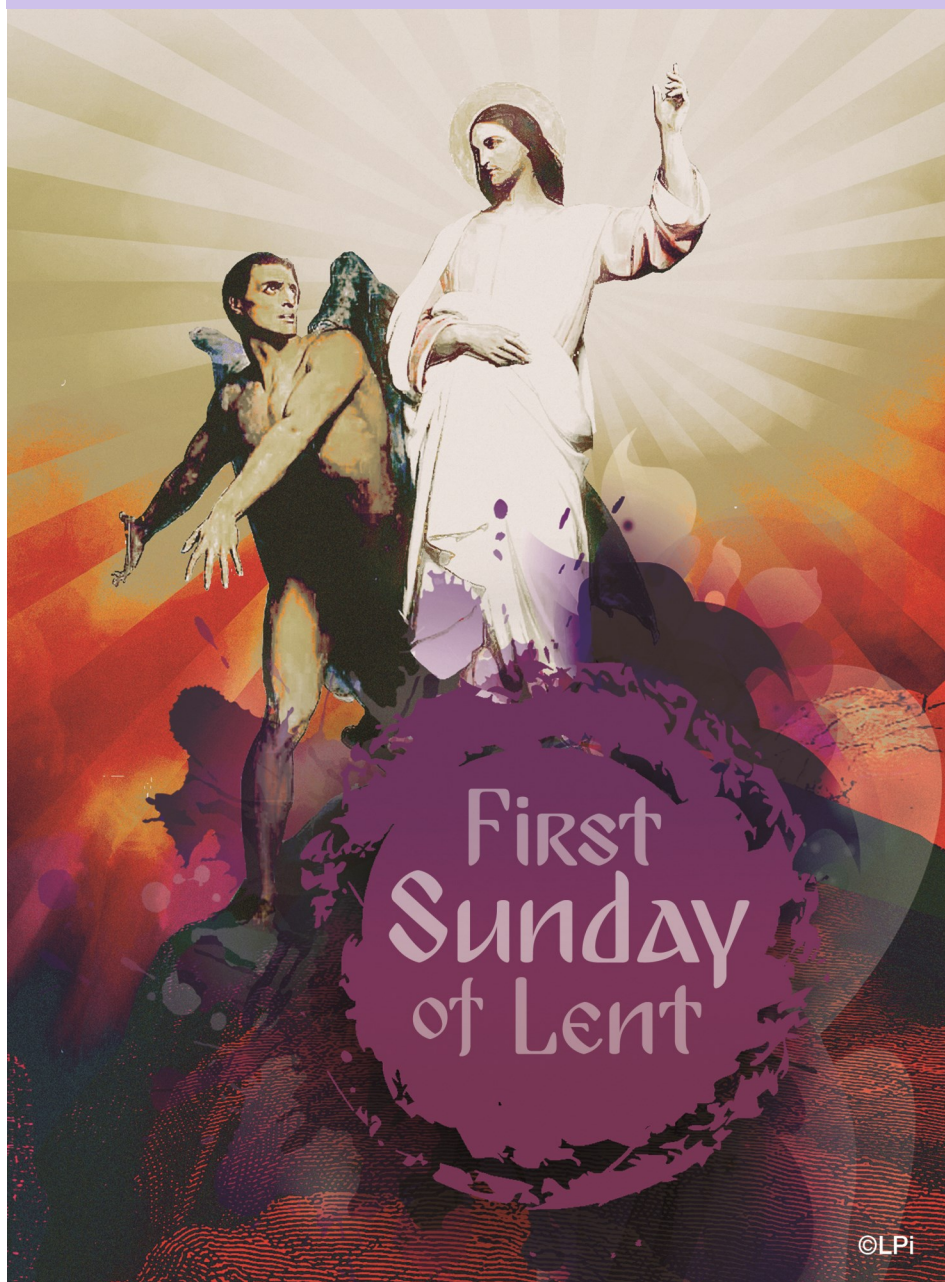




GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

February 26, 2023



MASS

Sunday: 7:30 a.m./9 a.m.
10:30 a.m./Noon/6 p.m.
Saturday: 8 a.m./5 p.m.
Mon.-Fri.: 6:30 a.m./8 a.m.

