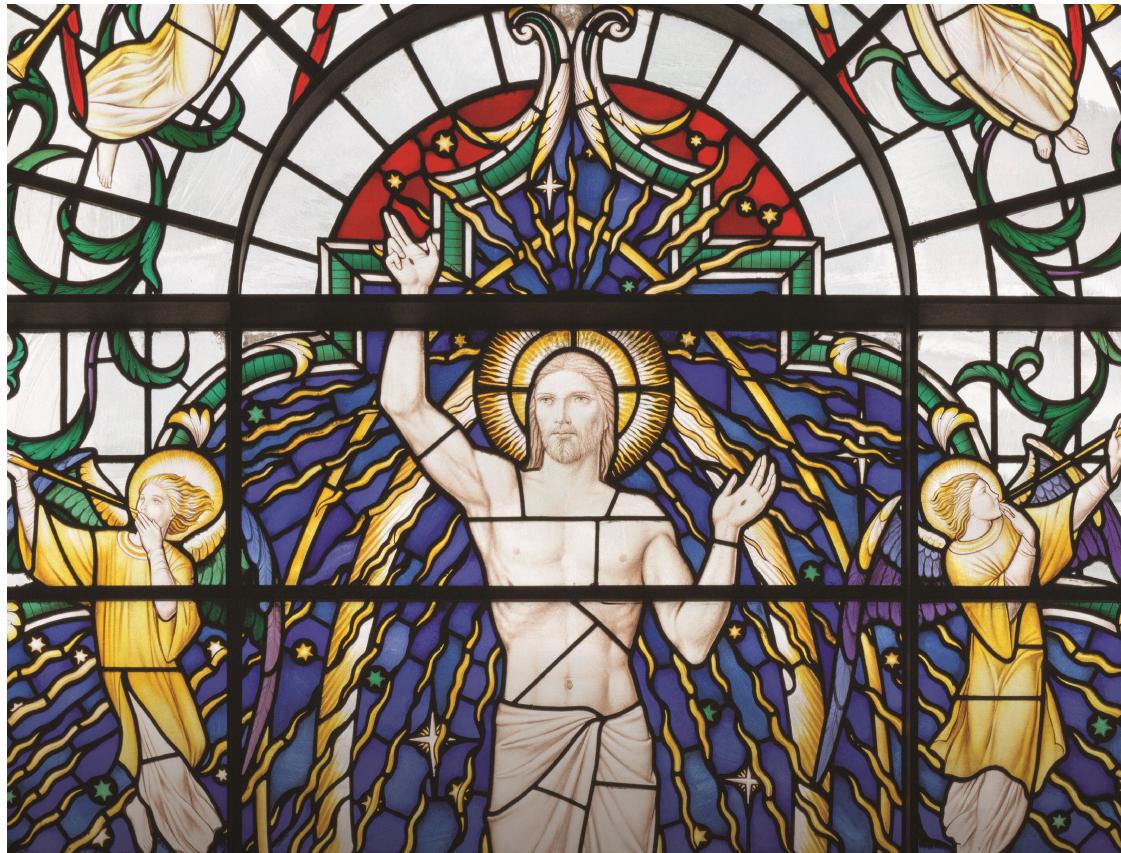


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Our paschal lamb, CHRIST, has been sacrificed.
Therefore, let us celebrate the feast.

I CORINTHIANS 5:7-8

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 4, 2021

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	April 5—Monday within the Octave of Easter
8:45a.m.	Marian Kurasz
Tuesday	April 6—Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
8:45a.m.	Int. Jeanean Strickland
Wednesday	April 7—Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
8:45a.m.	Dinorah Alvarez
Thursday	April 8—Thursday within the Octave of Easter
8:45a.m.	Joseph Norris
Friday	April 9—Friday within the Octave of Easter
8:45a.m.	Estelle Blake
Saturday	April 10—Saturday within the Octave of Easter
5:00p.m.	Jerry Matthews (7th Anniversary)/Richard Bade/Marvin G. Jett/Hubert & Therese Klaus/Kathy Kehoe/Int. Mike Knudtson
Sunday	April 11—Sunday of Divine Mercy
8:30 a.m.	Ronald Kostro/William Umlauf/People of St. Alexander Parish
10:30 a.m.	Patrick Hopkins
6:00 p.m.	Spanish Mass—Gilberta Gonzalez

