

The St. Gerald Voice



Roman Catholic Church

JUNE 25, 2023

| TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*A Servant Church
of the Archdiocese of Detroit*

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m.
and 12:00 Noon

Weekday Mass

Monday, Tuesday, Friday:
9:15 a.m.
Thursday Evening: 7:00 p.m.

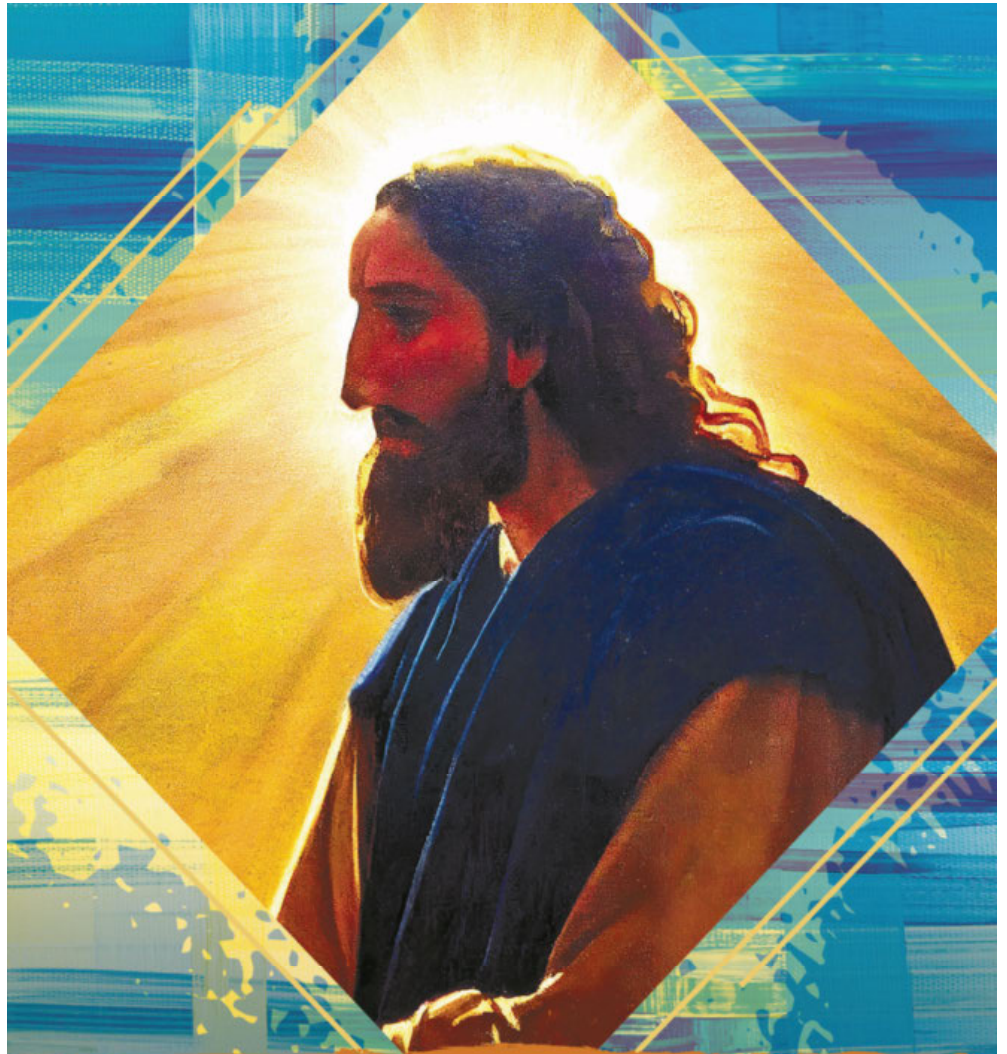
RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.



MISSION STATEMENT

St. Gerald Roman Catholic Church is a welcoming, inclusive parish striving to be a reflection of Christ. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we are dedicated to strengthening our faith through reverent and uplifting worship, serving those in need, and living the fullness of the Gospel with all God's people.



