

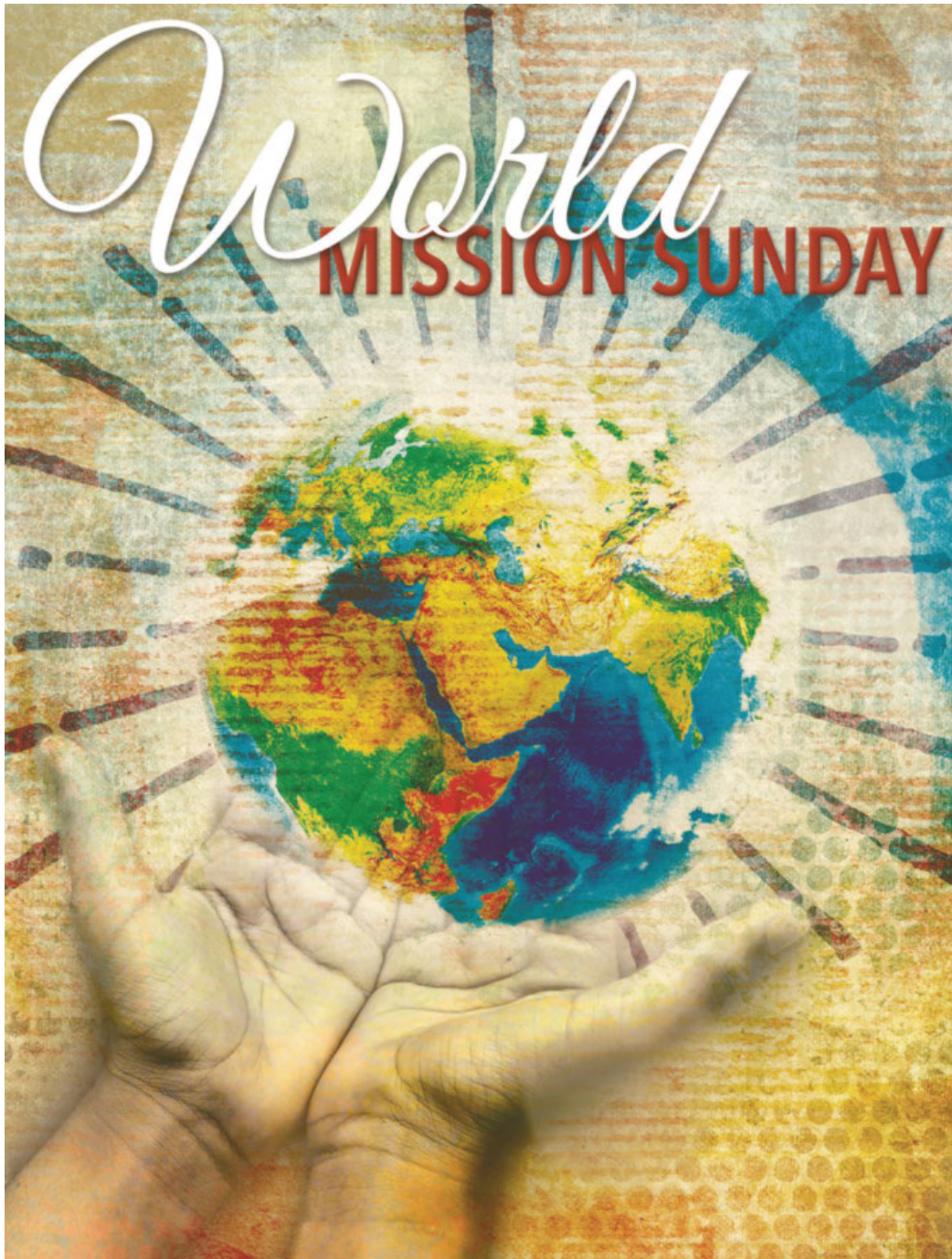


## OUR LADY OF REFUGE, Orchard Lake MI

Today is the Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time      October 22, 2023

### *Mission Statement*

Under the protection of Our Lady of Refuge and guided by the Holy Spirit, our parish family is dedicated to the propagation and deepening of our faith, rooted in the Sacraments, Sacred Scripture and Tradition of the Catholic Church. As stewards of the Father's gifts, we strive to reflect the love of Christ through the support of our parish and in our outreach and service to others.



