



# ST. ELIZABETH

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

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DECEMBER 26, 2021

### THE HOLY FAMILY

#### Sunday Masses

Saturday: 4:30pm  
Sunday: 7:30am, 10:00am

#### Weekday Masses

Tuesday – Friday 7:00am  
Wednesdays 8:30am Livestream ONLY  
(September – May)

#### New Parishioners, Welcome!

Please contact Heather Solis at  
hsolis@stekc.org to join the parish.  
*You must be a registered parishioner for  
sacramental preparation.*

#### Sacraments

##### Reconciliation

Saturdays: 3:00pm – 4:00pm or  
by appointment with Fr. Greg

##### Preparation for Infant Baptism

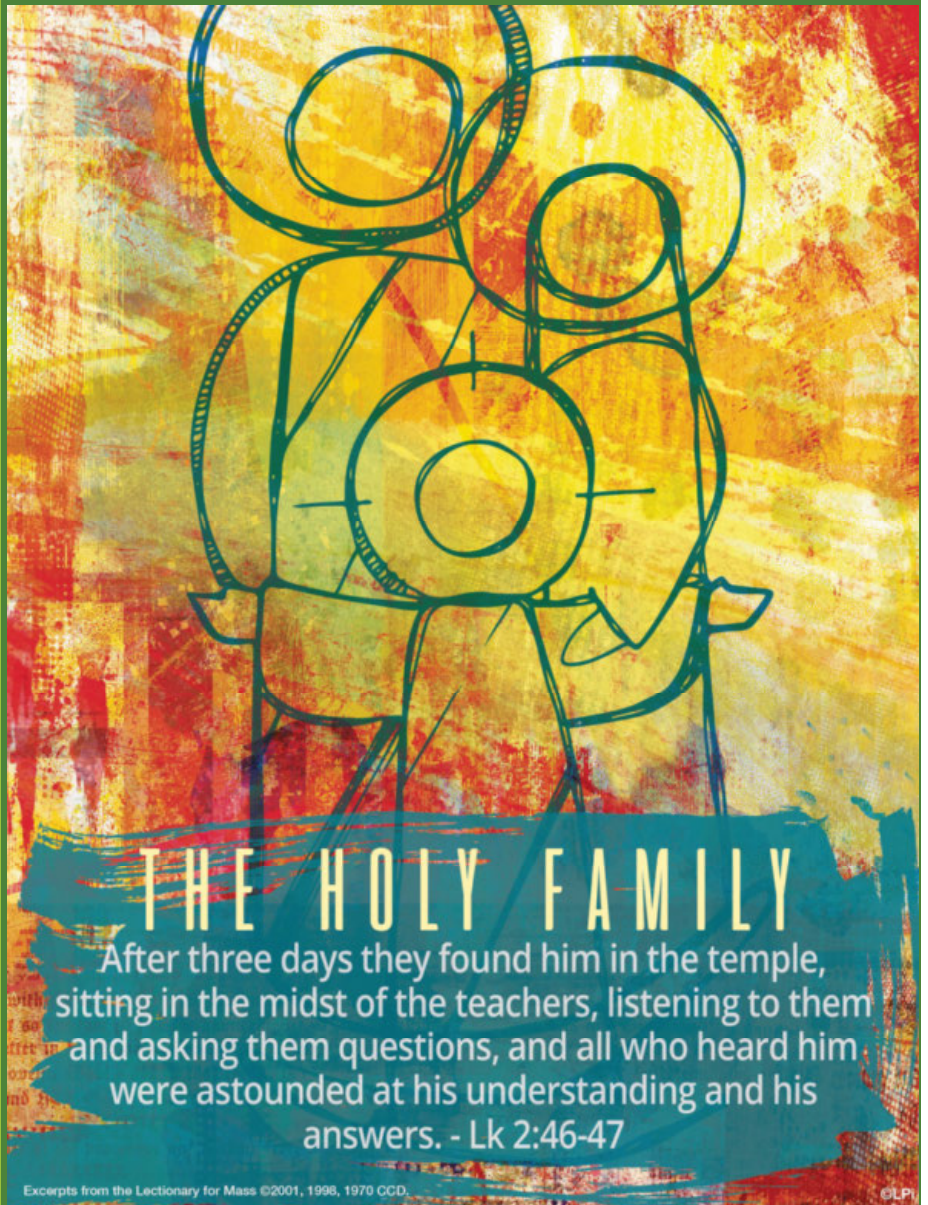
Please contact Deacon Mike McLean at  
mmclean@stekc.org to make  
arrangements.

