



# Disciples of the Mission

## AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Church of St. Ann • Church of St. Edward • Church of St. William  
Our Lady of the Lake • Our Lady of Seven Dolors • Sacred Heart • St. James

## Welcome!

### CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CHURCHES

#### Church of St. Ann

402 Nelson Ave. PO Box 256  
Brandon, MN 56315

#### Mass Times

Weekend: Sun. 10:30 am

Weekday: Thurs. 8:30 am

#### Church of St. Edward

201 Douglas Ave.  
Henning, MN 56551

#### Mass Times

Weekend: Sun. 8:30 am

Weekday: Fri. 8:30 am

#### Church of St. William

209 West Soo St. PO Box 339  
Parkers Prairie, MN 56361

#### Mass Times

Weekend: Sat. 4:00 pm

Weekday: Fri. 7:30 am

#### Our Lady of the Lake

407 N. Lake Ave. PO Box 671  
Battle Lake, MN 56515

#### Mass Times

Weekend: Sun. 10:30 am

Weekday: Thurs. 8:30 am

#### Our Lady of Seven Dolors

16921 Co Rd 7 NW.  
Brandon, MN 56315  
(Located in Millerville)

#### Mass Times

Weekend: Sat. 7:30 pm

Weekday: Wed. 8:30 am

#### Sacred Heart

60 N. Central Ave. PO Box 339  
Parkers Prairie, MN 56361  
(Located in Urbank)

#### Mass Times

Weekend: Sun. 8:30 am

Weekday: Tues. 8:30 am

#### St. James

32009 County Hwy 74  
Underwood, MN 56586

#### Mass Times

Weekend: Sat. 5:00 pm

Weekday: Wed. 9:00 am

### Blessing of the Fields

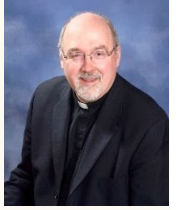
I remember well the stories my grandparents shared with me about life on their farm. Strange to the ears of most people today would be the stories of when they first received electricity and running water on the farm...to the barn first, of course. They would talk of the many joys and challenges they faced throughout the years. One particular thing that stands out is how my grandparents would regularly walk the fields together while they prayed the rosary and sprinkled holy water, blessing their soil and crops. They also often spoke about their trust in God's providence throughout all the years whether slim or abundant.

This reliance upon God is an example for all of us. While it certainly is at the forefront for those who completely rely upon something that is entirely out of their control like the weather, trust in the Lord is something that is meant to be a constant in our lives. This does not mean that if we trust in the Lord that nothing bad will happen. It does mean, however, that we believe that regardless of the struggle or challenge that in the end He will be there with us. Thus, we continually ask for His help, guidance, protection, and grace for ourselves, for others, and even over our activities and property.

In light of this I will be offering to bless fields once they have been planted. More details about this will come later.

God bless,

Fr Theis



## 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled ... You are witnesses of these things."  
- Lk 24:44, 48

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**SUNDAY APRIL 14, 2024 | THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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## MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

### Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>:

8:30 am Sacred Heart, Urbank † James Klimek

### Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>:

8:30 am Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville † Jerry Bauer  
9:00 am St. James, Maine Twp. Increase of Faith

### Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>:

8:30 am St. Ann Brandon † Shirley Wagner  
8:30 am Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake † Jeremy Mashek

### Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>:

7:30 am St. William, Parkers Prairie †† Dick & Diane Bergquist  
8:30 am St. Edward, Henning † Jim Reineke

### Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>:

4:00 pm St. William, Parkers Prairie People of the Parishes  
5:00 pm St. James, Maine Twp. People of the Parishes  
7:30 pm Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville † Clem Bitzan

### Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>: Third Sunday of Easter

8:30 am Sacred Heart, Urbank † Eileen Suchy  
8:30 am St. Edward, Henning †† Leo & Helen Turchin  
10:30 am Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake † Jim Hallberg  
10:30 am St. Ann, Brandon † Elphege Webskowski

