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## 20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28

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**Weekend Mass:** Saturday, 4:00 PM  
Sunday, 8:00 & 10:30 AM

**Weekday Mass:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday  
7:30 AM

**Adoration:** Monday, 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM

**Reconciliation:** Saturday, 3:00 PM to 3:30 PM

## August 20, 2023

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**New to the Parish: Welcome!** Please call the office to make an appointment to register at 319-377-4869.

**Prayer Chain:** Contact Deacon Jeff Volker at 319-377-4869 or [j.volker@dbqarch.org](mailto:j.volker@dbqarch.org).

**Sacrament of Matrimony:** Call the office and make an appointment with the priest or deacon.

**Advanced Care Planning Consultants:** Learn about church teachings on health issues and find help with documents pertaining to durable power of attorney for Health care and health care decision directives.

Parish contacts:

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**Infant Baptism:** If you wish to have your infant child/children baptized at St. Joseph, please contact Deacon Dennis at: [d.ternes@dbqarch.org](mailto:d.ternes@dbqarch.org) or 319-377-4869 to discuss baptism preparation for the parents prior to scheduling of the baptism.

**Parish Disability Advocate:** Contact Amanda Weaver at 319-432-9347 or [aweaver222@gmail.com](mailto:aweaver222@gmail.com)

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### Sunday Envelope Giving Week of August 13, 2023 - Week 7

<b>Budgeted Sunday Envelope Needs</b>	<b>\$20,192</b>
Year-to-date budget	\$141,346
Collected last weekend	\$26,623
<b>Actual Year-to-date envelope income</b>	<b>\$135,664</b>
<b>Over/(Under) Budget</b>	<b>(\$5,682)</b>
<b>Unrestricted Gifts and Offertory</b>	<b>\$12,616</b>
Budgeted Gifts and Offertory	\$38,365
<b>Over / (Under) budget</b>	<b>(\$25,750)</b>
<b>Bricks and Mortar Envelopes</b>	<b>\$6,913</b>
Bricks and Mortar budget	\$6,731
<b>Over/(Under) Budget</b>	<b>\$183</b>
Social Concerns 5% of Envelopes	\$1,331

## August 21 – August 27, 2023 Weekly Calendar & Mass Intentions

### Monday, August 21

7:00AM Adoration  
 7:00PM Scripture Study - St. Joseph Room  
 9:00PM Benediction

### Tuesday, August 22

7:30AM Mass † **John Meehan**  
 (Also broadcasted live at: [stjoesmarion.org](http://stjoesmarion.org))

### Wednesday, August 23

7:30AM Mass † **Dick & Ruth Barlage**  
 (Also broadcasted live at: [stjoesmarion.org](http://stjoesmarion.org))  
 9:00AM Scripture Study - St. Joseph Room  
 2:00PM Pietra Class  
 7:00PM Men of Action - St. Joseph Room

### Thursday, August 24

6:00AM Men of Action - Church Hall  
 7:30AM Mass † **Lester & Irene Kula**  
 (Also broadcasted live at: [stjoesmarion.org](http://stjoesmarion.org))  
 8:00AM Coffee & Doughnuts - Church Hall  
 2:30PM Mass † **Edna Pesek** at Terrace Glen

### Friday, August 25

7:30 AM Mass † **Michelle Niles & Dewain Fluckiger**  
 (Also broadcasted live at: [stjoesmarion.org](http://stjoesmarion.org))

### Saturday, August 26

3:00PM Reconciliation  
 4:00PM Mass † **Teresa Francois**  
 (Also broadcasted live at: [stjoesmarion.org](http://stjoesmarion.org))

