

Saint Michael's Catholic Church

17150 - 88th Ave, Coopersville, MI 49404
Parish Office: 616-384-4026 www.saintmichaels.us



WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

4:30 p.m. Saturday at St. Mary
8:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m. at St. Michael
11:00 a.m. at St. Mary

Daily Mass Schedule :

9:00 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday at St. Mary
9:00 a.m. Wednesday and Friday at St. Michael

Eucharistic Adoration:

St. Mary—Tuesday after Mass until 2:00 pm
St. Michael—Wednesday after Mass until 2:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday at 3:30 p.m. at St. Mary
Wednesday from 2:00—3:00 p.m. at St. Michael
Reconciliation can be made anytime by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism:

Contact the Parish Office at least 1 month prior.

Sacrament of Marriage

Contact the Parish Office at least 6 months prior.

Saint Michael's Catholic Community is a family challenged by Christ, inspired by the Holy Spirit, to care for others and to become the body of Christ through worship, hospitality and service.

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Contact the Parish Office

A calendar of all scheduled events

can be found on our parish website.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday September 24

4:30PM † Joyce Yost by The Janet McKnight-Perks Family.....**MA**
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 PM—4:15 PM

Sunday September 25

8:00AM † Hunter Bajema by Ed & Dorothy Alt.....**MI**
9:30AM † Carl Goosen by Marcy Goosen & Family**MI**
11:00AM Our Parish Family.....**MA**

Monday September 26..... NO MASS

Tuesday September 27

9:00AM **Communion Service & Adoration****MA**
Adoration begins after Mass until 2pm

Wednesday September 28

9:00AM **Communion Service & Adoration****MI**
Adoration begins after Mass until 2pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 2:00 PM—3:00 PM

Thursday September 29

9:00AM **No Services****MA**

Friday September 30

9:00AM **No Services****MI**

Saturday October 1

4:30PM † Bob Bacon by Joe Kline**MA**
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 PM—4:15 PM

Sunday October 2

8:00AM † Jack VanderKlok by Kurt & Margaret Bouchard**MI**
9:30AM † Fr. Ayub's sister, Martha Grace by Fr. Ayub**MI**
11:00AM Our Parish Family.....**MA**

MA=St. Mary MI=St. Michael's

Please Note: When there is a Funeral Mass or inclement weather (where Coopersville Public Schools are closed.) Daily Mass will be cancelled. The Mass intention for that day will be rescheduled at our earliest opportunity.



Readings for the week of September 25, 2022

Sunday Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

Monday Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs
Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest
Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Ps 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8; Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs
Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5; Jn 1:47-51

Friday Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab; Lk 10:13-16

Saturday St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church
Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24

Sunday Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

St. Michael's Liturgical Ministers

	Oct 2 / 8:00 AM	Oct 2 / 9:30 AM
Altar Servers	Peter Nielsen Braden Monroe	Madelyn Jonaitis Molly Jonaitis
Eucharistic Ministers	Jeff Johnson Carolyn Johnson Denise Parish	Debbie Veneklas Mark Phillips Greg Helsen
Greeters	None at this time	None at this time
Lector	Kevin Schumaker	Chris Albrecht
Sacristan	Judy Driedger	Sue DeVos
Ushers	Wade Lindberg Joe Meerman Ed Irwin Mary Bueche	Greg Helsen Jim Ponshair NEED TWO
Music	Anna Jonaitis	Anna Jonaitis

St. Mary's Liturgical Ministers

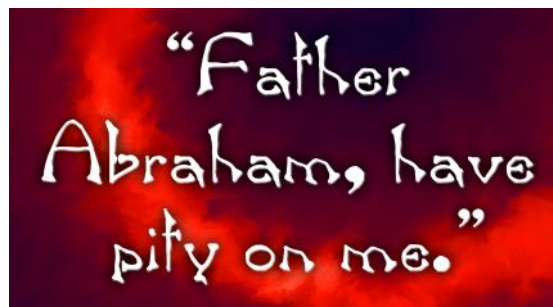
	October 1 4:30PM	October 2 11:00 AM
Sacristan	Vito Dolci	Gary Karr
Altar Servers	Kassidy Britt MaKaelyn Britt	Hannah Davis Calvin Davis
Host	Sara Patterson Michelle Lampe	Margie Jirous Need One
Hospitality Ministers	Scott Lampe Lisa Potts Matt Karr Jeff Schneider	Leonard Horter Need Three
Lector	Jenna Looks	Rita Carmody
Music	Bernie Stanko	Bernie Stanko

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

September 25, 2022:

The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's gospel the rich man died and was condemned to "a place of torment" because he ignored the poor. He asked Lazarus to go and warn his five brothers to change their ways. Evidently ignoring the poor was a family pattern. Is your family sensitive to the poor?