## CONFESSION

**Tuesday:** 6:30 pm Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake  
**Wednesday:** 9:00 am Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville  
9:30 am St. James, Maine Twp.  
**Thursday:** 8:00 am Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake  
9:00 am St. Ann, Brandon  
**Friday:** 8:00 am St. Williams Living Center, Parkers Prairie  
8:00 am St. Edward, Henning  
**Saturday:** 3:00 pm St. William, Parkers Prairie  
4:30 pm St. James, Maine Twp. Morgan  
**Sunday:** 8:00 am St. Edward, Henning



## ADORATION

**Wednesday:** 8:00 - 9:00 am St. James, Maine Twp.  
9:00 - 10:00 am Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville  
**Thursday:** 9:00 - 10:00 am St. Ann, Brandon  
9:00 - 9:00 am 24 hr. Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake  
**Friday:** 8:00 - 9:00 am St. Williams Living Center, Parkers Prairie  
9:00 - 10:00 am St. Edward, Henning



## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER READINGS:

### First Reading:

The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses.

### Psalm:

Lord, let your face shine on us. Or: Alleluia.

### Second Reading:

He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world.

### Gospel:

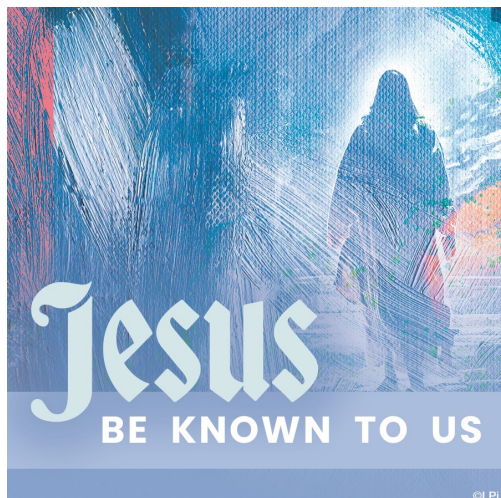
“Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day.”

### Gospel Meditation:

When I was a kid, a friend at my home parish told me, “If you get to Mass by the Gospel reading, it counts!” As a lifelong late-arriver, it’s something I have told myself many times, especially in my earlier years as a Catholic. If the “it counts” is justifiable on a pathetically minimal scale of liturgical legalism, then the Gospel reading today shows how insanely wrong-headed it is, and how helpful it is to re-think the Mass in its light.

The famous “Road to Emmaus” story recounts, on that first Sunday of the Resurrection, the basic two-fold structure of the Mass: *Word*, followed by *Eucharist*. Jesus spends a significant period of time with two dismayed disciples, as he connects a wide swath of the Hebrew scriptures with his own suffering, death, and resurrection. They would later report that this Liturgy of the Word touched their hearts with an inexplicable fire. This Word-induced flame alone is what leads the two disciples to discover Jesus’ presence in the “breaking of the bread.”

With this in mind, how can we possibly think that the Liturgy of the Word is unnecessary or incidental? The two disciples needed the Scriptures explained to them in order to experience Jesus alive in the eucharistic breaking of bread. Sure, we say, but they had the Risen Jesus. But that’s precisely the point: Jesus is risen and accompanies us in both parts of the Mass. Imagine how much our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist would deepen if we (preachers and listeners) took even more seriously that Jesus himself sets our hearts ablaze with his Word *so that* we know him in the Eucharist. That Word-induced fire counts, too!



