



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

2 June 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

The teaching of the Lord Jesus on the necessity of eating his flesh and drinking his blood in order to receive the gift of everlasting life is as difficult to understand today as it was when he first spoke the words recorded by Saint John in chapter six of his Gospel. (John 6:22-71)

From this teaching and the celebration of Christ's Last Supper at the Passover meal before his atoning death on the Cross, the Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist has ever been understood in the Catholic Church as the principal means by which the Lord Jesus remains with us and makes himself present in every time and place where the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar is received by the faithful in divine worship and reserved for adoration. This annual celebration of Corpus Christi reminds us that at every Mass the Lord Jesus comes to us under the appearance of bread and wine to nourish us unto everlasting life with the medicine of immortality.

But the difficulty of this teaching has posed a challenge to those who hear it from the very beginning. Saint John tells us that as a result of Christ's shocking doctrine on eating his flesh and drinking his blood, "many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him." (John 6:66)

In every century since then, those who are drawn to Christ have been challenged to accept this teaching even when such a mystery can never be fully comprehended, and from time to time the Church has been confronted by theological disputations on Christ's real presence in the Holy Eucharist. Those arguments have assisted the Church to clarify her understanding of how the Savior fulfills his promise to give us his flesh as food and his blood as drink, and the liturgical Solemnity of Corpus Christi emerged from one such prolonged theological battle in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries.

To deepen your understanding of this mystery of faith, I recommend that everyone read Part Two, Article Three of the Catechism of the Catholic Church on the Sacrament of the Eucharist (paragraphs 1322 to 1419). There you will find that "the Catholic Church has always offered and still offers to the sacrament of the Eucharist the cult (i.e. worship) of adoration, not only during Mass, but also outside of it, reserving the consecrated hosts with the utmost care, exposing them to the solemn veneration of the faithful, and carrying them in procession." (CCC, 1378)

And that is why on Saturday 1 June we will have a Solemn Eucharistic Procession beginning at 6.15 pm in observance of the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. Please join us in lifting up our hearts to the Throne of Grace in thanksgiving for the inestimable gift of Christ in the Most Holy Eucharist, and then stay for the parish picnic.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 2 June

7.30 am ✱ Joey Sprinkles
 9.00 am ✱ Leslie Lamont
 11.00 am Pro populo
 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday 3 June

7.00 am Magdalene Murnen

Tuesday 4 June

7.00 am ✱ Joe Pazdan II

Wednesday 5 June

7.00 am ✱ Elisa Pandozy Henry

Thursday 6 June

7.00 am ✱ Richard Stephens

Friday 7 June

7.00 am Gevaert Family

Saturday 8 June

5.00 pm Hayden Courchaine

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 2 June

Coffee & Doughnuts: After 9.00 am Mass (P)
 Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass

Monday 3 June

1.00 pm St Anne's Stitchery
 6.30 pm Fraternus (P)

Tuesday 4 June

Wednesday 5 June

5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour &
 Confessions (church)

Thursday 6 June

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 7 June

Parish Office Closes at Noon
 5.30-6.30 am Pillars of Christ (early group)
 6.30-6.45 am Morning Prayer (Lauds) (church)
 7.30-8.30 am Pillars of Christ (late group) (M)
 10.00 am Friday Morning Bible Study
 7.00 pm Spanish Rosary

Saturday 8 June

3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)

G - Gallivan Hall
 P - Pazdan Hall

M - McGrady Hall
 C - Clinkscles
 Family Center

* All events in Sacred Heart Hall
 unless a location is listed

Financial Report

Weekend of 25/26 May

Needed	38,900
Received	36,495
Shortage	- 2,405

Poor Box	862
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	1,867,200
Received	1,918,156
Surplus	+ 50,956

Electronic Giving: If you want to have direct management of your Electronic Fund Transfer online, you can now do so through the "Make a Gift" link on the homepage of our website. For more information or if you have any questions please contact Jennifer Anderson at jennifer.anderson@smcgvl.org.

