

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS

Saturday at 4:30pm

Sunday at 8:00am & 10:00am

WEEKDAYS

Monday through Saturday 7:00am

Monday - Thursday 8:00am

CONFESSIONS

15 minutes before 7:00am Mass on

Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday

Saturday 3:45pm to 4:20pm

Confessions also available by appointment.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday of each month (with exposition) following 7:00am Mass concluding at 2:00pm with Benediction

Subsequent Tuesday of each month (without exposition) 7:30am to 2:30pm.

PERPETUAL HELP

DEVOTIONS

Tuesday mornings at 6:50am

ROSARY

Tuesday at 7:00pm in Church

BAPTISM

Please contact the parish office to make arrangements.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the pastor at least six months prior to the intended date.

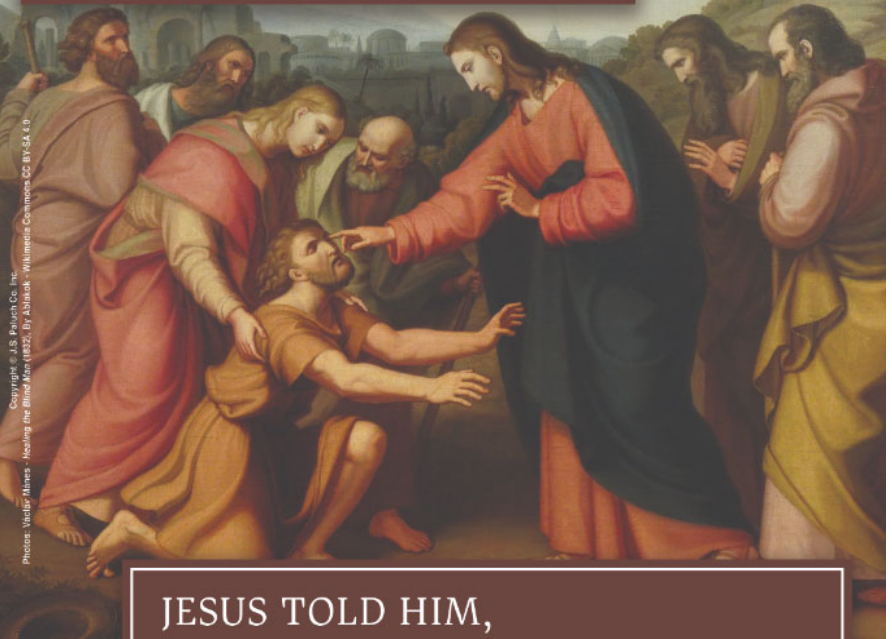
INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC

Please contact the Parish Office.

SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE BLIND MAN SAID,
"Master, I want to see."



JESUS TOLD HIM,
*"Go your way;
your faith has saved you."*

MARK 10:51-52

October 28, 2018

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

"We, the parish of Saint Raphael the Archangel, celebrate Jesus as the center of our life. Through our active participation in the Eucharist, we strive to recognize Jesus in our daily lives and the lives of others. Our commitment is to grow as a parish family, and live this through our religious, educational, social and civic involvements, witnessing to all, our faith in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit."

**ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
CATHOLIC CHURCH
6047 BISHOPS PLACE • SAINT LOUIS, MO 63109**

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

CLERGY & STAFF

Fr. John Mayo	Pastor
	frjohn@straphaelarchangel.org
Msgr. Dennis Stehly	Priest-In-Residence
	dennisstehly@archstl.org
Deacon Gerald J. Geiser	Retired Deacon
Dr. Nancy Deacon	Music Director
	musicdirector@straphaelarchangel.org
Mrs. Diane Halbert	Parish Office Manager
	halbert@straphaelarchangel.org
Mrs. Mickey Janos	Admin. Assistant
	janos@straphaelarchangel.org
Mr. Robert Schlueter	Maintenance
Mrs. Julie Hayes	School Principal
	hayes@straphaelarchangel.org
Mrs. Linda Mechler	School Secretary
	secretary@straphaelarchangel.org
Mrs. Qi Franz	Cafeteria Manager
	franz@straphaelarchangel.org

CONNECT WITH US!