## Daily Readings

### Monday, April 15: Easter Weekday

Acts 6:8-15; Psalm 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; John 6:22-29

### Tuesday, April 16: Easter Weekday

Acts 7:51—8:1a; Psalm 31:3cd-4, 6 & 7b & 8a, 17 & 21ab; John 6:30-35

### Wednesday, April 17: Easter Weekday

Acts 8:1b-8; Psalm 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; John 6:35-40

### Thursday, April 18: Easter Weekday

Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; John 6:44-51

### Friday, April 19: Easter Weekday

Acts 9:1-20; Psalm 117:1bc, 2; John 6:52-59

### Saturday, April 20: Easter Weekday

Acts 9:31-42; Psalm 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; John 6:60-69

### Sunday, April 21: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:8-12; Psalm 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18

## RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### How to Fail Your Way to Heaven

You know what are some of my favorite moments in Scripture? The little “Easter eggs” of Jesus’ humanity, things like Jesus falling asleep, Jesus drawing in the sand, Jesus playing with kids. And how about Jesus rising from the dead, appearing to his disciples and saying, “So, have you got anything to eat?”

It’s right for us to always keep in mind that Jesus is God. But we also have to remember that he was man. He got hungry. He cried when he felt sad and laughed when he felt happy. He got tired. He got bored.

Because he was God, none of those feelings ever led him into sin, like they do us. He never spent a car ride trying to pass the hours by seeing how annoyed he could make his older sister. He never smacked Peter over the head for saying something really stupid. But he did unleash some Biblically righteous anger on those traders in the temple, didn’t he? And he wasn’t shy about calling Peter “a Satan” when his friend tempted him to take the easy way out.

It’s the tightrope walk we all try to balance every day, honoring our human emotions while still answering God’s call to be better. Being perfect isn’t the domain of the Christian — that’s the domain of Christ only. Trying and failing, then trying again (and failing again) and again and again? That’s the domain of the Christian.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

# DISCIPLES OF THE MISSION AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## FAITH FORMATION

**Sacred Heart, St William, St Ann, Our Lady of Seven Dolors:** Class on Apr 17 at 6:45 pm with optional meal starting at 6:15 pm.

**St James:** Class on Sat, Apr 20 after the 5:00 pm Mass and Potluck.

**St Edward:** Class on Apr 17 starting at 6:00 pm.

**Our Lady of the Lake:** Edge/Life Teen Apr 17, 5:30 pm meal, class 6-7:30. Sunday School Apr 21 9:15-10:15 am.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Totus Tuus will be held from July 28-Aug 2 at St. Edwards. Any families who would like their children to attend Totus Tuus, but transportation is an obstacle may contact Darby Bradley - 320-339-0686 or Amy Evjen 320-304-4127.

## YOUTH GROUP

### Save the Date!

Topic: Tour of the Church with Fr. Theis  
Who: 6th - 12th grade  
When: April 14th, 6pm - 8pm  
Where: Urbank Youth House

Any Youth Group members interested in going to the Star of the North Eucharistic Congress on May 18th. Please contact Amy.

## ST. ANN

St. Jude's mission group will be meeting on Thursday, April 18, at 9:00 am until around 3:00 pm. We will be meeting at St. Ann's basement. New members are welcomed. For more info, please call 320-815-8102.

On Sunday, May 5th, after Mass, we will be having an Appreciation Lunch to honor Bob Piotrowski for his many years of service as our musician. Everyone is welcomed.

## ST. WILLIAM

Parkers Prairie High School Student Council is planning for its Annual Day of Caring, on Friday, May 17. The students of PPHS will be ready, willing, and able to help out in the community. If you would like help with spring clean up or have a special project that needs to get done in the Parkers Prairie, Urbank, and Miltna area, contact the PPHS Student Council Advisor David O'Brien at [dobrien@pp.k12.mn.us](mailto:dobrien@pp.k12.mn.us)

## OUR LADY OF SEVEN DOLORS

Help Needed: we are in need of 4 couples to volunteer to chair the bazaar plus one single person. Get your friends and family to join you!! Please contact the office.

## SACRED HEART

Please pick up the updated Parish Calling List in the back of church.

We are in need of some Mass Intentions. Please contact Laura at 218-338-2761.

