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A diverse spiritual community in action, dedicated to drawing people to Christ and making church and worship matter. We do this through our liturgical worship and living out our stewardship of time, talent, and treasure.

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Daily Mass: Monday—Friday
8:30 am, 12:00 Noon

Saturday

Mass: 8:30 am
Confession: 1:00 pm—2:00 pm
Saturday Vigil Mass—5:30 pm

Sunday

7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am,
12:00 Noon

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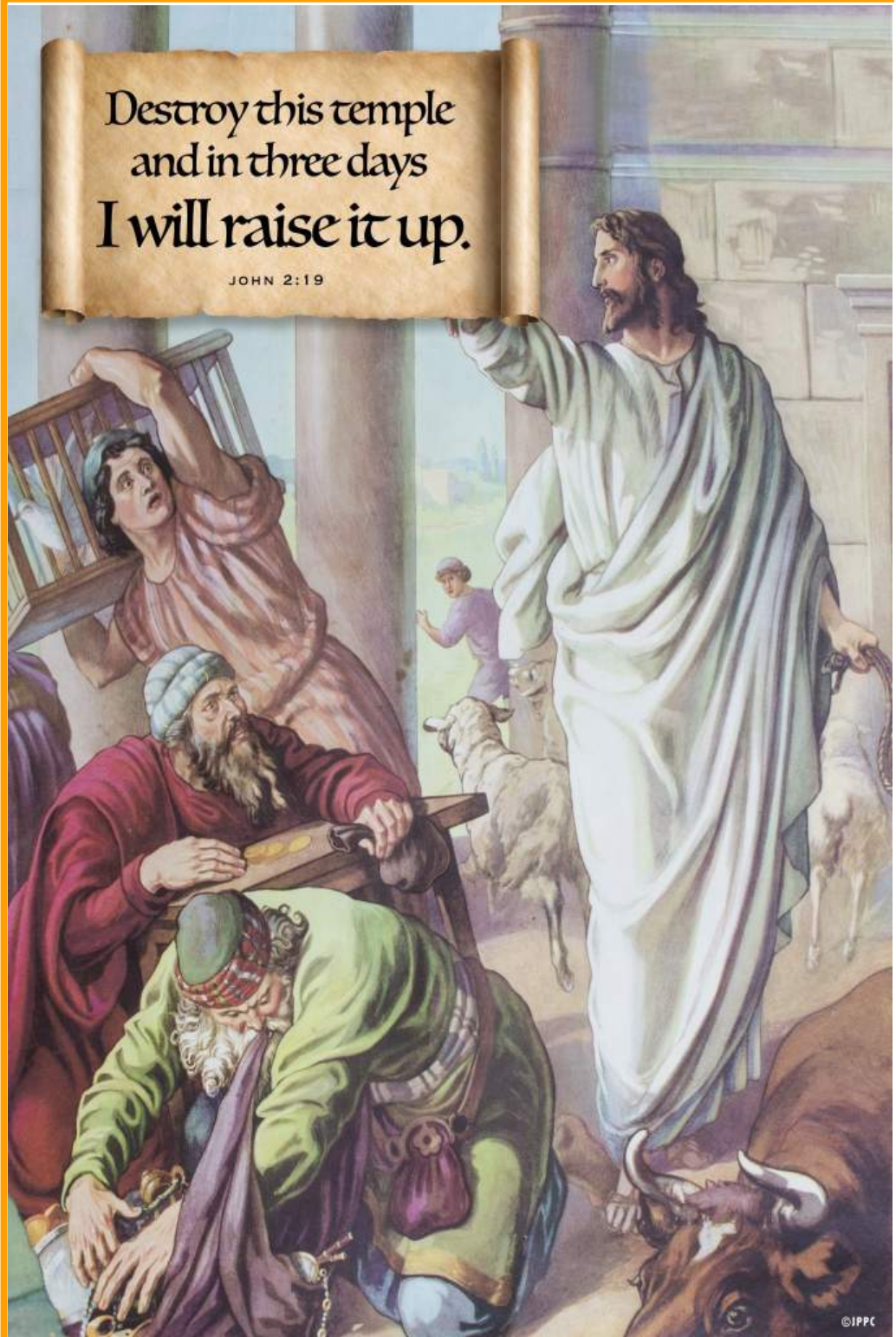
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LENTEN SEASON AND EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



