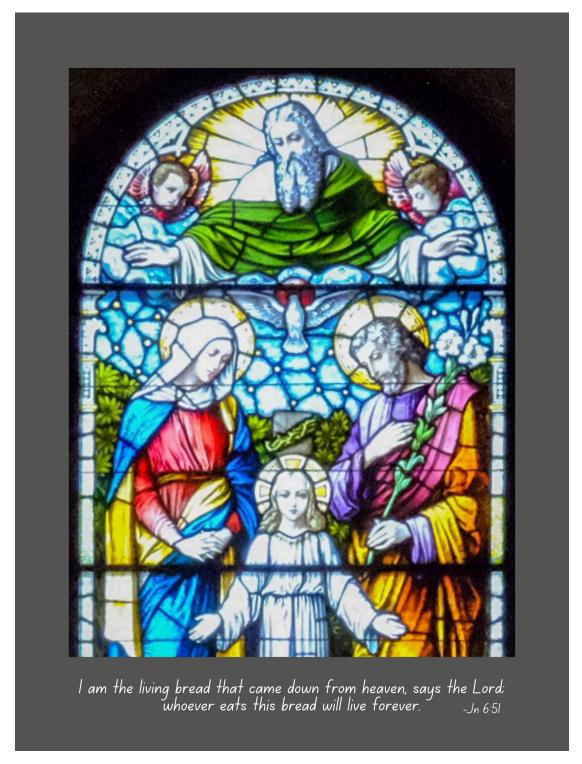
19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 08, 2021



SAINT WENCESLAUS CATHOLIC PARISH

Three Sites of Worship ~ One Community of Faith

Including St. Wenceslaus, St. John the Evangelist and St. Scholastica

We welcome you...

Welcome to the greater St. Wenceslaus Catholic Parish which includes the Church of St. Wenceslaus and St. John the Evangelist and St. Scholastica. We are so glad you are here. Should you be visiting just for today, WELCOME! If you are seeking a church home, we would be honored to have you consider joining our faith community. If you are interested in membership, please phone the parish office for assistance and registration. If you are over the age of 21, we ask that you register. Please feel free to stop by the parish office during office hours to register or you may do so online. Again, we are happy you are here.

At the Church of St. Wenceslaus

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm (8:00 am to Noon on Fridays during the summer.)

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses	
Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	8:30 & 10:30 am
Rosary Only	
Monday	7:30 am
Weekday Masses w/Rosary at	: 7:30 am
Tuesday - Friday	8:00 am

If you are homebound or ill, the previous weekend's Mass may be viewed on our website ~ npcatholic.org

SACRAMENTS & OTHER INFORMATION

Anointing of the Sick

Available to those who are seriously ill or suffering from a prolonged illness. Call 952-758-3225

Confirmation

Preparation required. Call Laura Schoenecker at 952-758-5131

Reconciliation

Friday from 3:00-4:00 pm in the church Saturday 4:00-4:40 pm

Baptism

Preparation required. Call 952-758-3225

Marriage

Six months to one year preparation time required. Call 952-758-3225

Rosary

Monday - Friday 7:30 am in the church.

Fatima Prayer Cell

Thursday in church after 8:00 am Mass

Adoration

Friday 8:30 am to 6 pm in the church.

Early Morning Scripture Study

Wednesday 7:00 to 8:00 am in church basement.

Prayer Chain

Judy: 952-758-2220 or Arnita: 952-758-4943

BeFrienders

Ann Schoenbauer: 952-758-3456 or Lois Giesen: 952-758-2138

From the Desk of Father Eugene Theisen



Padre's Pen ~ God is Light and Happy Festival Weekend

It's great to be back from my Alaska vacation. I had a great time with my broth-

er and sister-in-law and Fr. Mark. I also got to visit with some longtime friends from my military days. As an added bonus, I have plenty of seafood in my freezer to dine on in the coming year.

One of the things about Alaska in the summer months is the long daylight hours. If you don't watch the time, you can find that you are still up and active at midnight when you have a 5:00AM show time for your fishing charter. The light keeps one up and active. I imagine that this may be a symbol of why Sacred Scripture tells us that in the coming Kingdom, there will be no night or darkness.

Jesus himself says that he is the Light of the World. Anyone who comes to him comes to the light and there are many more references to God as light. So maybe (like the Land of the Midnight Sun) being in the presence of God is so enlightening that there will be no need for sleep. We get so enthralled by the presence of the divine that we just want to stay in that presence basking in the grace poured out upon us as light. Maybe time disappears because we lose the sense of the passage of time because we are in the presence of our beloved spouse. Maybe that's really why I go to Alaska... I want to experience the light of God's love even if it's only symbolic in this world.

