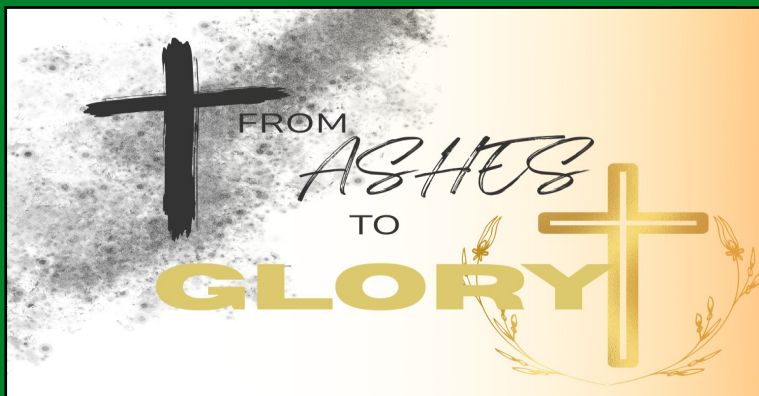


*Hosanna
to the Son of David;
blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord;
Hosanna in the highest.*

Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026



St. Joseph Congregation

A family devoted to experience Jesus through prayer, formation and service.

Mass Schedule:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday 8:15am | Saturday (Vigil) 4:00pm |
Sunday 8:00am, 10:30am

12130 W. Center Street, Wauwatosa, WI 53222
Parish Office: 414-771-4626 | Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00am-3:30pm

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Parish Registration: Registration for the parish can be done at the Parish Office during normal business hours or after Mass on Sunday in the Welcome Center at the Center St. entrance of church. Young people out of college school are requested to register as adult members.

Hearing Impaired: St. Joseph's Church has an "Audio Loop" for use by people who have a hearing aid equipped with a "T switch".

St. Joseph Chapel Hours: Monday-Friday 7:00am to 8:00pm.

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Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament:

Adoration will take place every Monday immediately following the 8:15am Mass until 9:30am.
Confession offered as well.

The next Holy Hour/Adoration will take place on Thursday, April 9th 6:30pm-7:30pm in the Chapel.

Anointing of the Sick:

The next Anointing of the Sick will take place on Friday, April 10th at the 8:15am Mass and Saturday, April 11th at the 8:15am Mass.

*Anointing may also be done by appointment.
Please call the Parish Office.*

Mass Intentions	Small Gifts Can Become Mighty Deeds
Monday, March 30th 7:35am Rosary 8:15am † Joseph Rehlinger	<p>We begin this Holy Week with the reading of the Lord's Passion from the Gospel of Matthew. It is fitting that during this week we intensely focus our minds and hearts on the steps of our Savior as He laid down His very life for us. But let us also examine the seemingly small acts of stewardship by some who encountered Jesus during this most eventful week.</p> <p>One occurred when Jesus gave instructions about the room where He would celebrate the Passover. Jesus said, "Go into the city to a certain man and tell him..." "In your house I shall celebrate the Passover with my disciples." While we do not know this man's name, we do know he agreed to this request — he shared the material gift of his home and the gift of hospitality. Because of his good stewardship, his own home became the site of the institution of the Eucharist!</p> <p>There was also Simon the Cyrenian, who offered the gift of his physical strength, helping the Lord to carry His Cross. Consider, too, the actions of Joseph of Arimathea — he generously shared a material gift of the tomb that was his, and he gave the gift of service to our Lord by giving Him a proper burial. Then there were the "two Marys" who gave Jesus the gift of their time. Keeping watch in tender vigil after His death, they "remained sitting there, facing the tomb."</p> <p>Each of these were simple acts of good stewardship, yet God used them in mighty ways. God invites each of us, too, to cooperate with Him in small ways through the sharing of our time, talent, and material gifts. Small gifts can become mighty deeds when placed in God's service.</p> <p><small>-copyright: Catholic Stewardship Consultants, www.CatholicSteward.com</small></p>
Tuesday, March 31st No Daily Mass 7:00pm Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist	
Wednesday, April 1st 7:35am Rosary 8:15am † John Zimmer	
Thursday, April 2nd—Holy Thursday 7:00pm Father Justin and all our priests 9:15pm Night Prayer in School Library	
Friday, April 3rd—Good Friday 8:15am Morning Prayer in Chapel 1:30pm Passion of the Lord	
Saturday, April 4th—Holy Saturday 8:15am Morning Prayer in Chapel 10:00am Blessing of Easter Food in Chapel 8:00pm † Daniel Pitterle † The Peschel Family	
Sunday, April 5th—Easter Sunday 7:00am Reconciliation 8:00am Our Parish Family 10:30am † Ignazio & Angela Pullara † Francesco & Giovannina Pullara	

Readings of the Week

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33,36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday: (1) Gn 1:1—2:2; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35 (2) Gn 22:1-18; Ps 16:5, 8-11; (3) Ex 14:15—15:1 (Ps) Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; (4) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; (5) Is 55:1-11 (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4-6; (6) Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ps 19:8-11; (7) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; (8) Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; (9) Mt 28:1-10

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9


Early Bulletin Deadline!

