

March 26, 2023 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



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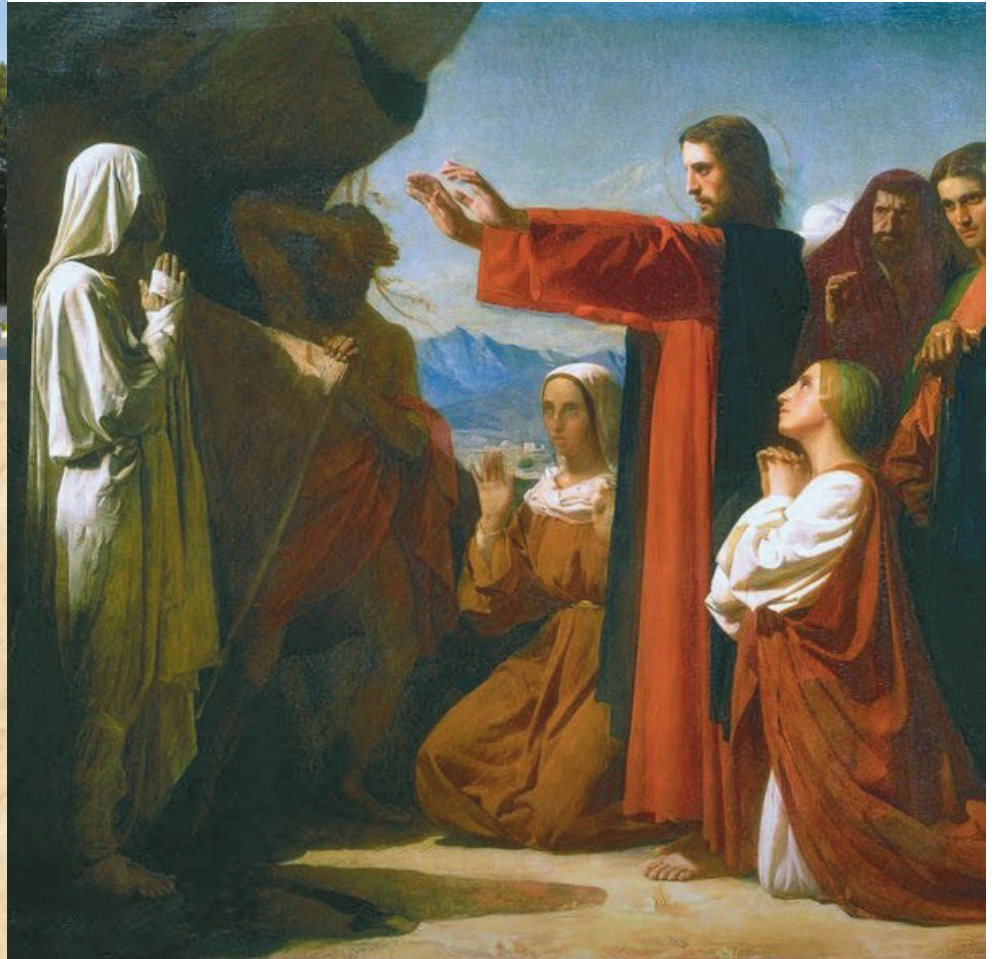
## Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Tuesday & Thursday: 6:15-6:45 pm

Saturday: 3:00-4:00pm

Thursday before First Friday: 3:00-4:00 pm

Anytime by appointment



## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life;  
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."

- Jn 11:25

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## Sacrament of Matrimony:

Arrangements must be made a minimum of 6 months in advance with the  
Pastor.

## Sacrament of Baptism:

Baptism Prep class is required before baptism. Please call the office to  
pre-register.

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## From the Pastor

I mentioned in last week's bulletin that I would be meeting with my nephew for the first time this week, but that didn't happen. Had my ticket for the train in hand; had a reservation for a room at St. Peter's in the loop for a couple of nights; my nephew and I decided on which restaurant we would have supper at. Then the plans fell apart when I fell apart. It's unfortunate, but what are you going to do? We will meet some time in the future.

