

FAITH FORMATION

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Registration for Confirmation is now open. Therese Fenzl, Director of Spiritual Ministries will be coordinating the program for the year 2022-23.

We welcome all 9th through 12th Graders to join in The Madeleine Program for celebration of this sacrament in the Spring. We will be using Scripture and *Confirmed By the Spirit* published by Loyola Press. We will be joining with the RCIA for some of our sessions. Our goal is to touch both mind

and heart, calling forth reflection, prayer, and active response in readiness to receive Jesus' gift of the Spirit in Confirmation. You can find the updated schedule and registration form on our website at www.themadeleine.edu/faithformation

Therese Fenzl will be available to answer questions and provide the registration form if you have not received it from the website after the Masses August 27 and 28. For more information contact Therese Fenzl, tfenzl@themadeleine.edu

RCIA REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is the process through which the Catholic Church welcomes newcomers. Those served by the RCIA process include:

- ▶ Spiritual seekers interested in learning more about the Catholic faith.

- ▶ Adults who wish to be baptized.

- ▶ Baptized Christians who wish to become members of the Catholic Church.

If you have questions about the process or are wondering if this is the place for you, Christi Bohmbach will be available

to answer your questions after Masses on September 10 and 11. Stop by and introduce yourself. We are excited to meet you! You can also contact Christi at any time at rcia@themadeleine.edu

Our first RCIA gathering this year is Sunday, October 9, at 8:45 am in the Old Church. See you soon!

Our website at www.themadeleine.edu/rcia contains answers to FAQs, a Registration Form, and our Schedule for the coming months.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Registration for First Penance and First Eucharist is open for the 2022-23 school year. Our fun and informative class series is based on concepts from the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program. Classes will be held during the 10:00 am Mass

and once class is complete, children will be brought to Mass to join their families in time for the Presentation of Gifts. Email Rose Horton at sac-prep@themadeleine.edu or call 512-627-5568 for more information, to register and for the schedule.

Inside this week's bulletin:

- ▶ **Did you miss the wine tasting....or miss buying a special bottle?** We have some wine and events for purchase from last weekend's wine tasting. See page 5.
- ▶ **Madeleine Music Ministry**—Are you or your child interested in joining our thriving Music Ministry, either in a choir or as a Cantor? See page 4.

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY'S READINGS FOCUS ON HUMILITY and helping those in need. These readings seem especially relevant now. How do we conduct ourselves in a culture that promotes success, power, self-aggrandizement at every level? Awareness — both of self and others — is essential. Jesus calls us to look beyond ourselves to others and expect no reward in return. That sounds easier than it is, which is why we're still talking about it.

PRAY FOR OUR FAITHFULLY DEPARTED

- ▶ Lisa Nice
- ▶ Randall Foote
- ▶ Nancy Hanson

PRAYER REQUESTS

For those who are ill, or in need of our prayers

- ▶ Sonya Gonzales
- ▶ Betty Couch
- ▶ Mitch Foster
- ▶ Bill Stack
- ▶ Scott Turner
- ▶ Mason Lugar
- ▶ Debbie Barsotti
- ▶ Glynn Roberson

WORSHIP & PRAYER

08/30, Tues Don Dorres
 08/31 Weds. Anne McDonnell †
 09/01, Thurs. Mason Lugar
 09/02, Fri Marie Hong Tran †
 09/03, Sat Mike Reilly
 09/04, Sun. 8:00 am. . . The Madeleine Community
 10:00 am. Ed & Jane Reilly †

