

# THE VOICE

July 14, 2019

## ST. GERALD

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

### MASS SCHEDULE

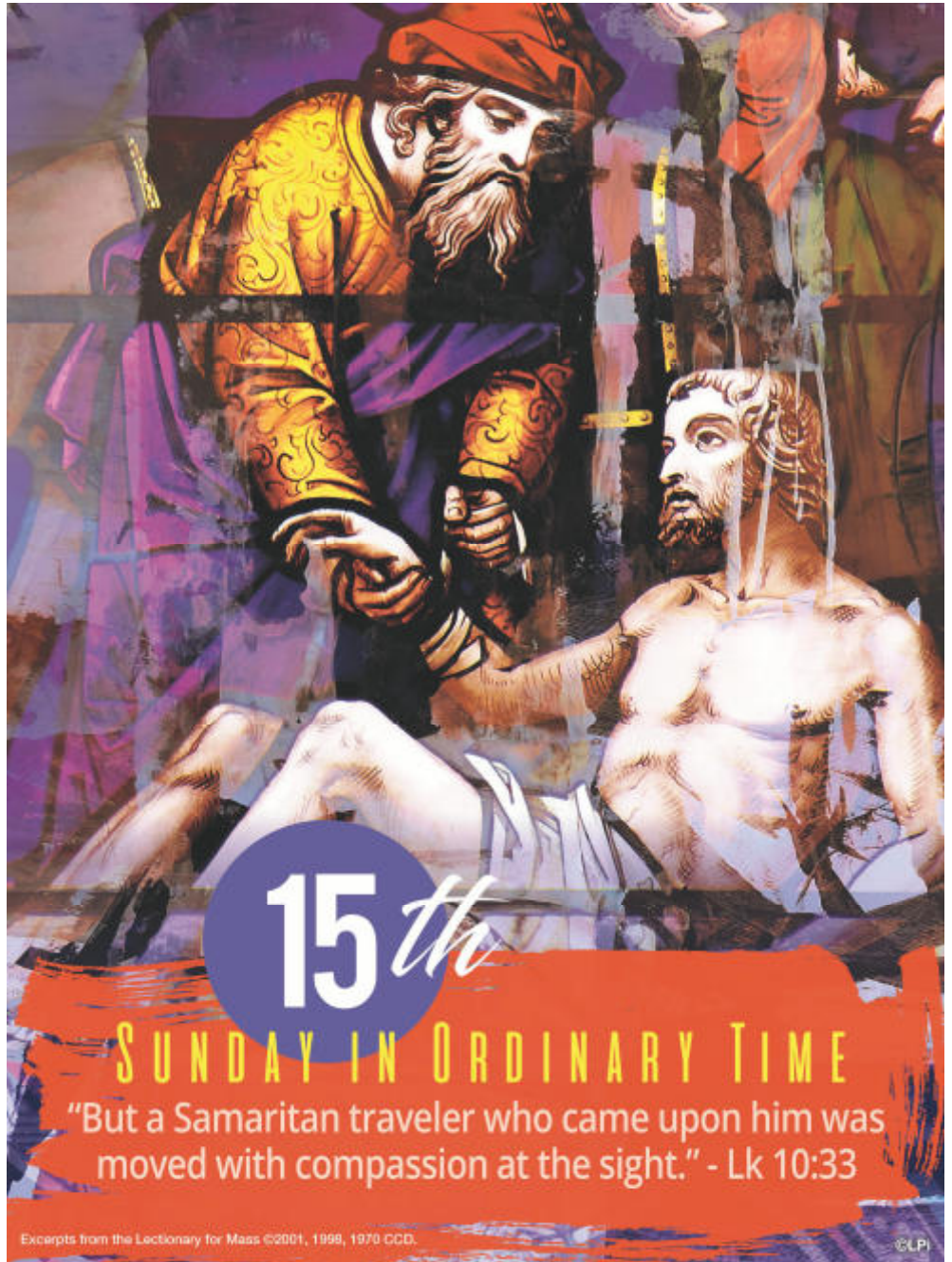
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m.  
and 12:00 Noon

### WEEKDAYS

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

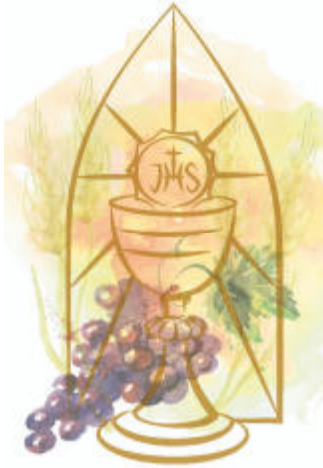
### RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.



