## St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Missionaries of the Precious Blood St. George Deanery

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#### PARISHIONERS

- **New Members**
- Any status or address changes To keep informed, register for Bulletin and Parish Notifications by email or visit St. John's website Call or email the Parish Office

#### SNOW EMERGENCY LEVELS

Diocese of Toledo Snow Emergency Policy: "Whenever a county/city within the Diocese of Toledo is placed under a Level 3 Snow Emergency, during which all roadways are closed to nonemergency personnel, the Catholic Churches within that geographic region will cancel the scheduled Saturday Vigil, Sunday, or Holy Day Masses. Roman Catholics in that region, therefore, are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass. If Masses are cancelled, Catholics are encouraged to participate in Holy Mass via television, radio, or internet, making a spiritual Communion.

If Putnam County is ever under a Level 3 Snow Emergency the regular Mass times will be canceled here at St. John's. There will be a Mass at Noon, if you can get here safely you are welcome. If not, we encourage you to watch it on cable channel 3 or on our Youtube page. Level 1 and Level 2 if you can get here safely you are welcome.

#### WANT TO GET INVOLVED **IN OUR PARISH?**

- If you are interested in becoming a Lector, Extraordinary Minister, Usher, Funeral Server, Choir, Spirit and Song Group and any other way.
- If Interested in becoming a member on our Finance Committee or Parish Council Committee. Please call the parish office for more information and to be put on the next ballot.

Call or email the Parish Office.

## FROM THE DESK OF FATHER MATT

#### www.stjohnglandorf.org

Have you ever heard God calling your name?

But when you heard the voice calling your name, the voice that you heard was familiar to you, but the voice that you heard you did not recognize as God but someone else. And you responded to that person that you thought was calling your name and discovered that that person was not calling your name. This is what we encounter in our scriptures today.

In our scriptures today we hear the call of Samuel. In the middle of the night God calls Samuel and when Samuel hears God's voice, he thinks it is Eli. So Samuel responds to Eli and goes to him but Eli tells Samuel "I did not call you' ... ... 'God back to sleep'" (1 Samuel 3:5). Samuel goes back to sleep and hears the voice again and responds in the same way. Could you imagine the frustration that Eli must have experienced when Samuel kept coming to him in the middle of nigh when he was trying to sleep? Amid Eli's probable frustration, I think it is worth crediting Eli's wisdom in recognizing that it was the LORD that was calling Samuel and instructing him on how to respond when called "Speak LORD, for your servant is listening" (1 Samuel 3:9).

The call of Samuel in one of my favorite call stories in the scriptures, in part because it reminds me of my own call the priesthood story.

In the eighth grade, I was assigned to do a career project and I chose to do mine on the priesthood. Part of the project was to interview someone of that profession, so I interviewed my pastor at the time Fr. Ken Schroeder, C.PP.S. I remember little about the interview other than it happened and asking the typical career questions. I finished the project and high school began, and the idea of the priesthood went to the back burner for a couple of reasons. In the middle of my sophomore year of high school some how I ended up on the mailing list of the Vocation Office of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood getting Newsletters and formal letters in the mail. I thought that it was normal like the military or colleges sending out recruiting material. I was not interested so as it came in the mail it ended up in the trash. In the spring of that year some guys were making a religious profession at Carthagena and I got an invitation. Mom and Dad saw the invitation and said that I should go. So I went, and I liked the experience, prior I had been to weddings, and I knew what those were like. This was the first time I went to a religious profession and I liked it, it was something different. I remember after the Mass there was a dinner, and I met a number of priests and brothers. I remember meeting the Vocation Director at the time Fr. Ken Schnipke, C.PP.S. and him saying "I write you letters"

And I said "Yes, but I am really not interested".

"Do you want me to stop sending the letters"

"No, I kind of like the letters"

Junior year of high school began and Fr. Ken Schroder invited me to a Come and See Discernment Retreat at Carthagena. I went and I say the rest is history from there.

