

**St. Mary Nativity and Holy Cross Parishes**  
706 North Broadway Street and 830 Elizabeth Street - Joliet, Illinois 60435



## **5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit.” - Jn 15:1-2

**Sunday, April 28, 2024**

# Pastor's Corner



## ***No One Takes My Life from Me***

The State of Illinois has a voracious appetite for murder. Unsatisfied with attacks on human life at its beginning with extreme abortion, it now moves to take the lives of those who have reached the end of their time on this earth. This dark shadow of death moves over us through SB 3499, which would make it legal for a doctor to apply lethal drugs to those with a terminal disease who want to end their lives.

We might think, "Well, if life is painful, let's end it. Let the patient take their life." We actually have a wealth of experience to draw on in our nation, particularly from the State of Oregon where physician assisted suicide has been available since 1997. And it turns out that pain is not the major concern of those who consider suicide. Mostly, they grieve the loss of their autonomy and ability. They even miss the loss of friends and can't seem to find any joy in life. They don't want to be a burden to anyone. What does this show us? They worry more about the difficulties of life over their pain.

Life surely is difficult. Especially with the added burden of illness and the pain it brings. But it's better to kill pain, rather than people. We have the commandment, "You shall not kill." It's better to help someone carry their cross, rather than crucify them. Instead of taking life, we can learn how to give it. Isn't it better to love your neighbor, reassuring them that they are not a burden?

This was the approach of Jesus. He prepared his disciples for his own death with these words, "This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again." (John 10:17-18) Jesus will give his life, even for those who would crucify him. He would give his life for them, "so that sins may be forgiven." Then he gave us the command to do the same in his memory. When at the Last Supper Jesus says, "Do this in memory of me," he is not simply saying to celebrate the Mass. He is reminding us to live the Mass, to give our lives as a sacrifice of love.

Life ends. For each one of us, it will end and we cannot prolong it forever. To end it freely, before its time is murder. But to accompany a person along the way of the cross becomes a sacrifice of love. We provide them with comfort and care. We help them with their medicines and procedures, when those things still work. We provide them with food and water, when those things still do them good. When those things no longer help a person, we can discontinue them, because the time to meet our Lord draws near. No doctor can prescribe love. No pharmacy can dispense it. Only human hearts can apply it, as Jesus did, "He loved his own in the world and he loved them to the end." (John 13:1)

So please contact your state representatives and legislators. You will find our Illinois Catholic Bishops working together against this bad law. You can find the Catholic Conference of Illinois resources at [ilcatholic.org](http://ilcatholic.org).

But most importantly, let's help one another along the way of the cross. Jesus knows the pain of each one of us; it was his, on the cross. Jesus entered into death by giving his life, not taking it. He rose from death to show us another way to live. With his help, let us give our lives as a sacrifice of love, especially to those who are tested at their darkest moments. The living Jesus will help you to bring them hope and comfort. You can help them find the healing and strength of Jesus in his sacraments, brought to them by his priests. Our lawmakers crucify Christ again through this terrible law. But Christ has given you the gift to bring his life and resurrection to those who suffer.

With my prayers,

Fr. Jerome

# St. Mary Nativity and Holy Cross

**Join the  
Parish Council**

**St. Mary Nativity / Holy Cross Joint Parish Council**

**Is God calling you to serve on the  
St. Mary Nativity / Holy Cross Joint Parish Council?**

**TIME &  
TALENT**

The Parish Council draws from their common experience as Catholic members of our parish to offer counsel to the pastor regarding all aspects of parish life. We work together to help keep our parish faithful to the mission entrusted to us by Christ in Joliet.

Currently, meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 6:30pm in the Nativity Room. Potential members will need to attend a discernment meeting on Monday, June 3rd at 6:30pm, in the Nativity Room. Contact Kris Garland at 815-347-4684 for more information.