## ST. EDWARD

We will continue to pray the Rosary for our Nation, our State and our Church on Saturday mornings from 8 am to 9 am (note the change in time) and finish with silent praying in front of the tabernacle. We plan to continue at least through the November election. Just come when you can, no one is expected to make it every Saturday. If you are unable to come, please join us in prayer at home during this time. *"For where two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst of them."* Matthew 20:18.

First Communion will be celebrated during Mass on Sunday, April 28th. Please continue to pray for our First Communicant, Micah Thalmann. The May Crowning of Mary will be held on Saturday, May 4th during Mass.

Are you looking for a Summer job? How about mowing the church grounds and cemetery at the Church of Saint Edward? Riding mowers are provided and the job is paid by the hour. If you are interested, please contact Dick Trana or the Parish Office.

## OUR LADY OF THE LAKE

Please keep the family of Agnes (Aggie) Macal who recently passed, away in your prayers. Blessed be her memory.

Mark your calendars for the Parish Life Committee Pancake Breakfast after Mass on Sunday, April 28.



## DISCIPLES OF THE MISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

### DISCIPLES OF THE MISSION ACC

#### **NW Deanery Council of Catholic Women Spring Program:**

We invite you for lunch and a general session on "The Saints in Our Lives" on April 27 at the Seven Dolors Parish Hall in Millerville. Pre-registration is requested so we can plan for food. Cost: \$10 at the door. Contact: Sheri Streasick at 320-805-0010 or email [SLSTREASICK@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SLSTREASICK@GMAIL.COM). Check-in starts at 11:00 am, Lunch at 11:30am, and program at 12:15pm until about 2:30pm. Bring your friends, neighbors, husbands, children!!

Leaving a legacy isn't just for the well-off, it's for everyone, and it's easier than you think. You are invited to an Estate Planning Basics Workshop sponsored by Catholic United Financial and Member Advisor Scott Jones. This is a St. William's event that will be held at Vogrin Hall on Apr 27 at 5 pm. There's no hard-sell at this workshop, just practical advice about using proven, time-honored methods like wills, trusts and charitable giving plans. Guest Speaker **Greg Gall Regional Sales Director** for Catholic United Financial, will guide you through these topics using his many years of experience in the insurance and financial products field. This workshop is sponsored by Catholic United Financial and Member Advisor Scott Jones. Join us at Vogrin Hall on Apr 27 at 5 pm, with a free soup and sandwich supper. To save your seat call **1-800-441-9949** or email [workshops@catholicunited.org](mailto:workshops@catholicunited.org) by Apr 22.

#### **Join Us for a Disciples of the Mission ACC trip to the Star of The North Eucharistic Congress**

Join us for a Disciples of the Mission trip to the Star of The North Eucharistic Congress in Bemidji, MN. The Congress will be held May 17 and 18 and it precedes the May 19 commencement of the Marian Route of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage at the headwaters of the great Mississippi River in Lake Itasca State Park. Attend all three days or join the Disciples of The Mission Area Catholic Community bus trip on Saturday, May 18 for Saturday only. Depart at approximately 6:30 am; return by approximately 7:00 pm. Cost for the event is \$40/adult; \$30/7 thru 17 years; Free/6 and under. This is per person and includes the bus ride on May 18 if you decide to attend for that day only. Lodging and transportation are on your own if you choose to attend the entire weekend. Please contact Jackie Caron at 320-808-4208 or [caronbj@gctel.com](mailto:caronbj@gctel.com) or Amy Evjen 320-304-4127 at [amyreligiously@gmail.com](mailto:amyreligiously@gmail.com) with questions or to register.

