16:12-15

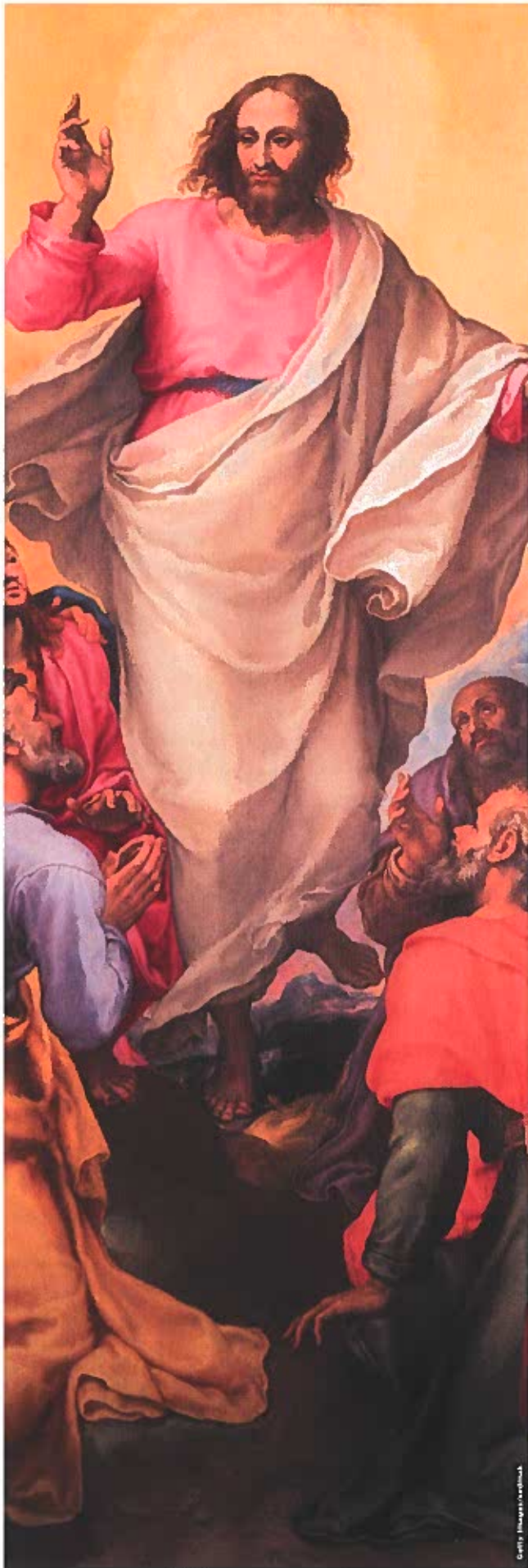


A WORD FROM Pope Francis

The Ascension tells us that Jesus, although he ascended to heaven to dwell gloriously at the right hand of the Father, is still and is always among us: this is the source of our strength, our perseverance, and our joy, from the presence of Jesus among us with the strength of the Holy Spirit.

ASCENSION SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2020

Know Someone Overly Anxious About Sin?
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May 16, 2021

Written by
THE
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DISCIPLE

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11 | Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13 |
Mk 16:15-20

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

"Why are you standing there looking at the sky?" the Apostles are asked. Well, hello! The risen Jesus, who had once again walked among the Apostles, "was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight." Of course the disciples would look up, to gaze once more upon the Son of God whom they loved. Today's feast reminds us, however, that to look for Jesus is not to stand around looking up, but to engage with others in the world in which he remains present. Even as he sits "at the right hand of God," Jesus dwells among and within us. For God is not some distant figure, but One who desires to walk alongside us in the person of his Son, Jesus, and give us the gift of the Holy Spirit as our help and advocate. Even in times when we experience doubt, complacency, or simply feel distant from God, Jesus is at our side. Once we open our hearts to his presence, we cannot help but share the Good News of God's love in our families, workplaces, and everyday encounters with others.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

For anyone wishing to grow in their understanding of what evangelization looks like, today's readings offer as good a playbook as any. As we celebrate the Ascension, we may be tempted to see it as a kind of "farewell party" for Jesus. But while on the surface, it may appear that Jesus "left" the Apostles, he promises to remain with them through the gift of the Holy Spirit. What does that mean for us? Today's Gospel sums it up, quoting Jesus' words immediately before he was taken up to heaven: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature." As Catholics and Christians, that's our bottom line. I read somewhere that "proclaim" goes beyond mere words, and encompasses living out the Gospel by sharing God's love. Jesus remains at our side, encouraging us to use the gifts God has given us to build up the Church.