**\$25 per ticket  
or  
5 Tickets for \$100**



**Only 2000  
tickets sold**

## **St. Mary Nativity GRAND \$WEEP\$TAKES\$**

**Grand Prize Drawing will be June 8, 2024**

**GRAND PRIZE  
40% of Total Revenue**

**2nd Prize ..... 5% of Total Revenue  
3rd Prize ..... 1% of Total Revenue  
4th Prize ..... 1% of Total Revenue  
5th Prize ..... 1% of Total Revenue**

**PLUS  
Early Bird Drawing (5/13/24)  
\$1,000  
Seller of Winning Ticket  
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Seller of Most Tickets  
1% of Total Revenue**

**Grand Prize drawing will be held after the 4:00 pm Mass on June 8, 2024**

I would like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ **St. Mary Nativity GRAND SWEEPSTAKES** ticket(s). \$25 ea. or 5 for \$100.

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Make Checks Payable to: St. Mary Nativity Church - Please do not send Cash

**Please mail or drop off to: St. Mary Nativity Church  
706 N. Broadway, Joliet, IL 60435**

**Early Bird Drawing winner will also be eligible for Grand Prize Drawing  
\*Winner need not be present**

Grand Prize drawing proceeds will be used to replace revenue lost due to pandemic  
If all tickets are not sold, prizes will be awarded on a pro-rated basis.  
\*No ticket stub will be entered in the raffle until payment is received.

\*All prizes subject to applicable Federal, State, and local taxes.

Winners of prizes of \$5,000 or more must complete a W9 form before receiving their prize.

**For Information Contact: St. Mary Nativity Parish office at 815-726-4031  
or Frank Jurmann (815) 727-3253**

**Proceeds for  
the 2024  
Grand  
Sweepstakes  
will go  
towards a  
NEW Rectory  
Roof!**

**EARLY BIRD  
PRIZE DRAWING**



**Don't miss  
out on your  
chance to  
win the  
early bird  
drawing on  
May 13th**

# St. Mary Nativity and Holy Cross

## The Week Ahead

**Monday, April 29**

**Tuesday, April 30**

9:30am Bible Study - SMN Nativity Room  
1:00pm Rosary - SMN Church  
5:00pm Faith Formation Class - SMN School & NR

**Wednesday, May 1**

8:30am School Mass - SMN Church -  
May Crowning to follow  
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal - SMN Church  
7:00pm Mass at Holy Cross

**Thursday, May 2**

1:00pm Rosary in Spanish - SMN Church

**Friday, May 3**

Visitation - SMN Nativity Room - (MacZura)  
10:00am Memorial Mass - SMN Church - (MacZura)  
10:00am Women's Day of Recollection - HC Church  
12:00pm Eucharistic Adoration - SMN Church  
5:00pm Polish School - SMN School  
7:00pm First Friday Mass in Polish - SMN Church  
**Saturday, May 4 Food Pantry Collection - SMN**  
**Sunday, May 5 Food Pantry Collection - SMN**  
9:00am First Communion Mass for  
School/Faith Formation - SMN Church  
11:00am Mass-SMN Church-May Crowning to follow



¡NECESITAMOS PERSONAS QUE PARTICIPEN  
SEMANALMENTE! USTED ES IMPORTANTE Y LO  
NECESITAMOS. INFORMES CON  
CECILIA MARTINEZ AL (815) 348-0837.

*Grupo de Oración en Español* ROSARIO DE SANACION Y  
DEVOCION DE LOS CIEN REQUIEM  
ACOMPANENOS, JUEVES, 1:00 PM  
EN LA IGLESIA PRESENCIALMENTE O  
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LOS INVITAMOS A ORAR Y UNIDOS PODEMOS HACER  
UNA DIFERENCIA PARA NUESTRA PARRAQUIA.