##### Marriage

Registered parishioners who wish to be  
married need to contact Deacon Mike  
McLean nine to twelve months prior to  
the anticipated wedding date.

#### Our Mission Statement

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church is a vibrant,  
Christ-centered community whose primary  
purpose is to celebrate the sacred liturgy  
and the Sacraments. Empowered by the  
Sacraments, we are called to personal  
holiness, to spread the word of God, and  
to actions of generosity and compassion  
toward all of God's people.



### THE HOLY FAMILY

After three days they found him in the temple,  
sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them  
and asking them questions, and all who heard him  
were astounded at his understanding and his  
answers. - Lk 2:46-47

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## The Holy Family

It was the best of times and it was the worst of times. Our families can bring out the best and the worst in us. This is true of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our church, our society, and the like. In all of our family experiences, what stands out as our most challenging memory? Everything human can be found on the pages of family life. But there is also a Divine story to be discovered as well.

When life gets difficult and perplexing, today's Feast of the Holy Family stands to remind us that it is not just by human effort that we tread treacherous waters. We have to remember and learn from the Divine effort too. We need this perspective if our love lessons are going to be learned completely and well. We are all works in progress and we all come from homes that are broken by imperfection. In whatever life brings us and in whatever family we find ourselves, may the promptings we feel toward faith and hope lead us to greater love.

-LPI



## Dollars and Sense

*In an effort to increase awareness and understanding of our parish's finances, each week in this column we will provide updates and information regarding a variety of topics.*

**As of November 30, 2021, tithing contributions are down from 2020 by \$47,915.** Our Stewardship year ends on 12/31/21. Please review your annual tithe to make sure you are current and help us reduce this shortfall to ensure a positive year-end.

Each year our community benefits greatly from generous year-end donations from those able to contribute above and beyond their tithe. If you have completed your 2021 pledge and are able to make an additional year-end gift to St. Elizabeth, know that your generosity will strengthen the financial standing of the parish as we enter the new year.

Catch-up contributions or year-end gifts may be delivered or mailed to the PMC, made online at [www.stekc.org](http://www.stekc.org), or via the Vanco Mobile app.

Questions? Please contact Vicky Kinney or Heather Solis in the parish office.

## School Corner

### Happy Birthday St. Elizabeth Catholic School!

In the Fall of 1922, our school welcomed its first students.



Join us as we officially kick-off our centennial year at the annual Catholic Schools Week Mass on **Sunday, January 30, 2022, at 10:00 am**, followed by a very special school open house. Families, friends, alumni, and students are all invited to roam the halls once again and see for yourself the Good News that is St. Elizabeth Catholic School, past, present, and future!

## Stewardship

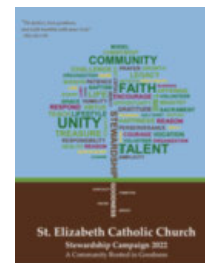
The ultimate aim of Saint Paul's Letter to the Colossians is to teach the community how to deepen its relationship with Christ Jesus. His list of virtues summarizes the ideals of communal stewardship: compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. For Paul, practicing these virtues opens our hearts to Christ as individuals and as a worshipping community. This is how the Christian community ought to live. This is how its members should behave in their dealings with others, particularly with fellow believers. As we approach a new year, how might we embrace one of these virtues more fully in order to deepen our relationship with Jesus?

~International Catholic Stewardship Council

### Stewardship Shout-Outs:

- To all who helped decorate the Church for Christmas

## 2022 Stewardship Campaign



**Goal: \$1,830,000**

**Pledged: \$1,668,413**

With your help, we can close the remaining gap of \$161,587 between our 2022 goal and current pledges. If you have not yet submitted your 2022 pledge please do so today. Your commitment to St. Elizabeth is critical as we plan for the coming year and beyond. Pledge forms can be found in church next to the bulletins or you can make your pledge online at [www.stekc.org](http://www.stekc.org).

Thank you to 392 families who have already made their 2022 pledge. Your faithful stewardship makes the mission and ministry of St. Elizabeth possible. If your pledge included a change to your ACH auto-withdrawal please remember those changes begin on 1/1/22.



## Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners,

"God is with us." Those words are fulfilled with the birth of Jesus, the coming of the Lord into our lives today and throughout time. For centuries since the birth of Jesus, Christians have been living in this mystery and seeking a deeper understanding of it. For us at St. Elizabeth, God's divine presence has shown itself in so many profound ways. We witness God's presence every time we celebrate the liturgy. We experience God's shepherding guidance in our planning and building and in the ministry of St. Elizabeth School. We recognize our call to share God's goodness in our El Salvador ministry and St. Vincent de Paul Volunteers, RCIA, Pastoral Care and so much that happens every day at St. Elizabeth. If you need a reminder of the power of Emmanuel, God with us, just ponder the last year or two of parish life, indeed the entire history of our parish, and recognize that God's presence has been with us all along, transforming and illuminating the journey.

