St. Patrick's Catholic Church

An Old Border Town Parish in Illinois

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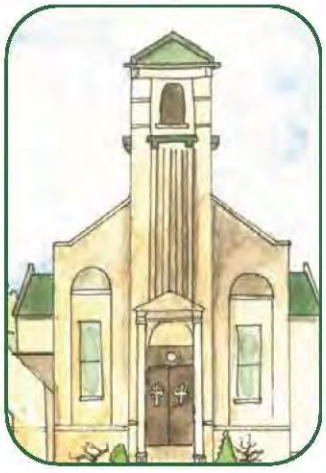


Office Hours
Monday- Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
12:30 - 3:00 p.m.

The Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist
Monday - Friday
9:15 a.m. *in English*
7:00 p.m. *in Spanish*
Saturday Vigil Mass
4:00 p.m. *in English*
Sunday Masses
10:30 a.m. *in English*
12:00 p.m. *in Spanish*

Holy Day Masses
Dates and times vary

The Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. *or by appointment; seasonal services*

Religious Education (Kindergarden - 8th Grade)
Sunday Classes 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

Rite of Christian Initation for Adults (RCIA)
Sunday Classes 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

The Sacrament of Baptism / El Sacramento de Bautismo
Please call the Parish Office for more information. English baptisms normally are held on the 2nd Saturday of the month at noon, Spanish Baptisms on the 3rd Saturday of the month at noon. / Por favor llame a la Parroquia para mas información. Normalmente, los bautismos están celebrando los tercer Sabado cada mes al mediodía.

The Sacrament of Holy Matrimony (Marriage) / El Sacramento del Matrimonio
Please call the office before setting a date for your wedding. The diocese requires a six month preparation prior to the wedding. / Las parejas pueden llamar a la oficina antes de poner una fecha para su boda o de hacer otros compromisos. La Diócesis de requiera un tiempo de preparación de un mínimo de seis meses entre la boda.

The Sacrament of the Sick / (Unción) de los Enfermos
Call the Office if you know of someone in need of the Sacrament. / Contacte la Parroquia si alguien en su familia necesita el Sacramento.

Funerals / Funerales
Contact the Parish Office before placing any obituary notices.

Parish Membership / Asociación de Parroquia
Registration Forms are located in the Parish Office or in Church. / Las formas de inscripción pueden ser encontrado en la oficina.

October 4-5, 2025: The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 4-5, 2025

Readings from this week's Mass can be found in #1008 of the Journey songs Book

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Monday (Ss. Bruno, Marie Rose) October 6
9:15 A.M. Communion Service

Tuesday (Our Lady of the Rosary) October 7
9:15 A.M. Communion Service

Wednesday October 8
9:15 A.M. Cynthia Vickery

Thursday (Ss. Denis & Comps.) October 9
9:15 A.M. † Fr. Demarais

Friday October 10
9:15 A.M. † Jean Gibson
7:00 P.M. † Michael LaFranzo
† Uriel Ortiz Dias

Saturday (St. John XXIII) October 11
4:00 P.M. † Lillian Brown (Edi Duke)
† Joseph Reising

Sunday (28th Sunday in Ordinary Time) October 12
10:30 A.M. † Jack Downey (June Downey)
12:00 P.M. † John Jankowski
† Ramon Caro Castillo

FR. PETE STILL OFFERS ONLINE MASSES AT
www.stpatrickmomence.org!!!

COLLECTION COUNTERS:
October 12 **Leslie & Jim Meyer**
October 19 **B. Kovacs & S. Ekhoff**

SUNDAY COLLECTION:
September 20-212025 **$2,729.00**
2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL
GOAL FOR ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH **$19,300**

PLEASE CONSIDER NAMING ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH IN YOUR WILL OR ESTATE PLANNING!!!

