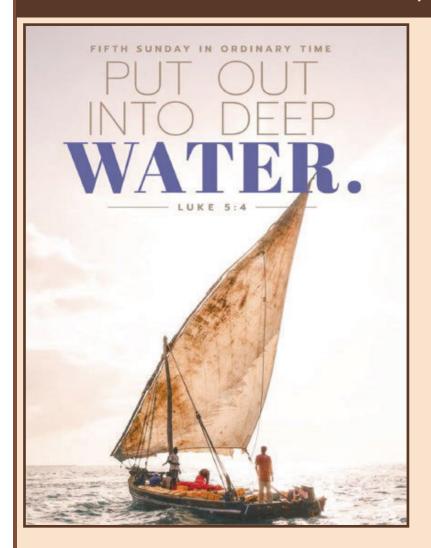
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New members are always welcome. Please call the Parish Office to register.

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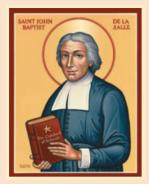
Baptism:

Please contact Ellen Mady at MOS or Joann Giuffre at St. John and St. Mary at the Parish Office four months before the birth of your child.

Reconciliation:
Saturdays at 9:00 AM at MOS
and 12:00 NN at St. John;
Tuesdays at 5:00 PM at St. Mary;
OR by appointment.

Marriage:
Please contact
Monsignor Michael Begolly
in the Parish Office at least one year in
advance for information and scheduling.

Holy Communion for those who are homebound: Please contact the Parish Office.



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Sunday Mass

9:00 AM



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Saturday anticipated Mass 4:30 PM Sunday Masses 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 AM & 6:00 PM

Sunday, Feb 09, 2025

Your turn at bat

Ever feel overwhelmed in the face of a monumental experience? Many of us have been there, including the prophet Isaiah. Isaiah had known firsthand the glory of God. In the face of such great beauty and goodness, he felt keenly his own imperfections and those of his community. Yet, God accepted Isaiah as he was and at the same time helped transform him so that he felt empowered to step up and volunteer his life. Today is a good time to ask yourself whether you are prepared to step up to the plate and offer your life to God.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11; Luke 5:1-11 (75). "'Here I am, 'I said; 'send me!'"

Monday, Feb 10, 2025

Glory be to God!

To ponder our beginnings is always stunning. The Catechism of the Catholic Church notes that scientific studies have enriched our knowledge of the age and dimensions of the cosmos: "These discoveries invite us to even greater admiration for the greatness of the Creator, prompting us to give him thanks for all his works and for the understanding and wisdom he gives to scholars and researchers." The shortest month often feels like the longest in our hemisphere, yet being stopped in our snowy tracks on an ordinary day to become aware of the Creator God is a call to praise.

Genesis 1:1-19; Mark 6:53-56 (329). "In the beginning . . . God created the heavens and the earth."

Tuesday, Feb 11, 2025

Get in sync

The 19th-century Dictionary of Phrase and Fable defined "lip service" as "verbal devotion; honoring with the lips while the heart takes no part nor lot in the matter." This definition—drawn from centuries of wisdom from biblical times to today—still holds true. Technology may progress and develop, but human nature remains stubbornly the same. The next time you find yourself in worship, whether in a pew, a prayer group, or in your own home, reflect on whether what is on your lips is also in your heart. If not, pray for a more perfect alignment between the two!

Genesis 1:20—2:4a; Mark 7:1-13 (330). "This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me."

Wednesday, Feb 12, 2025

Recommended daily dose

Each year, Americans spend billions on diet programs and regimens, reflecting a deep obsession with controlling food intake. Pop psychologist Dr. Phil suggests that this preoccupation often masks a deeper desire to control something more profound: how we feel about ourselves. Jesus recognized this tendency more than 2,000 years ago, urging people to focus on how their inner attitudes are reflected in their thoughts, words, and actions. As we prioritize healthy eating and balanced nutrition, let's also remember to nourish our souls. Along with wholesome food, let's make time for daily introspection and prayerful contemplation.

Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mark 7:14-23 (331). "All these evils come from within and they defile."

Thursday, Feb 13, 2025

Love without borders

Syro-Phoenicians, who were enemies of Israel and didn't share in the same faith, were, in the minds of Jesus' disciples, unworthy of God's help. But Jesus turned that attitude on its head by teaching that all human life has sacred dignity and is beloved by God, even the lives of our enemies. Christians have struggled with this teaching, and at various times in history found it easier to condemn and shun rather than love those who are different. Reflect on those you might find unworthy of God's love and strive to show them compassion.

