



SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parafia Najświętszego Serca Pana Jezusa

IN POLONIA

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PARISH CLERGY

DUCHOWIEŃSTWO PARAFIALNE

Father Mark Miller • Pastor.....fr.miller@sacredheartpolonia.com
 Deacon Jim Sniadajewski.....dcn.jim@sacredheartpolonia.com
 You may reach Father Miller for both emergency and non-emergency situations by calling the parish office number 715-600-6942 at any time of the day.

PARISH OFFICE

BIURO PARAFIALNA

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 9:00am–3:00pm
 Friday: 9:00am–1:00pm • Closed on Wednesdays
 • Please note that the parish office will be closed daily from 11:15-11:45am for lunch.

PARISH STAFF

PRACOWNICY PARAFII

Business Administrator.....Veronica Bruske ext. 130
 Administrative Assistant.....Susanna Lepak ext. 100
 School PrincipalDawn Cisewski ext. 160
 Basement Kitchen.....Barb Lepak (715-600-0396)
 Coordinator of Religious Ed.....Debbie Riske (715-340-4626)
CCD@sacredheartpolonia.com

CONFESSION

SPOWIEDŹ ŚWIĘTA

Thursday: 7:30am–8:00am Friday: 7:30am–8:00am
 Saturday: 2:45pm–3:45pm at Saint Mary's in Custer

ADORATION

ADORACJA EUCHARYSTYCZNA

Thursday: 7:00am–8:00am
 Friday: 7:00am–8:00am at Saint Mary's in Custer
 First Friday: 8:45am–3:00pm at Saint Mary's in Custer

BAPTISM PREPARATION

CHRZEST

Please contact the parish to schedule a baptism class and request a date for the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism. Parents are encouraged to attend before the birth of their child.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

MAŁŻEŃSTWO

Couples requesting the celebration of Marriage should contact the parish at the time of formal engagement or at least six months prior to the anticipated date of marriage.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

MSZE ŚWIĘTE

While Father Miller is on retreat the following intentions will be offered during Father Miller's private Masses

Monday, April 29 – *Feria*

Tuesday, April 30 – *St. Catherine of Siena*

No Mass—Sacred Heart

†Emily Ramczyk by Randy & Lori Ramczyk

Wednesday, May 1 – *St. Joseph the Worker*

No Mass—St. Mary's

Thursday, May 2 – *St. Mark*

No Adoration—Sacred Heart

No Confessions—Sacred Heart

No Mass—Sacred Heart

†Deceased Members of Ambrose & Sophie Konkol Family by Richard Konkol

Friday, May 3 – *St. Anthonis*

No Adoration—St. Mary's

No Confessions—St. Mary's

No Mass—St. Mary's

Please note : No First Friday Adoration due to Father Miller's Retreat.

Saturday, May 4 – *Sts. Philip & James*

No Mass—Sacred Heart (Collective Intention)

†Grace Domaszek by Sherry McLennon

†Joann Bronk by Russ & Anita Garski

†Henry Wierzba by Jason & Anna Kozikowski

†Elsie Fliss by Marie, Tom & Barb Platta

†Paulette Blaskey by Bernard & Marlene Schulist

†Agnes Peplinski by PCCW

†Colleen Kluck by Betty Kowalski

2:45–3:45pm Confession—Sacred Heart

4:00pm Anticipatory Mass—Sacred Heart

Sacred Heart & St. Mary's Parish Families

Sunday, May 5 – *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

8:00am Mass—Sacred Heart

†Norman Eiden by Maurice & Sandy Damask

10:00am Mass—St. Mary's

†Tom Schmenk by Linda & Family

A WORD FROM FATHER

SŁOWO OD PASTORA



"A just life constitutes a song for the ears of our heavenly Father. It is as pleasing to Him as the most beautiful prayer." —St. Cyprian

LAST WEEK'S PARISH SUPPORT

DAROWIZNY

Adults: \$ 6,021
 Youth: \$22
 Loose: \$340
 Total: \$ 6,383
 Vigil Lights: \$ 98
 Sanctuary Lamp: \$ 100
 School Donations: \$ 100
 Renovation: \$ 100

Apr Budget: \$31,300
 Apr to Date: \$16,260

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Scrip: \$4,385 | \$ 151

Automated Giving Program: Parishioners have the option to enroll in Direct Payments (ACH debits) as a means of sharing your financial gifts. Additional details are on the Authorization Agreement form available on our website: www.sacredheartpolonia.com.



