



St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church

Third Sunday of Lent
March 12, 2023

Parish Mission

We are one Church: loving Jesus,
serving Jesus, and sharing Jesus.

Parish Vision

We are a vibrant Catholic church
serving a diverse community in a
safe and welcoming environment
where we care for all people
along their faith journey.

Core Values

Discipleship • Hospitality
Serving • Worship



Easter is rapidly approaching and the RCIA Elect are making final preparations to enter the Catholic Church. Their names and pictures will be on a poster in the gathering area. Please consider writing a note of congratulations to each and place them in the box by the poster prior to the Easter Vigil Mass. Also, as you see them at church, introduce yourself and welcome them into our parish community.

Deacon Mark Kiblinger
RCIA Coordinator

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:45 a.m.,
3:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Weekday Masses

Monday 6:30 a.m.
Tuesday 6:30 a.m.
Wednesday 6:30 a.m., 5:15 p.m.
Thursday 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m.
Friday 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m.
Saturday 6:30 a.m.

Confessions

First Friday of month 12:00 noon
Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
or by appointment



Ryan Sloan
Catechumen



Eric and Bailey Lundstrom
Candidates

*If angels could be jealous of humans,
they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion*

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• Mass Intentions •

Monday, March 13

6:30 am Emerich and Caroline Kreher ☩

Tuesday, March 14

6:30 am Dick Loos ☩

Wednesday, March 15

6:30 am James, Sophia, and Eva Mae Poirrier ☩

5:15 pm Bernard Sander ☩

Thursday, March 16

6:30 am Living and Deceased Members
of the John Loeffler Family

8:00 am John Scherer ☩

Friday, March 17 St. Patrick ♣

6:30 am Kathleen Himmelberg ☩

8:00 am Living and Deceased Members of the
St. Vincent Council of Catholic Women

Saturday, March 18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem

6:30 am Albert Langston ☩

5:00 pm Paul and Aline Scherer ☩

Sunday, March 19 Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:30 am St. Vincent de Paul Parish Family

9:00 am Raymond Viox ☩

10:45 am Rowena Meyer ☩

3:00 pm Shirley Buchheit ☩
(Bilingual)

• Prayer Requests •

Please remember the sick, the hospitalized, and those who care for them. Pray also for homebound St. Vincent parishioners.

When Jesus asked the Samaritan woman for a drink of water, He opened the door for a life-changing relationship with Him. Scriptures says her testimony drew many others to Him as well. We, too, must be ready to respond whenever and wherever the Lord speaks to us and be prepared for it to change our lives!

March Youth Ministry Memo

DYC (Fri./Sat., March 24/25) - 7-12th grades) Registration is open now. Please be aware that parents need to register their teens, this includes teens who are confirmation candidates. (See flyer in bulletin & gathering space.)

Steubenville - (8-12th grades) Registration has closed, and we have started a waiting list. If your teen would like to attend, but didn't previously register, please let me know.

Upcoming Events - 7 Church Tour on Holy Thursday, (Regional) Faith & Floats @ the end of April, and our next StV Youth Night will likely be in early May. Keep your eyes open for information to come.

Thank you to everyone who reached out and volunteered to help with food/snacks at our Youth Nights. If you would like to be on the list, please let me know at the email below. And thank you for the continued prayers for the Youth of our Parish.

Questions? - stvcapeyouth@gmail.com

Tiff Brey
Youth Ministry Coordinator

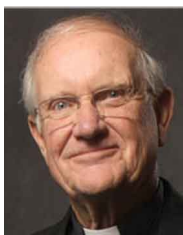
The Knights of Columbus Council 11205 would like to thank all who supported their recent kettle beef sales. Thanks to your generosity, the Knights were able to donate \$1,600 to the parish to help with the update of the bell system.



**Congratulations to
Andrew and Adrienne West
as they celebrate their
25th Wedding Anniversary!**

Congratulations Bishop Liebrecht!

Please pray for Bishop Emeritus John Liebrecht as he celebrates the 67th Anniversary of his Priestly Ordination on March 17.



St. Vincent School Accreditation

This week, March 12-14, St. Vincent de Paul School will be visited by the Missouri Chapter of the National Federation of Non-Public Schools State Accrediting Association. This on-site review takes place approximately every five years at each Diocesan school.

A big part of the reaccreditation process has been a year-long, in-depth self-study conducted by the school community. The criteria evaluated during this self-study process included mission statement and philosophy, instruction, curriculum, facilities, school climate, personnel and leadership, Catholicity, services, and more.

