

# Ss. Mary & Joseph Catholic Church

2010 East 1st South Street, PO Box 138, Carlinville, IL 62626

Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

October 25, 2026

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday, October 26, 2026**

**through**

**Sunday, November 1, 2026**

**Changes to the schedule will be announced on Facebook**

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| Monday | 8:00am | Communion Service |
| Tuesday | 8:00am | Communion Service |
| Wednesday | 8:00am | Communion Service |
| Thursday | 8:00am | Daily Mass |
| Friday | 8:00am | Communion Service |
| Saturday | 6:00pm | Weekend Mass |
| Sunday | 10:00am | Weekend Mass |

## PRAYER & DEVOTIONS

**Scriptural Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy**
Mondays 8:30am



**Eucharistic Adoration**
Thursdays 8:30am-Noon

**Reconciliation**
Thursdays 8:30-915am
Sundays 9:30-9:50am
By Appointment

**Rosary**
Sundays 9:30

## Welcome to Ss. Mary & Joseph!

Whether you are an existing member, visiting family or new to the Parish we are happy you are here. If you are new to our parish, please call the office to register or to know more about our Parish Family. We look forward to meeting you!

### Parish Office

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8:30am-2:30pm
Wednesday 8:30am-2:30pm, 3:30pm-5:30pm

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***Bulletin Notices due by 9am on Wednesdays***

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Diocese Victim Assistance Coordinator &liaison between the Diocese & anyone with an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor– (217) 321-1155.

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# FROM THE PASTOR

**The Greatest Commandment: Love God and Love Your Neighbor**

This weekend we have one of the most familiar gospel passages. A scholar of the Law asks Jesus, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" Jesus answers with two commandments that summarize the whole Christian life: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind," and "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." This is the heart of our faith.

**Love God with your whole heart.** Loving God means more than our spiritual practices such as attending Mass, saying our prayers, or calling ourselves Catholics. These are important expressions of our faith, but our love for God must also shape our daily choices, priorities, and relationships. It means making room for God in our busy lives, trusting him in difficult times, and allowing his Word to guide our decisions. God does not ask for only a small part of our lives; he invites us to give him our whole heart.

**Love your neighbor as yourself.** Jesus reminds us that our love for God cannot be separated from our love for others. Our love of God needs to manifest itself in our love and care for others. Our neighbor is not only the person who lives next door, a family member, or someone we like. Our neighbor can be anyone who is in need of our help in any way. We all want to be respected, understood, forgiven, and treated with kindness. Jesus asks us to offer that same kindness and respect to others. St. John puts it beautifully; "If anyone says, "I love God", and hates his brother, is a liar…" (1 John 4:20).

The First Reading from Exodus (22:20–26) reinforces this message by reminding God's people to care for strangers, widows, orphans, and the poor. God calls us to notice the needs of those who are vulnerable and to respond with compassion. In our own families and communities, we can live this commandment through simple acts of love: visiting someone who is sick or lonely, listening patiently, forgiving an old hurt, helping a family in need, welcoming someone who feels left out, or offering a kind word when someone is discouraged.

Jesus concludes by saying that the whole Law and the Prophets depend on these two commandments. In other words, **love is the heart of God's law and the foundation of our Christian life.** We cannot claim to love God while deliberately ignoring the dignity and needs of our brothers and sisters.

Every time we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, listen to his Word, and receive Christ, who gives himself to us in love, we are reminded of this call. We are then sent forth to carry that love into our homes, workplaces, farms, neighborhoods, and parish community. The love we receive at the altar must become the love we share with others.

As we reflect on this Sunday's Gospel, let us ask ourselves three simple questions: Am I giving God a central place in my life? Is there someone who needs my forgiveness, patience, or help? What is one concrete way I can show God's love this week?

Blessings of Peace and Joy!



# PARISH NEWS

**Wed, October 28: Ss. Mary & Jospeh Presents 7th Annual Trunk or Treat!** It will be held in the Ss. Mary & Joseph parking lot at 6:30pm. All kiddos are invited! If you are interested in passing out treats, please let the office know! The more the merrier!

**Sun, Nov 1: All Souls** We will be remembering the lives of the loved ones we have lost this year during Mass on Sun, Nov 1 at 10am. We ask that a family member or friend be present to come forth & light their loved one's candle.

**Sun, Nov 1: Sunday Social** The Women's Group will be hosting coffee & donuts after 10am Mass on Sunday, November 1. Please plan to join us for food, fellowship & fun! The Women's Group will meet after the social.

**Mon, Nov 2: Hospitality Committee Meeting** The Hospitality Committee will be having a meeting on Mon, Nov 2 at 9am in the conference room. If you are interested in this committee please plan on coming to learn more! All are welcome to attend!

