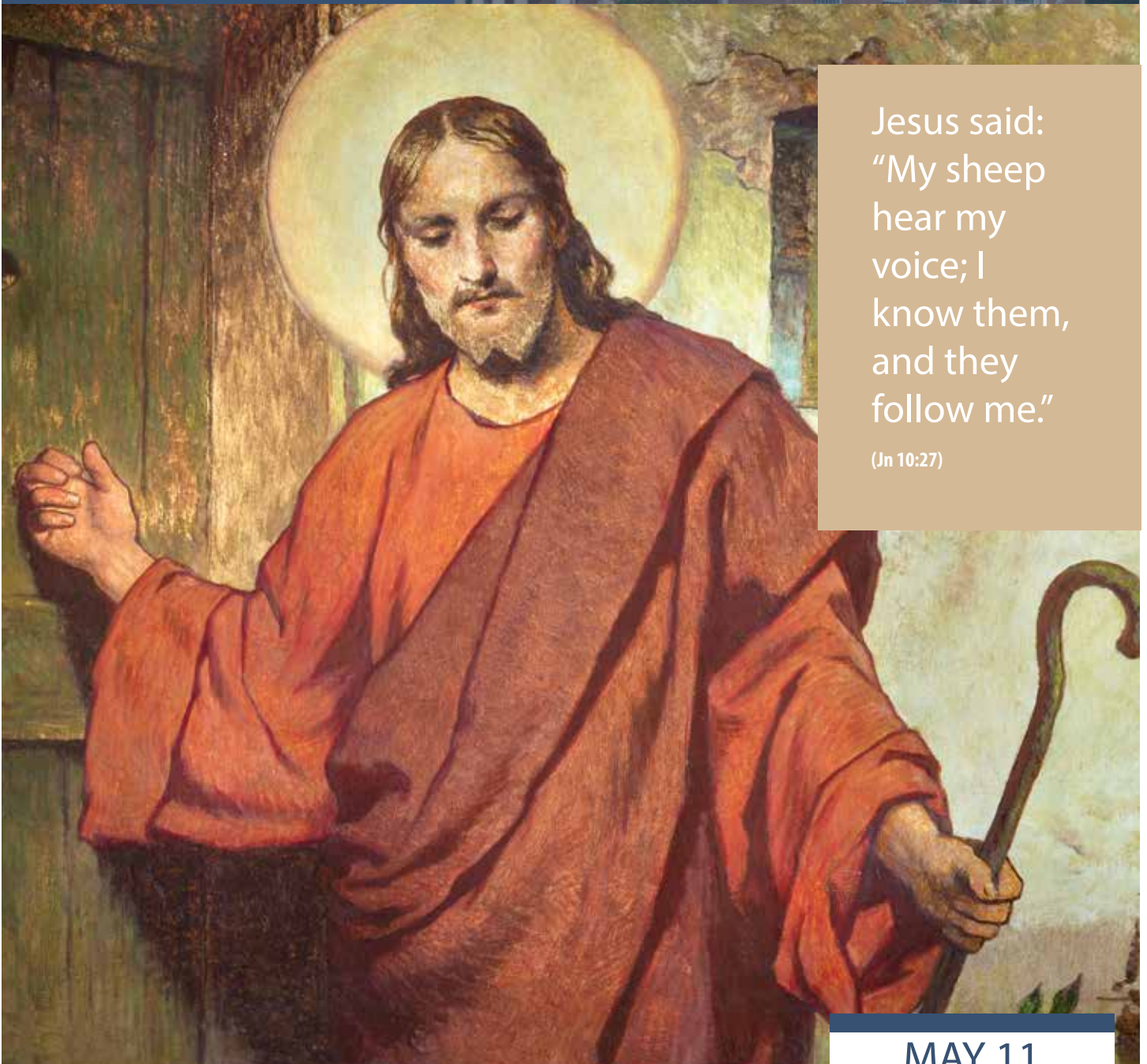




SAINT JAMES PARISH

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS



Jesus said:
"My sheep
hear my
voice; I
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and they
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(Jn 10:27)

MAY 11
2025

*BE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST.
MAKE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST.*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Today's Readings

First Reading:

The Gentiles were delighted when they heard this and glorified the word of the Lord. All who were destined for eternal life came to believe, and the word of the Lord continued to spread through the whole region.

