

SAINT ISAAC JOGUES PARISH

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



Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2016



FROM THE
Pastor's Desk

CALLED TO BEAR GOOD FRUIT

We might often come across a fruit tree that may be beautiful, decorative, and offer pleasant shade in the summer. But its primary purpose is to bear fruit, and it is therefore judged by what it produces and not by how it looks. So when you think of the word fruit what thoughts come to your mind? Do you think of your favorite fruits?

In ancient and modern times, people have used "fruit" to mean *results, products, outcomes, accomplishments* and *achievements*. An employee must be *productive* to be worthy of his wage. They must work hard, work fast and work smart to *get jobs done and done right*. In Scripture, "fruit" has similar meanings. The Bible at times likens people to fruit trees or grapevines and portrays God as the owner of the orchards and vineyards. The Master knows our character by our spiritual fruits, just as "a tree is known by its fruit"—either good or bad (Luke 6/44). God's number one concern is for all fruit to be *good* — "the fruit of righteousness".

And what is *good*? Only God has the supreme authority to define good and evil. Closely following God's desire for good *fruit* is His desire for us to produce a lot of it—to be *highly productive*. Jesus said, "This is to my Father's glory, that you *bear much fruit*, showing yourselves to be my disciples."

Good fruit is that which is produced by the Holy Spirit. The fruits of the Holy Spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

How do we receive this gift? John the Baptist said to many of the Pharisees and Sadducees who were coming to him for baptism "Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance so that the one who is coming after me will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. The Church reminds us of our role as Disciples of Christ to yield good fruits.

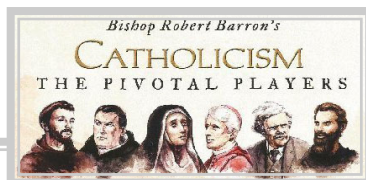
Mary whose feast we celebrate on December 8th as The Immaculate Conception can be described as the flourishing fruit tree of God, faithful as ever to carry out God's design for her as being deeply rooted in God and can be described in these words; "*Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, and whose hope is the Lord. For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, which spreads out its roots by the river, and will not fear when heat comes; but its leaf will be green, and will not be anxious in the year of drought, Jeremiah 17/7-8; psalms 1:3*; Likewise, let the Second Sunday of Advent be for us a time to repent, and renew our commitments to God by opening our hearts to Him who invites us to bear good fruit.

-Fr. Mario

Religious Education

+RE Parents and Guardians are reminded of the final session of the DVD Series in the Holy Family Room during class Monday night. Ask your children to come to the Holy Family Room to meet up with you at the end of class.

+Our Christmas Service Project is to bring new, unwrapped toys for the young people of our sharing parish, Maternity BVM, ages 4 through high school. Please bring them to class on Monday.



PIVOTAL PLAYERS

Join us to see and discuss part of the newest **DVD series of Bishop Robert Barron**. The last session of "**Pivotal Players**" will focus on Blessed John Henry Newman and his impact on the Church. The series concludes this Monday, 6:45 -8:15 p.m., and this Tuesday, 8:30 – 10 a.m. Both days will be in the Holy Family Room. Come grow in your faith and be inspired by other people of our Church's past and of our parish community today! Continue your Advent spiritual preparation even in the midst of the busyness of Christmas! Free will offering.

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 beginning November 26 – 27. Please sign up on the sheet in the Holy Family Room beginning today. Thank you!



The Music Ministry of
St Isaac Jogues presents
Our Annual Epiphany Concert

Please come rest and enjoy beautiful music at our concert on Sunday, January 8, at 3:00pm in the church. You'll hear the choirs and bells ring out a wonderful close to the Christmas season and share a few laughs.

SANTA SUNDAY



Help Santa bring joy and Christmas spirit to the children of our sharing parish, Maternity BVM in Chicago! Please bring new, unwrapped toys, books, etc. for youth (preschool-teen) to Santa's sleigh in the Holy Family Room the **weekend of December 3-4**. The gifts will be used for their Epiphany Celebration and for some of the children will be the only new gift they receive this Christmas season. **Be sure to bring your children or grandchildren to visit with Santa after the 10 a.m. and Noon Masses and take pictures with him.** Santa's elves of Women's Club Guild One will provide refreshments. All are welcome. Santa can't wait to see you!