Emergency Contact Information

New Emergency Phone Number ~ (616) 745-1409
This number should be used for emergencies only.
For all other needs please contact Fr Mike at the parish office: St Mary 677.3934 St Michael - 384.4026
Or by email: frmhodges@grpriests.org

St. Michael's Parish News



Scrip News— Scrip totals will be updated next week.

St. Michael's Preschool

Have you considered St. Michael's Pre-school for your child or grandchild? If not, you should! Classes started on Sept. 7, but it's not too late to join! Come see what a great experience St. Michael's Preschool can provide. Come meet our Director/Teacher, Cindy Lindberg! Preschool meets on MWTF from 8:45—11:45 am (Mon. 8:45am-2:30pm for 4-year-olds). For more info, call the Parish Office at 616-384-4026.



St. Michael's Faith Formation

It is not too late to join us. You can still register for Faith

faith
Formation

Formation. Attention families with children ages 3 through grades 8. Please registered your child for Faith Formation. You can find registration forms on the parish website and forms are also located in the church narthex.

Children's Liturgy of the Word: program is offered on Sunday during 8 and 9:30 Masses. Children 3-9 years old are welcome to join us each week as we pray, read and explore the Sunday Gospel from a child's viewpoint. We include the Gospel Acclamation so children understand the importance of preparing our mind and heart for the Gospel reading. **CLW will start on September 25th.**

Elementary Faith Formation: The elementary program is for students in grades 1-5. We meet on Wednesday from 6:15- 7:30 pm. Registration forms are in the back of church and on the parish website. **Classes have started.** Contact Debbie if you have any questions (616)384-4026.

Middle School Faith Formation: Grades 6, 7 and 8 will meet on Sundays after the 9:30am Mass from 10:45 to 12:15 in the Youth Room. The 8th Grade students will also receive Confirmation Preparation. **Classes will begin on September 25th.**

St. Michael's Bulletin Sponsor of the Week ZIMMER AUTOMOTIVE SERVICES

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**St. Michael's
Sanctuary Lamp**
for + Pete & Marge Ferwerda
by Pam Raczkiewicz

St. Michael's Parish Family

Remembers in Their Prayers: Kevin Johnson, Anne Pols, Alexandria Gordon, George Langlois, Brooke Campbell, Linda Abel-Carroll, Jackie May, Carmen Dietrich, Dennis Goosen, Jean Mayse, Winnie Spencer, the victims of abortion, & the men and women in the military.



What is it? The PaperGator® is a fundraiser where St. Michael's is paid to collect paper products for recycling.

What CAN go in the bins?
Newsprint
Catalogs/Magazines
Junk Mail
Phone Books
Office/School paper
Hard and soft cover books

What CANNOT go in the bins?
Paperboard
(Grocery Item boxes)
Plastic
Metal
Trash
Glass
Cardboard

Euchre — Come one, come all! St. Joseph in Wright will be having Euchre on October 4 and 18. It will start at 1:30 PM and go until 3:30 PM. Cost \$1.00. Please arrive 15 minutes early.

Coffee and Donut Servers Needed!

Please sign up in the family center to help us keep this tradition going! Contact the parish office with ?'s or to volunteer to be scheduled on a monthly or bi-monthly basis. Thanks! There are complete instructions posted in the kitchen if you are a new server.



Giving Back to God

September 18, 2022

Adult Envelopes	\$4,651.00
Loose Cash	\$336.00
Children's Envelopes	\$41.50
Total	\$5,028.50
Building Fund	\$50.00
Financial Assistance	\$30.00

Thank you for your continued support!

September 25, 2022 ~ 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cluster News and Community News and Events

Parish Cluster Weekend Mass Times

The new Mass Schedule will be as follows:

Saturday:

4:30PM ~ St Mary
(Confessions 3:30PM to 4:15PM)

Sunday:

8:30AM ~ St Michael
10:30AM ~ St Mary
4:30PM ~ St. Michael (Confessions 3PM to 4PM)

We are confident that this new Mass schedule will be a benefit to both our parishes and to Fr Mike. We are aware that change can be difficult and uncomfortable, but we appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate this new schedule.