I read once that the real life of Christmas begins after the decorations are taken down, the season has come to an end, and we realize that all we have left is the presence of Christ to share with the world. Beyond and beneath all the glitter and solemnity, Christ is born and comes to life in our midst in new ways. This divine presence lasts beyond a season or a celebration. God hopes it will become a part of us, to enter our hearts, our homes, our parish and our world, to renew, to transform, to build up and to save. This gift is the ultimate expression of God's love for us. And it is given to us to light the way all year long!

Peace,  
Fr. Greg

## Pray for the Sick & Homebound

**Raul Acevedo**, elder and community leader in the Romero Community of El Salvador; **Mary Ann Brown**, mother of Kevin Crawford; **Jim Buckley**; **Terry "Red" Carter**, father of Patrick Carter; **Mark Craig**; **Anita Donaldson**; **Larry Foster**, father of Kathleen Giwa; **Cathy Fox**; **Chuck Gosselin**; **Leo Guzman**; **Sterling Haning**, stepfather of Jennie Curry; **Angela & John Hirte**; **Jan Irick**; **Wanda Kaffenberger**; **Sandy Kauffman**, mother of Matt Kauffman; **Lucy Koch**, daughter of Kevin & Beth Koch and granddaughter of Michael & Hanna Cusick; **Helen Livingston**; **Joseph Ludwikoski**, son of PJ and Mary Ludwikoski; **Carol Lynn**; **Marsha Mangold**; **Pearl Mayanja**, daughter of Judith Mayanja; **Michaela Neal**; **Sandy Nickel**; **Dan Owens**, nephew of Jerry Hurlbert; **Rosie Ragsdale**, daughter of Kelsey & Michael Ragsdale; **Ron Rode**, father of Kay Kremer; **Mary Jayneen Ross**, sister of Jim VanDyke; **Marilyn Stowers**, sister-in-law of Shirley McCarty; **Michael Vinlove**; **Heather Volker**, sister-in-law of Staci Courter; **Toni Walters**; **Felix Witkowicz**, father of Sandra Nussbeck; **Beverly Yancey**, sister of Janet Garnett

*Please notify the parish office when a friend or loved one is in need of prayers, Eucharistic Minister, or is in the hospital.*

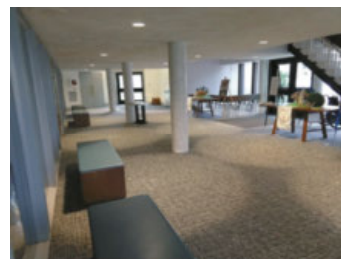
## Building Our Legacy



**Pledged: \$5.68 Million**  
**Total Collected: \$5,479,371**

The term narthex" refers to a porch or gathering space outside the main worship space (or nave). Early Christians used this term to refer to the outer portico where penitents (those who had committed serious sins) and catechumens (converts preparing for baptism) gathered for worship. Penitents and catechumens were not permitted to worship with other Christians in the main worship space until they had completed their orientation or reorientation to Christian life. Why don't we call this space the lobby? Lobby is another term for the same kind of covered walk or portico near the entrance of a larger main space, but one that was adapted from political use, rather than Christian use. The lobby (lobium in Latin) is where the "lobbyists" would gather to seek to influence the votes of lawmakers and others admitted to the space where decisions were made.

Today, this gathering place functions as an interface between the church and the world, a space for welcoming. Father Paul Turner, Diocesan Director of Worship, refers to the narthex as "the people's sacristy", or the place where the people prepare themselves to participate in Mass. As part of the first phase of Building Our Legacy, St. Elizabeth went from a cramped vestibule to a true narthex. Thank you!



## Pray for our Military

*We remember in our prayers the loved ones of our parish family who serve in the military:*

**Major James Harris**, son-in-law of John and Kieran Cullinan; **SPC Riley Head**, nephew of Sarah Darmitzel; **John Kelly**, son of Joe Kelly; **Captain Michael Medina**, son of Frank and Teresa Medina; **Luis Moen**, son of Gary and Bridget Moen; **Ross Ryan Nigro**, grandson of Gloria Nigro; **Jeremy Rice**, son of Mike and Catherine Rice

*Please notify the parish office when a loved one is serving in and returning home from the military.*

## Parish News & Notes

### Masks Are Required Inside all School Buildings on St. Elizabeth Campus, And Strongly Encouraged in all Other Non-School Buildings

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



We continue our regular weekend and weekday Mass schedule. All are invited to attend.



