

«Beacon of Faith»
ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

«Cathedral of the Plains»
THE BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS

«Pearl of the Prairie»
ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH



Parish Office:	601 10th Street, Victoria, KS 67671 • 785-735-2777 • Fax: 785-735-2779 Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30-12:00 and 1:00-4:30 — Friday 8:30-12:00	Catholic Faith Education Office: 785-735-9244
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Gift Shop Hours: Monday-Thursday: 8:30–noon and 1:00–4:30 Friday: 8:30–noon	Weddings, Baptisms, Hospital Visits, In-Home Mass, Holy Communion to Homebound: Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements for these events.	Morning Coffee: Thursdays 9:00 a.m. at the Parish Office with the Pastor & friends	St. Fidelis Food Pantry: For residents of the tri-parishes. Call the Parish Office. Donations accepted.
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St. Fidelis Thrift Shop: Monday, Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday 10:00–2:00; Wednesday 10:00–3:30; Thursday 10:00–4:00 If these hours do not work to drop off donations, contact Jan at the Parish Office.	BULLETIN ITEMS: Deadline is Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. Please contact Connie at the Parish Office (stftech@ruraltel.net or 785-735-2777)
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PLENARY INDULGENCE—The faithful may obtain a plenary indulgence—a remission before God of the temporal punishment for a previously forgiven sin—by visiting a minor basilica. To obtain a plenary indulgence during a pilgrimage to a basilica, one must participate in any sacred rite or recite the Lord’s Prayer or the profession of faith while there, then go to Confession and Communion, and pray for the intention of the pope. ~ taken from *The Register*, Salina Diocese newspaper

www.stfidelischurch.com / www.stbonifacevincent.com

January 10, 2021 – Baptism of the Lord

Masses:

St. Fidelis, Victoria

Saturday — 5:00 pm
Sunday — 10:00 am
Monday — 7:00 pm
Tuesday through Friday — 6:45 am

St. Ann, Walker

Saturday — 6:30 pm — November - April
Sunday — 7:30 am — May - October

St. Boniface, Vincent

Sunday — 8:30 am — November - April
Saturday — 6:30 pm — May - October

Eucharistic Adoration:

THURSDAYS • 9:30 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M.

in St. Fidelis Chapel behind the main altar

Confessions:

St. Fidelis: Mondays 7:30 p.m. and
Saturdays 4:00 p.m.

St. Ann: Saturdays after Mass (Nov.-Apr.)

St. Boniface: Sundays 7:45-8:15 a.m.
(Nov.-Apr.)

or by appointment (contact Parish Office)

Tri-Parish Prayer Line

Anyone wishing to request prayers for family
or friends may call

Teresa Shepherd (735-9576) to add their
requests to the Prayer Line

Dates To Remember

Jan. 18 — Martin Luther King Day —
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Jan. 22 — Day of Prayer for the Legal
Protection of Unborn Children

Jan. 29 — Kansas Day — 160 years

Feb. 2 — Groundhog Day

Feb. 3 — Feast of St. Blaise

Feb. 7 — Boy Scout Sunday

Feb. 14 — Valentine’s Day

Feb. 15 — President’s Day — PARISH
OFFICE CLOSED

Feb. 17 — Ash Wednesday



“You
are
my
beloved
Son;
with
you
I am
well
pleased.”

Mark 1:7-11



Baptism Revisited



Today's feast of the *Baptism of the Lord* raises this question: "Why was the sinless Jesus baptized?" A good question. It makes us reflect on how our baptism relates us to Christ. The baptism of Jesus and our baptism are the same, yet different.

At the baptism of Jesus the voice of God the Father said, "This is my beloved Son." At your baptism you were confirmed as a child of God. Baptism purifies from sin and makes one an adopted child of God, a co-heir with Christ. But there is a big difference. By baptism you were made a daughter or a son of God, but not **the** Son of God. Christ is a divine person. You are a human person who can, by grace, share in the divine life of Christ, but that grace does not originate from you.

