

Saint Aloysius Catholic Church

A Discipleship Parish

November 16, 2025... Thirty - third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Dear sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus,

The central theme of today's readings is "the *Second Coming*" of Jesus in glory, as Judge, at the end of the world. The readings warn us about the final days of the world, our own death, and the final judgment.

The Prophet Malachi, in the first reading, foretells this Day, which will bring healing and reward for the just and punishment in fire for the "proud and all evil doers." Although St. Paul expected that Jesus would return during his lifetime, he cautions the Thessalonians, in the second reading, against

idleness in anticipating the end of the world. Paul advises the Thessalonians that the best preparation for welcoming Jesus in his "Second Coming" is to keep working and doing one's duties faithfully, as Paul himself was doing. Today's Gospel passage underscores the truth that the date of the end of the world is uncertain. Signs and signals will precede the end, and the Christians will be called upon to testify before kings and governors.

The Good News is that those who persevere in faithfulness to the Lord will save their souls and enter God's eternal kingdom. Christ's *Second Coming* is something to celebrate because Jesus is going to present all creation to his Heavenly Father. That is why we say at Mass, "*We proclaim Your death, O Lord, and profess Your Resurrection, until You come again.*" Since Luke's community had experienced much persecution, today's Gospel would have given them a cheering reminder: "*Don't give up because God is always with us!*" Jesus' promise of the protective power of a providing God was meant to encourage His disciples to persevere in their Faith and its practice. Jesus later adds the signs of the destruction of Jerusalem and the end of the world to prepare His disciples and to remind them to rely upon him, not their own power, for Salvation.

We must be prepared daily for our death and private judgment. We make this preparation by trying to do God's will every day, leading holy lives of selfless love, humble service, mercy, compassion, and unconditional forgiveness. In order to do this, we must recharge our spiritual batteries every day by personal prayer, that is, by talking to God, and by listening to Him through reading the Bible. Daily examination of our conscience at bedtime and asking God's pardon and forgiveness for the sins of the day will also prepare us to face God any time to give an account of our lives.

We need to attain permanence in a passing world by leading exemplary lives. We must remember that our homes, our Churches and even our own lives are temporary. God judges our greatness is judged, not on our worldly achievements, but on our fidelity to the Faith and our practice of that Faith in loving humble service of others. How our faithfulness is expressed each day is the most important thing. We are to persevere in our Faith in spite of worldly temptations, attacks on religion and moral values by the atheistic or agnostic media, threats of social isolation, and direct or indirect persecution because of our religious beliefs. Let us conclude this Church year by praying for the grace to endure patiently any trials, for they are essential to our affirmation of Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

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Sunday 7:00am & 11:00am
Holy Days: As announced

Daily Mass: Tues, 8:20am (School Year)
7:00am (Summer)
W, Th, 7:00am
Fri, 6:00pm (Rosary 5:30pm)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:30pm

Eucharistic Adoration: Friday, 7:00am - 5:00pm

Parish Office Hours: M - F: 9:00am - 4:00pm
School Office Hours: M - F: 7:45am - 3:30pm
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Thank you to Mrs. Adams and the Student Council for a fun Red Ribbon Week! Don't forget to sell those raffle tickets! We had our 2nd Early Bird Drawing last week and the final drawing on November 25th. Supporting these fundraisers directly benefits our school!

Congratulations to all our cast members for our **Christmas Program and Play**. Mark your calendars to join us on Thursday, December 18th for this amazing production! Our Christmas Program (Grades PS - 8) will be held in the school gym at 6:00pm

St. Aloysius Fall Frenzy \$5,000.00 Raffle. (Previously known as the Mini Mega Raffle) October 20-November 25. \$250.00. Congratulations to the second Early Bird winner... Tracey Thomas The Final Drawing Tuesday, November 25 for \$5,000.00. \$20.00 per ticket.

All-school Mass will be Tuesday, November 18 at 8:20am. All are welcome!

Sunday Children's Mass... Our students are learning the ministries of the Mass during the celebration of our Children's Mass. Join us Sunday, November 30 at 11:00am for our Children's Mass.

Weekly Mass Attendance and Tuition rate... To qualify for the Saint Aloysius active parishioner rate, your family must attend Mass at Saint Aloysius for 51% of the weeks. Attendance is tracked for the calendar year, so your attendance in 2025/2026 determines the tuition rate for the '26/'27 school year. Each family will be asked to submit an attendance card each Saturday evening, Sunday morning, or Holy Day of Obligation Mass that you attend at Saint Aloysius. The slip is to be given to the Priest after Mass by one of the children. Please write the date, your family name, and your child's name on the card. There will be extra slips in the back of church.