Like Samuel and myself, God calls each one of us by name. And a lot of times we need help to make sense of that call like. Like Eli helping Samuel or John pointing out to his disciples that Jesus was the Christ. We need each other to help make sense of our call or to help another make sense of their call. Who do you turn to when you are trying makes sense of life? Who can you help in the journey as a disciple of the Lord?





#### MONDAY, JANUARY 15 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:35am Rosary 8:00am Communion Service—Mike Karhoff **TUESDAY, JANUARY 16** 8:20am Rosary 8:45am Bernard Wolke WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17 St. Anthony 7:15-7:45am Confessions 7:35am Rosary 8:00am L/D Arnold & Henrietta Langhals Family 6:30pm-8:15pm Adoration 7:45pm - 8:20pm Confessions **THURSDAY, JANUARY 18** 8:20am Rosary 8:45am Helen Honingfort FRIDAY, JANUARY 19 7:15am - 7:45am Confession 7:35am Rosary 8:00am L/D Edwin Duling Family, L/D Philip Lammers Family 12:00pm Rosarv 6:00pm Wedding Rehearsal-Kelsie Salisbury SATURDAY, JANUARY 20 St. Fabian 7:35am Rosarv 8:00am L/D Victor Schroeder Family 8:30am-9:30am Adoration 8:30am Confessions 1:00pm Schnipke/Kuhlman Wedding 4:00pm Confessions 4:30pm L/D Tom & Edna Riepenhoff Family, Roger Riepenhoff. L/D Rosemary Siefker(AN) Family, Special Intention for Father Tony's Birthday, John(AN), Nellie, Richard, Charlie, Rita, Bob & Ken Maag, Hazel & Roy Leap, L/D AI & Irene Schroeder Family, Jim Selhorst(AN), L/D George & Mary Ellen Kuhbander, L/D Herbert & Lucille Leopold Family 5:00pm-8:00am Adoration SUNDAY, JANUARY 21 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:35am Rosary 8:00am Tom Kaufman, L/D Len & Dolores Bockrath Family 9:05am-10:15 Holy Hour 10:30am Joe Uphaus 11:30am-4:00pm Adoration 4:00pm Evening Prayer with Benedition 4:45pm Dinner

Parental Baptism Class

Sunday, February 4, 2024 from 9:00 - 10:30 AM, in Room 15 in the parish center presented by Don Inkrott.

Pre-register by calling St. John's Rectory 419-538-6928. Next class will be May 12, 2024.



Holy

Baptism

& Dan Klear

Need to contact Fr. Matt 6 months before your marriage to start your marriage preparation. It is your responsibility to call for an appointment or can't promise you a wedding here at St. John's.

### Notifications

Bulletin and Parish Notification If you would like to receive the bulletin and other parish notifications via email, please let us know by sending an email to admin@glandorfstjohns.com

## **ABOUT OUR PARISH**

#### SERVERS Mon 8:00am **Communion Service - no servers needed** Tue 8:45am Students Wed 8:00am Jerry Hanneman, Jeff Schram Thurs 8:45am Students Fri 8:00am Elton Schroeder, Roger Schroeder Sat Mylie Bockrath, Nolan Grime, Ryland Ellerbrock 8:00am Derek Brown, Courtney Miller, Brock Crumrine Sat 4:30pm 8:00am Aubrey Leopold, Nolan Duling, Isaac Macke Sun 10:30am James Niese, Libbie Niese, Cole Morman Sun **Thurifer-Parker Heckman** Noah Schroeder, Nolan Duling, Sun 4:00pm **Cole Morman, Ty Wrasman EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** LECTORS Sat 4:30pm **Doug Deitering** Sharon Meyer **Diane Deitering** Chris Schroeder Sun 8:00am Deb Leopold Andy Gray **Deb Schroeder** Deb Schroeder Sun 10:30am Tara Gerding Mary Ellen Klear Jane Moening Dan Klear **Tim Hansen** Sun 4:00pm **GIFT BEARERS** Bruce & Linda Schroeder Sat 4:30pm Sun 8:00am Rodney & Jenny Warnecke Sun 10:30am Ben & Rachel Nienberg JANUARY USHERS Sat 4:30pm Kevin & Mary Rose Ellerbrock, Sam Warnecke Sun 8:00am Mark Maag, Alan Wrasman Sun 10:30am Louis & Mary Ellen Halker COMMUNION TO MEADOWS: Suzy Brinkman, Paula Elchinger **COUNTERS FOR SUNDAY: 7 ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY:** Tim & Mer Lehman JANUARY FUNERAL ROSARY LEADERS: Dolores Schnipke, Ginny Schroeder, Darlene Stechschulte, Tina & Randy Fortman, Mary Ellen