(Acts 13:48-49)

Psalm:

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

(Ps 100)

Second Reading:

"For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

(Rv 7:17)

Gospel:

Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me."

(Jn 10:27)

Our readings for this Sunday evoke a rich image of God as the Good Shepherd. Early Christians embraced this compelling figure in contrast to the images of pagan gods - immortal "super humans" who were known more for their incredible power than their compassion for humanity. The incarnation enabled a different image of God who lovingly guides, protects, and sustains His people.

The Psalms call us to contemplation and to joyful worship, declaring that "we are His people, the sheep of His pasture." This reminds us that, like sheep, we need care, direction, and protection.

Sheep are known for their tendency to wander and their need for guidance - just as we, too, often stray or become lost without the structure and wisdom of God's Word. God's rules are not burdens, but paths to life, keeping us safe and close to Him.

That is why Jesus says in the Gospel, "My sheep hear my voice I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." As the Good Shepherd, He leads us not with force, but with love and trust. His voice calls us to follow, and His guidance offers peace, even in a chaotic world.

In following God's ways, we discover not just order, but joy, security, and the promise of eternal life.

Reflection Questions

- In what areas of your life do you feel like a "wandering sheep," and how might listening to the Good Shepherd's voice help guide you back?
- How do God's rules and guidance provide not just structure, but freedom and peace in your daily life?
- What does it mean to you personally that Jesus, the Good Shepherd, promises eternal care and comfort, even beyond this life?

Read more reflections at
stjamesah.org/path-to-sunday/

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We have reached 55% of our *Vibrant Generations* campaign goal. Our parish is truly blessed with generous and faithful parishioners. As we continue our campaign to strengthen St. James Parish, we need volunteers to help with outreach. This includes making friendly phone calls to fellow parishioners, sharing information, and offering encouragement. Training will be provided, and time commitments are flexible. Your help will make a meaningful difference in bringing our community together.

If you're interested in serving, please call Julie Jacobson at: (224)-345-7212 / jjacobson@stjamesah.org.

Campaign Priorities

- **Replace** HVAC
- **Reconfigure** School and Parish Office Spaces to enhance security and optimize space for our growing programs and enrollment
- **Support** the Archdiocese of Chicago



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calling all veterans



Join us in the Memorial Day Parade

Take part in the upcoming Arlington Heights Memorial Day Parade to honor our comrades who gave the ultimate sacrifice. You can walk or ride in a vehicle. Contact Deacon Hahn at mhahn@stjamesah.org for more information. Please respond no later than May 19.



Happy Mother's Day!

Cheers



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Pastor at St. Emily Church



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Some give by going. Others go by giving.



Thank you for your support and prayers of our St. James teens as they prepare to go on mission this summer.

Support our Teens with a donation today!



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Trip Objectives

- Grow in faith - Help teens connect with God through prayer, Mass & reflection.
- Serve others - Make an impact by helping people in need.
- Foster community - Create strong friendships rooted in faith & shared experiences.
- Build leadership skills - Give teens chances to step up & take on leadership roles.
- Live the Gospel - Put Catholic values into action through service & love.



MINISTRY MESSAGE

On Mother's Day, We Pray For

Those with good mother relationships

May you treasure the time, intimacy and love you share with your mother.

Those who have lost mothers

As you grieve, may you remember with gratitude the good time and the hard times you shared with your mother.

Those who have never known a mother

May you be supported by spiritual mothers who can help fill the void of lost experiences.

Those who have strained mother relationships

May you find a safe space to be vulnerable with your story, and to celebrate or not celebrate as you see fit. We pray for reconciliation between you and your mother.

Those who long to be mothers

May God grant your longing heart patience, and may you be surrounded by those who love and support you.

Mothers who have lost children

As you grieve, may you be comforted. May the absence of your child not disregard the beauty of celebrating past experiences and the children who are still with you.