I want to take this opportunity to welcome guests who are with us for our Festival Weekend, to thank everyone in our parish for supporting our church through this Festival, and to give a special "Thank You," to our Top Six Festival Chairs: Dan Novak, Missy Trnka, Chad Franek, Liz Neiderhiser, Erica Scheffler, and Adam Wiener.

I pray we have great weather for our Festival, that we all have a great time, and that God is glorified in all we do and say through our Festival weekend.

Ad Christum per Mariam, Fr. Theisen

Parish Debt Last Month	Parish Debt This Month
\$233,573.10	\$219,364.28

Ice Cream Sandwich Weekent at St. Johns!



Mass Schedule Volunteers - St. John & St. Scholastica

August 14/15 2021	Saturday St. John 8:15 PM	Sunday St. Scholastica 8:00 AM	Sunday St. John 10:00 AM
Lector	Sandy Kubes	Jim Walker	Jonilla Weiers
Eucharistic Ministers	Sandy Kubes	Becky Colwell	Jonilla Weiers
Servers	No Servers	No Servers	No Servers
Gift Bearer Family	No Gift Bearers	No Gift Bearers	No Gift Bearers

Western Catholic Community

Important Information

Weekend Masses

Saturday	8:15 pm	. St. John
Sunday	8:00 am	. St. Scholastica
Sunday	10:00 am	. St. John
Weekday Masses		
Wednesday	5:30 pm	. St. John

SACRAMENTS & OTHER INFORMATION

Reconciliation

Saturday......7:30 pm St. John

Baptism & Confirmation

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Anointing of the Sick

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Marriage

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Adoration

Fridays 8:30 am to 6:00 pm at St. Wenceslaus Church

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

WESTERN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SUNDAY, AUGUST 01, 2021

Total Collected for 08/01	\$4,903
Collections at Mass	\$2,858
Electronic Collections	\$2,045
Over Budget for Week	\$1,749
Actual Collections YTD	\$15,262
Under Budget YTD	\$507
Budget for Next Week	\$3,154

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PARISH AND AREA NEWS



**Our Livestreamed Masses & Rosary may be viewed on our website, npcatholic.org; on our Facebook Page, New Prague Catholic; or on YouTube, search "New Prague Area Catholic Community" at YouTube.com. One License: 700. A-711205

Saint Alphonsus Liguori

(to pray anytime you are unable to physically participate in Communion)

My Jesus, I believe that You

are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there

and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen



God Bless the Newly Baptized

Welcome and congratulations to *Elizabeth Jane Kelly*, daughter of Matthew & Ellen Kelly. We rejoice with your family on this joyful occasion!

A Treasure for You Sale Funds raised will go for building repairs on St. John & St. Scholastica Churches! (Steeple, roof and brick work) held at St. John the Evangelist in Union Hill

August 20-21. Donations are being accepted August 16-19, 8:00-10:00am & 4:00-7:00pm

We are looking for baked goods, garden produce, household items, clothes, jewelry, books, tools and sports equipment *in good shape.* (unsold large items will need to be picked up. Thanks!) To volunteer or for questions call Connie Brezina at 952-758-5956.

There will be a meeting Monday, August 9th at 7:00pm in the PAC for all Festival Chairs and Cochairs. If you are unable to attend, please call Missy Trnka at 612-708-2741 or Dan Novak at 952-715-1387. Thank you!

Something New For +55 SENIORS THE BEST IS YET Join us the 2nd Monday of each month from 9:30-10:30 AM for some sharing & fellowship. All are wel-

come, men & women, all churches, sites, and parishes. Meetings are held at St. Wenceslaus Church Basement's Blessed Mother Gathering Space, formerly the cry room. Just show up, bring a water bottle & enjoy visiting with other Seniors. If there is a holiday or inclement weather (schools closed) this group will not gather. If you participate in "Silver Sneakers" classes at the Fitness Center our time for this group is ideal to accommodate that program. Questions contact: Mary Pieper 651-210-3277 or Mary Carol Wolf 952-758-0463 or MaryCarol.Wolf@npcatholic.org

Plarn Mats for those experiencing Homelessness to sleep on. The Plarn Ministry is collecting grocery bags to make into plarn (plastic yarn) and crochet into plastic mats for those experiencing homelessness to sleep on. There are two blue barrels for grocery bag donations located inside the west doors at St. Wenceslaus, downstairs and to the right - in the area marked Martha's corner. Volunteers are needed to flatten the bags, cut them into strips, loop the strips together to make plarn, and crochet the mats. If you would like to participate in any steps of this ministry, please come down to the Church basement in the Blessed Mother Gathering Space on Wednesday afternoons between 1:00 and 3:00. Instruction/training provided. If you have any questions, please contact MaryCarol Wolf at 952-758-3225 or email MaryCarol.Wolf@npcatholic.org.