**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE!**  
**GIVE BLOOD AND SAVE A LIFE!**  
A Blood Drive is scheduled for this weekend, Sunday, July 14,  
from 8 AM to 2 PM in the Social Hall.  
Walk-ins are welcome!

**WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS**



**JULY 15– JULY 19**

Monday 9:15 AM  
**Joshua Baleeza**  
 Requested by Barbara Valasek

Tuesday 9:15 AM  
**Eugenia Silvestri**  
 Requested by Bonacchi Family

Wednesday  
 No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM  
**Frank Biak**  
 Requested by Croitori Family

Friday 9:15 AM  
**Mary Camilleri**  
 Requested by Family

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

MONDAY: EX 1:8-14, 22/PS 124:1B-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8A]/  
 MT 10:34--11:1

TUESDAY: EX 2:1-15A/PS 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 [CF. 33]/  
 MT 11:20-24

WEDNESDAY: EX 3:1-6, 9-12/PS 103:1B-2, 3-4, 6-7 [8A]/  
 MT 11:25-27

THURSDAY: EX 3:13-20/PS 105:1 AND 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27  
 [8A]/MT 11:28-30

FRIDAY: EX 11:10--12:14/PS 116:12-13, 15 AND 16BC, 17-18  
 [13]/MT 12:1-8

SATURDAY: EX 12:37-42/PS 136:1 AND 23-24, 10-12,  
 13-15/MT 12:14-21

NEXT SUNDAY: GN 18:1-10A/PS 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 [1A]/COL  
 1:24-28/LK 10:38-42

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(FOR A LIST OF DAILY READINGS: GO TO [HTTP://WWW.USCCB.ORG/NAB](http://www.usccb.org/nab))

**COME CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!**

When you are looking for Mass Times or other special events at St. Gerald, please visit our website at [www.stgeraldparish.org](http://www.stgeraldparish.org)



St. Gerald is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask an usher to help you with a receiver if needed for Mass.



Let us welcome the following members to our parish:

**Robert Berge**  
**Matthew Egbers**  
**William and Lois Schneider**  
**Courtney Wilkinson**

We are glad you are here!

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY  
 IN ORDINARY TIME  
 JULY 21, 2019**

5:00 PM		July 20	Fr. Kris
For <b>Lori Renee May</b> Requested by Bob & Toni Varteresian	Lector/ Ushers	Ellen Stacey 5:00B	
8:30 AM		July 21	Fr. Kris
For <b>Florence Murray</b> Requested by Victor Winiarski	Lector/ Ushers	Paul Borchert 8:30C	
10:15 AM		July 21	Fr. Roodbeen
For <b>Sharon Bogden</b> Requested by Camilleri & Gjerding Families	Lector/ Ushers	Caron Kott 10:15B	
12:00 PM		July 21	Fr. Roodbeen
For <b>All Our Parishioners</b>	Lector/ Ushers	Paul Radzilowski 12:00A	

**Church Cleaning Schedule for Next Week  
 July 20 and July 21  
 Team C**

Team #2 is scheduled for Botsford Commons Sunday, July 21 following the 8:30 AM Mass.

**ST. GERALD ONLINE GIVING**

Online Giving of Donations through Simple Give is available. Please visit our Parish Website at [stgeraldparish.org](http://stgeraldparish.org) and click on Online Giving to get started or pick up the instruction sheets on the bookcase in the gathering space of the church. Thank you for your continued support of St. Gerald Parish.



**Offertory Snapshot**

Actual Offertory for Weekend of June 23	\$ 7,599.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of June 23	\$ 9,096.00
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory as of June 23	\$499,598.00
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory as of June 23	\$463,896.00

**MASS TIMES ANYWHERE**

Need a Catholic parish out of town? Look on the web at [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org). It's easy. Churches can be located by zip code, area code, Mass time, or language.

**REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS FORMATION CLASSES**

If you are new to the parish or did not have a child in the religious program last year and would like to register your child for the 2019-2020 class schedule, please contact Mary Taylor at 248-476-7677, ext. 201 or via email at [marytaylor.sgp@gmail.com](mailto:marytaylor.sgp@gmail.com) and a registration form will be mailed to you.