Genesis 2:18-25; Mark 7:24-30 (332). "Lord, even the dogs under the table eat the children's scraps."

Friday, Feb 14, 2025

Savor wisdom

"Knowledge is power," said Ben Franklin. The serpent said the same thing to Eve, and she bought it. Although knowledge often does give us access to the corridors of power, it doesn't guarantee us wisdom. Wisdom, an attribute of God, is acquired only through the indwelling Holy Spirit. In the Bible, knowledge is imagined sometimes as tantalizing fruit dangling from a forbidden tree. Wisdom, however, sets a lavish table at which her guests may dine by accepting her invitation. When faced with the choice, take the opportunity to savor the meal that lasts to eternity.

Genesis 3:1-8; Mark 7:31-37 (333). "God knows well that the moment you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods."

Saturday, Feb 15, 2025

Don't fill up on junk

Some people will always set out food when you visit their homes no matter what time of day it is. If you're smart you learn to drop by when you're good and hungry! Jesus never let anyone walk away hungry either—even if it meant setting the table for 5,000. His mother foretold that fact in her great song, the Magnificat: "He has filled the hungry with good things." When tired of the empty offerings of the world, pray Mary's Magnificat (Luke 1:47-55) in faith that God will fill you with what truly satisfies.

MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Genesis 3:9-24; Mark 8:1-10 (334). "If I send them away hungry to their homes, they will collapse on the way."



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BACK TO BASICS

The next Back to Basics Adult Faith

Formation session will take place Sunday, February 16. Fr. Dave Slusarick will speak about the Sacrament of Matrimony.

FIRST COMMUNION SIGN-UPS



First Communion preparation sessions will take place February 23 at

4:30 PM and February 26 at 6:30 PM in Mother of Sorrows church. Please scan the QR code above to view available First Communion Mass times and dates. Please sign up for a date and time that works for you and your family.

ROSARY RALLY

Our next outdoor Rosary Rally sponsored by America Needs Fatima will be held on Saturday, February 15 at 12:00 NN in the lower MOS church parking lot.

Please bring a folding chair, an umbrella, your rosary, and a friend with you. It will be held outdoors rain or shine. Please call Mary Rita Turka at 412-848-5105 with any questions.

COMING HOME ROSARY

Many of us know family, friends and loved ones who are not in full communion with the Church. On Thursday, February 20, we will pray specifically for those loved ones at 6:00 PM in Mother of Sorrows Church. All who desire family, friends and loved ones to enter more deeply into the interior life of the Church are invited to come and pray with us.

MOS LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday	2/8	
9:00 AM		Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:30 PM	*	John & Mary Vargosko (Daughter)
Sunday	2/9	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM		For the Parish
9:30 AM	*	Sr. Angela Pikus (Brodbeck Family)
11:30 AM	*	Norbert & Kacimiera Kliche (Boleslaw & Felicia Gurski & Joseph & Christine Gurski)
12:30 PM		Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick
6:00 PM	*	Mary E. Tierno (Frank & Gloria Skatell)
Monday	2/10	Saint Scholastica
8:00 AM	*	Virginia Donohue (Family)
Tuesday	2/11	Our Lady of Lourdes
8:00 AM	\dagger	Constance Noll (Ann Baczkowski)
Wednesday	2/12	
8:00 AM	*	Rose Lee Martin (Friends)
Thursday	2/13	
9:00 AM	*	John Stramat (Judy Stramat & Family)
10:00 AM		Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 PM		Benediction and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	2/14	Saints Cyril and Methodius
8:00 AM	•	Paul Lenhart (Jen & Pat O'Mahony)
Saturday	2/15	
9:00 AM		Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:30 PM	*	Ray Crane (John & Marie Shimshock)
Sunday	2/16	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM		For the Parish
9:30 AM	*	Trish Koval (Husband, Ray)
11:30 AM	*	Joe Purdue (Gram & Pap Quaglieri)
6:00 PM	†	Lou Rostand (Mary Lou Rostand)



We commend to your prayers William Boyles, MaryAnn Cigich and Joan Serra, who died

recently. May God welcome them to the joys of Paradise and bring comfort and peace to their families.

NO MORNING MASS

There will be no morning Mass at St. John on **Tuesday, February**11. Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary at 7:00 PM that evening in honor of the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. All are welcome!

SQUARE DANCE



Join us for an evening of square dancing on Saturday, **February 15** at

7:00 PM in the Mother of Sorrows Parish Social Hall. Dances are always taught, so no previous experience is required. Bring your favorite snack or beverage to share. The suggested donation is \$10 per family or \$4 per person.