### Sunday, August 27

8:00AM Mass † **Ruth Trausch**  
 10:30AM Mass † **For The People**

Ministry Schedule	Saturday, August 26, 4:00 PM	Sunday, August 27, 8:00 AM	Sunday, August 27, 10:30 AM
<b>Sacristan</b>	Theresa Alt	Rhonda Sourwine	Moe Ryan
<b>Lector</b>	Diane Kula	<b>1 Open</b>	David Adams
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Nicholas Hlubek Cooper Pacha Blaise Pacha	Kinley Bisinger Elliott Marshall Keli Yilek	Alexander Hogan Nick Hogan <b>1 Open</b>
<b>Video Ministry</b>	Peyton Stoller	n/a	n/a
<b>Ambassadors</b>	James Ickes Gary Schmidt Darrell Holub Kenneth Baragary	Mark Barnd Mary M. Johnson <b>2 Open</b>	Jerry Dilger Gary Raymond Gary Kalis Douglas Smith
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Andrew Hlubek Angela Sawyers Lyle Ridenour Sharon Sowadski <b>1 Open</b>	Jeffrey Alt Sandra Alt Marilyn Platner James McDonald Darwin Schuttloffel	Michele Brock Dolores Dilger Matt Thompson Julie Raymond Aaron Randolph
<b>C.L.O.W.</b>	n/a	n/a	Jerome Nachazel Molly Burgeson
<b>Door Greeters</b>	Brian Reynolds Marjorie Jensen Dorie Kelchen <b>1 Open</b>	Gunnar Black Marcia Black Kelly Zimmerman <b>1 Open</b>	Will Gasaway Gracie Gasaway Barbara Gasaway Sandra Osbon
<b>Music Ministry</b>	Patty Kelly Kimberly Menke	Patty Kelly Shanna Duggan	Patty Kelly Douglas Brock Jillian Brock

Please volunteer for open ministry opportunities through Ministry Scheduler Pro or by calling Nancy Roush in the parish office.



Please remember in your prayers all those who have died, especially **Marilyn Klaren**, sister of Dawn (Dennis) Kendrick and **Lynne Anne Ryan**, sister of Terry (Carla) Reilly

### Women's Connection Monthly Luncheon



Women's Connection a support group for Parish widows, will meet **Thursday August 24th, 11:00 am** at Daisy's Garage in Marion. All widows of the parish are Invited. No reservations needed. Please join us. Questions? Call Sally at 319-373-5484 or 319-389-3225.

### HELP WANTED - Laborers for the field

We are rebuilding our volunteer ministers team to serve the residents of Grand Living senior community. We're looking for 2 or 3 current Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion that would love to help bring Jesus out into the community. Ideally this would be a "once a month" commitment.

We are also looking for a lady or ladies of the parish interested in taking over a leadership role with our Women's Connection ministry. Sally Wilkinson has held the reins for the past 10 years and is looking for someone to help bring a fresh look and new ideas to this great ministry.

Interested in helping bring Church to the people? Please contact Deacon Jeff for more information.

### September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

Suicidal thoughts, much like mental health conditions, can affect anyone regardless of age, gender, or background. In fact, suicide often results from untreated mental health conditions. Suicidal thoughts, although common, should not be considered normal and often indicate more serious issues. September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month — a time to raise awareness of this stigmatized, and often taboo, topic. If you or someone you know is struggling or in crisis, help is available.

Call or text 988 or chat [988lifeline.org](https://988lifeline.org) to reach the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline.

(Source: <https://www.nami.org/Get-Involved>)

### REGISTER NOW!

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
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Grades K-12  
2023-2024 Program Year

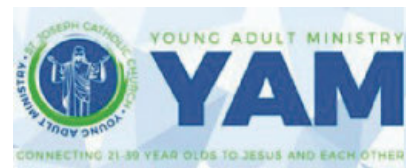
Registration is now open for YFF (K-8), High School Faith Formation and Confirmation Preparation.

