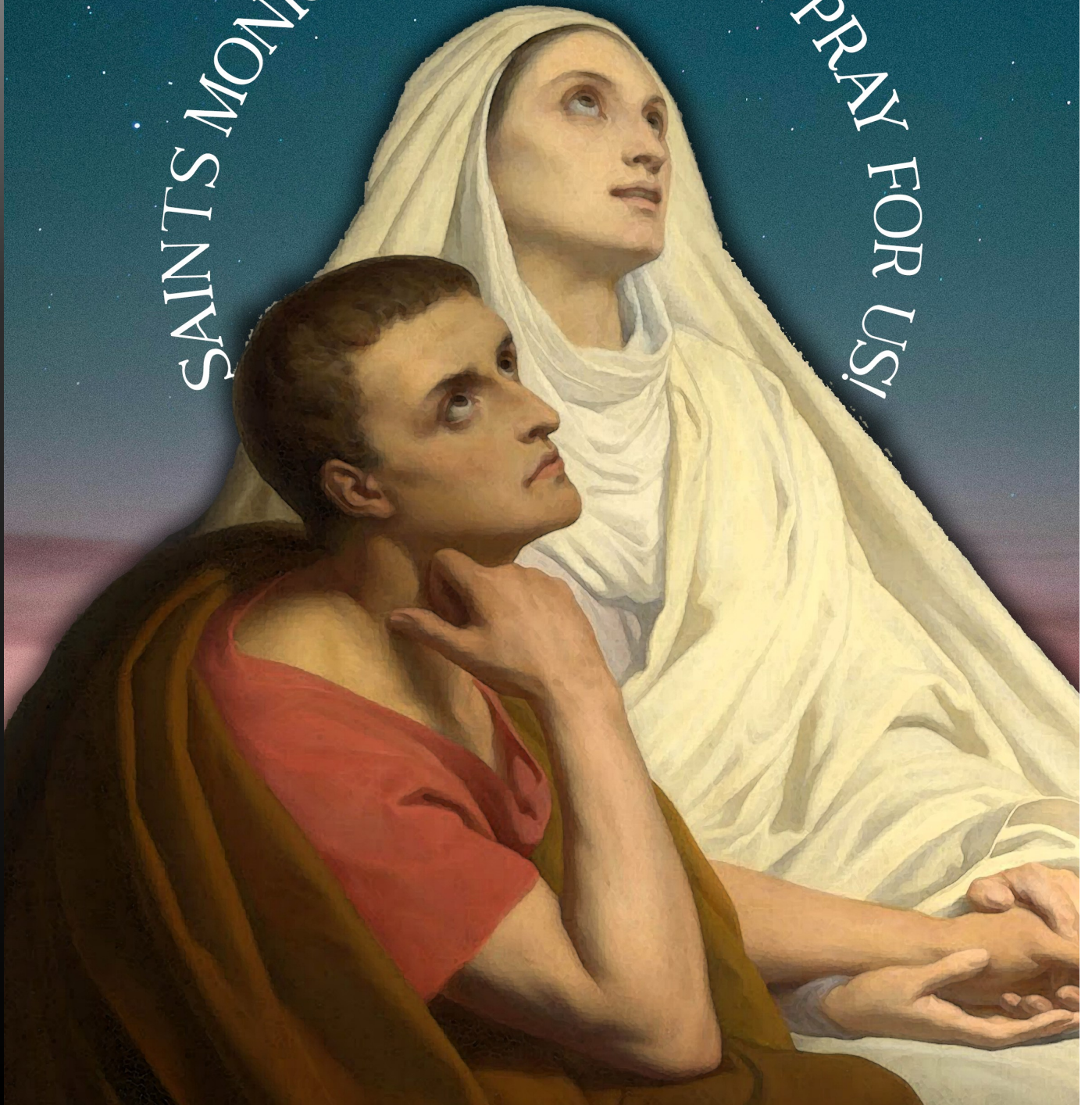


OUR LADY of GRACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

SAINTS MONICA & AUGUSTINE, PRAY FOR US!