STEWARDSHIP NOTES

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?' 'Here I am,' I said, 'send me!'" - ISAIAH 6:8

Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, "Whom shall I send?" Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or to say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. God is always talking to us; we just need to pay more attention. When you hear God calling have the courage to walk through the door and say, "Here I am, Lord."

ST. JOHN AND ST. MARY LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday	2/8	
12:00 NN SJ		Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:00 PM SJ		For the Parish
Sunday	2/9	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM SM		For the Parish
11:00 AM SJ	*	Joseph Bocianoski (Wife, Judy & Family)
Monday	2/10	Saint Scholastica
8:30 AM SM		Father Moineau (Maryanne Sands)
Tuesday	2/11	Our Lady of Lourdes
12:00 NN SM	I	Eucharistic Adoration
5:00 PM SM		Sacrament of Reconciliation
6:00 PM SM		Benediction and Reposition
7:00 PM SM		Spiritual & temporal welfare of Alexa Kiss & Family (Grandparents)
Wednesday	2/12	
8:05 AM SM		Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
8:30 AM SM	*	Eileen Belak (Daughter Michelle Belak)
Thursday	2/13	
8:10 AM SJ		St. Joseph Novena
8:30 AM SJ	*	Mary & Frank Tomkovicz (Jean Tomkovicz)
Friday	2/14	Saints Cyril and Methodius
8:30 AM SM	*	Maryanne & John Gubanich (Rich & Susie Gubanich
Saturday	2/15	
12:00 NN SJ		Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:00 PM SJ		For the Parish
Sunday	2/16	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM SM	*	Betty Walters (Carole Lamb)
11:00 AM SJ	*	Paula Topolosky (Dolores Paul)

OUR WEEKLY NUMBERS February 1 and 2

Mother of Sorrows

Attendance 1,648

Offertory \$ 41,058.71 Outreach \$ 4,517.00



Loan payment to The Catholic Institute: \$ 30,660.00

St. John

Attendance 304 Offertory \$ 7,584.00



St. Mary

Attendance 174 Offertory \$ 7,379.00



THANK YOU

Thanks to our faithful parishioners, we were able to generously send \$5,355 to the Archdiocese of Caceres in the Philippines for typhoon relief. This is the home diocese of Fr. Jay and a number of our international priests.

St. Mary Parish recently received a bequest in the amount of \$250,000 from the estate of former parishioner Suzanne M. Ribnicky. These funds will be deposited in the Parish Endowment Fund to provide for the future needs of the parish.

It is our hope to grow our endowment fund by asking parishioners to include the parish in their will or estate plan. If you would like more information, please contact Monsignor Michael.

A PEEK AT THE WEEK...

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Sunday		February 9
8:30 AM	MOS	Faith Formation for those with special needs, Ave Maria Room
10:00 AM	SM	Faith Formation, St. Mary Social Hall
3:00 PM	MOS	High School Youth Ministry, Social Hall
Monday		February 10
6:30 PM	MOS	Cub Scouts, Social Hall
Tuesday		February 11
10:00 AM	MOS	Staff Meeting, Conference Room
11:30 AM	MOS	Boomers and Beyond, Social Hall
6:30 PM	MOS	Outreach Group, Conference Room
Wednesda	y	February 12
9:30 AM	MOS	Women's Bible Study, Social Hall
6:30 PM	MOS	Choir Rehearsal, Church
Friday		February 14
9:00 AM	MOS	Legion of Mary, Ave Maria Room
9:00 AM	MOS	Centering Prayer, Madonna Room
9:00 AM	SM	Women of Faith, St. Mary Social Hall
10:00 AM	MOS	Cardio Drumming, Social Hall
Saturday		February 15
7:00 AM	SM	Catholic Men's Fellowship, Social Hall
9:00 AM	MOS	Men's Renewal Group, Ave Maria Room
12:00 NN	MOS	Rosary Rally, lower parking lot
7:00 PM	MOS	Square Dancing, Social hall
Sunday		February 16
8:30 AM	MOS	Faith Formation for those with special needs, Ave Maria Room

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MOS Back to Basics, Church

12:30 PM

6:45 PM

7:00 PM

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to the Koontz family on the Baptism of Mikayla James and Beckham Michael. We are thankful for these beloved Children of God and the new life bestowed upon them by water and the Holy Spirit.



Congratulations to the Flasher family! We give thanks to God for the gift of Madison Jane and celebrate with you her new life through the waters of Baptism.



Congratulations to the Vincent family on the Baptism of Owen Douglas. May he grow strong and know that he is a beloved Child of God.

