OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

NOVEMBER 22, 2026



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Half and Half from Msgr. Gary Smetanka

This week I hope we will put aside time to give God thanks for the many blessings we have received from Him and from others. I think it is also appropriate for such thanks as we celebrate the great Feast of Christ the King this weekend while getting ready for the Advent Season which begins next Sunday.

I thank God for you and the gift of faith He has given to each one of us. Our faith is such a tremendous resource when we are faced with challenges, difficulties, and doubts. We are in challenging times on many fronts. Let us never forget, in good times or in challenging times, that God is great and wonderful and never leaves us!

Thanks for the ways in which you pray for the parish. Thanks for the times you allow your faith to be challenged and try to see beyond the limitations we impose on ourselves. Thank you for your stewardship of time and talent. Thanks for the pride you have in your parish, and in the 70 years of our school existence!! Thanks for the support you give to me and to the dedicated staff that are very committed in serving you.

The thanks we express to God, and to each other, remind us of how we are so connected to each other. Let us remember how our salvation is not only dependent on Christ but how our salvation is also based upon relationship – our relationship with God and with each other. I know I am blessed being here at Star and being a part of your life. My wish is that we all come closer to the Lord, to know Him and to serve Him. As we move closer to the time of restructuring, the goal is for stronger parishes, vibrant priests, and everyone focused on mission in serving the Lord and each other.

On this Feast of Christ the King, and as we gather around God's table, we know that our true transformation into the image of Christ is dependent upon the acceptance of God's transforming power in our hearts, in the Eucharist and in the world around us. Especially in a world that at times can be very challenging with many unknowns, we especially need each other with the Lord as King of our hearts.

Today is a good day to renew our hearts and to claim Christ as our Lord and King. As we open our hearts to His reign, we become more ready for the season of Advent and the coming of Christ.

** This Wednesday, Nov.25, the parish office will close at 2 pm.

** Remember we celebrate Mass this Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, at St. Joan of Arc at 9 am. There is no Mass here this Friday, Nov. 27.

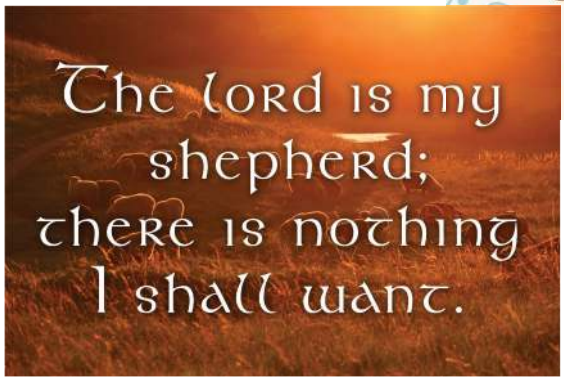
** Look for the Our Lady Star of the Sea float in the Grosse Pointe Santa Parade this Friday!

** Our Giving Trees will be up next weekend for the First Sunday of Advent. Please return your **unwrapped** gifts by Sunday, Dec. 13 at 12 noon!

Blessings upon you and your family - and keep an attitude of gratitude this week!

Msgr. Gary Smetanka





Parish office hours

Wednesday
November 25 - 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Thursday Closed
Mass at St Joan of Arc 9:00 am

Friday Closed
No Mass
Join us at the Grosse Pointe Santa Parade

GENERAL INFORMATION

MASS TIMES

SAT	4:00 PM
SUN	8:00 AM
	9:30 AM
	11:30 AM
MON-THU	7:30 AM
FRI	8:30 AM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MON - THU	8:00 AM - 4:00PM
FRI	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
SAT-SUN	CLOSED
HOLIDAYS	CLOSED

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

313-884-7407

BAPTISMS

Parents of the child to receive the sacrament, please call the Faith Formation office to arrange for a baptism class and to schedule the Sacrament.

Requesting your sacrament Certificates. Everyone has a right to their own sacramental certificate. No one has the right to another person's certificate, except: the parent/ guardian of a minor child. (Archdiocese of Detroit)

Reconciliation

Saturday at 3:00 pm
or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick

The Church strongly encourages people to receive the Sacrament (Anointing) of the Sick at the early stages of serious sickness or before serious surgeries.

In emergency situations needing the prompt attention of a priest, please call the parish office.

MARRIAGE

Bride or Groom **must be a registered member, in good standing, of OLSOS, for at least 3 months before prep can begin. Bride or Groom need to contact the parish to inquire about wedding prep.** Archdiocesan law requires advance notice of at least six months prior to your wedding date to start preparations.