ATTENTION TO ALL VOLUNTEERS OF THE PARISH **WHO WORK WITH CHILDREN!** 

The diocese mandates that all who work with children need to setup a Virtus account online and take the online workshop, online background check and sign standards form every 5 years. If you plan to work with children as a volunteer during 2024 please e-mail admin@glandorfstjohns.com. You are responsible to complete these requirements to be compliant with the diocese and the Dallas Charter for Protecting Youth and Those Who Serve Them". For all employees and volunteers please check your e-mails Virtus will be sending you an

e-mail if your requirements will be expiring. If you changed your e-mail address please logon to Virtus and update. Please let us know here at the rectory also of your new e-mail address.

Ushers Needed!



Would you like to become an usher or would you like your name taken off the Usher Schedule? The current schedule ends at the end of January. Please call or email the rectory (419-538-6928 or admin@glandorfstjohns.com).

## **ABOUT OUR PARISH**

## SACRAMENTS

#### BAPTISM

Instruction is necessary when this is your first child. To arrange a baptism or register for the parental baptism class, please contact the Parish Office.

PARENTAL BAPTISM CLASS (by Deacon Don) Parish Center Room 15 9:00am –10:30am Upcoming classes: February 4, 2024, May 12, 2024 (Room 22), and September 15

#### MARRIAGES

Please contact the Parish Office six months in advance to start planning your wedding. A marriage preparation class is required.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASS (REQUIRED) 1-DAY CLASS organized by Dr. Craig and Wendy Imm in the Parish Center Cafeteria Sunday, November 3, 2024 at 8:00am

#### **RECONCILATION (CONFESSION)**

Wednesday 7:15am -7:45am, 7:45-8:20pm Friday 7:15am-7:45am Saturday 4:00pm-4:15pm

#### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office if you need a Priest for Anointing of the Sick or Last Rites. If a Sacramental Emergency call 419-778-9339.

#### HOLY ORDERS AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

Contact the vocation office at the Toledo Diocese at 419-244-6711 ext. 4945 or email psmith@toledodiocese.org or contact the vocation office at the Missionaries of the Precious Blood 937-228-9263 or e-mail vocation@cpps-preciousblood.org.

#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Wednesday 6:30pm—8:15pm 1st Friday 1:00pm—4:00pm with Benediction 1st Saturday 5:30pm - 8:00am

#### INITIATION OF ADULTS INTO THE CATHOLIC FAITH (RCIA/OCIA)

Is a journey through which interested adults and older children are welcomed and gradually introduced to the Roman Catholic Faith, Sacraments, Worship and way of life. In response to their inquiries, these people are properly instructed so that you can discern (through reflection and prayer) whether you are indeed called to Catholicism. If you would like more information or want to register please contact the Parish Office. The next session will start in the fall.

#### Updated CYO SPORTS

Diocesan Policy for CYO Sports--All players must be members of the sponsoring parish and/or educational system of the parish to play on the parish team. St. John's Parish Policy for High School CYO-Playing any sports this year? It is a privilege to play sports for St. John's and not an expectation. You are expected to attend both the Fall and Winter Semesters of High School Religious Education CCD Classes. Attendance at these classes will be monitored and reviewed. For each class missed beyond 4 classes you will be sitting out one game per absence. Parents, if your child will be absent, please contact or text Ruth Gerding at 567-204-1275 before class. All high school players are required to give 5 hours of service to St. John's by January 14, 2024. The Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith. Without the gift of the Eucharist, we do not exist as a parish, and you do not have the privilege of playing for St. John's. All coaches and players are required to attend Saturday evening or Sunday Mass. If you miss, we kindly ask that you sit out that week's game. All coaches and high school players are to spend one hour in Adoration on Eucharistic Day. If you miss, we kindly ask that you sit out one game. If you do not have time for the LORD, you do not have time to play sports. We kindly ask the cooperation of all as we implement this policy for the good of our parish and the good of the Church. (Fr. Matt Keller & Mike Karhoff, Parish Council President)