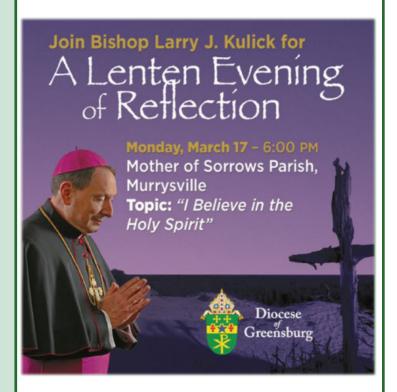
BOOMERS AND BEYOND

Join us on **Tuesday, February 11** at 11:30 AM in the Mother of Sorrows Parish Social

Hall for a presentation on "Getting to the Heart of the Story- The human heart and the heart of God", presented by Dr. Tom Octave.

The heart is the place of encounter between God and humanity. Pope Francis recently wrote the encyclical letter "Delixit Nos" on the human and Divine love of the Heart of Jesus Christ. We will explore the practical implications of Pope Francis' message for us as we get to the heart of the story of God's great love for all people.

Boomers and Beyond is a ministry serving the 'baby boomers' and all adults of Mother of Sorrows Parish and the surrounding communities. Lunch and learn sessions are held on the second Tuesday of each month. Topics are varied and reservations are not required. Participants are encouraged to bring a 'brown bag' lunch and a friend.





Join us this Lent for a meaningful family experience!

As we celebrate the Jubilee Year, a time of renewal and reconnection with God, we are called to renew our Life in Christ. This season of Lent, we once again have the opportunity for families to come together, strengthen their faith, and deepen their relationship with God.

We invite you to be a part of a special tradition at St. John and St. Mary Parishes by leading the Family-Led Stations of the Cross: **every Wednesday at 7:00 PM at St. Mary and every Friday at 7:00 PM at St. John.**

We encourage all families to volunteer and lead The Stations of the Cross, creating a meaningful experience for both the leaders and participants. Whether it's parents and children or other family members, we welcome your participation in this shared spiritual journey. It's an opportunity to foster a sense of community, renew your life in Christ, and contribute to the spiritual growth of our parish.

Consider making the Stations of the Cross a special part of your Lenten journey this year. To volunteer, **please contact Joann with your preferred date and church location.** We look forward to seeing how this tradition will bring our families closer to God and one another.



REMINDER

Confirmation Candidates

Confirmation Reflection with Bishop Kulick on Tuesday, February 18 at 6:00 PM at St. Regis

REMINDER

We are called to be active participants in the Liturgy- so why not serve together as a family?

Parents, sign up as Lectors or Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist while your children minister as Altar Servers.

What a powerful way to live out your faith and set an example for your kids!

Sign up today and serve together!

The Year of Jubilee 2025 "Pilgrims of Hope"

This Jubilee Year is a sacred time to renew your relationship with God and one another a time to repent, reflect, and focus on your spiritual life.

To help you on this journey, we invite you to join us for a Night of Adoration, Praise and Worship on Friday, February 21st, from 6:00 -7:30 PM at St. Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes.

This grace-filled evening is open to all ages as we come together in worship to celebrate the Year of Jubilee. Afterward, stay and enjoy fellowship over pizza and ice cream sundaes.

We hope to see you there!

SUPPORT MINISTRY

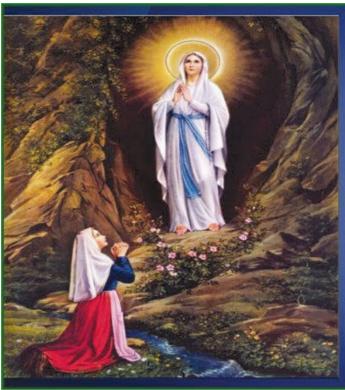
All widows are invited to our next Support Ministry luncheon to share stories, conversation and friendship.

The next lunch will be **Tuesday**, **February 11** at 1:00 PM at Hoss's in Murrysville. Please RSVP to Sandy Martin by February 7 by calling 724-787-9305 or emailing sandymartin112@gmail.com.

BLOOD DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus will hold a blood drive at St. John Baptist de La Salle in Delmont on **Tuesday**, **February 25** from 12:00 NN until 5:00 PM. You can schedule an appointment by visiting www.RedCrossblood.org and entering your zip code in the find a blood drive search box or by calling 1-800-733-2767.





Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day Celebration

Tuesday, February 11 7:00 PM

Join us at St. Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish for our Feast Day celebration!

We'll begin with a special liturgy to honor our patroness, followed by light refreshments to continue the celebration.

Come share in this joyous occasion with our parish community!