PRAY Today's feast reminds us that we have an advocate in Jesus and the Holy Spirit. As you enter a challenging situation or even just a typical day, remember to ask Jesus to give you a "spirit of wisdom."

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Sunday, May 16
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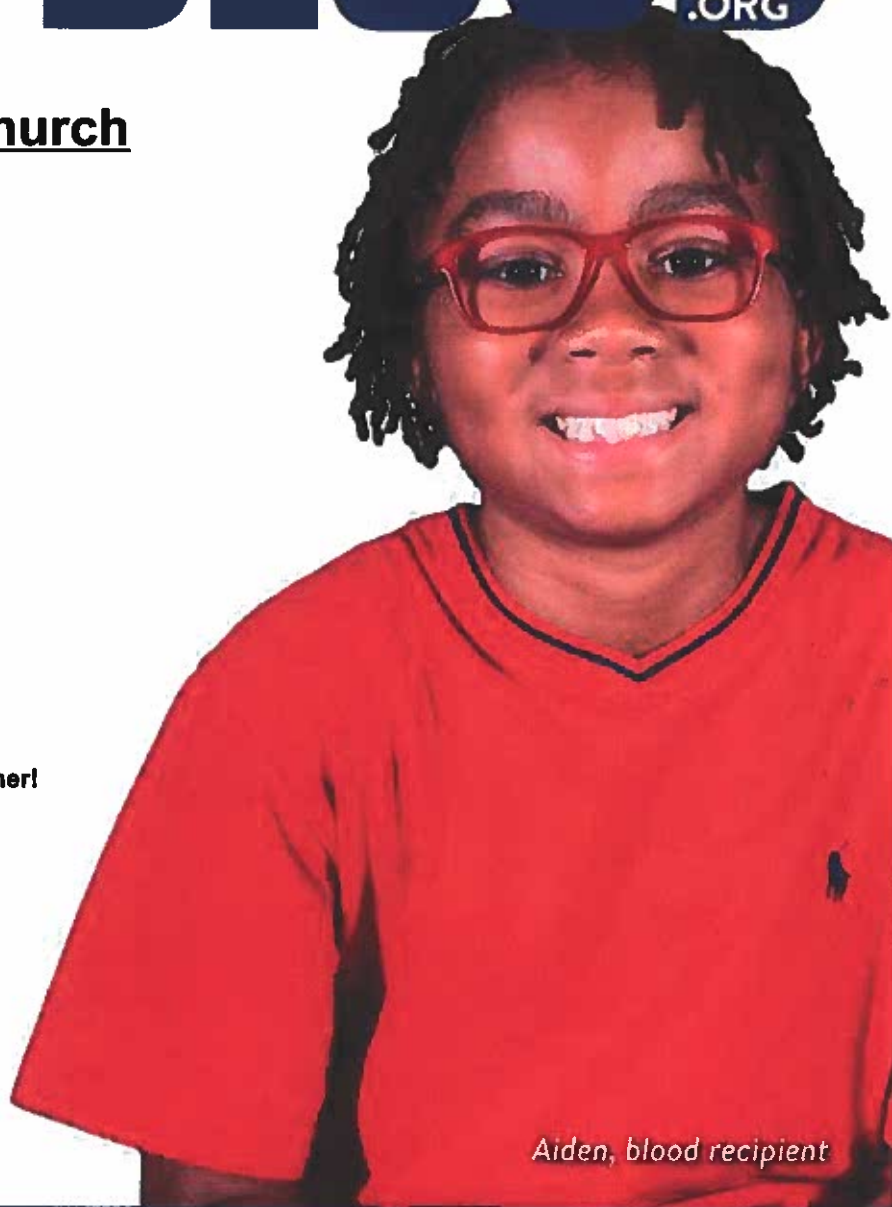
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Please contact the parish office if you wish to register or know someone who would like to become a member of our parish.



Our Holy Father's Prayer Intentions May

The world of Finance

*Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the
Financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers*

Announcements

Summer CCE

We will be trying something new for Summer CCE this year.
It will be May 25-27 in the hall from 6-8pm. We'd love for your children to join us!



Starting on the first Sunday in June, we will discontinue the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays. Thank you to Fr. Adam for helping us with extra Sunday Masses over the past year!