All bulletin articles for the April 12th bulletin will be due by Noon on March 30th.



Sacraments

Baptism: Parents who wish to have their child baptized must be registered members of St. Joseph Parish and practicing their Catholic Faith. A pre-baptism class must be attended prior to the date of the baptism. Baptisms are celebrated at one of the weekend Masses or at another arranged time. For more information contact the Parish Office.

Funerals: Please call the Parish Office in the event of the death of a loved one. Arrangements will be made for planning of the service including the musicians. Advanced planning may be done by making an appointment with Father.

Reconciliation: Monday 9:00am-9:30am, during adoration, Saturday 3:00 pm-3:50 pm, Sunday 7:00am-7:50am, or by appointment. Please call the Parish Office.

Weddings: Couples must contact the pastor to make arrangements for marriage. No date should be set until this is done as the church may not be available. The Catholic party must be a registered and practicing member of the parish for at least six months prior to setting a date. In addition, a six month period of preparation is required for marriage.

LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE



Fasting is to be observed on Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age and are under 59 years of age.

Those who are bound to this are to take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if needed to maintain strength according to one's needs but eating between meals is not permitted. Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves for these prescribed minimal penitential practices

Ministry of the Sick

Please take a moment to pray...

Heavenly Father, Lay Your healing hands on those who are sick...

AnneLiese Bitzl, Connie Borden, Christine Brady, Chris Burk, Phil Cashill, Margaret Christman, Dennis Cimpl, Marian Cochrane, Katy Connors, Mary Diotte, JoAnn Doyle, Donna Drake, Laura Dundon, Marge Fandre, Jane Foxgrover, Jeanne Fuchs, Josefina Gallegos, Christine Gilpatrick, Cameron Gonring, Amy Grahovac, Betty Groshek, Jenny Grosschadl, Diane Haase, Bruce Henning, Barb Hesselbein, Alex Holmes, Charles Jacoby, Jim Janette, Joy Kasun, Joyce Keller, Janet Klein, Don Kresse, Richard Kroscher, Doug Kruse, Julian Lombard, Mark Mayer, Sue McCauley, Tom McElwee, Margaret Mehigan, Theresa Motto, Shawn Munch, Lee Neustedter, Loren Norstrem, Dale Peterson, Luis Rodriguez, Dan Rooney, Paul Siverling, Carol & Lee Smaglick, Tim Taff, Betty Weinzierl, & Ann Marie Wick



We also include any of our loved ones who are dealing with cancer or mental illness.

If you know anyone who is sick or in the hospital, please let us know. The hospitals do not always contact us.

If you or someone you know is homebound or ill and would like to receive communion, please call the Parish Office.

In observance of Holy Week, please know that the Parish Office will have limited services available.

Please keep this in mind when making requests.



The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, April 3rd.



The Vandermause Family
The Allen Family
The Kosacki Family
The Blake Family



From the Desk of Father Justin

Here we are: the start of Holy Week - Palm Sunday.

Today's bulletin article will be a short smorgasbord of Holy Week and Easter-related trivia/updates that you may not be aware of. Otherwise, may the sacredness of the season be with you and I sincerely hope to see you between Holy Thursday and Easter Sunday at some point!

