

St. Mary & St. Charles St. Mary & St. John Parishes

We Welcome You

We welcome you to our parishes. If you would like to become a member of one of our parishes, please contact the parish office (994-2526) Bloomington or (725-5595) Cassville to register. For those who are interested in becoming Catholic or returning to the Catholic faith, please contact Fr. John.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Fr. John will be available to hear confessions on Mondays from 4:45-5:30 p.m. at St. Charles and from 6:00-6:45 p.m. at St. Mary's, Bloomington.

Baptism

May God bless our new parents! Please contact Fr. John to schedule the baptism of your child at your church and to attend a baptismal preparation session.

Marriage

Congratulations on your upcoming marriage! Please call Fr. John at least six months in advance of the wedding. One of the parties must be a practicing Catholic.

Anointing of the Sick

Whenever someone is seriously ill, hospitalized, or is dying, please contact the Bloomington parish office immediately. If you or someone you know is sick and would like to be included in the Mass prayers, please call the parish office.

Vocations

Please contact Fr. John if you or someone you know would like to learn more about becoming a priest, brother, sister, deacon, or lay church minister. Please pray for more vocations to the priesthood and all religious ministries!

St. Charles and St. Mary's School-Faith, Family and Academic Excellence

To register your child, please call Mrs. Kelly Copsey at 994-2435 for St. Mary School or Ms. Dianne Makovec at 725-5173 for St. Charles School.

St. Mary and St. Charles Schools admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin.

Bulletin Notices - Please submit bulletin notices in writing to the parish office (sunday7@tds.net) before Monday.

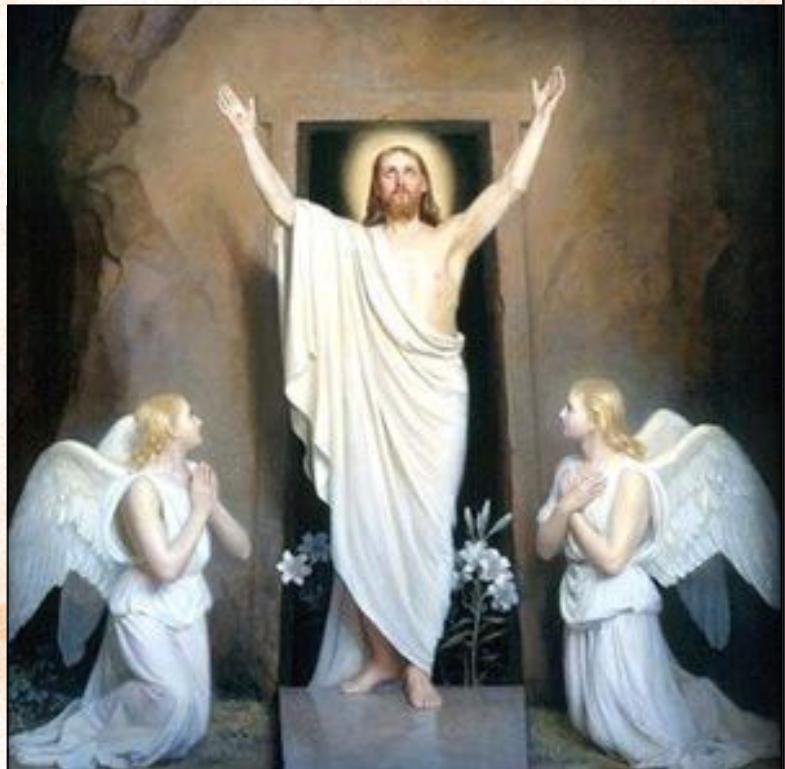
St. Charles Parish Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9:00 a.m.-noon

St. Mary's Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Our joint parish website can be found at www.swwicatholicparishes.com.