**Wed, Nov 4: Blood Drive** Ss. Mary & Joseph is sponsoring a Blood Drive at the Elks Lodge on from Noon to 5pm. To schedule your appointment, please call 1-800-747-5401. Volunteers are needed, if interested please call Reda Scanlan at 217-556-9781 or Beth Young at 217-502-2341.

**Sun, Nov 8: SVDP Appreciation Breakfast after Mass** Once again, the St. Vincent de Paul Members would like to thank all the parishioners for their continuous generosity & support of our 5th Sunday Collections! We appreciate each & every one of you so very much!

**Mon, Nov 9 & Tues, Nov 10: Candy Making** It's time to make that delicious Peanut Brittle & Toffee. We will be making candy Nov. 9 & 10 starting at 8:30am. We need sugar & volunteers. Donations of sugar may be dropped off at the office during office hours. A volunteer signup sheet is in the narthex.

**Sun, Nov 8: Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner** St. Joseph parish will be hosting its annual pre-Thanksgiving dinner on Sun, Nov 8, beginning at 5:00pm. Turkey, pork roast, dressing, & rolls will be provided. Everyone in the tri-parish community is invited to attend. Sign-up sheets will be in the vestibules of both St. Joseph & Ss Simon & Jude. Anyone from Ss Mary & Joseph wishing to attend should contact Cindy Saracco at 217-835-2623 or at esaracco4@gmail.com. The price of admission is a side dish &/or a dessert. Bring your family & join us for some great food and fellowship.


We send our condolences to the ***family of Rena K. Malvasio***, who passed away on October 6. Please keep her family in your prayers.

## The Week Ahead

**Please note that calendar events are based on requests for reservations, and we are not always informed when events are cancelled. If you have any quetions if an event is happening, please contact the head of that committee/group.**

| Mon 26 | Tue 27 | Wed 28 | Thu 29 | Fri 30 | Sat 31 | Sun 01 |
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| | CCCSC Mtg 6:30pm | **PSR Saints Festival 4-5pm**<br>**Mass at 5:15pm**<br>**Trunk or Treat at 6:30pm** | | | Happy Halloween<br>Rotary Parade at 6:15pm | **All Saint's Day**<br>Rosary at 9:30am<br>**Sunday Social**<br>Women's Group Mtg after Social |



# PSR CORNER

Jodi Rowe, DRE jodi.rowe@ssmaryjosephcarlinville.com

## Growing in Faith • Growing Together

### One Church, Three States: The Communion of Saints

When Catholics profess belief in the Communion of Saints in the Apostles' Creed, we're declaring something extraordinary: the Church is much bigger than those of us sitting in the pews on Sunday!

Traditionally, the Church describes this communion in three states:
**The Church Militant — That's Us!**
The faithful here on earth, still striving to live holy lives, resist sin, and follow Christ.
**The Church Suffering — The Holy Souls in Purgatory**
Those who have died in God's friendship but are undergoing their final purification before entering Heaven. We can help them through our prayers!
**The Church Triumphant — The Saints in Heaven**
Those who have completed their earthly journey and now rejoice in God's presence. They continue to pray for us!

Three states. One Church. United in Christ.

As we approach All Saints' and All Souls' Days, remember that the Communion of Saints isn't simply a beautiful idea. It's a reminder that our prayers, our love, and our membership in Christ's Church reach beyond this earthly life.

**✦ Catholic Fun Fact: Let's Bake Some History!✦**
Remember those soul cakes we talked about last week? Well, this week we're bringing that centuries-old tradition into your kitchen!

Last week, we learned about souling, the medieval custom of going door-to-door collecting little spiced cakes in exchange for prayers for the faithful departed. This week, we're sharing a traditional-style soul cake recipe so your family can experience a little piece of Catholic history for yourselves!

**Traditional Soul Cakes**
Makes approximately 24 small cakes

- 2½ cups flour
- ⅔ cup cold butter
- ¾ cup sugar
- ½ cup dried currants or raisins
- 2 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
- 2 egg yolks
- 2 Tbsp. milk
- Pinch of salt

Send us a picture of your family making the cakes and let us know how they tasted!

Directions: Preheat oven to 350°F. Rub butter into flour until crumbly. Mix in sugar, spices, fruit, and salt. Add egg yolks and milk, mixing into a dough (add a splash more milk if needed). Roll to ¼-inch thickness, cut into small circles, and lightly score a cross on each. Bake 15–20 minutes until golden.