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).
Psalm — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).
(1) Second Reading — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) or
(2) Second Reading — Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).
Gospel — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) or Mark 16:1-7 (or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35).
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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mon. 4/5/2021: CLOSED FOR EASTER MONDAY HOLIDAY

Tues. 4/6/2021:

Fishers of Men & Women Rosary Group	Hall/Gym	5:00pm
Fishers of Men	Fr. Tuan Room	6:00pm
Spanish Ministry-Marian Hour	Barrett Room	6:30pm

Sun. 4/11/2021:

Faith Formation	Hall/Gym	4:30pm
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*Father Rosenbaum, Deacons
and the St. Alexander Staff
wish all of you a Blessed Easter!*



Please remember to sign up for both Daily and Weekend Masses by 5:00pm on Thursday on our website: www.stalexanderparish.org. If you don't have access to the internet, please call the Parish Office to assist @ 630-833-7730. Thank you!



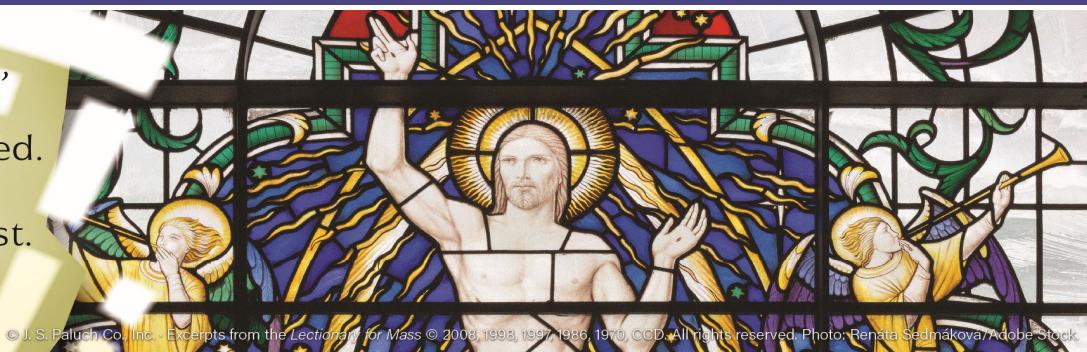
Reconciliation

St. Alexander: Tuesdays from 5:00—6:00pm
St. John the Apostle: Mondays from 5:00—6:00pm
Please wear a Mask.

Gospel Reflection

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TRANSFORMED BY THE RESURRECTION

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Imagine the flood of emotions that Mary of Magdala must have experienced on that first Easter morning. Grieving and yet determined to visit the place where Jesus' body had been laid, Mary would have been stunned to find the tomb empty. Imagine Simon Peter and the other disciple who, upon hearing Mary's announcement, ran to see for themselves. On Easter, we hear the story of Jesus' resurrection as though for the first time, through the account of Mary's discovery and the testimony of Peter who powerfully shared Christ's Paschal Mystery. We, too, have come to believe through their faithful witness. We are called to seek what is above, turn away from sin, and live as people who are forever transformed by the Good News of Jesus' resurrection.

STEP OUT IN FAITH

Mary ran to tell Simon Peter and the other disciple that the tomb was empty. No doubt confused and concerned, Peter and the other disciple set aside whatever fear might have occurred to them and ran to see the tomb for themselves. We do not always understand God's ways. We too are confused at times; our lives are marked by moments of uncertainty, and at times we are afraid. We can learn from Mary, Simon Peter, and the other disciple and step out in faith, trusting that we will find the Lord in the midst of the circumstances of our lives. When life gets complicated, as it often does, the best thing to do is step out, perhaps even run to the Lord!

