



Blessed Mother Catholic Church

601 East 23rd Street
Owensboro, KY 42303
October 2, 2016

I know well the plans I have in mind for you, Says the Lord, plans for your welfare, not for woe! Plans to give you a future full of hope. When you call me, when you go to pray to me, I will listen to you. When you look for me, you will find me. Yes, when you seek me with all your heart, you will find me with you, says the Lord, and I will change your lot..... Jeremiah 29:11-14(NAB)

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OFFICE HOURS: 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M Monday - Friday

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BULLETIN DEADLINE: Monday at Noon

PRAYER LINE NUMBERS:

E-mail Line: Barbara Cecil - bwcecil@tds.net
or phone 929-3690

BAPTISM: Parents must be registered in the parish and attend the Baptism Class. Call Nicholas Hardesty, the Director of Religious Education to set up an appointment for the Baptism Class. Arrangements for the Baptism may be made at that time.

MARRIAGES: Arrangements must be made six months in advance of the ceremony with Fr. Mike Clark, or Fr. Emmanuel

ADULT CATECHUMENATE: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is open for all who would like to inquire into our Catholic Faith. Call the Parish Office.

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME: A program for returning Catholics Contact Josie Hagan, 926-1483.

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

WEEKEND: Saturday 4:00 P.M.
Sunday 7:00 & 10:00 A.M., 5:30 P.M.

WEEKDAYS: 6:30 A.M. Monday
6:00 P.M. Tuesday
6:30 A.M. Wednesday
Noon Thursday and Friday

HOLY DAYS: 9:00 A.M., 12:00 P.M., 6 P.M.

Adoration: Eucharistic Adoration
Tuesday, Wednesday 6:00 A.M. - 10 P.M.
Friday 6:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 12:30 - 2:00 P.M.

Any time by appointment.

VISITATION OF THE SICK: In order to meet the spiritual needs of our sick we ask that you please keep us informed of those who are ill at home, in the hospital, or a nursing facility. Our priests visit the hospital on a weekly basis. Arrangements may be made for Communion calls to the homes of our homebound parishioners by the priest and/or by lay ministers to parishioners who are unable to attend Mass.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

During the school year for grades Kn-8th

BEREAVEMENT DINNERS

Dinners for family and friends after the Funeral.

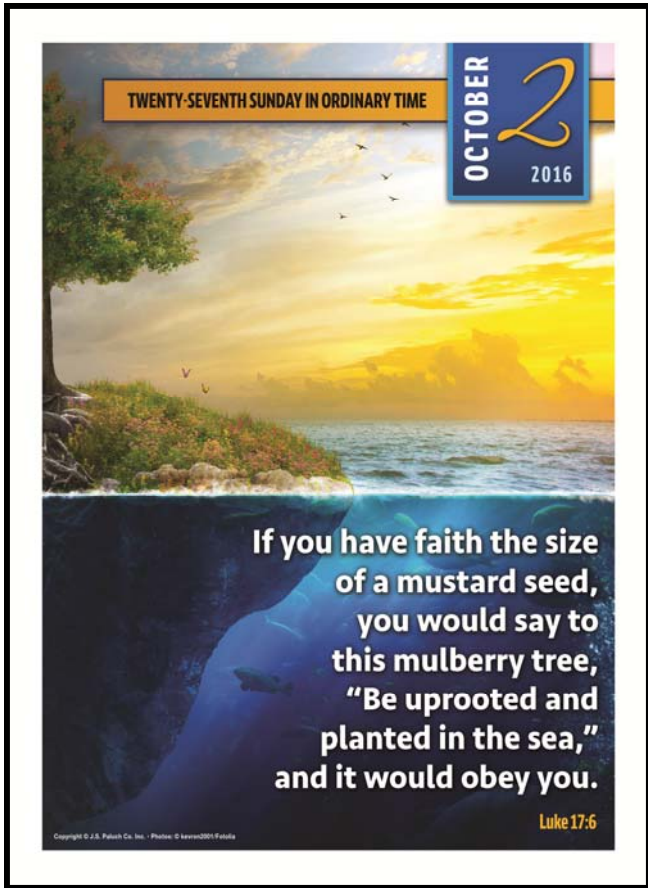
Contact the Parish Office.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Blessed Mother welcomes all newcomers to our Parish Family. We would be honored to have you as a member. Please fill out this section, cut out, and turn it in or mail it to the Parish Office. We will send you papers for membership and we will also have a member of our Welcoming Committee call you.

Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____



Intention for the Week

- Monday** **October 3rd**
6:30 AM **Choya Burcham (dec)**
- Tuesday** **October 4th**
6:00 PM **Henry & Katie H Bittel (dec)**
- Wednesday** **October 5th**
6:30 AM **Paul Thompson (dec)**
- Thursday** **October 6th**
9:00 AM **No School Mass**
12 Noon **Rose Payne (dec)**
- Friday** **October 7th**
12 Noon **Marietta Alvey (dec)**
- Saturday** **October 8th**
4:00 PM **Luke Howard (dec)**
- Sunday** **October 9th**
7:00 AM **Blessed Mother Parish**
10:00 AM **David L. Ralph (dec)**
5:30 PM **Mary E. Liz Brown (dec)**

Liturgical Ministers October 8th & 9th Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 4:00 PM

Marjorie Early, Jay Fillman, Susie Fillman
 Cecelia Hamilton, Rob Harris, Sandra Henry
 Teresa Henry, Judy Kapelsohn, Shirley Kent

Sunday 7:00 AM

Nicholas Jackson, Joy Bach, Randy Lee
 Michelle Linn, Pete Linn, Mark Potts, Debbie Riney

Sunday 10:00 AM

Jenny Glaser, Carol Goedde, Judy Goetz
 Jim Hagan, Josie Hagan, Phil Hagan
 Becky Hargitt, Eric Vaughn, Sr. Marie Joseph

Sunday 5:30 PM

Kristen Linn, Leesa Moman, Rick Moman,
 Mason Robertson, Debbie Smeathers, Deanna Brasher
 Bev Payne Lisa Carmon

Readers

Sat 4:00 PM	Judy Coomes
Sun 7:00 AM	Charlie Castlen
Sun 10:00 AM	Dolores Aull
Sun 5:30 PM	David Marshall

Servers

Sat 4:00 PM	Bailey Haris, Kristen Harris
Sun 7:00 AM	Houston Danzer, William Danzer
Sun 10:00 AM	Jackson Howard, Ray Ann Howard
Sun 5:30 PM	Reese Hayden, Sarah Hayden

Families to Take Up Gifts

Sat 4:00 PM	Pat Cason
Sun 7:00 AM	Stacy Duke
Sun 10:00 AM	Bruce Martin
Sun 5:30 PM	Carlton Goodman

Children's Liturgy

Preschool	Erinn Evans, Cassidy Carrico (Asst)
	Bobbi Sandifer, Lindsey Hargitt (Asst)
K-3rdGrade	Natalie Hayden, Katie Hayden (Asst)

Vocation Cross Family

Alice Hays

Hillcrest: Susan Hale, James Gerald

Ministers of Hospitality October

4:00 PM	Jim Hodgkins, Martha Marsh Mark Kemper, Denice Kemper
7:00 AM	Jeff Hofer, Lynn Hofer Michelle McClellan, Ed Hoskins
10:00 AM	Ed Hidgon, Richard Howard Jan Hubbs, Mark Hubbs
5:30 PM	Ken Keller, Jacob Linn Ben Marshall, John Marshall

Catholic Q & A

Since October is the "Month of the Rosary", I would like to reprint a previous column that I wrote in defense of the rosary. Mary, Mother of the Rosary ... pray for us!

Is the Rosary "vain repetition"?