Tomorrow, Monday, we have our Eucharistic Day of Prayer for Life. The monstrance we will use for the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is the one I have written about here before – the monstrance that is making its way around the parishes in the diocese. It was purchased by the Catholic community in Quincy in honor of the bishop of Alton. So this monstrance is old, and who knows how many times it has been used for adoration and benediction ... all over the diocese! Our Prayer for Life will continue either in the side chapel or stay in the church, depending on the number of people who come to pray. If you would like to see which parishes in the diocese have hosted the monstrance and the dates, here is the diocesan website: <https://dio.org/traveling-monstrance-report>. Many people in the diocese have been blessed with the Blessed Sacrament carried in this monstrance. Continue praying for Life.

There will be a collection taken up during our Holy Thursday liturgy, and this collection will be presented to the El Shaddai organization. The El Shaddai group helps young mothers in need of guidance. If they need medical help with delivery of a child, or after care, or getting their education up to speed – it is a beneficial organization and is very pro-life. It is located on Temple in the old Brookstone Suites building. It is just getting started here in Effingham, so they can certainly use our help.

The collection gathered on Good Friday always goes to the Holy Land to help the people there maintain the sacred sites.

You have noticed the lit crucifixion above our high altar. With all the lights on in the church, the illumination gets somewhat washed out. However, when the church is darker, the crucifixion stands out. Eric Habing has contributed his time and treasure to making this happen, and our Ron Ruholl put in several hours. Eric did not get a great deal of enthusiasm from me about the project, and I'm still not sure if it enhances our spiritual space. When it is dark in church, the crucifixion really stands out. For me, the jury is still out, but our liturgy committee said they liked it, and the parish council seemed to be in favor.

Remember our Penance Service is this Tuesday, 28 March, at 7:00 p.m. It's not a real service, but there will be ample opportunity for you to go to confession. Bring the family! Children will always remember seeing their father or mother going to confession.

### HOLY WEEK MINISTRY SIGN-UPS



If you are involved in a liturgical ministry (Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, and Ushers) we are in need of your help! If you are able to volunteer your services at any of the Holy Week liturgies listed below, please sign up at the church's main entrance:

Holy Thursday, April 6 at 7:00 pm  
Good Friday, April 7 at 1:00 pm  
Easter Vigil, April 8 at 8:00 pm

Thank you so much for your time and consideration. Your service makes our liturgies special and complete!

Please remember that if you are on the April schedule for either 6:30 am, 8:30 am, or 10:30 am. Masses, then you are "on" for Easter Sunday at those times. If you need to, please find a substitute.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

*Please remember in your prayers:*

Will Niccum, Joe Ruholl, Bill & Rosie Myers, Andrea Wernsing, Paula Spencer, Mark Roedel, Linus Willenborg, Cole Wellbaum, Kyndal Dasenbrock, Bob and Mary Lee, Vivie Kinkelaar, Dawson Lohman, Marilyn Zerrusen, Tanner Pruemer, Steve Runde, Toby McMahon, Debbie Meyer, Nicholas Wente, Gary Cornell, Sharon Ghast, Jennifer Carlen, Tammy Gebben, John W. Miller, Dustin Borries, Lizzie Westendorf, Lisa Vahling, Joseph F. Huber, Betty Jansen, Art Deters, Betty Buenker.

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please call the office at 217-961-6404.

### God Bless Those Serving Our Country.

Anthony Vahling, Cody Bushue, Shawn Zerrusen,  
Ali Kingery, Andrew Simmons,  
Jesse Koester, Justis Coventry,  
Braydan Bushue, Mallory Stone.  
Paul Schumacher, Damon Sabo.