2024 Capital Improvement Fund

Goal	1,000,000
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Donations Received	338,087
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Still to Go	661,913
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Mass Attendance

Weekend of 25/26 May

5.00 pm	322
7.30 am	388
9.00 am	424
11.00 am	386
1.00 pm	448

Total	1,968
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Prayer Requests

Please pray for all those who are hospitalized and for all those who are shut-ins, ill or recuperating at home, especially Mary Stillmock, Marie-Therese Isidore, Juliet Roy, James Smith, Anna Deehan, Nancy Laliberty, Marilyn Postell, Sofia Alvarez, Ann Howard, Carl Lee Cooke, Konta & Laman Patel, Timothy Potocki, Sloane Perkins, George Cortes, Diane Hickey, Michael Tierney, Jaxson Rivera, Helen Carter, Anthony Harris, Katerina Puig, Lucero Rubiano, Aurelia LaValley, Sheila & Barry Garrison, Richard Murtaugh, Anthony Gomes, Chet & Dorothy Jaskwhich Sobol, Lisa Myer, Sandy Miros, Terry Gurn, Mitchell & Elisa Bianco, Barbara Dresser, Caroline Henson, Betty Jo Brown.

Senior Fellowship Luncheon Saturday 15 June at 12.00 noon



Please join us in Sacred Heart Hall for our sandwiches and salad Summer Luncheon. Contact Dee Goughneour at 864.421.3726 or Alice Ramos at 864.430.7276 with questions.

St Anne's Stitchery Ministry



St Anne's Stitchery Ministry of St Mary's Council of Catholic Women are knitters and crocheters who make gifts of love for charitable organizations. Our experienced members of these skills also share with those who would like to learn. After email confirmation we meet together the first Monday of each month from 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. We also have stitchers who work at home and contribute to our projects. Please contact Judy Lema at 864.884.9853 or airmel@aol.com for more information.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Susanjean Flaherty, Zachary & Jacqueline Prodrick, Christopher Grguras, Roger & Michele Bryant.

Congratulations to

Wolfgang Alexander Wallace who was baptized last weekend.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 1/2 June

Capital Improvement Fund
Support of the Parish

*St Mary's is sustained by the
generosity of our parishioners.*



Church Office Summer Hours 31 May through 16 August

Monday - Thursday 9 am - 4 pm
Friday 9 am - 12 noon



Please join us for
coffee, doughnuts &
fellowship in Pazdan
Hall dining room after
the 9.00 am Mass.

St Mary's Hiking Ministry

"The higher we
go, the better we
shall hear the
voice of Christ."

~ Blessed Pier
Giorgio Frassati

Vers l'alto

After a four year hiatus, St Mary's Hiking Ministry is starting up again. This ministry is open to all parishioners. Our primary outings will be hiking in the beautiful mountains of the Upstate and Western North Carolina, but will periodically include river rafting, tubing, snow skiing and other adventures. Some of our hikes will be family friendly, others will be more extreme (think climbing up Mount Mitchell).

Our patron is Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, a beautiful example of one who not only believed, but also lived out his faith in every aspect of his life by seeking first the Kingdom of God in all things. Our first hike will be Saturday 15 June at DuPont State Forest.

For more information or to participate and receive notifications of upcoming events, contact Deacon John Heuser at john.heuser@smcgv.org.

Daily Mass Readings

For daily Mass readings, visit <https://bible.usccb.org>

School Office Summer Hours until 2 August

Monday - Wednesday 9 am - 2 pm
Thursday 9 am - 12 noon

A lot goes into keeping our school buildings beautiful and safe; most of that work takes place over the summer. Before visiting the School Office, please call ahead to ensure that it is open 864.271.3870.

BRUNCH & BUBBLY

Please join us for our first
annual

Women's Brunch

The Greenville Deanery

of the SCCCW

Sunday, June 30th

from

2-4 pm at

St. Anthony of Padua Social Hall

307 Gower St.

Greenville

Please RSVP to Veronica Yockey
by email (veronica.yockey@gmail.com) or by
phone (864-246-5777, a land line).

St Mary's School Job Openings



St Mary's Catholic School is accepting applications for the following positions for the 2024-2025 school year.

St Mary's Catholic School is a two-time National Blue Ribbon School with a 124 year history of academic excellence and currently serves 318 students in grades K3 through 8. St Mary's is served by both the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia as well as a team of experienced, dedicated lay teachers, and offers a wonderful work environment and a welcoming, familial atmosphere.