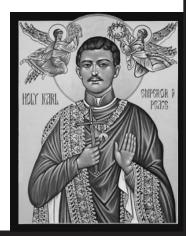
Have a cell phone and 20 minutes to spare? You could help with the Synod this fall by being a scribe. All you have to do is enter the responses from your group with your phone and send them off to the archdiocese. Contact Mary (952-758-0464) or Laura (952-758-5131) in the Faith Formation office if you're interested.

Bl. Karl's Corner

Bl. Karl Chapel update: Suzanne Pearson, North American delegate for the Bl. Karl League, recently was in touch with us regarding our Bl. Karl relic. As mailings from Europe are still amiss due to Covid, she was unable to say when our relic will arrive. She will be putting us in direct contact with Bl. Karl's great-granddaughter, Princess Anna, who is working closely with another relative, Archduke Lawrence, over in Austria. We hope to be in touch with her sometime later this week.

In the meantime, work will continue on the other various elements of the chapel. Fr. Hainsey has been busy, so our Bl. Karl chapel image is still in Canada. We continue to move forward, however, with faith in God's timing.

Bl. Karl Mass at St. John's. Latin rosary begins at 5:00 p.m.. Latin materials are provided. For more information, email: bl.Karl. UnionHill@gmail.com or visit www.emperorcharles.org



Bl. Karl of Austria, Pray for us!

COLLECTION INFORMATION ~ St. Wenceslaus Site Sunday August 01

Total Collected for 08/01	\$19,526
Collections at Mass	\$9,111
Electronic Collections	\$10,415
Over Challenge for Week	+\$4,212
Actual Collections YTD	\$71,066
Under Challenge YTD	\$5,504
Challenge for Next Week	\$15,314

Thank you for your generosity!

Looking for a way to increase the love and romance in your marriage? A Marriage Encounter Weekend allows a husband and wife to get away together and focus on each other. The next available Weekends are Oct 8-10, 2021, in Buffalo, MN and Oct 15-17, 2021, in OWATONNA, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: northmnwwme.org or contact Brent & Tracy at applications@twincitieswwme.org or 612-756-8720.

Franciscan Retreats presents Healing Takes Time: With Keynote Speaker - Dr. Melissa Mork "Tasks, Coping, and Resilience with Grief"

Melissa was orphaned in college when her mother was killed in a car crash. Melissa lost friends to brain aneurysm, heart attack, Covid, and suicide. She suffered multiple miscarriages throughout her marriage, and then her husband died of an aggressive lung cancer, leaving her to parent their two children alone. Consequently, Melissa is intimately acquainted with grief. September 17-19, 2021, Friday, 7:00 pm thru Sunday, 11:00 am. Offered by the Hope United Grief Group (HUGG) This retreat is an uplifting experience to help those who are suffering from the loss of a loved one find hope and healing in their grief journey. Small Group breakout sessions will be held and led by those who have experienced the same/similar type of loss.



FAITH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY Disciples of Christ (grades 1-9)

Fall is just around the corner, and with that is the beginning of a school year and the startup of our Faith Formation program – YAY! For our 1-5 grade children, we will again use the St. Mary's Press Bible and study. We will return to meeting on campus Wednesday evenings from 6:15-7:30 pm. There will also be the option for an at-home study for all grades but second.

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We are excited to be offering a new curriculum for our 6 & 7 graders. This will be a fun, interactive way for our young tweens and teens to grow in their relationship with Jesus while learning more about our Catholic faith. We are excited to bring this new curriculum to our families on Wednesday nights.

Our 8 & 9 grade program is our Confirmation prep program and will take place on Sunday morning and include 10:30 Mass. Those 8th graders at St Wenceslaus School will receive this first year of Confirmation within their religion classes at the school. All others will be joining us on Sunday mornings. These groups meet about 15 times throughout the year.

We are excited to get our students back on campus and involved in their parish community! Please register soon. Here is the link: https://npcatholic.org/2021-22-disciples-of-christ-grades-1-9-registration-form Register today!