Please follow this [link](#) to register!  
Questions? Call 319-377-8402

## Adult Faith Formation



The **Jesus in the Eucharist** study has been created specifically for the Year of Parish Revival. We will offer this seven week study this fall beginning the week of October 16th. It will be offered multiple days and times. Please visit the parish website to register. (<https://stjoesmarion.org/eucharistic-revival>)



### Young Adults Gathering this Sunday, August 20th!

Anyone in their 20s and 30s is invited to join us on **Sunday, August 20th** in the St. Joseph room (located in the parish office building) from 5:00 – 7:00 PM for food, fellowship and lectio divina. For more information, contact Tim and Lisa DeWees at [t.deweese@dbqarch.org](mailto:t.deweese@dbqarch.org).

**Surviving Divorce** is a facilitated, small-group Catholic conversation; a 12-week process of healing, hope, and support. Sessions will be offered on **Tuesdays, September 12th — December 5th 2023** from 6:00-7:30 PM at St. Joseph.

Please contact Jackie Mihm ([Jseals33@aol.com](mailto:Jseals33@aol.com)) or Cate Biro ([catie22001@yahoo.com](mailto:catie22001@yahoo.com)) for more information.

For information about the program or to register you may contact your parish representative: Deacon Jeff Volker at 319-377-4869 or [j.volker@dbqarch.org](mailto:j.volker@dbqarch.org)







## Celebration of the Sacraments

Please remember in your prayers all those who are preparing to receive sacraments.

### Mass Time Change for Wednesdays During the School Year

The first day of school is Wednesday, August 23rd. The Wednesday Mass time, however, won't change until the following week.

**Effective August 30th, the Wednesday daily Mass time will be at 8:15 AM for the duration of the entire school year. Mass will be celebrated on Wednesdays at that time even when the school is on break, has a day off or due to a snow day.**

All the other daily Mass times remain the same. Please note that we have had this schedule for about eleven years.



Providing affordable housing for seniors with low to moderate incomes.

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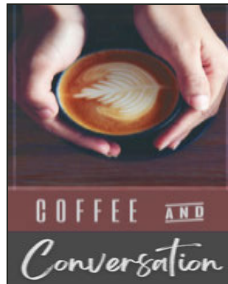


### Marriage Enrichment

*"The woman came and did him homage, saying, 'Lord, help me'" (Mt 15:25).*

In her dialogue with Jesus, the non-Jewish woman displays her great faith. Jesus is quite impressed; "O woman, great is your faith" (Mt 15:28) and grants her request that her daughter to be healed.

Have the humility, while relying on the strength of your faith to come to God when you are struggling with problems in your family or your marriage. God in his infinite mercy and grace will come to your aid through the strength of the Holy Spirit.



### To all women of St. Joe's:

Please join other St. Joe's women at **Coffee & Conversation**, which is held at Mr. Beans Restaurant on the 4th Friday at 9:30 AM. The date for August is **Friday the 25th**. This is a good way to meet and make new friends. Please join us.

### Get the latest St. Joseph Parish Bulletin in your email inbox!

Subscribe to receive the weekly bulletin electronically:

- Go to [ParishesOnline.com](http://ParishesOnline.com)
- Search for St. Joseph, Marion, IA
- Click on St. Joseph Church
- Click "subscribe" and follow the prompts

### Learn more about American Heritage Girls!

This group is for girls in grades K-12. A parent meeting for new and interested families will be held

**Monday, August 28th at 6:00 PM**  
in the LLL room at St. Joseph School.

Questions contact:  
[ahgstjoesmarion@gmail.com](mailto:ahgstjoesmarion@gmail.com)



### St. Joseph School News

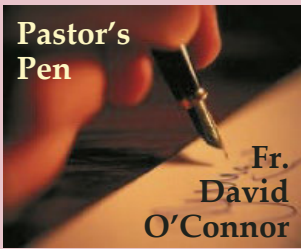
St. Joseph School is excited for the start of the school year. We had a great time at our back to school picnic and had over 325 people attend.



### Legacy Corner

Your generosity during your lifetime has enabled your parish to serve the people of God in this community. Continue to be a part of this community by making a bequest in your will. If you would like more information about leaving a legacy gift to St. Joseph, contact Doug Brock at 319-377-4869. If you would like information about gift planning, please contact our planning partner at the Catholic Foundation at 563-552-0176 or [CFAD@OurCFAD.org](mailto:CFAD@OurCFAD.org).

