

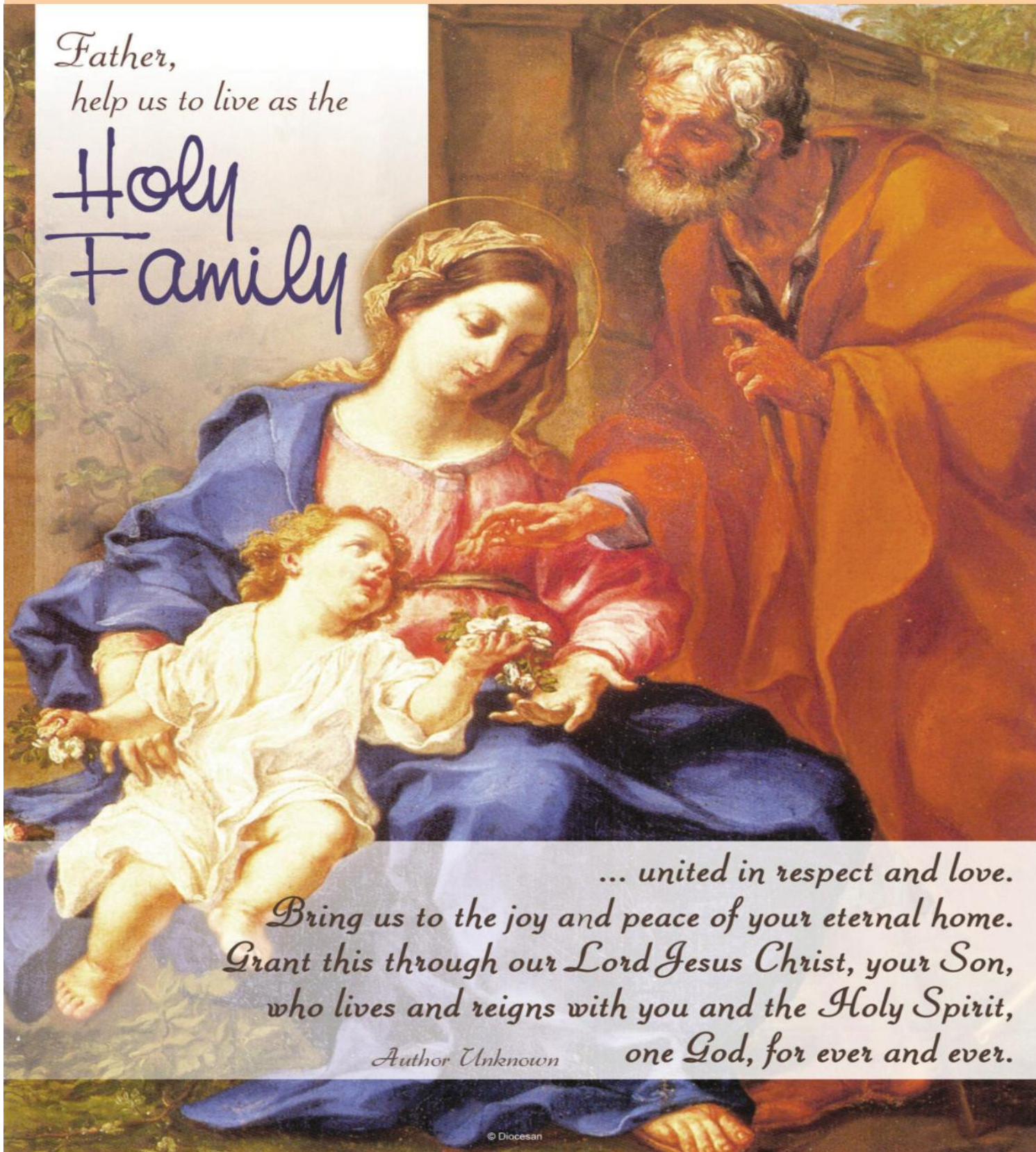
# ST. PIUS X AND ST. MATTHEW PARISHES

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St. Matthew campus  
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Flint, MI 48502

*Father,  
help us to live as the*

*Holy  
Family*



*... united in respect and love.  
Bring us to the joy and peace of your eternal home.  
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.*

*Author Unknown*

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**Secretary** .....Susana Pettigrew  
**Deacon** .....Dave Jansen  
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**PARISH PHONE NUMBERS**

Parish Office .....235-8574  
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 E-Mail .....susanapettigrew@flintcatholic.org  
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**SUNDAY MASSES**

4:30 p.m. (Sat.)

**HOLYDAY MASSES**

Consult weekly bulletin.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Parents must attend a workshop in preparation for Baptism.  
 Call the rectory office to make arrangements.

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (RECONCILIATION)**

Saturdays 3:30 to 4:00 p.m.