Those who missed their chance to be a mother

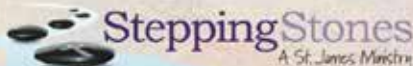
As you grieve, may you find strength and peace in the opportunities to nurture and love the children in your village.

Those who have chosen not to be mothers

May you feel respected in your choice and not be treated as a lesser woman because of it. May you be honored for the future you bring to those in your life.

Those who are mothers

Whether you are a biological mother, foster mother, adoptive mother or spiritual mother, may you feel loved, honored and supported, on Mother's Day and always.



PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Retired Men's Group Meeting

Wednesday, May 14

10:00 a.m.

Senior/Teen Room
(L.L. of Church)

We will be watching Episode #9 of Bishop Barron's Catholicism series. Remember your rosary.

Tom Adam 847-394-4731



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Trusting Jesus in a Wild World

JUNE 16-19
9:00am-12:00pm

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Contact Kathryn Coughlin for more information
stjamesvbs@stjamesah.org

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May 10-18

Join the St. James Stepping Stones Ministry in support of WINGS

Mother's Day Donation Drive

What to Donate

Oral Care

- Toothpaste/toothbrushes
- Mouthwash Floss

Hair Care

- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Hair Oils & Creams
- Hairbrushes and Combs
- Hairspray, Gel and Mousse
- Women's/Men's Razors
- Shaving Cream

Body Care

- Body Wash & Bar Soap
- Toilet Paper
- Deodorant
- Lotion
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Hand Soap
- Q-tips, Cotton Balls/Pads
- Bath Sponges & Washcloths
- Vaseline, Lip Balm & Makeup Remover

How to Donate

- Donation boxes will be available at all inside entrances of the church daily throughout the donation period
- A donation box will also be available in the parish office.
- Online giving is easy at <https://linktr.ee/wingspantry> or scan this code:



WINGS provides a pathway to independence for adults and children who are escaping from domestic violence and abuse. By participating in this drive, you are not only helping to meet the immediate needs of survivors, but also showing them that they are not alone in their journey.



GET INVOLVED

Summer
SENIOR LUNCHEON
Wednesday, June 11

11:00 am – 1:00 pm
in the Laramie Room

Speaker: Len Marturano, Attorney | Topic: Estate Planning

RSVP by Friday June 6
Contact Carly White at
224.345.7213 or cwhite@stjamesah.org

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VOLUNTEER

Have fun while serving your community!

This July, be part of the St. James Theatre production!
We're seeking:

- ushers
- concessions volunteers
- scenic painters and set builders

To learn more, Contact:

- Ushers & Concessions: Katie Sowa - ksowa@stjamesah.org
- Painters & Set Builders: Lauren Orf - producer@stjamestheatre.org



<https://bit.ly/SJTheatreUshers>



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Mark your calendar for "Roald Dahl's Matilda the Musical" July 10-20 at St. James!

STRENGTHEN YOUR FAITH

"Whom shall I send? Who will go for us? 'Here I am, send me!'" — Isaiah 6:8



Have you ever considered the call to be a

Deacon of the Catholic Church?

Join the Office of the Diaconate at one of three Inquiry Evenings:

- May 13, 7 p.m. at St. Alexander Parish, Palos Heights
- June 11, 7 p.m. via Zoom

The sessions will provide an overview of the Deacon Formation Program, the application process and information on the ministry of a deacon. Men, single or married, are invited to attend. Wives are strongly encouraged to accompany their husbands to the meetings.

For more information and to register for one of the sessions, contact the Office of the Diaconate at (708) 366-8900.