12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father.” - Mt 10:31-33

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WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

JUNE 26 – JUNE 30



Monday 9:15 AM
**Fr. Kris and the Dobbs,
 Kemp, Trayer, Robrecht and
 Goderman Families**
 Requested by C. Kemp

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Bill Croitori
 Requested by Blen Cardozo

Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM
Bill Croitori
 Requested by Jackie Liebau

Friday 9:15 AM
Frank Adams
 Requested by Geri Adams

Readings for the Week

Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22/Mt 7:1-5
 Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Mt 7:6, 12-14
 Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 7:15-20
 Thursday: *Vigil:* Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19
Day: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
 Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 8:1-4
 Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55/Mt 8:5-17
 Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 (2a)/
 Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42



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Please remember in your prayers

Joan Goniea	Kim Weigold
Marie Bolivar	Barbara Seabolt
Maria Rea	Leonard Lemanski
Winifred Maguire	Josie Boore

If you would like a name to be added on the prayer list in the bulletin, please email stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com or call the Parish Office at 248-477-7470.

Please join us for Holy Hour with Rosary on Thursday nights in church following 7 PM Mass concluding at 8:30 PM. All are welcome!

Please help us keep our parish records up-to-date. If you move, have a change of phone number or any other change, please call the Parish Office at 248-477-7470 or email stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 2, 2023

5:00 PM	July 1	Fr. Roodbeen
For Joann Pavco, & Bernice, Louis & Dennis Kaye Requested by Joe Pavco	Lector	Isabelle Gerhart
8:30 AM	July 2	Fr. Briffa
For Ruzinski Family Requested by Mullen Family	Lector	Jim Bergin
10:15 AM	July 2	Fr. Kris
For All Our Parishioners	Lector	Scott Horsburgh
12:00 PM	July 2	Fr. Kris
For James Zann Requested by Family	Lector	Paul Radzilowski

ST. GERALD ONLINE GIVING

Online Giving of Donations through Simple Give is available and simple to use. Please visit our Parish Website at stgeraldparish.org and click on Online Giving to get started or call the Parish Office for instructions. Thank you for your continued support of St. Gerald Parish.



Offertory Snapshot as of June 11, 2023

Actual Offertory	\$ 8,230.00
Budget Offertory	\$ 8,105.00
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory	\$393,729.00
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory	\$405,274.00

Donations to Peter's Pence Collection
 If you would like to make a donation to the Peter's Pence collection, you can do so now through July 9th.

The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** has been a yearly process here at St. Gerald Parish. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church or need to make your First Communion and/or Confirmation, please contact Fr. Kris Nowak or the Parish Office at 248-477-7470.

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

READING 1

JER 20:10-13

Jeremiah said:

"I hear the whisperings of many: 'Terror on every side! Denounce! let us denounce him!' All those who were my friends are on the watch for any misstep of mine. 'Perhaps he will be trapped; then we can prevail, and take our vengeance on him.' But the LORD is with me, like a mighty champion: my persecutors will stumble, they will not triumph. In their failure they will be put to utter shame, to lasting, unforgettable confusion. O LORD of hosts, you who test the just, who probe mind and heart, let me witness the vengeance you take on them, for to you I have entrusted my cause. Sing to the LORD, praise the LORD, for he has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked!"

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Reading 2

Rom 5:12-15

Brothers and sisters:

Through one man sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all men, inasmuch as all sinned—for up to the time of the law, sin was in the world, though sin is not accounted when there is no law. But death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin after the pattern of the trespass of Adam, who is the type of the one who was to come.

But the gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many.

ALLELUIA

GOSPEL

Mt 10:26-33

Jesus said to the Twelve:

"Fear no one. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known. What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna. Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father."



**We welcome to the
Body of Christ**

Alexandria Aileen Vega

baptized Saturday,

June 17, 2023

by Rev. Krzysztof Nowak

Alexandria is the child of
Juan Pablo Vega
and
Maria Jaime Ortega

Godparents are
Orlando Jaime & Mariela Piña



Do you enjoy playing pinochle or would like to learn? Come join the card group on Thursday afternoons in our parish social hall. Please arrive by noon with card play beginning at 12:30 PM. What better way to spend your Thursday afternoons. You do not need to call ahead to join in the fun, just stop in and make some new friends!



In the Gospel today, we hear Jesus say: "Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father."

This week, know that you will bringing hope to the poor by your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE/FACEBOOK PAGE!