- Those with serious health concerns, pre-existing conditions, or who are caregivers to the vulnerable, etc., continue to have the grant of a particular dispensation from the obligation to participate in Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation. For more information on the particular dispensation, please visit: <https://kcsjatholic.org/comehome/>
- We will continue to livestream Mass for as long as needed so that those not attending in person may maintain a spiritual connection with St. Elizabeth. All livestreamed and recorded Masses are accessible through our YouTube channel at [https://bit.ly/STChurch\\_School](https://bit.ly/STChurch_School)

Thanks to all who have helped with this process during the pandemic.

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

No RCIA class this Tuesday, Dec. 28. The class will resume Tuesday, Jan. 4, 7:00 – 8:30pm in Seton Hall. The topic will be **Living in Christ: Be-Attitudes**. All parishioners are welcome to join us and support our Catechumens and Candidates seeking a deeper understanding of our Catholic Faith.



A blessed Christmas season to all.

### We Have Moved!

We have officially moved our Parish Ministry Center (the parish offices) to our new space! Please note our new mailing address at the corner of 75th & Walnut:

**4 E. 75th St  
Kansas City, MO 64114**

Thank you to everyone who has helped us!

## Parish News & Notes cont.

### Social Services Notes

Thank you for your continued support of our food pantry and our Social Services program, especially during the holidays.

**Current food pantry needs are:** *no immediate needs*

### 2022 Free Throw Contest

**Sunday, January 30**

**1:00pm**

**STE School Gym**

The annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest will be Sunday, January 30 at 1:00pm in the school gym for boys and girls ages 9 – 14 (as of January 1.)



Winners will move on to the district contest (vs Visitation and St. Peter's) with the opportunity to go to regional and state competitions. Grandsons, granddaughters, nieces, and nephews from outside the parish are welcome as well.

Please contact Jim Berry ([jberrym@gmail.com](mailto:jberrym@gmail.com) or 816-210-0993) if you have any questions.

"GOD IS LOVE.  
WHOEVER LIVES IN LOVE LIVES IN GOD AND GOD IN HIM."

ST. JOHN, APOSTLE



### Life Corner

**Presented by The Respect Life Ministry (RLM) of St. Elizabeth**

You, O Lord, made the journey of the unborn child. By being an embryo, a fetus, and a newborn, You joined all unborn and newborn children to You! . . . Now, with Christmas, You join Yourself in an unthinkable way with the life You created. Let this Christmas, O God, fill all of us with awe and wonder at how close human life is to You. Cleanse the world of all that tarnishes and rejects this gift. Purify our hearts of all that fears this gift. Let our Christmas joy be the joy of welcoming every human life! Amen!—priestsforlife.org



## Parish News & Notes cont.

### El Salvador Corner

#### Annual Scholarship Drive \$20,000 donor matching

**opportunity:** an anonymous donor has offered to match the first \$20,000 scholarship donations received.

The Youth Scholarship and Formation Program is the centerpiece of our ministry's efforts. This year, because of the generous support from STE parishioners and friends, 114 Salvadoran students are receiving scholarships: 62 Catholic grade school, 33 high school and 19 university. THANK YOU! We invite you to join us in supporting these students. More information and an online donation link are available at [www.stekc.org](http://www.stekc.org).



### Art Supply Drive

In recent years, the Romero Community began an art therapy program serving members of their community and those living in surrounding communities. To help them continue this important work, we have created an Amazon Wish List. See our website for the link.

### Adult Mission Trip to El Salvador FEBRUARY 2 – 9, 2022\*

For the eighth year, St Elizabeth's is sponsoring an adult mission trip to El Salvador. The dates are February 2 – 9, 2022, and you are invited to join us. More information can be found at [www.stekc.org](http://www.stekc.org).

### St. Elizabeth Social Services and St. Vincent de Paul Volunteers

The St. Vincent de Paul volunteers support the Social Service ministry in our parish. A large number of those we help live at or below the poverty level. Donations to this ministry literally keep lights, gas and water on, pay medical bills, pay mortgage payments and put food on the table. We also provide home repairs for parishioners or those who generally live within our neighborhood. This year our volunteers rebuilt a porch and handicapped ramp for a homeowner who could not afford to pay the labor costs. We provide volunteers to help serve food at the One City Café, a ministry of Bishop Sullivan Center. We also support a Caring Visitors program for parishioners who need periodic communication about their health or other needs or critical transportation. We also support the EmbRace Justice ministry at St. Elizabeth's.