BEAR WITNESS

We may not have opportunities to address crowds of people and share the gospel with them. Still, we are called to bear witness to our faith in the ways that we are able, in word and in deed. We cannot share what we have not fully embraced ourselves, however. The Easter season is the perfect time to reflect on Christ's Paschal Mystery, the unfathomable love of Jesus who shows and shares God's love perfectly. Our Lord gave his life so that we might have life, and have it to the full. Christ's victory over sin and death is our victory, our promise of eternal life with God in the fullness of time. See in Christ's life, passion, death, and resurrection the sign of God's mercy. Let this Easter day be a moment in which you allow yourself to be touched by Christ's incredible, undying love. Then, renewed in faith, look for ways to bear witness to the mercy, forgiveness, compassion, and love of the Lord with others.

Today's Readings:

Acts 10:34a, 37–43;
Ps 118:1–2, 16–17, 22–23;
Col 3:1–4 or
1 Cor 5:6b–8;
Jn 20:1–9



Faith Formation Office

Please contact Ann Krueger at: akrueger@stalexanderparish.org

He is Risen Easter Sunday

Early on Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb where Jesus had been buried. She saw that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. She ran and told Peter and John, **"Someone has taken the Lord's body and I don't know where they put Him."**

Confirmation is April 13th @ 7:00pm and will be livestreamed on our Facebook page

Stare at the four dots in this picture for about thirty seconds. Then close your eyes and wait for an image to appear.
What did you see? Did you see an image of Jesus?



Some people see the image of Jesus and some don't. It is just like that in real life. Some people don't see Jesus because they are looking for Him in the wrong place.

This is what happened in the Gospel today. Some people, like Mary, Peter, and John can't see Jesus because they are looking for Him in the wrong place.

If you're looking in a grave or on a cross: ***He isn't there.*** He is risen and is seated at the right hand of His Father in heaven. He is alive. Sermons4kids.com/see_Jesus.html

Dear God, we thank you that Jesus, our Savior, is not in a grave.



EASTER IS MORE THAN TREATS TO MAKE YOU GRIN.
LET US NEVER FORGET,
He took the world's sin!



PLENTY OF CANDY, BUNNIES,
AND EGGS BY THE DOZEN.
HOWEVER, WE CELEBRATE EASTER
BECAUSE *He has risen!*



*Our redeemer lives,
THIS NEWS IS SO SWEET!
Remember Him WHEN
YOU ENJOY YOUR EASTER TREAT.*
letfaithgrow.wordpress.com



PARISH NEWS

A Message from Fr. Rosenbaum.....



Dear family and friends of St. Alexander and St. John the Apostle.

A Happy and Blessed Easter to you and your families!!! The highest celebration of the year for us as Catholics. I am certainly overjoyed to be celebrating these Sacred mysteries with people this year. At this time last year, I was offering our Easter Mass by myself in the Church. Thanks be to God, that we have weathered this challenge to our faith, as every generation, all of God's children and disciples have faced challenges in their own time.

Easter is the time that we recall God's faithfulness to His covenant with us, His faithfulness to His love for us, His faithfulness to His relationship with us. Jesus Christ has won the victory, the victory over death. And so, in unison, the Church shouts its communal 'Alleluia, Alleluia' at this time of year. May the Lord continue to bless our perseverance in our faith. I pray that we will be opening up completely soon. I want to thank all who have participated from home as well for our parishes. I will continue to keep you all in my prayers, that the blessings of God be upon us at all times.

Alleluia!!!!, Alleluia!!!!

Fr. Rosenbaum



ADORATION

Adoration hours in the church have been discontinued after Wednesday of Holy Week. Due to COVID restrictions, we still can't use the Adoration Chapel.

The next phase of Adoration will be outside Adoration. However, details are being worked out. Watch the bulletin and Flocknote emails for further details.