### sh Center

1) LIFE AND DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON Church Teaching: "Human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society."

**MLK, Jr Teaching:** "... The worth of an individual does not lie in the measure of his intellect, his racial origin or his social position. Human worth lies in relatedness to God. An individual has value because he has value to God."

CATECHISM CORNER

SOCIAL TEACHING OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH & MLK. JR.

As we remember Martin Luther King, Jr. Day we remember his great faith and teachings about

human dignity and civil rights. His teachings addressed five of the seven of the Catholic Church's

#### 2) CALL TO FAMILY, COMMUNITY AND PARTICIPATION

teachings on social teaching.

**Church Teaching:** "The person is not only sacred but also social." Marriage and the family are "the central social institutions." We organize our society through politics, economics, law, and policy which affects every human's dignity.

**MLK**, **Jr Teaching:** The family is crucial. In "Where Do We Go from Here," MLK, Jr. wrote, "This is doubly tragic, because nothing is so much needed as a secure family life for a people seeking to rise out of poverty and backwardness."

#### 3) DIGNITY OF WORK AND RIGHTS OF WORKERS

**Church Teaching:** "The economy must serve people, not the other way around. Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God's creation."

**MLK, Jr Teaching:** He spoke of all workers. In his 1968 speech "All Labor Has Dignity," he said: "All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence."

#### 4) OPTIONS FOR THE POOR AND VULNERABLE

**Church Teaching:** A basic moral test is how our most vulnerable members are faring. In a society marred by deepening divisions between rich and poor, our tradition recalls the story of the Last Judgment (Mt 25:31-46) and instructs us to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first.

**MLK**, Jr **Teaching**: "Deeply woven into the fiber of our religious tradition is the conviction that men are made in the image of God, and that they are souls of infinite metaphysical value. If we accept this as a profound moral fact, we cannot be content to see men hungry, to see men victimized with ill-health, when we have the means to help them. In the final analysis, the rich must not ignore the poor because both rich and poor are tied together. They entered the same mysterious gateway of human birth, into the same adventure of mortal life."

#### 5) SOLIDARITY

**Church Teaching:** We are one human family whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. We are our brothers and sisters keepers, wherever they may be. At the core of the virtue of solidarity is the pursuit of justice and peace.

**MLK, Jr Teaching:** "If we are to have peace on earth, our loyalties must become ecumenical rather than sectional. Our loyalties must transcend our race, our tribe, our class, and our nation; and this means we must develop a world perspective."

#### 6) RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

**Church Teaching:** The Catholic tradition teaches that human dignity can be protected and a healthy community can be achieved only if human rights are protected and responsibilities are met. Therefore, every person has a fundamental right to life and a right to those things required for human decency. Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities--to one another, to our families, and to the larger society.

#### 7) CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION

**Church Teaching:** We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of Gods creation.

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# PRAYER AND STEWARDSHIP

### STEWARDSHIP

## January 7, 2024

#### Offering

Total Collection	\$12,921.00
VBS	\$ 100.00
Initial Offering	\$ 314.00
Christmas	\$ 120.00
Mary Mother of God	\$ 156.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,290.00
Maintenance	\$ 675.00
Children	\$ 230.00
Adult Envelope	\$ 8,144.00
Loose	\$ 892.00
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NOTE: All ladies & men of the parish are members of the Altar Rosary Society & Men's Society. Please take note that there is a special envelope in your envelope packets for the Altar Rosary dues \$3.00 & Men's dues \$6 per year. Please turn your envelope in as this helps keep our organizations running. Thank you!