Please return these forms as soon as possible. Confirmation preparation classes Grade 7 will gather on alternate Sundays; Grade 8 will gather alternate Sunday and Wednesday evenings. Students in Grades 1-6 may choose to attend classes either on Mondays from 5:30 PM - 6:45 PM or Tuesdays from 5:15 PM - 6:30 PM.

**Registration forms are due by July 15th.** If you had children in the program last year and *did not* receive a registration form, or have any questions, please contact Mary Taylor as noted above.

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

**SUMMER TEEN PROGRAMS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES . . .**

**C.A.R.E.S. of Farmington Hills** has Food Pantry and Youth United (interfaith teen group) volunteer opportunities - **Summer youth work camp** volunteers will help create a reflection garden, vegetable garden, and other jobs of painting and building repairs during the week of **July 29th through August 2nd, 2019.** Go to <http://caresfh.org/> or contact Gerryanna for details. Or, email Karen Linnell at [klinnell@sbcglobal.net](mailto:klinnell@sbcglobal.net).



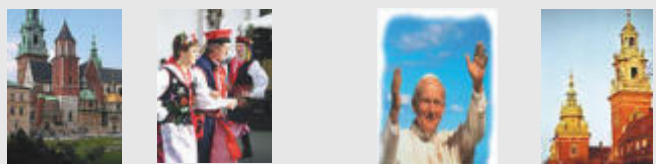
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+  
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JULY 1, 2019  
ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO  
JOHN O LORD, AND MAY  
PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON  
HIM.

**PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND**

**SEPTEMBER 8 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 18, 2019**

If you are interested in joining the Pilgrimage to Poland in September, there is still time to sign up.

Please pick up a flyer on the table at the main entrance of the church for more details on this trip. Join the group as they travel to the most famous and beautiful places in Poland.



**AN INVITATION TO JOURNEY!**

The **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)** is the process by which people become members of the Roman Catholic Church. The process is concerned with the total formation of the person into:

- Believing with the Church community
- Living with the Church community
- Praying with the Church community
- Serving with the Church community

**The RCIA is intended to serve:**

- The unbaptized who would like to learn more about the Catholic religion.
- Those baptized in another religion who think they might like to become Catholic.
- Those baptized Catholics who have not completed the Initiation Sacraments.

**The RCIA Process is much more than a program:**

- It is a learning and loving process in which conversion of the heart brings one to Christ in a powerful manner.
- It is an answer to the Gospel invitation "Come to me all you who are weary and find life burdensome, and I will refresh you. Take my yoke upon your shoulders and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart. Your soul will find rest, for my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Please consider joining us. Have Questions...need more information? Please contact Fr. Kris Nowak or the Parish Office at 248-477-7470.

**Fall Scripture Study – The Gospel of Matthew**

Father David Santoro, O.P., Chaplain at the Blessed Sacrament Monastery in Farmington Hills will lead the study using the Ignatius Bible Study Guide. The study will focus on the Gospel of Matthew.

Location: **St. Gerald's Church social hall**  
Time: Wednesday evenings 7:00 to 8:30 PM  
Dates: **September 11 – November 13, 2019**



**All are Welcome to this Inter-Parish Scripture Study.**

Bring your Bible and/or Ignatius Study guides. No need to register.

Contact Mary Taylor ([marytaylor.sgp@gmail.com](mailto:marytaylor.sgp@gmail.com)) if you have questions or 248-477-7470.

**Pray for our Sick:**

Norma Bazzett	Monica Koenig	Betty Murphy
Bonnie Haun	Christine Godbey	Yolanda Fenech
Phyllis Marek	Doug Foley	Cindy Porter
Ralph Wenski	Joseph Brown	Erin Malloy
Theresa Rich	Agnes Bongero	Wanda Reiner
Rose Hickey	Joyce LaMarra	Joan Goniea
Roberta Provenzano	John MacDougall	Nancy Kolliker



Do you enjoy playing pinochle? 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!

**We welcome to the  
Body of Christ**

*Carter Nicholas Buford*

*baptized Saturday,*

*July 6, 2019*

*by Rev. Krzysztof Nowak*

Carter is the son of  
**Edward Buford & Allison Robb**

**CHARITY CASINO BUS TOUR**



Firekeepers Casino in Battle Creek  
Wednesday August 7, 2019.  
Tour leaves St. Gerald Parish  
at 9 AM and returns at 6 PM.  
For information and to sign up call:  
Richard Smith 313-421-0204,  
Bruce Roberts 248-756-92257 or  
Richard Rosowski 248-477-2511.