Calendar This Week

All Masses in person only unless noted

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

8:00 am: Mass—Church

10:00 am: Mass—Church  **ALSO LIVESTREAMS**

11:30 am: Laudato Si'—St. Catherine Room

MONDAY, AUGUST 29

6:30 pm: FA Meeting—Fireside Rm

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30

8:00 am: Mass—Church

9:00 am: Adoration—Church

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31

8:00 am: Mass—Church

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

8:00 am: Mass—Church

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

8:00 am: Mass—Church

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

5:00 pm: Mass

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

8:00 am: Mass—Church

10:00 am: Mass—Church  **ALSO LIVESTREAMS**

SAVE THE DATE

- **Parish Picnic & Oktoberfest:** October 2
- **The Madeleine Auction:** November 5
themadeleine.edu/auction
- **The Madeleine Marketplace:** December 8
themadeleine.edu/marketplace
- **Mardi Gras:** February 21, 2023

Green Tips for a More Sustainable Lifestyle

A new invention has just hit the market, and it's both ecological and economical. It replaces the dryer during the summer and is more gentle on clothing. It makes clothes smell fresh, like the outdoors. It's called lateral garment suspension...or more commonly known as "the clothesline." All joking aside, our parents and grandparents have long dried their clothes on a clothesline. In addition to the ecological aspects, hanging out your laundry is good exercise for the arms, it's relaxing, and it's an opportunity to talk to the neighbors. When it's windy, the result is better than ironing.

PARISH LIFE

BOOK CLUB NEWS

We cordially invite you to join our group for opportunities to connect with other readers for great book discussions and camaraderie. We also have an active prayer ministry that reaches more than 100 MBC members. Prayer Warriors are encouraged to join us, as well!



We will begin our fall reading season the third week of September to discuss Jon Meacham's book, *The Soul of America: The Battle for Our Better Angels*. For further details, please contact: Gretchen Stevenson, MBC Coordinator gypsyfrau47@yahoo.com or 503-312-6834.

RETROVAILLE: 1 WEEK LEFT TO REGISTER

Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages.

Join Oregon Retrouvaille as we host a working weekend for couples struggling in their marriages by couples who have been there in the struggle. Come September 9-11, 2022 at Mount Angel Abbey Retreat House in Mount Angel, OR.

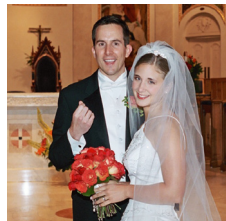
For confidential information about or to register for the program call 1-503-225-9191 or email: portland@retrouvaille.org or visit us at Helpourmarriage.org

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Be humble in your marriage. Participate in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on November 18-20 at Mt. Angel Abby, in Mt. Angel, Oregon. To apply for YOUR WWME Experience or search other dates go to rediscoverthespark.org. For information about WWME call 503-704-0836 or by email at reservations@rediscoverthespark.org

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CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER MARRIAGE PREPARATION WEEKENDS



Scan to register
for a weekend

Registration & Information:

<https://portland.engagedencounter.com>

503-267-3605

2023 weekend dates:

February 24-26

April 21-23

June 23-25

September 15-17

November 3-5

Catholic Engaged Encounter is a nonprofit, volunteer ministry that helps engaged couples prepare to begin a sacramental, lifelong marriage. Founded in 1974, CEE presents weekend retreats throughout the United States and in dozens of other countries. This marriage preparation experience is open to people of all faiths.



In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us to "strive to enter through the narrow gate." Our call to be disciples and to follow Jesus demands that we learn to live for the sake of others. Your gifts, through the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, gives assistance to families providing: food, help with utilities and rent bills, show that you are indeed the disciple of Jesus. Thank you!

—Mary Clare O'Brien, 503-309-7639

DISCERNING CATHOLIC: ONE HOLY CATHOLIC AND APOSTOLIC CHURCH

Why Catholicism? I posed this question at a recent Discerning Catholic meeting and the folks attending turned it around and posed the question back to me. Why Catholicism, Dan? Why did you come back to the Church? My reply, though genuine, always felt superficial, as if I was that guy at the basketball game throwing T-shirts to the crowd at half-time. Tangible, but not worth much.