**Let's  
pray**

IF GOD IS ALL YOU HAVE,  
*you have all you need*  
JOHN 14:8

St. Mary Nativity's Tuesday Prayer Group

1:00—The Holy Rosary

1:20—The Chaplet of Divine Mercy

1:30—The Sorrowful Mother Novena



## Women's Recollection

There will be a **Women's Morning of Recollection**  
**on May 3rd from 10:00 am until 12:00pm**  
at Holy Cross Parish, 830 Elizabeth St., Joliet.  
The recollection, consists of several meditations,  
adoration and benediction, and the  
opportunity for the sacrament of confession.  
Please join us and bring a friend!



## SPEND TIME WITH JESUS

**Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
at Saint Mary Nativity every Friday Noon to 3:00pm

**All are welcome!**

Both regular adorers and substitutes are needed for these  
times. Please contact Laurie at (815) 370-4533 to sign up.

**The church is open for personal prayer Monday – Thursday  
8am to 4:30 pm and Friday 8 am to 3:00 pm.**



“We are such value to God that he came  
to live among us ... and to guide us home.  
He will go to any length to seek us, even to  
being lifted high upon the cross to draw us  
back to himself. We can only respond by  
loving God for his love.”

**St. Catherine of Siena**  
**(Feast Day April 29)**

Please Join Us

Tuesday Mornings from  
9:30 am until 11:00 am

# Bible Study

Nativity Room

Sunday, May 19th in the Nativity Room after the morning Masses.

*Sweet!*  
**HOSPITALITY  
SUNDAY**

*Bring the Family!*

**All Are Welcome**



## Pro-Life Rosary Every Month Third Sunday

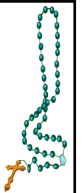
**Holy Cross** before the 9 am Mass, starting at 8:35 am

**St. Mary Nativity** before the 11 am Mass,  
starting at 10:35 am.

**The next meeting of the St. Mary Nativity  
Pro-Life Committee:**

Sunday, June 9th, at 10:00 am at SMN Church in the Joann Room.  
We are thankful for your continued help and look forward to your  
participation in our events from now until that date.

For questions or for more information, contact Mike Hansen at  
815-212-3661 or [mikehansen@mikehansenlaw.com](mailto:mikehansen@mikehansenlaw.com)



# Mass Intentions



## Mass Schedule

### St. Mary Nativity Church

Saturday 4:00 pm  
 Sunday 7:00 am, 11:00 am,  
 12:30 pm and 5:30 pm  
 Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday 8:30 am

### Holy Cross Church

Saturday 4:00 pm English and 5:30 pm Polish  
 Sunday 9:00 am English and 10:30 am Polish  
 Monday and Friday 8:30 am English  
 Tuesday 8:30 am Polish  
 Monday/Wednesday/Thursday/Friday 7:00 pm Polish

#### Saturday - April 27

##### **4:00 pm Mass (HC)**

- † Bernardine (Hazer) Caldwell by Dan Lajcin Family
- † Joan Kozar by Family

##### **4:00 pm Mass (SMN)**

- † Joan Kozar by Art Paul
- † Maria Grabarczyk by Granddaughter Marta
- † Peter Grabarczyk by Sister Marta

##### **5:30 pm Mass (HC)**

- O zdrowie i potrzebne taski dla rodziny
- † † Michalina i Anna

#### Sunday - April 28

##### **7:00 am Mass (SMN)**

For the People of the Parishes

##### **9:00 am Mass (HC)**

- † Harold Ed Kraske by Pat Kraske

##### **10:30 am Mass (HC)**

O zdrowie i Boże błogosławieństwo dla Ani z okazji urodzin  
 O zdrowie i Boże błogosławieństwo dla Dawida z okazji 22 urodzin  
 O błogosławieństwo Boże dla rodzin z dziećmi  
 O pomyślny zabieg medyczny

Dziękczynna I o Boże błogosławieństwo w 20. rocznicę ślubu dla Edyty i Krzysztofa Kogutów

- † Jan Zajęc
- † Józef Długosz (w rocznicę śmierci)