### PENANCE SERVICE

Tuesday, March 28, 2023 7:00 pm

### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 27, 6:30 am: Dolores Esker  
Tuesday, March 28, 6:30 am: Patty Pruemer  
Tuesday, March 28, 7:55 am: Jerry Bales  
Wednesday, March 29, 6:30 am: Karen Waldhoff  
Thursday, March 30, 6:30 am: Lucille Buhnerkempe  
Thursday, March 30, 7:55 am: Sue Borries  
Friday, March 31, 6:30 am: Mary Hoelscher  
Friday, March 31, 7:55 am: Mary Ann Wall  
Saturday, April 1, 4:30 pm: Dory Thoele  
Sunday, April 2, 6:30 am: Pro Populo  
Sunday, April 2, 8:30 am: Nadine Brumleve  
Sunday, April 2, 10:30 am: James Waldhoff

## Liturgy Schedule 5th Week of Lent March 27—April 2

Monday,	Mass at 6:30 am Adoration 9:00 am Monday until 6:00 am Tuesday
Tuesday,	Mass at 6:30 & 7:55 am
Wednesday,	Mass at 6:30 am
Thursday,	Mass at 6:30 & 7:55 am
Friday,	Mass at 6:30 & 7:55 am
Saturday,	<b>Mass at 4:30 pm</b>
Sunday,	<b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Mass at 6:30, 8:30, 10:30 am</b>

### Confession Schedule

Tuesday, March 28, 7:00 pm  
Thursday, March 30, 6:15-6:45 pm  
Saturday, April 1, 3:00-4:00 pm

### Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 31—7:00 pm

### Liturgy of the Hours with Friars

Monday-Friday—11:45 am & 4:45 pm

## THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

### Monday, March 27

- Eucharistic Day of Prayer Adoration, 9:00 am Monday—6:00 am Tuesday—Traveling Monstrance
- OCIA, Sr. Ethelbert Center, 7:00-8:15 pm

### Tuesday, March 28

- Quilting in St. Clare Hall, 9:00 am-noon & 1:00-4:00 pm
- Confessions, 7:00 pm

### Wednesday, March 29

- Quilting in St. Clare Hall, 9:00 am-noon & 1:00-3:00 pm
- Children’s choir, 3:45—5:00 pm
- JH/HS Religion 7:00—8:15 pm, confessions

### Thursday, March 30

- Confessions, 6:15—6:45 pm
- Adult Choir, 7:00—8:30 pm

### Friday, March 31

- Quilting in St. Clare Hall, 9:00 am-noon & 1:00-4:00 pm
- Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm

### Saturday, April 1

- Confessions, 3:00—4:00 pm
- FOCCUS, after 4:30 pm Mass in the St. Clare Hall

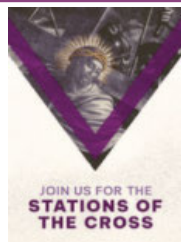
### Sunday, April 2

- Grade School Trivia Night, 5:00 pm at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall

## Stations of the Cross Fridays of Lent at 7:00 pm

March 31—Friars  
April 7—Good Friday-Stations

Type of Stations and presenters subject to change.



**El Shaddai Homes** is a long-term residential home for pregnant women and their babies opening soon in Effingham. This Christian ministry will provide live-in support, parenting education, life skills, counseling, post birth after care, and resource referrals. An existing 19 bedroom living facility is currently being

renovated to house 10-12 women along with “house parents” who will live on-site 24/7. To learn more about the ministry, visit their Facebook page El Shaddai.

### Attention Homebound



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for Sunday, April 2 are Deb Blankenship 217-663-0862 and Brenda Henry 217-857-3964 or 217-343-6242.

### Stewardship of Treasure

	<u>Sunday</u> 3/19/23	<u>Total Fiscal</u> <u>Year</u>
234 Adult envelopes	\$8,957.00	\$396,412.24
56 Online giving	\$2,266.00	\$91,555.00
Other	<u>\$1,252.00</u>	<u>\$40,266.12</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,475.00</b>	<b>\$528,233.36</b>
Assisi to Africa	\$290.00	\$37,034.00



The St. Francis Children’s Choir will be performing at the Effingham Performance Center April 1 at 6:00 pm as the opening act for the **Crisis Nursery of Effingham County’s Rock for Kids!** Following the Children’s Choir performance will be a night of music from local bands “Danny Shelton & The Bird Dogs” and “The Surviving Members.” If you’re interested in attending, you can purchase tickets at [www.the-epc.org](http://www.the-epc.org) or call the EPC box office (217-540-2766). All proceeds go toward Crisis Nursery’s mission to help prevent childhood trauma, abuse, and neglect by providing free emergency childcare to families with children ages 0 through 6 years. You can learn more about Crisis Nursery of Effingham County at [www.crisisnurseryofeffingham.com](http://www.crisisnurseryofeffingham.com).