School + Church = Parish Parentship. When you enroll your child in St. Aloysius School, you also become part of our church family! The church and school together make up our parish. Did you know our parishioners generously support our school? Each student in Grades K-8 at St. Aloysius receives a parish subsidy that helps cover the difference between the cost of educating our students and the actual tuition charged! Our parishioners also pray for our students and worship with us at Tuesday Mass.



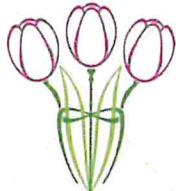

Father Yunker Lithuanian Student Assistance Fund... Applications are now being solicited for college scholarship grants under the Father Yunker Lithuanian Student Assistance Fund. Qualifications: Applicants must have Lithuanian ancestry and must be a practicing member of the Roman Catholic Church. Completed application must be received by the close of business on Monday, Dec. 1, 2025. Details and application can be downloaded from foundationforthepeople.org or dio.org/school.

A note from Rhonda Mills our **Bingo** Coordinator... Thank you to all the volunteers for helping to make this fundraiser a great success! The program needs a few, steady workers for the summer months. I know that this will ensure the continued success of this most important fundraising event. Don't forget to join us for Bingo at Caritas Hall, 909 East Converse, on Saturday, November 22 at 11:45am for Early Bird games, other games begin at noon. Play bingo during our times, help make this a fun and profitable activity for St. Aloysius School! Please consider volunteering. Volunteers are needed! You can text or call Rhonda (217) 670-4458. Thank you for your support!



*"Love is the True North
that always leads us home."*

— Parish Data —

PARISH CALENDAR				Weekly Offering WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING		
November 16	7:00am		Morning Mass			
November 16	11:00am		Morning Mass	Week 18	November 2	Total to Date
November 18	8:20am		All School Mass	Weekly Offertory	\$7,876.06	\$110,122.82
November 19	7:00am		Morning Mass	Shepherd one Student	\$186.00	\$6,444.00
November 19	9:00am		Legion of Mary	Building Fund	\$62.00	\$21,298.00
November 20	7:00am		Morning Mass	Bingo	\$615.00	\$14,204.00
November 20		Thanksgiving Lunch (School)		The budgeted amount is the minimal required to maintain services, employee benefits, utilities, and maintenance at current levels and provide for debt payment, unbudgeted repairs or improvements for the Parish. Weekly Offerings budget for the month of November is \$40,000.00. We have received 19% of needed funding to meet essentials.		
November 20	6:00pm		Parish Council	Parish Community Tithe		
November 20	7:00pm		Choir Practice	As you have read in the Catholic Times, the Annual Catholic Services Appeal has been discontinued. The diocese will be assessing its parishes on a monthly basis, based on 10% of its income each month to provide the needs of our diocesan church. Please consider increasing your giving to the parish by the amount you previously gave to ACSA, so that we can handle this new monthly, pay-as we-go obligation. Tithe - August - \$2,632.00		
November 21	7:00am		Adoration	Debt/Accrued Deficits		
November 21	5:00pm		Benediction	Unpaid Diocesan Liabilities		
November 21	5:30pm		Rosary	Paid		
November 21	6:00pm		Evening Mass	Amount owed (October 6, 2025)	\$219,997.03	
November 22	8:30am	Street Ministry (St. Cabrini)		Parish Ministry Schedule - November 22-23		
November 22	11:45am		Bingo	Saturday 4:00pm	Sunday 7:00am	Sunday 11:00am
November 22	3:30pm		Confession	Cantor		
 Special Prayers and Blessing Please pray for the repose soul of <i>August Egger</i> Eternal Rest Grant to him. O Lord and let perpetual light shine on him.				Lector		
Weekly Attendance - November 8-9				E.M.		
Sat 4:00pm	Sun 7:00am	Sun 11:00am	Total	Servers		
66	42	100	208	Ray Trello		
				Joshua Nielsen		
				Lizzie Nielsen		
				Ryan Davidson		
				Dom Guimking		
 In charity, please remember in your prayers... 2024... Steven Young Patricia Durako, Regina Rakers, Sandra Scott, David Daniels, Halfred Hildebrand, Jr., Joseph Perkinson, Charles Bedolli, Samuel and Bonnie Falzone, James Selinger, Tom Stevens, Frank Tucker James Bartlett. 2025... Larry Forbes, Marilyn, Gustafson, Kenna Diaz, Kay Morrow, Judith Guinn, William Bredemeyer, Annette Raffa, David Jones, Judith Bregowy and August Egger.						