Five team members representing the State Accrediting Association will be in the St. Vincent School building during this time to evaluate the self-study work for the purpose of reaccrediting St. Vincent de Paul School. At the conclusion of the evaluation, the visiting team will compile a report from their findings. The report will be presented and a list including areas for suggested improvement and areas of commendation will be given. Information from the report will be used by the school community to develop a five-year action plan for St. Vincent School.

Holy Hour for Vocations

St. Mary Cathedral will host a Holy Hour for Vocations on **Monday, March 13**, from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. This will be a time of quiet prayer for those who are discerning vocations and for an increase in vocations throughout the Church and diocese.

May They Rest in Peace

Sympathy is extended to the families of:
John Basler, brother of Bob Basler; and
Irene Prost, mother of Jeanette Buchheit.

*May they and all the souls of the faithful departed,
 through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*



St. Gerard's Circle

Please join St. Gerard's Circle for a special evening with guest speaker, Donna Kielhofner! Donna will discuss raising children as Saints! This is an important topic for all mothers of young children. The meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, March 15**, in the lower meeting room.

Reconciliation During Lent

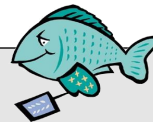
"Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel!" During Lent, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered at various times each week. Take advantage of these blessed encounters with the Forgiving Father!

- Every Wednesday from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
 On March 15, please welcome Father Seban Thanippallil.
- Every Friday from 12:00 - 12:30 p.m. and 7:00 - 7:30 p.m.
- Every Saturday from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

You may also make an appointment if these times are not good for you.

St. Patrick's Day Dispensation Issued by Bishop Rice

Given the penitential nature of the Season of Lent, the Bishops of the United States have preserved in the dioceses the tradition of abstinence from meat on each of the Fridays of Lent, "confident that no Catholic Christian will lightly hold himself excused from this penitential practice" (National Conference of Catholic Bishops, Statement, Nov. 18, 1966, n. 13). The law of abstinence binds those Catholics who have completed the 14th year of their age (can. 1252). This year, the Memorial of Saint Patrick falls on **Friday, March 17, during the Third Week of Lent**. It is well-known that Saint Patrick's Day is a day of celebration for many American Catholics. Bishop Edward M. Rice therefore decrees that on Friday, March 17, 2023, all Catholics of the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau, no matter where they may be, are, by his authority, dispensed from the obligation (can. 87 §1). ***It is not required that anyone make use of this dispensation.*** However, those who do wish to make use of it are encouraged to pray the Fourth Sorrowful Mystery of the Rosary for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.



Lenten Fish Fry

The St. Vincent's Men's Association will sponsor a **Catfish Dinner each Friday during Lent from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.** The meal includes fresh American pond raised catfish, "Todt cole slaw," "Koehler famous hush puppies," sides, dessert and drink. Tickets are \$13 for adults, \$7 for children, and ages 7 and under eat free. Carryouts are available.

Each week during Lent, the Circle Leaders of the Women's Council will contact parishioners to donate desserts for the Friday Fish Dinner. If you have never been called and would like to bring a dessert on Friday, March 17, please contact one of the following: Virginia Sander (573-334-7944), Carol Simon (314-440-4467), Nancy Glosemeyer (573-335-0865), or Linda Shaffar (573-837-0726).

• The Week Ahead •

Monday, March 13

7:15 am St. Vincent de Paul Society

Tuesday, March 14

10:00 am Mass at Heartland Care

6:00 pm Tuesday Evening Bible Study

Wednesday, March 15

8:00 am Ugly Quilt Ministry
 (8:00 - 11:00 am)

9:00 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study

10:00 am Mass at Capetown

2:00 pm SVS Stations of the Cross

3:00 pm Divine Mercy Holy Hour

6:00 pm Parish School of Religion

6:00 pm RCIA

6:00 pm Reconciliation/Adoration

7:00 pm St. Gerard's Circle

Thursday, March 16

9:00 am Maxine's Shareable Wearables
 (9:00 - 11:00 am)

9:00 am Thursday Women's Bible Study

1:00 pm Thursday Afternoon Bible Study

5:30 pm Centering Prayer

7:00 pm "Presence" Small Group

Friday, March 17

12:00 pm Reconciliation

5:00 pm Lenten Fish Fry

5:00 pm Stations of the Cross (Spanish)

6:15 pm Stations of the Cross (English)

7:00 pm Reconciliation

Saturday, March 18

9:00 am Maxine's Shareable Wearables
 (9:00 - 12:00 noon)

3:30 pm Reconciliation

6:00 pm Prayer Ministry

Sunday, March 19

Prayer Ministry after Masses

9:00 am Children's Liturgy

10:00 am Coffee and Christ

4:30 pm Baptismal Prep

6:30 pm Dead Theologians (Youth Ministry)

Readings - March 19, 2023

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
 Ephesians 5:8-14 • John 9:1-41

Collection - March 5, 2023

Collection	\$ 14,294.11
E-Tithing	\$ 337.00
Total	\$ 14,631.11
Weekly Budget	\$ 33,000.00
Difference (7-1-22 to 3-5-23)	\$ 60,391.37

*Thank you for being good
 stewards of God's gifts!*

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????????????? GUESS WHO!