PARISH REGISTRATION

New to the parish?
Register at the Parish Office or online at OLSOS.org. Please keep your contact information up to date by notifying the office of any address changes. **Adults age 21 and over** must register individually to be considered a Catholic in Good Standing.

Hearing devices are available for use during Mass. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Please Pray for:

In memoriam

Those buried from OLSOS

11/23/1973	Anna Decker
11/23/1982	Charles Rutan
11/23/1985	William Cunningham
11/23/1989	Elise Busch
11/23/1990	Gizella R. Vujovich
11/24/1974	Mary Biddleman
11/24/1978	Alice Pettine
11/24/1981	Fred LaFond
11/24/1982	Leo Fitzpatrick
11/24/1990	Elmer S. Gliniecki
11/24/1997	Vito Salvaggio
11/24/1997	Helene Kaplita
11/24/1999	Monica Taylor
11/24/2013	Rita DeSpirt
11/25/1958	Jack Heitz
11/25/1962	Mary Sarcona
11/25/1973	Matthew Hudson
11/25/1988	Agnes Mazzei
11/25/1991	Gladys Summerhoff
11/25/1996	Loretta Smith
11/25/2006	Frank Duross
11/25/2021	Ralph Lampar
11/25/2024	Rosa Perez-Borja
11/26/1969	Dorothy Boase
11/26/1974	William Lavigne
11/26/1979	June Burke
11/26/1986	Mary Altese
11/26/1991	Josephine Iacobell
11/26/1992	George Shaway
11/26/1994	Kathleen McCarthy
11/26/1997	Evelyn M. Groff
11/26/1997	Sam Ficarra
11/26/2008	Donald Martin
11/26/2008	Jimmie Bloink, Jr.
11/26/2013	Richard Edgington
11/26/2013	Winifred Tanney
11/26/2014	Regina Lesinski
11/26/2017	Irma Stevens
11/27/1956	Albert DiPaola
11/27/1958	Edward Weeks
11/27/1972	Agnes Gardiner
11/27/1974	Stephen Olesak
11/27/1974	Robert Werner
11/27/1988	Richard Broomham
11/27/1988	Dorothy Mansfield
11/27/1992	Joseph Malisse
11/27/1995	Thomas LaHood
11/27/2006	Josephine Kuzmicki
11/27/2019	Rosemary Otlowski
11/28/1970	Lynn M. Bartlett
11/28/1984	Julia B. DeBaeke
11/28/1984	Veronica Magielski
11/28/1984	Emmett McNamara
11/28/1998	Vincent Szymborski
11/28/1998	Clarice Grob
11/28/2004	Mark Schmidt
11/28/2010	Rose Horne
11/28/2016	Patricia Golla

the sick

Victor Bontomasi
Jeanne Collins
Leslie Derrick
Barbara Drader
Cheryl Fox
Joe Kramer
Christine Mathis
Marianne Parthum
Angie Rubino
Alexandra (Hathaway) Schwegler
Gary Snacker
Mary Spatt
JoAnne Spring
Alexis Suppanz
E. Noreen Szymborski
Linda Vitale

those in the military

Keenan Bakowski
Connor Barthel
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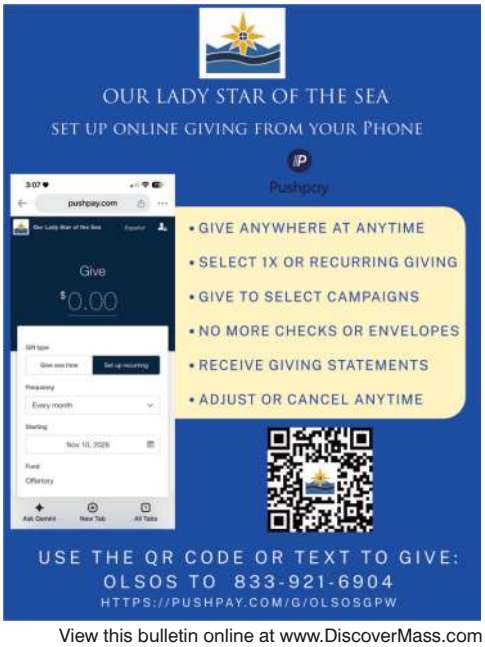
William F. Sottrel
John Walker

our faithful departed

John Kennedy



PRAY 25

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE

on HALLOW



OVERVIEW

The truth of Christmas isn't the parties or presents, the carols or cookies. It's that God Himself has come to dwell among us, not just in a manger 2,000 years ago, but right here, right now. Scripture tells us: *"Behold, the virgin shall bear a son, and they shall call him Emmanuel, which means God is with us."* But how often are we too busy or distracted to notice God's presence?