**The St. Mary's Mission Group to Red Lake** have spoken at three parishes in our ACC. They are looking for volunteers to join them on their trip June 17-21. The cost for the trip is \$50. Scholarships are available! Anyone 18 or older by trip date will need to complete free Safe Environment training and background checks for the dioceses of St. Cloud and Crookston. There may be an opportunity for a separate trip from July 29 - Aug 2. If you are interested in either opportunity or would like more information about Red Lake, please contact Ian Froslee - 210-608-2980 ([ianfroslee@proton.me](mailto:ianfroslee@proton.me)) or Kylee Collins - 218-579-0404.

On April 19-21 at the Franciscan Retreat Center in Hankinson, ND, men are invited to a retreat called **St. Joseph: Man of no Return**. There will be a Rosary, engaging large group talks, small group discussion, Mass, Confession, Eucharistic Adoration, private priest/deacon spiritual direction, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Liturgy of the Hours and more. Room and all meals provided. The cost is \$300.00 (Students \$200). Register at [www.ecclesiadomestica.net/registration](http://www.ecclesiadomestica.net/registration) or call St. Boniface Parish, Lidgerwood ND at 701-538-4604.

#### **The Proclamation Retreat**

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Contact Debbie: [jblicken@eot.com](mailto:jblicken@eot.com) or call/text: 218-298-4461 Cost - \$100 - Scholarships available.

On April 19-20. **Bring a friend!**

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHESTERTON COUNCIL 1995**

Knights of Columbus Chesterton Council meets on the 2nd Tuesday of every month in the basement of Our Lady of Seven Dolors at 7:30 pm. Rosary is prayed in the church at 7:00 pm.



# PRAYER LIST

**Please remember the following in your prayers:**

Terry Pauls, Millie Bitzan, Jim Korkowski, Eddie Koep, Jim & Carol Grotheer, LaVerne Shea, Tanner Wegscheid, Patty Kenaley, David Burgoyne, Andy Suchy, Nolan Morical, Joe Hellerman, Norm Umland, Laura Lowe, Pat McNelly, Bill Suchy, Patsy Shea, Dave Jacobson, Grace Abrahamson, Sarah Morgan, Nancy Benzinger, Hyacinth Wagner, Ralph Hanson, Rose Mary Peterson, Stacy Livingston, Janel Bitzan, Regina Fogard, Joann Bauer, Zane Reger, Clarence Otto, Dacia Teberg, Matthew Haugh, Betty Yelle, Joan Koep, Don Maslow, Kathy Stratton, Angela Gilles, Therese Peterson

*Have a prayer request? Please call or email the Parish Office. Names will only be published in the bulletin for parish prayers with permission from an immediate family member or from the person we are praying for. Their name will stay on for one month, unless you contact your parish secretary to keep them on.*

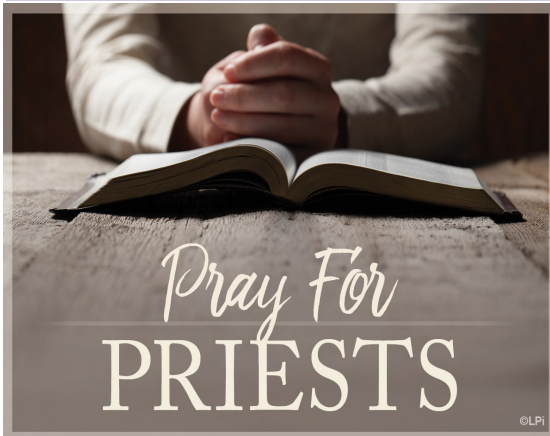
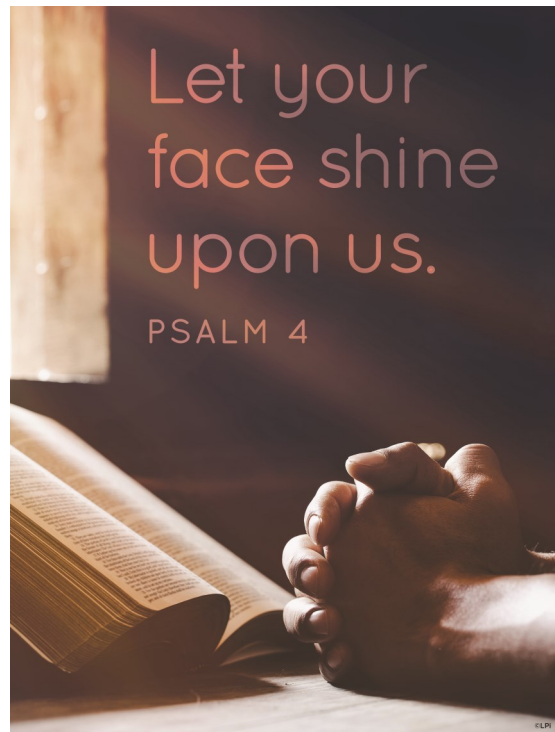
**Please Pray for a Priest or Seminarian each day in April**