March 5 Answer: Father John Braun's birthday is March 15. Happy Birthday Father John!

Question: Which priest was ordained on March 24?

Answer: To find the answer, come to Holy Mass next weekend and pick up a bulletin!

Stations of the Cross - A Beautiful Tradition

The Stations of the Cross are images of stories about the passion and death of Jesus Christ. Most of the stories which make up the Stations were drawn from Scripture, and others, such as Saint Veronica wiping the face of Jesus, were taken from tradition. The route traditionally held to have been taken by Jesus to his death at Calvary (Golgotha) in Jerusalem is called the Via Dolorosa or the Sorrowful Way. The Stations were erected in local churches as a way of bringing this prayerful experience to those who could not travel to Jerusalem.



Stations of the Cross are celebrated in the church every Friday during Lent at 5:00 in Spanish and at 6:15 p.m. in English. Stations are also celebrated by the school children on most Wednesday afternoons at 2:00 p.m. Please join in this devotional prayer and make it a part of your Lenten journey.

Deanery 6 Council of Catholic Women

Deanery 6 Council of Catholic Women will have their March Retreat and Business Meeting on **Saturday, March 18, 2023**, at St. Lawrence Church in New Hamburg. Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m. followed by registration and breakfast at 9:00 a.m. The speaker will be Nicole Allcock, a member of St. Mary's Parish and a Lay Oblate with the Benedictines of Mary, Queen of Apostles. A business meeting will follow and end with a rosary at the church grotto. Please contact Carol Glueck (573-225-8473) for more information or for a ride to the meeting.



SEMO Area Ultreyas take place the third Saturday of each month. The next one will be held at Immaculate Conception Parish, Jackson, on **Saturday, March 18**. Morning prayers begin at 9:00 a.m. in the church with grouping, refreshments, and socializing to follow. Come share the joy with fellow Cursillistas. De Colores!

Vatican International Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles

In His Mercy, God has shown the flesh and blood of Jesus through Eucharistic miracles. Come see 126 Vatican authenticated miracles of the world. This impressive walk-through exhibit will be available for viewing at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Perryville, Missouri, on **Saturday, March 18, from 3:00 - 7:00 p.m., Sunday, March 19, from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., and Monday, March 20, from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** Contact Sharon Layton at 573-547-8161 or the St. Vincent de Paul Parish office at 573-547-4300 for more information. This exhibit is being made available at no cost to visitors.

Baptismal Prep

Parents and godparents are required to attend a baptismal preparation class before a child is baptized in the Catholic faith. The next class is scheduled for **Sunday, March 19, at 4:30 p.m.** and will be held in the upper meeting room. Please contact the parish office to register and to fill out a baptismal registration form.



IS CATHERINE'S CUPBOARD ON YOUR GROCERY LIST?

DYC 2023

ALL 7TH - 12TH GRADE YOUTH ARE INVITED!

Specifics for St. Vincent Parishioners

- 1) To register, grab a parent & scan the code below
- 2) Mark that you are attending with St. Vincent
- 3) Youth Leader = Tiff Brey 573-335-7667
- 4) Click "My youth leader will be paying for the group"
- 5) An Endowment form will be emailed after you register

Adults/Parents

We will need Virtus compliant chaperones for the conference. If you are interested in attending, please email Tiff @ stvcapeyouth@gmail.com.

A portion of the fee will be covered by the Parish Youth Endowment for all StV Parishioners leaving the cost at \$10. (\$20 if registered after 3/19/23)

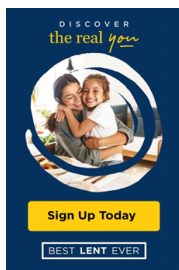
Payments and completed endowment forms need to be dropped off at the Parish Office by 3/23/23.

CAPE GIRARDEAU

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, MARCH 24 & 25
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Does your Lent need a re-boot?

Did you enjoy the *Holy Moments* book?

Try **Best Lent Ever** by Dynamic Catholic for daily inspiration! This year's **Best Lent Ever** is based on Matthew Kelley's *Holy Moments* book.

Register for your daily email at <https://DynamicCatholic.com>.