As you know, the praying of the rosary requires the repetition of several prayers. As such, some non-Catholics assert that Jesus condemned prayers like the rosary when He said, "And in praying do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard for their many words" (Mt 6:7). The King James Version says, "But when ye pray, use not **vain repetitions** ..." But, they misunderstand this passage.

For one, the context reveals that Jesus was not condemning repetition as such, but **vain** repetition, that is, saying words over and over so that you can be seen and heard by men and receive their praise. Jesus is speaking against those people who pray, not out of humility and adoration of God, but so that they can be known for their so-called piety.

The rosary, however, is not **vain** repetition. It's not repetition for the sake of repetition, and it's not meant to garner the praise of men. Saying the "Hail Mary" ten times has the positive effect of focusing the mind and allowing one to enter into a meditative state as one contemplates the lives of Jesus and Mary. Surely there is nothing wrong with that!

If Jesus was condemning all forms of repetition in prayer, then we must charge Jesus Himself with praying incorrectly. After all, He repeated the same prayer three times in the Garden of Gethsemane:

And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt." ... Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, thy will be done." ... So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words (Mt 26:39, 42, 44)

Ever read the Psalms? They are **filled** with repetitive prayer. Psalm 136 repeats the phrase "his steadfast love endures forever" 26 times! Worship in heaven is also repetitive: "day and night they never cease to sing, 'Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!'" (Rev 4.8).

The fact is, Jesus was only condemning **vain** repetition. As long as you pray the rosary with pure intentions then you have nothing to worry about.

Peace of Christ to you,
Nicholas Hardesty, Director of Religious Education
nicholashardesty@gmail.com

Young Disciples

October 2: Love Your Enemy?

October 9: NO YOUTH GROUP!! Fall Break!

Questions, concerns, comments: come by, call, or e-mail me @: Christina Barnard:

bmcyouth@bellsouth.net or 683-8444 Ext. 28

Cooking Teams Up To Bat:

October 2: Angela & John Bell, Melissa Brown

October 9: No YG! No Team Needed!

Thank You!

**Junior Youth Group
(Grades 5-6)**

Coming Soon...

October 23: KICK-BALL!!!!

Religious Ed Calendar

Sept. 18: Class

Sept. 25: Class

Oct. 2: Class

Oct. 9: No class (Fall break)

Oct. 16: No class (Fall break)

Oct. 23: Class

Speakers Series 2016

Nov. 5: Meg Hunter-Kilmer, "Life with the Blessed Virgin"

Dec. 10: Dr. Scott Hahn:

- "The Lamb's Supper"

- "Evangelizing Catholics"

- "The Healing Power of Confession"

**For more info and to get your free tickets, go to:
www.blessedmotherchurch.com**

Life Chain

Life Chain, Stand and Pray to End Abortion, either side of Frederica, on the side-walk between Lourdes and Brescia. Signs will be available at Right to Life, 1115 Tamarack Rd. beginning at 2:00 PM on Sunday, October 2nd. The Chain will be from 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM on October 2nd.

Laugh for the Week

“Troublemakers”

Two little boys were known troublemakers, stealing everything they could get their hands on, even from the church. One day a priest stopped one of the boys and asked “Where is God?”. The boy shrugged and the priest repeated “Where is God?” The boy ran out of the cathedral crying to his home where he hid in a closet. Eventually his brother found him and asked “What’s wrong?” The crying boy replied “We’re in trouble now! God is missing and they think we took him”

VOCARE : to call, to invoke. Thank you to everyone who had the opportunity to attend the Third Annual #VOCARE2016 celebration. Your presence made it a tremendous success!

You may view photos from the evening on the Diocesan webpage, www.owensborodiocese.org/vocare Please Save the Date for next year’s celebration – September 22, 2017! Thank you again! And please pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

In This Year of Mercy

Give Generously to the Disciples Response Fund

As you know, we are implementing a new way to increase support of the Disciples Response Fund and to assist our parish by returning to us 50% of all funds raised over our target.