Another dimension of the Baptism of Jesus and our baptism is the Paschal Mystery, which we share in different ways. The baptism of Jesus was his acceptance of his mission as God's Suffering Servant. He allowed himself to be numbered among sinners as "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world." The baptism of Christ by John anticipated his death on the cross, which he spoke of in the gospels as the *baptism* he must endure.

By our baptism we share in this Paschal Mystery as the saved, not the

Savior. Through Baptism the Christian is sacramentally assimilated to Jesus, who in his own baptism anticipated his death and resurrection. The Christian must enter into this mystery by repentance, going down into the water with Jesus in order to rise with him to live a new life of grace. In brief, becoming a child of God at baptism has responsibilities as well as benefits. For the parents as well as the child.

This blessing for the parents of the child at baptism speaks to this concern: "God is the giver of all life, human and divine. May He bless the parents of this child. They will be the first teachers of their child in the ways of faith. May they be also the best of teachers, bearing witness to the faith by what they say and do, in Christ Jesus our Lord."

We can summarize this binary relationship of the Baptism of Jesus to our baptism with this concise statement. At the Baptism of Jesus the water was made holy by the One being baptized; at our baptism we were made holy by the waters that flowed from his side on the cross.

... and mirth

Vaccination is a medical analogy of baptism. They both save lives in ways unseen.

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Contributions January 2-3, 2020

ST. FIDELIS:

Loose 944.00 Envelopes 1540.00
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Endowment 500.00
Human Development 500.00
Retired Religious 50.00
Repair Fund 823.00

ST. ANN:

Loose 390.00 Envelopes 1195.00

ST. BONIFACE:

Loose 259.00 Envelopes 550.00
Candles 10.00
New Year Envelopes 50.00

~ MONEY COUNTERS ~

Jan. 11 — Patty Dreiling, Anne Schmidtberger
Jan. 19 (Tuesday) — Brenda Dreiling, Val Schumacher, Cora Schulte

Homebound Services

St. Fidelis offers homebound Eucharistic ministry to all three parishes every Wednesday morning and every Sunday after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. If you would like to receive communion in your home, contact Jan at the Parish Office. Fr. Jim will also come to your home and offer the anointing of the sick or confessions. Contact Jan at the Parish Office.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development No Longer a Diocesan Collection

As per Bishop Gerald Vincke, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development collection will no longer be taken up in the diocese.

Therefore, please remove that envelope from your tithing envelope boxes now so there is no confusion. The envelope would be green and dated for November 21, 2021.

Repair Work at St. Fidelis

You may have noticed scaffolding all around the inside of the Basilica of St. Fidelis. Repair work to fix falling plaster and a repainting of the entire inside has begun. It has been 25 years since the last major repainting and repair work; however, minor repair and painting jobs have occurred during those 25 years.

Tim Linenberger, with Linenberger Painting and Contracting of Salina, Kansas, and his crew are in charge of the project which is expected to take approximately three months. Tim is a member of the family that has painted St. Fidelis several times—in 1943, 1961, 1979, and 1996.

It was necessary to remove the Stations of the Cross temporarily. By the way, the Stations are approximately 3.5 feet by 8 feet. They don't look that big on the walls, do they?

The redecorating is being done using the same colors as are currently on the walls. Tim Linenberger said the painting will probably officially start this Tuesday, once all the scaffolding is in place.

Masses will continue as usual.

Some Pews Are Not Secured

With the scaffolding in place, some pews are not screwed down. We ask that you be extra careful and not use those pews during Masses.

Statement on Moral Concerns about the Creation of Vaccines for COVID-19

The Salina Diocese has published a link to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' response to the COVID-19 vaccines. It deals with the morality of using the currently available vaccines.

There is a link to this response on the Home Page of the www.StFidelisChurch.com website (scroll down a little and the link is on the right-hand side).

