

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

**Do not work for food that perishes
but for the food that endures
for eternal life.**
— JOHN 6:27A

AUGUST 8, 2021 | NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world.*

~ John 6:51

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Mass Intentions for August 9 - 15, 2021

Day	Time	Presider (subject to change)	Intentions
August 9	8:00am	Fr. Romero	BC Collins, Delphine Marciszewski, Andrew Wnek
August 10	8:00am	Fr. Romero	William Winters
August 11	8:00am	Fr. Costello	Samuel Colonna
August 12	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Samuel Colonna
August 13	8:00am	Fr. Costello	George & Helen Pesut
August 14	5:00pm	Fr. Costello	Maria Garcia, Bill Bolton, Agnes Meske, Paul Rizzuto, Special Intention of CCW Members
August 15	7:15am	Fr. Costello	Stacy Baker, Rosemary Kegl
	8:45am	Fr. Romero	Anne Martin, Samuel Parente, Bill Todhunter, Rosemarie Gallagher, Frank Wojcik
	10:30am	Fr. Costello	Thomas Styman, Elaine Rys, Frank Treski, Bill Todhunter, Thomas Hanna, Dan Linklater, Special Intention - Jim & Bev O'Connor Wedding Anniversary
	12:30pm	Fr. Romero	St. Cletus Parishioners

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THEIR FAMILIES...

Patricia Cavanaugh

Joseph Frank Delsino

Husband of Lisa

May they rest in peace. Amen.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

We always welcome names for the sick. Please note that requests must only be made by the individual or an immediate family member. Names will remain in this prayer list for 3 months.

July - Joseph Busta, John Duda, Sandra Eckrich, Howard Eggert, Joan Klemak, Marian Mozdzen, Patricia Rodey

June - Catherine Cosgrove, Mary Depasquale, Laurie Stewart, Laura Terrazino, Ed Kuchta, Frank Niwa, Joanna Polanski, Gladys Vaci, Tom Valenti

May - Virginia Klecka, Montana Jennings, Ginny Skibbe, Mary Ann Vokurka, Marilyn Kornau, Maria Matayka, Kevin Peck, Patricia Rodey, Patrick Wingert

Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound unable to attend Mass.

JOIN THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY FOR A JOLIET SLAMMERS BASEBALL GAME



The Holy Name Society is sponsoring its 12th annual Joliet Slammers Baseball Outing on Sunday, August 15th at 1:05 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 each. Tickets will be sold in the narthex this weekend (August 7/8) and next weekend (August 14/15) after the 7:15 a.m., 8:45 a.m., and 10:30 a.m. Masses. Information on directions (and free parking) to the game in downtown Joliet can be found online at www.jolietsslammers.com. Everyone is invited. Families welcome. We hope you'll join us!

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MASK GUIDANCE

The Departments of Public Health strongly recommend all persons, regardless of vaccination status, wear masks indoors.

A Note from Fr. Elmer

Dear Parishioners,

Last Thursday morning, July 29, 2021, we held our first parish weeding activity. I am delighted to let you know that more than 40 parishioners came together to enhance our parish gardens. As we worked together, we also had the opportunity to make new friends with people who consider St. Cletus parish as their spiritual home. It was a remarkable experience.

Below you will find some comments or reflections I received from some volunteers.

“I hope you enjoyed last Thursday morning as much as I did. I didn't think I'd ever hear myself saying these words, but I had a really fun time pulling weeds! The weather was perfect, and we had a great group of volunteers. The best part was that while I was helping out with a normally tedious task, I was able to talk with friends and also meet new people at the same time. I'd say that was a win-win!”

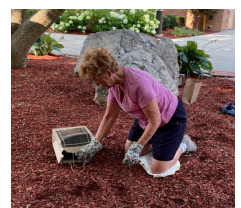
“It was such a pleasure getting to meet you and some of the parishioners last week. Volunteering to help beautify the church made me feel good and it was nice to spend some time with my daughter doing something good. It was wonderful to meet such great people.”

“When you got up on the pulpit and asked our parish community to respond to gather on Thursday morning and pull weeds, I knew instantly you would be successful in getting a positive response for several reasons. Parishioners at St. Cletus are a very giving group of people that are willing to offer their time and talents, especially when they feel the positive energy resonating from the pulpit. It truly was special to reconnect with fellow parishioners and provide a service to the Parish.”