CONFESSION

Saturdays: 4-4:45 p.m.
Wednesdays: 6-6:45 p.m.
Sundays: Before All Masses
By Appt: Call Fr. Keller or Fr. Buehler

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Special Events

Senior Ministry March 2
 Book Study
 Stations of the Cross March 2
 Girl Scout Cookie March 4 & 5
 Sales after Mass
 Stations of the Cross March 9
 Blood Drive March 14

Assumption Parish Mission

Our Mission:

-Worship God
 -Share the Good News of Jesus
 -Serve Christ in others

Our Vision:

-Continue the work of Jesus Christ

Our Goal:

-Every parishioner – a saint!



Baptisms



Congratulations to Joseph who was received into the Church on Sunday, February 19th at his Baptism! Joseph is pictured with his parents, Eric and Lynsey.



Congratulations to Vincent who was received into the Church on Sunday, February 19th at his Baptism! Vincent is pictured with his parents, Nicholas and Kelsey.

Registering at Assumption

<https://assumptionstl.org/online-registration>

Assumption Parish (Mattese) warmly welcomes you to our family of Faith! I/We would like to register at Assumption:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Address: _____

Zip Code: _____



Please return this slip to the Parish Office (located in the Rectory) or drop in the offertory basket, and we will be in touch soon to help you register here! You may also visit the office Monday-Friday, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to register.

Feb.13–Feb.19 Stewardship

#AssumptionTogether	\$20.00
Black & Indian Missions	\$20.00
Cardinal Glennon Hospital	\$107.00
Church in Central & Eastern Europe	\$220.00
General Fund	\$20,969.77
Lifeline Coalition-January	\$30.00
Maintenance	\$15.00
Partners in Education	\$288.00
Pro-Life Stewardship	\$10.00
St. Louis Review	\$73.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$783.00
Tithe for the Poor	\$55.00
	\$22,590.77

Mass Intentions †

February 26	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	Gayle Kenniston †
9:00 a.m.	Linda DeClue †
10:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
Noon	John Zuzack †
6:00 p.m.	Arlene Torrillo †
February 27	MONDAY
6:30 a.m.	Steve Sherman †
8:00 a.m.	Robert Schraut †
5:30 p.m.	Evelyn Keller †
February 28	TUESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Eileen Murphy †
8:00 a.m.	Barb Reagan †
5:30 p.m.	Joseph Grivois †
March 1	WEDNESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Anne Dapron †
8:00 a.m.	Dale Koch †
5:30 p.m.	Dan Connors †
March 2	THURSDAY
6:30 a.m.	Della Sprehe †
8:00 a.m.	Angela Sherman †
5:30 p.m.	Frank Thouvenot †
March 3	FRIDAY
6:30 a.m.	Arlene Hejnal †
8:00 a.m.	Don & Brett Grant †
5:30 p.m.	Dennis Koonce, Jr †
March 4	SATURDAY
8:00 a.m.	Louise Hock †
5:00 p.m.	Donald Volansky, Sr †
March 5	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	Virginia Weindel †
9:00 a.m.	Andrew & Helen Roeslein †
10:30 a.m.	Gayle Kenniston †
Noon	People of the Parish
6:00 p.m.	Linda DeClue †
	† denotes deceased

In Our Prayers

Lois Pitchford
Mary Ann Pizzo
Pauline Pizzo
Bert Pohl
Ron Pohl
Ann Prasuhn
Valerie Rauscher
Chris Roche
Kathryn Rothweil
Patricia Rudolf
Dan S.
Teresa Samuels
Bill Schacht III
OUR MILITARY *denotes parishioner
Isaiah Angeli, USMC*
Davey Ardrey, USAR
Ryan Boedeker
Kyle Bottorf
Robert Bryant III, USAF*
Dominic Catalano
Dakota Chappel
Lauren Chellis, USN
Michael Cole
Sean Danaher, USAF
Kevin Deitz
Sydney Delhougne
David DiFranco, USA

† Usual contributions for Mass offerings are \$10. Please stop by the Parish Office to arrange to have a Mass offered.

