

# SAINT ISAAC JOGUES PARISH

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*Mission: "A Catholic Parish sharing experiences of the Kingdom of God"*

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**Pastoral Staff:**

Deacon Paul M. Stanton (Dolores)  
 Lori Herbert, Business Manager  
 Dolores Stanton, Director of Religious Education  
 Lisa Hall, Director of Music

**Weekend Mass Celebrant:**

Rev. Bernard Kennedy, O.F.M.

**Eucharistic Masses:**

Monday - Saturday: 8:00 AM  
 Saturday: - 5:00 PM  
 Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 PM

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Mon. - Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
 Sat. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
 Sunday - Closed

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**Parish School:** St. John Brebeuf School  
 847-966-3266 or [sjbschool.org](http://sjbschool.org)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Saturday, 11:00 - 12:00 Noon or anytime by request.

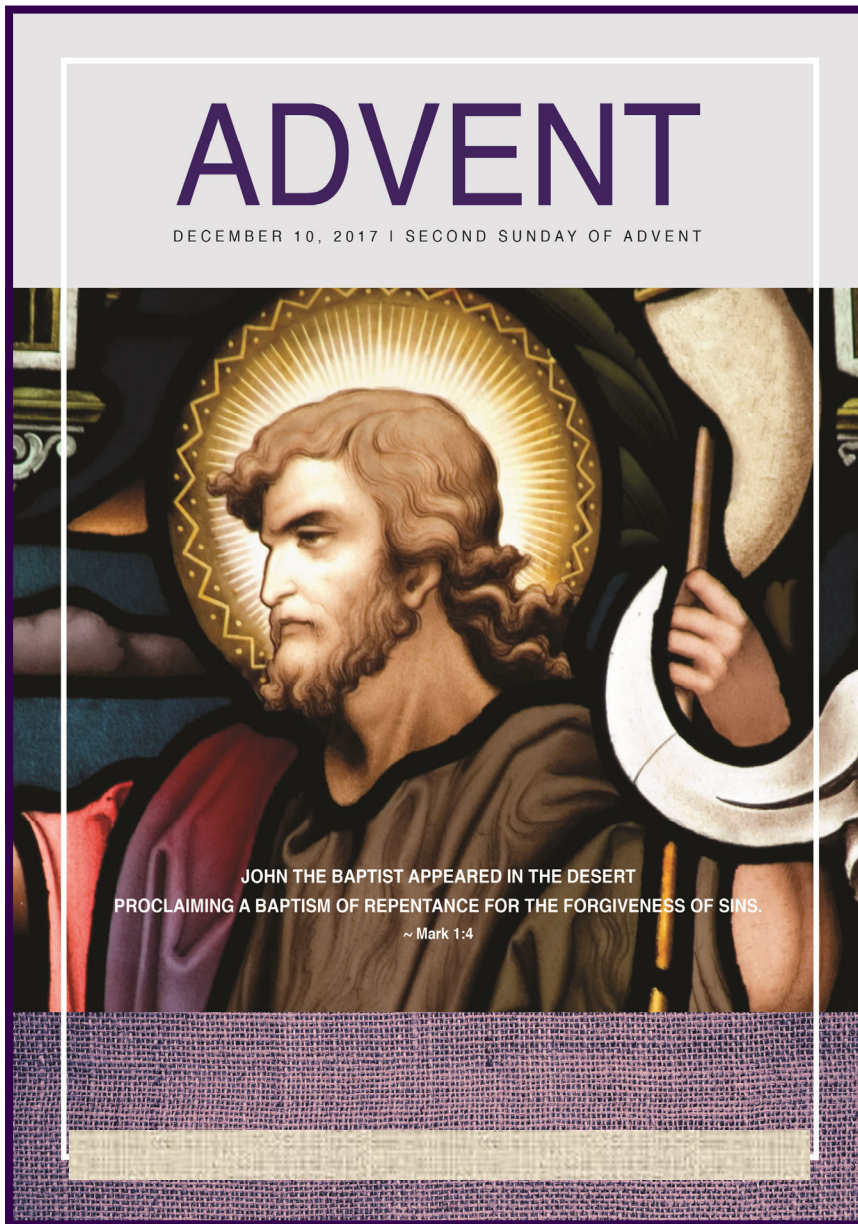
**Sacrament of Matrimony:** Must be registered for six months prior to setting the wedding date with an additional six months for necessary preparation.