Or you can type the following address into your browser:

<https://salinadiocese.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/20-420.pdf>

If you do not have access to the internet and would like a copy of the bishops' response, contact Connie at the Parish Office (785-735-2777) to get a printed copy that you can pick up at the office.

New Maintenance Personnel at St. Fidelis

Ken Pfeifer and Randy Leiker have been hired as the new part-time maintenance personnel for the Basilica of St. Fidelis. They are replacing long-time maintenance man, Joe Brungardt, who passed away in November 2020.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

MONTHLY MEETING

The Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly meeting on **Tuesday, January 12**, at 7:30 p.m. at the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop.

ST. ANN

Christian Mothers Dues

St. Ann's Christian Mothers dues of \$5.00 are due and payable to Lou Ann Hammersmith, Box 163, Gorham, Kansas 67640.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

Monthly Meeting

Daughters of Isabella members will meet at the St. Fidelis Thrift Shop on **Monday, January 11**, at 7:00 p.m. for a rosary. The monthly meeting will follow at 7:30.



Any allegation of the abuse of a minor, may be reported to the Kansas Protection Report Center 800.922.5330 KBI Crime Hotline 800.572.7463 or ClergyAbuse@kbi.ks.gov The Diocese of Salina fully participates in all criminal investigations related to abuse perpetrated by a member of the clergy or other church official.

For the safety of children and healing of those who have suffered abuse, the Diocese of Salina provides
 Hotline: 866.752.8855 #1067
 Website: www.reportandprotect.com
 Email: reportabuse@salinadiocese.org
 Reports will be responded to promptly by the Victim Assistance Coordinator.

*"Rescue me, Lord, from my foes,
 for I seek refuge in you."
 - Psalm 143:9*



Safe Environment Office
 Diocese of Salina

To report an incident of sexual abuse and related misconduct by a Bishop or Religious Superior currently or in the past, the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Services provides
 Hotline: 800.276.1562
 Website: reportbishopabuse.org

All reports are confidential with the exception of those involving the abuse of minors which will be immediately reported by the Diocese to the proper authorities, as required by Kansas State Law and Diocesan Policy.

2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal



PLEGGED/RECEIVED TO DATE

PARISH	GOAL	PLEGGED	RECEIVED	#of Donors
Victoria	14,700.00	16,445.00	15,995.00	82
Vincent	400.00	2,180.00	2,013.30	10
Walker	7,200.00	9,385.00	8,343.34	13

As of January 5, 2021, \$1,827,667.44 has been pledged and \$1,783,929.56 has been received toward the \$1.6 million goal of the Annual Appeal.

JANUARY HUMAN TRAFFICKING ALERT

Lent begins next month with fish fries across the country. The U.S. imports 80-90% of its seafood. Tens of thousands of people are exploited at every level in seafood harvesting and production. Learn more about the *Labeling Campaign of Catholic Coalition Organizations Against Human Trafficking*.

U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking (www.sistersagainstrafficking.org) is a 501(c)3 organization. 2039 N. Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131.

World Marriage Sunday/National Week

National Marriage Week-USA is slated for **February 7-14** and culminates in World Marriage Sunday on **February 14**. Because of the pandemic, the Diocese does not have events scheduled, but encourages parishes to recognize the sanctity of marriage.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM



DIocese of SALINA

All those who minister to children or young people on a regular basis are to be educated about the nature of child sexual abuse, how to report it, and strategies for prevention. The Diocese of Salina currently uses a program called CMGCONNECT, a web-based, on-line training program (along with an integrated background check) that specializes in helping churches, schools, and religious organizations create safe environments for children and youth. High School students in grades 9-12 who work with other minors on a regular basis will do their own training through CMGConnect, which covers safe and appropriate ways to interact with other children.

BEFORE beginning any ministry with children in your parish or school, you must have Safe Environment Training and it must be current (taken within the last 5 years).