**“WHY DO YOU SEEK
THE LIVING ONE
AMONG THE DEAD?
HE IS NOT HERE,
BUT HE HAS BEEN RAISED.”**

LUKE 24:5-6

EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 17, 2022

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Liturgy Schedule

Sat.	4/16	8:00 PM	Pro Populo	(Cassville)
Sun.	4/17	8:00 AM	Living and deceased members of the Hromadka family	(Patch Grove)
		8:00 AM	Deceased members of the Dutch & Sue Mergen family	(Glen Haven)
		10:00 AM	Gene & Marie Leamy and James and Janet	(Bloomington)
		10:00 AM	Tom Okey	(Cassville)
Mon.	4/18	8:15 AM	No Mass	(Cassville)
		8:45-9:30 AM	Adoration	(Cassville)
Tues.	4/19	8:15 AM	Ray & Kay Eckstein	(Cassville)
Wed.	4/20	8:15 AM	No Mass	(Bloomington)
Thurs.	4/21	7:30-8:05 AM	Adoration	(Bloomington)
		8:15 AM	David Bierman	(Bloomington)
Fri.	4/22	8:15 AM	No Mass	
Sat.	4/23	4:30 PM	Pro Populo	(Bloomington)
		8:00 PM	Alphonse & Esther Breuer	(Glen Haven)
Sun.	4/24	8:00 AM	No Mass	(Patch Grove)
		9:00 AM	Sally Budworth	(Bloomington)
		10:30 AM	Irene Wood	(Cassville)

Scripture for the week of April 18, 2022

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
 Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
 Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
 Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
 Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14
 Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15
 Sunday: Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;
 Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

Welcome to Msgr. Gerard Healy

We are very happy to welcome Msgr. Gerard Healy to our parishes. We are grateful that he could be here to celebrate the Easter Masses with us.



St. Mary's First Communion
St. Mary's First Communion will be on
Sunday, April 24 at 9:00 a.m.
Fr. John won't have Mass at St. John
Church that morning.

Rice Bowls

Small sacrifices really do add up. Operation Rice Bowl helps to fight global hunger and poverty, but also helps on the local level as well. In giving up something to be able to help others, people are joined in solidarity with others.

Please turn in your rice bowl donations in the box in the back of church, at school, or you can mail in a check. Please mark all envelopes "Rice Bowl." We will send the donations to the diocese to ensure that 25 percent of the donations will stay local and support St. John's Food Pantry.

Sharing Our Blessings

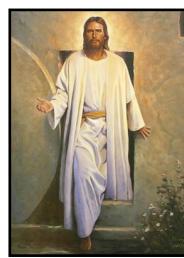
Thank you to everyone who supports our parishes with their time, talents and financial gifts! May God continue to bless you for your generosity and kindness. Please pray for the financial health of our parishes and that all members will generously share the many blessings that God has given them with our parishes.

Love God, serve God; everything is in that.
- St. Clare of Assisi



Easter Sunday

Alleluia! Our Lord has risen from the tomb. He has conquered death. He has redeemed us from our sins. Nearly two thousand years later, we celebrate it as if it is happening today. For it is happening today. Jesus Christ is RISEN, death is defeated, redemption is here. Let us give thanks to Jesus for his supreme sacrifice, let us praise God for the promise of eternal life, let us sing out in joy, for our Lord is risen today.



Christ is Risen, Truly Risen!

Like most of you, I have been patiently waiting for warm spring weather and the planting season. Unfortunately, sometimes we are fooled about the coming of spring, but not about Easter. We know Easter Sunday comes faithfully every year. However, I'm a bit skeptical that we truly believe in and trust that the Resurrection of Jesus happened and that we share in that resurrected life of Christ.

It really takes faith and hope to believe that Christ is risen. Those are gifts from God. These gifts need to grow and they need to be nurtured just like the seeds and plants we put in our fields and gardens. That is what the weeks of Easter, keeping Sunday the day for the Lord, the words of the Bible, and the Sacraments of Confession and Communion can do for us. They help our faith, hope, and love to grow.

On this glorious Easter Sunday, we know that Christ is risen, truly risen! So let us celebrate with joy this wonderful event that changed human history and has the power to transform our lives every day.

