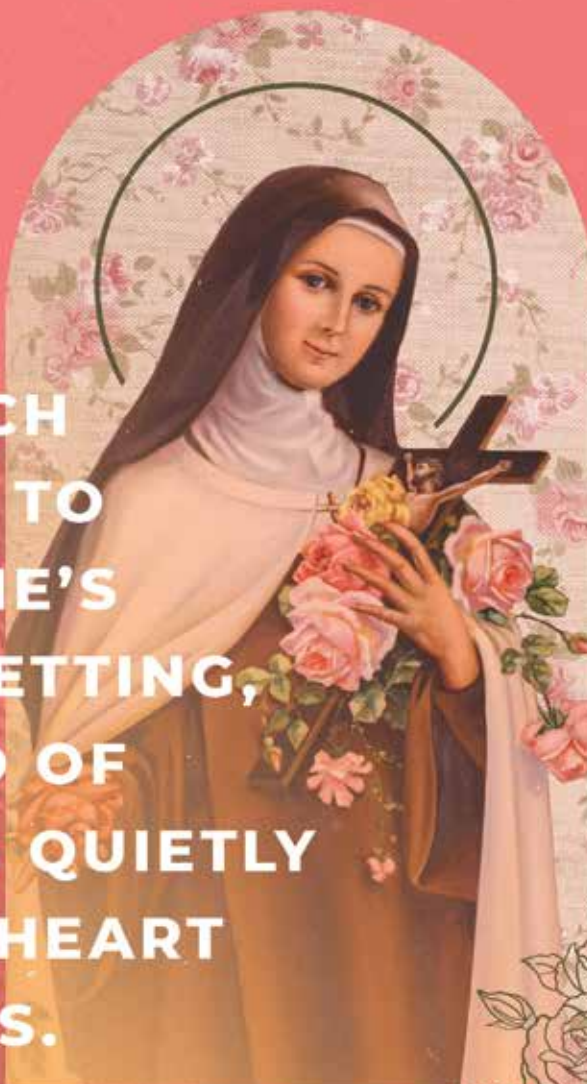




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TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Today's Readings

First Reading:

God warns the complacent rich: their indulgence leads to downfall and exile.

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Psalm:

God defends the oppressed, heals, loves the righteous, protects the vulnerable, frustrates the wicked, and reigns forever as faithful King.

Psalms 146

Second Reading:

Pursue righteousness, faith, love, and endurance; fight the good fight, keeping Christ's command until His glorious appearing.

1 Timothy 6:11-16

Gospel:

Jesus warns through the rich man and Lazarus that neglecting the poor leads to torment, while heeding God's Word brings eternal life.

Luke 16:19-31

Dear Friends,

Last week, a group of parishioners from St. James and from the Diocese of Green Bay, Wisconsin, along with me and Fr. Juan Carlos from Appleton, traveled to Mexico City for a mission trip. We spent five days with Hope of the Poor, an apostolate founded by and under the direction of Craig Johring, an American who has been working with street people in Mexico City for nineteen years.

The overall goal of the mission trip was to see Christ in the poor. We met and became friends with several families who, with the help of Hope of the Poor, have been able to be lifted out of the extreme poverty and hopelessness of life on the streets and all that involves. Those whose lives have been transformed, and who have received hope for their future and their children's futures, are so grateful for the love they have received, and we who met and interacted with them received an immense amount of love from them.

One of the highlights of the trip was Mass at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, where Fr. Juan and I were able to concelebrate the Sunday Mass at this place where an extraordinary

event took place in 1531, when the Virgin Mary appeared to a local peasant, St. Juan Diego, and helped to bring about the conversion of 9 million Native Mexicans to Jesus and the Catholic faith. I offered Mass for you, the people of St. James.

One of the beauties of Hope of the Poor is that it is not just a social service organization. It is primarily an effort of evangelizing people – of bringing people to an encounter with Jesus Christ. This encounter is life changing, as it shares His love with them through housing, counseling, religious formation, education, drug rehabilitation, and other basics that they need.