40 Days of Life ~ October 5

40 Days for Life is a unique pro-life effort that consists of 40 days of prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil in front of abortion clinics. This will be the 26th campaign in Grand Rapids, and it will take place in front of Heritage Clinic for Women at 320 East Fulton Street. This is the only free-standing surgical abortion facility still operating in our community. Dozens of area churches have adopted a day of prayer. Our parish cluster family has chosen **Wednesday, October 5, 2022** ~ Would you be willing to pray for one hour to fill in the time slots to pray to end abortion? We will need 2 prayer volunteers from 7 am till 7 pm throughout the day. This is a powerful and proven effective way to close abortion centers and show the Mother's that we are praying and thinking about them and their babies. Please consider a hour of your time~ If you are unable to attend that day you may go to the clinic and pray any time! Thank you for your commitment to LIFE! God bless! Please watch the Narthex for sign up forms. Contact Lisa Potts 616-723-3213 or potts.lisa99@gmail.com for more information. www.40daysforlife.com/GrandRapids



Knights of Columbus News

St. Mary's Knights of Columbus Council #11581

The St Mary's Knights meet on the 1st Thursday of the month at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall.

For more info please visit:

<https://www.saintmarysmarne.org/knights-of-columbus>

Save the date: Next Breakfast & Blood Drive- October 9

Register Online: https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/140440



St. Michael's Knights of Columbus Council #9909

The St. Michael's Knights meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. For more information, visit <https://saintmichaels.us/knights-of-columbus-9909>

PLEASE JOIN US ON

Saturday, October 29

4:30PM Mass - St Mary

Reception to follow in Parish Hall

Sunday, October 30

8:30AM Mass - St Michael

Reception to follow in Family Center

The Official Installation of

Fr. Michael Hodges as Pastor of

St Mary & St Michael Parish Cluster

by Bishop David Walkowiak

All are Welcome!

CONGRATULATIONS & SPECIAL BLESSINGS

To You Fr. Mike

This also happens to be very close to Fr Mike's **10 year Priest Ordination Anniversary - Oct 27.** A time for celebration! God Is Great!

If you would like to help with set-up, serving, clean-up or another area, please contact your parish office. Many hands make light work. Thank You



Pray for our Priests ~ Fall Convocation

Every fall the priests of our diocese attend a retreat together: fall convocation is an important time away from their parishes to build camaraderie, pray together, engage in continuing formation, and celebrate milestone anniversaries.

While they're away, we invite the faithful of our diocese to gather in community to pray in a special way for our shepherds. **On Tuesday, Sept. 27th from 6 – 7 p.m.,**

St Mary-Marne along with many other parishes in the diocese will be open to

Pray for our Priests. A rosary will be led at 6 p.m. with time for silent prayer to

follow. For more information and the entire list please visit: <https://grdiocese.org/sept-27-pray-in-parishes-for-our-priests-on-convocation/>

Prayer for Our Priests

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests.

Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.

Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.

Set their souls on fire with love for your people.

Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.

Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.

Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.

Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.



Please keep Fr Mike and his brother priests in your prayers this week as they enjoy a week of prayer and fellowship at their annual Fall Convocation.

Please Note: Due to the Convocation, there will be a slight change in the weekly Mass schedule. Please see page one of the bulletin for the weekly schedule.

Please Pray for our Engaged Couples

Andrew Poelma & Jillian Sanders October 22, 2022 (St. Michael)

Lord God, the source of all love, the wise plan of your providence has brought these young people together. As they prepare themselves for the sacrament of marriage and pray for your grace, grant that, strengthened by your blessing, they may grow in their respect for one another and cherish each other with a sincere love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



Religious Education

Religious Education Classes begin this Wednesday! Class time is 6:15-7:30 p.m. for 1st-7th grade. We're very excited to see your family at classes this week! We have special sweet treat planned for our first week of class together. 8th Grade Confirmation prep classes will begin at a later date. All registered families have been notified of the start date and class time. If you have not registered there is still time to register. At this time an additional \$25 fee will be incurred due to the extra costs involved in getting the student curriculum, materials and resources. Registration forms are available on line, in the Religious Education Hall or the Church narthex.

Children's Liturgy of the Word: is for Pre-School - 2nd Grade and will be held during the Sunday Mass beginning October 9. Our amazing Ms. Carmody will be leading again this year! Thank you Ms. Carmody!

Attention adults and confirmed High School Teens: How are you fulfilling your baptismal call? Would you like to be involved in Religious Education in some way? We're looking for joyful, faith filled disciples for a variety of roles. This is great opportunity to share your gifts and talents and to help children grow closer to Christ. Orientation/training will be offered for all roles. Please contact Rebecca if you're interested in serving in the Religious Education program.