Have a happy and blessed Easter!

Reclaiming Sunday-by Bishop Hyung-

Sunday is the Day of the Lord, for it was on Easter that Jesus Christ rose from the dead and changed human destiny forever. Saturday, as the seventh day of the week for the Jews, serves as the Sabbath or day of rest, when God rested from the work of creation in Genesis. Because of the resurrection, Christians moved the Sabbath to Sunday, either the first day of the week or the eighth day, eight being the Scriptural number symbolizing eternity.

Every Sunday is a mini-Easter, a day of rest, the Sabbath dedicated to honoring the victory of Christ over the powers of sin and death. Sunday Mass is the center of our Catholic faith and practice, as we gather to worship God, hear the Word, share in the death and rising of the Lord and receive the most Holy Eucharist. Additionally, Sundays should be days free of servile work, dedicated to worship, prayer, time spent with family and friends, rest, study and works of charity. In this way, we honor the meaning of Sabbath and the primacy of our relationship with God.

Given that Sunday has simply become part of the "weekend" in our culture, when work, chores and sports keeps it from being Sabbath for us, a significant goal of our Go Make Disciples initiative is to grow in both understanding and practice of Sunday in its Christian context and meaning among our people. A theologian succinctly put it this way: "If you want to drain Christianity of its power, drain Sunday of its meaning and practice." Conversely, we can say that the more believers understand and live Sunday as Sabbath in its profound meaning, the more Christian we will become.

St. Mary Church, Bloomington



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS

Faith, Family and Academic Excellence

The students and staff of St. Mary School wish everyone an enjoyable and faith-filled Easter season. The Bike/Walk-A-Thon will be held on Sat., April 23, at the Bloomington track from 1:00-3:00 p.m. If you would like to make a donation please contact the school office at 994-2435.

First Communion practice for the 2nd graders will be on Sat., April 23, at 9:00 a.m. Their First Communion will be on Sunday, April 24, at the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

SCRIP: Scrip is available at school and also at Economy Feed Mill or if you have a special order you may call Molly Breuer, the Scrip Coordinator, at 563-608-5734.

Thank You's

Thank you to everyone who gave donations and memorials for flowers and helped to make our churches look beautiful for Easter.

Thank you to the volunteers who helped to clean the churches before Holy Week.



The Risen Christ & the Risen Christian

It has been said that the most convincing sign of the Risen Christ is the Risen Christian. Today, in parishes around the world, new life is drawn from the waters of baptism, and new Christians are thrilled to see the crowds pour in to join in the feast. On Easter, we do not say the Creed, but rather renew our baptismal promises with hearty responses. We are taking the first joyful steps on a fifty-day-long celebration. In the southern hemisphere, the world is slipping into winter, but for us in North America, the earth itself seems to sing hymns to Christ's victory. Look this morning for the fresh paschal candle standing near the baptismal waters. It was consecrated in the hours of the night, will burn brightly for fifty days whenever we gather for prayer, and will glow again at every baptism and every funeral in the year ahead. Even though we may be gathered around the candle someday in sadness, today's joy at Christ's victory over death will shine through.—James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Orchard Manor Volunteers Needed

Orchard Manor invites all former volunteers and new volunteers to share their time and talents with their residents in numerous ways including table games, arts and crafts, office work, visits, and many other activities. Volunteers will be required to be vaccinated and wear a mask. Please contact Tanya Mish, Volunteer Coordinator at 608-723-2113 for more info.

St. John Church, Patch Grove

St. Mary's Religious Education

Classes for Wednesday, April 20, 2022

Grades 1-6: 5:45 -7:00 p.m.

Grades 7-10: 7:15-8:45 p.m.



An Easter Prayer

Almighty God, you have created us anew. Nailed to the cross for our sake, Jesus gave his life so that we might have a share in the new life of his resurrection. Now that we have been set free from the power of sin and death, we pray to be transformed by the Holy Spirit into the image of your love. In our Easter celebration, may we remember that we have not been saved for ourselves alone, but to become light for the salvation of the world and for your greater glory.