## Religious Education News



**Lenten mission boxes** should be returned the week of March 27. The mission money will be brought up during Mass on this schedule: March 30—grades 2 & 5, March 31—grades 1 & 6, and April 4—grades 3 & 4.

**Grade 1 & 6 Seder meal** in the Sr. Ethelbert Center at 8:00 am. April 3—Grade 1; April 4—Grade 6C & 6R; April 5—6H & 6T.

**Grade school trivia night** at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall, April 2 at 5:00 pm. Sandwiches and chips at 5:00 pm; Children’s choir at 5:45 pm; Grade 1 trivia, 6:15 pm; Grade 2 trivia, 6:30 pm; Grade 3 trivia, 6:45 pm; Grade 4 trivia, 7:00 pm; Grade 5 trivia, 7:15 pm; Grade 6 trivia, 7:30 pm.

**Grade 2 parent meeting** about Confirmation and First Communion in Springfield. A parent must attend one of the following meetings in the Sr. Ethelbert Center at 7:00 pm on April 17 or April 20. We will finalize our paperwork and plans for the pilgrimage.

## Thank You!

By your assistance (both prayerful and financial) to the Franciscan Missionary Union, you are enabling us to meet the needs of many people the world over. May God bless you abundantly for your assistance to us! Please know that we are grateful to you, and that the missionaries will remember you and your family in their prayers.

**Grade 3 Christmas Store Proceeds:**

\$3,120 will be used to aid the missionary ministry of Fr. Damien Isabell, OFM.

**Grade 4 Bake Sale Proceeds:**

\$1,050 will be used to aid the missionary ministry of Fr. Damien Isabell, OFM.

**Franciscan Missionary Union Collection:**

\$2,122 will be used to aid the Franciscan Missionary Union. Please know that your donations will make a difference in the lives of very poor people.

**Assisi for Africa Collection from July-December, 2022:**

\$27,961 will be used to aid the missionary ministry of Fr. Damien Isabell, OFM.

## CCW Quilt is ready to be quilted!

The quilt is set up in the St. Clare Hall.

We will be quilting on Tuesday and Fridays from 9:00 am-noon and 1:00-4:00 pm and Wednesday from 9:00am-noon and 1:00-3:00 pm. All are welcome to stop by and quilt whenever you are available. Any questions, call Jean Habing at 217-821-3704.

## YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

- Mar 29—Religious education classes 7:00—8:15 pm
- April 5—Holy Week (No religious education classes.)
- April 8—Easter day of fun, 8:30-10:30 am
- April 12—Religious education classes 7:00—8:15 pm
- April 19—Religious education classes 7:00—8:15 pm
- April 21—Teen center open 7:00—10:00 pm
- April 26—Religious education closing Mass, 7:00 pm



## CHWC NEWS



**Parents** –Your junior high and high school students were asked at the beginning of the year to complete 20 hours of service during the school year and **Lent is a perfect time to fulfill that goal!** We will be talking about it during religion. Please help with our goal by talking to your student about how they may like to volunteer at church or contribute to the community! Blue service forms can be turned in anytime but are due April 26th!

**CHWC Campers/Parents** - The next meeting is scheduled for tonight March 26 at 7:00 pm in the Sr. Ethelbert dining room. We will be talking about camp paperwork and voting on T-shirts! See ya there!



This annual event for kids ages 4-12 will be held April 8 from 8:30-10:30 am. Drop off is in the circle drive of the **TGS gym**. We will have a craft, snack, games for kids and an Easter egg hunt. The Teutopolis Civic Club will be hosting an Easter egg hunt in the mini park at 10:00 am. Pick up will be in the circle drive of **St. Clare Hall**.