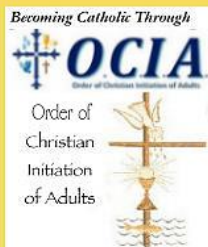
If you have any questions about Religious Education, please contact our DRE, Rebecca Chicklon at 616.677.5065 or dre@saintmarys.marne.org



The OCIA

Order of Christian Initiation For Adults

is ready to begin weekly classes in preparation for receiving sacraments of initiation in the spring. Anybody (either baptized or unbaptized) who is interested in joining the Catholic Church should contact the parish office for more information, as should any person who was baptized Catholic but did not receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Please encourage anyone you know who may be interested.



St Mary Parish Prayer Line

If you would like to request a prayer for our parish prayer line please contact the parish office or Linda at 677.3269. For evening requests call Darlene 453.0157 or email: bfa1414@yahoo.com Please continue to pray for all of our sick, hospitalized & homebound parishioners and all of the personal intentions that St Mary's Parish parishioners hold close to their hearts.

Knights Of Columbus #11581 News

GUN-DUNHAM'S GIFT CARD RAFFLE - Tickets are \$10 each, with a maximum of 250 tickets being sold. License #X06104. **Prize will be awarded in a \$500.00 Dunham's Gift Card.** Drawing will be Thursday, Oct. 6th at our meeting. Tickets will be sold after all Masses.

SCRAP METAL DRIVE - September 24 & 25 There will be a bin in our parish hall parking lot to collect any and all scrap metal you may have. Tell your family and friends to get rid of the old things they're not using anymore. Thank you for cleaning up our environment and supporting our Knights of Columbus in the process. Proceeds to be used for charitable giving. Location: St. Mary's - Marne Hall Parking Lot /SELF SERVE Items not taken: TV's, freezers, refrigerators, air conditioners (anything with Freon or oil/fluids in it)

Items taken: scrap metal, old metal equipment / implements, washers, driers, engines & transmissions with all fluid drained.

BLOOD DRIVE & PANCAKE BREAKFAST - October 9

Blood Drive is 8:30AM to 1:00PM Sign-Up sheets are available in the Narthex or you can Register Online: https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/140440 Pancake Breakfast will be served 9AM till noon. The price will be \$8 for adults. \$6 for seniors and \$4 for kids 5-11. Come out and support our Knights! For more info on any of these events, please contact Deputy Grand Knight: Rob Rander: robrander82@gmail.com or 616-283-7483

Cemetery Clean-Up

Please remove any summer/seasonal decorations. If you have a lower vase or pot, please remember to turn it upside down for the winter and remove all shepherd hooks. The cemetery staff cannot be responsible for decorations, plants, vases, etc., left on the grounds. Winter decorations are permitted until April 15.

Save the Dates

Oct 5	40 Days for Life-Parish Cluster Day of Prayer 7AM-7PM
Oct 7	Healing Mass 7PM
Oct 9	Knights Of Columbus Breakfast and Blood Drive
Oct 21	Jill Brown Flute Recital - St Mary 7:30PM
Oct 29	Fr Mike -Installation Mass, Bishop Walkowiak Presiding 4:30PM St Mary (Light Dinner Reception to follow)
Oct 30	Fr Mike -Installation Mass, Bishop Walkowiak Presiding 8:30AM St Michael (Light Reception to follow)
Nov 1	All Saints Day Mass -12PM St Mary (No Morning Mass-No Adoration)
Nov 2	All Souls Day Mass -12PM St Mike (No Morning Mass-No Adoration)
Nov 4	Mass of Hope, Health & Healing - 7PM St Mary
Nov 23	Thanksgiving Eve Mass 7PM Grocery Collection and Annual Slide Show-St Mary
Nov 24	Thanksgiving Day Mass 9AM - St Michael

Giving Back to God

	September 17/18
Regular Contributions	\$4217.00
Capital Improvement	\$1175.00
Online Contributions	\$975.00
Children's Contributions	\$33.12
Total	\$6400.12

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

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Welcome to the Cluster Parishes of St. Mary and St. Michael



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Vote NO on Proposal 3

DEFEAT THE ANYTHING GOES ABORTION AMENDMENT

This November election, the Catholic bishops in Michigan are urging all Michiganders to vote **NO** on Proposal 3. The measure would add an amendment to the state constitution to:

- Legalize abortion at any time in pregnancy for any reason.
- Allow abortions to be performed by anyone, even those without a medical license.
- Allow any person to help teens obtain abortions without their parents knowing.
- Protect abortion providers from penalties for killing or injuring a woman during an abortion.
- Revoke state law that requires abortion facilities to be licensed and inspected.
- Require taxpayers to pay for abortions.