Note: The following wedding times can be scheduled:

Friday at 5:00 p.m.  
 Saturday at 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.  
 Sunday at 3:00 p.m. (Ceremony only)

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Second and fourth Sunday of each month at 1:30 PM. Baptism Preparation Session must be completed before Baptism.

Contact the Parish Office as soon as possible for details.



JOHN THE BAPTIST APPEARED IN THE DESERT  
 PROCLAIMING A BAPTISM OF REPENTANCE FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

~ Mark 1:4

ST ISAAC JOGUES - Parish Leaders				
Parish Pastoral Council			Finance Committee Advisors	
Ted Lenart, Chairperson	Kathy Denning	Gerry Zeller	Kathy Denning	Barbara Watson
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Lorna Alba, Secretary	Debbie Dexter	Rose Santos	Lori Herbert	
Lori Herbert	Barbara Napravnik	Maria Swidzinski		
Women's Club Chairperson – Kathy Denning				
Men's Club Chairperson – John Affatati				
Fil-Am Chairperson – Lorna Alba				



FROM THE  
Pastor's Desk

## John proclaimed Baptism of Repentance

Repentance is actually a lifelong process! Many people see a need to change something in their lives, but what exactly needs to be changed? What must one do to be in a continued repentant attitude? What does the Bible say about how to repent? We see that John the Baptist began his mission proclaiming repentance and Jesus too stressed the importance of repentance "I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance" (Lk 5/32) so then must everyone need to repent? Yes indeed, as Jesus says "I tell you.... Unless you repent you will all perish" (Lk 13/3).

It's like taking bitter medicine when we are sick. We don't want to take it but force it down our throats anyway, because we know it's supposed to be good for us.

I used to think of repentance in this way, until I realized what repentance really is. In a way, it involves these three things:

Recognition of our sin  
Renunciation of our sin and  
Returning to God.

The more I came to understand what repentance really is, the more I realized that it is, in fact, a wonderful gift from God to us. Here are some reasons that can help us prepare ourselves as we move into the Second Sunday of Advent which calls us to repentance in order to inherit the peace of Christ.

Repentance helps us to be humble. I find that when I have trouble repenting, it's often because I have pride issues in my life. Pride is spiritual blindness that causes us to think our standards are better than God's standards.

The opposite of pride is humility, and one definition of it, which I really like, says, "Humility means agreeing with the truth." Perhaps that is why Paul says that repentance leads us to know the truth so that we can come to our senses (2 Timothy 2:25-26). When I repent and learn to agree with the truth of God's standards of righteousness and sin, I am growing in humility. God values humility; He shows favor to those who are humble, but He opposes and mocks those who are proud (Proverbs 3:34, James 4:6). So let's be quick to repent, so that we may grow in humility and receive and enjoy God's favor.

Would you repent and draw near to God today so that you make His path straight in your life? It's a call from God to think and act upon during this season of Advent for a fruitful celebration of Christmas.

-Fr. Mario

### IMPORTANT DATES

Holy Hour & Benediction  
Friday, December 15  
8:30 - 9:30 am

Parish Advent Reconciliation Service,  
Saturday, December 16 at 11:00 a.m.

### JESSE TREE

The Jesse Tree is located near the baptismal font. Each week a few ornaments with symbols on them are added to the tree. The symbols represent stories and people of our story of salvation from Adam and Eve to Mary and Joseph. Be sure to stop by and look at the ornaments. See if you can figure out the story or person they represent. Take some quiet time this week to read some of your favorite stories of the Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures) – Adam and Eve, Noah, Moses, Isaiah, the giving of the Ten Commandments, King David to name a few. Give thanks in prayer for our ancestors and for the many ways God acted on their behalf and on ours today.