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER If you know of someone who is sick and in need of the sacraments or wishes a visit at a care facility, please contact the parish office at ☎ (815) 685-1359.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK: P. Anderson, N. Atkinson, R. Bailey, D. Barth, Beedle Family, J. Betourney D. Brown, M. Cárdenas, P. Caro, B & E. Coffman, S. Conner, M & D Cousin, M. Cronk, M. Cruz, A. Delaney, M. Dionne, J. Dobbins, E. Duke, D. Dunlap, G. Field, C. Fritz, A. Fuhrmann, R. Gall, Tony & Adrianne Gallinaro, J. Grill, R. Harper, K. Hensa, J. Hibbs, D. Hiller, C. Jones, L. Kane, R. Kazee, A. Kijewski, Joe Kraus, L. Lee, L. Leranth, E. Lopez, B. Love, J. Marcotte, W. Marten, J. McCracken, L. McNulty, L. Mercado, R & V Morse, C. Ortman, M. Peterson, C. Piec, J. Prather, C. Provost, E. Provost, R. Rehmer, P. Reising, D. Roberts, B. Ryan, M. Saldaña, A. Schaff, J. Schopf, A. Schmid, D. Schmied, K. Simpson, B. Siwicki, B. Spagnola, M. Tolbert, M. Tolmer, H. Tousignant, S. Trubach M. Velazquez, C. Vickery, M. Williams, Gary Witherell, M. Witherspoon, S. Young, J. L. Zagal, A. Zimmerman, M. & L. Zink and G. Zokal.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

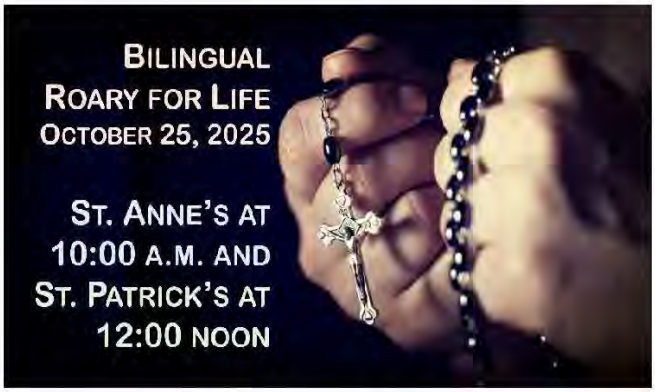
Saturday October 11 (Fr. Pete) 4:00 P.M
Eucharistic Minister: M. Porter
Lector: G. Hess
Ushers: K. Bukowski, R. Hess
S. Pansa, D. Rademacher

Sunday October 12 (Fr. Pete) 10:30 a.m.
Eucharistic Minister: M. Meyer
Lector L. Meyer
Ushers: M. Dionne, J. Riemenschneider
Altar Servers: Y. Aalia, P & B. Bickel, J. & B. Miller

Sunday October 12 (Fr. Pete) 12:00 p.m.
Eucharistic Minister: E. Zagal, C. Andrade
Lector: L. Ojeda, R. Dueñas
Ushers: N. Viveros, M. Torres
G. Carreño, B. Aguirre, I. Falcon
Altar Servers: N. Padilla, D. Ojeda, V. Ojeda
E. Camacho, T. Carmona

ST. PATRICK'S PRAYER LINE:
Please call Janice Gelino at
☎ (815) 263-6342

SANCTUARY CANDLE: This month, the Sanctuary Candle is being lit in memory of Marleen,.Terry & Jerry.



NEWS & NOTES

FROM FR. PETE JANKOWSKI

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This summer, we were able to work out with the bishop's office to celebrate our Confirmation Liturgy once again at St. Anne's Church at the end of May. Between the students and those in the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults, our little parish at St. Patrick's most likely will have the LARGEST Confirmation group south of I-80 in 2026… which says a great deal about our community. We scheduled the Confirmation Retreat at St. Anne's Hall for March 14, concluding with the 4:00 p.m. liturgy at the parish at St. Anne's Church. Please pray for John Rehmer Emerson and all of our catechists who do such wonderful ministry for the sake of our next generation!