Teaching Assistants in multiple elementary grade levels The ideal candidate would be a practicing Catholic with prior experience working with children. Candidates must be able to work well with children, accept supervision and guidance from the lead teacher, and possess the enthusiasm and energy necessary to help young students thrive. This position is paid hourly and no teaching license or certification is necessary.

Please email cover letter, resume, and references to Principal Steven Zimmerman at principal@smcgv.org.



St Mary's Religious Education



Registration for 2024-25 will open in August

Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

Classes meet on Sundays during the 9.00 am Mass

**For More Information
Contact Linda Jackson**

linda.jackson@smcgv.org or 864.679.4110

Adult Christian Formation

An Introduction to Catholicism

What is Catholicism? Is the Catholic Faith in the Bible? Did the Lord Jesus found the Catholic Church? *An Introduction to Catholicism* is designed to answer these and many other questions about the origins of Catholic Christianity and the shape of Christian faith and life within the Catholic Church. **It is also the perfect course for any Catholic who has non-Catholic or fallen away family members or friends, and wish to be able to better explain the Church's teachings.** All are invited to come and discover what it means to be a disciple of the Lord Jesus in His holy Catholic Church.

Class begins Wednesday 4 September. Registration will open in July on the parish website.

Please visit <https://smcgv.org/christian-formation/intro-to-catholicism/> to learn more.

Contact Deacon John at john.heuser@smcgv.org for more information on becoming a Catholic.

Offertory Envelopes and the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Marriage



If you no longer receive weekly stewardship envelopes in the mail, you may have been marked as **Inactive** within our parishioner database. No matter how often you

come to Mass at St Mary's, you are not considered an **Active** member of the parish unless you are registered here, attending Mass here each Sunday, and using the stewardship envelopes to fulfill two separate purposes: a) making your offertory contributions and other gifts, and b) establishing an attendance record.

Active member status in our database is essential for requesting the following:

- ◆ Parishioner tuition in the school
- ◆ Endorsement to serve as a sacramental sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation
- ◆ Baptism, Confirmation, or Marriage (for oneself or for one's children, either here at St Mary's or in another parish)

If you use electronic transfer to make your offertory contribution and other gifts, simply check the box for EFT on the empty envelope and then drop it in the collection plate. All envelopes in the collection are recorded in our parish database.

Once six months elapses without any envelopes or online donations received, the account is marked as **Inactive** and envelopes are no longer distributed. To begin receiving stewardship envelopes again, please email Sarah Perkins at sarah.perkins@smcgv1.org.

Baptism Class



Prior to having a child baptized at Saint Mary's, you must have been registered in the parish for at least six months, attending Sunday Mass each week, using the stewardship envelopes, and participating in the life of the parish. Baptisms take place on Saturdays at 6.15 pm after the 5.00 pm Mass. Attending a Baptism Preparation Class is required and may be attended prior to the birth of your child. **The next class is Monday 17 June at 6.30 pm.** Contact Deacon Joe Sanfilippo at 864.679.4119 or joe.sanfilippo@smcgv1.org to register.

Spiritual Direction

St Mary's has three certified Catholic Spiritual Directors available for individual spiritual direction. Contact Deacon Tom Whalen at thomas.whalen@smcgv1.org.

Church Donation Information

EFT Donation

St Mary's offers Electronic Funds Transfer through the parish website as a way to automate your regular weekly offertory donation.

EFT donation options:

Direct Debit Donation - automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account.

Credit & Debit Card Donation - make offerings automatically on a pre-determined schedule using a credit or debit card.

Visit the 'Make a Gift' link on the homepage of our parish website.

Mail-In Donation

Contributions can be mailed to the parish office:

St Mary's Catholic Church
111 Hampton Avenue
Greenville, SC 29601

Thank you for your generosity and support.



Diocese of Charleston PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord Jesus, send the Diocese of Charleston more priests, deacons, sisters, and brothers. Choose faithful men and women from our homes, parishes, and schools to serve the people of God. Mary, Mother of the Church, help those who are called to offer a joyful "yes" to God's invitation.