Support of the work of our Diocese is important. There are many things that even the largest parishes cannot do on their own. For example, the Disciples Response Fund puts money into an endowment for the care of retired priests. Also, the fund assists with the expenses for the education of our seminarians. Pope Francis has designated 2016 as a “Year of Mercy”. He instructs us to open our hearts. The Diocese helps to make God’s mercy present throughout Western Kentucky.

If you received a letter from Bishop Medley asking for your support of the DRF, please make a generous gift today.

From Death to New Life 

We pray for the repose of the soul of:
James Arnold Conder. May he share in the Resurrection of the Lord!

Forming Good Stewards Sunday Collections

Luke 16:19-31

“Abraham told the rich man, ‘My child, remember you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad.’”

Jesus paints a depressing picture of Lazarus, a poor man covered with sores laying at the door of a rich man who obviously ignored the poor man just outside of his house. Both men die. From the netherworld [hell] the rich man sees Lazarus in the bosom of Abraham [where all Jews hope to be when they die]. The rich man had clearly ignored the Word that God gave Moses to reveal to the Israelites: to love our neighbor as ourselves. Lazarus, laying outside the rich man’s house was clearly his neighbor. He was obviously in need of love and care. But the rich man ignored him. He did not love Lazarus as he loved himself. He did not even love him enough to provide him with the basic necessities of life. Jesus uses this graphic story to teach us that our neighbors can be just outside our door or across the street. In our current age of instantaneous global communications, our neighbors are all over the world. And many of them are in the same condition as Lazarus. Will we love and help them before it is too late for us?

September 25th, 2016

Parish	Actual	Avg Ytd	Budget
Operating	\$ 17,380		
Maintenance	\$ 554		
Total	\$ 17,934	\$24,936	\$26,859
Other/ Restricted	\$ 700		

Blessed Mother

Is currently hosting a 12 week program
for

Divorced and Separated
Monday Evenings 7 PM

For more information or to register
please contact

Angela Clark 270-929-4022
Or call Russ in the parish office

Bible Study Series (8 weeks)

Is currently in process on Wednesday’s
10—11:30 AM

Presented by Deacon Bill Bach
and Sabrina Johnson

7:00 — 8:30 PM

Presented by Nick Hardesty

For more information or to sign up please contact
Nick Hardesty 270-683-8444 ext 26 or
E-mail nicholashardesty@gmail.com