-Father Justin

- Your Lenten sacrifice is valid until sundown (4:00 PM or so) on Holy Thursday. Bear in mind that Good Friday is a major day of fasting, so strive to eat a small amount of food... and of course say no to meat. Suffer a little bit in your life and join Christ on the cross for Good Friday. Don't worry - you'll probably make up those calories on Sunday!
- All ordinary church business will continue, but in a minimal way, between Palm Sunday and Wednesday of Holy Week. All ordinary church business will end on the morning Holy Thursday, apart from life-or-death sacramental emergencies. Between Holy Thursday and Easter Sunday, I will meet no one for marriage prep, spiritual direction, or matters of administration. I will not return phone calls or emails, and I will not hear any confessions prior to Sunday. That means that there will NOT be confessions available on Holy Saturday at 3:00 PM. However, I will resume my usual 7:00 AM confession time on Easter Sunday. Once we begin Holy Thursday, we are called to focus all our attention on the mystery of faith. All ordinary business must be put on hold, out of respect for the holiest part of our year.
- At the end of Mass on Holy Thursday, we will repose Jesus in the school's library. We will keep the main doors of the church open from that time until 9:15 when Deacon Kurt will lead Night Prayer. We will lock the church at that time, and we'll unlock the church on Good Friday at noon. You'll be free to enter the church for personal prayer between noon and our Good Friday service at 1:30. The church will be locked from late Friday afternoon until Saturday evening in preparation for the Easter Vigil which begins at 8:00.
- The period of Holy Thursday through the Easter Vigil is the only predictable time we ought to remove Jesus from the tabernacle in church. A Catholic church's worship space should never be absent of the presence of Christ. We do not remove him for anything short of an absolute necessity or emergency... aside from the Triduum of Holy Thursday through Holy Saturday. Christ is not a feature of the church to be included or removed at our whim. In fact, He is the very reason for the church in the first place!
- Our sacred oils are blessed or consecrated at the Chrism Mass on Tuesday of Holy Week. I will claim our oils then and reverently dispose of the old oil on Wednesday with some schoolkids.
- Holy Thursday and Good Friday are "extra" parts of Holy Week, and I encourage you to attend one or both of them. All able-bodied Catholics should certainly attend the Easter Vigil on Saturday or Easter Sunday Mass as their basic Sunday obligation.
- Good Friday's service is not a Mass: it's the Good Friday service. As that is the day we remember Jesus dead on the cross and placed in the tomb, it is the one day of the year that Mass is not celebrated. This contrast takes place all around the world, every year, without fail: it is a universal part of our Catholic faith.
- If things go perfectly, the congregation should consume all hosts of the tabernacle on Good Friday, where I am free to consecrate fresh hosts during Easter Saturday's vigil.
- Remember: if Christ is not in the tabernacle, a genuflection is not appropriate. We genuflect to our King: Jesus Christ. We do not genuflect to anything less, such as fancy gold box, an altar, or a person who's less than our king. Therefore, when he is absent (from the end of Mass on Holy Thursday to the conclusion of Mass on Holy Saturday), we should not genuflect to an empty box nor out of mindless habit. During this time, the appropriate act is to reverently bow toward the altar as a sign of basic respect.



Holy Thursday—April 2

7:00pm ~ Mass

Please bring bread for the food pantry

9:15pm ~ Night Prayer in the School Library

Church doors will be locked beginning at 10pm

Good Friday—April 3

8:15am ~ Morning Prayer in the Chapel

Church doors will be unlocked beginning at Noon

1:30pm ~ Passion of the Lord

Collection will go to the Holy Land

Stations of the Cross following the service

Holy Saturday—April 4

8:15am ~ Morning Prayer in the Chapel

10:00am ~ Blessing of Easter Food in Chapel

8:00pm ~ Easter Vigil

Please bring bells to ring at Gloria

Easter Sunday—April 5

8:00am & 10:30am

April Usher Teams

Usher teams 3, 6, and 9, you are scheduled for April ushering, starting the weekend of April 4th and 5th.

4:00 p.m. – Bruce & Kelly Cincotta, Brian Foley, Lee Neustedter, David Niles, Dave Tarman

8:00 a.m. – Mike Hartmann, Larry Henderson, Mike & Tim Kucharski, Chris Solberg

10:30 a.m. – Damian Cuellar, Bob Haas, Bret Holmes, Mont Martin, Paul Melnick

HUMAN CONCERNS THANK YOU!

“I was naked and you clothed me.” Matthew 25:36



FINAL 2026 COAT COLLECTION WILL BE MARCH 28-29.

Thank you St. Joseph parishioners for your continued generosity with donations of coats, jackets, sweaters, gloves, mittens, scarves, caps and other warm weather items. All items were wonderful gifts and well appreciated and welcomed by various outreach programs in and around our community.

The generous support of parishioners in our Human Concerns efforts is overwhelming. May God continue to bless you as we journey through this Lenten Season with grace and gratitude.



Living Stations of the Cross

Seeing the awfulness of Jesus' suffering reminds us of something wonderful: how much He loves us. Jesus endured His Passion because of the love He had for each individual person that would ever live, and so the Stations of the Cross remind us of how much we are loved.

The St. Joseph 7th grade class presents the Living Stations of the Cross

Wednesday, April 1st at 11:15 am in the Church

All are welcome to join this performance of our students offering a particularly vivid way of following in the steps of Jesus on the way to the Cross.