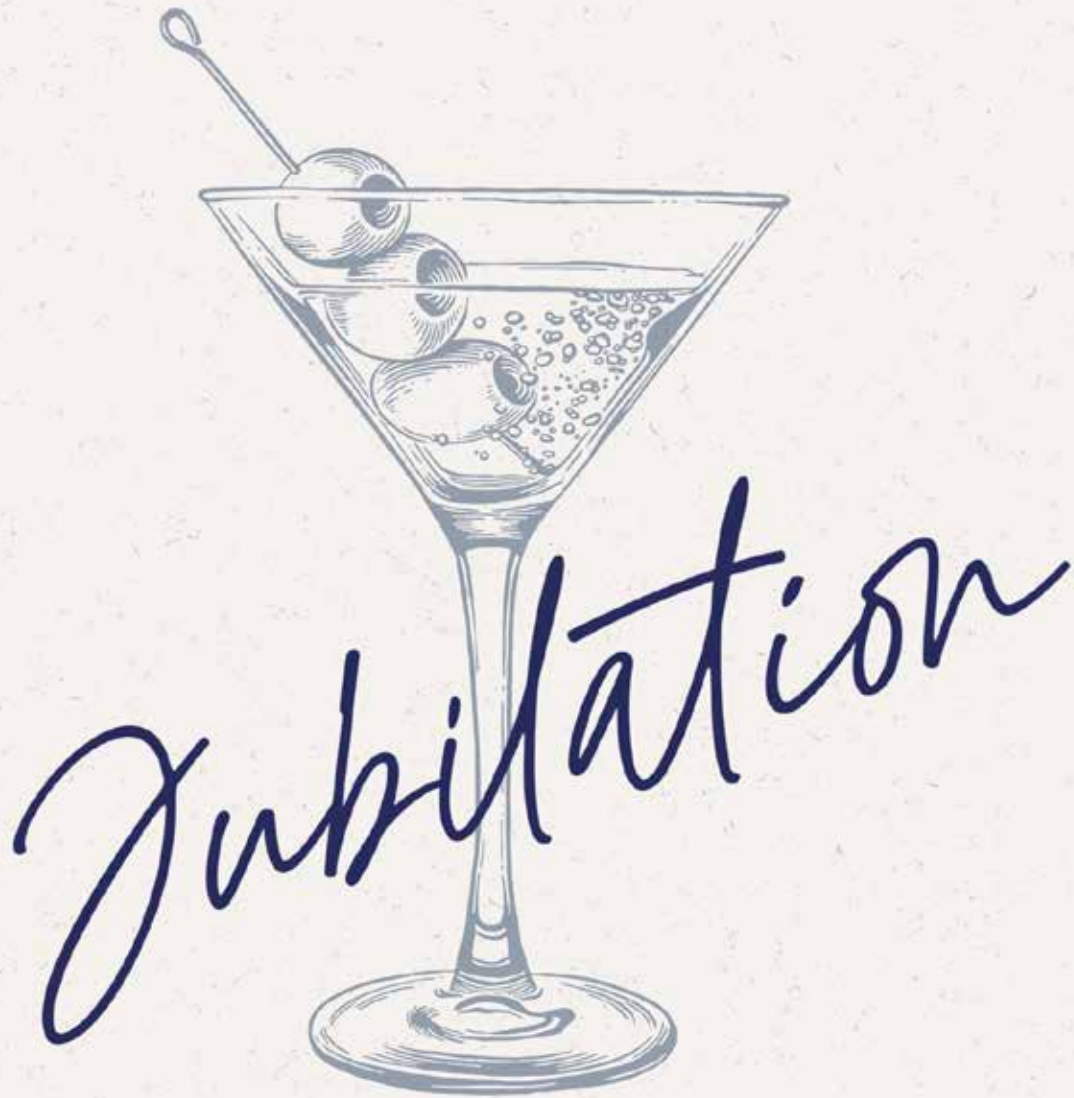
Thanks to all those who generously donated clothing, school supplies, and other gifts to the people of Hope of the Poor. I urge you to consider being a part of this beautiful experience in the future!