For more information, and to get instructions on how to log into CMGConnect, please contact the **Safety Coordinator** of your parish or school.

*"Pope Francis has made it clear that the Church must hold the protection of minors amongst her highest priorities."
 -Fr. Federico Lombardi, SJ*

The Safety Coordinator of our Parish/School is:

Jeanette Brungardt
 Office: 785-735-9244
 Email: Fidelisyouth@ruraltel.net



2021 Diocesan Men's Conference

The 2021 Diocesan Men's Conference is set for **Saturday, August 14**, at Immaculate Heart of Mary parish, Hays. More information to come later.

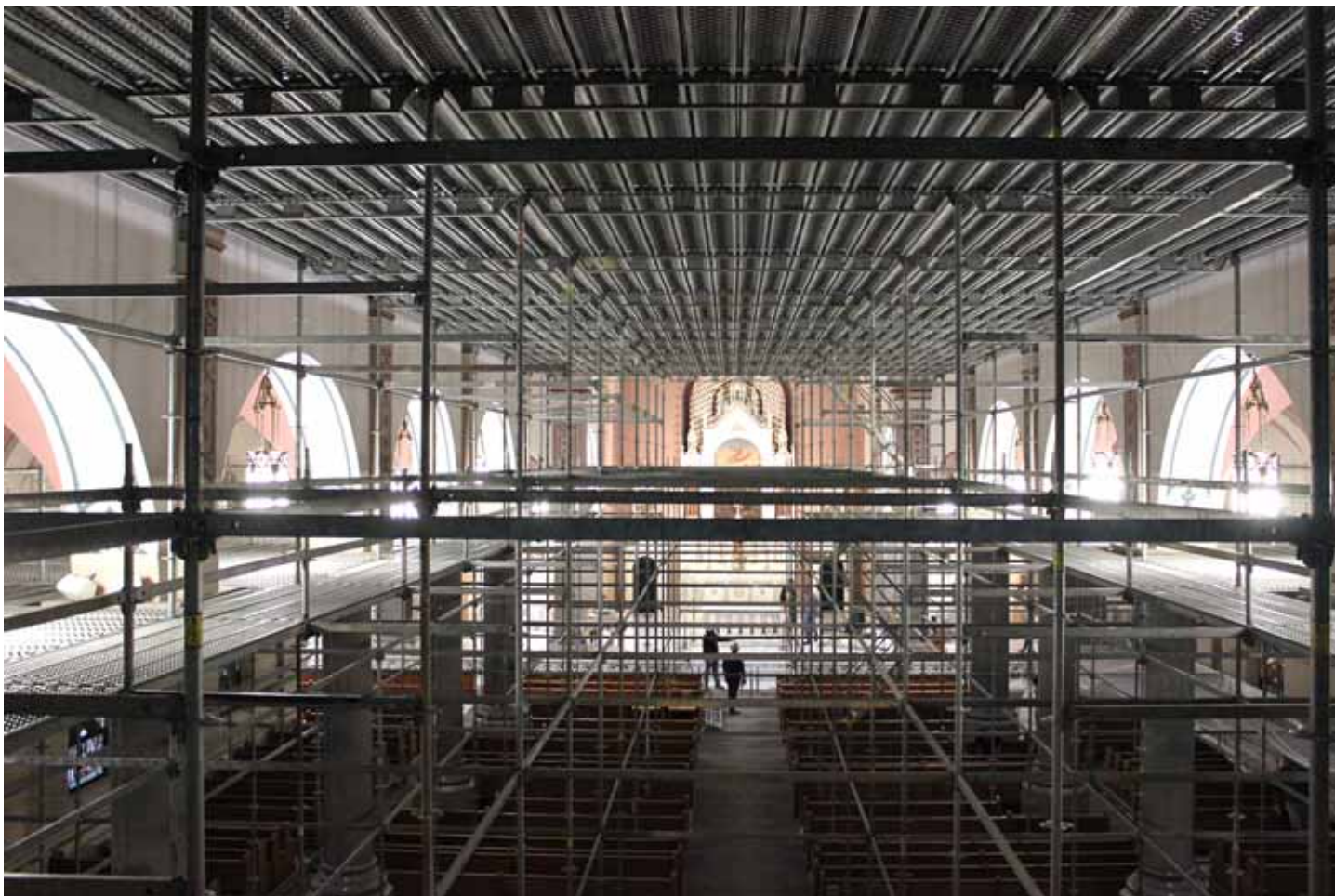


ABOVE: Members of the Kindergarten and First Grade religious education classes pose with St. Nick (our pastor, Fr. Jim Moster OFM Cap.) during a reenactment of the Nativity scene during class on Wednesday, December 9. Members of the other R.E. classes watched the pageant held in the Basilica of St. Fidelis.

BELOW: Youngsters of the parish helped Fr. Cyrus Gallagher OFM Cap. bring the baby Jesus to the Nativity crib at the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Children's Mass on Thursday, December 24, at the Basilica of St. Fidelis. Fr. Cyrus was filling in for Fr. Jim during the Christmas Masses.



Scaffolding in the Basilica



This photo was taken on Tuesday, January 5, 2021. Most of the scaffolding was in place, with the remaining scaffolding to be up by the end of the week, for the big painting project that will be taking place in the Basilica of St. Fidelis over the next three months. Fixing plaster and painting will probably start on Tuesday, January 12.

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS / ALTAR SOCIETY

Membership Dues Are Due

St. Fidelis Christian Mothers/Altar Society dues of \$5.00 are due and payable by using the envelope in your tithing box or an envelope marked Christian Mothers and dropping it in the collection basket.

Dues can also be mailed to the treasurer Teresa Shepherd, PO Box 324, Victoria, KS 67671.