## Pastor's Pen



**Capital Campaign Commitment Weekend 2**—We've been sharing a lot about the building project and capital campaign over the past months, and even more intensely since the middle of July. I am happy to share that the unofficial results of the first Commitment Weekend last week has shown that we have received \$250,000 in new pledges. These generous sacrificial gifts along with the others we have received has increased the total campaign pledges to over \$6 Million Dollars. Thank you!!

This weekend will be the final Commitment Weekend. If you haven't made a pledge up to this point, you are invited to do so. We have a great momentum going and hope that you will be a part of it through your own sacrificial gift.

**Archbishop-Elect Zinkula**—will be installed as Archbishop of Dubuque by then Cardinal Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, on October 18th, at The Church of the Nativity in Dubuque. There will be more information about the installation in the near future.

**Town Hall Meeting**—There will be a parish Town Hall meeting listening session on August 24th at 6:30 PM in the church basement regarding the proposal that the metro Catholic schools be organized into one system. No decision about this has been made. Your input is welcome. Each speaker will be allotted three minutes to offer people an opportunity to share their thoughts. In an effort to ensure we accurately capture and can revisit the information, all discussion will be recorded. To prepare for the meeting, please visit the parish website and click here (<https://stjoesmarion.org/catholic-school-systemization-question>).



Come join us for Faith, Family and Community at the First Annual St. Joseph Parish Picnic on

**Sunday, September 17th** from 11:30AM - 1:30PM

Meet us on the west side of the school grounds.

Bring a dish or dessert to share, a blanket or chair, and your family. Relax for a meal, join in the games or create a craft.

Hamburgers, hotdogs and bottled water will be provided.  
Please use this [link](#) to RSVP.

## 2023 Archdiocesan Couples Event Friday, October 27, 2023

Couples are invited to attend a Couples Event to be held at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Cedar Rapids on Friday, October 27, 2023. The evening will include dinner, a talk by Mike and Alicia Hernon (from [The Messy Family Project](#)), and time for socializing with other couples. A Kidzone will be available for children ages 1-11. Couples registering for both the Couples Event and the Archdiocesan Catholic Parenting Conference on Saturday, October 28 can register for both events at a reduced package rate.

To register and to find more information go to [www.dbqarch.org/parenting-conference](http://www.dbqarch.org/parenting-conference).

## 2023 Archdiocesan Catholic Parenting Conference Saturday, October 28, 2023

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Catholic Parenting Conference to be held at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Cedar Rapids. Keynote speakers will be Mike and Alicia Hernon (from [The Messy Family Project](#)), and Jonathan and Amanda Teixeira (from [Wallet Win: Your Catholic Money Mentors](#)). This conference will be for parents of all ages and stages, and will include breakout sessions, Mass, and vendors. Child care will be available.

For online registration and more information go to <https://dbqarch.org/parenting-conference>.





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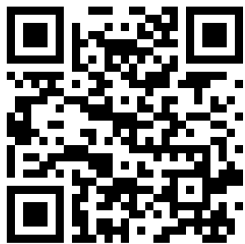
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In order to meet the funding needs of our building project, we continue to invite new participation. There are pledge cards at the entryways of the church to pick up and complete. If you did not receive a campaign packet which includes a brochure, request letter, and pledge form, please visit <https://stjoesmarion.org/faith-in-our-future> for more information.

### Made a pledge and want to know how to make payments?

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What we heard and know; things our ancestors have recounted to us. We do not keep them from our children; we recount them to the next generation, the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD and his strength, the wonders that he performed.