THE GIVING TREE

We give thanks to God for this wonderful opportunity to bring Christmas joy, music and cheer to the residents of our neighboring nursing homes. **On Tuesday, Dec. 13th, we'll meet in the Holy Family Room at 6:30PM sharp** and then make our way to the Glenbridge and Niles nursing homes to sing Christmas carols and Ho! Ho! Ho!



Please join us!

We especially need people to help us deliver small balloons to the residents who are not able to leave their rooms. All you need is the Christmas spirit!

Here is an excerpt from a thank you note that we have received from the Glenbridge Nursing Home:

*"To the Parishioners at St. Isaac Jogues Parish,
A simple act of kindness has a beauty all its own.
Thank you for your kindness and the beautiful Christmas gift."*

Please make a Giving Tree contribution of whatever amount you can and return it in the collection plate. We appreciate all donations. Envelopes are available at the church entrances. Make your checks out to St. Isaac Jogues.

Thank you for your compassion this Christmas season!

Your St. Isaac Jogues Outreach Ministry

St. Isaac Jogues would like to welcome
our new Parishioners to the Parish.



Margaret Woods

OPLATKI

Packets of Oplatki, the traditional Christmas Wafer, are available in the Holy Family Room after Masses the next couple of weeks or during the week at the rectory. Donations appreciated.

2016 Replace the Roof Raffle "Winners Corner"

Still time to see YOUR name here in the winners corner!



Monday, November 28	\$50	2866	Pat Barthel	Libertyville, IL
Tuesday, November 29	\$50	1707	Ted Pozniak	Chicago, IL
Wednesday, November 30	\$50	2540	Tim Koziol	Naperville, IL
Thursday, December 1	\$50	965	Bryan & Jennifer Albro	Bloomington, IL
Friday, December 2	\$50	2929	Andrew Bungert	Lake Forest, IL
Saturday, December 3	\$50	3384	Mary Paraskijevic	Niles, IL
Sunday, December 4	\$100	1325	Liponi Foundation	Morton Grove, IL



Women's Club Guild 2 invites you to enjoy dinner out with the family to benefit St. Isaac Jogues!

Take the family out for a treat on **Wednesday, December 14th at Kappy's** restaurant and mention you are from St. Isaac Jogues and the church will receive 20% back from your bill any time from 5:00 p.m. to closing. Please call Mary Burke at 847-966-3632 for more information.

Please help to *restock our pantry shelves* with the following items:

can fruit & vegetables
can meat & chicken
instant or can potatoes
personal items such as
soap, tooth brushes, tooth paste,
shampoo, hand & body lotion

Thank you for your help!
- SIJ Outreach Ministry



ST. ISAAC JOGUES PARISH CHRISTMAS 2016

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Saturday, December 17, 11:00 am
(English and Polish Confessors)

NO Confessions on Saturday, December 24, 2016

LITURGIES OF CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS EVE, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:00 pm (Carols at 3:45 pm)
Midnight (Carols at 11:30 pm)

CHRISTMAS DAY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

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

SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Saturday, December 31, 2016, 5:00 pm
Sunday, January 1, 2017
8:00 & 10:00 am, 12:00 pm

ADDITIONAL CELEBRATIONS

SIMBANG GABI

Thursday, December 15, 7:00 pm Mass & Reception

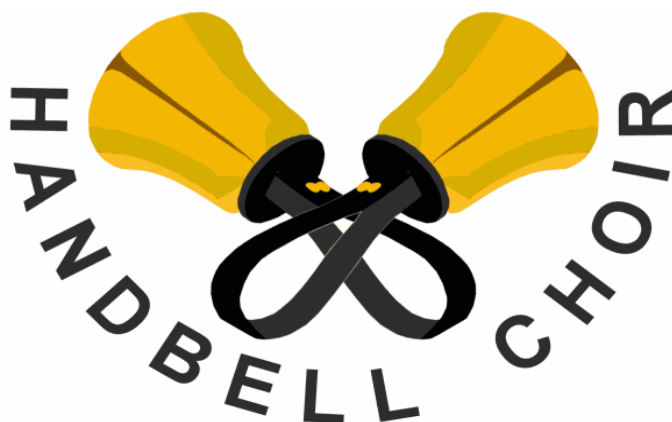
MUSIC MINISTRY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday January 8, 2017, 3:00 pm – Church