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY**

Contact the parish priest at least 9 months in advance.

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK**

Call the parish office to arrange.

**COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND**

Call the office if you are aware of anyone who is homebound.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE**

Monday, 10:00 am written or via email

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**Pastor** .....Fr. Anthony J. Strouse  
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**SUNDAY MASSES**

11:00 a.m.; 1:00 p.m. Extraordinary Form Mass

**HOLYDAY MASSES**

Consult weekly bulletin.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Parents must attend a workshop in preparation for Baptism.  
 Call the office to make arrangements.

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (RECONCILIATION)**

Mondays 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; Saturdays 10:30 a.m.  
 Sundays 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

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**BULLETIN DEADLINE** Monday, 10:00 am written or via email*The Weekly Calendar***St. Pius X***The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

(†Deceased)

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31**

No Sunday Catechesis

**MONDAY, JANUARY 1, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy**

**Mother of God (not a holyday of obligation)**

**No Mass**

**Offices closed**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 2**

7:40 Rosary (church)

8:00 † Janet Matuszewski by Tom Matuszewski

8:30 Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion (church)

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3**

6:30 Greater Flint Catholic Men's group (parish center)

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 4****FRIDAY, JANUARY 5****SATURDAY, JANUARY 6**

3:30 Confessions

4:30 † Msgr. Richard Groshek by Paul and Cathy Keroson

*The Weekly Calendar***St. Matthew***The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**Traditional Latin Mass: Sunday within the Octave of Christmas*

(†Deceased)

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31**

11:00 The people of St. Matthew and St. Pius X parishes

1:00 Intentions of Kristen Staiger

2:30 Confessions

**MONDAY, JANUARY 1, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy**

**Mother of God (not a holyday of obligation)**

**Offices closed**

11:00 The people of St. Matthew parish (EF Mass)

No Adoration

No Confessions

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 2**

12:10 Intentions of Paulina Kray by the Kray family

6:30 No women's study

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3**

10:00 No women's study

12:10 † Robert Dailey by Pat Dailey

6:30 No Confirmation prep

6:45 No Queen of Heaven study

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 4**

6:30 No Bible Timeline

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 5**

12:10 † Judy Lancaster by Fred and Paula Faris & family

6:00 Vigil of Epiphany

7:00 Potluck dinner and celebration

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 6**

9:00 (no intention)

10:30 Confessions

The parish offices will be closed on Monday, January 1.

The offices will reopen on Tuesday, January 2.

Thank you!

**St. Matthew and St. Pius X Office Hours:**

St. Pius X : 8:30 am - 11:30 am M - F (810) 235-8574

St. Matthew 8:30 am - 4:30 pm M - F (810) 232-0880

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St. Matthew



St. Pius X



**Don Antonio's Dispatch...**

Merry Christmas! We are still in the Octave of Christmas, and we will be in the Christmas season through January 7. The twelve days of Christmas are the days of the Christmas season, not the days before Christmas. So let's continue to celebrate the Incarnation of the Lord.

Monday, 1 January is not a holyday of obligation this year. I will still have an Extraordinary Form Mass at 11 a.m. for those who would like to go to Mass and honor our Blessed Mother. Since it is not a holyday, there is no 12:10 p.m. Mass, but the offices will still be closed. We'll reopen for usual business on 2 January.

Friday night we'll be celebrating the 12th day of Christmas with the blessing of Epiphany Water (water that is blessed and exorcised in an extended and powerful way), followed by a potluck. All are welcome to join us. You can also bring water jugs so that you can have your own Epiphany water. The next morning, the traditional date of Epiphany (in the Ordinary Form is transferred to the Sunday after 1 January), we'll have our usual first Saturday Mass, though it will be a sung Mass.

Last, and not least, don't forget that St. Pius X is offering a free dinner for any St. Pius X parishioners on Saturday, 13 January. Tickets are free, but they are limited (due to occupancy restrictions). Please contact the office to get your tickets for this closing dinner.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**St. Pius X Farewell Dinner**  
**Saturday, January 13, 2024 at 5:30 pm**  
**Bishop Povish Community Room**

To all current and former parishioners of St. Pius X parish please join us to celebrate St. Pius X with dinner and soft drinks on Saturday, January 13, 2024 after the 4:30 pm Mass in the community room.

Tickets are free but limited due to occupancy restrictions.