As I continue along with the university courses I am teaching (this semester, I am teaching an Introduction to Theology, New Testament and Death & Dying Course), I have been including the new Online Videos on to our parish website as part of an Adult Education Opportunity for those in the area and those outside of it. This week alone, I uploaded videos on the approach of Death & Dying practices with Eastern Religions (Confucianism, Hinduism, Buddhism & Taoism, etc.) as well as the Jewish Faith and a walk through the gospels (specifically what we call "The Synoptic Gospels" of Matthew, Mark & Luke). I also uploaded a video on the Gospel of Mark as well.

The last two pastoral letters from our diocesan bishops (entitled, "Go" and "Make") takes the theme I referenced a few weeks ago from John 3: 16 and Matthew 28: 18-20, telling is that our primary vocation first is to BE like a disciple (learn from God and live like God) so that we make disciples of others. As Jesus states in Luke 14, if we cannot do this, if we cannot sacrifice our resources for the sake of the other, then we cannot be a disciple (God's words, not mine).The only way we get to heaven is to be formed as disciples and then make disciples by what we say and so. Acting any way else is a sin against God and a detriment to the parishes in our care. Our salvation depends on us liv

ing like Christ – the manner in which we act today is the manner in which God will treat us on the other side of life (Mark 4: 21-25; Matthes 7: 2; Luke 6: 38).

We are called to learn about the faith, live the faith and teach the faith properly for the sake of others and us ourselves. Those who "take matters into their own hands" (Mk 12: 1-12; Mt 21: 33-46 and Lk 20: 2-19 – what we call "the triple tradition") and tear down others to build themselves up will suffer terribly in the next world. It would be wise if civic and Church leaders all learn this – our salvation is at stake. I keep reminding myself that Jesus could easily have obliterated others on the cross in retribution for what they do; instead, he forgives… and so should we!

ST. PATRICK'S PEW & CHURCH DEDICATION PROGRAM

If you are interested in learning more about the pew dedication program ($2,500 a pew), contact the parish office at St. Patrick's Church at ☎ (815) 472-2864 or email us at the address pjankowski@yahoo.com.

We are most thankful for the $10,000 gift from the estate of Valerie Szopanski, a 1962 Graduate from St. Pat's Academy. As we try to maintain what we have, we appreciate anything you can do

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ADDRESS, ROME, MAY 17, 2025

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Dn 7:9–10, 13–14 or
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Jn 1:47–51

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Around the Parish & Diocese

Religious Education Registration

We are now registering students for religious education this year in the parish office. If your children have been attending Religious Education Classes or even if they have not, you can fill out all the paperwork and pay your tuition,

St. Patrick's Church is looking for TWO catechists this year. Please contact the office if you can help teach our students.

Registración Para Educación Religiosa

Estamos registrando a los estudiantes para el Programa de Educación. Si su estudiante ha estado asistiendo a las clases de Educación Religiosa o incluso si no lo han hecho, puede llenar todo el papeleo y pagar la matrícula.

La Iglesia de San Patricio está buscando DOS catequistas este año. Comuníquese con la oficina si puede ayudar a enseñar a nuestros estudiantes.

RCIA / RICA 2022-2023

The purpose of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adult Process (or RCIA) is to allow an adult to understand this gift of Christ, both within themselves and through the life of the Church. During a six month period of study and reflection, each adult who participates will be "strengthened spiritually" in the teachings of the Catholic Faith.

We will begin our RCIA process at the end of September and the sessions will meet through our Easter Vigil Liturgy in 2023. If you are interested in more information on the Process, please call the rectory office at ☎ (815) 472-2864 or at ☎ (815) 427-2864.

El propósito del Proceso del Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos es permitir que un adulto entienda este regalo de Cristo, dentro de si mismos y con la vida de la Iglesia. Durante un periodo de estudio y reflexión de seis meses, cada adulto que participa será "fortalecido espiritualmente" en las enseñanzas de la Fe Católica.