Why Catholicism? The sudden expansion of Christianity from obscure sect to central pillar of Western Civilization baffles historians. From the perspective of the faithful, we can say "God's will" but in my own mind I see Christ as a shepherd with a staff and not a cattle reiver with a whip. We are culpable in our faith; this is what gives value to our commitment to God: we give ourselves freely, without fear or coercion. And so, whatever the will of God, the human element inherent in Christianity necessarily held magnificent appeal. Some elements of it inspire us to action. In my limited reading, scholars suggest the Christian imperatives on mercy, forgiveness, and showing your love for God by loving your fellow human, without regard to sex, ethnicity or social status, were revolutionary, and offered both hope and security in a cruel and uncertain age. The

Gospels suggest the same, Christ instructing us in His Word and more importantly, I believe, demonstrating it through His actions.

Why Catholicism? The Roman Emperor Constantine called together the Christian faithful at the Ecumenical Council of Nicaea in 325 A.D. to resolve differences and help ensure the unity of the Church. We echo that same unity today around the globe and across 1,700 years of faith when each Sunday we recite the Nicene Creed.

Why Catholicism? Handing out small "Life Packs" of food to the homeless, I'm always greeted with genuine surprise and gratitude. Most immediately begin eating. Can the Beatitudes be any less compelling today than they were to the first Christians? What does a society look like where the first is last and the last, first?

Why Catholicism? If you'd like to be a part of this conversation, please feel free to participate in the next Discerning Catholics Meeting. We will be coming together Monday evening, August 29th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the Madeleine Church Courtyard. All are welcome. If you'd like more information, please contact Dan O'Brien at DiscerningCatholic@themadeleine.edu

The Madeleine Knights of Columbus Council 11682 • Charity-Unity-Fraternity

KNIGHTS IN ACTION

ACTIVITIES:

- The Oregon State Knights of Columbus will be hosting and staffing a booth promoting the "Right to Life" agenda at the Oregon State Fair, August 26–September 5, 2022. If you attend the fair, please stop by and give them (us) your support.
- The Knights of Columbus will be conducting the 16th Annual Rosary Bowl on October 1st in Salem, OR. It's a full day of faith and participation. The doors open at 9:00 am and the event is over at 3:00 pm. For details please go to www.rosarybowlnw.org
- The Madeleine Council supported and participated in the Madeleine Wine Tasting event, August 20. Also, we will assist with the Parish Picnic/Octoberfest to be held on October 2—volunteers are always welcomed and needed.



QUICK FACTS:

- The Madeleine Knights of Columbus received local and national recognition for its wool sock drive that was conducted last winter. Locally, the Catholic Sentinel and nationally, The Columbian Magazine both recognized the council for providing wool socks to the homeless and those in need.
 - The Madeleine Council donated \$3,000 in scholarship money to three Madeleine School Students (\$1,000 each) who will be attending local Catholic High Schools. Congratulations!
- Men who are eighteen years of age and older and are practicing Catholics may join the Knights. For more information please call Dan Evans @ 503-701-5581 or Dan O'Donnell @ 503-440-9415.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 6, 7:00 pm in the Fireside Room.

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Masses:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 8:00 am
Thursday No School: 8:00 am
During School: 2:00 pm
Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am

► Livestream 10:00 am Sunday
at youtube.com/themadeleineparish

Penance . . . By appointment; call Parish Office

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Infant Baptism—Darlene Maurerext. 125

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Bulletin submissions due 5:00 pm Tuesday
Email to bulletin@themadeleine.edu

WELCOME TO THE MADELEINE MUSIC MINISTRY

"God has bestowed upon his people the gift of song."

The Madeleine Music Ministry is built upon a cornerstone of music, faith, and community. Choir members embrace our parish slogan, "All are Welcome" and believe that singing is for everyone—from the very young to the well-seasoned singer. It is the ultimate connection between mind, body and spirit. It makes you happy, releases stress, teaches discipline and commitment, builds confidence, community and spirituality—and is just plain FUN!!