MASS TIMES	READINGS	MASS/PRAYER INTENTIONS	Oct. 23–31, 2023
Day/Date/Time	Readings	Mass Intentions	Presider/Lector
Monday October 23 8:15am	Rom 4:20-25 Lk 12:13-21	We pray for <b>John Dushane</b> (deceased) requested by Leigh & Theresa Dushane	Bp Hurley
Tuesday October 24 8:15am	Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21 Lk 12:35-38	We pray for <b>Terrence O'Flynn</b> (deceased)	Bp. Hurley
Wednesday October 25 8:15am	Rom 6:12-18 Lk 12:39-48	We pray for <b>Cara Martinez</b> (living) requested by the Martinez Family	Fr. Witek
Thursday October 26 No Mass	Rom 6:19-23 Lk 12:49-53		
Friday October 27 8:15am	Rom 7:18-25a Lk 12:54-59	We pray for <b>Pat &amp; Frank Gough</b> (deceased) requested by Dar Panian We pray for <b>Molly &amp; Mike O'Connor</b> (living) requested by the O'Connor Family	Fr. Witek
<b>Saturday October 28 5:00pm</b>	See Sunday Readings	We pray for <b>Pat &amp; Frank Gough</b> (deceased) requested by Dar Panian We pray for <b>Fawzi Shaya</b> (deceased) requested by the Shaya Family We pray for <b>Judy Spicer</b> (deceased) requested by Christian Service	Fr. Witek P. Seif L. Oras
<b>Sunday October 29 Today is The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00am 9:30am 11:30am</b>	Ex 22:20-26 1 Thes 1:5c-10 Mt 22:34-40	8:00am We pray for <b>Our Lady of Refuge Parish and School</b>  9:30am We pray for <b>Khiloud Yatooma</b> requested by the Zerki Family  11:30am We pray for <b>Tony Dombrowski</b> (deceased) requested by Rick & Nancy Sitar We pray for <b>John Perenic</b> (deceased) requested by Dar Panian We pray for <b>Zaki Zara</b> (deceased) requested by the Family	8:00am Bp. Hurley M. Harris G. Harris  9:30 Fr. Brooks R. Goodman L. Henson  11:30am Fr. Sabadell S. Bahu V. Garmo
Monday October 30 8:15am	Rom 8:12-17 Lk 13:10-17	We pray for <b>Gary Ludwig</b> (deceased)	Fr. Witek
Tuesday October 31 8:15am	Rom 8:18-25 Lk 13:18-21	We pray for <b>Mary Richardson</b> (deceased)	Bp. Hurley





## **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**

### ***“Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move”***

Embrace the Pope’s Missions with **“Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move”** this World Mission Sunday!

Today, Pope Francis echoes the universal call of our Baptism—to be Christ’s witnesses to the world. As we gather with global Catholics on this World Mission Sunday, our prayers and contributions to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith bolster the Pope’s missions, enabling:

- ◆ Over 844,000 catechists to share the faith
- ◆ 258,540 Religious Sisters to tend to families and children
- ◆ 38,140 seminarians to journey towards the priesthood
- ◆ Education for 26 million children
- ◆ Medical assistance in 12,000 clinics

By supporting this cause, we truly live out the call to be the spark that transforms lives. May your prayers and gifts create ripples of love and transformation. Thank you for your missionary zeal!

### **EVANGELIZATION**

**Dave Kennedy**

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Hello everyone, I pray you had a great week! I wanted to share with you all the awesome way we have been spending our Wednesday evenings here at OLR! Since September 20th., five Seminarians from Sacred Heart Major Seminary (Josh, Matt, Mark, Peter, and Karl) have been coming to the campus, grabbing a list of addresses, and going out door to door to say hello to our community and extend a personal invitation to come and see Our Lady of Refuge and encounter Jesus!

“Wait just a second, Dave! We do door to door ministry here at OLR?!” We ABSOLUTELY do and it has been awesome! Over that last four weeks, the five seminarians and I have visited 52 homes, met with 27 different individuals and families, and have prayed with 15 of them right on their front porches! We have also received \$200.00 in unsolicited donations for our food pantry during this ministry.

This is exactly the type of work I hoped to do when I accepted this position, and I am grateful to Sacred Heart Major Seminary for working with OLR to make this ministry successful. Some of the comments we heard from people were “I have felt God calling me back, but needed a push. Then you guys showed up” or “I have been away for a while and felt something was missing. Thank you for the reminder and invitation to come back”.

This is our calling as Catholics. The Bishop and our visiting priests proclaim at the end of Mass “Go, and announce the Gospel of the Lord!” That is not a suggestion, but a reminder that each of us are called to invite others to encounter Jesus! Invite a friend or family member to mass, or bring them to an event we are hosting. It’s through this type of personal invitation that I met Jesus. So, set aside any fear, get outside your comfort zone, and make that call to your friend or family member. Go out and plant that seed and then watch what God can do in the lives of those around you. God bless you all!