We Have a New Way to Financially Support St. Mary Parish

St. Mary's now has a way for you to support the parish donating stock and other investments! Our parish has partnered with investment representative Tyler Kozelka of the People Investment Center in order to give you another option for giving donations. If you have questions and to get started, please contact Tyler directly at 608-326-3540.

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATES

PLEASE HELP US PAY OUR EXPENSES

St. Mary's Collections for the period ending April 8, 2022

Church Support.....	\$2,175.00
Offertory.....	\$244.00
St. John's Reimbursement for Expenses.....	\$1,645.10
Easter Flower Memorials.....	\$597.00

St. Mary's families are asked to generously contribute toward the support of parish expenses. It is suggested for a family to give \$900.00 and a single person \$450.00 per year.

St. John's Collections for the week ending on April 8, 2022

Church Support.....	\$865.00
Offertory.....	\$160.00
Easter Flower Memorials.....	\$213.00

St. John's families are asked to generously contribute toward the support of parish expenses.

"Eternal Father I offer you the most precious blood of your divine son Jesus in union with the Masses said throughout the world today for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen."

-Prayer of St. Gertrude for the Souls in Purgatory

St. John's Ministry Schedule for April 24, 2022

Fr. John will not have the 8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass due to First Communion at St. Mary's

St. Mary Ministry Schedule for April 23 & 24, 2022

4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass

Lector:	Mary Sue White
Communion:	Mary Sue White
Ushers:	Ken Klunsner, Denny Moris, Dave Kussmaul
Servers:	Conner & Ava Hooper

9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass

Lector:	Joanie Dickerson
Communion:	Sue Mumm
Sacristan:	Marcia Hampton
Ushers:	Daniel Herbers, Gary Mumm, Mike Mergen
Servers:	St. Mary's Students

St. Charles Church, Cassville



Restoration/Accessibility Campaign

The Redecorating Committee would like to thank all parishioners whom have returned pledge cards for support of our Restoration/Accessibility Campaign. We have currently \$320,965.00 pledged, \$320,965.00 collected and 243 pledges committed. All pledges were completed. Thank you for your support and generosity. Our campaign is successful due to our wonderful parish family.

St. Charles Fish Fry Thank You's

Thank you to Holly Tasker and her Fish Fry Crew and the St. Charles CCW for their hard work to make St. Charles Fish Fry a successful event. Thank you to everyone who attended the Fish Fry. We deeply appreciate your support!



Cassville Spring Musical Performance

Everyone is invited to attend a Cassville Spring Musical performance at 1:00 p.m. next Sunday, April 24 at St. Charles Church.

Cards for Dianne Makovec

We are happy to announce that Dianne Makovec is out of the hospital and is recovering and continuing therapy in Dubuque. You may send a card or note to Ms. Dianne Makovec, 801 Davis St. #411, Dubuque, IA 52001



St. Charles School News

Happy Easter! May the promises of the Risen Christ bring peace and joy to you.

Thank you for your support of our 7th/8th grade raffle at the Fish Fry. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus, Council of Catholic Women, Lions Club and Royal Neighbors for your donations as well. The money raised will be used for their class trip to Six Flags at the end of the school year.

The St. Charles students will be serving bars and drinks after the concert on April 24.

Please call St. Charles Parish office at 725-5595 for more information about enrolling your child at our school.

What we do in life echoes in eternity.

Paschal Candle

The Paschal candle represents Jesus Christ, the Light of the World. Made of **pure beeswax**, it represents the sinless Christ who incarnated in the womb of His Mother. The priest inscribes in the candle a **Cross**, the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, **(1) Alpha** and **(2) Omega** ('the beginning and the end') and the current year. **Five grains of incense** inserted into it in the form of a cross, recalling the **aromatic spices** used to anoint Our Lord's Body, and the **five wounds** in His hands, feet, and side.