**Please contact the office**  
**(810) 235-8574**  
**to reserve your tickets.**

**St. Pius X Weekly Collection**

Week of:	12/17/2023
Anticipated income	\$ 4,500.00
Actual income	\$ 4,714.00
Over (under)	\$ 214.00

**Lector for January 6, St. Pius X**

4:30 S Rozboril

**Lector for January 7, St. Matthew**

11:00 K Jayabalan

**ALTAR CARE, St. Pius X-Team 4**

Karen Downs, Kathy Vickrey, Mary Britt and substitute, Lin Dibble

**Readings for December 31****The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph****The Lord remembers his covenant forever**

Genesis 15: 1-6; 21:1-3

Psalm 105: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

Luke 2:22-40 or

Luke 2:22, 39-40

**Extraordinary Form Readings for December 31**  
**Sunday within the Octave of Christmas**

Galatians 4: 1-7

Psalms 44: 3, 2

Luke 2: 33-40

**Monthly Parish Intention**

*Lord, direct our choices. Keep us faithful.*  
*May we follow where you lead us.*

**Upcoming Events**

AT ST. FRANCIS RETREAT CENTER IN DEWITT, MI

JAN.  
5-6

**Engaged Couples Retreat**

This retreat for engaged couples is designed to prepare them for receiving the sacrament of Holy Matrimony.

JAN.  
26-28

**The Gift of the Eucharist Retreat for Men**

This retreat **for men** will explore several aspects of the Eucharist from its Jewish roots through how it is meant to transform every one of us.

JAN.  
12-14

**The Gift of the Eucharist for Women**

This retreat **for women** will explore several aspects of the Eucharist from its Jewish roots through how it is meant to transform every one of us.

FEB.  
2-4

**Married Couples Weekend**

Married couples are encouraged to join us for a weekend away from the busyness of daily life to reconnect with their spouse.

JAN.  
19-21

**The Gift of the Eucharist Retreat for Men**

This retreat **for men** will explore several aspects of the Eucharist from its Jewish roots through how it is meant to transform every one of us.

FEB.  
16

**Are You Smarter Than Your 8th Grade Nun?**

A fun fundraiser for furniture! This is an interactive comedy game show which takes place at Lansing Catholic High School. Doors open at 6:00, the show begins at 7:00

**MORE INFORMATION AT [WWW.STFRANCIS.WS/RETREATS](http://WWW.STFRANCIS.WS/RETREATS)**

**St. Matthew Weekly Collection**

Week of:	12/17/2023
Anticipated income	\$ 6,013.46
Actual income	\$ 6,556.00
Over (under)	\$ 542.54

**The Divine Mercy Apostolate is a Eucharist Apostolate active at St. Pius X.**

We meet on Mondays in the parish center at 6:00 pm.

**Our next meeting is on Monday, January 8, 2024 at 6:00 pm.**  
*Men and women are welcome!*



**Sunday Catechesis for Children at St. Pius X is every Sunday at 9:15 am.**  
**Note: There will be No Sunday Catechesis December 31. Classes resume on January 7.**

Contact Cathy Keroson at: [cathyk148@yahoo.com](mailto:cathyk148@yahoo.com) or call (810) 730-6791 with any questions. Come and join our group of wonderful children, parents and grandparents!



**Greater Flint Catholic Men's Group at St. Pius X** - Are you looking for a Catholic men's group that is faith-based which can help you apply scripture to your daily life? We have just the group for you! The Greater Flint Catholic Men's Group meets every **Wednesday from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm** in the parish center at St. Pius X parish. Men from a variety of local, Catholic churches gather for great discussions. **Our next meeting is Wednesday, January 3, 2023.** Any questions, contact Sean (231) 350-3620 or Jack at (810) 938-2778.

**Come celebrate Christmas with your parish family!**

Twelfth Night is commonly celebrated on the eve of Epiphany (January 5th). We will start with an Epiphany water blessing in the church - bring your own water and salt to be blessed if you desire. Then join us for a potluck dinner in the fieldhouse. Scan the QR code for potluck sign up.



# A TWELFTH NIGHT CELEBRATION

*Celebrate the Eve of Epiphany at St. Matthew*

**January 5th, 2024**

6:00 pm - Epiphany Water Blessing  
7:00 pm - Potluck Dinner & Celebration

**St. Pius X and St. Matthew Prayers for the sick and homebound~**

**May they fully recover to good health.**  
Please pray for the healing of:



Bob Esia, Sharon Guza, Maggie Espinoza, Betty LaGuire, Susan Hagen, Mary Ward, Dolores Carter, Glen Thompson, Deacon Gary Gallagher, Erin Ranville, Dennis Ranville, Josh Lovell, Michelle Kennedy, Freda Hamby, Henry Wartella, Samantha Wright, and Nicole Sarriko

(Please call the parish office (810) 232-0880 if you or a family member is in need of prayer. **Names will be removed after 3 weeks, but can be renewed with a phone call**)

**Sacraments & Faith Formation Updates - St. Matthew**

**Confirmation** - If your child is needing confirmation prep, it is not too late to join the class. Call the office and get him/her signed up! **Classes are on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm.**

**First Communion** - If you believe your child is ready to receive his or her First Communion, there is no need to wait! Call the office to get the process started. If you believe your child is ready, but has not gone through any First Communion prep, call us and we can help you with finding the resources that you need.