Finally, when we sing, we care for God's creation. The human voice is a gift from God. We sing before we speak—therefore, singing is the most elemental gift that we can receive from our Creator. At The Madeleine, we believe that we are called to care for God's creation. Much the same as a plant with no water, the gift of song will wither and die if it is not nurtured. If we are truly to be stewards of all Creation, then caring for and developing our human voice is necessary to praise and magnify the Lord in our homes, congregations, and community.

Interested in being part of our Music Ministry program? Please take a moment to read about our various musical offerings, and complete a Registration Form online at www.themadeleine.edu. It's that simple! Questions? Email mmanzo@themadeleine.edu

We look forward to having you be part of our Music Ministry at The Madeleine!

Music Ministry Opportunities

► **Madeleine Parish Choir:** The Madeleine Choir is the heart and soul of the Music Ministry program. Rehearsals are weekly and the choir sings regularly at the 10:00 am Mass every Sunday, as well as for special musical programs and feast days throughout the year. This choir is a vibrant, supportive faith community that sings,

prays, and plays together!



► **The Madeleine Chimes Choir:** Hand chimes are instant musical gratification—an accessible way to make music as a group. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays as scheduled. A basic knowledge of rhythm is helpful, but not required. Ask any "chimer." Playing hand chimes is just plain fun!!

► **Parish Cantors:** The Parish Cantors lead the singing at liturgies, and sing in our Madeleine Choir. If you are an experienced singer, and looking for an extra musical challenge, consider being a Parish Cantor. This is an auditioned ministry.

► **The Madeleine Children's Choir:** All children love to sing! Our Parish Children's Choir is open to all parishioners and school children, grades three–five (grade two by permission only). The Children's Choir rehearses on Wednesdays, sing at the Family Masses, Grotto, and other special parish activities.

► **The Madeleine Youth Singers/Jr. Cantors:** NEW this year, The Madeleine Youth Singers is open to ALL middle and high school youth. Rehearsals are on Thursdays. Youth will sing every other month at the 5 pm Mass on Saturday; and be trained as Cantors for the monthly Family Masses. In 2023–24, plans are to be part of the Pueri Cantores Festival Choir, with opportunities to sing either in the U.S. or abroad. Please note: Confirmation Candidates will receive Service Credit for singing in this ensemble and/or being a Jr. Cantor.

—Dr. Maria Manzo
Music Director, The Madeleine

COMMUNITY

INTERFAITH ALLIANCE ON POVERTY FIRST THURSDAY MEETING

State Representative Barbara Smith Warner • September 1, 2022, 12:00 pm • via ZOOM

Why is public education so important in lifting children out of generational poverty? How well is Oregon meeting the needs of its students? What does the future look like? How can the Alliance get involved and what might we accomplish?

Barbara Smith Warner, retiring Oregon Representative, House District 45, Democratic Majority Leader, and former aide to Senator Ron Wyden, speaks to the Alliance on these and other critical questions. She drove the passage of the Student Success Act in 2019, securing both more stable funding and providing a framework for the future. But the dream of superior public education in our state remains unrealized, requiring action from the public as well as the new governor and



the upcoming legislative session in March 2023. Smith Warner will outline the challenges and give us some guidance on ACTION that we--individuals, faith communities, and the Alliance itself--can take to press for stronger results and a path out of poverty for Oregon's disadvantaged kids.

You won't want to miss this exciting Zoom kick-off to Alliance 2022-23, which will also feature a preview of coming attractions and important news about Alliance activities.

Register at www.bit.ly/tmp-20220828

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.



Wine Tasting items for sale

Our annual wine tasting was a huge success last weekend. If you were able to make it...thank you! If not, maybe next year. But either way, we have some events and bottles of wine you may be interested in buying. Just visit www.themadeleine.edu/wine and make your purchase online (or call Janeen in the Parish Office), then you'll pick up your wines at the Parish Office. Quantities limited; order today before we sell out!