Attention: Catholic Men

You are invited to the Southeast Missouri



Wednesday, March 29 • 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.
St. Denis • Benton, Missouri

An evening of Adoration, Confession, and a Manly Meal with discussion
To plan for food, please RSVP to SEMOCatholicManNight@gmail.com,
or "SEMO Catholic Man Night" on Facebook or text 573-275-5214.

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All married couples in the diocese are invited to attend the next retreat weekend being offered on May 5-7, 2023. at the Drury Plaza Hotel in Cape Girardeau! Register at <https://wwme.org/>.

See the Beauty Discover the JOY

Lenten Parish Mission

with

Patty Schneier

Monday - Wednesday,
March 27-29, 2023
6:30 p.m.

St. Vincent de Paul Parish
Cape Girardeau

Patty Schneier is a life-long Catholic, housewife, and mother of three from the Archdiocese of St. Louis. For the past 20 years, Patty has been speaking at parishes and Catholic conferences across the United States. Last year, she was the presenter at the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau Principals' Meeting, Teachers' Meetings, and St. Vincent's Advent by Candlelight.

Patty has been a guest on EWTN and various Catholic Radio shows. She currently hosts a weekly radio show to foster holy vocations called *The Pearl of Great Price* and a podcast called *The Daily Dose of Encouragement*, both of which are heard on Covenant Network.

Patty is the recipient of the Archbishop Robert J. Carlson Excellence in Communication Award from the Archdiocese of St. Louis.



Employment Opportunities

In-Home Care

A parishioner is in need of in-home care for evenings and some weekends. For more information, please call the St. Vincent Parish office at 573-335-7667.

ELA Position

St. Augustine Catholic School, Kelso, is currently accepting applications for a Junior High English teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. For an application or questions, please email Katie Hendricks at khendricks@stakelso.edu or call 573-264-4644. Applications may also be found at stakelso.org.

Part Time Aide Position

St. Augustine Catholic School, Kelso, is currently accepting applications for two part time teachers' assistants for the infant room for the 2023-2024 school year. For an application or questions, email Katie Hendricks at khendricks@stakelso.edu or call 573-264-4644. Applications may also be found at stakelso.org.

Administrative Assistant

Notre Dame Regional High School is seeking applications for a main office Administrative Assistant. Applicants should have the ability to demonstrate computer proficiency, positive interpersonal skills, detail oriented, ability to multitask and meet deadlines.

Notre Dame is a Roman Catholic school in the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau, so preference would be given to practicing Catholics. Interested candidates should send their resume, cover letter and list of references to paulunterreiner@notredamecape.org. Application deadline is March 24, 2023. Find a complete job listing online at: www.notredamehighschool.org/jobopenings.

Notre Dame 2023 Spring Musical

Notre Dame Regional High School presents Disney's The Little Mermaid. Performances will be held on March 30, March 31, April 1, and April 2. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday shows will begin at 7:00 p.m., while the Sunday performance will be a family friendly matinee beginning at 3:00 p.m. Doors will open at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday for face painting. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased online at www.notredamehighschool.org/musical.



Based on one of Hans Christian Andersen's most beloved stories and the classic animated film, Disney's The Little Mermaid will capture your heart with its irresistible songs, including "Under the Sea," "Kiss the Girl," and "Part of Your World."

Easter Baskets

Need ideas for Easter baskets???

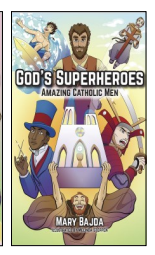
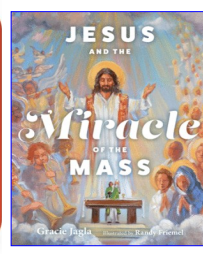
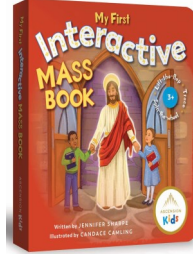
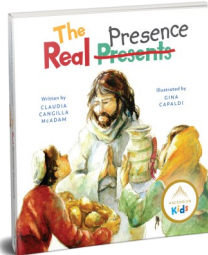
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Welcome to St. Vincent de Paul

If you would like to register for the parish, change your address, or simply have questions, please fill out the form and place it in the collection basket. You may also mail it to the parish office at 1913 Ritter Drive, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701. Please free to contact parish office staff anytime during regular office hours, Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. You may email the parish office at contactus@svparish or call 335-7667. A parish registration form is available at <http://www.svcape.com/Parish/>.

Name _____

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____

- ☐ I am new to Cape Girardeau. ☐ I am new to St. Vincent de Paul Parish.
☐ I have been attending St. Vincent Parish and would like to register as a member.
☐ Please change my address to the one shown above.
☐ I would like to sign up for Faith Direct.