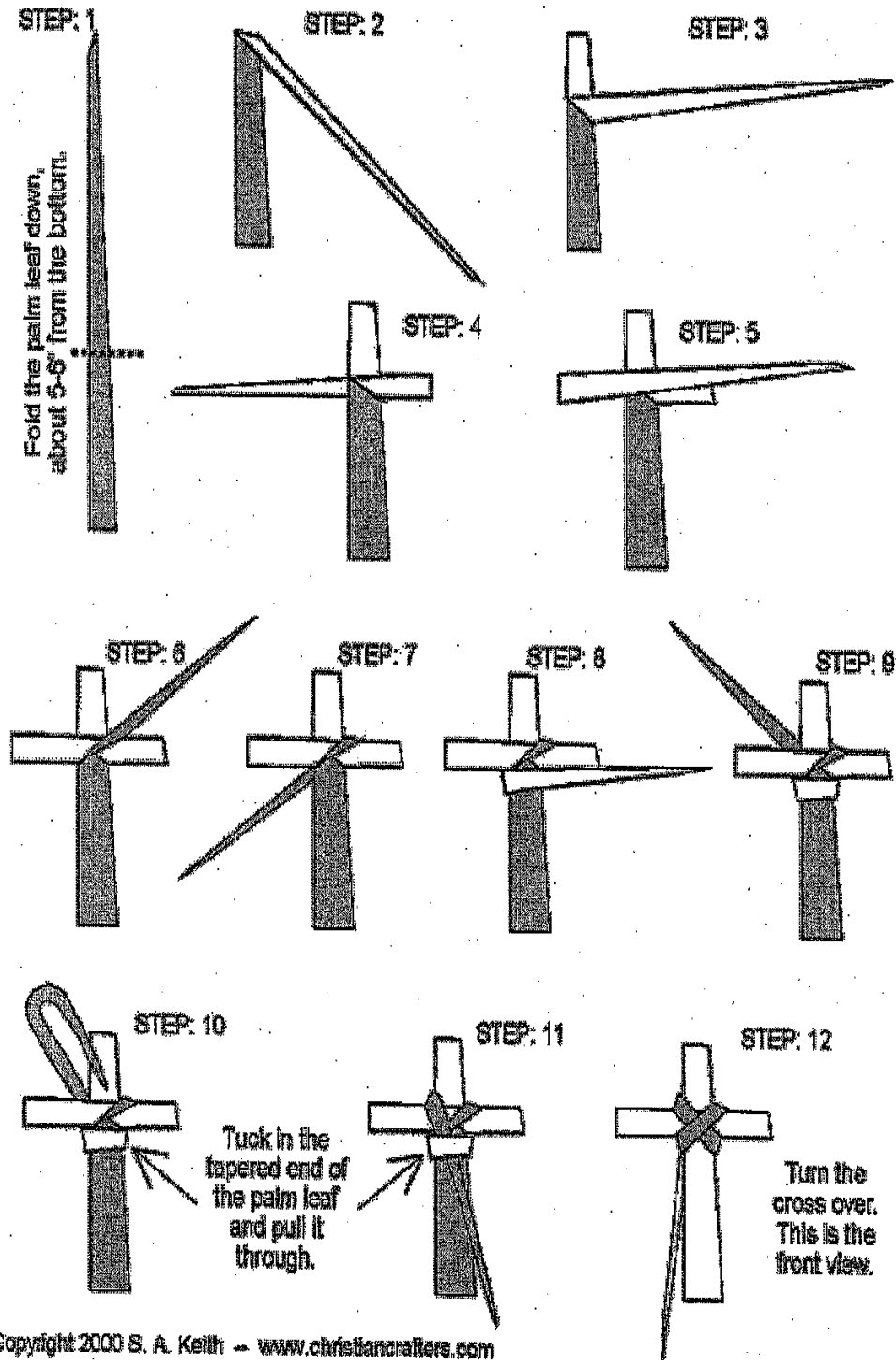
Congrats on a Great Season!

St. Joe's
celebrated a
Second Place
win for the Small
Schools
Category at the
MLFA State
Forensics Meet
on Saturday,
March 21, 2026!



Palm Folding 101

Supplies: One palm leaf strip about 24-26" in length, 1/2" in width, tapering to the end.





All Men & Women Invited!

CONSOLING *the*
Heart of Jesus

A 10-Week Spiritual Journey

6:30 to 8 PM

April 20, 27 | May 4, 11, 18, 25 | June 1, 8, 15, 22

This group retreat on the devotion to the Sacred Heart, follows Fr. Michael Gaitley's book *Consoling the Heart of Jesus* and its accompanying group-retreat program on Divine Mercy. Discover God's infinite mercy and learn how to console *His Heart* by accepting His love and trusting in Him completely.