When you are looking for Mass Times or other special events at St. Gerald, please visit our website at www.stgeraldparish.org or "like" our Facebook page at St. Gerald Catholic Church, Farmington.



2023 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Our 2023 CSA Campaign has started! Thank you to everyone who has already made their pledge to CSA.

We are asking all parishioners to join in contributing to this year's Catholic Services Appeal. If we all give, we will easily meet St. Gerald's 2023 CSA target of \$57,193.00, which is our parish share of the support for the CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services. Any gifts we receive over our target will be returned to our parish in full. Those funds returned to us will be combined with the refund of \$5,200.00 from CSA 2022 and be used to start replacing our exterior doors of the church. If, however, we do not meet this target, we will have to make up the shortfall from our general fund.

There are many ways for you to support the CSA. You may make a one-time gift or pledge the gift and make payments over a nine-month period of time starting in July.

You may give your donation on-line or by check, below are a few general instructions.

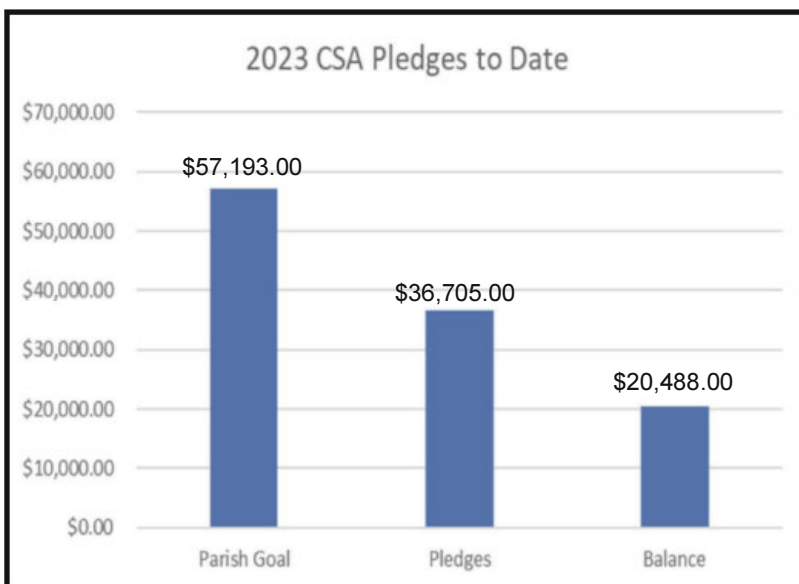
Instructions for On-line Giving:

- You can donate at any time by going to GiveCSA.org
- Click on - Manage your CSA 2023 Gift
- Sign in or click on "Pledge to Give"
- Choose your organization from the drop-down arrow – St. Gerald - Farmington

Fill out the amount you wish to give and if one time or recurring
Return your card to St. Gerald with a note on it indicating you gave on-line

If donation is made by check, please make sure your check is payable to **Archdiocese of Detroit – CSA**. Please return your CSA card by mail in the envelope provided, or drop it off in the collection basket or the Parish Office. Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office at 248-477-7470.

Please continue to prayerfully consider what type of generous donation you can give to support our parish. If you did not pick up your pledge packet in May, it will be mailed to you with a letter asking for support to reach our goal. Your donation does make a difference!



TWO NEW FACES TO WELCOME AS STAFF AT ST. GERALD

Effective July 1st, when you are walking past the Parish Office, take the time to welcome Mary Melonio in her new position as Administrative Assistant for St. Gerald Parish. Mary will be adding to her role at St. Gerald, not only is she our parish organist she will now be taking on another assignment working in the Parish Office.

Also joining St. Gerald Parish, as a staff member, on July 1st is Emily Long. Emily will be serving the parish in the position of Coordinator of Faith Formation in addition to her current responsibilities as a young mother of four boys. She is a very active member of the parish, serving as a 5th Grade Catechist this year and mentoring her boys as altar servers at the 5 PM Mass.

Let us wish Mary and Emily the best in their new endeavors!

Peter's Pence Collection

Next week we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.

REGISTRATION FOR 2023-24 FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

It is time to register your children for our faith formation program for the upcoming school year. Registration forms will be mailed out to returning families. Please return forms as soon as possible or **by August 15**. If you will be new to the program, contact the coordinator, Emily Long, at 248-476-7677, ext. 201 or via email at faithformation.sgp@gmail.com. Forms may also be found on the shelf in the classroom hallway or on the parish website www.stgeraldparish.org.