2023-2024 Diocesan Annual Appeal
 Sacred Heart's Goal: \$48,950
 Contributions to Date: \$29,282 (59.8%)
 # of Donors: 107

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

POSŁUGI LITURGICZNE

Altar Servers

May 4: 4:00 pm Gavin E., William & Luke
 May 5: 8:00 am Joseph & Christopher

Hospitality

May 4: 4:00 pm Volunteer Ushers
 May 5: 8:00 am Volunteer Ushers

Readers

May 4: 4:00 pm Deb Riske
 May 5: 8:00 am Kent Lepak

Wellington

May 2: Dcn. Jim

PRAYER REQUESTS

PROŚBY MODLITEWNE

Let us remember the following in our daily prayers:
 Austin James, Brittany Olivia, JD Wysocki, Dave Grawey, Megan Rose, Jennifer Lepak, Agnes Milanowski, Ernie Kurszewski, Beverly Stanczyk, Jerry Lepak, Theresa Pliska, Vanessa Lawson, Randy Schulist, Dorothy and Raymond Gagas, Frank Kurszewski, Donald J. Firkus, Ronald Trzebiatowski, Alice Wierzba, Jason Wrycza, Newton Family, Gail Tepp, Laurie Konkol-Glodowski, Elaine Gagas

If you would like someone added to the list please contact the parish office. Always be sure you have permission to add someone's name.

SACRED HEART NEWS • OGŁOSZENIA PARAFIALNE



Dear Friends, Glory to Jesus, the first image of the invisible God, both now and forever Amen. I want to thank all of you who have been praying for the sisters to be able to come to the convent in Polonia. Thanks be to God, that if everything goes well, three of our sisters will be coming to Polonia on the 26th of June this year. They don't have the visa yet, but we strongly trust that they will be given visas this time. In the same way, I wish to thank all of you that have offered to help us in one way or the other. The entire sisters of MSDI are praying for you all. Please also keep praying for us. God bless you all.
 ~ Yours in Divine Image, Sr. Mari-Ugochi Vivian Ozurumba

Reminder. Father Miller will be away on retreat this week so there will be no morning Masses, silent adoration, chaplet, benediction or confessions during the entire week. Father Miller will be back to celebrate Mass on Saturday, May 4th at 4:00pm. *All scheduled Mass intentions for this week will be offered at Father Miller's private Masses.* For any emergencies for this week, please call the parish office and we will contact a priest for you.

Magnificats. If you ordered a Magnificat for the month of May they are available to be picked up at the entrances of the church. ~ Thank you

Building and Grounds. I am looking to re-form a "Building and Grounds" committee. If anyone would be interested in being on this committee (either past members if you're still interested or new members), please let the office know by May 1st. Please include your name, area of expertise, and an email address. ~ Fr. Miller



PCCW News. PCCW ladies will be selling roses Mother's Day weekend (May 11th & 12th) before and after the 4:00pm Saturday Mass and 8:00am Sunday Mass. The cost is \$2 per rose, and all proceeds are for Portage County Right to Life.

- **Diaper and Wipes Drive.** Please continue to donate diapers and wipes and place them in the baskets by the entrances of the church until Mother's Day. Items will be donated to First Choice Pregnancy, Operation Bootstrap, Rosholt Pantry, or families in need. ~ Thank you
- **PCCW meeting** on Monday, May 13th will start with the recitation of the Rosary at 6pm at the memorial for the unborn. If there is inclement weather, we will say the rosary in the church. The meeting will start at 6:30pm, and Father will install the new officers at that time.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

NAMASZCZENIE CHRZYCH

If anyone is in need of spiritual care at your home or the hospital (e.g. confession, Holy Communion, or Anointing of the Sick) please call the parish to make arrangements. Father Miller is here for your spiritual and sacramental needs. Also, be aware that if you are in the hospital for an extended period of time, and would like a visit, please contact the parish. This is important because hospitals do not make us aware of these situations.