“It was a pleasure to help beautify the St. Cletus campus! When we heard the announcement about the weeding volunteer opportunity at the 7/25 mass, the hopes of my wife and I were that our full family would be available to participate in the project. So, my daughter and I gladly participated. Everyone was so friendly at the event and obviously full of the volunteering spirit and positive energy of Christ during the weeding project, despite the heat at that time. And the snacks/refreshment made available at break were so wonderful!”

“It was a wonderful working with other volunteers. I am new to St. Cletus Parish and opportunities like this help me feel welcome and appreciated. I volunteered on the cleaning team also. Now when I attend Mass, I see familiar faces and realize I am becoming a part of this amazing community. This is a gift from God.”

“The weeding project for those in attendance was truly a labor of love. We had a wide range of parishioners representing ages from Grammar school up to retirees. Their common focus was to beautify the House of the Lord for all to visit, and at the end of the session, we had a dumpster overflowing with weeds and invasive plants, and a church landscape looking even better. I was personally struck by the openness, the friendliness, the cooperation, and the common love between those of us who were 'laborers in the field' together. We had some great conversations, and it was truly a pleasure to serve.”



“Twenty some years ago my husband, myself and our 3 sons, volunteered our services to beautify our parish (not this parish) landscape. We trimmed bushes, cleaned up debris, pulled weeds. This Thursday brought back those memories. Volunteering has a spiritual benefit. We sever not only as a helpful hand, but also as a witness of the Gospel message within the community.”

“After being away from regular parish activities for more than a year, it was so good to see some familiar faces and to meet new folks as well as we all enjoyed the sunshine and worked together. Be sure to let us know when round two is scheduled!”

“The simple act of pulling weeds brought a community together. When I drove into the St. Cletus parking lot last Thursday morning, I was thrilled to see so many parishioners gathered to help beautify our parish grounds. From teens to seniors, many people came out to help. My daughter and her four friends had a lot of fun working side-by-side, taking pride in their work, and enjoying refreshments. Coming together in service was just what our community needed after so many months of having so stay apart.”

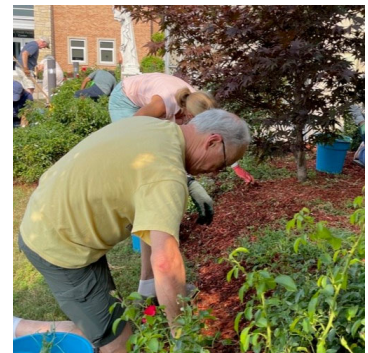
“What a fantastic day, so much work accomplished, so many helping hands, so much community and fellowship. Thank you to the Parish Staff today for assisting with our efforts, including the hospitality offered, as described in today’s Gospel about Martha.”

“It was a wonderful start to the day. St. Cletus, the parish I have been with for 25 years coming together as a community again. This past year was terrible, and I worried that St. Cletus may not have what it takes to carry on. So many of my friends have left our Church because of the pandemic, and other reasons, but as I stood in front of the church waiting for these flocks of people walking from their cars, all to the front of church to help, my heart swelled! There must have been 40 people ready and willing to make our church and school look the best! I met people who I didn’t know before, all there for the same reason ... the love of the Church. I know that this is the start of beautiful changes as our wonderful parish.”

I would like to offer my deepest gratitude and appreciation to all who made a success our first weeding event. In a special way, I would like to thank Tom and Mary Reisel for their continued leadership with our efforts to keep our campus beautiful.

May the Lord continue to bless our efforts as we grow in friendship with Him.

Fr. Elmer Romero
Pastor





A NOTE FROM MARY DELANEY & TOM REISEL

After Fr. Elmer appealed at Masses the weekend of July 24-25 for volunteers to clean-up and weed our many overrun flower beds, 40 parishioners answered the call. What a wonderful turnout by so many, including children to demonstrate their commitment to beautifying our wonderful campus. One entire dumpster was filled with the reviled and ugly gardens invaders. Parish staff assisted with providing tools, buckets, dumpsters and hospitality in the Fr. Gallagher meeting room. The weather cooperated without rain, but it was warm. The refreshments offered helped us finish after about 90 minutes of work and provided all with a second wind. As they say, many hands make light work! Please continue to watch for future announcements in the bulletin for future events. This group of garden volunteers is new and we are working on developing this into a volunteer ministry. If interested in joining this ministry, please email Mary Delaney & Tom Reisel at treisel@sbcglobal.net.