Registration forms are available on the church website, St. Francis Youth Ministry Facebook page, or at the entrance to the church office. Deadline to sign up is April 1.



## 84th Annual Teutopolis Easter Egg Hunt

The Teutopolis Civic Club will be hosting the annual Easter egg hunt in conjunction with the Easter Day of Fun on Saturday, April 8 at 10:00 am at the mini-park. Children ages pre-school through grade 6 are eligible to hunt. Prizes for varied age groups will be awarded. *Children do not need to attend the Easter Day of Fun in order to participate in the egg hunt.*



**HAPPY EASTER**

**The annual CCW EASTER BAKE SALE**  
**will be held on Saturday, April 8 from**  
**8:00 to 11:00 am**  
**In the Sr. Ethelbert Center Lobby.**  
**Bake sale items may be dropped off Friday between**  
**2:30 and 4:30 pm or Saturday morning starting at**  
**7:00 am.**



**Catholic Radiothon**

Tune in all week, Monday through Friday, March 27-31, for the Catholic Radiothon! Listen on FM 91.3 WGMR, online at [www.ourcatholicradio.org](http://www.ourcatholicradio.org), or on the FREE Covenant Network app. Effingham area guest hosts will be on Wednesday 12-1pm (Cindy Vahling) and 5-6pm (Luke & Mallory Doedtman) and Thursday 3-4pm (Dr. John Sudkamp). Your support is necessary to keep our local station on the air. Call in anytime to pledge at 314-752-7000 or 877-305-1234 or pledge online!

**Sacrament of Matrimony:**  
 Arrangements must be made a Minimum of 6 months in advance with the pastor.

**Marriage Requirements:**  
 If you have your wedding scheduled at St. Francis, you will be required to attend the following for preparation:

**Pre-Cana workshops:**  
 Pre-Cana Day at EIU Newman Catholic Center  
 500 Roosevelt Avenue, Charleston, IL  
 Open to all engaged couples.  
 Saturday, June 24, 2023 9:00 am—4:00 pm,  
 call 217-348-0188 to register  
 \$50 per couple to cover lunch and expenses of the day.

Other dates are available on the diocesan website at [www.dio.org](http://www.dio.org) under marriage and family life.

**FOCCUS:** Scheduled dates at St. Francis are as follows:  
 April 1, 2023 — July 1, 2023 — October 7, 2023.  
 All sessions begin after 4:30 pm Mass in St. Clare hall.  
 To register call 217-961-6404.

**Upcoming Natural Family Planning Classes**

- Saturday, April 15, 2023, 8:30-10:00 am at St. Francis of Assisi Church.
- Saturday, June 17, 2023, 9:00-10:30 pm at St. Anthony Church.

To register contact Kate Pruemer, CFCP. Email her at [kpruemer@gmail.com](mailto:kpruemer@gmail.com) or call or text 217-821-1840.




**PRO LIFE**

**EUCHARISTIC DAY OF PRAYER FOR LIFE IS MONDAY, MARCH 27** - Please come to pray to our Eucharistic Lord for the end of abortion and for the end of the evil disregard for human life in our world. **Eucharistic Exposition on March 27** will begin at 9:00 am and continue through Tuesday, 6:00 am. Spend time with our Eucharistic Jesus, displayed in the special, historic monstrance on this day. Volunteers are needed to please commit to a half hour or hour of prayer in church on the sign-up sheets at the church entrances.

**Cemetery Clean-up**

Please remove any grave blankets, flowers, statues, etc. which are not attached to headstones and which you wish to keep. Ron will be rolling the ground and cleaning up the cemetery on favorable weather days in the very near future. Thanks to your speedy attention to this matter. Let's help keep our cemetery beautiful!




**Teutopolis Monastery Museum**

The Teutopolis Monastery Museum is temporarily closed while the museum undergoes renovation work.  
 We will be open May 7, 2023.