Parish Office	314.352.8100
Fax	314.353.6603
School	314.352.9474
Fax	314.351.7477

Website	straphaelarchangel.org
Facebook and Twitter	@SRAtoday
Instagram	straphaelarchangel
MyParishApp	Text 'App' to 88202

Parish Council	Terri Borowiak	314.351.0606
School Board	Mike Young	314.780.2954
Finance Council	Joseph Cyr	314.335.7322

A PRAYER BEFORE HOLY MASS

Heavenly Father: I, your unworthy servant, come to worship You in this Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. By Your grace, kindly help me to listen attentively, pray devoutly, and receive worthily the Sacred Body and Blood of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. May Your Holy Spirit open the eyes of my heart to perceive more fully the great Mystery that takes place on the sacred altar. At this Holy Mass, I wish to pray in particular for the following intentions: *(here name them)*. Amen.

Monday, October 29

7:00am - Church	Mass
8:00am - Church	Mass
6:00pm - Cafeteria	Step Class

Tuesday, October 30

7:00am - Church	Mass
8:00am - Church	Mass
1:30pm - Parish Office	Lectio Group
3:15pm - Church	Children's Choir
7:00pm - Church	Rosary Recitation

Wednesday, October 31

7:00am - Church	Mass
8:00am - Church	Mass
9:00am - Quilter's Room	Quilters
6:00pm - Cafeteria	Step Class

Thursday, November 1

7:00am - Church	Mass
8:00am - Church	Mass
2:00pm - School	Dance Class
7:00pm - Church	All Saints Mass

Friday, November 2

7:00am - Church	Mass
7:00pm - Gym	Auction Preview Night

Saturday, November 3

7:00am - Church	Mass
8:00am - Cafeteria	Step Class
4:30pm - Church	Mass
5:30pm - Gym	Dinner Auction

Sunday, November 4

8:00am - Church	Mass
10:00am - Church	Mass
12:00pm - Gym	Volleyball Games



Fr. John's Digital Quill for Spiritual Musings and Parish News

This past week, I received these two statements from the Missouri Catholic Conference on the upcoming election. These give the judgement of the bishops of our state on two important statewide propositions. I ask that you read and prayerfully consider the words they offer on these two topics.

Sincerely, Fr. John

Statement of the Missouri Catholic Conference in Support of the Intent of Proposition B

We, the Catholic bishops of Missouri, issue this statement in support of the intent of Proposition B, the ballot initiative to increase the state minimum wage.

We have seen within our own parish communities the effect that unemployment, underemployment, and low wages have on our own parishioners and on society at large. Too many Missouri citizens live at or below the federal poverty level, including some who work more than one job to support themselves, and a significant percentage of children, who are often supported by the wages of just one parent or caregiver. Many others suffer from despair and hopelessness due to lack of opportunity for meaningful work.

We affirm the basic principle of Catholic social teaching that states “a just wage is the legitimate fruit of work.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, No. 2434) Remuneration for work should guarantee workers “the opportunity to provide a dignified livelihood” for themselves and their families, “taking into account the role and productivity of each, the state of the business, and the common good.” (CCC, No. 2434)

We are not economists and therefore do not opine on what the minimum wage ought to be. We recognize that too high a minimum wage can have a chilling effect on hiring, especially in those industries where profit margins are slim, and/or when teenaged or entry level workers are sought. We support, however, the intent of this proposal which seeks to raise the living standard of the working poor, for whom minimum wage jobs can be all that are available.

We recognize that people of good will may disagree on whether this proposal is appropriate for all sectors of Missouri's economy, or as it would be applied to urban versus rural communities. This proposal, however, seems reasonable to us as one means of ensuring that those working for minimum wage can make ends meet and provide for the needs of their families.