- 15-Rev. Daniel Walz
- 16-Rev. Edward Vebelun, OSB
- 17-Rev. David Petron
- 18-Rev. Glenn Krystosek
- 19-Rev. Aaron Kuhn
- 20-Our deceased priests with April anniversaries
- 21-Rev. Peter VanderWeyst

# Calendar of **E****V****E****N****T****S**

## April

- 14-Confirmation Retreat starting with Mass at Sacred Heart at 8:30 am.
- 14-Youth Group, Tour the Church with Fr Theis, 6-8 pm Sacred Heart Youth House, Urbank.
- 16-Sacred Heart Finance Council Meeting 7:00 pm, St Williams Basement  
St. Williams Finance Council Meeting 8:15 pm, St Williams Basement
- 18- Finance Council Meeting 6:00 pm, St. Edward, Henning  
Parish Life Committee Meeting 7:00 pm, St. Edward, Henning
- 20-21 First Communion for SD, SW, SH, SA
- 23-St. Ann Finance Council Meeting 7:00 pm, Seven Dolors Office  
Seven Dolors Finance Council Meeting 8:15 pm, Seven Dolors Office
- 25- Finance Council Meeting 6:00 pm, St. James, Maine Twp.  
Parish Life Committee Meeting 7:00 pm, St. James, Maine Twp.
- 27-NW Deanery Council of Catholic Women Spring Program at 11:00 am at Seven Dolors Parish Hall, Millerville.
- 27-Estate Planning Workshop at 5:00 pm at Vogrin Hall (St Williams Living Center), Parkers Prairie.
- 28-First Communion during the 8:30 am Mass, St. Edward, Henning.



	4/7/24	Weekly Budget
<b>Our Lady of the Lake</b>	\$4,036.00	\$4,694.00
<b>St. Ann</b>	\$2,686.00	\$2,610.00
<b>St. James</b>	\$ 855.00	\$1,725.00
<b>St. Edward</b>	\$2,946.00	\$2,650.00
<b>Seven Dolors</b>	\$3,040.90	\$3,115.00
<b>St. William</b>	\$2,820.90	\$2,101.00
<b>Sacred Heart</b>	\$2,895.54	\$2,135.00

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*Thank you!*



### Pope Francis April Intention:

#### For the role of women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

#### A Vocation View:

Peter, who once denied even knowing Jesus, now boldly preaches in His Name. Do not let past weaknesses hold you back from being willing to share the power of His Message. (Acts 3:13-15,17-19)

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

### BAPTISM

Parents are required to attend a Baptism Class before their first child is Baptized.

St Ann, Seven Dolors, Sacred Heart, St William:  
**Contact Rose at least 2 months in advance to schedule a baptism.**

### WEDDING

**Contact Fr. LeRoy or Fr. Theis at least 6 months before the wedding.**

### RCIA

**Please contact Fr. LeRoy or Fr. Theis if interested in becoming Catholic.**

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1. Go to your app store.
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