Catholic Fortress

St. Mary Church, Glen Haven



EVERYTHING IS CHANGED

Easter changes everything. Having been raised from the dead, Jesus shatters the frightful images that haunt humanity. Betrayal, torture, crucifixion, death, burial—these terrors pale in the brilliant glory of Jesus resurrected. Today's psalm guides our response to God's power: "it is wonderful in our eyes." Today is indeed a day for wonder, for gasping in astonishment at Jesus' resurrection. For all of human history, death had been final. In the Acts of the Apostles, though, Peter testifies that Jesus, who was publicly executed, was raised to life by God. John's Gospel admits that the disciples "did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead." Even Jesus' closest friends were not expecting this innovation: life after death. In response to the Easter miracle, Paul tells us to become "a fresh batch of dough." Everything, even our very selves, must become new. Easter changes everything.
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Grant County CCW Spring Meeting

The spring GCCCW meeting will be hosted by the Fennimore CCW on Wednesday, May 25. Registration will be at 3:30 p.m. with Mass beginning at 4:00 p.m. The program presented by Grant County Sheriff Nate Dreckman will be on human trafficking in Grant County. Registration information will be sent at a later date. All ladies are encouraged to attend.



St. Bernadette – April 18

"Nothing is anything more to me; everything is nothing to me, but Jesus: neither things nor persons, neither ideas nor emotions, neither honor nor sufferings. Jesus is for me honor, delight, heart and soul."

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATES

(The bulletin had to be sent to the printer early before the April 9 & 10 weekend collections.)

<u>St. Mary's, Glen Haven for April 2, 2022:</u>	
Church Support.....	\$300.00
Offertory.....	\$73.00
Easter Flower Memorials.....	\$115.00
Ukraine Refugee Relief.....	\$100.00

St. Charles, Cassville for April 3, 2022

Church Support.....	\$1,785.00
Offertory.....	\$232.00
Easter Flower Memorials.....	\$70.00

PLEASE HELP US PAY OUR EXPENSES

St. Charles suggested giving is \$1,400.00 a year for a married couple and \$700.00 a year for a single household.

St. Mary's, Glen Haven Schedule for April 23, 2022

Lector:	8:00 a.m. Mass Ed Breuer
Communion:	Cindi Breuer
Servers:	Luke Patterson, Timothy Breuer
Ushers:	Joe & Ken Breuer

St. Charles' Ministry Schedule for April 24, 2022

Lector:	10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass Bruce Boyum
Communion:	Sandra Raveling
Sacristan:	Cheryl Junk
Servers:	Anastacia & Natalia Paar
Ushers:	Barb & Terry Schrobilgen, Jim Koopman



Celebrate Life

"God, the Lord of life, has entrusted to men the noble mission of safeguarding life, and men must carry it out in a manner worthy of themselves."

Life must be protected with the utmost care from the moment of conception: abortion and infanticide are abominable crimes." - Second Vatican Council, Church in the Modern World, #51

Did you know? Life begins at conception!

At 18 days a baby's heart begins to beat and by the 43rd day after conception a baby's brain is coordinating movements. All of a baby's organs are functioning at 8 weeks and a baby can smile, suck his/her thumb and make a fist by 12 weeks.

Help is Available

If you need support for an unplanned pregnancy, please contact the [Clarity Clinic of SW Wisconsin](#) at 608-348-5787 or email at clientservices@claritywi.com or the [Women's Care Center in Madison, WI](#) at 608-241-8100. For more information on pro-life issues, visit www.WisconsinRightToLife.org.

Natural Family Planning

Register for in-person education courses or for a self-paced online course: <http://www.madisondiocese.org/classes> -andregistration Questions? Call 608-495-6117 or email: nfp@straphael.org

Project Rachel - Healing from Abortion

Are you or a loved one carrying sorrow and regret from an abortion? Whether recent or long ago ... God is waiting ... Healing is possible. **For confidential help, please contact Mary at rachel@straphael.org**



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Christ is Risen! Alleluia! May the love and forgiveness of Easter refresh your marriage. Take time for your marriage by attending an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on April 22-24 in Brookfield, WI; June 24-26 in Geneva, IL or Sept. 16-18 TBD. Visit our website at: alifetimeoflove.org or call (888) 574-5653.