## **COME AND SEE!**



**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS? DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH? JOIN THE OUR LADY OF REFUGE O.C.I.A. TEAM ON OCTOBER 30<sup>TH</sup> @ 7:00PM TO FIND OUT MORE.**



Dear Parish Community-

In recent weeks, we have spoken about our Offertory Increase Program *His Heart, Our Hands*. Our parish has so much to offer to those in the West Bloomfield, and our neighboring communities. We are a beacon of hope for those in need, for those suffering, and for those who are searching and in need of our prayers and assistance. We also accompany our parish family through the administration of the sacraments, the celebration of Mass, and our ministries. We are so blessed to be able to serve so many in our parish and community!

We are called by God to advance the mission of the Church and to build up God's Kingdom here in West Bloomfield. There are so many more people who need our assistance. There is so much more work to be done. The reality is that we will always need resources to do God's work. Until the needy are clothed, the hungry are fed, and the Gospel is spread to the ends of the earth, we will need resources.

Many of you have already submitted your Commitment Card to the parish and have committed your offertory support to continue to advance our parish mission. Thank you! At the same time, many of you have not yet submitted your Commitment Card. Our goal through this initiative is 100% participation from our parish community. Please turn in your Commitment Card this week, if you have not already done so. I invite you to pray for our parish and become involved in the life of our parish by joining a ministry to serve those in need. Our Lady of Refuge Church is a wonderful parish because of YOU and what each one of you make of it!

I thank you for your generosity, and I am humbled by your sacrifice. Please note we will give a full report on the program in next weekends bulletin.

May the Lord continue to bless us and the work we are doing!

+ Walter A. Hurley

## CHRISTIAN SERVICE Suzanne Barcewicz

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### Blood Drive

Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup> 1:00 to 7:00 pm. in the Social Hall

The need for blood is always ongoing. Have you thought about giving blood, but have been reluctant to do so? There is a lot of information for donors on the Red Cross website, [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), that can help alleviate any concerns you may have. Please consider giving at our Fall Blood Drive.

Appointments can be scheduled online by visiting [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and entering sponsor code "OLRC." There is also a signup sheet at the Hospitality Center in the Narthex.



The food pantry will be opening it's doors on Wednesday evenings from 5 – 7 p.m. in conjunction with an Evangelization effort to involve seminarians in parish life. The seminarians will help people shop for food and offer to pray with them as well!

We need more donations to the pantry including gift cards to buy milk eggs cheese and bread. Consider helping out in the food pantry as a donation as well :)

## TURKEY HARVEST WAGON

The purpose of our "Turkey" Harvest Wagon

is to collect money for Christian Service

to purchase turkeys and items needed to fill our Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets, for our neighbors in need.



The Harvest Wagon will be in the narthex through November 4/5. **Please** donate a minimum of \$20. Checks made payable to OLR Christian Service.

Together we can provide a wonderful meal for others to share with their families.



Pro-Life Ministry – Have you thought about being a life mentor for a young mother in need? Contact Julie Llewlyn for details on how you can support @ [julieqqq@yahoo.com](mailto:julieqqq@yahoo.com)

## RIGHT-TO-LIFE CHRISTMAS CARDS WILL BE ON SALE NOVEMBER 4/5 AND NOVEMBER 11/12

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Youth Choir 2023



**Attention all students grades 3-7:** We are looking for singers for our Christmas Concert and Christmas Eve.

**The Dates:**

Wednesday November 8 from 6:30-7:30 – Rehearsal

Wednesday December 13 from 7:00-8:00 – Rehearsal

Sunday December 17 at 4:00 PM concert with OLR Music Ministry (warmup 3:15 PM)

Sunday December 24 at 4:00 PM family Choir sings at Christmas Mass  
(warmup 3:15 PM)

**Check it out:**

Email me at [tim@timothyrsmith.com](mailto:tim@timothyrsmith.com) and I will send you the packet of sheet music and audio tracks. Hope to see you November 8!



**Sacred Heart Major Seminary  
Halloween Candy Help**

It's that time of the year again! Halloween is just around the corner, and Sacred Heart Major Seminary needs your help. Each year the seminary community opens their doors and their hearts to over 2000 children from the surrounding Detroit neighborhood so that the kids can have a fun and safe place to play games and trick-or-treat. But they need your help to make this year a success: They are asking for donations of Halloween candy that will then be passed out to the many kids. If you are willing to participate in this important ministry by donating bags of candy please bring them to the narthex of the church, there will be a box to place your donations. Thank you!