Thank you to all of you who have been continuing to make your Weekly/ monthly contributions to your St. John's parish family and for sharing your treasure, time, & talent with your St. John's parish family!

#### Give Online Today!

Visit our website to get the E-Giving Form to fill out and return to the Parish Office. It is located in the left side above the Menu options. www.stjohnglandorf.org

Heartbeat needs size 4 and 5 Pampers Swaddle Diapers Heartbeat Hours: Tuesday 1-5pm and Thursday 9-1pm

Foods Needed at the Ottawa Food Pantry: pineapple, mandarin oranges, pears, ready to eat soup, pancake mix, pop tarts or breakfast bars, boxed or canned potatoes, rice, dry beans, canned pasta, egg noodles, condiments, salad dressing, sloppy joe sauce, hamburger helper, spaghetti sauce, snacks. Note: Monetary gifts are also welcome. (Send in care of Trinity UM Church,



137 N. Pratt, Ottawa)

#### **ADVENT - ANGEL TREE** FOR HEARTBEAT

Please return baby bottles as soon as possible!



Newsletters are available in the back of Church.

#### THANK YOU

A warm heartfelt THANK YOU to the decorating committee and crib committee and everyone else who helped take down, put away and clean up all the Christmas decorations in the Church, rectory, parish center and outside!!!

Thank you for time and energy! Greatly appreciated!

#### Dear Parishioners,

St. John's actual attendance for the month of December. I would like to take this opportunity to share with you our numbers:

- Our average attendance for the 4:30pm for month of December **246** people
- Our average attendance for the 8:00am for month of December 293 people
- Our average attendance for the 10:30am for month of December 415 people
- Our average weekend attendance for the month of people December 955 people
- The Mass that had greatest attendance for the month of December was the 10:30 Mass December 31st with 526 people.
  - \* The above numbers do not include Immaculate Conception or Christmas

Christmas Attendence: 4:00pm - 798 people, 10:00pm - 510 people 8:00am - 247 people 10:00am - 280 people

I would like to thank all the ushers for your diligence in taking attendance at our Masses in December. Peace, Fr. Matt

#### Please Include them in your prayers **OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

Please remember in your Masses and prayers the soul of our faithful departed. Our sincere sympathy is extended to their families, relatives, friends & neighbors.

#### Joann Von Lehmden **Grant Siefker Stephanie Crumrine**

#### WEDDING BANN

**III Alyssa Schnipke** of this parish, daughter of Larry and Kathy Schnipke & Kody Kuhlman of Holy Family, New Cleveland, son of Marty and Shawnda Kuhlman.

#### **BAPTIZED**

Harper Ann, daughter of Connor & Faith Koch

### Pray For Those Who Have Gone Before Us

Marilyn C Hughes 1/14/01 Donald F Gulker 1/14/02 Elmer E Tobe 1/14/19 Robert J Kleman 1/15/04 Dennis J Schroeder 1/15/20 Kenneth Fortman 1/17/12

Rita Jane Bockrath 1/18/21 Jeanett A Stechschulte 1/19/03 James R Selhorst 1/19/05 Patricia Heuerman 1/19/18 Mary Rose Powell 1/20/08 Brady Michael Verhoff 1/20/15