PRIEST'S INTENTIONS FOR MASSES

Sun, Aug 24 TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 5:30 pm † Liz Van Valkenvurgh & (Vigil) † Ed Van Valkenvurgh
 8:00 am † Gerry Smith
 11:00 am † Bartolome Rosales
 5:30 pm For the People of the Parish

Mon, Aug 25 Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest
 8:00 am † Olga Gallagher

Tue, Aug 26 Weekday
 8:00 am † Robert Gaspar

Wed, Aug 27 Saint Monica
 8:00 am † Mary Meadows - Pitt

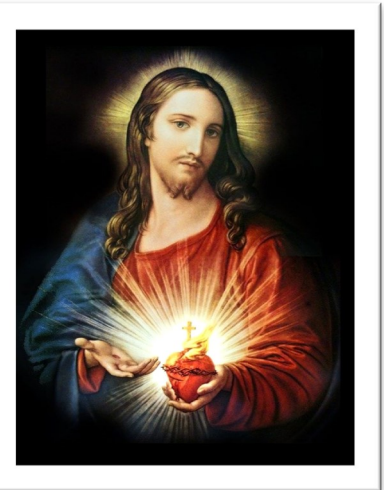
Thu, Aug 28 Saint Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
 8:00 am † Agustin Azua

Fri, Aug 29 The Passion of St. John the Baptist
 8:00 am † Ricardo H. Diaz

Sat, Aug 30 Weekday
 8:00 am † Donald Marsh

Welcome to OUR LADY of GRACE!

W elcome to all members and visitors who are joining us for the celebration of the Eucharist.



If you have been away from the Church for a little while or for quite some time, but now feel a tug at your heart calling you back to the Catholic Church, welcome home!

If you feel drawn to the Catholic Church yet come from another faith tradition - or have no faith experience at all - we are glad you are here!

The Catholic Church has been teaching truth since she was founded by Christ over 2,000 years ago. We offer ministries and service groups that help you to build friendships and serve our parish along with the greater community. We also offer life-long learning through our many faith formation opportunities for children and adults.

For baptized Catholics needing to complete their Sacraments of Initiation please contact Deacon John Sawaya at: jsawaya@olg-church.org. For those interested in joining the Catholic Church, please also contact Deacon John Sawaya. You can also contact him by using the "Contact us" link at olg-church.org.

Eucharistic
ADORATION

EVERY WEDNESDAY 6-8PM
 FIRST FRIDAY (24-HOUR ADORATION) 8:45AM-SATURDAY 7:45AM

*To sign-up for a time slot at our 24 hour Adoration, e-mail Lesley Bradley at lesleybradley.lb@gmail.com.

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP IN THE PARISH CENTER

All are welcome Sunday mornings after Mass

Aug 24 OLG Open House
Sponsored by the Events Committee
 Learn more about our parish school, clubs, activities and ministries while enjoying complimentary refreshments!

Aug 31 Strawberry Delight Sunday
Sponsored by the Events Committee & CWC
 The Events Committee and the CWC are teaming up for Strawberry Delight (Strawberries & Pound Cake with Whipped Cream). Mary's Donuts, complimentary juices, milk, coffee and tea will also be available.

Sep 7 Food & Fellowship Sunday
Sponsored by the International Catholic Families
 A delicious menu is being planned for this weekend. Stay tuned!

Allergies

The first morning Mass of a holy day will always be incense-free.

Mindfulness of Others

Please silence all devices and refrain from using them during the liturgy to avoid distracting those around you.

READINGS FOR AUGUST 24 – 31

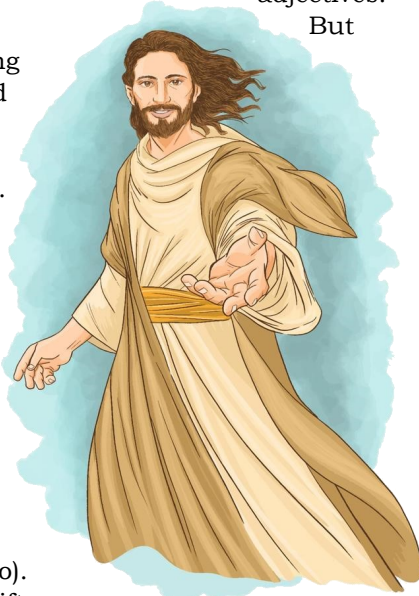
Sun: Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30
Mon: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Mt 23:13-22
Tue: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Mt 23:23-26
Wed: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32
Thu: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51
Fri: 1 Thes 4:1-8 (429); Mk 6:17-29
Sat: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30
Sun: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

GROW: Have you ever felt as though God is punishing you? Throughout the course of our lives, we experience what might seem like a barrage of hardships. This battering down of our interior and exterior fortresses over time can test our faith and weaken our resolve. If you find yourself in this position, read today's passage from Hebrews again: "Do not disdain the discipline of the Lord," St. Paul reminds us, "for whom the Lord loves, he disciplines." In our human nature, we may find these "disciplines" painful (and rightfully so). But Paul urges us to shift our mindset, recognizing that just as a good father disciplines his children for their greater good, so our heavenly Father does the same for us. Paul goes on to explain that we may consider every trial we endure in this sense, as a loving "discipline" – a sign

of the Lord's attention and desire for our sanctity.