##### **11:00 am Mass (SMN)**

- † Jim Flanery by Son, Tim

##### **12:30 pm Mass (SMN))**

- † Marguerite F. Zlogar-Nelson by SMN & HC Parishioners

##### **5:30 pm Mass (SMN)**

For the People of the Parishes

#### Monday - April 29

##### **8:30 am Mass (HC)**

The needy and the poor of the World

##### **7:00 pm Mass (HC)**

O powrót do chrześcijańskich korzeni dla społeczeństw europejskich

#### Tuesday - April 30

##### **8:30 am Mass (SMN)**

- † In Honor of the Holy Angels

##### **8:30 am Mass (HC)**

O światło Ducha Świętego i szczerę intencje dla przedstawicieli służb publicznych

#### Wednesday - May 1

##### **8:30 am Mass (SMN)**

- † In Honor of St. Joseph

##### **7:00 pm Mass (HC)**

O Boże błogosławieństwo dla Zuzi z okazji 12. urodzin

#### Thursday - May 2

##### **8:30 am Mass (SMN)**

For Medical Doctors and Healthcare Professionals

##### **7:00 pm Mass (HC)**

O Boże błogosławieństwo dla Antoniego z okazji 11. urodzin

#### Friday - May 3

##### **8:30 am Mass (HC)**

- † Joel Jaskowiak by Joe & Mary Welps

##### **7:00 pm Mass (HC)**

- † Helena Sędacka (rocznica urodzin)

#### Saturday - May 4

##### **4:00 pm Mass (HC)**

For the People of the Parishes

##### **4:00 pm Mass (SMN)**

- † Joan Matejka by Husband, Wayne
- † For the Release of the Holy Souls in Purgatory by George, Marie and Raymond MacZura

##### **5:30 pm Mass (HC)**

- † Józef Klikuszowian (20. rocznica śmierci)

#### Sunday - May 5

##### **7:00 am Mass (SMN)**

For the People of the Parishes

##### **9:00 am Mass (HC)**

- † John Lajcin by Dan Lajcin Family

##### **10:30 am Mass (HC)**

- † Helena Waliczek (2. rocznica śmierci)

- † † Maria i Franciszek Rzadkosz

† Waldemar Kucharczuk

† Janina Magiera

† Stanisław Mrowca

##### **11:00 am Mass (SMN)**

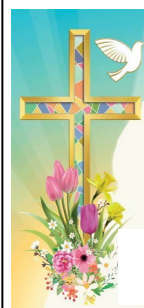
- † Mary Lou Smolik by Bob & Judy Hintze

##### **12:30 pm Mass (SMN))**

- † † Joe & Ann Jelinek "Wedding Anniversary" by the Jelinek Family

##### **5:30 pm Mass (SMN)**

- † Irene Sparazynski by Family



Prayers for Our Beloved Deceased.  
 We offer sympathy and the promise of our prayers to the family and friends of:

**Marie MacZura  
 Manuel Sotello**

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord; and let the perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.




*Flame of Faith  
 Joe & Ann Jelinek*



*Mass Intentions are available for  
 May and June 2025.*

# St. Mary Nativity and Holy Cross

  
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## ZAPISY 2024/25

Rozpoczynamy zapisy na nowy rok szkolny do  
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Nasza szkoła od 19 lat uczy i cieszy się językiem  
polskim, przekazuje wiedzę z literatury  
i kultury polskiej jak również z historii  
i geografii.  
Przygotowujemy do sakramentów świętych  
- I Komunii Świętej i Bierzmowania



Zapraszamy na nasz stronę internetową

<https://www.polskaszkojaloliet.com/kontakt.html>

do odwiedzenia sekcji O Nas, gdzie znajdą Państwo więcej informacji o naszej szkole  
oraz naszej ofercie edukacyjnej jak również do sekcji Rejestracja, gdzie mogą Państwo  
zarejestrować swoje dzieci na przyszły rok szkolny