Weekly Readings

For the week of 2/26:

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 (see 3a)/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 507a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 (22)/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

Thank You

THANK YOU to everyone who made a contribution to the St. Martha's Love Is...campaign. I am happy to report that Team Assumption raised over \$45,000! Your generosity will help a huge impact on the lives of the women and children being served by St. Martha's!



Visit AssumptionSTL.org to register today for Online Giving!



Pastor's Column

Fr. Thomas Keller

The Archdiocesan strategic plan *All Things New* has been a fluid process with many different proposals and configurations of parishes. It has also had the unfortunate side effect of causing some confusion. Recently, I have heard some people say some things that may be false information or old information that is not valid anymore. Here's what I know at this point. It may help everyone understand what is going on.

Priest retirements: Currently, there are over 100 active priests over the age of 70. There are 30 pastors over the age of 70 and at least one is 90 years old. So, yes, there will be a lot of priests retiring in the next few years. This is the largest demographic of priests in the archdiocese. There are only about 20 priests in their 50's. So, there will be dramatically fewer priests to serve the archdiocese in future. The reorganization of the Archdiocese is driven by the reality that there will be fewer priests in the future but there are other reasons too including changing demographics, falling numbers of active Catholics and financial viability of some parishes.

Parish closures: The All Things New plan has been all about determining which parishes can work together. At this point the Archdiocese is not closing 100+ parishes as had been proposed in the past. The Archdiocese is discussing merging/closing some parishes, but the current plan is to give one pastor to multiple parishes where necessary. It is proposed there will be about 88 pastors in the reorganization, about half of them will be pastor of a single large parish and the other half, pastor of multiple smaller parishes.

Grade Schools: Many parishes struggle to enroll enough students to make the school financially viable. At one point, the Archdiocese considered taking over the administration of grade schools so the diminishing number of pastors would not be burdened by administration. There was also discussion that grade schools should be merged to get to a smaller number of stronger schools. However, it was determined that this was premature, and the discussion has been shelved for a few years.

South County: There will be "stand alone" parishes in South County after the reorganization. Currently, Queen of All Saints, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, St. Catherine Laboure, and Assumption are slated as "stand alone" parishes with no changes to their boundaries. Currently, it is proposed that Mary Mother of the Church will share a pastor with Immaculate Conception and St. David's in Arnold. St. Simon will share a pastor with Seven Holy Founders and St. John Paul II (former St. George.) Parishes in Lemay will have one pastor, including St. Mark's, St. Matthias, St. Martin of Tours, St. Andrew and St. Bernadette. It is suggested that St. Elizabeth of Hungary parish will be closed and merged with St. Justin the Martyr and the church will become an exclusively Maronite Rite church. (Maronites are an ancient rite of the Church which is headquartered in Lebanon.) St. Raymond's in the City has served the Maronite community for many years and a few years ago they asked the archdiocese if they could have a presence in the county too. It is possible there will be changes announced at some point, there are still several steps before these become final. However, the final decisions will be announced on May 28.

Regardless, of how parishes are configured, it is the hope that the priests of the archdiocese will care for the souls of those entrusted to his care. Please pray for the continued strategic planning process.

God bless,
Fr. Keller

Holy Land Pilgrimage

My friend, Monsignor Henry Breier, and I will lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from November 7- 17, 2023. Monsignor Breier is the pastor of the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis. Over the years we have led many pilgrimages together and we hope that you can join us for this one.