Thank you!



*It is in Baptism that one is welcomed into a community of faith.
As a parish community,
"WE WELCOME YOU."*

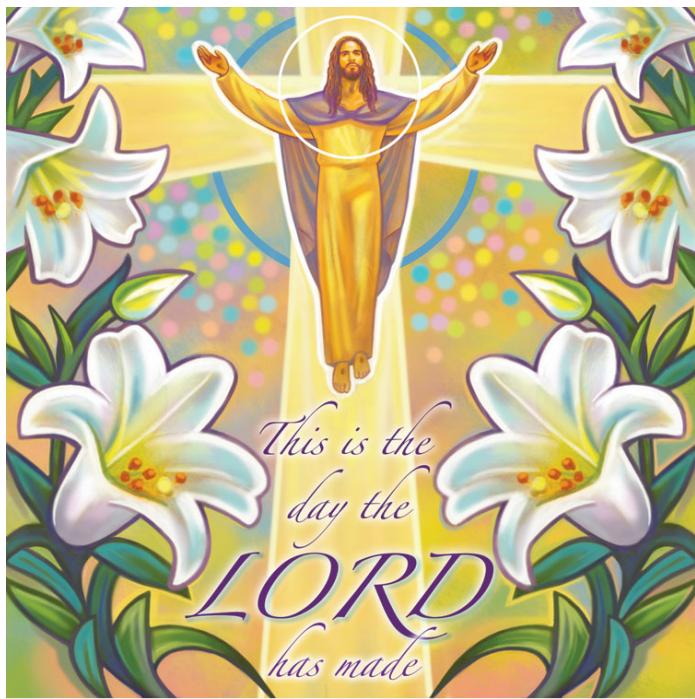
Melanie Adriana, daughter of Rogelio and Leslie Ruiz, nee Flores



Join Bill Conroy and many other men and women in saying the Rosary for peace and health in our nation, every **Tuesday** evening, @ 5:30pm in the Hall/Gym.

Please wear a mask, socially distance and sign in.

PARISH/DEANERY/DIOCEAN NEWS



CCW Prayer Blanket News

Due to COVID, the Prayer Blanket Ministry has not been meeting to make blankets.

However, they have been meeting on Mondays, VIA ZOOM, @ 7:00pm to pray the Rosary for those who need prayers.

If you would like to join them or request prayers, please contact the ministry @

stasprayerblanket@gmail.com

Thank you and God Bless.



Frances and John Schweihs Catholic Education Scholarship

2021-2022 School Year



Catholic Conference
of Illinois

Stop the Repeal of Parental Notice of Abortion!

Illinois House Bill 1797 & Senate Bill 2190 seek to dismantle current law requiring an adult family member be notified when a minor girl seeks an abortion.

Our Illinois bishops have written a letter to Catholics across Illinois, urging them to contact their state lawmakers and tell them to vote "no" on HB 1797 and SB 2190.

**Read the letter and email or call
your state lawmakers
by visiting**

www.ilcatholic.org

This scholarship will be awarded to a member of a St. Alexander Parish family annually in the amount of \$1,000. Families interested need to fill out an application, as well as apply for aid at the Diocese of Joliet through FACTS Management (<https://factsmgt.com/>). Applications for the Fran and John Schweihs Catholic Education Scholarship are available through the Parish Office or on our website www.stalexanderparish.org. **DEADLINE:** Please return completed applications to the Parish Office or emailed to office@stalexanderparish.org no later than April 6, 2021.

CASSEROLE SCHEDULE 2021

Date	Frozen Casserole <u>Picked Up</u>	Casserole Tin <u>Dropped Off</u>
4/13/21	Florentine Ravioli	Shepherd's Pie
5/11/21	Shepherd's Pie	Texas Hash
6/8/21	Texas Hash	Beans and Burgers
7/13/21	Beans and Burgers	Chicken and Broccoli
8/10/21	Chicken and Broccoli	Florentine Ravioli
9/14/21	Florentine Ravioli	Beans and Burgers

PRAYER INTENTIONS



Prayer for Vocations

Remember these religious men and women from the Diocese of Joliet in your daily prayers.