Prayer for Our Students Preparing for Confirmation

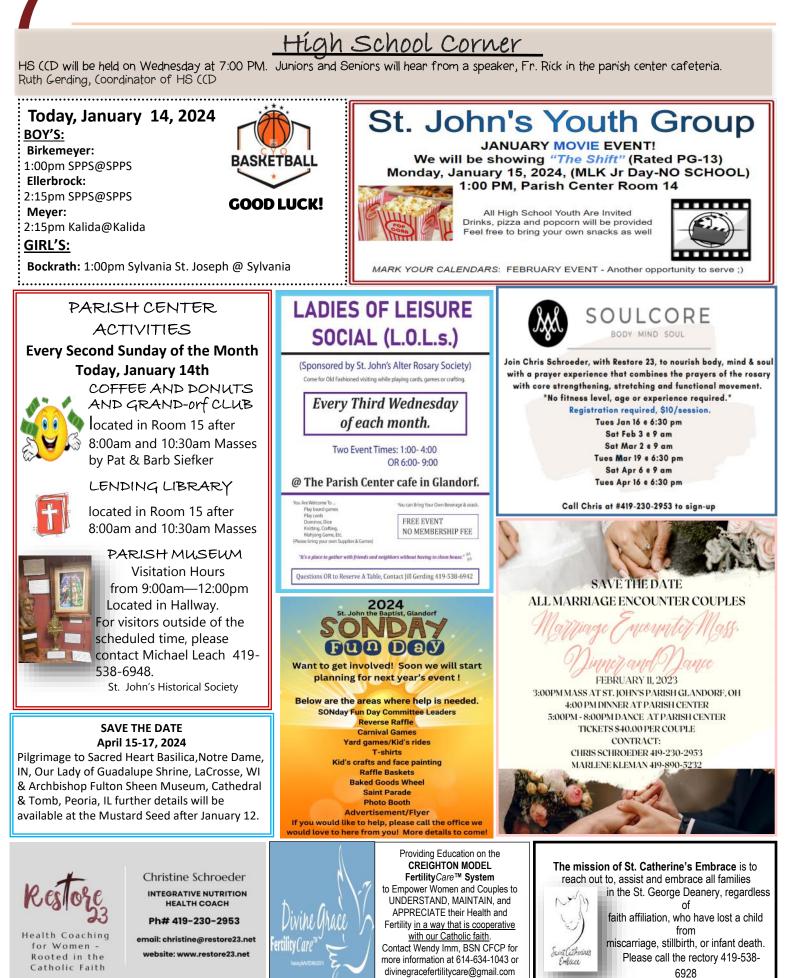
Look kindly on our candidates for Confirmation as they seek to hear your voice. As they embark on this year of continued preparation, we pray that you send your Spirit to enlighten, guide, strengthen, console, and open their hearts as they continue to seek a closer relationship with Amen.

you.





## YOUTH/YOUNG ADULTS & AROUND THE PARISH



## **AROUND THE AREA AND HEARTBEAT**

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#### Virtual Dementia Tour Meadows of Kalida

Join us on Thursday, January 18, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Meadows of Kalida Memory Care Unit. Join us for a virtual dementia experience. The simulation helps empathize more with those suffering from dementia. Light refreshments and Adult Day services provided during training. Call Taylor at 419-672-8851 to RSVP.



### THANK YOU FROM ST. JOHN'S OUTREACH

A huge "Thank You" to all who recently donated to *Heartbeat of Lima and Putnam County*. Through our 2023 Advent Angel Tree project and the baby bottle donations, St. John's Parish donated almost 3000 diapers, 725 ounces of formula, many other needed baby items and **over \$3000** in cash and gift cards! God bless you for your generosity and prayers!

\*\*\*If you would like to continue donating to *Heartbeat* (since babies have ongoing needs) you may put any baby items in the box in the <u>south</u> vestibule and they will be taken to *Heartbeat*. If you want to donate money, please put it in an envelope (labeled *Heartbeat*) and put it in the collection basket or the slot in the door at the rectory garage. Thank you.



### CATHOLIC COUNSELING

Feeling depressed during the Christmas season? Struggling with the loss of a loved one? Dealing with marital problems? Experiencing gender identity issues? If you or someone you love might benefit from counseling, confidential professional Catholic counseling, rooted in our Catholic faith, is now available at Findlay St. Michael Parish. To inquire, please contact the main parish office @ 419-422-2646 and ask to be transferred to the Catholic Counseling services.

Mustard Seed Gift Shop normal business hours Tues, Thurs, & Fri 9:00am - 5:00pm; Wed 12:00pm to 8:00pm; Sat 8:00am - 1:00pm Phone number 419-538-7220 <u>www.mustardseedgiftshop.com</u> Brenda Maag 419-235-3106 Julie Barlage 419-303-5366

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