SHARING OF OPLATKI (bi-lingual)

Sunday, January 15, 2017, 1:00 pm - Holy Family Room

St. Martha in Morton Grove cordially invites St. Isaac Jogues to a free performance by the Chicago Bronze Handbell Choir, today at 4:30PM in the large church. Come relax for a bit and enjoy their Christmas music.



Baptisms

Rachel Modesta Collins

Child of Richard & Rosa Collins

Aiden Jordan Cajucom-Turner

Child of Terry Turner & Jamie Cajucom

JESSE TREE HOME MATERIALS

There are now seven more ornaments on the Jesse tree which help us remember the story of our salvation. This week, light your Advent Wreath (two candles) or a single candle and reflect on each day's symbol, read the Scripture passage, and pray the prayer or carry out the action. Decide how you will share what you learned or discovered from your prayer time with others. *Thank you to Beverly Smith & Fr. Luczak for the materials.*

Coat



Dec. 4 – Joseph; Genesis 45:5, 50:20; Even though Joseph was sold into slavery by his brothers, God eventually made him a leader and used him to save those brothers and their families from starvation. The coat reminds us that just as Joseph was a savior to those who betrayed him, Jesus is the savior of all people. *O God of Joseph, dreamers know life's deeper meaning. The gifted hold the keys to the world's abundant store. Grant that we may appreciate those rich in talent and highly favored. Selfish pride, envy, and anger enslaved Joseph's brothers more than Joseph. Free us from jealousy and unite us in giving. Amen.*

Burning Bush



Dec. 5 – God's Name; Exodus 3:14; Jesus claimed to be God when he said he existed before Abraham. He applied the same name God had given himself when he spoke to Moses from the burning bush. The burning bush reminds us that Jesus is the eternal God. *Living God, always with us! Moses answered your call. He led your people to the threshold of the promised land and freedom. His choice, their choice and our choice is 'Life or Death.' Informed by your commands and empowered by the Spirit of Jesus, we are free to choose life. Thank you! Amen.*

Cup



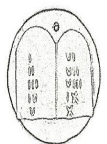
Dec. 6 – Passover; Exodus 12:17-27; It was by the blood of the Passover lamb that the Jews were saved from death. Jesus explained that he was replacing the Passover lamb and that the shedding of His blood would forgive sins and give eternal life. *Share the story of St. Nicholas who shared the love of Christ and was imprisoned for his witness to Jesus.*

Manna



Dec. 7 – Bread from Heaven; Exodus 16:4, 14-15; Manna was bread from Heaven that God provided for His people while they were in the wilderness. The manna reminds us that Jesus is the true bread from Heaven that brings eternal life. *Lift up a prayer of thanksgiving for all that the Lord has provided you this past year.*

Tablets



Dec. 8 – Ten Commandments; Exodus 20:1-17, Deuteronomy 6:1-5; If we love Jesus then we want to obey him and try to treat others the way He would treat them. The tablets remind us that even though we have all disobeyed God by breaking His commandments, Jesus lived a sinless life so that we are able to be forgiven. *Examine your conscience and prepare yourself to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the Parish Service on Saturday, Dec. 17, or at some other time during this Advent season. Today is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation. Remember to attend Mass and honor our Mother!*

Bronze Snake



Dec. 9 – Moses; Number 21:4-9; While the Israelites were wandering in the wilderness, many were bitten by poisonous snakes. If they looked upon a bronze snake on a pole Moses held up at God's command, they would live. The bronze snake reminds us that Jesus was lifted up on a cross and died in order to bring eternal life to those who look to Him. *Ready your Christmas crèche or consider buying one. Contemplate how the wood of the manger leads to the wood of the cross.*