Comenzaremos nuestro proceso de RICA a finales de Septiembre y las sesiones se llevaron a cabo hasta nuestra Liturgia de Vigilia Pascual en el 2023. Si está interesado en recibir mas información sobre este Proceso, por favor llame a la oficina al ☎ (815) 472-2864 o ☎ (815) 427-2864

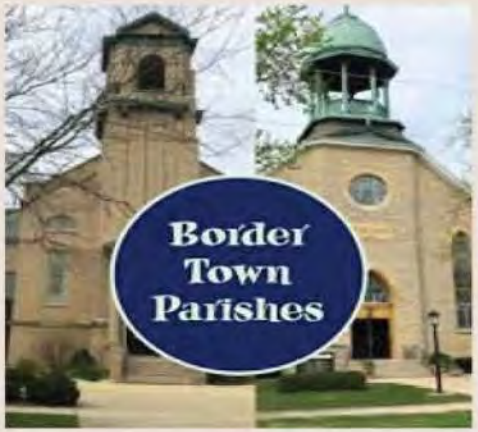
Pew & Chair Dedication

We continue to invite those who wish to participate in this dedication program here at the parish, whether it be a memorial dedicated of one of our **Chapel Seats** ($500), our **Pew Dedication Program** ($2,500), a **Classroom Dedication** ($5,000) or even an **Estate Planning Gift**. There are so many other items in the church from which you might choose to honor your loved one; please contact the office for more information on any of these opportunities. And thanks for supporting St. Patrick's Church!

Seguimos invitando a los que deseen participar en este programa de dedicación aquí en la parroquia, ya sea una dedicatoria de unos de los **Asientos de la Capilla** ($500), nuestro **Programa de Dedicación de Banca** ($2,500), **Dedicación de un Salón** ($5,000) o incluso un **Regalo de Planificación de Sucesión**. Hay tantas otras cosas en la iglesia de las cuales puede escoger para honrar a sus seres queridos; por favor llame a la oficina para más información acerca de cualquiera de estas oportunidades. ¡Gracias por apoyar a la Iglesia de San Patricio!

Consider These Opportunities:

- Tithe your estate. The ancient standard of 10% can do a world of good.
- Imagine that you have a child named "Charity" that will receive a portion of your estate similar to your other children or heirs.
- Name your church as the "residuary beneficiary" of your estate.
- Make a gift that will permanently endow your annual pledge to your church. (General rule: Gift amount x 5% = your annual pledge.) You may create this fund directly through your St. Patrick or St. Anne Foundation with a gift of at least $10,000.



Beneficiary Designations

The "easy bequest." Name your church as the beneficiary of an IRA, a qualified retirement plan, an insurance policy or other assets. There can also be tax advantages to this type of gift.

All donors should consult with their own professional advisors to ensure that an estate plan meets their unique goals and complies with all legal requirements. The foregoing material is provided for general educational and informational purposes only. The Foundation does not provide legal, financial or accounting advice.

For additional information and assistance, please contact:

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119 N. Market St.
Momence, IL 60954
(815) 472-2864

St. Anne's Church
230 N. 6th Avenue
St. Anne, IL 60964
(815) 427-8265

www.stpatrickmomence.org

Remember Your Church

In Your Will or Estate Plan

Make a Difference

Your gifts to your St. Patrick's / St. Anne's Church support ministries that change lives and share the love of with a world in need.

With a little planning, a gift to the church through one's will or estate plan can be a meaningful testament to one's faith, an inspiration to family and friends and a force for life-changing ministry in the world.