Adoration

Last adoration will be May 24th and will start again September 13th



At the Last Supper, Jesus gathered with his most beloved followers. They had been with him throughout his ministry, but they do not know that their time together on earth is nearly over. In these tender moments, Jesus wants them most to know that God loves them and will answer all their needs. As members of his family today, we share in this promise.

Altar Society : Meets the first Thursday September to May. The next meeting will be Thursday September 2nd at 6:00 in the rectory. All Catholic ladies are welcome.

Baptism: Classes are necessary for baptism. Please contact the parish office to make needed arrangements.

Birthdays & Anniversaries : On the 1st weekend of every month Fr. Eli will bless anyone with a birthday or wedding anniversary during that month following each Mass.

Cemetery Guidelines: If you have any questions or concerns pertaining to the cemetery, please contact Charles Posinski at 936-873-2113. If work needs to be done you must call Charles Posinski first.

Choir Practice: Choir practice is on Thursday evenings beginning at 6:15pm in the church. You can contact Margaret McClosky (margaretmcclosky@gmail.com) for more information

Counseling: Gratia Plena is a nonprofit organization that provides mental and spiritual health services for mental illnesses, addictions, and marriage/family problems. All counselors are Catholic and provide services in a way that is faithful to the teachings, values and traditions of the Church. Their closest office is near The Woodlands, but counselors are also available by video session. For more information, see their website at www.gratiaplenacounseling.org or call (832) 532-0129, or email info@gratiaplenacounseling.org

Divine Mercy: Every Friday after the noon Mass . Everyone is welcome to join us.

Gabriel Project: Pregnant. Scared. Need to talk! Gabriel Project offer assistance to women experiencing difficult circumstances. Please call Wanda O'Brien 936-597-6328 or St. Mary's Catholic Church 936-894-2223

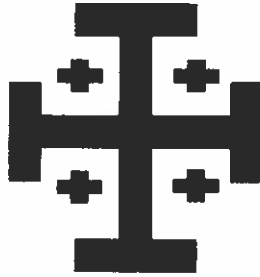
Knights of Columbus : KC Council #4054 meets at the KC Hall every 2nd Tuesday at 7pm. Please join us. All Catholic men are welcome. **Next blood drive May 16th in the parish hall**
Contact Deen Miller 936-524-1700 for membership information.
And James Moran 936-825-7866 for rental information .

Marriage: There is a required preparation process that must be completed prior to one being married in the Catholic Church. Please call the office for more information.

RCIA & RCIC: Anyone seeking the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults / Children or adult confirmation. Please call the church office at 936-873-2291

Reconciliation: 30 Minutes before Wednesday & Friday Masses (Please call ahead to let the Priest know) and 3:00 to 4:00 on Saturdays

12 Hour Adoration: Our church is open every Monday 8 am to 8 pm. September to May. Everyone is welcome to join in the worship with the scheduled persons. Last Adoration May 24th



Have you ever thought about what it would be like to walk in the footsteps of Jesus and to experience the Gospels come to life?

Fr. Eli is planning a pilgrimage to the Holy Land this fall (October 11-21, 2021).

**For further information, please contact Fr. Eli at
936-873-2291 or 936-825-3920
lopez.eli68@gmail.com**

Early registration is encouraged!

Pastor Al



"I'm sorry you can't fall asleep tonight, but NO... I won't repeat that homily that put you to sleep last Sunday."

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6-27 Peter's Pence

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May 8th & 9th

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Andrew Anderson, Austin Barnes,
Andrew Burzynski, Don Fontaine,
Travis Hayes, Cody Klawinsky,
Travis Klawinsky,
Joe A. Lopez, Matthew Macejewski,
John McKnight, Phillip Walkoviak



Please pray for our parish family who are ill and/or homebound:

Aria Claire, Dody Abbott, Dana Briers, Timothy Busa,
Valerie Busa, Donna Emmette, John Faust, Briley Gladney,
Dolores Holler, Florence Lara, Andy McCleney,
Henry Ostermann, Charlie Pasket, Tina Pasket, Marcus Reaves,
Chris Szymczak, LaNell Szymczak, Philip Vezorak,
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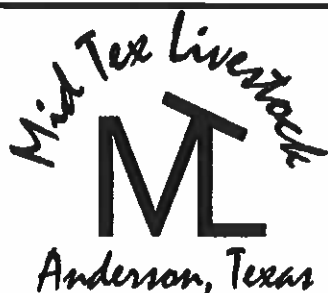
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