Social Concerns Ministry



ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY THURSDAYS 6-8PM

Most needed at this time:

- School supplies
- Mac and cheese
- Pasta sauce
- Jelly
- Hamburger helper

Please look for the FOOD PANTRY DONATION bin near the Rectory door, it will be checked daily.



Follow us on Facebook: @StCletusFoodPantry

Now on Instagram: @St.CletusFoodPantry

If you have questions or would like to volunteer with the Social Concerns Ministry contact Kendall Grant (708)215-5418 kgrant@stcletusparish.com

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

The St. Cletus Food Pantry is open every Thursday from 6-8pm for anyone in Lyons Township. (Bedford Park, Bridgeview, Brookfield, Burr Ridge, Countryside, Hickory Hills, Hinsdale, Hodgkins, Indian Head Park, Justice, LaGrange, LaGrange Highlands, LaGrange Park, Lyons, McCook, Riverside, Summit, Western Springs, Willow Springs.)

GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY

PAID TRAINING

Hospitality Career Pathways: Front of House Customer Service Excellence program is scheduled to begin Monday, August 30.

Supply Chain Career Pathways: The next cohort is scheduled to begin in September.

Please direct clients to 773-843-5414 or cck@gcfd.org to receive the Zoom link if interested.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Are you looking for your next hunger-relief adventure? Greater Chicago Food Depository is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join them in Marengo, IL to help harvest fresh, locally-grown corn to feed our neighbors in need! GCFD will distribute the corn throughout the network of soup kitchens, shelters, and food pantries, including St. Cletus.

Volunteers will meet at the farm in Marengo, and are encouraged to bring gloves, a hat, and sunscreen. Volunteers need to wear closed-toed shoes (boots or gym shoes) that you don't mind getting dirty! Long pants and long-sleeved shirts recommended! This is a family friendly event - minimum age to help out is 8 years old!

Please note this event takes place rain or shine. Please dress accordingly

All volunteers must register at: <https://bit.ly/3xpybFe>

WORD OF LIFE



“Although we may feel unsure how best to comfort those who mourn, we must stand with them in their time of suffering. Miscarriage touches the lives of many people, yet all too often this tragedy remains unaddressed. This lack of response not only often leads to unresolved grief, but also fails to clearly manifest our belief that each person, from conception onward, is precious and unique.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“Solace and Strength in the Sorrow of Miscarriage”

Corn Harvest

Saturday, August 21

8:00-10:00am

Marengo, IL



Register at:
<https://bit.ly/3xpybFe>

Religious Education

EAT AND LIVE!



For thousands of years bread has been one of the most important parts of the human diet. Bread comes in all shapes, sizes and flavors. Bread is often baked into loaves, muffins, bread sticks, buns, bagels and flat breads like tortillas. We love to spread things on our bread such as butter, jelly, honey, cream cheese and peanut butter! Most of us probably eat bread in some form every day.

As far back as Biblical times, bread was very important to life. The Scripture stories we have been hearing over the past few weeks remind us of the time when the Israelites were starving in the desert, and God sent them manna (bread from heaven) for them to eat every morning. We can also recall other important Scripture stories of Jesus feeding a crowd of 5,000 people with just five loaves of bread and two small fish. We remember how Jesus taught us to pray when we recite the Lord's Prayer at mass, and we specifically say, "Give us this day our daily bread." Yes, bread is, and always has been, a very important part of life.

Bread tastes very good, and when we are hungry, eating bread is a good way to satisfy that hunger. However, we know that after eating bread, we will soon be hungry again. Jesus is the exception to that. Jesus is our

heavenly bread. He is the bread that we can eat that will satisfy our hunger, and will allow us to live eternally with him. How do we know this? Because Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever." So I encourage everyone to eat of the bread that came down from heaven. Eat and live! What a gift we have in the Eucharist!

REGISTER FOR RE TODAY!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

Please don't forget to register for Religious Education classes for your child! We are excited to offer a hybrid of at-home lessons and in-person activities for all grade levels! Our program is very flexible and user-friendly! Please see our website (www.stcletusparish.com/re) for more information on our program and to access the registration forms. Please register ASAP to ensure we have the books and materials your child will need to start the program on time! Any questions can be directed to Barb Campbell at bcampbell@stcletusparish.com. We are excited to have the opportunity to gather together again!



Barb Campbell, Director of Religious Education
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Sunday Notes

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — After resting and taking nourishment twice, Elijah is strengthened to walk to the mountain of God, Horeb (1 Kings 19:4-8).

Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

Second Reading — Be sealed by the Holy Spirit of God so as to be imitators of God and live in love (Ephesians 4:30 — 5:2).

Gospel — Jesus professes that he is the living bread and whoever eats this bread will live forever (John 6:41-51).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mt 17:22-27
 Tuesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26
 Wednesday: Dt 34:1-2; Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114:1-6; Mt 18:21 - 19:1

Friday: Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 19:13-15

Sunday: **Vigil:** 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28

Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

Tuesday: St. Lawrence

Wednesday: St. Clare

Thursday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal

Friday: Ss. Pontian and Hippolytus

Saturday: St. Maximilian Kolbe

Archdiocese of Chicago

PLANNED GIVING

PLEASE CONSIDER ST. CLETUS PARISH IN YOUR WILL OR TRUST

When considering gifts to a charity in your will or trust, please remember St. Cletus Parish. A bequest can be made to the parish using the following language:

“I give [insert specific dollar amount, or percentage of net or residuary] to The Catholic Bishop of Chicago, Tax ID #36-2170826, a corporation sole located in Chicago, Illinois, to be used for the benefit of St. Cletus Parish located in La Grange, Illinois. However, if St. Cletus Parish ceases to exist in its current form, then to the new parish or parishes erected in its stead.”

Please consult an attorney and financial advisor when creating your estate plan. For more information, please contact Mary Zwolinski at 708.352.6209 or contact Krystina M. Campbell, Planned Giving Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312.534.5404 or kcampbell@archchicago.org.

ALPHA COURSES

Our next courses begin Wednesday, September 22, and Thursday, September 23. Alpha is an excellent series for anyone who's curious about their faith, has questions about Christianity, or is simply looking for *more* but doesn't know where to start.

Registration for our Fall Alpha courses is now open! Choose between:

- Online: Wednesday mornings, 10 – 11 am, beginning Sept. 22nd
- Online: Thursday evenings, 7:30 – 8:30 pm, beginning Sept. 23rd
- In-Person: Wednesday evenings, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, beginning Sept. 22 at St. Clement in Lincoln Park

Visit <https://faithhubchicago.org/alpha> for all the info for these series, including a video describing the experience.

GROUNDED IN FAITH

Grounded in Faith is a series of conversations that explore the foundational elements and core concepts of discipleship. It's perfect for anyone looking to go deeper in the Christian faith. It is a great course to take after Alpha but can be taken at any point!

Grounded in Faith runs over 10 weeks. Each week is centered around a short video and a discussion at the end where you can share your thoughts and ask questions. Our next session starts Wednesday, Sept. 22nd and ends Dec. 8th (we will skip the weekend of Thanksgiving). The course runs on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8:15pm

CST. More information and sign ups can be found online at <https://faithhubchicago.org/grounded-in-faith>

PRAYER MEETINGS

Looking to pray more with others after Grounded in Faith? We invite you to join the weekly virtual prayer meetings (reflection on the word of God and prayer) on Wednesdays at 7:30 AM. Sign up at shorturl.at/vxHJ4 to receive the Zoom link each week

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Have you ever wanted to dive into Scripture but not known where to start? *Bible in One Year* could be the guide you've been waiting for. The program follows a schedule of short daily readings and reflections to get you through the Bible in a tight 365 days. To supplement the daily individual readings, the Faith Hub's *BiOY* Reflection Group gathers once a month to reflect, talk, pray, and encourage one another. You can jump in where the schedule is now or begin at Day 1! Totally up to you! More information at <https://faithhubchicago.org/bibleinoneyear>

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

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MARRIED IN 1971?

Have you registered for the annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass?