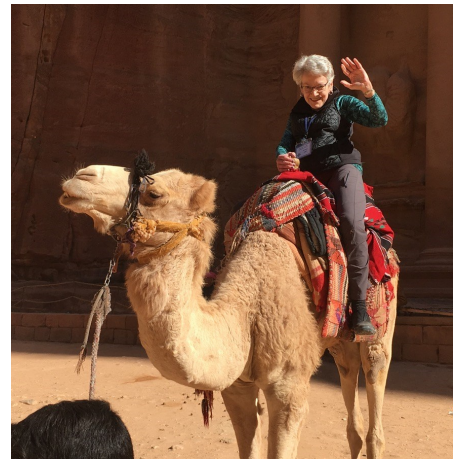
This pilgrimage is intended for “First-Time” pilgrims to the Holy Land. We will travel throughout Israel and Palestine visiting the places that are linked to the life of Jesus. The trip is a “pilgrimage” because it will be more than just tour-guides and ancient ruins, we will take time for daily Mass and have time for prayer and reflection at the locations where Christ Himself lived, preached, healed, and redeemed.

We will visit the great churches commemorating the Annunciation in Nazareth and the Nativity in Bethlehem. We will see Capharnaum, Cana, Caesarea Philippi, Jericho, Mount Beatitude, Bethany, the Sea of Galilee, Mount Tabor, the Jordan River, and other places associated with public ministry of Christ. We will visit Mount Carmel, a place associated with both the Blessed Mother and the Prophet Elijah. In Jerusalem we will see the site of the now lost Jewish Temple and we will visit Calvary and the Empty Tomb within the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the Garden of Gethsemane, the place of the Ascension, and the site of Mary’s Assumption into heaven. We hope the stories of the Bible will come alive after you have been to the Holy Land.

Total cost per person is \$4999.00 plus \$105 in surcharge and tax.

Trip includes:

- Round trip flights on Delta through Atlanta
- 11 nights hotel stay at Ron Beach Hotel in Galilee and the Notre Dame Hotel in Jerusalem
- Meals and wine with dinner
- Transportation in the Holy Land
- Entrance to historical sites and museums
- Professional local-Christian tour guide
- Boat excursion on the Sea of Galilee
- *Smelly camel rides not included*



FOR MORE INFORMATION from TravelTyme Pilgrimages go to traveltyme.com; to make reservations call 636-391-1000 or email george.hudson@traveltyme.com

God bless,
Fr. Keller



ASSUMPTION

Lenten Challenge

2023



Each week during Lent, we will be collecting different items to donate to Fisher House



Fisher House St. Louis, located on the Jefferson Barracks campus, provides a “home away from home” for families of Veterans undergoing extensive treatment and/or rehabilitation at the St. Louis area Veteran’s facilities. Guests stay free of charge in a comfortable, and peaceful place while able to be near their loved ones.

The items should be dropped off by the baptismal font near the front of church. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

Feb 25 & 26

Bottled water, individual “to go” drinks (orange, grape, apple juice, sports drinks), single serve powdered drinks and powdered flavorings (lemonade, tea, sports drinks)

March 4th & 5th

Toilet paper
Kleenex tissues
Paper towels

March 11th & 12th

Paper plates, coffee cups with lids, to go containers (leftovers while at hospital)

March 18th & 19th

Reading glasses, small memo pads (for adults), activity books for adults and kids (crossword, seek and find, coloring books), pens, pencils, and crayons

March 25th & 26th

Laundry detergent (pods preferred or small bottles)
fabric softener (liquid or sheets)

April 1st & 2nd

(Palm Sunday)
Individually wrapped snacks, small bags of chips (variety), hard candy & packs of gum (regular & sugar free)