Cassville AA and Al-Anon Meetings

The AA meetings are every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building in Cassville.

Survivors of Suicide (SOS) Support Group

This support group is meant to help those who have lost a loved one to suicide and to give hope.

More information at <http://www.bens-hope.com>.

National Suicide Prevention Life Line – 1.800.273.8255

24 Hour assistance.

Jesus said: I am the resurrection. Anyone who believes in me, even though that person dies, will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die...

-John 11:25-26



MEETINGS

*April 19-Knights of Columbus meeting at 7:30 p.m. at St. Charles School

EVENTS

- *April 17- Easter
- *April 24-St. Mary's First Communion at 9:00 a.m.
- *May 1-St. Charles First Communion
- *May 10- St. John's Food Pantry 12:30-1:30 p.m.
- *May 22-St. Mary's 8th Grade Graduation
- *May 25- Grant Council of Catholic Women Spring meeting at St. Mary Church, Fennimore, WI
- *June 8- St. John's Food Pantry 12:30-1:30 p.m.
- *July 21-24- Blakes Prairie Fair
- *August 13-St. John's Summer Fest.
- *September 10 & 11—St. Mary's Fall Festival
- *September 18—St. Charles Fall Festival



Annual Rosary March on May 1

Please join Father Rick Heilman and regional Catholics for a Rosary March on May 1, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pine Bluff, WI. Mass will be at 10:45 a.m. followed by the march. People who wish to stay in the church to pray may do so. Benediction will follow a May crowning by the first communicants and a lunch will be served. Hope to see you there!! If you have any questions please contact Pat Fettig at 608-320-6121.

Xavier Mission Team is Offering a Retreat

The XMT is hosting a High School Retreat May 6 & May 7 at Camp Gray for any high schoolers! The retreat will begin at 6:00 a.m. on May 6 and end at 6:00 p.m. on May 7. If students need to come late / leave early, accommodations might be possible. Cost is \$50/person. Food will be provided! Interested teens can start the registration process by filling out Google form: <https://forms.gle/v8U7VJR6BWv5n7qn8>.

This retreat is an open invite to any high schooler! The students will be with other like-minded Catholics who want to deepen their relationship with Christ, take a retreat away from the craziness of life, and who want to grow in community with other faith-filled people their age!

Healthy Living with Diabetes Workshops

Gunderson Health System in LaCrosse, WI is sponsoring *Healthy Living with Diabetes* workshops to help people with diabetes better manage their condition. The virtual classes will be led by Wellness Education Specialists at Gundersen Health System who are certified by the Wisconsin Institute for Healthy Aging will take place Mondays, May 9 - June 20 (no class May 30), Noon to 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$30 to participate. Pre-register by calling (608)775-6870 or visit gundersenhealth.org/living-well.

Courage & EnCourage

Courage, an apostolate of the Catholic Church, ministers to persons with same-sex attractions and their loved ones. They also have an outreach called EnCourage, which ministers to relatives, spouses, and friends of persons with same-sex attractions. In recognition of the irreplaceable role of the family in attaining an understanding of the homosexual condition and embracing a life of chastity. If you are looking for acceptance for yourself-same-sex attraction and all-while embracing the truth about sex as God means it to be, you may call (608) 821-3018 or contact courage@madisondiocese.org. for more information.



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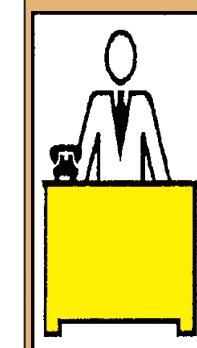
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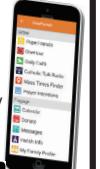
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