This amendment allows abortion for:

- **ANY ONE:** any age...including minors
- **ANY TIME:** up to the moment of birth...and beyond birth
- **ANY WHERE:** in a medical facility...or any other location

Vote NO

- On legal abortion through all nine months of pregnancy for any reason.
- On anyone performing abortions.
- On ending parental consent for teenage abortions.
- On allowing legal immunity for medical and non-medical abortionists.

Help Defeat Proposal 3

- Vote **NO**, either in person on Nov. 8, or by absentee ballot beforehand.
- Check your voter registration status and learn more about how to make sure you vote properly by visiting the Michigan Voter Information Center at mvic.sos.state.mi.us
- Encourage your relatives, friends, coworkers, and parishioners to register to vote and vote **NO** on this proposal.
- Pray that the outcome of election may be one that will protect and uphold the dignity of human life.



GET INVOLVED WITH THE VOTE NO CAMPAIGN

To volunteer, receive updates, and make a donation to ensure there are enough resources to defeat this dangerous amendment, visit the website for Citizens to Support MI Women & Children—the official campaign to defeat the anything goes abortion amendment—at supportmiwomenandchildren.org





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Questions and Answers Regarding Proposal 3

Q: What would this proposal do?

A: This proposal seeks to add an amendment to the Michigan Constitution that would guarantee that abortion is legal through all nine months of pregnancy, with no limitations or regulations. Specifically, the proposal would:

- Legalize abortion at any time and for any reason.
- Allow teens to obtain abortions, contraceptives and sterilization without their parents knowing.
- Allow abortion to be performed by anyone—even those without a medical license.

Q: How would this change abortion laws in Michigan?

A: Michigan has several laws on the books that require parental consent and informed consent to protect women and children, prohibit partial-birth abortion and taxpayer-funded abortion, and require abortion facilities to be licensed and inspected, among others. Under this amendment, all of Michigan's pro-life laws would be revoked, and it would be nearly impossible for the Legislature to pass any laws to regulate abortion and protect women and children.

Q: Why is this amendment being proposed?

A: This proposal was launched in anticipation that the U.S. Supreme Court would strike down *Roe v. Wade*. The Supreme Court ruling in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health* allowed abortion regulation to return to individual state legislatures to decide, yet this amendment would take that power away from the Legislature by locking unlimited abortion access into the state constitution and blocking laws from regulating abortion.

Q: How would passing this amendment compare to when *Roe v. Wade* was in effect?

A: This amendment would take Michigan far beyond what was allowed for abortion under *Roe*. In the half century since *Roe*, dozens of laws have been passed to regulate abortion. Under this proposed amendment, those protections would be gone, and abortion would essentially be unrestricted and unregulated.

Q: How late into pregnancy would an abortion be allowed under this amendment?

A: The amendment would allow for abortions all throughout pregnancy. The amendment appears to allow a ban on late-term abortions, but it also provides an exception based on the mother's physical and mental health, in addition to protecting the mother's life. That means a late-term abortion could be justified for almost any reason.

Q: How would Michigan compare to other states if this amendment passed?

A: According to the pro-abortion Guttmacher Institute, Michigan is one of 36 states that require parental involvement in their child's decision to have an abortion, one of 32 states requiring abortions be performed by a licensed physician, and one of 43 states that prohibit abortion after a specified point in pregnancy.

Under Proposal 3, Michigan would no longer require parental consent, that physicians perform abortions, or a limit to when an abortion can happen in a pregnancy, putting Michigan in the minority of states in all three categories.

Q: Who is pushing this amendment?

A: Planned Parenthood and the American Civil Liberties Union are the primary backers, with support from their national affiliates and out-of-state donors. Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and Attorney General Dana Nessel also support the proposal.

Q: Who is working to defeat the amendment?

A: The official group dedicated to defeating the abortion proposal is called Citizens to Support MI Women & Children. That group is led by Michigan Catholic Conference and Right to Life of Michigan. MCC is working with each diocese in the state, who are in turn working with their respective parishes, to get the word out to every Catholic and encourage them to vote **NO** and to support the opposition to the proposed constitutional amendment. ■

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