WINES

► Adeg Monte Branco Alento White 2020, Alentejo, Portugal

Monte Branco is tucked neatly into the rolling hills that flank the famous marble quarries of Estremoz (in Portugal's center east). This wine is blended from 50% Arinto, 40% Antão Vaz, and 10% Roupeiro. It is built to drink young, while it's nice and primary and refreshing. We love the citrine color and the super fruit aromatics that leap from the glass. This is a go-to for something to sip while we prepare a meal, talk with friends on Zoom, or take a socially-distanced apéro across the fence. List \$17. **SALE \$15**

► Francois Baur Riesling Herrenweg 2020, Alsace, France

Alsatian wines have big, explosive aromatics; they whet the appetite; and have great acidity, perfect for washing down rich, full-flavored food. This wine is dry and crisp with citrus, honeysuckle and mineral complexities. The enduring myth that all Alsatian (and German) wines are sweet is one of the region's great problems. Coming to love, enjoy, and appreciate Riesling is a very necessary step in the evolution of every wine lover. Alsatian Riesling is right up there with other great whites of France like Chardonnay from Chablis, Chenin Blanc from Vouvray, and Sauvignon from Sancerre. Here's one to try that will be as surprising to you as it will be delicious. List \$21. **SALE \$18**

► Puits Compostelle Pinot Noir 2019, Burgundy, France

This is where the Loire meets Burgundy. The Côtes-de-la-Charité is one of the tiniest appellations in France and only received its appellation status in 2009. Previously all the wines were simply Vin de Pays. This is a very pretty, super quaffable Pinot that has complexity that sneaks up on the taster. This part of the Loire, an area technically influenced by the river of that name that runs through it, feels and looks just like Burgundy. There's a lot of granite and schiste here that give red wines much needed depth and complexity. In fact, there's some surprising soft tannin richness in this wine, and an almost 'dustiness' that really offers a lot of structure and length. List \$27. **SALE \$23**

► Vadio Tinto 2017, Bairrada, Portugal

Originating from several vineyards of Baga planted exclusively in clay-limestone soils, it expresses the Atlantic character of Bairrada wines and the typical texture of limestone-grown Baga. Each plot of vineyard is harvested manually at different periods in order to reach optimum maturation levels. As soon as they reach the cellar, the grapes are destemmed

and it ages in used barrels for a minimum period of 18 months. The nose shows the classic elegance of Baga and the freshness characteristic of Bairrada. The palate is delicate where the acidity shines and persists accompanied by very soft and polished tannins, almost like a Pinot, but with warmer fruit tones. List \$24. **SALE \$20**

► Alemat Barbera d'Asti 'Augusta' 2015, Piedmont, Italy

Alemat (a Piemontese slang for "You're CRAZY!"), is pretty darn impressive. This Barbera is hands down an amazing wine, filled with richness and structure. But, it also has a silky, fine tannin component that gives remarkable complexity. We wouldn't hesitate to bury this one for 5-10 years! List \$25. **SALE \$20**

► Laura David Cot 2019, Loire, France

Fasten your seat belts here. There's a new grape in town and it's called Côt. Known elsewhere around the world as Malbec, in the Touraine it yields brilliantly purple-colored wines, with major aromatic fireworks of black cherries, ripe figs, and a little whiff of smoke. This wine is best served slightly cool, to keep all that dark fruit nice and bright, and served alongside a charcuterie pic. List \$25. **SALE \$20**

EVENTS

► Dinner & Music in the Old Church with Fr. Mike • February 4, time TBD

Prepare to be wine and dined in The Old Church as we commemorate 111 years of faith, friendship and family. Start off the evening with champagne and beautifully prepared charcuterie while gathering within the walls where this community had its beginnings. A beautifully prepared dinner and dessert will follow while all will be entertained by captivating live music. **\$100 per person**

► Holiday evening with Fr. Mike & Concert with 45th Parallel Universe • December 14, 5:30 pm

Join us in the third-floor Gallery of the beautifully restored Old Church for cocktails, wine and beer and sumptuously paired hors d'oeuvres. Proceed into the Old Church for the 7:00 PM concert of the Nutcracker with six brilliant cellists by 45th Parallel. This evening is guaranteed to bring smiles and holiday cheer. **\$50 per person**

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RECYCLING PROGRAMS AT THE MADELEINE

Marked collection bins in the breezeway facing 23rd Ave.