Horn



Dec. 10 – Rahab; Joshua 2:1-21 & 6:22- Rahab was a foreigner who believed in the one, true God. The horn reminds us of how God protected her when Joshua's men blew their horns and the walls of Jericho fell. She is listed in the genealogy for Jesus in Matthew's Gospel. *O Lord, all obstacles fall before you. Paths are opened to those who do your will. You were beside Joshua as he crossed the Jordan River and entered the Promised Land. You were with him in battle, provided him helpful friends, and give him victory. In all our trials and conflicts, open the way for truth and justice. Amen.*

ALMOST 900 SOLD!

HURRY TO GET YOUR 2017 RAFFLE BOOKLETS BEFORE THE NEXT EARLY BIRD DRAWING DECEMBER 6TH!

Booklets are available at Masses, in the Rectory or from any of the Captains listed below.

Don Baron	Kathy Denning
Teresita Sitjar	Ed Mikeska
Dee Stanton	Barbara Dary
	Sr. Joyce
Mary Burke	Dolly Bellissimo
Loretta Falco	Diane Lazeretti
Hilde Koziol	John & Mary Affatati
Barb Watson	Dean & Geri Johansen

Christmas is coming and raffle booklets make great gifts!

LET'S SELL THESE BOOKS THIS LAST MONTH OF 2016 SO WE CAN GET WORKING ON THE ROOF IN 2017!



AWAY IN A MANGER...

The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay...It is an Advent custom to pad the manger with good deeds so that the Christ Child has a soft place at Christmas. Beginning next weekend, the First Sunday of Advent, you will find bags of hay at the doors of the church. When you arrive, place some hay, based on your good works, and place it in the basket. During the Presentation of the Gifts the hay baskets from each of the three doors will also be brought forward. After Mass it will be placed in a larger basket which will accumulate the hay (good deeds) each of the four weeks. 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. How will you share the spirit this Advent in word and in deed?



SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Masses for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation will be at 8 a.m. and 7 p.m.



St. Isaac Jogues Christmas Cookie Sale!
After all Masses the weekend of December 10-11
Save the date and ...please join us!
 We welcome your favorite cookies and candies...
 Please bring your cookies to the Holy Family Room Saturday, December 10th 9 am to Noon.
 Please pack them in disposable containers.
 Cookies will be boxed and sold for \$5.00.
All profits designated for repairing our Carillon Bells.



"LET'S RING THE BELLS FOR CHRISTMAS"

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT.... Irene Baron 847-967-6149

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December 2016

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Reflecting on the fruits of the Year of Mercy, many of us can recall the example of thousands of now elderly women and men religious who, for so many, were a living sign of God's mercy. These women and men—Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests—were indeed the hands of Christ as they educated the young, cared for the sick, and ministered to the neediest among us. Through their service, sacrifice and witness, they modeled the compassionate love of Jesus and showed us that we, too, could be instruments of peace and mercy.

Today, many senior religious continue to be vessels of mercy, serving in a wide range of volunteer and prayer ministries. Others are frail and need assistance. Most older religious ministered for small stipends, leaving a substantial gap in retirement savings. With the ever-rising cost of health care and the increased number of those needing care, many religious communities struggle to provide for aging members.

On December 10-11, your parish will be conducting its appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious, an annual collection that benefits nearly 33,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift provides vital support for medications, nursing care, and more. It also helps religious communities implement long-term retirement strategies that ensure both quality eldercare and continued service to the People of God.

The people of the Archdiocese of Chicago have always led the nation in their generous response to this appeal. As not only a matter of justice to care for their needs, but also in thanksgiving for the lessons of mercy senior religious have shared with us, please join me in supporting the Retirement Fund for Religious. With every good wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Card. Blase Cupich".

Cardinal Blase J. Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago

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 20th, 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 sjre2004@yahoo.com.** We will be able to continue this longstanding tradition only if we have enough children to participate!