Statement of the Missouri Catholic Conference in Opposition to Amendment 3

We, the Catholic Bishops of Missouri, issue this statement to express our opposition to ballot Amendment 3, which would amend the Missouri constitution to legalize medical marijuana and create a tax-funded stream of revenue for potentially unethical biomedical research.

We are sympathetic to those who seek relief from debilitating illnesses and express no position on the propriety of medical marijuana as a means of relieving suffering. We oppose this initiative, however, because it contains no limitation on the types of research that could be funded by the taxes generated. The significant funding stream created by this initiative would not be subject to legislative appropriation or review and could be used for research involving the destruction and use of embryonic stem cells or aborted fetal remains. This we must oppose.

Even if this research has noble ends, including the elimination and treatment of diseases such as cancer, ALS, and Parkinson's, it must respect the dignity of human life, including life in its most nascent stages. Our Catholic teaching calls us and everyone to be mindful of the ethical and social responsibility for our actions with respect to medical research and reminds us that the value of such research should be measured in reference to “the unconditional respect owed to every human being at the moment of his or her existence...” (Dignitas Personae ¶ 10)

We urge Catholics and all people of good will to oppose Amendment 3 for these reasons.

Both of these statements are signed by the

CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF MISSOURI
Archbishop Robert J. Carlson, Executive Chairman
Bishop James V. Johnston, Jr., Vice Chairman
Bishop Shawn W. McKnight, General Chairman
Bishop Edward M. Rice

A Little More from Fr. John...

On the Road Again

In September of 2017, I was asked by Archbishop Carlson to take classes in spirituality at Mundelein Seminary in the Chicago area. This week begins the second of four modules of that program. I will leave on Monday (tomorrow) and return on Friday for the activities of the dinner auction and then leave Sunday after Masses and return to SRA Thursday, November 8. I am deeply grateful for Msgr. Stehly and our staff who will hold things down while I am away at these classes. The next module will be in February and the final one will be in November 2019.

Even though I am away, I have provided for Monsignor to hand out candy bars on Halloween Night. Please enjoy!

Also, I will be available via phone or e-mail for anything that may arise while I am away.

Help our Seminarians!

Donald Morris, one of our seminarians as part of his formation this year, is seeking people to bring Communion to. If you would like a visit from Donald, please let me know.

That's all folks, as Bugs Bunny would say! -Fr. John

IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Susann Pelech and James Morris, parishioners of St. Raphael the Archangel. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

SAVE *the* DATE

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

**SPEAKER: FR. MATTHEW O'TOOLE
(FORMER ASSOCIATE OF SRA & 2018 GREAT
PREACHER AWARD WINNER)**

**LADIES ARE INVITED TO HOST A
TABLE AND GET IN THE
SPIRIT OF ADVENT**

New Stewardship Committee HEAVENLY DUSTERS

Father John and the Stewardship Committee are creating a new team of volunteers...the SRA Heavenly Dusters. The Dusters will gather either Friday or Saturday mornings for an hour or so to spruce up our church before the weekend Masses. So if you have some time to donate to SRA and this is one of your talents, please call the parish office at 314.352.8100 or Pam Hager of the Stewardship Committee at 314.239.1221 to volunteer; we are also looking for a team leader. Thank you.



WEDDING BANNS III

There is a promise of marriage between Nicole Yanko and Jared Kaufman to take place at St. Raphael on Saturday, November 3, 2018.



FELLOWSHIP (DONUT) SUNDAY

This Sunday, after both the 8am and 10am Masses in the SRA cafeteria, please join us for fellowship with your parish family and a donut (or two), coffee, juice or milk. This Fellowship (Donut) Sunday is sponsored by the SRA Boy Scouts. Thank you.

Our Online Giving system provides you the opportunity to give to our special collections in addition to regular offerings. You can choose to do a One Time Gift or a special remembrance, or you can set up regularly scheduled contributions that are withdrawn on the date you specify in the system. Even if you typically use your offering envelopes, you may wish to contribute online to a particular collection. It's easy and it's convenient! Please visit: straphaelarchangel.org/online-giving. It's quick and simple to sign up!