### CHRISTMAS EVE STORYTELLERS

**We invite children of the parish, age 5 & older, to participate in the telling of the Christmas Story at the 4 p.m.**

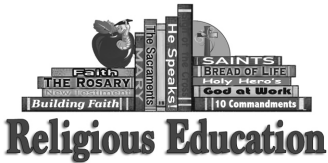
**Mass on Christmas Eve.** Children need to be comfortable in front of a large group of people, able to follow directions with a little help if needed, come to **practice in the church on Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. accompanied by a parent or guardian**, and be present at the 4 p.m.

Christmas Eve Mass. There are no lines for them to learn, just movement and gestures. Costumes are provided!

**Please sign up your children by calling the RE office, 847/966-1180 or emailing [sijre2004@yahoo.com](mailto:sijre2004@yahoo.com).** We will be able to continue this longstanding tradition only if we have enough children to participate!

Help us restock our shelves for the winter.  
Please consider the following:

pasta and pasta sauce,  
peanut butter & jelly, can soup  
coffee & tea, can fish & chicken,  
rice & potatoes



+Ms. Bello’s class will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time with family members, RE students of Gr. 3-5 and friends on Monday at 6:50 p.m. in church. All RE students are to be on time. The catechists will bring them to church.  
 +Initiation and Gr. 5 families are asked to bring treats to the Holy Family Room for a small reception for the First Reconciliation children and their families on Monday.  
 +Confirmation Year II Candidates are reminded that their Saint Name papers are due on Monday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to those who came Saturday to help pack lunches for the homeless with the Teen Group.

**OPLATKI**

Packets of oplatki, the traditional Christmas Wafer, are available beginning next weekend in the Holy Family Room after Masses or during that following week at the rectory. Donations are appreciated.

**Congratulations to RE student Kevin who participated in the Rite of Acceptance at the Noon Mass today. In doing this Kevin was claimed by Christ, made a first profession of faith in Jesus and was welcomed to the Order of Catechumens by the faith community. A catechumen is one who is preparing for initiation into the Christian Faith and Catholic Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Please pray for Kevin in the weeks ahead as he continues his preparation and growth in faith. Your encouragement, good example and support will be blessings to him and his family. With God’s help Kevin hopes to be initiated at the Easter Vigil in March. Welcome, Kevin and God bless you!**

In addition, please congratulate sisters, Giliana Guinto, confirmed by the Most Reverend Bishop Kane at Queen of Angles, and Geraldine Guinto, also confirmed by the Most Reverend Bishop Kane at St. Norbert & Our Lady of the Brook.



FY 2018 INCOME SUMMARY							
Last Sunday of November, 2017							
	Actual	Budget	Difference		Actual	Last Yr	Difference
<b>Sunday Collection</b>	\$8,184	\$8,000	\$184		\$8,184	\$8,236	(\$52)
<b>Month to Date</b>	\$40,004	\$41,000	(\$996)		\$40,004	\$40,318	(\$314)
<b>Year to Date</b>	\$197,631	\$201,000	(\$3,369)		\$197,631	\$202,693	(\$5,062)

**LET US PRAY...**

O God, our help and our hope, bless and protect our loved ones and all others who serve our communities and our nation in the Armed Forces and as First Responders. Watch over them and their families through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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| First Responders        | Shane Long, Brad Markovich, Greg Zalewski   |
| United States Air Force | Joshua Aujero, Mason Janzen   |
| United States Army      | Brian Caplin, Gale Renner   |
| U.S. Army Reserves      | Christopher Dexter  |
| United States Marines   | Patrick Edward Echavez, Joseph John Zimmerman III, Lance Renner, Gian Patrick Reyes |
| United States Navy      | Justin Pascoe, Timothy Kelly, David Perez   |
| U.S. Navy Reserves      | William B. Dexter   |
| Illinois National Guard | Nathaniel Janzen  |



To add a name to the prayer list please contact the RE Office at 847/966-1180 or sijre2004@yahoo.com.