Thank you. As another year comes to a close, I would like to thank all of our Religious Education volunteers who have committed many hours in preparation and teaching time each week in order to pass on the Catholic faith to our parish youth. The time, energy and love you exhibit is a powerful sign of your love for our Catholic Church and our parish family. Thank you again for your dedication to our children, families and parish. ~ Fr. Miller

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| Deb Riske | Aimee Rozek |
| Mitch Jensen | Michelle Printz |
| Krista Glodowski | Kent Lepak |
| Katrina Omernik | John Kurszewski |
| Jessica Dombrowski | Chad Gagag |
| Tanya Mlodik | James Dombrowski |
| Dawn Cisewski | Dan Konz |
| Rachel Sankey | Tracy Firkus |
| Sarah Zaborowski | Christine Nordberg |

Youth Choir. All youth ages 7 and up are welcome to join Mrs. Eron on Saturday, May 4th at the 4:00pm anticipatory Mass for the next youth choir opportunity. If you are interested, just come up to the choir loft by 3:45 pm. All voices are welcome!



The First Holy Communion Retreat for children and parents will be on Saturday, May 4th, beginning at 8:15am; one parent must be in attendance, and rehearsal will be on this day as well. The First Holy Communion Mass will be on Saturday, May 11th, at 4:00pm Mass. Communicants, please arrive by 3:30pm.

Please contact Debbie Riske for details at ccd@sacredheartpolonia.com or 715-340-4626.



St. Isidore Blessings: The feast day of St. Isidore, the patron saint of farmers is on Wednesday, May 15th. Father Miller plans to do the blessings of seeds, plants, machinery, etc. by the front entrance of the church after the 8:15am Mass on Tuesday, May 14th. If you have farm machinery, please drive up to the front. Holy cards of St. Isidore will be available at the entrances of the church from May 11th-19th.

The Women's Book Club of Sacred Heart meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday's of the month in the church basement from 7:15-9:00pm. If you are looking to connect with other women and grow in your faith life, we invite you to join us at any time! Call or text Theresa Glavin with any questions: 715-321-4464. We will be start our next book *He Leadeth Me* by Fr. Walter Ciszek on **May 6th**.

PICNIC NEWS

WIADOMOŚCI PIKNIK

The Picnic Mini-Raffle is looking for prizes. If you have a prize you would like to donate for our mini-affle please call Renee or Jerry at 715-341-8831 or you can send a text to 715-347-0775 and let us know. This prize is usually worth \$100.00 or more. Thank you for your consideration.



Attention Graduating Class of 2024!

Sacred Heart Parish is proud to recognize those registered members of our parish community who are graduating from high school, college, or other professional programs. In addition to celebrating the 8:00am Mass together, the graduates, guests, and parishioners are invited to a donut social at the front entrance of the church after Mass on Sunday, May 19th. Please contact the parish office by Friday, May 17th to let us know if you are planning to attend this Mass. Also, we would like to do a bulletin insert of our graduates. Please send us your picture and a short bio about yourself by Sunday, May 12th. It can be emailed to bulletin@sacredheartpolonia.com or dropped off at the parish office drop-box.

SANCTUARY LAMP

WIECZNA LAMPKA

There are many openings for \$100 donations to have the sanctuary lamp burn for a week in memory of a departed family member or members. Please call the parish office to select a date and make a donation.

