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4	5 <small>Labor Day</small>	6	7	8	9	10 
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MESSIER 51 (M51)

Nearly a million seconds of observing time with NASA's Chandra X-ray Observatory was used to capture this image of Messier 51, also known as the Whirlpool Galaxy. Like the Milky Way, the Whirlpool is a spiral galaxy with spectacular arms of stars and dust. M51 is located about 30 million light years from Earth, and its face-on orientation to Earth gives us a perspective that we can never get of our own spiral galactic home.

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