**ATTENTION COOKIE LOVERS!!!**

**ST ISAAC JOGUES PARISH Homemade Cookies SALE and RAFFLE  
THIS WEEKEND AFTER ALL MASSES HOLY FAMILY ROOM  
PLEASE STOP BY AND SUPPORT OUR PARISH FUNDRAISER  
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!!!**

Boxed cookies are \$5 each



**ST. ISAAC JOGUES MEN'S CLUB**

*ALL MEN OF THE PARISH AND FRIENDS ARE INVITED*

The Annual Christmas meeting for the SIJ Men's Club will be held Wednesday, December 13th 6 P.M. in the church hall  
Cost is \$10.00 including a guest

The host will be Ed Mikeska, who will serve chicken and all the 'Extras' that go with it. There will be an open bar.

Members -cost of this meeting and the 4 remaining meetings will be \$35.00  
A collection for The SIJ Outreach Ministry will be held that night.

Please come and enjoy the evening with us  
Meet new friends and see old friends

*Merry Christmas to all!*



**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**Aaron Linang**, son of Aurora and Renne Linang, parishioners of St. Isaac Jogues, was named November 2017 Student of the Month in his 5th grade class at St. John Brebeuf School. Aaron was selected by his teacher, Mrs. Macella, based on three criteria: exemplifying kindness, good behavior, and effort in social and academic areas.

The attached photo shows Aaron receiving his award from St. John Brebeuf Principal Mary Maloney.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING UPDATES**

Following are highlights of our discussions over the past few months.

- October Count was discussed along with ways to encourage Mass attendance & participation
- Church safety and the need to update and communicate the SIJ Emergency Operations Plan developed in coordination with the AOC and the Dept. of Homeland Security
- Reviewed next steps for Parish Transformation initiative
- Shared information on the progress of the Pledge Campaign and the on-going work to repair/enhance the front of the church
- Discussed the new Illinois Tax Credit program for education
- Status of the "Renew My Church" initiative and our grouping activities with St. Martha & St. John Brebeuf



**Baptisms**

**Owen Chiritoiu**

Son of Kevin & Marlen (Espino)Chiritoiu

**2017 Replace the Roof Raffle "Winners Corner"**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR WINNERS!**



Monday, December 4	\$50	1637	John Affatati	Morton Grove, IL
Tuesday, December 5	\$50	2093	Kim & Jon Knox	Somerville, NJ
Wednesday, December 6	\$50	486	Evelyn Medrano	Morton Grove, IL
Thursday, December 7	\$50	1037	James Fegen	Morton Grove, IL
Friday, December 8	\$50	2013	Olive Echavez	Morton Grove, IL
Saturday, December 9	\$50	1262	Alan Blazek	Albuquerque, NM
Sunday, December 10	\$100	2039	Marlene Garber	Morton Grove, IL

## GIVING TREE



It's that time of year where we can share our blessings with the less fortunate members of our society.

As many of you may know, life as a resident in a nursing home may often be difficult and lonely.

It has been a parish tradition during the Christmas season to bring cheer through gifts and music to the residents of Glenbridge and Niles Nursing Homes. **Please make a difference in someone's life and join us on Tuesday, December 12th** to share music and joy. We gather at 6:30PM in the Holy Family Room then travel to Glenbridge and Niles Nursing Homes. Just an hour or two of your time will help bring holiday cheer to residents.



Giving Tree envelopes were included in the November & December offertory envelope packets which you received at home. Extra envelopes can be found at the church entrances. Please be as generous as you can. Donations may be made at any time, up to and including Christmas. **WE** rely on your support to make it possible to continue Our Giving Tree Tradition.