Amen

<https://charlestdiocese.org/vocations>

Formed.org

Online resources are available to every member of our parish including books, movies, podcasts and more. Sign up at <https://formed.org/signup> using zip code 29601 and click on our parish. Register with your name and email address to access the library.



A deacon is an ordained minister of the Catholic Church. There are three groups, or orders, of ordained ministers in the Church: bishops, priests, and deacons.

Deacons are ordained for a ministry of service, which they carry out under the authority of the Bishop. All ordained ministers in the Church are called to functions of Word, Altar, and Charity.



**PERMANENT
DIACONATE**

ARE YOU CALLED?



ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE
OF CHARLESTON

Deacons are ordained as a sacramental sign to the Church and to the world of Christ, who came "to serve and not to be served."

THE DIACONATE IS A VOCATION OF LIFE-LONG SERVICE OF WORD, LITURGY AND CHARITY. THE DEACON IS TO EXTEND THE SACRAMENTAL PRESENCE OF CHRIST'S SERVICE OUTSIDE OF THE CHURCH AND INTO THE SECULAR WORLD.

THE WORD

Proclaim the Gospel and Preach • Teach the Catholic Faith • Evangelize Believers and Unbelievers

THE ALTAR

Assist Bishops and Priests at the Liturgy • Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion • Administer the Sacraments of Baptism and Marriage, Preside at Wake Services and Rites of Burial • Preside at Devotional Services

CHARITY

Perform Charitable, Administrative, and Social Welfare Duties • Visit the Sick, Feed the Hungry • Minister to the Imprisoned • Minister to the Bereaved



FORMATION

- New classes form every two years
- Discernment and formation lasts 5 ½ years
- Undergraduate Certificate or Master's in Theology awarded
- Monthly in-person class in Columbia
- Catholic men must be aged 30-60 at time of application to be eligible to apply

For information on exploring a vocation as a deacon in the Diocese of Charleston: charlestdioocese.org/diaconate. Email Deacon Brian Justice, Director of Formation: bjjustice@charlestdioocese.org.



Please contact Jessica Thrall at jthrall@charlestondiocese.org if you're interested in volunteering, donating or learning more about any of our programs.



Visit our website here! 

Our Lady's Pantry Donations Needed



Catholic Charities' Our Lady's Food Pantry needs food pantry and hygiene items, especially the following items:

- ◆ Grains - cereal, oatmeal, flour, pasta
- ◆ Canned goods - fruit, corn, green beans, diced tomato, tuna
- ◆ Hygiene - toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, lotion

Donated items may be dropped off Monday through Thursday from 9.00 am - 4.00 pm. If you have any questions or need to arrange for a different drop off time, please contact lisa.woodard@charlestondiocese.org.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Prince of Peace

"I am with you always, until the end of time."
~Matthew 28:20

To share a Holy hour with the Lord, contact Lisa Buss at adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org or 864.508.7123. All hours are available for adoption, but please consider one of the following hours of need (*urgent open hour!):

- Sunday 12 am*
- Monday 6 am
- Tuesday 4 pm
- Thursday 1 pm
- Friday 12 pm
- Saturday 2 pm* & 8 pm

Read and Understand the Bible with *The Bible in a Year* Podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz!



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—Ignacio G.

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Young Adults Spring Retreat

Join us for our *Draw Near* spring weekend retreat from 14-16 June at St Christopher Camp and Conference Center in Seabrook Island, SC. Rachel Leininger will be our retreat leader guiding us as we reflect, discuss, and participate in our retreat focusing on prayer and discipleship and how they are relational in nature. Between jobs, education, relationships and all sorts of life changes, we offer you a weekend retreat to rest, pray and have the spiritual support to help you discern well. Join us for talks, prayer and community. Find more information and register at <https://charlestondiocese.configio.com/pd/427/ya-spring-retreat-2024>.