This Advent, join Hallow as we journey through one of the greatest Christmas films of all time: *It's a Wonderful Life*. Over the 25 days leading up to Christmas, we'll walk with the film's main character, George Bailey, as he begins to open his eyes to the great beauty of his life and teaches us to do the same.

Sister Miriam will lead us in prayer throughout the challenge, joined each week by Chris Pratt, Jonathan Roumie, Gary Sinise, and Fr. John Burns as we walk through the film's most beloved scenes. Together, we'll follow George's story and discover what film director Frank Capra found to be at the center of the film: *"There is a radiance and glory in the darkness, could we but see, and to see we have only to look. I beseech you to look"* (Friar Fra Giovanni).

Join millions in Hallow's Advent Pray25 Challenge: *It's a Wonderful Life*, starting Monday, November 30!

WEEKLY THEMES

WEEK 1 *God Is With Us* with Chris Pratt and Sister Miriam

We'll ground ourselves in the radical truths of the Advent season: God is with us, He loves us, and He weaves all things together for our good ... even when we can't see it.

WEEK 2 *Our Plan* with Jonathan Roumie and Sister Miriam

We'll recognize the way our own dreams and attachments often blind us to God's plans, His grace, and His providence. Each of us faces a choice—cling bitterly to what we want, or joyfully surrender to the Father, who loves us more than we could ever love ourselves.

WEEK 3 *The Unraveling* with Gary Sinise and Sister Miriam

When we choose not to surrender, striving and self-reliance lead to bitterness and resentment. Both rob us of joy and gratitude and eventually fill our hearts with bitterness and resentment, which often spills out onto those we love the most.

WEEK 4 *Open Your Eyes* with Fr. John Burns and Sister Miriam

Even when our hearts harden, God keeps working for our good and offers us opportunities to see His grace and providence. If we let Him pierce our hearts with His love, everything will change.

Watch some of the most powerful clips from the film *It's a Wonderful Life* and reflect on the way they speak into our lives

Hear a powerful homily each Sunday from Fr. Pierre-Toussaint, CFR, to root yourself in God's Word this Advent through the Sunday readings

Open your eyes to see that the Lord has been in every moment of your life—in the joy and sorrow, the ordinary and mundane, the holy moments and trying times—to realize that there is not a single second of your life that God is not with you

Get inspired by real-life Stories of Wonder from Karolyn Grimes, the actress who portrayed "Zuzu" in *It's a Wonderful Life*, and Christian singer-songwriter Seph Schlueter

Join Hallow Kids on a family adventure and prayer journey like no other in the Advent Challenge: "The Incredible Advent-ture." Follow Josie and her best friend Sean as they discover what it means to wait in joyful hope while Sean prepares for the townwide sled-riding competition and Josie anxiously awaits the arrival of her adopted baby brother

Experience the peace of Advent and the joy of Christmas in every moment with exclusive new music from Matt Maher, Sarah Kroger, Seph Schlueter, Michael Iskander, and more



GIVING TREE

TAGS AVAILABLE NEXT WEEKEND

TAKE A TAG
PURCHASE THE GIFT
DO NOT WRAP
PLACE UNDER OUR TREE



Gifts Due by: Sunday, December 13
by **NOON**

Scripture Readings

For the Week of November 22, 2026

Sunday	**The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe** Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46
Monday	Rev 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday	**Memorial of Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs** Rev 14:14-19; Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday	Rev 15:1-4; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday	**Thanksgiving Day** Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
Friday	Rev 20:1-4, 11-21:2; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a, 8a; Lk 21:29-33
Saturday	Rev 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab; Lk 21:34-36
Sunday	**First Sunday of Advent** Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Every Wednesday
11:00 am - 2:00 pm
In the Parish Office



Every Wednesdays at 3:00 pm
Prayer & Eucharistic Chapel
off Morningside

Pray the Rosary & the Divine Mercy Chaplet
We pray for world peace and all the prayer intentions of our parishioners and the prayers that have been placed in the Pray vase by the Tabernacle and the prayer box in the Chapel

ALTAR SERVERS MINISTRY

Become an Altar Server
Boys and Girls in grades 4-8

Ever wonder what it's like to be in the Sanctuary serving Jesus?