Peace be with you!

**St. Isaac Jogues Outreach Ministry**

### " A Thank you"

*Thank you* to all our generous parishioners who donated over *60 large bags* of clothing - warm coats, gloves, hats, sweaters, shoes and bedding including sheets, pillows, blankets, comforters, afghans and towels. A special thanks to our SIJ Women's Club volunteers who helped to bag the donations that went to the **Cornerstone Outreach Community of Chicago.**

## ST. ISAAC JOGUES PARISH CHRISTMAS 2017

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Saturday, December 16, 11:00 am

Individual confessions will be available on

Saturday, December 23

### LITURGIES OF CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS EVE, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:00 pm (Carols at 3:45 pm)

11:00 pm (Carols at 10:30 pm)

CHRISTMAS DAY, MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

(Not a holy day of obligation)

Monday, January 1, 2018

9:00 am

### ADDITIONAL CELEBRATIONS

**SIMBANG GABI**

Thursday, December 21, 7:00 pm

Mass & Reception

**MUSIC MINISTRY CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Sunday, January 7, 2018, 3:00 pm - Church

**SHARING OF OPLATKI** (bi-lingual)

Sunday, January 14, 2018, 1:00 pm

Holy Family Room

### ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTERS



Each week the Advent Wreath will be lit at the beginning of Mass. Families and individuals are invited to participate in the lighting. Simple instructions will be found in the sacristy each Saturday and Sunday of the four Advent weekends. Please sign up on the sheet in the Holy Family Room. Thank you!

## SIMBANG GABI



PLEASE JOIN US AS ST ISAAC JOGUES CELEBRATES  
SIMBANG GABI

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21ST @ 7PM

REFRESHMENTS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE MASS

### Additional Simbang Gabi Masses

St. Catherine Laboure, Friday, December 15th @ 7PM

St. John Brebeuf or Our Lady of Ransom, Saturday, December 16th @ 5PM

St. Martha, Saturday, December 22nd @ 7PM

**PLANNED GIVING - HURRY!  
DECEMBER 31ST IS COMING !**

As we approach this holiday season, let us remember the joy in giving and in sharing the blessings we have received. God has cloaked us in His bountiful love, and we can in turn offer our fellow parishioners an extension of this love. By considering a Planned Gift to St. Isaac Jogues we can ensure that our parish will continue to serve and grow in its mission.

Please contact Elin Schriver, as you prayerfully consider making a gift to St. Isaac Jogues. She is happy to discuss with you some of the financial benefits of making a Planned Gift, such as an income stream for you during your lifetime and tax benefits for your family after you are gone.

There are significant tax benefits you might also consider for your year-end giving. If you make a gift **directly** from your IRA before Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> or if you make a gift of appreciated stock held longer than 12 months, you can realize important tax savings.

For more information please call (312) 534-5396 or email [eschriver@archchicago.org](mailto:eschriver@archchicago.org)

**AWAY IN A MANGER...**

The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay... It is an Advent custom to pad the manger with good deeds, big or small, symbolized by pieces of hay, so that the Christ Child has a soft place at Christmas. Bags of hay are at the doors of the church. When you arrive, place some hay, symbolic of your good works during the week, and place it in the basket. During the Presentation of the Gifts the hay baskets from each of the three doors are also brought forward. After Mass the hay is placed in a larger basket and accumulates each week. When the manger is put up, all the hay will be placed inside so to be ready on Christmas for the statue of the Christ Child. What have you been doing to prepare for the Lord's coming in glory and the celebration of his birth? How are you sharing the hope, joy and anticipation of Advent in word and deed?

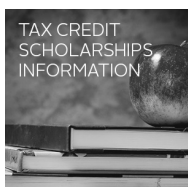


**Parish Transformation Process Survey**

Please be aware that during the weekend masses on December 16 and 17, we will distribute a short survey questionnaire on the Parish Transformation process to be completed during mass. The survey will be available in hard copy and on-line for those that prefer to use a smart phone or are not in attendance at masses that weekend. A Parish Transformation Steering Committee member will be available to answer any questions at each of the masses.