A photograph of a church interior. In the foreground, a man is seen in silhouette, looking towards the altar. In the background, a woman is kneeling in prayer. The altar is decorated with a golden candelabra, a golden sunburst, and a golden lantern. The text "beyond sunday" is overlaid in a light, cursive font. The word "Pray" is written in a large, white, serif font. Below it, the words "with us" are written in a smaller, white, serif font. At the bottom, the text "Holy Hour on Thursdays at 6pm" and "evening prayer | rosary | benediction | confession" are written in a white, sans-serif font.

beyond sunday

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OUR PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 10

5:00 Michael Faciana
Bob Duffer
Walter Zywieciel (56th Anniv.)
Steve Brown

Sunday, May 11 4th Sunday of Easter

7:00 For the people of the parish

8:30 Lucille McDonough
Kathie Camarena
Eddie & Michell Svegelj
Dave & Lou Lindemann

10:00 Karen Lifka
Julianna Dolecki
Winnie Coffey
Mary Aileen Pelrine

11:30 Josphine Gillespie
Anne Frankiewicz
Meggan McDermott
Alice Matthews

Barbara Ann Cole
5:00 Carmela Krogstad
Helen Hertvik
Frank & Victoria Bosco
Mary Thanugundla

Monday, May 12 Sts. Nereus and Achilleus

7:30 Loretta Lang
Stephan Waller (68th Anniv.)
Jane Adeline Zalewski*

12:00 Maria & Gelsomino Gallucci

Tuesday, May 13 Our Lady of Fatima

7:30 Pearl Peries
Tasius Peries
Ruwan Jayatunga
Antonietta Tojong Smith
Jose G. Tojong, Jr.

Wednesday, May 14 St. Matthias

7:30 Pat Duff
Bill Phelan

Thursday, May 15 St. Isidore

7:30 Geraldine Sullivan (1st Anniv.)

Friday, May 16

7:30 Stanley Bobowski (1st Anniv.)
Nancy Bobowski
Kevin Houlihan
Patrick Houlihan
Andrew Haman

Saturday, May 17 Armed Forces Day

7:30 Catherine Sabay
Erica Wright
Patrick Scullion (30th Anniv.)

*Indicates Living

In Loving Memory

Loretta Renner
Rosa Selvaggi
Stephen Kelly
Louis M. Tylka
Thomas McQuinn
Fr. Robert Tuzik
Fr. Patrick Lee

Please pray for our sick

Andy Kaplan
Lucy Detlefsen
Mike Lenz
Richard Fung

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Wedding Banns

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III. Markus Fiodaliso & Tonia Parisi
III. Santiago Guerrero & Isabella Persino
III. Matthew Kohout & Elizabeth Krause

Recent Baptisms

Lillian Kathryn McAndrew, child of
Thomas McAndrew and Bridgette (Gross) McAndrew

Avery Grace Eder, child of Patrick Eder and Morgan (Sandelin) Eder

Arlo Edward Gronkowski, child of
Aleksander Gronkowski and Meredith (Coon) Gronkowski

Lily Filomena Reed, child of Michael Reed and Mary (Lollino) Reed

Stella Ann Reed, child of Michael Reed and Mary (Lollino) Reed

Lillian Colleen McDonald, child of
Maxwell McDonald and Allison (Mallon) McDonald

Celebrant Schedule, May 10-11

5:00	Fr. Paul
7:00	Fr. Ed
8:30	Fr. Ed
10:00	Fr. Michael
11:30	Fr. Michael
5:00	Fr. Paul

Scripture Readings for the week of May 11

Mon:	Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10
Tues:	Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30
Wed:	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17
Thurs:	Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20
Fri:	Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6
Sat:	Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14

PARISH & DIOCESE INFORMATION

First Communicant Name Correction:

Benjamin ("Benne") Joseph Wendell

received First Communion on May 3, 2025. We apologize for the incomplete name printed in last week's bulletin.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO 

VOCATIONS EVENTS

On **May 17, 2025 at 10 a.m.**, two men will be ordained to the priesthood by Cardinal Cupich at Holy Name Cathedral. Please pray for the newly ordained as well as all of our priests.

We invite all parishioners to join us in this joyous event via live stream. The livestream link is on the vocations website at vocations.archchicago.org/events/priesthood-ordination.