Parish Bulletin Board

Holidays and Holy Day of Obligation Mass Schedule... Thanksgiving Day - Nov. 27th (Thursday) at 7:00am - St. Aloysius. 8:00am - St. Cabrini (No Obligation, A Blessed Thanksgiving). Immaculate Conception - Dec. 8th (Monday) 8:20am @ St. Aloysius. 6:00pm @ St. Cabrini. Christmas Eve - Dec. 24th (Wednesday) 4:00pm @ St. Aloysius. 6:00pm @ St. Cabrini. Dec. 25th (Thursday) midnight and 7:00am @ St. Aloysius. 9:00am @ St. Cabrini. Thursday, Jan. 1st 7:00am @ St. Aloysius and 8:00am @ St. Cabrini.



Knights of Columbus Council #4175 (Springfield North Council) will have a **memorial mass** for deceased members on November 17, 2025 at 6:00pm at the council hall located at 2801 West Street. Everyone is invited to attend.

St. Aloysius Senior Breakfast... We will meet for breakfast on Tuesday, November 18 @ King Pin after the 8:20 mass. Please join us!

Christmas Choir Practice... Anyone interested in signing for Christmas midnight mass as part of the adult choir. Rehearsal dates will be as follows... Thursday, November 20th. Thursday, December 4th and 18th. All rehearsals will be in church. If you have questions please contact Sarah Williams @ 217-720-6233.

Church Cleaning Day... Sunday, December 14 at 1:00pm. Bring your cleaning rags to clean and dust the inside of the church.

Impact Life (Blood Bank)... Changing the World Together. Parish Council is considering hosting a blood drive with Impact Life and we need to gauge potential interest participation. If you would be willing to participate, please contact the Parish office.

Parish Flowers... This weeks **flower intention** is in memory of Lisa Crouch

The **flower calendar** can be found in church vestibule. You have the opportunity to honor a birthday or anniversary, or remember a loved one on their special day. Please put your name on the chart with your remembrance, and \$40.00 in the envelope with your name. Your remembrance will be in the bulletin and a bouquet of flowers will be on the altar for your weekend.



The **Book of the Dead...** Also called the Book of Remembrance, is placed next to the baptismal font throughout the month of November. During this month, we are called in a special way to remember "our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection" (Eucharistic Prayer 2).

The **month of November** is dedicated to praying for the souls in purgatory. "God, to whom all things belong, have mercy and to spare, be gracious to the soul of the faithful departed, and grant them the remission of all their sins, that, being freed from the bonds of death, they may enter into life eternal. Through Christ our Lord. Amen."

Thanksgiving Day Mass... Thursday, November 27 at 7:00am (St. Aloysius). St. Cabrini will have morning Mass at 8:00am. Friday, November 28 Eucharistic Adoration at 5:00pm. Rosary and Benediction at 5:30pm. Evening Mass at 6:00pm.

Ursuline Campus Tour Sneak Peek Inside... Join Saturday, November 22, for a special preview of these historic gems! Guided tours of the three story, 1867 original schoolhouse, the 1895 Romanesque chapel and the 1908 music conservatory. See how far Preservation, Inc has come restoring these iconic landmarks. Guided tours begin at 1:00pm. Meet at the circle drive entrance/school building entrance, 1400 N 5th Street.

Parish Calendar... Please let the parish office know of events, meetings, etc. for the church calendar to avoid scheduling conflicts. This includes the church basement.

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St. Aloysius Prayer Chain... If you have a special intention or someone whom you would like prayers offered please email Mrs. Vikki Warren... whomper5@aol.com

Stewardship ... Gracious and loving God, we understand that you call us to be stewards of your abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us to use your gifts wisely and to share them generously. May our faithful stewardship be the hallmark of our discipleship, a visible sign of our commitment to Christ. We pray with grateful hearts, in Jesus' name. Amen.



Mass Intentions

November 17 St Elizabeth of Hungary

November 18 Weekday

8:20am Lisa Crouch+

November 19 Weekday

7:00am All Souls+

November 20 Weekday

7:00am William Bredemeyer+

November 21 Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:00pm Deceased members of the Legion of Mary +

November 22 Weekday

November 23 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Sat 4:00pm All Parishioners+

Sun 7:00am Leonard Naumovich+

Sun 11:00am David Jones+

Around the Church

Prayer Warriors are welcome to pray in front of Springfield Planned Parenthood 601 N. Bruns Lane. For more information... www.springfieldrtl.org.