Unrestricted Gifts

Ministry is ever-changing. Your church must respond to emerging needs, directing funds where needed most. Unrestricted gifts afford your church maximum flexibility in using funds to achieve its charitable missions. If you wish to allow use of your donation for purposes as needed, then the following language may be incorporated in a will or trust document:

(Describe a particular asset, a specific amount or a percentage of the estate) **to the** *(Parish Name, followed by current address)* **for its charitable tax-exempt purposes, without restriction. If** *(Parish Name)* **does not exist at the time of distribution, then to** *(Another Organization)* **for its charitable tax-exempt purposes, without restriction.**

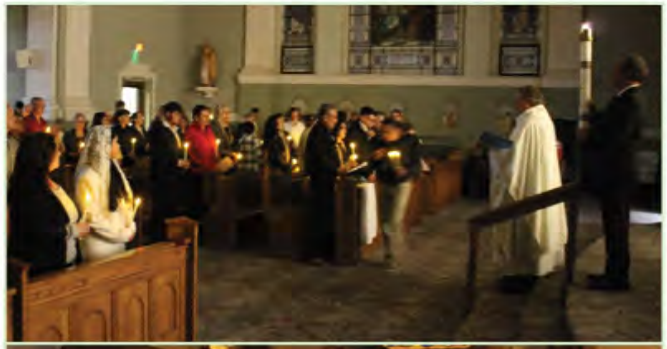
Restricted Gifts

You may want your gift used for a particular purpose such as children's ministries or music programs at your church. Or, you may want the church to invest the gift and only use the income.

Many churches and charities have already created endowment funds for specific purposes. Contact the church prior to finalizing gift plans to determine the names and purposes of existing funds, or to discuss creating your own special fund.

For a General Restriction, the Following May Be Used:

[Describe a particular asset, a specific amount or a percentage of the estate] **to the** *[Name of UM Church or Charity, followed by current address]* **("Charity") for** *[describe the purpose, such as a program, activity or project]* **("Purpose"). If Purpose does not exist at the time of distribution, Charity shall use the distribution for one or more of its charitable tax-exempt purposes nearest to the original Purpose. If Charity does not exist at the time of distribution, then the distribution shall go to …**



You may want to use the Foundation as a final catch-all recipient with the following language: *to St. Patrick's / St. Anne's (Church Address) to be used and administered for the Purpose or for a charitable tax-exempt purpose as near as possible to the original Purpose as determined by the Pastor, in consultation with the Church's Finance Committee.*

Please Support Your Local Parishes!!!

It's All About our Future!

For over 150 years, the faithful at our border town parishes have dedicated themselves to serving the folks of our community in God's name. We ask you to consider the ways listed below that can help our parish. If you would like to discuss how **Estate Planning** can be used to make a gift to the parish, please contact St. Pat's at ☎ (815) 472-2864 or St. Anne's at ☎ (815) 427-8265.

- **Bequests** - Through your will you can bequeath to the parishes a fixed amount, a percentage of your estate or the remainder after other choices have been made. Example language might be: "To St. Patrick's Church of Momence, I leave the sum of $XXX to be used at the discretion of the recipient." Any bequest to each specific parish you make will reduce the size of your estate and could reduce the estate taxes that may be due.
- **Life Insurance** - By naming your parish as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy your premiums may be tax deductible and it will help ensure the future of St. Patrick's Church.
- **Tax Deferred Savings Plan** - Money in an IRA or other similar plan is subject to income tax when withdrawn. If left in your estate, they may be subject to estate taxes. If you make to the parish the remainder beneficiary, neither of those taxes may be paid.
- A variety of **Charitable Trusts & Annuities** - There are a variety of giving options that can provide you or future generations' income, rights to property or assets with tax savings and generous support our parishes.

St. Pat's December Daily Drawing

c. $10,000 will be awarded over 31 days during December 2022

Prizes will be paid according to the following schedule: (1) December 1st $1,500; (4) Sundays $500; (26) Mondays through Saturdays $250

$20 per ticket. Only 1000 tickets will be sold.

All proceeds benefit the renovation of the St. Patrick Gymnasium

St. Pat's December Daily Drawing Rules. Drawings will be held during the month of December 2025. Raffle winners will be based on the Illinois Lottery's 12:40 p.m. drawing of the **Pick 3** Daily Game in the order drawn. Fireballs will be excluded for the St. Pat's December Daily Drawing. Drawing results can be found at www.illinoislottery.com. Winning numbers will be posted weekly in the church bulletin and will be notified by phone/text. Checks will be mailed on Mondays to winners drawn during the previous week (Sunday to Saturday). If the raffle ticket matching the daily 3-digit number has not been sold, then a drawing from the pool of sold raffle ticket stubs will take place the same evening and that ticket will win the daily prize. Raffle numbers may win multiple times.