God bless you,

Fr. Ed



SAVE THE DATE



**A 'TINI SPLASH OF CELEBRATION & TRADITION
TO BENEFIT ST. JAMES**

**FRIDAY NOV. 7, 2025
METROPOLIS BALLROOM**



PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

World Day of Migrants & Refugees Oct 4-5, 2025

Exodus World Service will speak before the Masses on the October 4-5 weekend, which is the Catholic Church's 111th World Day of Migrants and Refugees.

Deb DaSilva from Exodus will be available after Mass for questions. She will give a short presentation in the Laramie Room after the 11:30 Mass on Exodus World Service and their mission to connect the Christian community with refugees.

One way to connect to a local refugee family is by collecting and delivering a Household Pack. A Household Pack is the paper and hygiene products a family continuously needs. See the QR code below for sign up and a list of items.



Jesus taught us to welcome the stranger.



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SEPT 30 DINNER AT 5PM

**EVENING SPEAKER:
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A TIME TO COME TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY FOR FELLOWSHIP, FORMATION AND PRAYER

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JUNIOR AMBASSADORS



St. James Jr. Ambassadors Club invites our children to experience and exercise Catholic social teaching and the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, as we explore the many ministries at St. James that are feeding the hungry, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, visiting the sick, and caring for creation. Each time we meet, we will learn about the impact a child can have in this world when they follow Jesus.

FIRST MEETING WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1 at 4:30-5:30
in the SJ School Cafeteria

Please meet at the playground near the canopy

Students are welcome to bring a snack and arrive at 4:00.
Learn about the "Call to Family, Community and Participation"

Christi Fidelis Award Announcement

Congratulations to St. James parishioner and long-time volunteer Kathy Borresen who will receive the Christi Fidelis Award. The award is being presented at Holy Name Cathedral this Sunday, September 28 at 1:30 pm. This special recognition is an award bestowed upon an individual Catholic layperson who has demonstrated, by participation in parish life, personal and ministerial renewal.

Kathy has been a quiet but powerful presence at St. James Parish for decades, faithfully leading our Environment and Art Ministry with dedication, creativity, and an unmistakable love for both the Church and her faith.

Beyond her artistic gifts, Kathy brought something even more special: her warm smile and her unshakable willingness to "make it happen." No task was too large, no season too busy. When others might have hesitated, Kathy stepped up joyfully. Kathy is, in a nutshell, tireless, joyful, and always ready to give her all for the good of the parish.

In his Papal Exhortation, *Christifideles Laici*, published in 1988, Saint Pope John Paul II called for the renewal of the vocation of the laity and their importance in carrying out the mission given by Jesus Christ, a mission conferred by the Spirit at baptism. It is in recognition of his words that the Christi Fidelis Award is presented each year in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Thank you, Kathy for your years of service to St. James Parish!

Parking Lot Notice

As you probably noticed, maintenance work on the church windows has begun. This affects the North side of the church, and some parking spaces in the Northern lot will be blocked off on weekdays. We anticipate that the parking restrictions will be lifted for the weekends, but please be prepared for limited parking availability on the North side of the church lot during the week. Thank you!