**A Little Family Tradition: As you enjoy your soul cakes, pray together:** *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

### Coming Up at PSR

**October 28**
4:00-5:00pm: Saints Festival during PSR; 5:15-6:15pm: Mandatory Family Mass - everyone from the Parish is invited to attend; 6:30pm: Trunk or Treat in the west parking lot - All Kids are Welcome!
**November 4** - Regular PSR
**November 11** - NO PSR (Veteran's Day)

### Sacramental Formation

Children in **2nd and 3rd grade must regularly attend both PSR and Sunday Mass** as part of their preparation and to remain eligible to receive their sacraments.

**OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a welcoming journey of faith for adults who want to learn more about Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. It is a time to ask questions, explore Scripture, discover the beauty of the Catholic faith, and grow in a deeper relationship with God.**

A Journey in Faith
OCIA
Order of Christian Initiation
(formerly known as RCIA)

If you would like more information please contact the parish office or Don Reid.

**Classes will be held in the Conference Room at 7pm**
Upcoming Dates: November 4

# MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 24
6:00pm Vigil Bob Huyear +
Danny Nafziger+

Sunday, October 25
10:00am Dick Rosentreter +
Dan Richmiller +

Thursday, October 29
8:00am Dorothy Bomkamp +

Saturday, October 31
6:00pm Vigil Ray "Beaver" Coatney +
Andy Freehill +

Sunday, November 01
10:00am Bob Wubben +

# STEWARDSHIP
# MANAGING GOD'S GIFTS TO US

**Weekend Envelopes, Checks & Cash**
$4,494.00

**Building Fund & PSR**
$0.00

**Holy Day: Ascension**
$4.00

**Special: Mihalek Memorial, Cerar Funeral, Mission Sunday, Hall Rental**
$1,128.00

**Total: $5,626.00**

*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

**Mass Counts**
Sat, 10/17/26: 87
Sun, 10/18/26: 242
Total: 329

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED:

Josh Carter, Deacon Denny & Kathy Baker, Tonya Koller, Grey Smith, Peggy Geurin, Jessica Williams, Jackie Malt, Karen Joiner, Sherry Huff, Peggy Tieman, Ron Paul, Mary Ann Pollitt, Betty Wehking, Brad Reid, Brian Iben, Jake Boehm, Veronica Payne-Morse, Jodi Wiggins, Margie Oftedahl, Mike Chandler, Hadley Vaughn

## WE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL, ESPECIALLY:

Matthew Gazda, Stefan Gazda, Broc Horn, Bryan Murphy Jr., Gary Wilson

**SS. MARY & JOSEPH HAS A TEAM OF PRAYER WARRIORS THAT ARE COMMITTED TO PRAYING FOR YOUR INTENTIONS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AN INTENTION INCLUDED, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE.**

# PARISH LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**Saturday, October 31, 2026 at 6:00pm Vigil**

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| **Ushers:** | Ruth Coatney & Karen Dworzynski |
| **Lector:** | Terri Reid |
| **Euch. Ministers:** | Dave Reid*, Terri Reid*, John Kelly, **3 Volunteers Needed** |
| **Gift Bearers:** | **Volunteer Family Needed** |
| **Altar Servers:** | **3 Volunteers Needed** |

**Sunday, November 01, 2026 at 10:00am**

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| **Ushers:** | Shorty & Ann Johnston |
| **Lector:** | Val Knight |
| **Euch. Ministers:** | Stevie Siepka*, Susie Reznicek*, Gayle Nafziger, Audrey Costello, Claudia Malin, Rachel Killam |
| **Gift Bearers:** | Etter Family |
| **Altar Servers:** | Ella Rosentreter, Kane Siepka, Josie Reid |
| **Children's Lit:** | Molly Hutson, Chalree Steward, Halle Bredel |

Ss. Mary & Joseph Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

The Parish Pastoral Council met on October 1, 2026, at 6:30 PM. Those present included Monica Sottoriva, Dan Kallal, John Kelly, Kelly Behme, Torie Denby, Scott Harris, and Fr. Joe Koyickal. Members Ken Reid, Tracy Koster, and Brad Barkley were absent. Fr. Joe opened the meeting with a prayer.

The minutes of the prior August 12th meeting were approved on a motion by Monica which was seconded by John.

Under old business, the PSR program for the year has started with 89 children from 49 families registered. Torie thought that things were going okay so far. Fr. Joe mentioned that there will be an update concerning the Capital Campaign in the bulletin at the end of October. So far approximately $730,000 has been either pledged or donated.