SCHOOL NEWS

WIADOMOŚCI SZKOLNE



“Peel A Deal” Papa Murphy’s Home & School Fundraiser. During the next couple weekend’s there will be a parent from Home & School that will be selling Papa Murphy’s Coupon Cards after the Sunday Masses at the front entrance of the church. The cards only cost \$10! Also, if you do not get a chance to purchase them after the Sunday Masses, please stop by the parish office during week. ~ *Thank you for your support!*

FREE	\$5 OFF	Any Family Size Pizza	Any Large Size Pizza
Large 3-Topping Pizza	or	\$4 OFF	\$3 OFF
FREE	\$3	Any Family Size Pizza	Any Large Size Pizza
Cookie Dough	or	\$4 OFF	\$3 OFF
Cookie Dough	or	Cheesy Bread	or
or	or	or	or



Help Support Sacred Heart Home & School. Purchase pizza on Wednesday, May 15th at **Papa Murphy’s Stevens Point location only** and Papa Murphy’s will donate 20% of the total sales to Sacred Heart School. Thank you for your support!

PARISH MEETINGS

SPOTKANIA PARAFIALNE



Holy Name Society. Sunday, May 12th @ 9:00am—Sacred Heart Parish Hall.



PCCW. Monday, May 13th @ 6:30pm—Sacred Heart Parish Hall.

Pastoral Council. Thursday, May 16th @ 6:30pm—Sacred Heart Parish Hall.

Finance Council. Tuesday, May 21st @ 6:00pm—Sacred Heart Parish Hall.

Important information regarding the Sacred Heart and St. Martin Cemeteries. In order to secure the safety of visitors and staff, to prevent interference with the routine maintenance operations, and to prevent equipment damage, the Cemetery Committee will again be removing items from grave sites which are not in compliance with our cemetery guidelines. Please remove any items you wish to retain prior to June 1, 2024. Complete cemetery regulations are available at the parish office or online at sacredheartpolonia.com. The Cemetery Committee expresses their appreciation for helping to maintain a final resting place for your loved ones.

First Choice Pregnancy Center - Walk for Life. The Parker Family will be representing Sacred Heart again this year on Saturday, May 4th in Wisconsin Rapids. First Choice PRC's fundraising goal is \$34,000. If you would like to donate online, visit <http://www.firstchoiceprc.org/walkforlife>. Donate to a team member or register with the team - St. Gianna Walkers for Life to walk and fundraise with other area Catholics.

SPIRITUAL RESOURCE • ZASOBY DUCHOWE



A Minute with Jesus.

Confession – a preparation for receiving the Eucharist. The best way to prepare to receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist is by going to Confession (also known as the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Penance). We want to receive Him with a

clean heart. If it is not possible to go to Confession before receiving Jesus, make a sincere Act of Contrition in your heart, and as always pray with sincerity the prayer at Mass, “I confess to Almighty God...”

A sin that is mortal – serious or grave – requires Sacramental Confession before receiving Holy Communion. If you are not sure about this, speak with a priest.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, please give me the grace to be truly sorry for my sins.

This week read how God calls us out of darkness into His own wonderful light in 1 Peter 2:9-10.



AREA EVENTS • WYDARZENIA LOKALNE

Polonia Gazebo Self-Serve Gift Shop. Weather permitting, feel free to browse the Gazebo Gift Shop located in the middle of the convent grounds behind the Polonia Convent. Please use the SOUTH door of the gazebo. Self-serve instructions are in the gazebo. Happy browsing!

- First Communion dresses/veils available in Polonia Convent Gift Shop (inside convent). Call 715-592-4213 and leave a message if you are interested. We'll call back to arrange a time for you to come in. Thank you.

FREE Blessed Votive Candle for home use. Made by Sacred Heart parishioner from melted down and reformed candle stubs from our church. To obtain one, please use sign up sheet at the elevator entrance area.

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish Rummage Sale. Located at 8611 State Highway 54, Almond WI

- Weekend of May 3rd, 4th, & 5th
- Friday & Saturday 8:00am - 4:00pm
- Sunday 9:00am - 1:00pm
- Free Will Offering, unless otherwise marked
- Refreshments available for purchase

St. Bronislava Holy Name Society's "All You Can Eat Breakfast" will be held on Sunday, May 5, 2024, from 8:30AM to Noon at St. Bronislava Catholic Church located at 3200 Plover Rd in Plover. The Menu includes buttermilk & potato pancakes, French toast, breakfast sausage links & ham (Limit 4 in combo), milk, juice & coffee. Cost is \$10.00 for ages 13-adult, \$4 for ages 5-12 & Free for ages 4 & under. The meal is cooked by the men of Holy Name and table service is provided by St Bron's Boy Scout troop #201. Proceeds from the breakfast go towards the Parish, School & Youth Needs. Thank you for your support.