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent
 Tuesday: St. Nicholas
 Wednesday: St. Ambrose;
 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
 Thursday: The Immaculate Conception of the
 Blessed Virgin Mary
 Friday: St. Juan Diego
 Saturday: International Human Rights Day

**TODAY'S READINGS**

First Reading — He shall bring justice for the afflicted; the earth shall overflow with the knowledge of the LORD (Isaiah 11:1-10).

Psalm — Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — Glorify God by living in harmony with one another, welcoming each other as Christ welcomed you (Romans 15:4-9).

Gospel — Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism; repent, for the reign of God is near (Matthew 3:1-12).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
 Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13;
 Mt 18:12-14
 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
 Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;
 Lk 1:26-38
 Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19;
 Mt 17:9a, 10-13
 Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10;
 Mt 11:2-11

LET US PRAY...

Please pray for our communities' first responders and those who serve in our nation's military, especially our family members and friends.

First Responders
 United States Air Force
 U.S. Air Force Reserves
 United States Army
 U.S. Army Reserves
 United States Marines

United States Navy
 U.S. Navy Reserves
 Illinois National Guard

Shane Long, Brad Markovich, Greg Zalewski
 Mason Janzen
 Breanna Dexter
 Brian Caplin, Gale Renner
 Christopher Dexter
 Patrick Edward Echavez, Joseph John Zimmerman III,
 Aisha Fernando, Lance Renner, Gian Patrick Reye
 Justin Pascoe, Timothy Kelly, David Perez
 William B. Dexter
 Nathaniel Janzen



If you have a family member or friend serving in the military, in the reserves or as a first responder (police, firefighter, paramedic/EMT), please contact the RE Office at 847/966-1180 or sijre2004@yahoo.com.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 4, 2016

8:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Richard Mac Donald
10:00 a.m.	Patrick Mc Hugh
12:00 p.m.	Special Intention Marge Vasile Tony Hynes Cleopatra Pactol Gloria Cristino

Monday, December 5, 2016

8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society Joseph Mielnik
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Tuesday, December 6, 2016

8:00 a.m.	Bernie Zirco
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Wednesday, December 7, 2016

8:00 a.m.	Henry Gazdziak
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Thursday, December 8, 2016

8:00 a.m.	Marge Vasile
7:00 p.m.	Deacon Peter Hajdu

Friday, December 9, 2016

8:00 a.m.	Henry Gazdziak Thomas & Lucy
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Saturday, December 10, 2016

8:00 a.m.	Pedro Tamondong, Sr.
5:00 p.m.	Marge Vasile Rudy Pikula Gene Landon Pedro Tamondong, Sr.

Sunday, December 11, 2016

8:00 a.m.	John Mc Hugh
10:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Hank Gazdziak
12:00 p.m.	Marge Vasile

Liturgy Next Weekend December 10th & 11th Simbang Gabi, December 15

Confessions—11:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos
5:00 p.m.	Fr. Bernard
8:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos
10:00 a.m.	Fr. Mario
12:00 p.m.	Fr. Carlos
Simbang Gabi 7:00 p.m.	Fr. Mario/Deacon Paul



December 10th & 11th Simbang Gabi, December 15

5:00 pm.	Athena Lasco Michael Lucas Mark Lucas
8:00 a.m.	Jude Jimmychan Red Reyes Colleen Oribello
10:00 a.m.	Eugene Villarino Julia Jaroslowski Mark Mangurali
12:00 p.m.	Matthew Ledesma Nathan Ledesma Khayla Santiago
Simbang Gabi 7:00 p.m.	Lynelle Napata Lawrence Escarez Trisha Bonto Matthew Bonto

Sacristans

Theresa Noble, Francis Martel, Arlene Turek



PASTOR: Rev. Mario Pereira, S.F.X.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Rev. Carlos Pereira, S.F.X.

PASTORAL STAFF:

Lori Herbert, Business Manager

Dolores Stanton, Director of Religious Education

Lisa Hall, Director of Music

DEACONS:

Deacon Robert C. O'Keefe, retired (Joan)

Deacon Paul M. Stanton (Dolores)

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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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.

Pray for...



JIMMY RANCICH

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SOURAYA ANTAR

RICHARD DRAG

Rectory office hours

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Saturday - 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday - Closed

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

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