Anyone interested in joining the Society can contact Jane Wagner, 785-735-2587. All women of the parish are invited to be part of this organization. Praying for our children and sharing our faith is our primary purpose along with supporting the parish in whatever is needed.

SDCCW Workshop All women are invited

What: SDCCW Workshop

When: Saturday, January 23, 2021

Where: St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church,
2811 Avenue D, Wilson, Kansas

Guest Speaker: Megan Robl with Catholic Charities

Registration: 9:30 a.m.

Workshop: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Light lunch will be served (Free Will Donation)

RSVP: Rachel Elsen at rachelelsen518@gmail.com by
January 12, 2021

If interested in carpooling, please contact
Jane Wagner (785-735-2587).



Double-Edged Sword Show

The Double-Edged Sword show, cutting to the heart of a deceptive culture, features a local priest every week. Tune in to 105.7 FM, online at dvmercy.com, or on the free phone app at noon on Saturdays and Mondays to hear the wisdom of the priests. This locally produced show is one you don't want to miss. Other show times are 1:00 a.m. on Tuesdays, 9:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, and 10:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

Victoria Schools Calendar



****All events/activities are subject to change.****

Monday — January 11

5:45 am—HS girls basketball practice
 Lunch Menu: Hamburger with bun, oven fries, baked beans, applesauce, salad, milk
 Guided Personal Study (GPS) — Grade check/Activity
 3:30 pm HS boys basketball practice at VES
 4:00 pm JH basketball vs. Ellinwood
 7:00 pm Board of Education meeting

Tuesday — January 12

Lunch Menu: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, peaches, dinner roll, salad, milk
 Guided Personal Study (GPS) — Finish activity/Students will have directed study
 3:30 pm JH girls basketball practice at VHS
 3:30 pm JH boys basketball practice at VES
 4:00 pm HS basketball @ Stockton. Depart 2:15