## WORSHIP

Lisa Marie BlaneK

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## Thank You Worship Ministers!!

Dear Friends,



Thank you all so much for answering the call to be involved with our worship ministries!!

We are inviting you all to a retreat where we can gather together and pray. Monday October 23rd. We will meet in the church at 7 pm and promise to keep our program within an hour. We are hoping you will attend.

May God bless you and keep you always,

lisa marie



**Celebrating All Souls' Day  
November 2nd**

We will be celebrating All Souls' Mass on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 pm in our church. Please join us for this holy night of pray for all Souls!

Those who celebrated the Mass of the Resurrection here will be invited to come forward as your loved one's name is called and light a candle. A calligraphed display board will be hung in the narthex with your loved one's name on it. We have also written their names in our Book of the Dead.

Many of us have lost loved ones and have attended funerals outside of our parish throughout this liturgical year. We will have our Book of the Dead for you to write your loved one's name within its pages. This book will be available in the narthex of our church on the podium below our Resurrected Jesus sculpture. It will be available to you for the entire month of November.



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Although our thoughts have turned to fall holidays with the change in the weather, I have a wonderful opportunity to remind everyone that summertime and warmer weather will return!

Catholic Youth Summer Camp started operations last year in Brighton, Michigan after success in Ohio and in Minnesota. It is located at Our Lady of the Fields Camp and Retreat Center and offers 4 weeks for middle school students and 4 weeks for high school students, June 9th through August 2nd. Registration opens on November 1st and I am told that it fills up very quickly. The good news is that the camp allows parishes to reserve spots for campers. Please check out Catholic Youth Summer Camp - Great Lakes; if there is enough interest from parish families, then I can reserve spots specifically for Our Lady of Refuge families. This also means that 'buddy requests' between parish families will be easier to accommodate.

From their website: these are week-long residential camps for students entering grades 6-12. A week of CYSC will energize a person's faith and lead to a deep and personal encounter with Jesus. Each day at camp includes Mass and Prayer Lab, a time for learning how to pray with Scripture, and opportunities for Reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration.

Visit <https://www.damascus.net/cysc-2/great-lakes> to learn more about the camp and its programs. If you are interested in reserving a spot for your children, email [RE@olorcc.org](mailto:RE@olorcc.org)



#### Everyday Stewardship

Many years ago, during faith formation in my parish, one of the children wrote something that wasn't very nice on a textbook that belonged to someone else. Being the pastoral associate that oversaw the program, I began the investigation immediately. Slowly I began eliminating suspects until it became obvious who the perpetrator was. He denied he was the one, but after much pressure he broke down and confessed. Of course, I derived no satisfaction from finding out the culprit. Of course, it was my own son.

My son didn't want to come clean because he naturally feared what I would say and do when I found out. He also knew that our pastor would find out as well. He felt accountable for his actions and that made it very difficult for him. He realized he let himself, others that loved him, and God down. It was a lesson learned that wasn't much fun to go through. What I was grateful for was the fact that he felt the weight of what he had done. If he hadn't, things would have been very different.

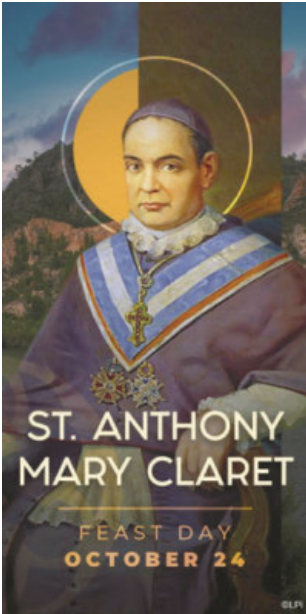
That was a long time ago and when I reflect on it, I think about how often we all do things we regret and then have to face the consequences. But that's what being accountable is all about. We are accountable to those we love, to our neighbor, and to our God. When we begin to slide into a worldview that focuses too much on ourselves, we can easily make decisions that hurt others. We must always seek to do what is good in the eyes of God and that respects others. When we are children this is easier said than done. Alright, let's be honest--it isn't always so easy as adults either.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



**HEALING SERVICE**

A Healing Service will be held at St. Joseph Chapel (400 South Blvd. West, Pontiac, MI 48341) on Friday, October 27 at 7pm. It will consist of a Holy Hour (songs, the Rosary, prayerful reflection), Healing Prayers Teams at 8pm. At 6:30pm doors open with Eucharistic Exposition and Confession (available throughout the evening). (There is no Mass) Fr. Alex Kratz, OFM, will be available for blessings, advice and questions upon request. For more information, Contact Fr. Alex (313) 727-9784 or [abunaalex@yahoo.com](mailto:abunaalex@yahoo.com)

**Saint Anthony Mary Claret | October 24**

Saint Anthony Mary Claret is also known as the "spiritual father of Cuba." He was born in Salient in Catalonia, Spain, in 1807. He became a weaver, like his father, and was very talented. But he studied in his spare time to become a priest and was ordained in 1835. In 1849 the saint founded the Claretians, a religious institute of missionaries, and a companion order of women religious who served as teachers for girls.