GO: Modern society loves the concept of a God who is soft, inviting, sweet, and tender. Of course, our Lord in his goodness and mercy can be described by those adjectives. But



today's Gospel reminds us of an equally important characteristic of the Lord: He is the supreme and final judge, and at the final judgment we will be held accountable for our lives. In the end, we will stand before the Lord, and he will put all things in proper

order. Will it be glorious, loving, and merciful? Yes. Painful and piercing? Perhaps. Our Lord's love knows no bounds, and he withholds his mercy from no one. It is precisely from this place of perfect love and profound mercy that rightful judgment emerges. May we live a life worthy of welcome when we meet him face to face.

PRAY: In addition to accepting the discipline that the Lord sends our way, we can engage in voluntary practices to strengthen our spiritual lives. These practices are necessary, as Jesus tells us that many "will not be strong enough" to enter through the narrow gate that leads to life. Our second reading exhorts us to "strengthen [our] drooping hands and [our] weak knees." What spiritual disciplines have you found helpful to foster your growth in holiness? What areas are weak or need strengthening?

Written by: The Faithful Disciple

OUR LADY OF GRACE CHURCH Founded 1954 CLERGY

PASTOR

Rev. Lauro Minimo

PRIEST IN RESIDENCE

*Rev. Celsius Offor,
CH, LT, USN*

DEACON

John Sawaya

SCHEDULE of MASSES

SUNDAY VIGIL

(Saturday) 5:30 pm

SUNDAY

8:00 am, 11:00 am, 5:30 pm

MONDAY-SATURDAY

8:00 am

Holy days and holidays listed separately in bulletin.

SACRAMENTS

INFANT BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays at 12:30 pm. Preparation packet is available in the parish office.

ORDER of CHRISTIAN

INITIATION of ADULTS

Contact Dcn. John Sawaya
(858) 869-5079.

HOLY MATRIMONY

Marriage preparation begins nine months in advance. Please contact Fr. Lauro Minimo, Dcn. John Sawaya.

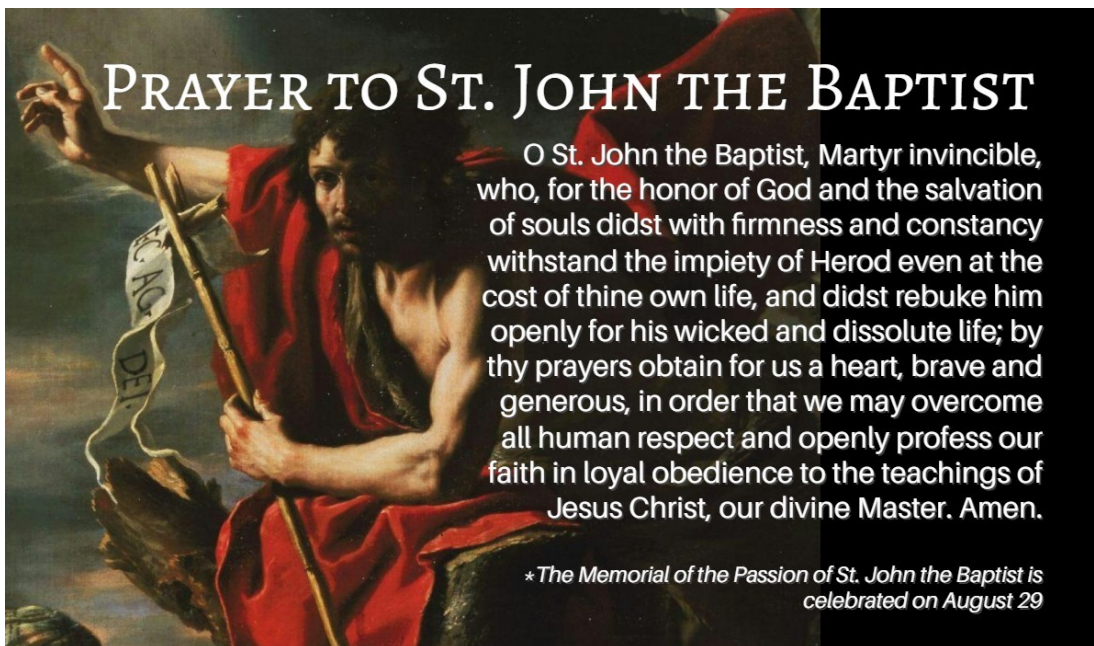
PENANCE AND

RECONCILIATION

Monday 6:00 pm
Wednesday 8:45 am
Saturday 4:00 pm
or by appointment.