Wednesday — January 13

6:30 am JH girls basketball practice
 Lunch Menu: ham & cheese sandwich, new potatoes, Pacific blend, red grapes, salad, milk
 Guided Personal Study (GPS) — Students will have directed study
 3:30 pm JH boys basketball practice at VES
 3:30 pm HS boys basketball practice
 5:00 pm HS girls basketball practice

Thursday — January 14

Lunch Menu: Chili, cinnamon bread, saltine crackers, cantaloupe, salad, milk
 Guided Personal Study (GPS) — Students will have directed study
 3:30 pm HS girls basketball practice
 4:00 pm JH basketball @ Kinsley. Depart 1:50
 5:00 pm HS boys basketball practice

Friday — January 15

6:30 am JH boys basketball practice at VHS
 Lunch Menu: Goulash, garlic toast, green beans, fruit cocktail, salad, milk
 3:30 pm JH girls basketball practice at VES
 4:00 pm HS basketball vs. Central Plains

SUNDAY AND HOLY DAY MASS OBLIGATION

The dispensation given for all Catholics from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass will remain in effect until it is safe to lift it. The dispensation from Sunday Mass obligation continues because the Church does not want to place a moral burden on those who should not attend Sunday Mass because of age or health conditions.

However, Catholics are still obliged to keep the Commandments, including the Commandment to keep holy the Lord's Day. Families who choose not to attend Mass should conduct a Liturgy of the Word in the home. Individuals and families should spend additional time in prayer, pious devotions, and spiritual reading on Sunday. Younger adults who are least at risk from the virus should take advantage of the opportunity to participate in person at Mass and to receive Holy Communion if they are properly disposed. If those in good health are attending other large social gatherings, they should also be participating at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on Sundays.

For those attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days, we expect to continue social distancing and the wearing of masks in church.

COMMUNITY

V.F.W. and Auxiliary Meetings



Victoria V.F.W. members and the V.F.W. Auxiliary will meet on **Thursday, January 14**, at 7:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Hall.



HUMOR

Don't worry about old age; it doesn't last.

I got a job at a bakery because I kneaded dough.

Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.

Broken pencils are pointless.

The St. Fidelis Eucharistic Minister and Lector Schedule can be found on the Mass Schedule page of StFidelisChurch.com

*** Sunday Rosary Schedule ***
 1st - Christian Mothers 2nd - Knights of Columbus
 3rd - Daughters of Isabella 4th - Family Life

MINISTER SCHEDULE
CANTORS

Saturday, Jan. 16, 5:00 PM —
 Sunday, Jan. 17, 10:00 AM —

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, Jan. 16, 5:00 PM — Karie Younger
 Sunday, Jan. 17, 10:00 AM — Connie Braun

LECTORS \ COMMENTATORS

Saturday, Jan. 16, 5:00 PM — Anne Dinkel
 Sunday, Jan. 17, 10:00 AM — Connie Dreiling

HOMEBOUND MINISTERS

Sunday, Jan. 17, 10:00 AM — Anne Dinkel

Mass on St. Fidelis YouTube Channel

Go to www.StFidelisChurch.com

and click the link on the *Home Page* to view a Mass.

CURRENTLY, Sunday Mass is uploaded to YouTube along with some weekday Masses that are recorded when possible.

MASS INTENTIONS	
MONDAY.....	JANUARY 11
7:00 pm	
TUESDAY.....	JANUARY 12
6:45 am	
WEDNESDAY.....	JANUARY 13
6:45 am	
THURSDAY.....	JANUARY 14
6:45 am	
FRIDAY.....	JANUARY 15
6:45 am Milton Wellbrock	
SATURDAY.....	JANUARY 16
5:00 pm St. Fidelis H. James Brungardt	
6:30 pm St. Ann Frank and Mabel Riedel	
SUNDAY.....	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 17
8:30 am St. Boniface For the parishes	
10:00 am St. Fidelis Paul, Mildred, and Stephan Brungardt	

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