St. John's Breadline in Springfield has been serving the community since 1928. St. John's Breadline serves free, hot, and nutritious meals in a clean and positive environment daily. Open 365 days a year and providing anywhere from 400 - 500 meals a day, the Breadline is a lifeline to not only the homeless but to many people who are on fixed incomes or have various disabilities. Donate online today at cc.dio.org/appeals.

The Two Hearts Pregnancy Resource Center 2026 Pro-Life Calendar. Calendars are \$20 each and feature the artwork of local area students, grades 4 through 12. Proceeds of the sale of the calendars help support the Pro-Life activities of Two Hearts Pregnancy Resource Center. If you would like a calendar please contact Kim Lesko @ 217-416-5916.

Cathedral Women's Bible Study will be reading and reflecting on the Sunday Mass Scripture readings for the four Sundays in Advent. Join us at 10:00am or 1:00pm on Dec 4, and 11 in the Cathedral school library.

Extended Confession during Advent will be offered at the Cathedral on Friday, Dec 19 noon-6:00pm and Saturday, Dec 20-7:00am-4:00pm.

Contact Governor Pritzker, asking him to **VETO SB 1950**. As you know, life is sacred from conception to natural death, and assisted suicide violates that basic tenet of Church teaching, making it morally unacceptable. The Church also calls us to protect the sick, vulnerable, and marginalized of our society. In states where this is legal, physician assisted suicide incentivizes insurance companies to deny lifesaving treatment while offering cheaper lethal drugs; marginalized communities fear coercion and abuse of such a system, and suicide promotion and contagion are real. Assisted suicide in practice is also at odds with the physicians' responsibility to care for patients. When you request a veto for this bill, morally acceptable suggestions include: encouraging and supporting more hospice and palliative care programs. The phone number for Governor Pritzker is 217-782-6830.

ST. FRANCES CABRINI PARISH

INVITES YOU TO

THE NATIVITY FESTIVAL

Away in a Manger

Friday, Dec. 5 SENIOR DAY 9-11 a.m.
Saturday, Dec. 6 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 7 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

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Sun: 2:30 p.m.
- Springfield Catholic House
Sun: 3 p.m.
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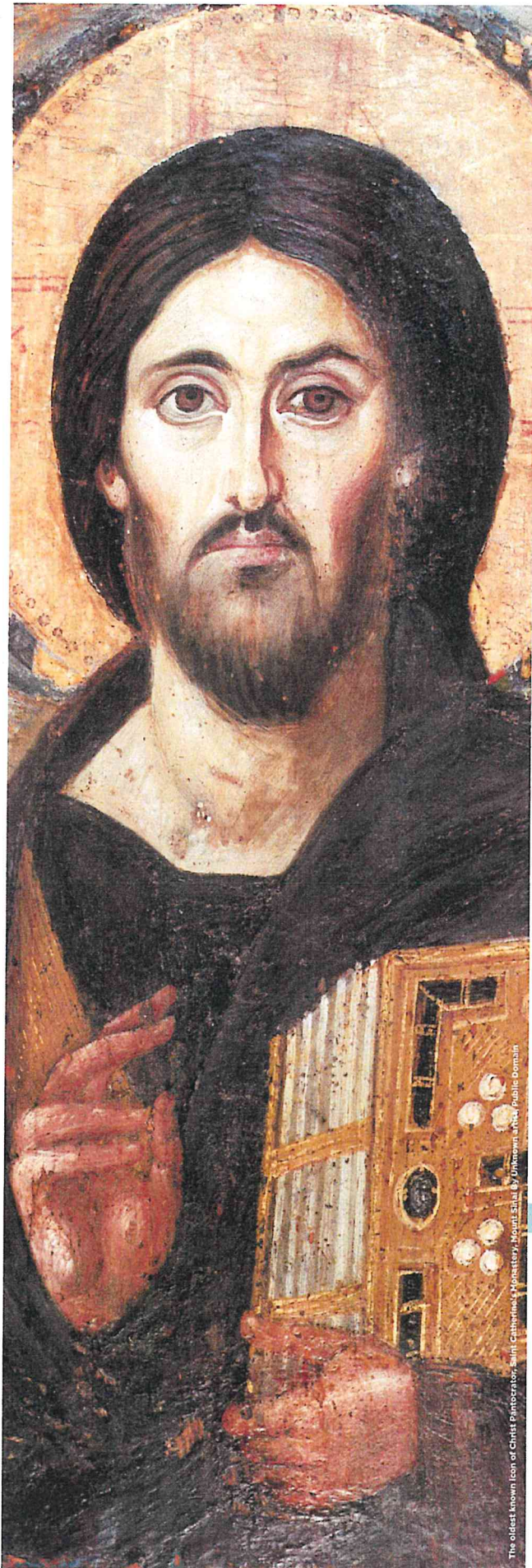
The Letter... A Faith in the Future Event. Wednesday, November 19 at 5:30pm. Mission Outreach Warehouse (4930 LaVerna Road). Hospital Sisters Mission Outreach is launching Faith in the Future, a series of events that will be focused on Catholic social teaching (care for creation and care of those who are poor or vulnerable) and specifically be geared toward young people in our Diocese who are Catholic or associated with a Catholic entity. We are delighted to invite you to our first Faith in the Future event, which will be a screening of the film *The Letter*, a movie documenting Pope Francis' invitation to Rome for four young environmentalists. This stunning film not only shares the stories of these advocates, but it also calls all of us to care for the Earth and celebrate the blessing from God that nature is.