My dear friends, the adoration of the Holy Eucharist is the most remarkable devotion in the life of a Catholic Christian. No other devotion comes close to its power to heal, restore, save, and bestow divine blessings and favor. Speaking to a gathering in Phoenix Park during a three-day visit to Ireland in 1979, Saint Pope John Paul II said, "The visit to the Blessed Sacrament is a great treasure of the Catholic faith. It nourishes social love and gives us opportunities for adoration, thanksgiving, reparation, and supplication." I genuinely believe that devotion to Eucharistic adoration is very pertinent to having a rich-filled Lenten observance and, more significantly, needs to be part of our prayer routine.

The Sacred Congregation on Rites, in their statement on the "Instruction on Eucharistic Worship" on May 25th, 1967, stated: "The exposition of the Blessed Sacrament...stimulates the faithful to an awareness of the marvelous presence of Christ and is an invitation to spiritual communion with Him. It is, therefore, an excellent encouragement to offer Him that worship in spirit and truth which is His due." In his encyclical, "Redeemer of Man," Pope John Paul II said that our "communal worship at Mass must go together with our personal worship of Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration in order that our love may be complete." This is why The Council of Trent (the gathering of the Pope, Cardinals, Bishops, priests, laity and theologians, to define and clarify Catholic doctrine) declared that "The only-begotten Son of God is to be adored in the Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist... and that the Sacrament is to be publicly exposed for the people's adoration". In an apparition to Catalina Rivas of Cochabamba, Bolivia, Jesus made some heart-felt promises among which are: "I will receive affectionately that soul that visits Me frequently in this Sacrament of Love and these visits will be written down in the Book of its Life" and "I will annul the power of Satan over its person and its loved ones" and "I will grant it special protection in case of earthquakes, hurricanes and other natural disasters, relief of its loved ones from the pains of Purgatory, blessing on every good material and spiritual project undertaken, intercessions of My Mother, the Saints and

Angels at the hour of death, and such a soul will not be condemned or die without the Sacraments of the Church.

It was customary for Catholics, young and old, to stop at the local Church to visit the Blessed Sacrament on their way home from school, work, grocery store, or sports practice. This makes sense when we realize that by worshipping the Eucharistic Jesus, we become what God wants us to be as He draws us to Himself and gently transforms us. No wonder Saint Pope John Paul II, in his exhortation "Dominicae Cenaе," said, "The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic worship. Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration".

The best time we can ever spend in this world is the time we spend with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration. Pope Paul VI, in his encyclical "Mysterium Fidei" said that "There is nothing more consoling on earth, nothing more efficacious for advancing along the road of holiness" than having a conversation with Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. While it is true that we can pray to God anywhere and that God lives within us, there is something very powerful about adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament because, in the Eucharist, we have the full power inherent in the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus Christ. Therefore, we have the possibility of receiving, in a very unique and mysterious way, the incredible spiritual strength and nourishment that are contained therein.

In our parish, we have Eucharistic adorations on the first Sunday and first Friday of every month at 7:00 pm and exposition of the Eucharist with devotion to our Blessed Mother every Wednesday at 7:30 pm. What an opportunity we have to encounter Christ one-on-one in these moments! May the grace of God draw us ever more closely to His Son, Jesus Christ, in the Blessed Eucharist!

Msrgr. Anselm

Stewardship of Treasure

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK ANNUAL APPEAL ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

2024 Base Goal: \$43,473
2024 Stretch Goal: \$46,240
As of: 2/28/24
Donor Pledge: \$18,672
Donor Received: \$14,731.45

The Church is looking for donations for the purchase of a White, Green, Red and Purple Chasubles. Please contact the Parish Office (908) 688-1232, ext 100 if you are willing to contribute.

Thank you for your continued generosity to the Church.



"Give and gifts will be given to you ...
the measure with which you measure will in turn be
measured out to you." **Luke 6:38**

COLLECTION & SOS

| | <u>NEEDED WEEKLY</u> | <u>ACTUAL WEEKLY</u> | <u>OVER/UNDER</u> |
|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| February | | | |
| Week 1 | \$ 7,307 | \$ 8,294 | \$ 987 |
| Week 2 | \$ 7,307 | \$ 8,488 | \$1,181 |
| Week 3 | \$ 7,307 | \$ 8,576 | \$1,269 |
| Week 4 | \$ 7,307 | \$ 8,823 | \$1,516 |
| Monthly SOS | \$10,040 | \$ 10,433 | \$ 393 |

Dear Parishioners,

In order for us to stay in the GREEN, it is important that we meet our weekly budget collections and SOS. Please let us continue to support the weekly Sunday collection so that we can achieve our goals of balancing the budget going forward.