Needed: small group leaders: We have an exciting opportunity for conversation on the needs of our archdiocese moving forward, with the Synod discussions this fall. While existing small groups can meet at a time and place of their own choosing, the bulk of our meetings will take place on six Thursdays beginning Sept. 23. We are in need of trained facilitators to help with the discussions. The materials provided make it an easy job, and a short online training will be provided in early Sept. It would be ideal if facilitators could commit to being present all six weeks. Please consider volunteering for this opportunity. Contact mary.higgins@npcatholic.org (952-758-0464) or laura. schoenecker@npcatholic.org (952-758-5131) to sign on or for more information.



SCHOOL NEWS from SWS

Dear Parishioners, Dear Parents, Grandparents, Friends of SWS,

Our staff is having a much-deserved break and they have generally been relaxing during this first half of the summer. Soon the school will become a flurry of activity as we get ready for the upcoming school year. We have seven new staff members this year. We were able to add due to increased enrollment, changes from teachers who retired, additional funding from grants coming our way with Covid, and lots of prayers of support for our school.

We have switched a few classrooms around and we added curriculum, supplies, technology tools, and we have some other surprises in the works.

God is so good to our school. Keep those prayers coming our way. I look forward to rekindling our SWS Family with renewed gatherings and activities for 21-22.

Kim Doyle, Principal

Pray Often, Work Hard, Trust God

Sunday, Aug 08, 2021

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Let living water flow

Jesus said, "Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink" will be rewarded (Matt. 10:42). How much more so if we champion clean water rights for all. Have you ever tried to run a bath, only to have sludge emerge from the pipes? Have you visited a familiar lake and found its normally clear water unfit for swimming? Have you gotten sick from drinking from a contaminated spring, or developed a rash from washing in your own sink? Folks around the world and in parts of our own country have had this experience often. Take time to learn what you can do locally and globally to ensure access to what Pope Francis calls a "basic and universal human right"—safe drinking water.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 19:4-8; Ephesians 4:30—5:2; John 6:41-51 (116). "Elijah looked and there at his head was a hearth cake and a jug of water."

Monday, Aug 09, 2021

MEMORIAL OF TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS, VIRGIN, MARTYR

Pick up a page-turner of faith

Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross was born Edith Stein in 1891 and was killed at Auschwitz in 1942. She was a German Jewish philosopher who had been an atheist, although she had admired Christians she knew. She shocked everyone by becoming Catholic and, 11 years later, a Carmelite nun. Her conversion was prompted by an all-night reading of the autobiography of Saint Teresa of Ávila, a 16th-century Carmelite also of Jewish origins. Pick up a copy of the autobiographies of both these riveting saints—and see how they contribute to your own ongoing conversion.

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 10:12-22; Matthew 17:22-27 (413). "And they were overwhelmed with grief."

Tuesday, Aug 10, 2021

FEAST OF LAWRENCE, DEACON, MARTYR

Find your way to serve

Lawrence was one of seven deacons martyred in Rome under Emperor Valerian in 258. The word *deacon*—from the Greek word for *service*—describes the work of these early ministers: beginning with the first seven deacons mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles, appointed to serve the everyday needs of the flock while the apostles busied themselves with evangelization. Today's Catholic deacons are ordained; permanent deacons can preach at Mass and preside over weddings, Baptisms, and funerals—while transitional deacons later become priests. Learn more at nadd.org. TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 9:6-10; John 12:24-26 (618). "Where I am, there also will my servant be."

Wednesday, Aug 11, 2021

MEMORIAL OF CLARE, VIRGIN

Hope lights the way

Saint Clare, founder of the Poor Clare order of nuns, is part of a long line of women and men who gave up everything for the sake of following Christ, and, in turn, inspired others to join them on their holy journey. Often meeting significant resistance, these brave souls persevered, driven by a passion to bring God's Good News to the world. "Like a shooting star against the dark sky of injustice and ignorance, founders of religious communities lit up the landscape with a burst of hope," says Precious Blood Father Joe Nassal. Saint Gaspar, the founder of the Missionaries of the

Precious Blood, like Saint Clare hoped to free people from the chains of societal conformity. Clare chose to do it within the confines of a cloister; Gaspar, as an itinerant preacher. Both were being true to themselves and the gospel. Follow your own path toward hope.

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Matthew 18:15-20 (415). "His eyes were undimmed and his vigor unabated."

Thursday, Aug 12, 2021

MEMORIAL OF JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL, RELIGIOUS

Love lifted her higher

Jane Frances de Chantal, a French widow who founded the Visitation Nuns in 1610, was a well-off, educated woman with administrative talent and deep faith who was widowed at age 28. Obliged to live with a cruel father-in-law, she coped by pouring herself into charity work and spiritual development, eventually teaming up with Saint Francis de Sales to found a religious community. Have you ever coped with difficulties by trying to become a better person? What trial in your life could nudge you toward greater goodness?