Under new business, the council discussed some ways to welcome the students from Blackburn that have returned to school and attend weekend Mass. Monica has a contact that she will call to see how many welcome bags need to be prepared. The annual parish appreciation dinner was discussed. The plan is to hold the dinner after 10 am Mass on Sunday, January 10, 2027. Reno's will cater for the event. Debbie O'Brien has stepped down as a choir accompanist. A Blackburn Student has expressed interest in playing for a couple Masses a month and will play for both choirs on Sunday, October 18. Nick Davio will continue to play one weekend a month, and Dustin White will play for two weekends. Larry Bowman has announced that he will retire as the Building and Grounds supervisor. Fr. Joe commended him on the work he had voluntarily done to supervise the many building projects that have been completed in the last four years. Father also mentioned that the church bulletin will be expanded and produced in house. He mentioned some revisions to the parish Mission Statement that will be included in the bulletin. It was the consensus of the parish council to adopt the revised mission statement. The Saints Festival for PSR will be October 28 with a Mass at 5:15 followed by Trunk or Treat at 6:30. Thanksgiving Mass will be November 18, at 5:15. The Holy day of December 8th will have an 8 AM Mass in Gillespie and 6 PM Mass in Carlinville. December 9th will be First Reconciliation for 3rd grade PSR at 5:15 pm. The last PSR prior to Christmas break will be December 16th with a Mass to follow at 5:15 and parish confessions at 6:00-7:30 pm. Christmas Eve Masses will be 4 pm at both Gillespie and Carlinville and 6 pm in Benld. Christmas Day Mass will be 8 am in Gillespie and 10 am in Carlinville. New Year's Eve Mass will be at 4 pm in Carlinville and 6 pm in Gillespie. Benld will have an 8 am New Year's Day Mass.

The council discussed possible additions to parish programs that would be beneficial such as some adult formation presentations after the 10:00 am Mass in the parish hall, "Coffee and Faith". Kelly volunteered to assist Fr. Joe in identifying some programs or video presentations. Father would like to see the PSR students participate in a live Stations of the Cross during Lent, preferably on Good Friday. Kelly suggested a parent committee to coordinate new activities for the parish children. This might be participation in Mass or community outreach. A children's choir was also discussed. It would also be beneficial if we could find ways to incorporate Blackburn students into activities at SSMJ.

The next meeting of the Parish Council was scheduled for December 3, 2026.

Fr. Joe closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Dan Kallal, Council secretary.

# The Kids' Bulletin

**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
**October 25th, 2026**




*How did Jesus say we should love God?*
*Put the letters in order by their numbers*
*to fill in the spaces and find out!*

*With all our* __ __ __ __ __, __ __ __ __,
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

__ __ __ __ __ __ __.
10 11 12 13 14 15 16

## *The Greatest Commandment*




What does Jesus say the greatest commandment is? At first you might think that the most important thing would be to not kill anyone, wouldn't you? But that's not what He says! The very most important thing is to love God with our whole heart and soul and mind! It means that we must do everything we do for love of God, and live our whole life completely for Him.

But how can we love God so much? Well, we can practice little by little, loving Him more each day. Paying attention at Mass every Sunday and saying a prayer every day would be a good start. Every morning tell God that you will do everything for Him today and every night before you go to bed, thank God for all that He has done for you and tell Him you're sorry for the bad things you did that day. Then try to think about God through the day.

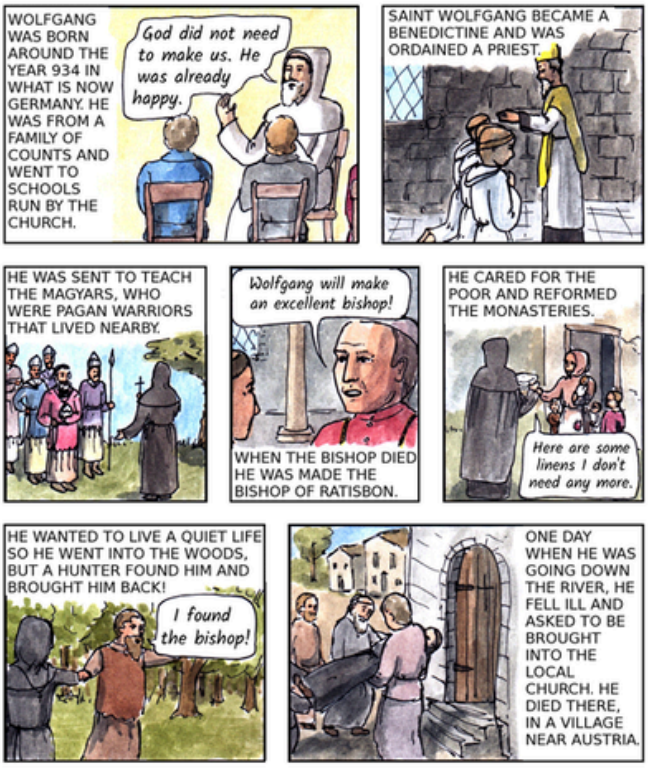



The second greatest commandment that Jesus tells us is that we should love others as much as we love ourselves. If we really love God then we will want to love other people too, because God loves them! If you don't love others, it shows that you don't really love God as much as you should. What can you do today to start loving God more?