Thank you for your support of the parish and your continued generosity.

Msgr. Anselm



EASTER FLOWER OFFERING ENVELOPE

In your envelope package and at the vestibule of the Church, you will find envelopes for Easter Flower Offerings. Please be generous in your donations to keep our Church beautifully decorated for Easter. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Easter Flowers Budget: \$3,500

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 7, 2024

The Feast of Divine Mercy will be celebrated at St. Michael's on Sunday, April 7th at 3:00 pm in the Church. The Chaplet will be recited followed by prayers.



6 Ways To DONATE

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| <p>MAIL IN:</p> <p>1211 Orange Ave, Union, NJ 07083</p> | <p>DROP OFF: AT THE PARISH CENTER</p> <p>1211 Orange Ave, Union, NJ 07083</p> | <p>DURING OFFERTORY: AT MASS</p> <p>You can use designated envelopes OR use your envelope but indicate where your donation should be accounted for.</p> |

Prayer to ST. MICHAEL



St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Mass Intentions & Novenas

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY

March 2

8:30 am Joan Noonan (Living)
Ariel Picado (Living)
5:30 pm Kristen Ezpeleta (Living)-Thanksgiving
Juan Ezpeleta, Sr. (6th Ann.)

SUNDAY

March 3

7:30 am For the Parishioners
Raymund A. Valencia
9:00 am Aurora Sandoval, Vittorio Fazioli
Stephanie Tokpe (Living)-Thanksgiving
10:30 am Barbara Lombardi
Beatrice Eluwa (Living)-Birthday
12:00 noon Peter Grosso
Trexie Lei Binayan (Living)-Healing

MONDAY

March 4

8:30 am Aloysus Odoemene
12:00 noon Geneve Garcia (Living) - Birthday

TUESDAY

March 5

8:30 am Brother Gregggy Espejon (Living)-Birthday
12:00 noon For the Parishioners

WEDNESDAY

March 6

8:30 am Socorro Dagat (Living)-Healing
Amoakon Mian
12:00 noon Novena of Masses

THURSDAY

March 7

8:30 am Serapio Dagat (46th Ann.)
Thomas Canavan (14th Ann.)
12:00 noon Joseph Augusty
Robert & Susan Rumohr (Living)-43rd Wedding Ann.

FRIDAY

March 8

8:30 am Thanksgiving (LS)
12:00 noon Lenten Novena of Masses

SATURDAY

March 9

8:30 am Novena of Masses
5:30 pm Roger Boetsch

SUNDAY

March 10

7:30 am Rosemary Stonack (Living)-Birthday
9:00 am Deceased Members of Jamisola &
Galgo Families
10:30 am Patricia Palermo
12:00 noon Jaylen Lamour (Living)-Birthday
Alejandro Cruz

ALTAR OFFERINGS

The Altar Bread and Altar Wine are offered for all St. Michael's Parishioners.

The Sanctuary Lamp is offered for Lucy Scalgione, family & friends.

The Paschal Candle is offered in memory of Walter & Ruth Reinhard and Edward & Carol Izbicki, donated by Ed & Kathy Izbicki.

NOVENA OF MASSES MARCH 2024

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| Jose & Lucille Arnaldo | Phil Matrale |
| Mary & Idolo Russomano | James Ford, Sr. |
| Pierre & Rubinetti Families | Frank Rubinetti |
| Jorge & Hilda Criado | George Rinehart, Jr. |
| Maria Leanor Coronel | Ramon Valera |
| Special Intentions-VG | Amoakon Mian |
| Lourdes Ezpeleta | Eugenia M. Hingco |
| Michellene & Joseph Kmetz | |
| Special Intentions to St. Joseph | |
| John Dittermer (Living) - Healing | |
| Antonio Simao DeMelo Madeiros | |
| George Sr., Ruth & Barbara Rinehart | |
| Chinyere Odoemene & Family (Living)- | |
| Special Intentions | |
| Jeff Pogorzelski (Living) - Healing | |
| Manuel Pereira Araujo & Lucilia Silva Sousa Araujo | |
| Patsy Scalgione & Deceased Family Members | |
| Living & Deceased Members of the Orlando, | |
| Landolfi, Siciliano & LaManna Families | |
| Living & Deceased Members of Del Rosario | |
| & Perez Families | |
| Living & Deceased Members Onyenanu & | |
| Durugo Families | |
| Living & Deceased Members of Maddy & | |
| Boulin Families | |
| Rodrigues, Medeiros & Araujo Families | |
| Living & Deceased Members of Santoriello Family | |
| Living & Deceased Members of Ignatus & | |
| Nwosuh Families | |