**Remember in prayer those
sick in our community:**

John Albin, Dorothy Aud, Margaret Beyke, Alice Bittel, Donna Bowlds, Megan Briggan, Connie Brown, Mike Carr, Joan Cecil, Jane Hoskins Cecil, Melody Cecil, Joyce & Paul Christian, Dennis Clark, Dessie Clark, James Clark, Thelma Clark, Alice Cole, Kenny Cole, Arnold & Kathleen Conder, Jake Conder, Jeff Connor, Randy Cook, Chad Crabtree, Mickie Crump, Holly Davis, Margaret Delacy, Kinsey Dunn, Nancy Dunn, Mary E Durbin, Alan Ebelhar, David Eberhardt Clarence Elder, Christina Ennis, Jan Evans, John Farley, Theresa Feller, Elena Maria Finley, Muriel Gillim, Brenda Goodman, Luke Gray, Josh Griffith, Janice Goins, Sheila Gunterman, Ben Halbig, Nancy Hall, Donna Hamilton, James A Hamilton, Raley Hamilton, Wilhemina Newton Hamilton, Martha Faye Hayden, Madalyn Marie Hayden, Billy Head, Bobbie Head, Mary Agnes Henderson, Naomi Henry, Marie Hester, Tracy Higdon, Chrystal Hinton, Chase Hofmann, Marjorie Howard, Mary Howard, Margaret Isbell, Wilbur Jarvis, Betty Jo Johnson, Annie Jones, Charlotte Kamuf, Sabrina Kamuf, Mary Ann Kern, Naki Keswani, Billy Knott, Joann Knott, Mike Knott, Debbie Koenig, Connie Krusick, Carson Lanham, Avis Natalie Lantham, Bob Lawrence, Margaret Lee, Melinda Lee, Karen Logsdon, Mabel Long, Janet Love, Joy Medley Lyons, Brandon Mattingly, Margaret Mattingly, Mary Mattingly, Mike Marsh, Travis Martin, Debbie Mayfield, Kelly Mayfield, Helen McCarty, Mildred McCarthy, Chris McRoy, Virginia Millay, Mary Miller, Conner Mills, Savannah Mills, Jayne Morgan, Roger Morgan, Jake Murphy, Randy Murphy, Bob Newton, Lee Newton, Dickey O'Bryan, Katherine Osowicz, Aiden Payne, Ethan Payne, Jerry Payne, Carol Payne, Doris M. Payne Melida Payne, Corine Pearl, Carolyn Pierce, Becky Powell, Vanessa Priest, Stewart Rearden, Otto Reisz, Paul Robertson, Eric Roby, Bob Ross, Jackie Russell, Dorothy Schell, Robert Scott, Juanita Sessman, Marvin Settles, Jessica Seymour, Larry Shouse, Judy Simmons, Kerry Brothers Smart, Becky Smith, Mary Jo Smith, Brittany Stallings, Susan Stersman, Charles Stewart, Melissa Sullivan, Jill Tanner, Larry Taylor, Mary Hilary Taylor, Billy Thomas, Betty Thompson, Pearl Thompson, Alma Topper, Martha Towery, Anita Travis, Glynda Turner, David Vasterling, Amanda Vessels, Dianne Walsh, Scott Ward, Joyce Warren, Betty Watkins, Zach Watts, Jim "Bun" Wedding, Denny Wheatley, Greg & Jennifer Weise, Katherine Whittinghill, Theresa Wilhite, Joe Wink, Bea Wooldridge, Bonnie Wright, Bill Yancy, Randy Zaremba

Please Pray for Our Troops Serving in War. Keep them safe, O Lord, and bring them home soon.

Iraq:

Brandon Mattingly, US Army, Baghdad
Sgt. David Farley, US Army

Other

Adam Payne, (grandson of Joyce Payne)
SPC Jesse D Finley, US Army (grandson Doris Haragan)
David Townsend, US Army (Son-in-Law, Ann McIntyre)
Spec Seth J Keller, US Army, (Grandson Doris Keller, Nephew of Ken Keller)
Master Sgt. Breanna Bowlds, US Air Force, Niece of Mary Miller

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR
TRI-MISSION**

October 24, 25, and 26
AM and PM Sessions

**Oct. 24th — St. Stephen
Oct. 25th — Blessed Mother
Oct. 26th — St. Joseph and Paul**

Presenter: Fr. John Mark Etensohn



A Stewardship Moment

Christmas Music



Preparations have begun for our Christmas liturgies. Do you play an instrument such as trumpet, oboe, clarinet, flute, violin, viola, cello or sing? Then consider sharing your gift of music with your parish. We are recruiting musicians to play and sing at our

Christmas masses. If you are interested contact Patty. Mass times are as follows:

**Dec. 24th 4 pm - Children's Choir
8 pm – Men & Women's Choir
12 am – Vocal Ensemble??
Dec. 25th 9 am - Cantor/ Vocal Ensemble?**

The music ministries at Blessed Mother include:

Cantors practice with Patty as schedules allow or as needed. There will also be a rehearsal before mass with the pianist.

Men and Women's Choir rehearse from 5 -7pm on Wed. evenings. The next rehearsal is **October 19th** to prepare for mass on **Sun. Oct. 23rd** at the 10 am mass. We will meet in the Children's Liturgy Room to pick up materials and pray. Then, we will move to the church.

Contemporary Group (Sun. 5:30 pm mass) Rehearsals are before mass at 4:30 pm.