The Madeleine's Laudato Si' Circle and Care for Creation Ministry have joined with U. S. based recycler, Terracycle, to offer our parish, school, and community opportunities to responsibly recycle specific items (primarily plastics) not generally handled at curbside. Terracycle has added more manufacturers to its program, and in turn, we have expanded our recycling offerings. Here is a current listing of what we are collecting. Please keep this in mind:

- ▶ Do not include garbage or items not specifically mentioned in the descriptions.
- ▶ Empty containers of contents. No need to wash first; ensure packaging is dry.



DISCONTINUED: STYROFOAM/ POLYSTYRENE

Regrettably, we can no longer accept Styrofoam and Polystyrene materials. Although endorsed by Metro, we have recently learned (through an independent report) of major violations by the local recycler in the responsible handling and recycling of these materials.

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All Late July® snack packaging as seen in these examples. Limited to Late July brand only.



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Details on all programs at
www.themadeleine.edu/terracycle

Madeleine Reflections

Be Encouraged

II Thess. 2:16-17

"May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, ... encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word."

Are you feeling a bit weary and discouraged as the summer begins to come to an end? Could you use some encouragement and strengthening of your heart?

I recently spent a relaxing week with my brother and sister-in-law at their home in Spokane. The weather was "summer perfect". We enjoyed breakfast on the patio, often lingering over a second cup of coffee. Each day we would take short trips to favorite places. In the evenings we would sit in the rockers on their front porch and talk about the lifetime we had shared. For the most part, our conversations were delightful and upbeat, but often they would turn to our worries about health issues and thoughts about nearing the end of our lives. We also shared deep concerns about our planet and its inhabitants.

We have lived long enough to remember growing up with fear and respect for

Polio, which had killed our father, and being quarantined in a hot, dark house the summer we both had measles. As school children, we were accustomed to crawling under our desks as we practiced for a nuclear attack. We have seen prices rise and fall, and watched our savings diminish and grow. My brother had obeyed the request of our government and experienced the war in Vietnam. We had seen our country shaken by riots, threatened by corruption, and saddened by the death of its leaders. But we agreed that the condition of our world today seems very insecure. The climate is changing with horrific fires, floods and storms, but no one seems to care. The focus is inward, totally self-centered. People turn to their electronic devices for answers and help. They no longer turn to God or each other, and often, when they turn to each other they are met with opposition, anger, greed or misunderstanding.

It is easy to be discouraged.

Perhaps now is the time to hear and take to heart the words of St. Paul to the Thessalonians? "May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word."

That puts the work in our hands. Can God encourage us in this 21st Century to say the right words and do the right things to encourage and strengthen each other and those who pass through our lives?

According to a favorite priest of mine, all it takes is never leaving home without LOVE in your pocket, or at least in your heart.

—Marilyn Robb

Reflection 8/23/2022

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TRAIL LIFE/HERITAGE GIRLS

Trail Life USA (TLUSA) and American Heritage Girls (AHG) are faith-based outdoor adventure programs for boys and girls, ages 5-18. Trail Life Troop 1373 and Heritage Girls Troop 1373 will have their first meetings of the school year on Sunday, September 18th and will continue to meet on 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month from 11:00am to 12:30pm at St. Birgitta Catholic Church. For more information or to join, email Fr. Clifton at jclifton@archdpdx.org

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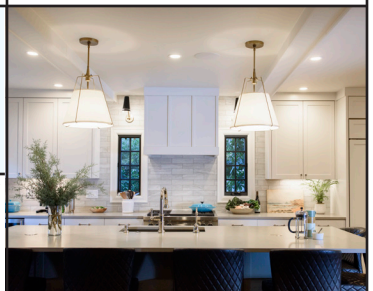
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