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for Dennis Blankenship

(Diagnosed with throat cancer and receiving treatment)

**Saturday, March 18, 2023
4:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

St. Joseph Parish Gym
606 Sycamore St., Scott City, Missouri

*Spaghetti, garlic bread, salad,
dessert, water, tea, lemonade*

Gluten free option available

This Week at Home

Look for the Prophets

Monday, March 13

Prophets are people specially chosen to be messengers of God's Word in their time and place. Our Scriptures tell story after story about the persistence of prophets and resistance to their message. Prophets often surprise us in their simplicity and ordinariness. Take a moment today to look for the prophets God has sent in the here and now. Open your heart to the message they offer. *Today's readings: 2 Kings 5:1-15b; Psalm 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Luke 4:24-30.*

70 x 7

Tuesday, March 14

Today's message cuts right to the heart. Forgiveness is hard. But it is a requirement of discipleship. Jesus calls us to forgive and forgive and forgive again. Take this command to prayer today. Whom do you still need to forgive? It might even be yourself. Write a letter to Jesus specifically naming whom you need to forgive, the reason, and ask for help to take the next step. *Today's readings: Deuteronomy 3:25, 34-43; Psalm 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8 and 9; Matthew 18:21-35.*

Living Witnesses

Wednesday, March 15

Pope Francis reminds us that "all of us are called to offer others an explicit witness to the saving love of the Lord" (*The Joy of the Gospel*, 121). No matter our occupation or place in life, we are first and foremost teachers of our faith. We teach with our words, but even more through our actions, gestures, and choices. Our ultimate purpose is to allow our life to speak the faith we carry within. This is how we give glory to God. *Today's readings: Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Psalm 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Matthew 5:17-19.*

Listen to My Voice

Thursday, March 16

The Lord commands, "Listen to my voice" (Jeremiah 7:23). The psalmist echoes, "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95:7-8). The voice of the Lord that comes to us daily through the season requires our openness. While serious, challenging, and straightforward, our Lord clearly speaks the path of life for us. He tells us how to live, how to love, how to pray, how to give, how to forgive. Do you allow his voice to guide your life? Take these thoughts to prayer. *Today's readings: Jeremiah 7:23-28; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Luke 11:14-23.*

St. Patrick

Friday, March 17

Patrick and his monks ministered to the people of Ireland in the early fifth century. The monks based their spirituality on that of St. Jerome and St. Augustine, who affirmed that no person can walk without a guide. The monks practiced an early form of confessional counseling, inviting people to acknowledge their sins and repair the conduct of their Christian lives. This week marks the midpoint of Lent. How are you doing toward creating a clean heart? There is still plenty of time before Easter to seek the sacrament of reconciliation and make needed adjustments in daily choices. *Today's readings: Hosea 14:2-10; Psalm 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17; Mark 12:28-34.*

Cultivate Humility

Saturday, March 18

Humility is a virtue that exudes from our very being. The virtue is conveyed with our eyes, with our demeanor, and with our spirit, even before words reveal our true selves. A spirit of humility is cultivated through a life of gratitude for the blessings we have received and with sincere awareness of our dependence upon the generous giver of those blessings. There is always room to grow so we call upon the words of the psalmist in our daily prayer and ask for a humble spirit. *Today's readings: Hosea 6:1-6; Psalm 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Luke 18:9-14.*

Sunday, March 12

God Sees Our Hearts

Today's readings: Exodus 17:3-7; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42. The Third Sunday of Lent marks the midpoint on our journey from Ash Wednesday to Holy Week. Day by day the invitations to turn our hearts toward God and receive his gifts of mercy and love intensify. The midday encounter between Jesus and the woman of Samaria at Jacob's well amplifies the invitation extended on Ash Wednesday to "return to me with your whole heart" (Joel 2:12).

We can imagine Jesus approaching each new encounter seeking to intuit, "What does their heart need from me?" Jesus immediately perceived the deepest needs of the woman's heart and pivoted the conversation from physical thirst to spiritual thirst. His willingness to ignore the social norms of the time and speak to her with frank familiarity reminds us that God's invitation to relationship is for everyone, no matter our past, our gender, our ancestry, our place in life.

Jesus reveals his divine purpose to this outcast woman and offers her the hope of eternal life. Our second reading, from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans, echoes this remarkable promise, "Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit that has been given to us" (5:5).

Throughout Lent, God summons us unceasingly. The woman at Jacob's well represents every one of us. When God looks deeply into your heart today, what spiritual thirst needs to be quenched?

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