**Fridays During Lent
from 4:30 - 7 p.m.**

Feb 24

Mar 3

Mar 10

Mar 17

**Dine-In or Carry-Out in the Parish
Center**

**Pre-order for Curbside Pickup ONLY
at AssumptionFishFry.org**

**Cash Accepted,
Credit/Debit Cards Preferred!**

Mar 24

Mar 31

Apr 7

Dinner Menu

*Includes:
2 Hush Puppies,
2 Sides, & 1 Cookie*

1 Piece Pub Style Fried Cod Meal	\$12.00
2 Piece Pub Style Fried Cod Meal	\$17.00
1 Piece Fried Catfish Meal	\$12.00
2 Piece Fried Catfish Meal	\$17.00
1 Piece Baked Fish Meal	\$12.00
2 Piece Baked Fish Meal	\$17.00
5 Piece Fried Shrimp Meal	\$12.00
10 Piece Fried Shrimp Meal	\$17.00
Adult Pasta Meal	\$12.00

Kids Menu

*Includes:
1 Hush Puppy,
1 Side, & 1 Cookie*

Baked Fish Meal	\$6.00
Catfish Meal	\$6.00
5 Piece Fried Shrimp Meal	\$6.00
Pub-Style Fried Cod Meal	\$6.00
Pasta Meal	\$6.00
Cheese Pizza	\$6.00

****Note - All meals come with dessert.**

Family Meal Menu

ONLY AVAILABLE FOR CURBSIDE PRE-ORDER

Mission from Cod Meal Deal - \$50

**6 Piece Pub Style Fried Cod,
a JUMBO order of Fries,
8 Hush Puppies, choice of
4 Individual Sides & 4 Cookies**

Catholic Family Meal Deal - \$90

**8 Piece Pub-Style Fried Cod,
15 Piece Fried Shrimp,
2 JUMBO orders of Fries,
18 Hush Puppies, choice of
6 Individual Sides & 8 Cookies**

Surf and Surf Meal Deal - \$50

**4 Piece Pub Style Fried Cod,
10 Piece Fried Shrimp,
a JUMBO order of Fries, 8 Hush Puppies,
choice of 4 Individual Sides & 4 Cookies**

Family Meal Deal - \$34

**4 Piece Pub-Style Fried cod,
a JUMBO order of Fries,
6 Hush Puppies, choice of
2 Individual Sides & 2 Cookies**

Side Dishes

**Bartolino's Pasta, French Fries,
Green Beans, Applesauce, Slaw,
Italian salad, Mac and Cheese**

**Additional Side - \$3
1 JUMBO Order of Fries - \$5**

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

WEEKDAY MASSES

6:30 AM & 8 AM,
5:30 PM

ADORATION CHAPEL

Open 24/7

DAILY ROSARY

Monday-Saturday
8:30 AM

CONFESSION

Wednesday 6:00 - 6:45 PM

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 PM

before all Masses Sunday or anytime by appointment

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays 2:15 PM, 7:00 PM

FISH FRY FRIDAYS

4:30 PM - 7:00 PM

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Fasting: All Catholics ages 18-59 must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday (Fasting means one full meal, two smaller meals, refraining from meat, and nothing between meals except liquids.)

Abstinence: All Catholics ages 14 and up must abstain from meat on all Fridays of Lent. *This year St. Patrick's Day falls on a Friday and the archbishop dispenses those who celebrate that feast day from abstinence.



High school volunteers and ***adults* needed** each week to help run food for our carry-out orders and to assist our older diners through the line. Volunteers work 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Week 1: 1st and 8th Grade

Week 2: Kindergarten and 7th Grade

Week 3: Pre-K with 6th

Week 4: Pre-School and 5th

Week 5: 3rd and 4th Grade

Week 6: 2nd Grade with PSR friends

Please scan the QR code to sign up today!



Questions?

Please email Tammy Kenniston at tammy@kenniston.us.

Desserts Needed For Fish Fry

No need to sign-up. Any desserts are welcome. If the dessert contains nuts, eggs or wheat please indicate. Or, if sugar free, dairy, or gluten free you may indicate that as well if you wish. They do not need to be individually wrapped. A table will be set up in the front of school each Friday until 3 p.m. after 3 p.m. drop off in Parish Center.