St. Stephen Family Life Committee. Welcomes you to our PANCAKE BREAKFAST on Sunday, May 5th from 9:00 - 11:00 am in St. Stephen School Cafeteria. The cost is \$7.00 for adults & \$5.00 for children 12 and under. Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage or bacon, orange juice, milk, and coffee. All proceeds go toward the St. Stephen Notre Dame Center Project. Enjoy a delicious hot breakfast with your fellow parishioners, friends, and neighbors. Tickets are available at the door. We hope to see you there!

Join us for the 14th Annual Pacelli Catholic Schools SHREDDING PARTY. Community Service & Fundraising Event Hosted by Schulfer & Associates, LLC Wealth Management Thursday, May 9th, 2024 from 3-6pm 1417 Main Street, Stevens Point.

National Eucharistic Pilgrimage - On Monday, June 10, 2024, the Marian Route of the Pilgrimage will travel through our area with a stop at the grave of Blessed Brother James Miller in Ellis. A prayer service will begin at 9:30 a.m., and all are welcome to attend. We invite you to ask for a miracle through the intercession of Blessed Brother James Miller. You can submit your intention at www.dioc.org/pilgrimage

Family Camp at Crosswoods Camp: Crosswoods Camp will host a Family Camp on August 2nd-4th, 2024, and September 20th-22nd, 2024. For families wanting to deepen their faith in the great outdoors, together! Family in Faith Speakers, Adventures, Bonfires, Crafts, Praise & Worship. Cost is \$350/family of 4 + \$30 per additional family member. Visit crosswoods.camp or call Cheryl Kaufer at 651-308-8576.

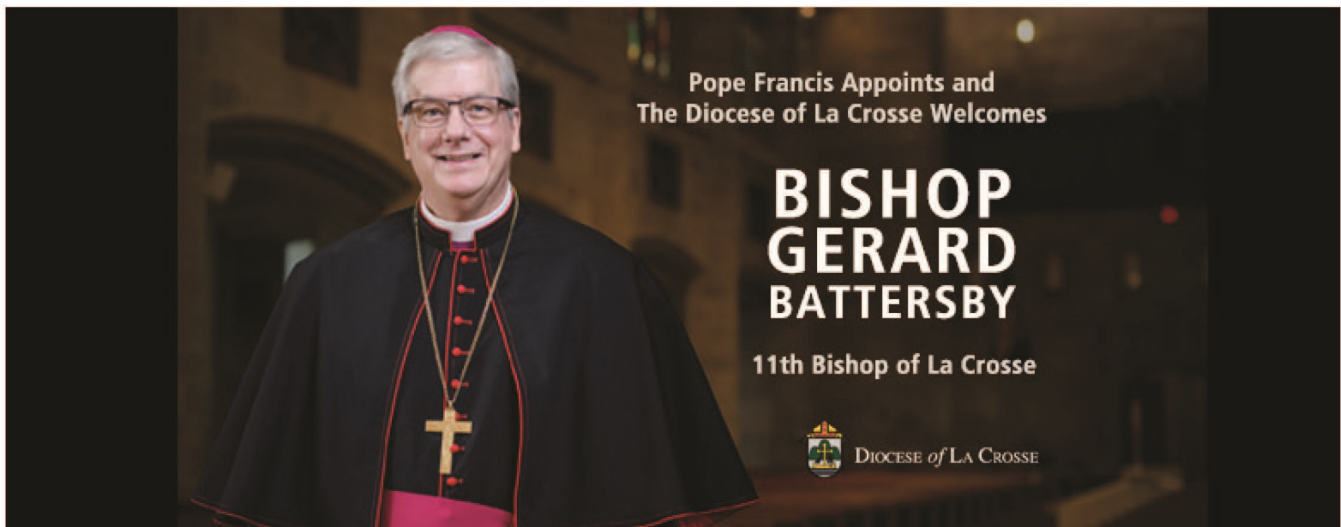
Pregnant and in distress? Confidential help is available from First Choice Pregnancy in Stevens Point, WI, call 800-712-help or visit www.firstchoiceprc.org. Additional resources and locations, visit dioc.org/pregnancy-resources.