Students in Grades 1-6 will attend classes on Monday evenings from 5:30-6:45 PM. Confirmation preparation classes (Grades 7-8) attend on alternate Mondays. Classes will begin on September 18. If you have any questions please contact Emily Long, at 248-476-7677, ext. 201 or faithformation.sgp@gmail.com.



Reminder:

Following guidelines of the Archdiocese of Detroit, children of the parish are to receive two full years of faith formation before reception of a sacrament.

FEELING ILL?

If you have a fever or cough or are not feeling well, please stay home until you feel better. Remember it is not a sin to miss Mass because you are ill.

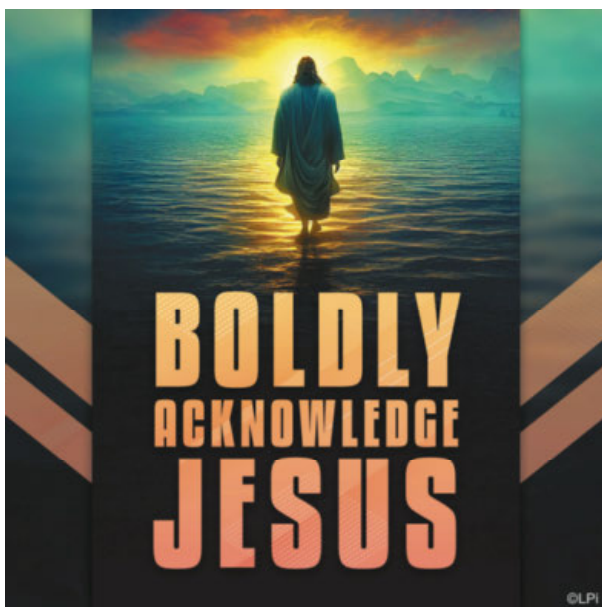
GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

When I was in middle school, there were times I didn't want my fellow students to see my parents drop me off or pick me up in the school parking lot. I was embarrassed of my parents. Why? I have no idea. Maybe it was our station wagon. Or I didn't want to look like a little kid. But in retrospect that was a silly thing to do. I was a kid. And I had two parents who loved me and had built a wonderful family. I was afraid of the other kids' judgment. How silly! I should have been afraid of forgetting or downplaying my family, which is where my identity had its deep roots.

This is a way to understand Jesus' words to his disciples this Sunday, when he says, **"Don't be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna."** Fear, in this sense, refers to where we find our deepest identity and our highest love. That's why Jesus says next that when we acknowledge him before others, he will acknowledge us before the Father. It doesn't mean we're brash or boastful. But rather we unhesitatingly and humbly embrace our identity as followers of Jesus and children of God the Father. After all, if we love who we are and where we come from, who cares what the other kids think about us?

— *Father John Muir* ©LPI



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Will You Say Yes?

You find yourself in the difficult situation of being accused of blasphemy and confronting possible execution. Your crime is believing in Jesus Christ. The question is then asked of you, "Are you a Christian, a follower of the one named Jesus Christ?" Your answer may very well dictate what happens to you next. What is your answer?

It is probably easier to answer this question when the scenario is make-believe. All of us want to believe that we would say yes to the question of belief in Jesus, but strange things happen when humans panic in the face of extreme stress. As we reflect on what we would say, there are those all over the world who are being asked that very same question. It is a question that was asked of many in the first centuries of the Church. Those who respond "yes" are considered martyrs and saints.

We might not usually think of all this in terms of good stewardship living. However, our faith is also a gift we have received from God to cultivate, grow, and share with others. The more interesting question than the one posed above is, "Would an accuser even think of asking you such a question?" Would you have cultivated, grown, and shared your faith enough that anyone would even consider you worthy of asking the question? They might assume you don't know Jesus Christ at all. I don't like conflict and do not seek out conflict, but I would rather someone ask the first question posed than assume there is no reason to confront me in the first place.

— *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS* ©LPI

DETROIT PRIESTLY VOCATIONS

Are you called to the priesthood?