Meeting Mental Health With Grace

*A mental health ministry through St. James,
St. Edna & Our Lady of the Wayside*



Wednesday, October 1st
7:00 - 7:30 pm
St. James School Chapel

Topic: The Power of Prayer

*Join us to pray for those living with mental health
concerns and their loved ones.*

Submit prayer requests to:
847-253-5390 or
mentalhealthministry@stjamesah.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

ST. JAMES PARISH PRESENTS

CONFLICT IN MARRIAGE:

Stumbling Blocks or Stepping Stones? • Presenter: Ray Kane, M.S.W, L.C.P.C



no registration necessary

An evening for those newly and recently (up to five years) married

Topics will include:

- Developing effective problem-solving skills
- Navigating words and behaviors that trigger
- Finding peace after an argument

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6

7:00-8:30 pm Laramie Room (LL of the church)
Wine, Cheese and Chocolate

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enKindle speaking series

The Last Pew:

Bringing Families Back to Church
(Panel Discussion)

Date: October 20th | 7 PM | St. James Church

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Volunteers Needed

Loaves & Fishes Ministry

Loaves and Fishes is in need of volunteers for any of the following:

- Pick up bread from Central Continental Bakery on Friday evening.
- Pick up soup from local restaurants on Saturday afternoon.
- Make approximately 125 lunches.
- Transport the donations (soup, bread, lunches) to the shelter by 5 pm on Saturday.

Please consider patronizing and thank the following businesses who regularly donate soup and bread: Egg Harbor, Peggy Kinnane's, and Coopers Hawk restaurants in Arlington Heights and Central Continental Bakery in Mount Prospect. The support received from these establishments is essential in the work of this ministry; feeding the hungry.

For over 30 years, the St. James community has reached out in support of the unhoused men and women in Chicago's Uptown Neighborhood.

The Loaves and Fishes Ministry provides an evening meal and a brown bag lunch for Women at Sarah's Circle and the men at Northside Housing. This ministry operates every Saturday beginning in October and continues through the last weekend in April.

Scan the QR code to sign up to help.

Questions or to volunteer:

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The Table

Are you coming from a different church background? Curious about the Catholic faith? Or maybe you're returning after time away?

You're invited to join us for a relaxed gathering where no question is off-limits and no commitment is required. Whether you're exploring, returning, or just hungry for community—we'd love to meet you.

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MONDAY AT 4 PM

WEDNESDAY AT 2 PM

SUNDAY AT 5 AM



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NEW OPENINGS

SCAN BELOW TO SIGN UP



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OUR PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions & Observances

Saturday, September 27

5:00 For the people of the parish

Sunday, September 28 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 Stanley Luczak

8:30 Eddie & Michelle Svegelj

10:00 Marcia Clark

Monday, September 29 Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

7:30 Vincent E. Villinski

John F. Kordek

12:00 Mark Farrar

Michael Whelan

Tuesday, September 30 St. Jerome

7:30 Stephen Oneill

Raymond Pettenuzzo Sr.

Joseph P. Healy (20th Anniv.)

Fr Michael Glastetter OFM CONV

Wednesday, October 1 St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

7:30 Donald Demski

Janet Hynes

Matthew Colson (4th Anniv.)

12:00 Marino Zarroli

Thursday, October 2 The Holy Guardian Angels

7:30 Meggan McDermott

Emily Serafin

Friday, October 3

7:30 Alan Quick

Mary Pietrolonardo

Iftner-Perenchio Family

Sheila Corrigan (27th Anniv.)

Fr. Edward Pelrine*

Fr. Paul Stein*

Fr. Michael Grzesik*

Saturday, October 4 St. Francis of Assisi

7:30 Audrey Hafer

Bob Gaudio

Anna Kirschner (1st Anniv)

Juan Castillo

Readings for the week of September 29

Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 138:1-5/Jn 1:47-51

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Neh 8:1-12(458)/Ps 198-11/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/Lk 10:17-24

Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-9/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

In Loving Memory

Michael Foster

Patricia Gorey

Please pray for our sick

Joe Maher

Norine Naselli

Andy Kaplan

Lucy Detlefsen

Richard Fung

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Lucille Krajnik

Andy Cason

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III. Kevin Michaelis and Mary Claire Bannon