Children's Vocal/Recorder Choir has begun. **We welcome new members** in grade 3 and up. Rehearsals are on Tuesday afternoons from 3:45 – 4:45 pm in the Children's Liturgy Room. **Children's Choir will sing again on Sun. Oct 30th.**

Instrumentalist: For more information concerning any of our music ministries, contact Patty Woerter at: bmcliturg@bellsouth.net or 270-683-8444 ext. 27.

Winter Warmth

It is time again for us at Blessed Mother to think about children who do not have warm clothes for the winter season. We will have the annual Winter Warmth Clothing Drive during the month of October. We will be collecting gently used winter clothes for children preschool to 6 grade. Coats, jackets, hats, scarves and gloves would be greatly appreciated. There will be a box in the entrance of the Church to receive the clothing. New Winter clothes would also be greatly appreciated.

Thank You

Calendar for the Week

Rosary is prayed Mon. & Thurs, 4 PM

Mon.	Mass 6:30 AM Bunko, 1 PM Meeting for Divorced & Separated 7PM SVDP Mtg 7:00 PM (New Members Welcome)
Tues.	6AM—10PM Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 PM Mass
Wed.	6AM—10PM Eucharistic Adoration Mass 6:30 AM Bible Study Series 10AM & 7PM
Thurs.	NO 9AM School Mass 12 Noon Mass
Fri.	12 Noon Mass 6AM—5PM Eucharistic Adoration
Sat.	Confessions 12:30 — 2:00 Mass 4:00 PM
Sun.	Mass at 7AM, 10:00 AM, 5:30 PM Religious Ed after 10:00 AM Mass BMC Youth Group 6:30 PM AA Meeting, 7:30pm, Cafeteria Gamblers Anonymous 5PM (Blessed Sacrament Chapel -- 602 Sycamore St)

Readings for the Week

Mon:	Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c; Lk 10:25-37
Tue:	Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15; Lk 10:38-42
Wed:	Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 11:1-4
Thur:	Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13
Fri:	Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-6; Lk 11:15-26
Sat:	Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 11:27-28
Sun:	2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

Visit our website!

<http://www.blessedmotherchurch.com>

**“Dear Reader,
Meet me wherever, whenever you want.
All is forgiven, I love you.
(Signed) God.”**

Safe Environment

The safety of our children is the responsibility of every Christian. Anyone aware of the abuse of a person under the age of eighteen is required by law to report this to the proper state authorities: local law enforcement (270-687-8888 / or 270-685-8444_) or the Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline (toll-free: 1-877-KYSAFE1; 1-877-597-2331).

To report to the diocese abuse by church personnel (paid or volunteer) either past or present, please call the Pastoral Assistance Coordinator at this confidential phone line: 270-852-8380. The Diocese of Owensboro sexual abuse policy is available at this parish in the back of church, or in the parish office and also on the diocesan web site (<https://owensborodiocese.org/safe>).

Owensboro Catholic Schools

Sts. Joseph and Paul, Owensboro Catholic Schools and Martin Custom Building are teaming up once again to raffle off a new house!

This beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage home is located in one of the most desired neighborhoods in Owensboro - Bon Harbor! Located at 4135 Mayflower Drive, this home will be raffled off on Saturday, Dec. 3, 2016.

Tickets are \$100, with a maximum of 4,000 tickets sold, and can be purchased at Sts. Joseph and Paul parish office, Owensboro Catholic Schools Central Office, and the Owensboro locations of Independence Bank.

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Lighthouse Recovery Services Beacon Awards Dinner

You are invited to the annual Beacon Awards Dinner and Recovery Celebration sponsored by Lighthouse Recovery Services at the Owensboro Christian Church's Community Events Room at 6:00 PM on Tuesday October 18, 2016. The special guest speaker will be David "Oz" Osborne. The dinner /fundraiser is \$25, which includes the meal provided by Chef's Kitchen. To purchase tickets contact Richard Murphy at 270.315.7897 or Derrick Arthur at 502.712.6662.

Parish Council Members

Tom Anderson	685-0348
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Rob Harris	686-8731
Julie Hayden	485-6912
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Richard Hayden	689-1422
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