From 1850 to 1857 he served as Archbishop of Santiago de Cuba, Cuba, where he worked diligently to reform both clergy and laity. He opposed concubinage and instructed black slaves, and championed family-owned farms instead of the mass farming of a sugar cash crop. These stances were vehemently opposed by many, and Saint Anthony was the target of assassins.

He was recalled to act as Queen Isabella II's confessor, a duty he reluctantly agreed to, with the exceptions that he would reside away from the court, attending the household only to hear confessions and instruct the children. While in Spain he founded the Religious Publishing House and wrote or published 200 Catholic books and pamphlets. He went into exile to France with the Queen's household during the Spanish Revolution of 1868.

The saint returned to Rome to Participate in Vatican I where he defended the infallibility of the Pope. He died in France in 1870 and was canonized in 1950 by Pope Pius XII.



Greeting Fellow parishioners,

Sacred Heart Major Seminary is restarting discernment events with 2-programs. One tailored to High School men and one to men older than 18. If you or someone you know has interest, please contact Sacred Heart and register.

**Adults (18 yrs & older) Men's Discernment Weekend**

- Thursday, January 18—Sunday, January 21 2024
- Thursday, March 14—Sunday, March 17, 2024

**High School Men, Evening Prayer & Dinner with the Archbishop**

- Tuesday, February 20, 2024

Note: The high school event must be accompanied by the pastor

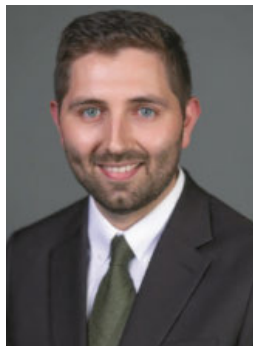
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Warm regards,  
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Knights of Columbus, #600



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### OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP

**October 14/15, 2023**

Offertory: \$7,579  
Online Giving: \$3,524  
Total: \$11,103

Weekly Budget: \$12,300

YTD Budgeted: \$196,800  
YTD Actual: \$203,008  
Over the Budget: \$6,208

### Why Be Registered?

Are you registered at Our Lady of Refuge parish? Sometimes, people attend Mass at this parish for several years, but never officially register. Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and to make a commitment to the life of Our Lady of Refuge community.

Being a registered parishioner makes the process much easier when it is time for baptisms, Faith Formation registration, weddings, when asked to be a baptismal or Confirmation sponsor, and even funerals.

If you would like to register in the parish, please call Carol Bishop at (248) 682-0920. We welcome you to our parish family!

### Pray for the men and women who serve in our Armed Forces

"Dear Lord Jesus and Mary, Mother of God, hold all these brave souls in the palm of your hand; comfort them and their families. Send angels of protection, love and comfort to all the service men and women still at war, bring them home safely and comfort their families. We ask this through Christ Our Lord, Amen."

Rev. Przemyslaw Nowak Army  
Chaplain

Clare Bizer	Coast Guard
Eugene Bizer	Coast Guard
Christopher Bowman	Coast Guard
Daniel Culbertson	Navy
Michelle Culliver	Army
Nora Dinverno	Army
Steven Dinverno	Army
Nicholas Harbaugh	Marines
Joshua Hartley	Air Force
Nova Howard	Army
Capt. Liam Lynch	Army
Gunnar Ottman	National Guard

Please contact Cora Armitage at 248 736-6228 to add or remove a name.

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#### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5:00pm  
Sunday 8:00, 9:30 & 11:30am

#### DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

8:15am Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri.

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30-4:30pm

**BAPTISMS** .....(By appointment)

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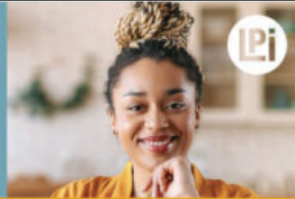
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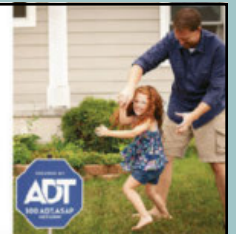
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