📍 Parish Center – St. Joseph Room (Upstairs)

For questions or to join contact

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We joyfully celebrated the Feast of St. Joseph with a beautiful Mass celebrated by Bishop Schuerman on March 19th. Nearly 200 parishioners attended! Following the liturgy, our community gathered for a wonderful dinner, sharing in fellowship and gratitude.

Thank you to all who helped plan and make this special celebration possible. We also extend our sincere thanks to those who donated to the People's Table; your generosity is a true reflection of St. Joseph's spirit of care and service.



St. Joseph Feast Day 2026



Inspired by Bishop Scheurman's encouragement to remember the importance of St. Joseph in our daily lives, we include this prayer for our parish community:



Prayer to the Sleeping St. Joseph

Saint Joseph, you lived for one purpose—to be the personal servant of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

How perfect was your obedience?

When God sent an angel in your dreams to tell you to care for Mary, you obeyed in spite of the mystery which surrounded her motherhood. When you were told to flee into Egypt under painful conditions, you obeyed without the slightest word of complaint. When God advised you in a dream to return to Nazareth, you obeyed. In every situation your obedience was as simple as your faith and humble as your heart. O guardian of the Holy Family and protector of the Church, pray for us. Amen

Upcoming Activities at St. Joseph's:

Monday, March 30

No Events

Tuesday, March 31

7:00pm-8:00pm: Pilgrims on the Road to Emmaus
in St. John Rm

Wednesday, April 1

6:30am-7:45am: St. Peters Stones Group
in St. Mary Room

9:00am-11:00am: St. Faustina Small Group
in St. Matthew Rm

11:15am-12:00pm: Day School Living Stations of the
Cross in Church

6:30pm-8:30pm: Art & Environment in Church

Thursday, April 2—Holy Thursday

School Dismissal at Noon

Friday, April 3

No School

Parish Office Closed

8:30am-10:30am: Art & Environment in Church

Saturday, April 4

8:30am-10:30am: Art & Environment in Church

Sunday, April 5

No Events



SCRIP GIFT CARD ORDERS ARE DUE

TUESDAY, MARCH 31st!

(Will be delivered April 13th)

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Parish Office.

You can also order online—

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Click SIGN UP and enter the enrollment code:

ELC36A946559

Support St. Joe's Parish & School and order
gift cards today!

ST. JOSEPH RUMMAGE!



Donations Received

June 6 to June 15

9am to 3pm

NO SUNDAY HOURS

Sale Dates

June 18, 9am to 5pm

June 19, 9am to 5pm

June 20, 9am to 2pm

- * Please leave **children's clothing, toys, adults & children's books** in the Welcome Center.
- * To donate **furniture** contact Fran, dntolly@aol.com Subject: Rummage
- * **NEW THIS YEAR— A "Women's Boutique", we need quality women's clothing!**
- * The Rummage Sale is expanding its "aluminum can" collection to include **BRASS and COPPER**. Aluminum cans cannot have contained food or been used for cooking.
- * **THE GREAT JEWELRY COLLECTION...** Thousands of pieces of jewelry are sold each year. Collect jewelry from family and friends and leave it in the Welcome Center or the Parish Office.
- * Currently collecting **FUR OR LEATHER COATS** and **STERLING SILVER**. Leave in the Welcome Center.
- * **BIKES, BIKES, BIKES**—We would like to sell 60 bikes again this year—adult or kids—leave between the garages labeled "Rummage Sale".



St. Joseph Catholic Church

Wauwatosa, Wisconsin

Welcome to St. Joseph Congregation.
We are blessed to have you worship
with us today!

We pray that our celebration of the Mass spiritually
feeds you and that you feel welcome among us.

Have questions about St. Joseph
Congregation or the Catholic Church?
We're happy to answer! Just contact
Father Justin, Dennis Sylva, our Adult
Minister, or the parish office (414) 771-4626.

Learn more about us at stjoetosa.com



At St. Joseph Catholic School we offer a
faith filled academic experience for
children 3K—8th grade.

If you would like to schedule a
tour and see what our school offers
please contact our principal,

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Learn more about our day school
at stjosephschooltosa.com



The Rummage Sale needs your help!

Do you know a charity that could pick up
furniture at 2:00 PM on June 20th
(the closing day of the rummage sale)?

Please contact Fran if you know of anyone
who can assist: dntolly@aol.com

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