PARISH MINISTRIES

Earth Shepherds provides opportunities to learn about the relationship between Scripture, Catholic Social Teaching and our responsibility to be stewards of God's Creation.
sjearthshepherds@gmail.com

Grief Support Ministry is about helping with your grief. Are you struggling with a loss? Having a hard time coping? We meet twice per month. Please email the address below for more details.
griefsupport@stjamesah.org

Jr. Ambassadors is a group for all children of St. James to practice their faith in service to others and as an example of our Catholic faith to everyone. Jr. Ambassadors act as representatives and promoters of our faith while learning about the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy and Catholic Social Teaching.
kcoughlin@stjamesah.org

Loaves and Fishes Ministry provides lunches for those experiencing homelessness in Chicago's Uptown neighborhood.
stjameslandf@gmail.com

Men of St. James provides opportunities for Christian fellowship through social, spiritual and service activities for men of the parish at least 21 years of age.
msj@stjamesah.org

Mental Health Ministry provides support, education and awareness to our parish communities on issues related to mental health. Strives to provide resources of support, education and hope.
tsherva@gmail.com

Ministers of Care bring the Holy Eucharist to parishioners who are unable to leave their homes or are in care homes. Ministry volunteers must complete a mandatory training session and follow Archdiocesan guidelines.
ministryofcare@stjamesah.org

Moms Plus provides support and fellowship to Catholic moms. This group is part of Women of St. James.
momspus@stjamesah.org

Music Ministry We strive to create music that is rich with quality, enthusiasm, and participation. Join one of our ensembles to be part of our musical community.
tconseur@stjamesah.org

Over 50 Social Club provides social outings, game days, cards, speakers, parties, current events/news and spirituality to any parishioner over the age of 50.
stecstan@sbcglobal.net

PADS Outreach provides safety, temporary shelter and services to the unhoused.
st.james.pads@gmail.com

Parish Pastoral Council serves as a representative body of the St. James parish community, guided by the Holy Spirit.
PPC@stjamesah.org

Peace & Justice Ministry educates the faithful on the Catholic social teachings, supports and complements parish ministries and empowers people to transform lives and society, both locally and globally. Meets the last Tuesday of each month.

Prayer Shawl Ministry creates a wide variety of shawls for anyone in need of prayers or blessings. We pray as we knit or crochet, and meet on the 3rd Sunday of each month to bless the fruits of our labors.
prayershawlministry@stjamesah.org

Respect Life Ministry strives to transform society into a Culture of Life where every human being is valued and protected from the moment of conception until natural death.
mschoney@astound.net

Stepping Stones raises awareness, promotes understanding and prevents relational violence by educating communities and providing referrals to victims and survivors of emotional, financial, physical and sexual abuse. (IL Domestic Violence Helpline: 877-863-6338),
steppingstones@stjamesah.org

St. Vincent de Paul provides emergency, short-term financial help for anyone living within the parish boundaries. For information on volunteering for or using this service, call the Parish Office followed by x8517. All requests kept confidential.

Women of St. James provides support to Catholic women who are committed to growing and sharing their faith through sisterhood and service.
wosjministryleads@gmail.com

YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN

Veterans "Coming Home" Retreat



May 18, 2025

Day of Reflection for Men and Women

Where do you go to unpack the duffle bag of experiences that were part of your military experience? Here at Bellarmine all veterans and their adult family members are welcome for reflection on the gifts and burdens of have served. Open to all faith traditions.

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Sunday 7:00 am Cantor and Organ

Sunday 8:30 am Traditional Choir & Organ

Sunday 10:00 am Contemporary Choir

Sunday 11:30 am Contemporary Choir

Sunday 5:00 pm Praise & Worship Ensemble

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

SACRAMENTS & DEVOTIONS

BAPTISM - Please call the Parish Office with preferred date at least one month in advance.

MARRIAGE - At least six months prior to your wedding date, please contact the Parish Office about setting a date.

HOLY HOUR - Thursday 6:00 - 7:00 pm in the church for procession of the blessed sacrament, evening prayer, rosary

CONFESSION - Thursdays at 6:00 pm & Saturdays at 8:00 am

THE ADORATION CHAPEL - open to the public, M-F 6:30 am - 8:30 pm; Sat & Sun 6:30 am - 6:30 pm or 24 hours a day for committed adorers.

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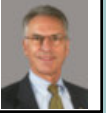
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