**Invest in Kids Act**

In August 2017, with bipartisan support, the House and Senate passed a comprehensive education funding bill that was signed into law by the governor. The law includes a provision for tax credit scholarships, which provide strong incentives for donors to support non-public school scholarships for qualifying students in the state. Qualified Illinois students may use these new scholarships to attend a non-public school of their choice.



- Individuals and corporations donate to Scholarship Granting Organizations (SGOs) and get **75% credit off state taxes**. Donors are not allowed to also deduct at federal level, reducing benefit.
- SGO'S must be qualified 501c3 organizations
- Scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis
- Individuals may direct donations to a school or group of schools. Corporate donors cannot designate.

For more information, please call the Office of Catholic Schools at (312) 534-5200 or go to [archchicago.org](http://archchicago.org).

**Put your state taxes to work funding Catholic Education!**

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING**

+On Saturday, Dec. 23, we will do some preparation of Christmas decorations beginning at 9 a.m. (unless there is a funeral). If you are willing to give an hour or two to help out, it would be appreciated. Please call the RE Office at 847/966-1180.

+When the Noon Mass ends on Christmas Eve for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, we will have about 2 hours to do final touches on decorations for Christmas. If you are able to give an hour or so to help out on Christmas Eve, please contact the RE Office, 847/966-1180 or [sijre2004@yahoo.com](mailto:sijre2004@yahoo.com) this week.



## Mass Intentions


December 10, 2017	
8:00 a.m.	Arlene Forneck
10:00 a.m.	Raoul Smoczynski Daniel O'Keefe Donald Kwasigroch Brady/Stanton Families Jack Cressy Yusuf Suleiman Pedro Tamondong, Sr.
12:00 p.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ John Preston
December 11, 2017	
8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society Cleopatra Pactol
December 12, 2017	
8:00 a.m.	Kurian Esthabban
December 13, 2017	
8:00 a.m.	Marian Bragiel Stanislaw & Emilia Biernacki
December 14, 2017	
8:00 a.m.	Daniel O'Keefe George Putherickal
December 15, 2017	
8:00 a.m.	Stephen Grant
December 16, 2017	
8:00 a.m.	Joe De Sario
5:00 p.m.	Pascual & Julia Pimentel
December 17, 2017	
8:00 a.m.	John Kremer
10:00 a.m.	Clarence Turek
12:00 p.m.	Daniel O'Keefe Carlo Galassini Augustina Baut Eduardo Rodriguez Eleanor Pavlini

## Liturgy Next Weekend December 16th & 17th

Parish Reconciliation Service 11:00 a.m.	Fr. Mario, Fr. Carlos, Fr. Bernard
5:00 p.m.	Fr. Mario
8:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos/ Deacon Paul
10:00 a.m.	Fr. Bernard/ Deacon Paul
12:00 p.m.	Fr. Carlos



5:00 p.m.	Lawrence Escarez Kristine Roque Rafael Cedric Ortin, Jr.
8:00 a.m.	Thomas Striblen Steve Livingston Nathan Ledesma
10:00 a.m.	Rhenz Mangurali Lynelle Napata Maya Gherman
12:00 p.m.	Eugene Villarino Engell Villarino Shaydon Pinto



Pray for

SR. JOYCE ROEHL	JIMMY RANCICH
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TONY KOZA	BERNARD KENNEDY, SR
SUE ARENDT	JAMES MAXWELL PASCALE
ROSE ANN NOWAK	ANGELO MONTANILE
JOSEPH WHITE	JULIE HIGGINS



**NO PARKING IN THE FIRE LANES!**  
As we prepare for snow, it's more important to be sure that emergency vehicles are able to access the church campus. If you SEE someone violating the no parking rules, SAY SOMETHING. The life you save could be your own and your family!

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