In 2021, we are once again using our reserves to meet financial needs because our expenses exceed our income to date. Through the first week of November, we have collected \$22,116 and have had expenses of \$40,774. This means we are short \$18,658. Please consider using the yellow St. Vincent de Paul envelope in your monthly envelope packet or simply note on a check placed in the collection basket that your donation is to support the St. Elizabeth St. Vincent de Paul/Social Services ministry, or send a donation to the parish offices.

As winter approaches, we know many will need help with utility bills. Your donation now will truly help ease such burdens in our community. Thank you for your thoughtful generosity.

## Parish News & Notes cont.

### Limited Parish Office Hours This Week

Limited staff and hours will be available in the parish office, Monday through Friday, December 27 through 31. We will reopen regular hours on Monday, January 3, 2022.

**\*All year-end gifts and contributions received and/or postmarked by December 31, 2021 will be credited toward 2021 contributions. Thank you for your generosity.**



## 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal



**St. Elizabeth Goal: \$88,000  
Pledged: \$80,076**

We would like to thank all our Parishioners who have joined together as one family in pledging their gift to the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal, "To equip the holy ones for the work of ministry, in building up the body of Christ," Ephesians 4:12. If you have not made your commitment, please prayerfully consider doing so. Every gift is very important. Thank you for your generosity.

## In Loving Memory

We remember in love our parishioners and family members who have died in the light of faith:

**John Wilcox, Sr., father of James Wilcox**

Please pray for the family members and friends who mourn. May they be comforted in their grief and find solace in prayer and happy memories.





**January 1/2**

**Lectors**

4:30pm Joe McShane, Jim Millard  
 7:30am Kathy O'Toole, Doug Kinney  
 10:00am Janet Baker, Dan Bowers

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

4:30pm Jana Belzer, Danny Belzer,  
 Lorene Faulconer  
 7:30am Bernie VanArsdale, Mary Beth Hodes,  
 Jeff Hodes  
 10:00am Sherry Roschitz, Nancy Miller, Mike Jenkins

**Servers**

4:30pm James Campbell  
 7:30am Bernie VanArsdale  
 10:00am Heidi Graham, Hannah Graham,  
 Ellie Brennan

**Greeters**

4:30pm Joe McShane, Kathy McShane  
 7:30am Doug Kinney  
 10:00am Sarah Dominguez, Deanna Sack

**Gift Bearers**

4:30pm Jim Millard  
 7:30am Mark Tapko  
 10:00am Steve Livingston

*Not finding [Jesus], they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. — Lk 2:45-47*

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**The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:**

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report *suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or [crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org](mailto:crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org), if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Whitney True-Francis, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 816.392.0011 or [true.francis@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:true.francis@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.

**Schedule of Events**

**December 27– January 2**  
 Limited Parish Office Hours

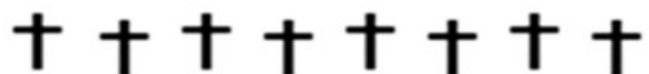
**Monday December 27**  
**Tuesday December 28**  
 7:00am Mass—Fr. Holloway  
**Wednesday December 29**  
 7:00am Mass—Fr. Holloway  
**Thursday December 30**  
 7:00am Mass  
**Friday December 31/New Year's Eve**  
 7:00am Mass  
**Saturday January 1/New Year's Day**  
 3:00pm Confessions  
 4:30pm In-person Mass/Livestream Mass  
**Sunday January 2/The Epiphany**  
 7:30am In-person Mass  
 10:00am In-person/Livestream Mass

**Mass Observations/Intentions Dec. 27 – Jan. 2**

**Monday St. John, Apostle and Evangelist**  
**Tuesday The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**  
 7:00am Barbara Eufinger  
**Wednesday St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr**  
 7:00am Mary C. Benson  
**Thursday**  
 7:00am Eugene Shelton  
**Friday St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve**  
 7:00am Al O'Laughlin  
**Saturday New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace**  
 4:30pm St. Elizabeth Parish Family  
**Sunday The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church**  
 7:30am Ed Lawless  
 10:00am Georgeann Prusa

**Readings for the Week of December 27, 2021**

**M:** 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8  
**Tu:** 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18  
**W:** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35  
**Th:** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40  
**F:** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18  
**Sa:** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21  
**Next Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



# Church/School Directory

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