Senior Ministry Book Study

12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Church Thursdays during Lent beginning February 23rd and ending March 30th. We will spend an hour each Thursday with the book: "The Mass"

Please RSVP to Deacon David at 314-487-7970 x1254 so we can order the books.



Senior Ministry Upcoming Events!

February 27	10:30 a.m.	Soul Core
February 28	10:30 a.m.	Ladies Scripture Study
February 28	1:00 p.m.	Cards
March 2	1:00 p.m.	Book Study "The Mass"
March 3	8:00 a.m.	Sr. Pot Luck Breakfast
March 6	10:30 a.m.	Soul Core
March 7	10:30 a.m.	Ladies Scripture Study
March 7	1:00 p.m.	Dominoes
March 9	1:00 p.m.	Book Study "The Mass"

Questions? Please contact...

Dominoes: Marilyn Hogenmiller 314-894-8194

Cards: Ron Reiter 314-347-5881



SPRING SCHEDULE

MAR 2 - DOES GOD EXIST? PT. 2
MAR 9 - DOES GOD CARE ABOUT ME?
MAR 16 - ST. PATRICK / ST. JOSEPH
MAR 23 - OFF FOR SPRING BREAK

6:30-8PM THURSDAY NIGHTS IN SALESIAN HOUSE
OPEN TO ALL MIDDLE SCHOOLERS
QUESTIONS? CONTACT ANNA HUSSEY
HUSSEYA@ASSUMPTIONSTL.ORG

Upcoming Events

FEB 26: LIFE NIGHT
GLOW IN THE DARK
DODGEBALL

MAR 1: UPPER ROOM
SUMMIT BIBLE STUDY

MAR 5: LIFE NIGHT
SATISFIED

ALL EVENTS ARE HELD IN THE YOUTH ROOM OF THE SALESIAN HOUSE.
CONTACT CAITLYN SEXTRO (CHICKEYC@ASSUMPTIONSTL.ORG) FOR MORE INFO!

HIGH SCHOOLERS, JOIN THE TEAM!



PLANNING MEETINGS:

MARCH 12, & 19

APRIL 2, 16, & 23

COST: \$50 TO COVER FOOD,
T SHIRT, ETC.

RETREAT WEEKEND:

APRIL 28-30

SCAN THE QR CODE
AND SIGN UP HERE:



Assumption Scout Troop 169 Update

Recently we hosted the "All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner" fundraiser. Thank you for supporting the troop and enjoying a little Taste of Italy with us. We look forward to serving you again next year.

We recently completed the 1904 World's Fair Historical Trail in Forest Park. This 10 mile hike helps tell the story of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition of 1904. The scouts learned about this event in history while touring sites like St Louis Zoo, Municipal Theater, Grand Basin, Washington University and many others.

We will be returning from a weekend campout at the National Military Park and Armory in Shiloh, TN. Look for more adventures and pictures next month.

Do you have boys or girls ages Kindergarten through 21 looking to have fun outdoors?

Contact either, Tim Thomas
tthomas876@gmail.com or Margaret Doty
dotymar81@gmail.com.

The Library Is Open

Please come visit our Parish library, located on the Church's lower level. It is open every Sunday after every mass. Since we are approaching this Lenten Season, how about offering to volunteer in the library? Or consider donating religious books to expand our valuable resource. Lent is the perfect time of the year to donate time or books to our library! If questions, please contact Sharon Bathon at aprcstl2016@gmail.com.

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Good News Messenger

Issue	Deadline (4 p.m.)
March 5	February 22
March 12	March 2
March 19	March 9

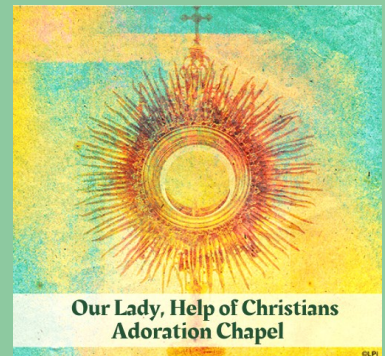
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