PRAYERS OF HEALING FOR

Grace Fortino, Dolores Rust, Lucy Nwauku, Judy Reid, Ana Torres, Rita Homiak, Stephen Berberabe, Norma Tuano, Jeff Pogorzelski, Virginia Attanasio, Mary Leeman, Marie Esposito, Jose M. DeJesus, Andre Graigwell, Nicole Pozeinick, Amy Dombroski, Samantha Lopes, Jacob & Jaxson Rivera, Ken Lang, Valarie Carter, Willie Green, Shirley Dobard, Joyce Toth, Maria Ferrara, Alex Pretto, Paulo Goncalves, Frances Machado, Antoinette Agriloo, James Scholz, Michael Nworu, Victoria Nworu, June Musa, Marivic del Rosario, Theresa Ojeaware, Kathy Chavez, John McEvoy, Sofia Teixeira, Carlos Dacruz, Anthony Staynings, Socorro Dagat, Peter & Cathy Fortunato, Anna Lepski, Nicole Ferlo, Therese Ferlo, Dolly Kramer, Junita Ottenstroer, Baby Sophia Alfano, Jean Ford, John Dittermer, Pat Wittek

DECEASED RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Please remember in your prayers our parish, friends and family members who have passed on to the Lord, that they may inherit the promise of everlasting life in heaven.

Especially
Members of St. Michael's Parish

Ministry Happenings

CYO YOUTH MINISTRY



CYO will also be hosting its annual **Kids Night Fundraiser on Friday, March 8th from 6-9pm in St. Michael's Phil Matrale Hall (Lower Church)**. Children in grades K-8 are welcome to come and enjoy a night full of art and crafts, games, movies, pizza, snacks, fun and more run by the teen members of our CYO program! The price is \$20.00 per child and money/permission slips can be dropped off at the Parish Center of St. Michael's (1211 Orange Ave) by March 1st. Do not delay as spots are limited and there will be no walk ins this year!

Please email us at cyouionnj@gmail.com for any questions!

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY

Consider joining the Eucharistic Ministry, it is a rewarding experience, bringing Christ to others at mass and those who are unable to attend mass. At this time our parish is in need for new candidates for the Eucharistic Ministry. At this time we are in need of men and women 18 years and older to volunteer to the Ministry of the Eucharist. We presently have openings for all masses. If you are interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please contact Terry Dziedzic at (908) 418-3730 or dziedzic@comcast.net and Deacon Michael Alfano at (201) 995-7211 or michaeljalfano@aol.com.

Mind and Spirit Ministry

Come and join us on **Thursday, March 14th at 7pm**, in the Phil Matrale Hall (LC), to be together in prayer and discussion regarding **Forgiveness of Self and Others**. Let us unite and reflect on the love God has for us all, no matter what we go through.

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL PRAYER GROUP

COME AND EXPERIENCE THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT **PERSONALLY** WITH ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH Catholic Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group

DAY: Wednesday
TIME: 6 PM-7:30 PM
VENUE: Murphy Room, Phil Matrale Hall (LC)



SISTER ANN'S FOOD PANTRY

We thank you our parishioners for your generous contributions during the past holiday season. God Bless you all.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Upcoming Events for 1st Communion Candidates:

First Penance & Reconciliation (confession) -
Saturday, Mar. 2 at 10:00AM in Church

The **Religious Education Office** is open Monday through Thursday 9:30AM to 2:30PM (except holidays) or by appointment. We are located in the Parish Center at 1211 Orange Avenue. You can also contact us by phone 908-964-0965 at any time and leave a message or via email at smccd@comcast.net.