5. Sr. Carmen Sanchez, Sr. Carmen Sotelo MSCGpe
6. Fr. Sebastian Gargol, Fr. Marek Herbut
7. Dcns. Robert Lasica, Anthony Lenard, Philip Lennon
8. Fr. Daniel Belanger C.S.V., Fr. James Fanale C.S.V.
9. Sr. Mary Joanna Brigan, Sr. Joan Marie Curtin, Sr. Rose Cecile Espinos, SSND
10. Sr. Frances Josef Flach, **Sr. Mary Lou Henderson**, Sr. Mary Juarez, Sr. Dorothy Kunze SSND
11. Fr. Gregor Gorsic, Fr. J. Damien Graziano

PLEASE PRAY for

Sick

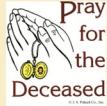
We pray for those who have recently been added to our prayer list for the sick. Names will remain in the bulletin list for 1 month.

Ed Driskell, Frank Rajase, Tom Criscione, Andy, Terry Baugh, Lorane Myers, Maggie Gannon, Maria Cruz, Jim Erlenbaugh, Kimmy Dikker, Corinne Principe, Keith Lapointe, Matt & Julie Guth, Lisa Krandal, Jacob St. Louis, Peter Parish, Sue Connelly, Matt Doyle, Bob Chandler, P.J. O'Connor, Karen Soukup, Eda Jett, Patricia Hendrickson, John Jarecki, Sue Duchek, Maureen Donovan and Jenny McQuillan, David Tracy, Frank Gill, Mark Boutin, Clare Stralko, Bob Baker, Kathryn Rothfahn, Noreen Aukst, Judith Hummert, Bernard (Gene) Niewoehner, John Zydek Walter Dittmer, Mary Ellen Erlenbaugh, Michael Haywood, Fr. Arthur Maher, and all those sick from COVID-19

We continue to pray for all the names listed on our online prayer page for the sick. Please visit our website : www.stalexanderparish.org

Our Faithfully Departed

Mary Nogal, Withold Rayunce, William Umlauf, Alberta Gonzalez, those who died in the mass shootings in Georgia and Colorado and Those who died from COVID-19.



Rosebud Program

"Please pray for the following who have requested prayers of CCW's Rosebud Program."



CONGRATULATIONS!

Jenna & Zach on the birth of their son Brooks David

Erica and Nick due 3/21.	Matt and Danielle due 6/21.
Angelo & Meaghan due 3/21.	Anthony & Beth due in 9/21.
Joe & Joselyn due 4/21.	Susan due in 9/21.

Special Intentions for:

Tracey & Bob	Lisa & Jim	Carl & Terrie
Trina	Maria & Bobby	Amanda & Scott
Tony & Andrea	Amy & Sam	Bob & Cyndy
Rose & Eleodoro	Mary Frances	Jason & Leah
Mary	Julie & Rus	Kristin

Please call Michele if you have any questions or would like to add a name or update: 630.564.8423.



**Pope Francis proclaims
"Year of St Joseph" from
Dec. 8, 2020 to Dec. 8, 2021**

Prayer to Saint Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church

O GLORIOUS St. Joseph, you were chosen by God to be the reputed father of Jesus, the most pure Spouse of Mary, ever Virgin, and Head of the Holy Family. You have been chosen by Christ's Vicar as the heavenly Patron and Protector of the Church founded by Christ. Therefore, with the greatest confidence I implore your powerful assistance for the whole Church Militant. Protect, in a special manner, with true fatherly love, the Sovereign Pontiff and all the bishops and priests in communion with the See of Peter. Be the protector of all who labor for souls amid the trials and tribulations of this life; and grant that all the nations of the earth may submit with docility to that Church out of which there is no salvation. Dearest St. Joseph, accept the offering I now make of myself to you. I dedicated myself to your service, that you may ever be my Father, my Protector and my Guide in the way of salvation. Obtain for me great purity of heart and a fervent love for the interior life.