**Numer telefonu (815) 630 6190**



## Calendar Raffle

Congratulations  
to the following  
**WINNERS!**

Friday - April 19

Mike Strimel - \$20

Seller: Mailing

Saturday - April 20

Maria Isla - \$40

Seller: School Family

Sunday - April 21

J.J. Fleming - \$150

Seller: School Family

Monday - April 22

Sergio Castro Cruz - \$20

Seller: School Family

Tuesday - April 23

Greg Prieboy - \$20

Seller: Mailing

Wednesday - April 24

Efren Silva Jr. - \$20

Seller: School Family

Thursday - April 25

Fr. Dominic Petan - \$20

Seller: Mailing



# St. Mary Nativity and Holy Cross

## ABC Countdown

A is for Apple 



**CRAZY HAIR DAY**

C is for Crazy Hair or Cap Day



D is for Dance/Drink Day



The school is having fun with the last 26 days of school!

B is for Buddy Day **Buddies**



E is for Extra **RECESS!** Day



# St. Mary Nativity and Holy Cross

## CORPUS CHRISTI

### THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

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*I am the  
living bread  
that came down  
from heaven,  
says the Lord;  
whoever eats  
this bread  
will live forever.*

*John 6:51*

#### PARISH MISSION

AT ST. MARY NATIVITY:

**"THIS IS MY BODY, GIVEN UP FOR YOU"**

THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2024:

CONFESSION AT 4PM, HOLY HOUR AT 5PM

FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2024:

CONFESSION AT 4PM, HOLY HOUR AT 5PM

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2024:

CONFESSION AT 3PM, MASS AT 4PM

A SOLEMN INDOOR PROCESSION

CONCLUDES THE 4PM VIGIL MASS,

FOLLOWED BY A FINAL MEDITATION FOR THE MISSION  
AND ALL-NIGHT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2024

### HOLY CROSS

SOLEMN OUTDOOR PROCESSION  
FOLLOWS THE 10:30AM POLISH MASS

### ST. MARY NATIVITY

SOLEMN INDOOR PROCESSION  
FOLLOWS THE 12:30PM MASS



# St. Mary Nativity and Holy Cross



Stewardship  
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With the simple click of a button from your computer or smart device, you can securely set-up one-time or recurring donations.

You can also donate by visiting our website at <https://stmarynativityholycross.com>

**Sunday, April 21, 2024**

**St. Mary Nativity      \$8,398.00**  
**Holy Cross                \$2,188.00**

*Blessed*

Thank you for attending.  
Thank you for serving.  
Thank you for giving.  
Thank you for growing with us.



**THE NINE MONTHS OF THE CHILD JESUS IN THE WOMB OF MARY**

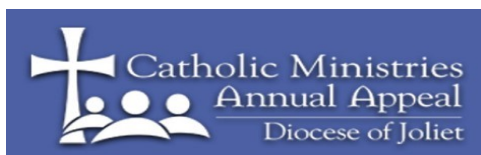
Each year on December 25th we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. For centuries the Church has also celebrated his conception on \*March 25, the feast of the Annunciation. (\*Even though the feast of the Annunciation is designated as April 8<sup>th</sup> of 2024, we will continue to use the March 25<sup>th</sup> date. This will make our Christmas gift to our lord timely.) Our parishes have once again begun our 'Spiritual Adoption' program. Each month we will be keeping you up to date with the development of your baby.

**THE SECOND MONTH – APRIL 25 TO MAY 25** Surely by now Mary has told her parents, Joachim and Anne, of her pregnancy. What must they think? How will they tell Mary's betrothed, Joseph the Carpenter? The law would have Mary stoned for adultery. They must trust in God! Today's unwed teenage mother may never know the comfort of loving parents or the warmth of understanding support. Without parental guidance or knowledge, the law allows her to terminate an infant before it has begun its journey into life. At two months, the child in the womb has a fully functioning body with fingers, toes, a brain, its tiny heart beating twice as fast as an adult's. His milk-teeth are present at 6 ½ weeks. Though only a little over an inch, it is now apparent that the baby is a boy or girl. Pray for teens in crisis pregnancies, that God will strengthen them to make the right choice.