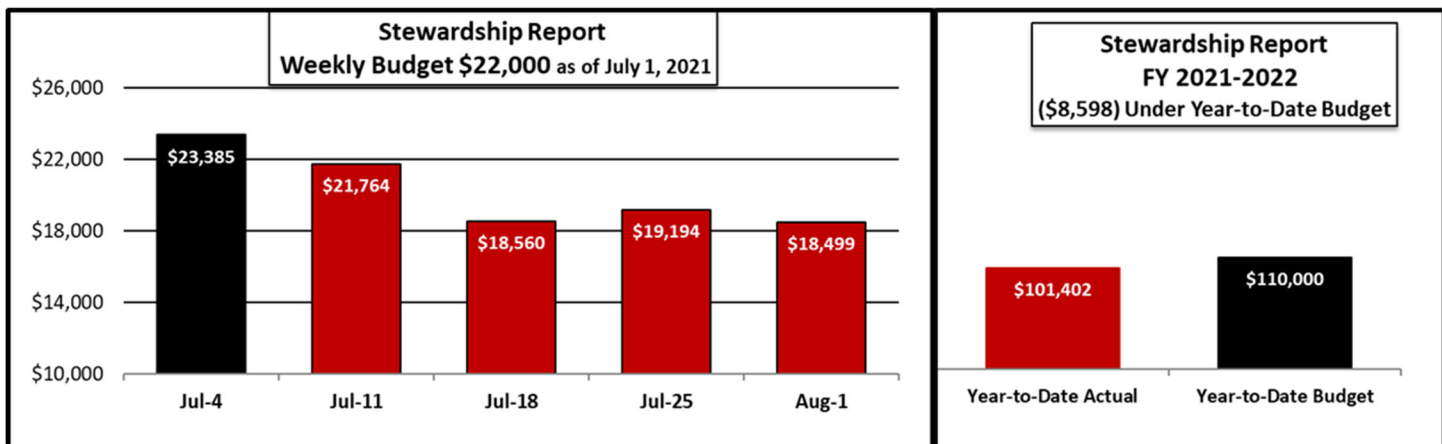


Couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary from across the Archdiocese of Chicago are invited to gather together for the Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass that will be celebrated by Cardinal Cupich on Sunday, September 19, 2021 at 2:30 p.m. The Mass will be held at St. John Brebeuf in Niles, Illinois 60714.

To register, contact your parish office, or register online at pvm.archchicago.org/events/golden-wedding.

We hope to see you there!

Stewardship Report



Ministry News

BOOK DISCUSSION



For the next book discussion, we are reading **The Light Between Oceans** by M L Stedman. We will meet on August 10, 2021 at 7 PM in the Fr. Gallagher Room of the Parish Center.

For those who like to look ahead, on October 12 we will discuss **On The Brink of Everything** by Parker Palmer.

As always, all are welcome. Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294

ST. CLETUS CCW



TIME TO COME BACK- Ladies of St. Cletus: Join us for our first meeting of the 2021-2022 year!

- When:** September 14, 2021
- Time:** 7:00pm
- Where:** Gallagher Room in the Parish Center
- What:** Short meeting followed by **LAUGHTER YOGA with Tanaz Bamboat**

Don't worry, you won't have to buy new yoga pants or twist your body like a pretzel! This yoga is for stress influence and is meant to relax you and release stress. It is for anyone who wants to stay strong and mitigate daily stress and isn't there plenty of that for everyone?

It involves voluntary laughter where you can laugh

without jokes or outside stimuli. As a result you will reap physical, emotional, social, and spiritual benefits. How can you miss those rewards?

So join us on September 14th to unlock the secret to becoming more joyful, healthier, and “at peace”!

FALL FEST WILL RETURN IN 2022



We are excited to announce that the St. Cletus Parish Fall Fest and carnival will return September 8-11, 2022. We will not host a carnival this year, but we do still plan to run the Grand Raffle again this Fall.

ENROLL IN ELECTRONIC GIVING



Do you want to transition away from writing checks and contribute electronically?


Visit stcletusparish.com and click the “DONATE” BUTTON. Then click Sunday donations. If you have questions, call Mary Zwolinski at 708-352-6209.

BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

Please note that all Canticle articles are to be emailed to canticle@stcletusparish.com as text with pictures attached separately. All articles are due 5:00 p.m. Friday a full week (9 days) before Sunday's publication.

St. Cletus Parish Information

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PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

Please note that all deliveries and inquiries should be made to the parish center office. Food pantry will remain in the rectory.

Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
 Saturday and SundayClosed

MASSES

Saturday Evening..... 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday7:15 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,
 12:30 p.m. (SPANISH)
 Weekdays..... Mon. thru Fri. 8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

BAPTISMS

Parents must be registered parishioners. Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements at (708) 352-6209.

WEDDINGS

Dates and times are reserved for registered parishioners. Initial arrangements must be completed five months in advance of the wedding date. Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements at (708) 352-6209.

HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS

Please contact the Ministry of Care Office(708) 215-5407

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PARISH MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS

Mission Statement

St. Cletus is a dynamic Catholic community dedicated to spreading the Good news of Jesus Christ through worship, education, and service.

Vision Statement

We welcome all. We encourage all parishioners to live the Gospel message of Jesus Christ in their daily lives, by sharing their talents and faith with our parish and community.

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