Sponsored by St Gerald Knights of Columbus.

*Week at a Glance*

**Monday, July 15**  
8:40 AM Rosary  
9:15 AM Mass

**Tuesday, July 16**  
8:40 AM Rosary  
9:15 AM Mass  
9:45 AM Mother of Perpetual Help  
6:30 PM K of C Membership Meeting

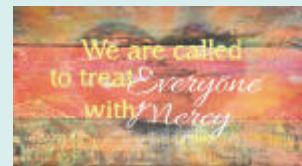
**Wednesday, July 17**  
No Mass

**Thursday, July 18**  
12:00 PM Pinochle  
6:20 PM Rosary  
7:00 PM Mass  
7:45 PM Holy Hour

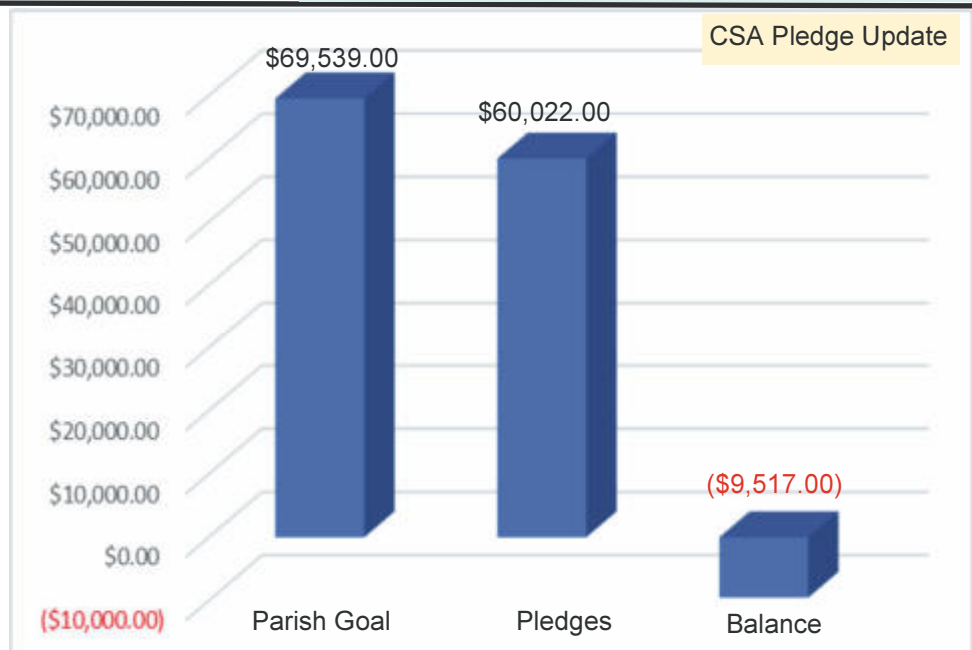
**Friday, July 19**  
8:40 AM Rosary  
9:15 AM Mass  
8:00 PM AA Meeting

**Saturday, July 20**  
12:00 PM Baptism  
3:30 PM Confessions  
5:00 PM Mass

**Sunday, July 21**  
8:30 AM Mass  
10:15 AM Mass  
12:00 PM Mass



**CSA Update . . .** We appreciate your support of the CSA Program here at St. Gerald. Every donation, no matter how big or how small, helps us to reach our goal. Our suggested giving amount per family is **\$215.00**, which would allow us to reach our goal of **\$69,539.00**. We know some families cannot afford the \$215.00 and others can afford more. Please prayerfully consider your donation amount. It is not an equal gift we ask for, it is an equal sacrifice. If you are unable to donate at this time, just return your pledge card indicating you are unable to make a donation to CSA this year.



# A Few Memories From Vacation Bible School



A very big thank you to the parish teens and friends, who helped make another year of memories for our VBS kids. Adult leaders included, **Julie Poisson, Chris Weber, Marisa Ferrari, Diane Roberts, Angela Luscri, Laurel Hoetger and Nancy Hills.** A special thank you to **Mary Taylor** for coordinating our volunteers.