-Psalms 78: 3-4





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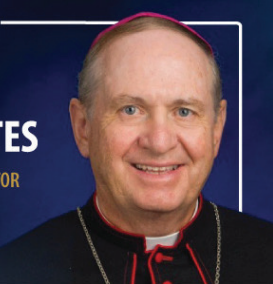
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## MESSAGES FROM BISHOP PATES

APOSTOLIC ADMINISTRATOR



### AS MY SERVICE CONTINUES

Dear Friends,

**1. Announcement of New Archbishop**  
Pope Francis blessed the Archdiocese of Dubuque with the appointment of its native son, Thomas Zinkula, as the 11th Archbishop of this community of faith. The Archbishop-elect brings much diverse pastoral experience to this role, as well as significant academic and administrative credentials. As he undertakes this responsibility, I know that he will much appreciate and benefit from the support and prayer of all.

**2. Installation of Archbishop-elect Zinkula**  
The date of the installation of Archbishop-elect Zinkula will be on October 18, 2023, the Feast of St. Luke, at the Church of the Nativity, Dubuque. We are very grateful to the two coordinators of the event, Msgr. Thomas Toale and Kim Hermsen. We invite your prayers as the Archdiocese re-groups and embraces the future.

**3. Educational Savings Accounts – Leveling the Education Playing Field**  
The State of Iowa took a huge step forward with the establishment of “ESA” Education Savings Accounts. This program which will be introduced in stages, will provide the opportunity for all students who desire it, especially those with lesser means, to benefit from a faith-based education. It is very gratifying to see our high school and elementary school leaders stepping up to

make this significant development a reality. Moreover, it is encouraging that Iowa is committing itself to quality education for the entire population. Such is worthy of high commendation.



### BEING AN INSTRUMENT OF GOD’S GRACE

By Cassie Bird

Meet Deacon Greg Lambert, who was just ordained a transitional deacon in the Archdiocese of Dubuque this May.

A Florida native, Deacon Greg has been living and serving in the state of Iowa since 2020. He is the youngest of four siblings, and was the youngest child of fallen away Catholics in a Hispanic household. Greg actually grew up practicing the religion of Buddhism, and often attended meetings with his mother and meditated with his family. He credits these experiences with learning how to pray.



After his mother returned to the Catholic Church and he and his siblings were baptized, Greg began his journey in the Catholic faith when they began

going to Mass and learning scripture. His freshman year of high school was when he really began to make his faith his own, after he was invited to his first parish youth group event. This was an opportunity for him to grow in the faith alongside his peers, while making great memories. It was in this group that he first was introduced to the word “vocation.”

After graduating high school, Greg completed seven years of formation – four years at St. John Vianney College Seminary in Miami, and then three years at the St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach. Before becoming a transitional deacon, his bishop in Florida asked if there was anything that he wanted to do before being ordained. After stopping and taking this to prayer, he decided to utilize a year to travel and work, as he had previously never had the opportunity to do so. Greg’s brother had gotten married and lived in Dyersville, and so Greg took the opportunity to come north, and has been here ever since.

Deacon Greg has been assigned to the Cathedral of St. Raphael and St. Patrick’s in Dubuque this summer as part of his final year of seminary formation, and will be ordained a priest next spring.

#### 1. What does a typical day look like for you as a transitional deacon?

This summer I have been assigned to serve at the Cathedral of St. Raphael. Besides serving in daily liturgies, many a time I find myself shadowing the pastor into meetings with different circles of people. I find it important to learn how to work with different levels of both parish and archdiocesan employees. I also make a habit of visiting our parishioners at both Mercy and Finley hospital as well. The ability to travel has been beneficial in getting to know the center of our diocese.



I'm still relatively new to the diocese, so getting to know all the "local customs" will be helpful to me in the future.

### **2. What are some of the responsibilities that you hold as a transitional deacon at St. Patrick's and the Cathedral?**

My responsibilities as a transitional deacon might be different depending on the day. I might be visiting Cathedral parishioners at Mercy and Finley hospital. On another day, I might be assisting at Mass, and preaching. Most days consist of some liturgical function, and day to day learning about the everyday movements in a parish. One of the more eventful responsibilities I have is the teaching of an adult confirmation class. Even more special, this year's adult confirmation class will receive the sacrament on my birthday!