*The Monastery Museum is looking for Teutopolis High School year books. Please contact Sharon Brummer at 217-821-7243.*

**BAPTISM PREP DATES - All Classes begin at 7:00 pm**



- Tuesday, April 4, St. Isidore
- Thursday, May 4, St. Francis
- Thursday, June 1, St. Rose
- Thursday, July 6, St. Francis

To register for classes at St. Francis call 217-961-6404; St. Rose call 217-924-4553; St. Isidore call 217-821-9178. All dates are subject to change.

**Miscarriage**  
*Healing, Support, and Advocacy is found at the Family Life Center.*

The Family Life Center is a safe place you can go to feel heard and receive support, all at no charge. We have advocates ready to meet and help you in your healing journey from your miscarriage. Give one of our three locations a call to schedule an appointment and learn more:  
 Effingham, 217-342-5433 / Newton, 618-783-5433 / 217-774-4874.



**Liturgical Ministers for April 1/2**

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>4:30 pm</u>	<u>6:30 am</u>	<u>8:30 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>
<b>Readers</b>	Gordon Zuber Tess Probst	Linda Willenborg	Shannon Hinkle John Vogt	Jacob/Kate Pruemer Anita Deters
<b>Ushers</b>	*Nick Deters Ron Probst Bill Runde Dr. Gerald Runde Tim Ordner Mark Weber	*Dave Runde Dean Kremer John Spannagel Tim McMahon Steve Mette Mark Willenborg	*Jason Niebrugge Bob Koester Brian Jansen Brent McMahon John Kremer Duane Kremer	*Doug Mette Carl Waldhoff Bruce Buhnerkempe Dave Habing Jeff Thoele Keith Vonderheide
<b>Servers</b>	Gavin Buening Landen Buening Jonathon Wells	Ozzie Pals Evie Pals Anthony or Olivia Roley	Collin Bergfeld Mitch Bergfeld Aiden Bergfeld	Jacob Bushur Will Bushur Liam Collins
<b>Music</b>				

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**Upcoming EVENTS**

*White Lily Project*  
Angel of Hope Statue and Memorial Garden

**5K & 1 MILE FUN RUN/WALK**


**SATURDAY, APRIL 22**

Checkin begins at 7:00am and race begins at 8:30am.  
Start line is at Society Hall, in Teutopolis.

Visit our website to register at [www.whitelilyproject.org](http://www.whitelilyproject.org)




**Teutopolis Knights of Columbus** *Every Tuesday! 5:00—7:30 pm*



Hamburger/cheeseburger with french fries or wings.


**FISH FRY**  
*Every Friday of Lent from 5:00—7:30 pm*



**Teutopolis Park District**  
Fitness Programs (April 3-June 2): Sign up continues (late fee applies)

**The Knights of Columbus will hold an initiation** on Wednesday, March 29 at 7:00 pm. Anyone interested, contact Rich Walk at 217-821-4963 or John Burford at 217-821-0998.

**Catholic Charities** is offering free tax preparation for qualified individuals in our service area from February 1 to March 31, 2023. Information can be dropped off Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Clients must meet income eligibility requirements. The income limit is \$60,000 or less per family. Please contact Catholic Charities at 217-857-1458 for additional information and a list of items/information that must be dropped off.




**“Pig Out” Breakfast**

**Sunday, April 10**  
7:00am - Noon

Sacred Heart Parish Center  
407 S. Henrietta Street  
Effingham

Menu  
Whole Hog Sausage, Scrambled Eggs,  
Biscuits & Gravy, Pancakes, Fresh Fruit,  
Juice, Milk, & Coffee

Large Plate \$7.00 - Small Plate \$4.00  
Dine-In or Carry-Out

Our Sorrowful Mother’s Ministry in Vandalia, IL will be hosting their next retreat on April 21-23, 2023. The theme is “The Devil is Real and is Grappling for Your Soul”. Fr. Matthew Pawlikowski will be the guest speaker and he is an army chaplain who has spent much of his career supporting our military in his priesthood. This retreat will be fascinating as Father Matthew will teach us about our spiritual battles but also share his vast experiences throughout the world. Please go to [osmm.org](http://osmm.org) to register, and the full agenda is listed on their website. You may also contact Karla Slifer at 217-690-5282 for more information.

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