SERVERS FOR OCT. 29-NOV. 4, 2018

Monday, October 29

7:00am Rory Barnawell Mateo Switzer
8:00am Cillian Sheehan Nahima Ramirez

Tuesday, October 30

7:00am Madalene Cierpiot Lydia Bick
8:00am Cillian Sheehan Nahima Ramirez

Wednesday, October 31

7:00am William Hotze Joey Raymo
8:00am Cillian Sheehan Nahima Ramirez

Thursday, November 1

7:00am Christian Concepcion Andrew Kellar
8:00am Cillian Sheehan Nahima Ramirez

Friday, November 2

7:00am Nahima Ramirez Justin Wingron

Saturday, November 3

7:00am Rory Barnawell Mateo Switzer
4:30pm Cillian Sheehan Gavin Smith
Samantha Koziacki

Sunday, November 4

8:00am Madalene Cierpiot Sydney Browning
Christian Concepcion
10:00am Lydia Bick Abby Delf
Avery Bradshaw

**MINISTERS/LECTORS FOR THE WEEKEND OF
NOVEMBER 3-4, 2018**

LECTORS

4:30pm Bob Ahrens
8:00am Kevin Liddy
10:00am Frosty Hodes

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Kathy Steck Carol Hughes Joan Billing
Pam Hager Kevin Liddy Ted Green
Kathe Berger Mary Niemeyer Mary Faith Green
Gina Horas Mary Reck Barbara Favre
Brian McCarthy Barbara Cramer Heather Hays
Fred Hodes
Steve Kratky

“And Jesus said to him, ‘Go your way; your faith has made you well.’ And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.” MARK 10:52

Faith is believing in something even though we may not be able to see it. Many people think that miracles don't happen anymore. But, if we focus on the positive, not the negative, focus on our blessings instead of our hardships, miracles will seem common and we will see God's active presence in our daily lives.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 28

8:00am People of the Parish
10:00am Marcia Matreci

Monday, October 29

7:00am Lucille Karr
8:00am Doris Schmidt

Tuesday, October 30

7:00am Rosemary Bunten
8:00am Matthew Berry

Wednesday, October 31

7:00am Bill Goeddel
8:00am Fr. Bob Reiker, SI

Thursday, November 1-All Saints

7:00am Marilyn Parker
8:00am Lee Bruner
7:00pm Jeffery Kreitler

Friday, November 2

7:00am Robbie Steffen

Saturday, November 3

7:00am Roger Kreitler
4:30pm People of the Parish

Your Contributions to God and Parish

October 21, 2018 (Envelopes Used)

	Total This Week	FY to Date
Regular Envelopes (90)	\$4,395.00	\$76,043.00
Loose Change	\$ 958.00	\$16,293.00
School Support/ Tuition Assistance (3)	\$ 80.00	\$ 1,061.00
Building Maintenance	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,504.00
Holy Days (2)	\$ 50.00	\$ 817.00
Registered Families (643)		
Online Giving 48	\$1,797.00	\$30,547.50
Parishioner Matching Gifts	\$0.00	
Company Matching Gifts	\$0.00	
[Permanent Diaconate	\$ 5.00]	
[World Mission Sunday	\$560.00]	
Grand Total	\$ 7,845.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 7,280.00	\$126,265.50
Amount Needed	\$ 9,000.00	\$153,000.00
Difference	(\$1,720.00)	(\$ 26,734.50)

ST RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
BLACK & GOLD AUCTION
NOVEMBER 3, 2018

The Black and Gold Auction is around the corner! See below for important info and updates!

Tickets!

We've already sold over ½ of the tables! Don't wait to buy your tickets! Visit the Auction website to purchase tickets and preview some of the amazing items we will be auctioning off! <https://SRA18.givesmart.com>

Donations

We are still accepting donations!! If you have something you would like to donate, or know someone who would like to donate something, drop it off at the Parish Office and fill out a donation form there! The sooner the better!