MAY 2024

Please pray some kind of prayer for the priest listed each day. ~ *Thank you so much!*

CALENDAR MONTH MAY
CALENDAR YEAR 2024
1ST DAY OF WEEK SUNDAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
			Pope Francis	Fr. James Trempe	Fr. Sengole Vehanayagan	Fr. Arturo Ygueras
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Fr. James Weighner	Fr. Steven Weller	Fr. Timothy Welles	Fr. Alan Wierzba	Fr. Daniel Williams	Fr. John Zweber	Fr. Larry Berger
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Fr. Robert Cook	Fr. Richard Dickman	Fr. William Grewarch	Fr. John Heagle	Fr. Paul Hoffman	Msgr. Robert Hundt	Fr. James Logan
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Fr. Dennis Lynch	Fr. Delbert Malin	Fr. William Menzel	Fr. John Parr	Fr. Donald Przybylski	Fr. John Schultz	Fr. Dennis Stanclik
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
Fr. George Szews	Fr. Robert Thom	Fr. Roy Witucki	Fr. Eugene Wolf	Fr. Rajendran Anadan	Fr. Stanislaus Anthony	
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The Diocese of La Crosse Welcomes Bishop Gerard Battersby as the 11th Bishop for the Diocese of La Crosse

"It is with joy that I received the news that the Holy Father had named me the 11th Bishop of the Diocese of La Crosse, Wisconsin," Bishop Battersby said. "When I was baptized, ordained a priest and consecrated a bishop, I received a call within a call, an invitation to follow. The Risen One has bid me to follow him to western Wisconsin, to the banks of the mighty Mississippi. I leave with hope and anticipatory joy."
 — Bishop Battersby

Bishop Battersby was born on May 15th, 1960. In 1993, he entered Sacred Heart Major Seminary and received a Master of Divinity degree in 1998. After ordination to the priesthood, he served in parish ministry for ten years. Bishop Battersby then served as director of graduate seminarians and graduate pastoral formation at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit. In 2011, he was appointed Vice-Rector and Dean of Seminary Formation and was ordained to the Episcopacy as an Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit and Moderator of the South Region in January 2017.

"I have had the privilege of serving as a bishop in west-central Wisconsin for fourteen years," said Bishop Callahan. "During this time, I have been blessed with numerous wonderful memories. I am grateful for the meaningful prayers and reflections that have connected my heart and soul with joy and gratitude and I am especially thankful for the three years I spent serving in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, where I received fraternity and support from Cardinal Tim Dolan, Archbishop Jerry ListECKI and the Milwaukee presbyterate. In 2010, I was called by His Holiness, Pope Benedict, to become the Tenth Bishop of La Crosse and I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to work with some of the best priests and deacons in the Church in this capacity."

"Throughout my ministry, I have been fortunate to have the steadfast support of my Franciscan community since I was ordained as a priest in 1977. Looking back, it is a great blessing and I simply say, 'thank you' to all the wonderful people who have been part of my journey, especially the priests, deacons, religious, and holy women who have been so kind to me over these 14 years. Their friendship and mentorship have taught me to be mindful of what it means to be brothers and sisters of Christ and sons and daughters of God."

"As I move forward, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has made my time in the Diocese of La Crosse so meaningful. I look forward to continuing my service to Bishop Battersby and spiritual service to brother priests and deacons in La Crosse. I am grateful for the opportunity to remain in this wonderful community for as long as God allows, and I will cherish the memories and experiences I have had here. Thank you for allowing me to fulfill God's call among you. Be assured of my daily prayer and happy memories."

Bishop Battersby will be installed as the Bishop of the Diocese of La Crosse on May 20th at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman.



Watch the Press Conference and learn more about Bishop Battersby at: diolc.org/bishop-battersby



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