TODAY'S READINGS: Joshua 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Matthew 18:21—19:1 (416). "Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan."

Friday, Aug 13, 2021

MEMORIAL OF PONTIAN, POPE, AND HIPPOLYTUS, PRIEST, MARTYRS

What unites is greater than what divides

Pope Pontian and Hippolytus were both imprisoned in Sardinia during Roman persecutions. Before their deaths in 235, Pontian and Hippolytus reconciled, because for a time the two were archenemies. Indeed, Hippolytus had been elected antipope by his followers who were in stark opposition to Pontian's tolerant stance on reconciling returning Christians to the church. In the end, Pontian and Hippolytus realized that their shared love of Christ far surpassed any differences. Finding one common element with an enemy is the first step toward reconciliation. Perhaps we can start with our shared humanity and work our way from there.

TODAY'S READINGS: Joshua 24:1-13; Matthew 19:3-12 (417). "I gave you a land that you had not tilled and cities that you had not built, to dwell in."

Saturday, Aug 14, 2021

MEMORIAL OF MAXIMILIAN KOLBE, PRIEST, MARTYR

Give a piece of your heart

Maximilian Kolbe shook up the rules for saint-making. At Kolbe's 1982 canonization, Pope John Paul II named him a "martyr of charity." No longer could one become a martyr only by being killed because of "hatred for the faith." Now one killed because of charitable work, as Maximilian was, could also be a martyr. This opened the door to sainthood for others who were murdered for their good work, like Notre Dame Sister Dorothy Stang of Brazil, the Adorers of the Blood of Christ sisters of Liberia, or the Maryknoll sisters of El Salvador. We are all called in some way to be martyrs, even if we give away only a part of our lives. Give away a piece of your life today.

TODAY'S READINGS: Joshua 24:14-29; Matthew 19:13-15 (418). "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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LITURGIES & PRIEST'S MASS INTENTIONS

INCLUDES ALL CHURCH LOCATIONS
WEEK OF AUGUST 09 – AUGUST 15, 2021

Rosary at St. Wenceslaus MONDAY - FRIDAY at 7:30 am SATURDAY at 8:00 am

Monday, August 09	
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Tuesday, August 10	•
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Wednesday, August 11	
8:00 amJane Brezina 🕆 - Mass SV	٧
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Thursday, August 12	
8:00 amMarian Anderson មិ - Mass SW	٧
Friday, August 13	
8:00 am Stan Chromy មិ - Mass SW	٧
3:00 pm Confessions SV	٧
3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet SV	٧
5:35Rosary SV	٧
Saturday, August 14	
4:00 – 4:40 Confessions SV	٧
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John & Helen Simek 🕆 - Mass SV	٧
7:30 pmConfessions S	ij
8:15 pmSylvester & Joan Glisczinski 🕆 - Mass S	J
Sunday, August 15	
8:00 am Mass for the People - Mass S	S
8:30 amPaula Novotny	/,
Myrt Hanzel 🕆 - Mass SV	٧
10:00 am Gertrude Meger 🕆 - Mass S	J
10:30amMartha Svoboda មិ - Mass SV	٧



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SCRIPTURE READINGS

WEEK OF AUGUST 09, 2021 -AUGUST 15, 2021



Monday, August 09:

Dt 10:12-22 / Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday, August 10:

2 Cor 9:6-10 / Jn 12:24-26

Wednesday, August 11:

Dt 34:1-12 / Mt 18:15-20

Thursday, August 12:

Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17 / Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday, August 13:

Jos 24:1-13 / Mt 19:3-12

Saturday, August 14:

Jos 24:14-29 / Mt 19:13-15

Sunday, August 15:

1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2 /

1 Cor 15:54b-57 / Lk 11:27-28

MEETINGS & EVENTS CALENDAR

WEEK OF AUGUST 09, 2021 -AUGUST 15, 2021

Please check with parish office or website calendar for meeting information. www.npcatholic.org

Safe Environment Information:

Saint Wenceslaus facilitates a safe environment for minors and vulnerable adults by requiring all employees, as well as volunteers, who have regular or unsupervised interaction with minors or vulnerable adults, to be Essential 3 qualified (background check, Code of Conduct, and Safe Environment Training). For more information, contact laura.schoenecker@npcatholic.org

If you or someone you know has been abused, exploited, or harassed by a clergy member, religious brother or sister, lay employee or volunteer of a parish or Catholic school, your first call should be to law enforcement. You are also encouraged to contact the archdiocese's Victim Assistance Program at **651-291-4475**.

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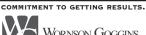
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