Being an Altar Server is a privilege and a very special responsibility. The main function is to assist the priest and deacon at the altar and during Mass.
Please contact the Parish Office (313-884-5554) if your child is interested in serving.

Training will be scheduled in the next few weeks.

Acolyte Ministry

We are also in need of adult acolytes to help at funerals and other special Masses

Mass Intentions

Monday, November 23
7:30 am +Leonard, Ethel, & Helen Hart
+Judy Cooper
+Doug Abood

Tuesday, November 24
7:30 am +Emelia Cusenza

Wednesday, November 25
7:30 am Benefactors of OLSOS
+Elsie & William Connors

Thursday, November 26
7:30 am **NO MASS**
9:00 am **MASS AT ST JOAN**

Friday, November 27
8:30 am **NO MASS**

Saturday, November 28
4:00 pm +Maureen Blair
+John Reun
+Maria Alicia Oxholm
+Susan Chin

Sunday, November 29
8:00 am OLSOS Parishioners

9:30 am +Catherine Jaboro
+Rita Smith
+Ron Latiff, Sr.

11:30 am +Donstud Ojinsoks
+Dick Flynn
+Ed & Hazel Metry
+Emilia Cusenza

70th Anniversary
of Our Lady
Star of the Sea School

Alumni Mass

Saturday, November 28th 4:00 pm

Come celebrate the excellent educations and the treasured traditions of OLSOS



Christmas Flowers and Decoration Donations

In Memory or in Honor of someone -
Please return by December 6, 2026

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today we have a modern feast, less than a century old, and placed at the very end of the liturgical cycle of Sundays only in 1969. In 1925, the world was in a sorry state from the vantage point of Pope Pius XI. The winds of war had swept the map of Europe raw, and ancient Christian dynasties had fallen in Russia and Spain. Although the Great War had ended, wars were breaking out everywhere. Fascism was already in control in Italy, and Nazism was on the horizon for Germany. The disorder making its claim on the human race was, the pope felt, an insult to the Divine Order. Pius XI designated the last Sunday in October as a day of universal recognition of the kingship of Christ. Creating this feast was an act of bravery by the pope, who was standing up against idolatry of the state and the dehumanizing forces of the modern world, things that are not hard to detect in today's world as well. In 1969 it seemed fitting to move the feast to a place of honor at the end of the year, a way of summing up the whole movement of the liturgical year toward the perfection of the Kingdom of God. In recent decades, many Protestant churches have adopted this day from the new Roman calendar, so it is shared now with the Church of England, the Episcopal, Presbyterian, and Lutheran churches, and others.

—Rev. James Field

WORLD YOUTH DAY
FUNDRAISERS RECAP

WYD SEOUL 2027



A special thank you to eveyrone that attend our Mah Jong Night and our Family Christmas Photoshop fundraisers this past week.

Your support goes a long way in making this trip more meaningful for the Pilgrims atteninding!

Please continue to pray for the 25 pilgrims going on this trip!



1 Billion Decades

World Youth Day Seoul has a goal to reach 1 billion decades of the rosary prayed before the pilgrims arrive next August. If you pray a rosary, please track the amount of decades prayed and fill out this form!

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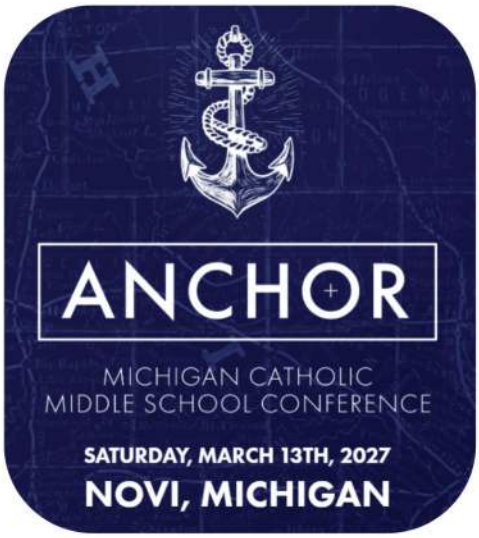

Catholic Middle School Conference

Registration with Star will open shortly, if you are interested in attending or have questions, please contact Jack Novak.

For more info visit:
anchormichigan.com

STAR FAITH FORMATION

QUESTIONS FOR ALL EVENTS CAN BE DIRECTED TO JACK NOVAK:
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FROM THE BRIDGE

YOUR CAPTAIN'S LOG FOR AUCTION · NOVEMBER 2026

The countdown to March 20 is underway, and excitement is building for Platinum Voyage! Our annual auction brings the Star community together to support what matters most. Every dollar raised benefits our classrooms, enriches student experiences, and helps every child grow academically, socially, and spiritually. Together, we're charting a course for Star's bright future!