50/50

Have you bought a 50/50 ticket? Do you know someone who loves playing the odds? Pick up a 50/50 sheet at the Parish Office and try your luck! The pot is already up to over \$2000!!!!

Volunteer

If you want the first look at auction items AND you enjoy assembling baskets or decorating...There will be a Set-up party on Tuesday, Oct. 30 from 6-10 and I'll have food/bey/music. FUN! Evite will go out.

Preview Night

Don't forget about the Auction Eve party! Join your SRA friends for some cocktails and appetizers the night before the Auction. Buy your tickets at the Parish Office. \$15 per person. Email me at lizberry6466@gmail.com if you want babysitting.

And...for your viewing pleasure...**LIVE AUCTION ITEMS!** These are now ALL on the Auction Website.

<http://sra18.givesmart.com/>



School News

AFTERCARE HELP NEEDED

SRA Aftercare is looking for an adult to work in aftercare. This is a full time position, Monday through Friday, 3-6:00pm. Applicants must be 21 or older, responsible, and most of all, love to be with children. If interested, please contact Molly Indelicato at indelicato@staphaelarchangel.org.

VETERANS DAY MASS

All veterans are invited to join the school community for a Veterans Day Mass on Monday, November 12 at 8:00am. Mass will be followed by a reception in the school cafeteria. Veterans interested in celebrating with the school should contact the school office at [314.352.9474](tel:314.352.9474) with name and number of people coming. Please RSVP by Wednesday, November 7. Participants will gather in the back of the church for a procession. We are looking forward to seeing you on November 12.



News from the Classrooms...

Third Grade, Ms. Susan Polson

Ms. Polson read us Judy Finchler's book, "*Testing Miss Malarkey*." STREAM activities have been another of our favorite activities this September. We made recycled clothing on Bowtie Day and paraded around in costume. We also used the Chromebooks to do some coding in class.

Sixth Grade

Social Studies: Students will begin to look at the cultures and geography of the United States and Canada.

Challenge Math: We are just now getting into negative numbers. Students will soon be computing with all types of integers, as well as solving equations containing these integers.

Music 6-8th Grade Mrs. Doty

We will discuss timbre (sound of instruments and sound of the voice). We will study theme and variations throughout a piece of music and the theme of a character for a movie.



Blessing of Pets in Honor of St. Francis of Assisi

FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus asks Bartimaeus: "What do you want me to do for you?" And he answers, "Master, I want to see." Let us ask Jesus for the grace to "see" our brothers and sisters who are poor and lonely. Through your donations to the St. Raphael Conference of St. Vincent de Paul, we are able to provide financial assistance to people who live among us who have fallen on hard times. With your generosity, they can keep utilities connected, keep food on the table, and remain in their homes. God bless you!

Women's Day of Reflection with Donna Cori Gibson

Ladies – Don't Delay in Making Your Reservation!

Registration forms are coming in from outside parishes and we don't want any of our own women to be left out because space is not available. Fill out your registration and drop it at the Parish Office or in the collection basket.

At Fr. John's former parish, the people were so impressed with Donna that they booked her to come back as soon as their event was over.

Visit www.DonnaCoriGibson.com to learn more about Donna and get free downloads of her music.

Free Bonus Concert on Sunday, November 11 for Everyone

Donna will return to St. Raphael on Sunday, November 11 at 6:00pm to offer a free concert. Everyone is welcome!

Keeping A Mary Spirit Throughout A Martha Day

November 10, 2018 8:30am - 3:00pm

St. Raphael the Archangel Church & Parish Office

Sponsored by St. Raphael Women's Faith Sharing Group and Ladies' Club

The day begins with 8:00am Mass for those interested in attending. Check-in will take place from 8:30 - 9:00am in the lower level of the Parish Office with coffee, tea and light breakfast foods offered.

Throughout the day we will enjoy talks and songs by Donna Cori Gibson, opportunities for Small Group Discussion, Reconciliation, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

Lunch will be served.

Cost to attend is \$20 (payable to St. Raphael). No one will be turned away because of hardship.