Answer to front page: heart, soul and mind.
Answers to Unscramble: greatest, Lord, heart, soul, mind, first, love, yourself, whole. TO LOVE GOD

## Saint Wolfgang
### October 31




SAINT WOLFGANG WAS ONE OF THE IMPORTANT PATRON SAINTS FOR THE PEOPLE OF NORTHERN EUROPE THROUGHOUT THE MIDDLE AGES. HE WAS THE TEACHER OF A FUTURE EMPEROR AND SEVERAL ARCHBISHOPS. HIS TEACHING KEPT THESE MEN CLOSE TO GOD AND HELPED THEM RULE WELL.

## Unscramble The Gospel

*Unscramble the words to fill in the blanks in today's Gospel reading, and use the letters in boxes to fill in the blanks at the end.*

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law, tested him by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the □[7]__ __ __ __ __ __?" He said to him, "You
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shall love the __ □[4]__ __, your God, with all
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your __ □[6]__ __ __, with all your __ □[8]__ __,
ARTHE OSUL
and with all your __ __ __ □[9]. This is the greatest
IDMN
and __ __ __ __ □[1]commandment. The second is
SRTFI
like it: You shall __ __ □[5]__ your neighbour as
OEVL
__ □[2]__ __ __ __ __ __. The __ __ __ □[3]__
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law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.

*What is the most important thing for us to ever do?*



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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

## MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of Ss. Mary & Joseph Parish, are united by our Catholic faith, traditions, & sacramental life. We strive to be a welcoming & participatory community, sharing our time, talents, & treasure. Nourished by the Eucharist & guided by the Gospel, we are sent forth to bring Christ's love into our families, our community, & the world, serving especially those who are poor & in need. Rooted in faith, united in love & sent forth in service.

## BAPTISMS

In order for a child to be baptized, the Church requires that the minister performing the baptism have a reasonable hope that the child will be raised in the practice of the faith. Attending Mass regularly & being a registered member of the parish provides this reasonable hope. Please contact the parish office for further details.

## SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION, FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

The sacraments is a two-year preparation process starting in 2nd Grade. 2nd & 3rd Grade students must attend PSR & Mass in order to be eligible for these sacraments. Contact the DRE, Jodi Rowe, for more informaiton.

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

A couple wishing to be married in Ss. Mary & Joseph Catholic church must contact the parish office six months prior to the intended date. The couple must be registered in the parish & attend Mass regularly.

## COMMUNION & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If you are sick or homebound & would like to receive communion or be anointed, please contact the parish office.

## PARISH COMMITTEES & GROUPS

**Parish Council:** Monica Sottoriva, Dan Kallal, Brad Barkley, Scott Harris, John Kelly, Tracy Koster, Ken Reid, Tori Denby, Kelly Behme, Fr. Joe Koyickal

**Finance Council:** Heather DeNeve, Dana Boente, Becky Salske, Jackie Dunn, Chris Behme, Kyle Frericks, Susan Millard, Fr. Joe Koyickal

**Building Committee:** Larry Rhodes, Scootie Janssen, Peg Barkley, Kathy Stankoven, Ed Kalaher, Gary Ogden, John & Susan LeVora, Fr. Joe Koyickal

**Grounds Committee:** Steve Boente, Larry & Marsha Rhodes, Scootie Janssen, David Boente, Fr. Joe Koyickal

**Emergency Management Team:** Gary Odgen, Fran Rosentreter, Steve Stone, Dave & Julie Carter, Chris Behme, Jake Hanbning, Mark Gillock, Scott Harris, Zach Etter, Eric Pingolt, Eric Ogden, Jim Bellm, Sandy Lane, Vaughn Whiteman, Phil Hampton, Fr. Joe Koyickal

**Hospitality Committee Contact:** Mary Reid

**Women's Group Contact:** Julie Boente

**Ladies KC Auxiliary Contact:** Beth Young

**Knights of Columbus Contact:** Eric Ogden

**Funeral Luncheon Committee Contacts:**
Kay Kalaher & Kristy Rosentreter

**Music Ministry Contact:** Mary Jo Reichmann




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