THE BEST VACATION

FOR CATHOLIC FAMILIES

GREAT FOOD · COMFORTABLE LODGING · DAILY MASS · OUTDOOR ADVENTURES · FELLOWSHIP

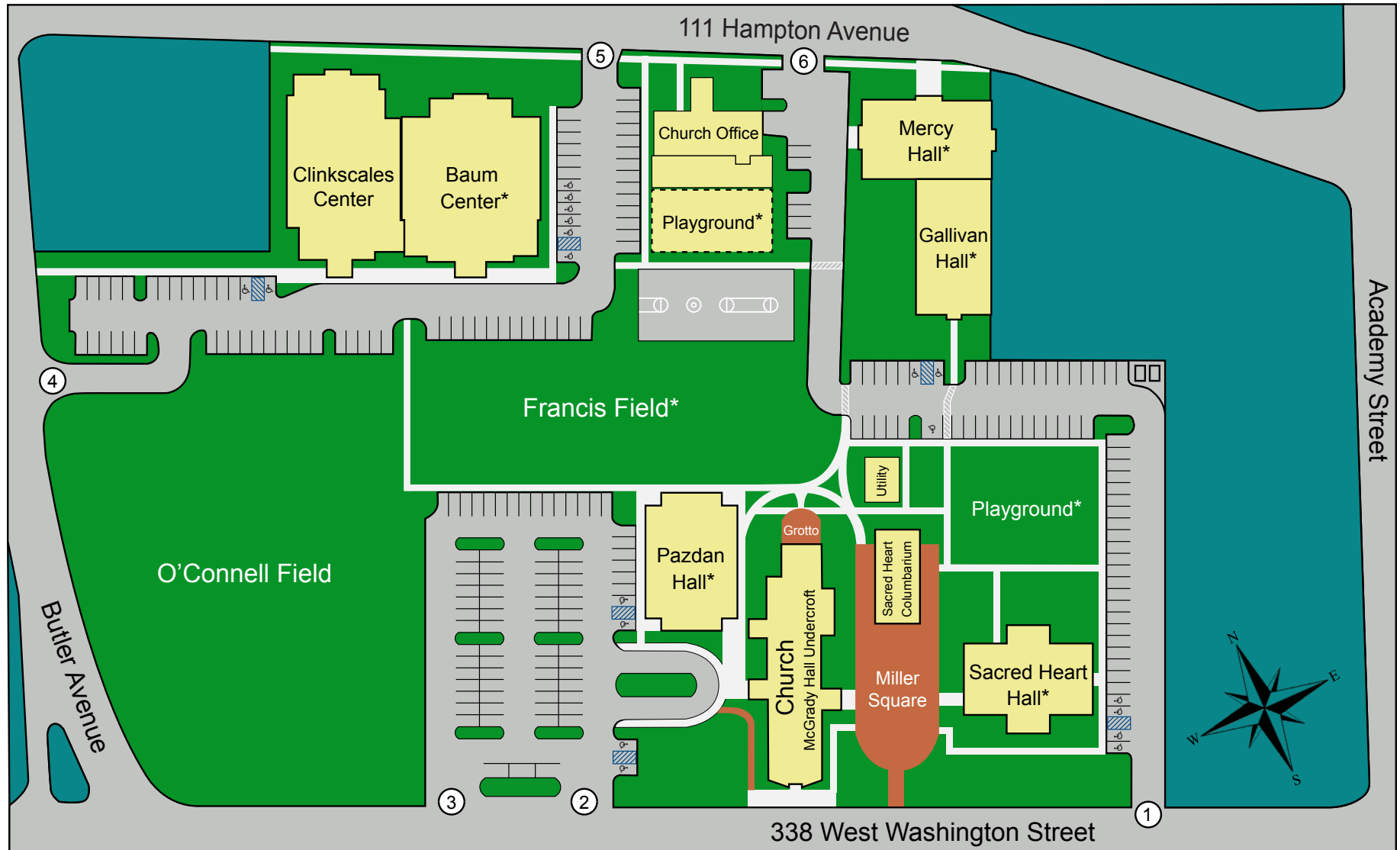





SAINT MARY'S CAMPUS MAP

Saint Mary's Church has nine buildings on nine acres of land, so this map is offered to help you find your way on our campus.

Please note that during the school day, it is not permitted for anyone to walk through the interior section of our campus in order to safeguard the children in our care. So if you are visiting the church during a school day, please park in the Washington Street lot at entrances 2 or 3. And if you are visiting the church office, please park beside the Baum Center at entrance 5 and walk on Hampton Avenue to our front door. On weekends and any day when school is not in session, please park and walk anywhere you like.



*No access during school hours.

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