ANOINTING of THE SICK

Call the parish office
(619) 469-0133.



PRAYER TO ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

O St. John the Baptist, Martyr invincible, who, for the honor of God and the salvation of souls didst with firmness and constancy withstand the impiety of Herod even at the cost of thine own life, and didst rebuke him openly for his wicked and dissolute life; by thy prayers obtain for us a heart, brave and generous, in order that we may overcome all human respect and openly profess our faith in loyal obedience to the teachings of Jesus Christ, our divine Master. Amen.

**The Memorial of the Passion of St. John the Baptist is celebrated on August 29*



JOIN US THIS WEEKEND!

Have you ever wondered how many families the **OLG PANTRY** helps out, or wondered when the **BOOK CLUB** meets? How about what activities the **YOUTH ADULT GROUP** is participating in? What's the **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** all about? You can get answers to all your questions at our **ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE!** OLG is a very active parish with several clubs, ministries and over 500 volunteers from all walks of life. The Events Committee is hosting this year's **OPEN HOUSE** immediately following all Masses on **August 23 and 24 in the Parish Center.** Come Saturday or Sunday evening for **WINE AND CHEESE.** Or stop in after the morning Masses for **DONUTS, SNACKS and ICE CREAM (all complimentary)!** In addition, there will be a complimentary **OPPORTUNITY DRAWING** after each Mass for your chance to win a **\$50.00 gift card.** This is a great time to find out more about how you can become more involved in our OLG Parish Community. Hope to see you there!

Did you know that Pope Leo XIV is an Augustinian?

Pope Leo XIV, Robert Prevost, attended an Augustinian seminary high school near Holland, Michigan, which is now an event venue. He later earned a bachelor of science degree in mathematics from Villanova University, which is sponsored by the Augustinians and located in Pennsylvania.

He made his solemn vows as an Augustinian in 1981 and was ordained to the priesthood in June 1982 after studying theology at the Catholic Theological Union of Chicago. After being ordained, he earned a doctorate in canon law from Rome's Pontifical College of St. Thomas Aquinas (also known as the Angelicum) in 1987.

Prevost returned to Chicago for a short time in 1987, serving as pastor for vocations and director of missions for the Midwest Augustinians (Province of Our Mother of Good Counsel). He was then sent to Peru, where he served the Augustinians in various capacities including as a regional ecclesiastical judge and teacher of canon law in the diocesan seminary for Trujillo, Peru, for 10 years.

After being elected the head of the Augustinian Province of Chicago, Prevost returned to the U.S. in 1999. He was elected prior general of the Augustinians in 2001 and then reelected in 2007, serving as head of the order until 2013.

***Feel free to have your kids color the image of St. Augustine on the right and cut it out for your own Holy Card of this great Saint!**

Written by: The Catholic News Agency



WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT

August 05, 2025 - August 11, 2025 **\$20,044.46**

Plate	\$2,788.18
Envelopes	\$10,766.48
Online Giving	\$6,489.80

Breakdown of Gifts Received

\$0.01 - \$5.00	46
\$5.01 - \$10.00	45
\$10.01 - \$25.00	120
\$25.01 - \$50.00	77
\$50.01 - \$100.00	38
\$100.01 - \$150.00	8
\$150.01 - \$500.00	23
\$500.01 - Over	1

Total Contributing Households **358**

Building Fund	\$687.00
Faith Formation & Youth	\$698.00
Food Pantry	\$352.00
School - General	\$255.00
School - Tuition Assistance	\$805.00

Ignatian Spirituality Project San Diego

What is ISP? It is short for Ignatian Spirituality Project which invites men and women experiencing homelessness and recovery from addiction to encounter God's love, hope, and healing through spiritual companionship that transforms lives.