Grant that, after your example, all my action may be directed to the greater glory of God, in union with the divine Heart of Jesus, the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and your own paternal heart. Finally, pray for me that I may share in the peace and joy of your holy death. Amen.

STEWARSHIP

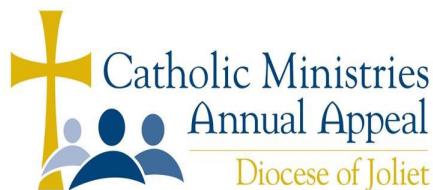
Ambit Energy Fundraiser

March Check from Ambit	\$212
2021 Total:	\$660.50
Total Raised Since 2009:	\$21,944.25
Families Participating:	53
Accounts (Gas and Electricity):	90

Thank you Joseph and Kim Crilly
for participating since October 5, 2009!

Support St. Alexander Church by paying 1% less for gas to Nicor and 3% less for electricity to ComEd!

Call Kathy Gilroy to enroll. 630-202-3836



Shining the Light of Christ through the 2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has already pledged a gift to the 2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Every gift, large or small, brings us closer to our parish's 2021 CMAA goal of \$42,000.

If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support the CMAA. If we raise more than our goal, 70 percent of the amount over goal will be returned to us for our use. This is an amazing opportunity for our parish.

Our pastor recently mailed a pledge envelope to everyone in our parish. Please either return it, or the pledge card you received from the diocese, in the mail. You may also make a secure gift online at jolietdioceseappeal.org or text DONATE to (815) 205-1949.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Why register with St. Alexander Parish?

Faith is a Journey, not a Destination. Registering with the parish is a commitment to your Faith Journey and St. Alexander's would like to walk with you.

Benefits to registering as a Parishioner:

1. Registration helps you stay connected with the parish, builds community and helps the parish stay connected with you.
2. Other parishes (*including St. Alexander*) often request verification of a person's status as a practicing Catholic, attendance at Mass, sacraments, etc., when that person has been asked to be a **Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor**. Without registration, no such verification can be made.
3. Census numbers may determine how many priests are assigned to a parish and how many Masses and enrichment programs are planned and scheduled.

Welcome to St. Alexander!

We are blessed to have you with us today—and every weekend! Our liturgies are enhanced by your presence and participation. We hope that you find the experience here at St. Alexander's to include a warm and inspiring celebration of the Eucharist and the faith that we profess.

If you are not registered at St. Alexander's or are registered and need to make changes, please complete the form below and place it in the offertory basket or mail it to the Parish Office at 300 S. Cornell Avenue, Villa Park, IL 60181.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

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[] New Phone Number

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Bulletin e-mail:	bulletin@stalexanderparish.org
Mass Schedule:	
Monday - Friday:	8:45 a.m.
Saturday:	5:00 p.m.
Sunday:	8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. (<i>Spanish Mass</i>)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday:	5:00 p.m.— 6:00 p.m.
Sunday:	5:30 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. (<i>Spanish</i>)

Sacrament of Baptism

Attendance at a pre-Baptismal class is required for both English and Spanish Baptisms. Pre-registration is necessary prior to class.
2nd and 4th Sunday of the month @ 1:00 p.m.

Spanish Baptisms:

3rd Sunday of the month @ 1:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements must be made **AT LEAST SIX (6)** months in advance before making other arrangements.

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

(**Closed due to COVID until further notice**)

Adoration in the church on Mon. & Wed. from 5—7pm., Tues. 3-4:30pm, Thurs. & Fri 3:00-5:00pm.
Use West entrance. Wear a mask.

Pastor: Reverend Mark Rosenbaum

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 Fr. David Medow/Rev. Tan Nguyen SVD/
 Fr. Danny Soriano/Fr. Johnus

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