The Archdiocese of Detroit Office of Priestly Vocations offers resources for any young men discerning the priesthood. Our new website has information on applying to seminary, frequently asked questions, and how to get in touch with the vocation director. Learn more at www.detroitpriestlyvocations.com.

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Necklace

I have a necklace that originally belonged to my great-grandmother. I don't really know much about the man who gave it to her, most of those details have been lost to time. But I know that he wanted to marry her, and that she refused, and it had something to do with religion — ultimately, he did not share her faith. And while I've certainly seen many interfaith couples have loving and successful marriages, in this particular case, my great-grandmother discerned that this would not be one of those marriages.

Like I said, I don't have many details about this man, but I know that she felt she couldn't marry him because it might jeopardize the souls of her children, and therefore the souls of their children, and their children after them — me. She turned him down because of me.

My great-grandmother never sold that necklace, not even when the Great Depression further reduced her financial circumstances. She kept it, and she gave it to her daughter, who gave it to her daughter, who gave it to me. The necklace is always given with a warning: there is something worse than being poor, worse than being scared, worse even than being desperate. Worse than all of these things is separation from God.

When I wear this necklace, I think about my grandmother and this man she possibly loved a hundred years ago. I think of the many decisions we make every day — large and small, good and bad — that reverberate down through the generations in ways we cannot, at the time, imagine. I think of the God who knows every hair on my head.

“And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna.” — Matthew 10:28
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INTERCESSORY PRAYER CHAIN

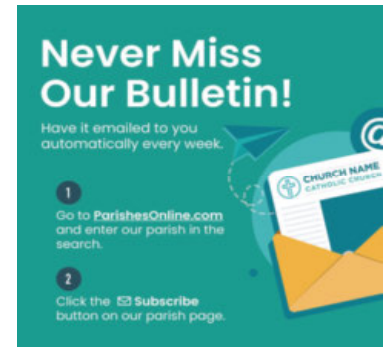
If you know someone who could use our prayers and would like them added to our prayer chain, please call the Parish Office at 248-477-7470 or email the office at:

stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com

and their name will be added to our prayers.

LIBRARY REMINDERS...

Please come visit our library located in the southwest vestibule of the church building. You are welcome to take a book home to read, all we ask is that when you borrow a book to be sure to sign it out. Also make sure to return your book when finished, so others can enjoy it as well. Thank You!



ST. GERALD CATHOLIC CHURCH

Office Hours

9:00 AM - 4:30 PM Monday thru Thursday. Closed Friday.
(secretary at lunch 12:00 pm—12:30 pm)

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SACRAMENTS

Rite of Reconciliation:
Saturdays from 3:30-4:30PM

Sacrament of the Sick:
Please call the office.

Baptism:

Please be aware that first time parents must attend a short baptism prep class prior to the baptism of their child. Arrangements for baptism may be made by calling the Parish Office.

Matrimony:

St. Gerald Parish is pleased to marry registered parishioners and their children. Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance of the wedding date. Please call the Parish Office.

Registration of new members:

Please see Fr. Kris after Mass or call the Parish Office. Registration forms are located on the shelf in the classroom hallway and the gathering space of the church for your convenience. After you fill it out, just give it to Fr. Kris or drop it off in the Parish Office. Thank you!

RCIA: Would you or someone you know want to become a full member of the Catholic Church? Please call Fr. Kris (248) 477-7470 for more information.

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. GERALD CATHOLIC PARISH!

If you are new to the area, we look forward to meeting you personally. If you have not been active in the practice of the Catholic faith, we encourage you to return. If a previous marriage has kept you from receiving the Sacraments, we invite you to call the rectory at 248-477-7470. In many cases, Fr. Kris can work with you to find a favorable solution.

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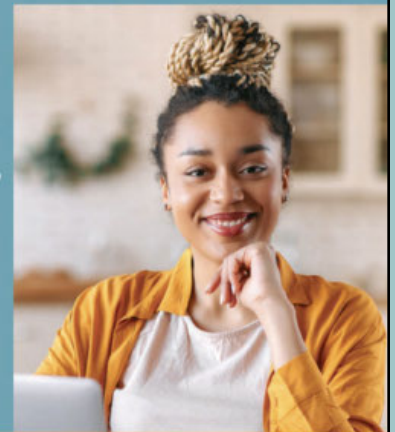
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