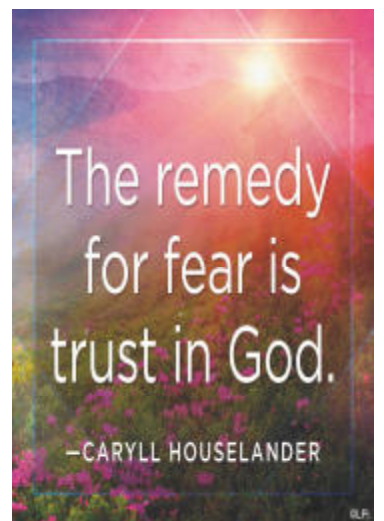
The children learned a lot and had loads of fun with songs, crafts, Bible dramas, games and snacks. The children enjoyed visiting each of our Mary statues on our church grounds and were provided rosaries from one of our parishioners, Bill Croitori. Thank you everyone!

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

So many times in my life, I have failed to start something because I had not yet adequately prepared. I would have started working out or going for a jog, but I needed to get the right shoes. I would have started eating right if only I could find the time and money to buy the right foods. I would have started that journaling project, but I couldn't without a really nice leather-bound journal. I would have, I would have, and I would have!

I know many people can relate. We offer up excuses for so many things. Sometimes we even get to the point where we do start something, but by then, we have already lost so much time.

Some of us are thinking about taking a stewardship way of life seriously, but we are just not ready yet. We would be more generous if we can first get out of debt. We would give of our time, but we have to wait until the kids get older or until we fully research our options. The truth is, we don't have to be in any particular state of life or have any specific financial portfolio to start giving our very selves to God. God takes us as we are now. No resume needed. Why waste so much time thinking about getting started and becoming serious? Time is a gift given to all of us. As we think and prepare endlessly, we are practicing poor stewardship. The time to start is today. Who wants to answer God one day at the gates of Heaven saying, "I would have."? -Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS





**Knights Corner**

**Salute to Claude Centers' 70 Years as a Knight and a 2019-20 Budget Will Lead Tuesday's Member Meeting**

Two items will highlight the agenda at Tuesday's chow less Membership Meeting. First will be a salute to our most experienced Knight, Claude Centers. The other will be consideration of the budget for the new 2019-20 fraternal year that started July 1. The salute to Claude will celebrate his 70 years as a Knight, the last 14-1/2 years as a charter member of Council 13673. Until a couple years ago, Claude was somewhat active in Council affairs and as an usher at the 8:30 AM Sunday Mass. At our pancake breakfasts, he usually could be found aiding the dishwashing crew, regaling them with stories from his U.S. Navy service or his career as an operating engineer.

The meeting will open at the usual 7 PM starting time. There will be no pre-meeting chow. That decision was made last month when Council officers were told that desks and other items would be stored in the Social Hall while the classrooms were being painted.

The other agenda highlight will be the presentation of the 2019-20 budget for approval by Treasurer Rich Rosowski. Council officers approved it at their July 2 meeting. There are no surprises in the budget. It forecasts three pancake breakfasts, five casino bus trips, a Tootsie Roll sale to aid the developmentally challenged and distribution of a Keep Christ in Christmas item. The same fundraising activities last fraternal year plus a few other sources allowed the Council to donate \$7,477 to various charities.

DGK Frank Gariepy is expected to report on his investigation into a new website for the Council. Now we are part of the parish website and must rely on other parties to get information on the site. He is looking at a site that would give us more control and quicker access. Anticipating a web change, a web master and a photographer are being sought to help build a new site and to maintain it.

Program Director Tom McPhail will be seeking a coordinator for our annual Pot Luck dinner which has been held in August in the past. PGK Fred Gerometta and wife Diane again have agreed to host the popular event at their Farmington Hills home. Tom also will be recruiting volunteers to assist with the August 21 dinner Knights will cook for clients and volunteers at the South Oakland Shelter program at North Congregational Church.

*Keep in Touch While Away – See This Report at [www.stgeraldparish.org](http://www.stgeraldparish.org)*

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**Accountant**

Kim Shepard

**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.

**ST. GERALD 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.**

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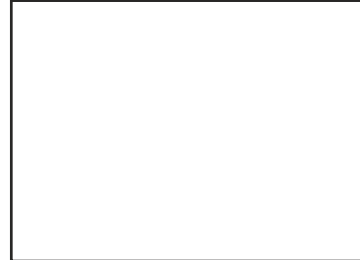


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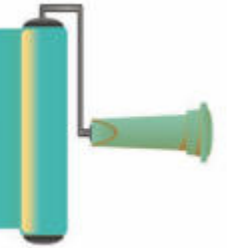
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