**Adult Formation** - We have a few options for new studies at St. Matthew. *The Bible Timeline* study is on **Thursday nights**. A study on the *Queen of Heaven: Mary's Battle For You* where we will learn about Mary from apparitions is on **Wednesday evenings**.

Learn more about these studies and more at [www.stmatthewflint.com/bible-studies](http://www.stmatthewflint.com/bible-studies).

Amanda Williams  
Director of Faith Formation  
St. Matthew Catholic Church - Flint

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



**Mondays at St. Matthew**  
**12:30 pm to 7:00 pm**  
(Confessions at 5:30 pm)

*"Spend one hour with Jesus, adoring the Blessed Sacrament"*

*Adoration sign up available online*

**"And sing the love amazing..."**

The Saint Matthew Singers will sing at the 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday, January 7. If you have not sung with us before, please consider joining us. New singers are always welcome!



All former Saint Pius X Choir members are invited to "come home" for the parish's final Mass to be held on Saturday, January 20. On that day, we will practice at 3:15 p.m. and sing at the 4:30 pm Mass.

The Latin Schola at Saint Matthew has three dedicated singers. We need many more voices. If you can read music and especially if you have sung in a choir, please join us.

Joseph Dobos, Director of Sacred Music  
[josephdobos@flintcatholic.org](mailto:josephdobos@flintcatholic.org)

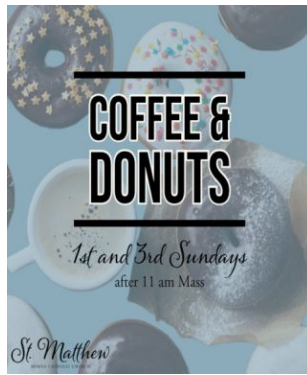


**Join us** in the St. Matthew parish basement for refreshments and fellowship after Mass every 1st & 3rd Sundays of the Month!

**Join us after the 11:00 am Mass Sunday, January 7**

Sign up to bring donuts on either the first or third Sunday of the month, **January 7 / January 17, 2024.**

Signing up is a one-time commitment. Use the volunteer sign up online or call the church office!



**Ladies of the parish - Our Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning groups, *Athirst for the Spirit* study, will return. Watch the bulletin for dates.**



**St. Pius X Altar Society** will have a meeting on **Monday, January 8, 2024 at 1:00 pm** in the parish center. All ladies are welcome!

Our next **Bunco & Luncheon** will be on **Friday, January 12 at 12:00 Noon** in the St. Pius X parish center. The cost for lunch and Bunco is \$10.00. Reservations are necessary for the luncheon/Bunco, and can be made by calling or texting Kathy at (810) 955-4885. **RSVP deadline is on Tuesday, January 9.** Come and enjoy some fun!

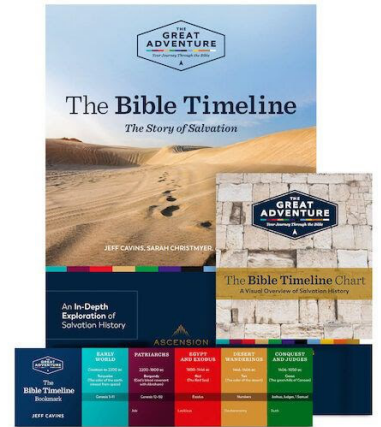
### The Bible Timeline Study at St. Matthew

Reading the bible should bring us closer to Christ, but understanding it is often difficult. The good news is that you can understand the Bible, and The Bible Timeline, a twenty-three part Bible study, makes it easy.

**Join us at St. Matthew on Thursday, January 11, 2024 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm in the Fieldhouse.** Participants

will continue to meet on Thursdays, view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. **A workbook is needed to fully follow along with this program- the cost of the workbook is \$40.**

Please register at [www.stmatthewflint.org/bibletimeline](http://www.stmatthewflint.org/bibletimeline).



**Morning of Prayer and Reparation for World Peace - The World Apostolate of Fatima Diocesan Morning of Prayer and Reparation for World Peace** will be held at Blessed Sacrament, 6340 Roberta St., Burton on January 6, 2024 at 9:00 am. The morning will include Divine Liturgy, Investiture in the Brown Scapular, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Hour of Prayer and Rosary.

More information available at [www.wafgc.org](http://www.wafgc.org)



**Tickets available  
January 2nd at the  
parish office**

**St. Matthew and St. Pius X**

invite you to

**Dinner &  
Dance**

**Saturday, February 10, 2023**

**St. Pius X Community Room  
5:30 pm Doors Open  
Tickets \$25/person  
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