5 Octubre 2025: XXVII Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

El Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos comienza en octubre. Las señoritas que deseen recibir su Quinceañera deben primero ser confirmadas antes de que se pueda programar cualquier misa. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con la oficina parroquial al ☎ (815) 472-2864.

Camino a Relaciones Saludables

Desde comienzos de la creación, Dios tenía planeado que los seres humanos vivieran unidos llevándose bien unos con otros. Gran parte de la Sagrada Escritura nos muestra cómo hacerlo, a la vez que explica y clarifica el plan de Dios. Las lecturas este fin de semana ofrecen una guía para valorar y cuidar de nuestras relaciones humanas. Específicamente, el Evangelio se enfoca en las circunstancias de una relación que ha fallado. A diferencia de los fariseos, nos conviene no tanto enfatizar las leyes que se aplican a relaciones que fallan, sino más bien, dar prioridad a lo que en realidad Dios deseaba para nosotros. Los vínculos saludables requieren de nosotros mucho tiempo y dedicación. Ciertamente exigen confianza y honestidad. Jesús demostró un profundo compromiso con sus amigos y para con nosotros. Como un hermano, entregó hasta su vida por nosotros. Los niños se ocupan mucho de sus amistades. Ellos confían, perdonan, aman sin condiciones. Las palabras finales del Evangelio de hoy nos invitan a recibir a Jesús y a aquellos con quienes nos relacionamos. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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El matrimonio es una vocación y estilo de vida sagrado, instituido por Dios, mismo que no debe tomarse a la ligera. Así como no se concede el sacramento del orden a un varón que no se ha preparado debidamente, una persona que no se ha preparado debidamente, no debe ser admitida al sacramento del matrimonio. Así como a las religiosas y los religiosos no profesan una consagración de vida sin antes haberse asegurado de su motivación, la pareja comprometida debe ver y evaluar muy bien lo que está haciendo y asegurarse de que no haya algún impedimento para el matrimonio. Han de reconocer concientemente cuál es la motivación por la cual quieren unir su vida. Para que un matrimonio sea válido, según las leyes de la Iglesia, los contrayentes deben tener una edad apropiada, saber lo que hacen y que no haya impedimento alguno, por ejemplo, la presión de la familia, embarazo prematuro o el deseo de salir de la casa familiar. Los dos deben consentir una vida de esposos por el resto de su vida y ser siempre fieles el uno al otro. Este compromiso debe hacerse públicamente, ante un miembro del clero y dos testigos. Cumplidos todos estos requisitos, los dos se hacen una sola carne, como dice Jesús. - Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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Lecturas de Hoy

Primera Lectura - A pesar de la violencia, la destrucción y la ruina, el justo vivirá a causa de su fe (Habacuc 1:2-3; 2:2-4).
Salmo - Ojalá escuchen la voz del Señor: "No endurezcan el corazón" (Salmo 95 [94]).
Segunda Lectura - Tolera dificultades con la fuerza que viene de Dios (2 Timoteo 1:6-8, 13-14).
Evangelio — ¡Señor, auméntanos la fe! (Lucas 17:5-10).

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes:	Jon 1: 1-2: 2, 11; Jon 2; Lc 10: 25-37
Martes:	Jon 3: 1-10; Sal 130; Lc 10: 38-42
Miércoles:	Jon 4: 1-11; Sal 86; Lc 11: 1-4
Jueves:	Mal 3: 13-20b; Sal 1: 1-4, 6; Lc 11: 5-13
Viernes:	Jl 1: 13-15; 2: 1-2; Sal 9; Le 11: 15-26
Sábado:	Jl 4: 12-21; Sal 97; Lc 11: 27-28
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