**SMN Food Collection May 4th and 5th**

Drop off **NON-PERISHABLE** items in the blue marked containers in the vestibule.  
Thanks for making a difference to many families!



**Saint Mary Nativity**

2024 Goal	\$41,000
Amount Pledged	\$33,078
Amount Paid	\$26,534
Balance Due	\$6,544
Donor Count	144
2023 Rebate	\$0

**Holy Cross**

2024 Goal	\$12,900
Amount Pledged	\$18,170
Amount Paid	\$14,743
Balance Due	\$3,427
Donor Count	67
2023 Rebate	\$1,290

**Thank  
YOU**

Once our parishes reach their goal in paid pledges, 70% of the amount over goal will be returned to the parish.



**June 19  
2024**  
**DIRECTOR'S  
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**Prairie Bluff Public Golf Course**

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Please join us for the  
**Priestly Ordination  
of Deacon Luis Ron**  
May 18, 2024  
11 a.m.  
Cathedral of  
St. Raymond  
Nonnatus

**DIocese of Joliet**

*LiveStream*

# St. Mary Nativity and Holy Cross



## May Crowning

**Let us honor our Blessed Mother Mary and ask her to pray for us.**

**School:** Wednesday, May 1 following the 8:30am Mass

**Parish:** Sunday, May 5 following the 11:00am Mass

**Faith Formation:** Tuesday, May 7 at 5:00pm

**Please join us!**



Come and refresh your belief in the Holy Eucharist!



## Jesus and the Eucharist Study

**Beginning Sunday, April 7 at SMN from 10 am until 12 pm**

Every parish across the country is invited to host the Jesus and the Eucharistic study during the Year of the Parish Revival. This seven-session series will immerse participants in the kerygmatic proclamation (Sessions 1-4) and unveil God's saving work in the Eucharistic (Sessions 5-7).

Each session opens with an exhortation from a different bishop, followed by lectio divina prayer with scripture. The main lesson is drawn from content created by the Augustine Institute and will include personal testimonies from Catholics across the country. We will then transition into small group discussions. Each session will be 2 hours or less.

**Presented in SMN's JoAnn Room - enter through door "J"!**

**BELOW IS AN OVERVIEW OF EACH SESSION:**

### **Session 4: Why a Church? Sunday, April 28**

Jesus didn't simply leave us a message or instruction manual to follow. He left us a living, dynamic Church where we can encounter him constantly and allow ourselves to be transformed into his likeness.

### **Session 5: God is with us. Sunday, May 5**

God's presence in the Old Testament foreshadows the gifting of the Eucharist, one of the seven sacraments of the Church. Jesus establishes the Eucharist to give us strength for our journey, and to accompany us at every moment.

### **Session 6: The Story of the Eucharist Sunday, May 19**

The story of the Eucharist is traced through Scripture - starting with Genesis and the Passover, through Jesus' miracles and teachings, the institution at the last supper, and the road to Emmaus. The cross is the new Tree of Life, and the Eucharist is its fruit.

### **Session 7: Bread for the Journey. Sunday, May 26**

The Eucharist sustains us on our spiritual journey. Our participation at Mass through the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist is our offering of thanksgiving to God, sending us forth to share what we have received.

**Join us after 9:00 am HC Mass or before SMN 12:30 pm Mass**

# St. Mary Nativity and Holy Cross



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CATHOLIC CHURCH



706 North Broadway Street Joliet, Illinois 60435

## Office Hours

Monday - Thursday  
8:30 am to 4:30 pm  
Friday 8:30 am to 3:00 pm



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**St. Mary Nativity and Holy Cross  
Confessions: Saturdays 3:15pm to 3:45pm  
or by Appointment.**

## Meet Our Staff...

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Psalm 22

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