VOLUNTEER FORM Sunday March 23rd 12-4pm*

Dinner Fundraiser St John's Social Hall We are in need of helpers for our annual Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser. Please complete this form and get it back to the office, place it in the collection basket, or email dina.colangelo@gmail.com Name(s)____ Phone:

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SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Join us in a "Souper Bowl" food drive leading up to the Super Bowl! We will be collecting soup in our deck boxes from until February 27.

This is a united effort of Outreach Ministry, Youth Ministry, and Faith Formation students. Please place soup in the deck box of your favorite Super Bowl team until February 10. We will have fun seeing which team Mother of Sorrows Parishioners are rooting for more. After that, we will still collect soup until **February 27.**

The soup will be given to our Food Pantry families in March. Please join us to provide a warm meal for our hungry neighbors.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY



All High School Youth are invited to meet on Sunday, February 9 from 3:00 to 5:00 PM in the lower narthex to welcome a special guest speaker. We are pleased to have a Franciscan T.O.R. Sister coming to talk about the daily life, work, and charisms of the order and to answer our questions. Please invite a friend and join us!

Last Sunday, High School Youth Ministry discussed hearing God's voice through praying with Scripture, and played a game that tested their ability to recognize a familiar voice. Four teens were blindfolded and took turns trying to identify the voice they heard responding to their call of "Mother of...." with the response, "Sorrows!" Congratulations to Nathan Kuzmkowski for garnering the most correct calls!

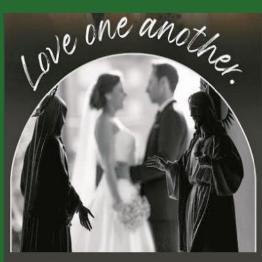
Each small group was given a passage from Scripture to read and discuss and pray about as they tried to hear God's voice in the Sacred text. Their gathering space in the lower narthex was blessed with a Crucifix, and the "doorway" was chalked with the traditional prayer to bless "our coming in and our going out."

AN INVITATION FOR YOUNG MEN

All young men who are interested in exploring God's call and who are open to learning more about the Priesthood are invited to the next spring gathering on **Sunday, March 2** at Saint John de La Salle Parish, 497 Athena Drive, Delmont.

The Melchizedek Project, for young men ages 18 and older, will meet from 3:30 to 5:00 PM, and Exploring God's Call, for young men of high school age, will meet from 6:30 to 8 PM.

Each gathering will include prayer, discussion, and the sharing of helpful resources. For more information or to make your attendance plans known, please contact Father Dave Slusarick, Associate Director, Office for Priestly Vocations at dslusarick@dioceseofgreensburg.org.



National Marriage Week



February 7th-14th



St. Mary's **Holy Hour for Marriages** Tuesday, Feb 11th 5-6 pm

MOS **Holy Hour for Marriages** Thursday, February 13th 6-7 pm

Back to Basics
Sunday, Feb 16th
7-8 pm in MOS Church
"Living in Love: Marriage in
the Catholic Church"
with Fr. Dave

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EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at Mother of Sorrows on **Thursday**, **February 13** from 10:00 AM until 7:00 PM. To become a weekly adorer, sign up using the QR code or go to https://adorationpro.org/mosmurrysville.

Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary will take place on **Tuesdays** from 12:00 NN until 6:00 PM.



St. Regis Parish is looking for a part time secretary to work 28 hours per week. Individuals with strong computer skills, knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel, strong interpersonal skills and the ability to communicate effectively verbally and in writing are encouraged to apply.

Responsibilities include providing office operations and clerical support, customer service, composing correspondence, coordinating and compiling content for the bulletin, sacramental records, and coordinating calendar events and clearances.

Resumes can be emailed to Fr. Dan Carr at dcarr@dioceseofgreensburg.org.



100TH BIRTHDAY

A special blessing was bestowed upon Angelo Certo in honor of his 100th birthday. Happy Birthday, Angelo! We wish you many more joyful days with your family. May God continue to bless you.



MOTHER OF SORROWS CATHOLIC SCHOOL



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Below: Students celebrated at a rock concert brought to them by former teacher Miss Paullet and her band Three Plus One!
Right: 8th grade defeated the faculty and parents in their annual basketball game.









Congratulations to Mrs. Molly Denslinger, a 2025 Golden Apple Award winner! Mrs. Denslinger works closely with her second grade students to ensure they are fully prepared to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. She also volunteers for Girl Scouts, MOSS, and the MOSS Jump Rope Club.

Mrs. Denslinger is a true asset to Mother of Sorrows School. Keep up the good work!!





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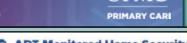
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