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There's still time to come aboard! Sponsorship and advertising opportunities are available, offering families and businesses a meaningful way to support Catholic education while gaining visibility in print, online, and throughout Platinum Voyage.

BECOME A PATRON

Stand alongside our Honorary Chairs, Anthony & Kristy Schena, and join the Platinum Voyage Patron Campaign. Every gift, in any amount, helps lead the way for our students and is received with sincere gratitude. Visit our website below for more information.

AUCTION DONATIONS

We're seeking unique experiences, gift cards, sports tickets, and special items for silent and live auctions. Contributions of all kinds help make the voyage shine.

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WHAT TO EXPECT

- Meet Other Caregivers
- Share Your Experiences
- Learn from Others
- Find Support in a Welcoming Environment



All Are Welcome

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SEEING THE LIGHT OF DAY

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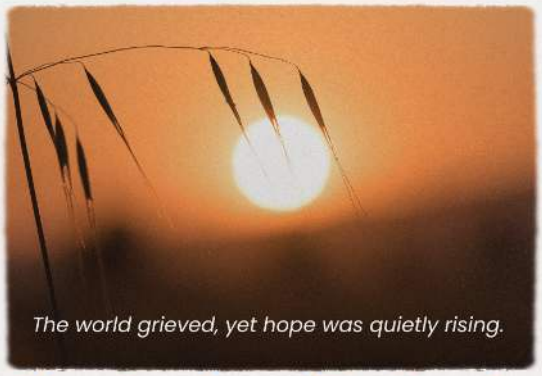

First Sunday of the Month
1:00 pm In the Pointe

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Join Us for Monthly Fellowship and Refreshments!

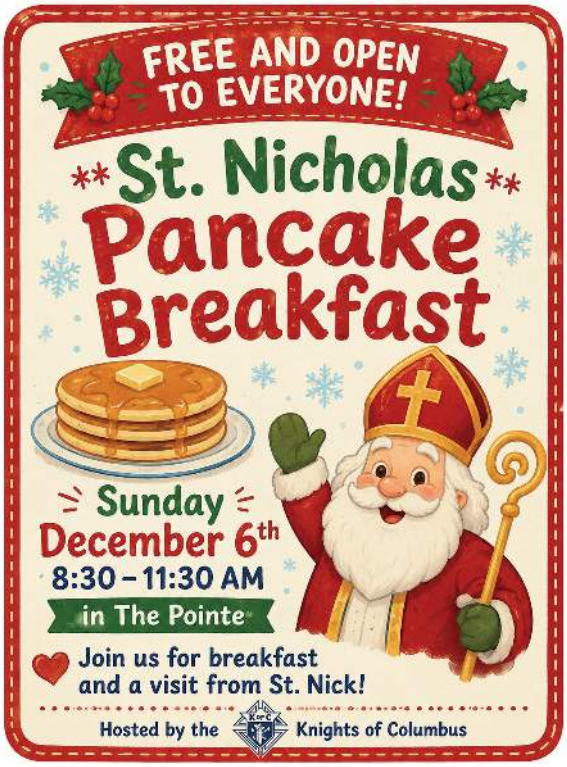
Enjoy fresh treats and hot coffee while catching up with familiar faces, meeting new friends, and sharing in the warmth of our parish community.

We're always happy to welcome new members to our Hospitality Team! It's a wonderful way to serve your parish and help create a welcoming atmosphere.

Interested? Contact Judy Zedan at **jl.zedan@gmail.com** for more details.

Dates: Jan 31, 2027, Feb. 28, Mar. 21, Apr. 25, May. 23, Jun. 27







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Msgr. G. Michael Bugarin
Fr. Bob Voiland
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Sunday: 8:00, 10:00 a.m.
and 12:00 p.m.
Daily: MTWTHF 7:00 a.m.
W 6:00 p.m.

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Sunday: 10:00 am
Daily: MF 9:00 a.m. **W** 12:00 p.m.

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PRIEST *IN SOLIDUM*
Fr. Stan Pachla
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Saturday: 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Daily: TWTH 7:45 a.m. (Convent)

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PRIEST *IN SOLIDUM (Moderator)*
Msgr. Gary Smetanka
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Mass Times
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Daily: MTWTH 7:30 a.m. **F** 8:30 a.m.





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