December Catholic Men's Overnight Retreat... Step away from the noise of daily life and renew your soul at the Catholic Men's Overnight Retreat, led by Norbertine Father Herman Joseph Johanneck, O. Praem. at the beautiful Villa Maria Retreat Center on Lake Springfield. Father Herman Joseph will present his series, "Sons of the Father, Men in Christ," guiding participants into deeper prayer, reflection, and brotherhood. The retreat will include talks, personal prayer, Rosary, Adoration & Benediction, Confessions, group discussion, Holy Mass, and time for rest and silence. Saturday, December 13 and Sunday, December 14; \$150 (includes single-occupancy room, meals, and materials); Register by Nov. 21 at events@dio.org.

Advent Day of Recollection... Preparing Our Hearts for the Coming of Christ – Gift yourself an afternoon of spiritual reflection and prayer during this Advent season. Join Norbertine Father Herman Joseph Johanneck, O. Praem, at the Villa Maria Retreat Center in Springfield for an opportunity to personally encounter hope, peace, joy and love. Sunday, Dec. 7 from 2:00pm - 7:00pm. Cost: \$25 (retreat materials and dinner). Registration Deadline: November 30. Register at dio.org/events. Open to men and women.

Stewardship Reflection... Dedication of the Lateran Basilica. "Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells within you?" 1 Corinthians 3:16 Simply remembering that we are "temples of the Holy Spirit" should make our daily decision making relatively easy. If we truly want to imitate Jesus, then our words and actions should reflect the love, mercy, and forgiveness that flow from His Sacred Heart. Try it for one week. Try to remember that we temples of the Holy Spirit and see how it affects the way that you live.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held every Friday from 7:00am - 5:00pm. Benediction and Rosary at 5:00pm. Evening Mass at 6:00pm.



November 16, 2025

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mal 3:19-20a | 2 Thes 3:7-12 | Lk 21:5-19

Written by
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GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

We don't have to look far to find grief, violence, or chaos in our world. Perhaps it has made its way into our community or has pierced our hearts in deeply personal ways. Or even if the chaos of life has remained at a distance for now, it can be tempting to wonder if the end is near at times. But Jesus warns us against catastrophic thoughts. Listen to what he says in today's Gospel, when asked how we will know the end time is coming: "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for such things must happen first, but it will not immediately be the end." Jesus knew we would need his clear and steady reminder. If you find yourself fearing the state of the world, turn all your senses toward Jesus. Let your anxiety, grief, and concern become catalysts for prayer.

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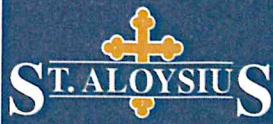
PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Although today's Gospel may at first be one that stirs fear, as we look deeper we realize that Jesus is speaking directly into the heart of our fear and offering his profound consolation. There is so much in this Gospel that can encourage us to continue to bear witness to Christ even in trying times. As we scroll through the news each day, remember Jesus' words to not be "terrified." If you find yourself in circumstances where it's not easy to stand up for your faith, Jesus tells us, "I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute." And when you look to the future with dread, remember that Jesus says, "not a hair on your head will be destroyed." Read these words again, drawing comfort and strength that the Lord is with you, guiding and protecting you through it all.

PRAY

If you find yourself feeling overwhelmed this week, pray the Prayer of St. Teresa of Ávila:

*Let nothing disturb you,
Let nothing frighten you,
All things are passing away;
God never changes.
Patience obtains all things.
Whoever has God lacks nothing;
God alone suffices.*



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