Coordinator of Religious Education
Clare Andriola
Coordinator of Home-Based Religious Education
Lois Scanio

HANDS OF GRACE (HUGS)

Please consider making donations to the Ministry. We are constantly in need of clothing, sanitary and feeding items for children (**New born to Age 5**) and for mothers.

Please call **Bisi Longe** (908)247-4461 or **Tania Massicot** (973) 420-8659 for a comprehensive list of items needed. All items must be **NEW**.

Please note that donations can also be made online on a one-time or recurring basis, on the parish website at www.stmichaelunion.org (Click on the Parish Giving Icon).

Join the **HANDS OF GRACE (HUGS) MINISTRY** in celebrating "Giving Bear Sunday" every 3rd Sunday of the month. Look out for our Purple Bear in the vestibule with a basket for cards for family needs. Please stop by and pick a card or 2 to help ensure the ministries inventory never dries up.

The HUGS Ministry services 50 families in our parish and community by giving out Grace Bags monthly to mothers and children-newborn to age 5.



WELLNESS MINISTRY

(FREE) **DANCE/EXERCISE**
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Saturdays 9:30—10:30 am

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Announcements

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LENTE Reflections

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23
LENT: A TIME TO BE TRANSFORMED INTO CHRIST
FRIDAY, MARCH 15
JOURNEYING WITH JESUS TO JERUSALEM

Lenten reflections, immediately following the Stations of the Cross.

SISTER EILEEN P. SMITH

Sister Eileen P. Smith is a Sister of Mercy of the Americas, a Co-Director at Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer—a retreat and spiritual center in Watchung, NJ. At the retreat center she develops programs of Scripture and faith formation for adults. Over the years, Sr. Eileen has worked as a spiritual and retreat director, formation director for the Sisters of Mercy, pastoral minister, and work with children with HIV/AIDS. She has a B.A. in Modern Languages from Georgian Court University, Lakewood, New Jersey; M.A. in Theology from Providence College, Rhode Island; Certificate in Spiritual Direction and Certificate in Directing Spiritual Exercises from the Jesuit Center for Spiritual Growth; and a Certificate in Supervision of Spiritual Directors from Upper Room Spiritual Center, Neptune New Jersey. We welcome Sr. Eileen Smith to our Parish and look forward a very rich Lenten reflection.

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EASTER EGG HUNT

HUNT TIMES
- ages 6 & under start at 11am
- ages 7 and up start at 11:30am

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**30
MARCH**
10:30-1PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION: FACSTMICHAELS@GMAIL.COM

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EXTRA EXTRA READ ALL ABOUT IT!

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION / LOCAL SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR

Status: Part Time: 25-28 hours per week, flexible schedule

Supervisor: Pastor

Position Summary - The Director of Religious Education (DRE) oversees and directs the parish religious education program grades 1 through 8, including sacramental preparation for 1st Reconciliation and 1st Holy Communion; recruits, trains and supervises volunteer catechists. The DRE is also the Local Safe Environment Coordinator (LSEC),

Position Specific Requirements

Practicing Catholic in good standing with the Catholic Church
Must have vision and a demonstrated ability to plan, develop, coordinate, manage and implement a parish catechetical program within the parameters of the Catholic Church
Current credentials as a Catechetical leader and participation in the Archdiocesan ongoing certification and mentoring process
An ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, with youth, diverse individuals, and teams of volunteers
Basic computer and technology skills
As LSEC, to ensure the volunteers (in ministry with minors) and employees in the Parish have the required safe environment documentation on file.

Interested candidates are invited to send cover letters and resumes to the attention of:

Msgr. Anselm I. Nwaorgu
St. Michael's Parish
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COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP SUNDAYS March 17, 2024




Our next Coffee and Fellowship Sunday will be on March 17 after all the Sunday Masses at the Phil Matrale Hall (LC). We hope you can join us.

SAVE THE DATE BUS TRIPS

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

Bus trip to **Wind Creek Casino**. Bus leaves parking lot at 9:30 am. Cost is \$35 with a \$25 slot play return.

Tuesday, May 21, 2024—Sight & Sound Trip to see **Daniel**. Bus boarding at St. Michael parking lot at 7:15 am, departure 7:30 am sharp. Cost: \$170 includes show ticket, lunch, breakfast snack.
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