Contact Sue Brandt, 314.704.5304, sbrandtstl@gmail.com with questions.

Return registration form with payment to St. Raphael Parish Office, 6047 Bishops Place, 63109.

Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Dietary Restrictions _____

What is the Parish You Call Home? _____



Roman Catholic Foundation
of
EASTERN MISSOURI

Conversations about illness, death and dying are never easy. Whether death comes suddenly or after prolonged illness, most of us are not comfortable discussing our medical wishes or end-of-life plans with our loved ones. However, being prepared ensures that your final wishes are followed. It is important for you and your loved ones to understand the Church's teachings on end-of-life decisions. Advance planning on your part keeps your family from having to make these difficult decisions.

This free seminar is for people of all ages and life situations: singles, parents of young families, those caring for aging parents and those facing illness or death. There will be no solicitation at this event.

*Plan with heart.
Invest for good.*

THE CONVERSATION:

A Catholic Perspective on End-of-Life Issues

PRESENTED BY THE ROMAN CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 17, 2018

10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. *(lunch provided)*

Cardinal Rigali Center • Fleur De Lis Room
20 Archbishop May Drive. • St. Louis, MO 63119

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- *Principles of Catholic Bioethics,*
Fr. Donald E. Henke, D.Th.M.
 - Ordinary & Extraordinary Means of Preserving Life
 - Quality of Life & the Dignity of the Human Person
- *Advance Directives & Estate Planning,*
Raymond Kreienkamp, J.D., Husch Blackwell
- *Charitable Legacy Planning,*
Carri Brooks, Roman Catholic Foundation
- *Funeral & Cemetery Planning,*
Msgr. Vernon Gardin, Immacolata Parish
 - Pastoral Care of the Sick & Dying
 - Anatomical Donation & Cremation

"Very well organized, well presented information that every person should hear"

-Judy Neary, St. Clare of Assisi parishioner

To register, please visit
rcfstl.org/the-conversation or
call 314.918.2892.





Saint Louis
LIFETEEN

ATTENTION, ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS!

Please note that we will not have Life Teen on Wednesday, October 31. We look forward to seeing you back on Wednesday, November 7. See saintlouislifeteen.org for more information.

OCTOBER: PROLIFE MONTH



Here is the Lord God speaking to us in ISAIAH 43: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the water...you shall not drown. When you walk through fire, you shall not be burned...For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your savior...You are precious in my eyes and glorious, and I love you...Fear not, for I am with you...Everyone who is named as mine, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made." How blessed we are ... how very, very blessed!
The St. Raphael ProLife Committee

ST. MATTHIAS FALL CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, November 24

9:00am - 4:00 pm

800 Buckley Road

Various Handcrafted Items, Concessions,
Baked Goods, Raffles

314.892.7500

***Our Lady of Guadalupe and the
Tilma of Saint Juan Diego:
Cultural, Scientific and Theological
Considerations***

YOU ARE INVITED



Please join us for an afternoon under the protection of **Our Lady of Guadalupe** as we explore together the miraculous aspects of the tilma of Saint Juan Diego and the influence of Our Lady of Guadalupe as an Icon of a New Church and of a New America. Two noted speakers, Dr. David Keys and Father Bruce Nieli,

CSP, will lead us to a deeper appreciation of the event at Tepeyac Hill, not only for the people of the time but for all people for all time.

The event will be held at the Cardinal Rigali Center, Sunday afternoon, November 18, from 2:00 – 5:00pm. Fees: Early Bird: \$20.00; after November 12: \$25.00; at the door: \$30.00. For information and/or registration, contact Sr. Marianne Postiglione. RSM at 314.792.7221 or mariannepost@archstl.org.

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WELCOME TO ST. RAPHAEL'S PARISH FAMILY!

If you are new to our community, we extend to you a heartfelt welcome. Please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office. You can also call us at 314.352.8100.

Name: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please check the appropriate item(s):

New Parishioner

New Phone/Email/Address

Please Contact Me

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