### **3. You've now been a transitional deacon for several months – what's one lesson you've learned in your time so far that you'll carry with you into the priesthood?**

A lesson I've learned as a transitional deacon is the simple rule of availability. To be available as a priest is of vital importance. With the reality of priests taking on the shepherding role of multiple parishes, many times the people of Iowa are in need of a priest who is able to be around for the little things. To be available for the bible studies, confirmation groups, rosary walks, and family dinners speaks volumes to our people. I hope that I may remain available in every way that's important.

### **4. Can you share a meaningful experience or story that has impacted your ministry as a deacon so far?**

One of the most meaningful experiences had this summer was getting to preach on the feast day of one of my favorite Saints, Maria Goretti. She's been one of my favorites since early on in my seminary formation. I hold her in my heart, but it's not often that her optional memorial is chosen in the Roman Missal, and her significance explored. Being given the opportunity to preach at the Mass was impactful for me, but the response from

the people is what made the day truly memorable.

The congregation was very receptive, and curious to learn more. After Mass a woman approached me with tears in her eyes, hoping she can learn more about the young saint. Turns out she had lost her son when he was young, and she would like to know more about why the Church celebrates the innocence of this young girl. In a way this Saint helps her feel connected to her son who's passed. If I can help with such a connection, then I'm honored.

### **5. How do you continue to grow spiritually and deepen your relationship with God in your role as a deacon?**

Finding time for personal prayer has been integral in my spiritual formation. Daily life in ministry can lead to a schedule that often fluctuates. Finding the time and space to stop and pray has been a test of restraint and maturity for me. Early on in my seminary experience I enjoyed writing out my thoughts. As I continue to grow in the spiritual life, I enjoyed writing about conversations I have with the Lord. These journal excerpts have been valuable for me to go back to or discuss with my spiritual director. Over the years, this love of writing has led to multiple reflections, and even a finished book. As a result, I have seen my relationship with the Lord begin to take a unique shape this summer.

### **6. Are there any pieces of advice that you would offer for the next class of men who are going to be ordained transitional deacons next year?**

Remember who you are without the authority and prestige of Holy Orders. Before becoming a man of God, a clergy person must first be a good man. The people of God are amazing and so supportive of their clergy but can sometimes put those in authority on a pedestal. We were not ordained to be served, but to serve. In saying that, I would like to remind any of those who follow me in ordination that every ounce of authority, leadership, and prestige has been gratuitously gifted to you by God. Do not squander the opportunity

to lead and nourish his people by first abandoning and nourishing oneself.

If it sounds intense, that's because it is. Fortunately, leading the church doesn't all depend on you. It never has. We are instruments of God's grace, meaning it is God who leads the way, affects the heart, and builds his church. It is our responsibility to be docile to the movements of the Holy Spirit and be formed in the image and likeness of Christ. I look forward to having many more brothers enter the priesthood. It's an understatement to say we need help. However, more than good volunteers, we need good men of God.

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### **7. What would you say to someone who has donated to support seminarian education through the Archdiocese of Dubuque?**

I would like to thank all those who have donated to my education in any way. Your generosity and sacrifice have produced a fine education for a man who feels deeply convicted and called to the priesthood. Though I will not have wealth to give back, I'll use the talents gifted to me by the Lord to yield fruit a hundredfold. Generosity is one of the few gifts that can be given without the need for foresight. Meaning, just being generous to others guarantees fruit in the future. Thank you for being generous to me, and I promise to bless our diocese in generous reciprocation.

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### **Update on ArchdioceseOne Progress:**

So far, over \$16.4 million has been raised for the ArchdioceseOne special appeal. Of which, \$7.7 million of this amount is unrestricted, and over \$2.7 million has been restricted for Seminary Education. Thank you for your support not only for current seminarians, but also for future vocations to the priesthood.

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