II. Nicholas Novelli and Sara LaBeck

II. Miguel Chihuahua and Margaret Kania

I. Brian Kugler and Martha Christopher

Recent Baptisms

Gabriel Giovanni Soto, child of Gabriel Soto and Gina (Calvello) Soto

Scarlett Maria Perez, child of Gabriel Perez and Ashley Carr

Cameron Bernadette Kraus, child of Paul Kraus and Emma (Cooke) Kraus

Madden Christopher Shintaku, child of

Christopher Shintaku and Sabrian (Argaez) Shintaku

Hayden James Bishoff, child of Michael Bishoff and Kelly (Regan) Bishoff

Cooper Kyle Pfister, child of Kyle Pfister and Melissa (Regan) Pfister

Violet Elowen Juckett, child of Ryan Juckett and Mackenzie (Varco) Juckett

Sofia Ann Termini, child of Vincent Termini and Daniela (Briguglio) Termini

Gia Francesca Gulo, child of Frankie Gulo and Alyssa (DeSimone) Gulo

Celebrant Schedule, Oct. 4-5

5:00 Fr. Ed

7:00 Fr. Michael

8:30 Fr. Michael

10:00 Fr. Paul

11:30 Fr. Paul

5:00 Fr. Ed

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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.
momsplus@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.

The Table meets the second Sunday of each month after the 10:00 am Mass in the Teen Room (LL of the church). For anyone who is curious about the Catholic faith. This is a time to ask questions and engage in conversation with others.

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

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AND WHAT'S COMING UP AT ST. JAMES

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ARCHDIOCESE NEWS AND NEARBY EVENTS

Unrequited Love Presented by Fr. Larry Dowling Wednesday, October 1

Holy Family Catholic Community (2515 Palatine Rd. Inverness) will host a special presentation by Fr. Larry Dowling.

At the heart of this presentation is the collaboration between Mr. Haman Cross III (artist), Fr. Larry Dowling, and the Holy Spirit. The moving artwork, *Unrequited Love*, depicts a suffering Christ weeping at the weight of systemic racism – the cross our society still carries – yet also yearning for love to bear fruit in racial reconciliation, healing, and reparation. In the words of Fr. Dowling, “The painting is meant to encourage civil, meaningful and courageous conversations on how we as White people unconsciously continue to participate in the original sin of our nation: racism.”

Unrequited Love will begin with Fr. Dowling’s presentation on October 1 and continue with follow-up Zoom discussions on Wednesday evenings throughout October (8, 15, 22, and 29).

To register for the live presentation and/or the follow-up Zoom discussions, please contact Sue Geegan at sgeegan@holyfamilyparish.org.

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Our Lady of the Wayside Divorce Ministry

If you are divorced or have filed for divorce and are looking to navigate the many challenges in a faith-filled way, you're invited to attend meetings of the Divorce Ministry meeting on the second Friday of every month in the Our Lady of the Wayside Parish Center (434 W. Park Street, Arlington Heights) from 6-9 PM.

For more information contact: officemanager@olwparish.org



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 Sunday 7:00 a.m. Cantor and Organ
 Sunday 8:30 a.m. Traditional Choir & Organ
 Sunday 10:00 a.m. Contemporary Choir
 Sunday 11:30 a.m. Contemporary Choir
 Sunday 5:00 p.m. Praise & Worship Ensemble

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

SACRAMENTS & DEVOTIONS

BAPTISM - Please contact the Parish Office with a preferred date one month in advance.

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

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

FIRST FRIDAY - Devotion to the Sacred Heart after the 7:30 a.m. Mass on the first Friday of each month

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

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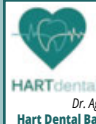
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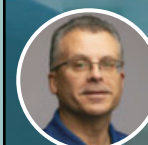
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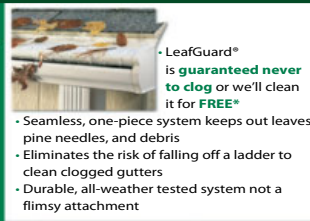
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