The practice of ISP is based on St. Ignatius of Loyola and the 12-step Program. We take them on a Spiritual journey to an Overnight Retreat, Follow-up Retreat, and Spiritual Reflection. During these Spiritual Journeys they are hosted at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside where they meditate, pray, and share about their sacred stories and fellowships.

Together with the facilitators and women and men (separately) from Fr Joe's Village, Rachel's Promise, Uptown Safe Haven, United Methodist Church, La Mesa, Lutheran Church, Santee, and Voices of Our City Choir, they have bonded to support one another and shared their sacred stories with each other.

We often hear people saying, "I'm thankful for the healing I gained and for that I was able to open up about my own story and be accepted." And, "The Spiritual



Reflection opened my heart and opened my ears." And more.

All ISP retreats are offered free of charge. We depend on the support of our communities to make retreats possible through donations and sponsors. We also request volunteer drivers, spiritual companionship, hospitality and your support and prayers to bring our neighbors to a sacred space. You may check our website at ispretreats.org. If you want to talk about this program, you may also call **Maureen at (619) 672-0788**, or via email: mopanuco@icloud.com

Faith Formation
FALL 2025-26 IS NOW OPEN!

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First Communion Prep,
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1 Student \$150 **2 Students \$225** **3 Students \$300**



WALKING
With Purpose

EVERY THURSDAY BEGINNING ON SEPTEMBER 11
6:30pm - Parish Hall

We invite all women to join us beginning September 11 for weekly sessions as we read and study the book, Passionate Discipleship. The book is \$25 and can be purchased at: www.walkingwithpurpose.com

For more information, please contact Vicky Szymanski at: vickysz03@hotmail.com



THE EVENTS COMMITTEE & THE CWC PRESENTS

It's Strawberry Delight Time!



Sunday, August 31

The Events Committee & the CWC will be serving delicious pound cake with macerated strawberries and topped with whipped cream! Mary's Donuts will also be available with complimentary juices and coffee! Stop by after all the morning Masses. See you there!



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who have requested prayer and for the special intentions written in the Book of Intentions in the Baptistry of our Church.

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| Ron Aguinaldo | Colette Gerard |
| Heriberto Albanez | Philip William Hessling |
| Griselda Albanez | Ed Howell |
| Angie Arrayan | Adrienne Jones |
| Kali'a Arrayan | Jason Laccone |
| David Bandrowski | Rebecca Leyden |
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| Donna Botzer | Lorene MacLaird |
| Stephen Botzer | Vern MacLaird |
| Matt Bradley | Dawn MacNabb |
| Catalina Branch | Annika Maun |
| Edward Brown | Claire Miller |
| Lucy Caballero | Steven Mull |
| Cheryl Casey | Phil Panuco |
| Justo Casillas Jr. | Mary Jo Piazza |
| Humberto Castañeda | Frank Principato |
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| Luzanne Coyne | David Smith |
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| Frank Ferrone | Joseph Wilson |
| Lucy Forcier | Marilyn Winger |
| Katti Freeman | Florence B. Willkomm |
| Joseph Fromm | Colleen Wynne |
| Elizabeth Fromm | Robert Yarsinsky |
| Griselda Freund | |

*Names will remain listed in the bulletin for 4 weeks. If you would like to add a name to the list, or have names removed/renewed, please contact **Alexa Alcantara** at: aalcantara@olg-church.org.*



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Please pray for the eternal repose of the soul of

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May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace!

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To e-mail members of the parish staff or the ministry leaders listed below please visit our website at: olg-church.org - click on the "Contact Us" link in the upper right corner of the browser window.

For a ministry leader phone number please call the Parish Office at (619) 469-0133.

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EVENTS COMMITTEE — Deborah Renick

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 Doug Perl M-F, 9:30-11:00 am

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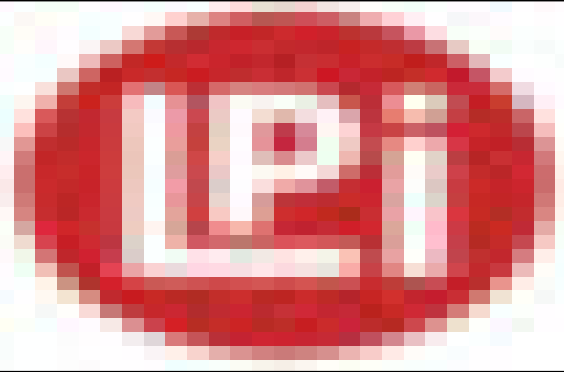
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