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St. John the Evangelist, a Catholic Capuchin Franciscan Parish, welcomes all who are called to be disciples of Jesus Christ and proclaims His Gospel through prayer, worship, His Word, and the sacraments. Members, inspired by the Holy Spirit through faith formation and spiritual renewal, witness to the Gospel in lives of justice and charity, build up families and children through education, hospitality and fellowship, and serve those in need with compassion.

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Thank you.		

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Summer: Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday - Friday: 7:30 am

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In the Padre Pio Chapel (inside the north church entrance) *See Page 3 of the bulletin for Reconciliation times

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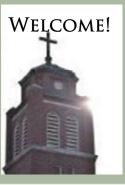
Summer Weekend Mass Schedule Saturday: 4:30 pm Sunday: 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm Spanish, 5:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Wednesday: 11:00 am – Noon Saturday: 3:00-4:00 pm Or by appointment

NEW TO OUR PARISH?

Please contact the parish office for a registration form at **785-843-0109** or complete the online registration on the parish website: **sjevangelist.com**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN



The Knights of Columbus is conducting the Baby Bottle Campaign ending on **Father's Day**. 100% of the proceeds will go to Kansans for Life. KFL is a Right to Life Advocacy

organization out of Wichita. The Knights handed out baby bottles at all Masses on Mother's Day to be used to put loose change or bills in and to be returned Father's Day weekend. There will be clearly marked containers to put into. You can also write a check and insert in the bottle or put in a marked envelope and place in the collection basket. Be sure to mark the envelope "K of C Baby Bottle Drive". Checks should be written to Knights of Columbus Council 1372 and put "Baby Bottle Drive" in the memo line. If you miss getting them turned in on **Father's Day weekend** just bring them to the next Mass you attend. Thank you for your support.





EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL AT CORPUS CHRISTI

Our Archdiocese along with all of the Bishops of the U.S. begin a three year revival of belief and devotion to the Eucharist on June 19, the Feast of Corpus Christi. Join the Lawrence region in a special Eucharistic process at Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Lawrence on **Sunday, June 19**. The procession will begin at the conclusion of the 10:00 Mass and continue outside with several stops for prayer. Join us!

EGGS NEEDED FOR FIESTA!

Mark you calendar! This year the St. John Fiesta will be **Saturday, June 25**. Please consider saving your egg shells for confetti eggs. If you can help, it is very much appreciated. Feel free to go a step further by decorating them (no sequins or anything hard on shell covering). Leave on the back porch of the Parish center (shelf marked Fiesta). Thanks to all who have helped with this project in the past. It is a big money maker! If you have any questions text/call Jacinta, **785-371-4603**.

LEGION OF MARY MEETINGS

Catholic men and women of Lawrence, please join the Legion of Mary, Our Lady of Fatima Praesidium, at the St John Parish Office main conference room, **Mondays from 4:30- 6:00 pm**. Weekly meetings include legionary prayers and the Rosary, handbook study with spiritual direction by Fr. John Cousins, works of mercy in pairs, plus fellowship. For more information, please contact Alma Lahm at: <u>amlutku5@gmail.com</u> or **913-219-4404**.

PASTORAL COUNCIL IS SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR NEW MEMBERS

The St. John's Pastoral Council is seeking nominations for new council members as three members (Christine Wenger, Brent Crandon and Susan Tabor) will have their terms end this year.

The council is primarily charged with advising the parish priests and serving as a model for communication and collaboration among various ministries in the parish.

If you are interested in nominating a fellow parishioner or yourself, there are nominating forms in the back of the church after each Mass during the month of May. Or, you can also send a nomination to Bria Livingston, **briannalphipps@gmail.com**, or to the Parish Office.

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May 31, 2022



Office of the Archbishop

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"I am the Living Bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." John 6:51

Along with my brother bishops, I have felt the call of the Holy Spirit to emphasize the significance of the Most Holy Eucharist in our Church and in our world. The Bishops were troubled and disheartened by the 2019 Pew study showing just 30% of Catholics understand the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. I am very concerned by the number of leaders that proclaim a Catholic faith without an integrated witness of Catholic beliefs in their political/personal views. In this moment, we are all being called to witness to the truth of our faith in the Body of Christ.

On the Feast of Corpus Christi, June 19, 2022, our Archdiocese will officially launch the USCCB National Eucharistic Revival movement. The mission of this movement is "to renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist." This effort envisions "a movement of Catholics across the United States, healed, converted, formed, and unified by an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist–and sent out in mission 'for the life of the world'."

We have prayerfully placed the work of this first year under the patronage of Blessed Carlo Acutis who died of leukemia in 2006, at the age of 15, and was beatified in October 2020. Blessed Carlo displayed a firm faith at a young age by using his gift for computer programming to develop social media resources encouraging Eucharistic devotion and Christian values. He sought to generously use his personal gifts and talents in service to God. Finally, he modeled incredible joy throughout the physical suffering he experienced in the final stages of his illness.

More information about this initiative – both locally and nationally – can be found at: USCCB National Eucharistic Revival website: <u>https://eucharisticrevival.org/</u> ArchKCK Revival website: <u>https://archkck.org/revival</u>

Most recently, we have been working to create communities of praying, caring and sharing in your parish. I am excited to continue building on the work of missionary discipleship that began with the Archdiocesan Enflame Your Hearts Convocation in 2019. Each of us has been baptized into a life of service and love through the Sacraments of the Catholic church. I humbly ask that you prayerfully discern how you can continue to grow in this love by developing a deeper relationship with Jesus through the Holy Eucharist. In this unique time of the Church, we are called to contemplate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our lives. As children of God, we have been given the incredible gift of Jesus Christ in His Body to sustain us with the grace to witness His love to the world.

As a community, may we continue to serve as the Body of Christ to the world around us. Trusting in the divine grace we receive from the Eucharist and the generous outpouring of the Holy Spirit, I am

Sincerely yours in Jesus, the Bread of Life,

Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann

12615 Parallel Parkway Kansas City, Kansas 66109 913.721.1570



In 2019, an activist state court radically changed the Kansas Constitution, making it almost impossible to regulate abortion in even the simplest of ways.¹Unlike our neighboring states, taxpayer-funded and late-term abortion could soon be allowed in Kansas unless we pass the Value Them Both Amendment August 2nd.²

Voting "Yes" on the Value Them Both Amendment:

- Restores our Constitution to the way it was before a 2019 court ruling cleared the path for nearly unlimited abortion in Kansas.
- Protects existing commonsense restrictions on the abortion industry, though it will not stop all abortion in Kansas.
- Safeguards:
 - Parental notification for minors
 - Facility inspection, safety & sanitation standards
 - · Our state tax dollars kept from funding abortions
 - The ban on late-term abortions
- Is supported by healthcare professionals because commonsense regulations ensure women will be safer, healthier, and more protected.3

Since this court ruling, Kansans have seen the largest increase in the number of abortions in over 25 years, with the majority performed on out-of-state residents.⁴ Kansans do not want this. We want limits and safety standards to protect women who live and visit here.



We must vote "Yes" to ensure Kansas does not become a destination state for extreme abortions in unregulated facilities.

1 Hockes & Nauser v. Schmidt, 309 Kan. 610 (2019); 2 Paul Bengamin Linton, Esg. and Elizabeth R. Kirk, Esg. 2/19/2020. 3 http://www.ksiegislature.org/li/b2021_22/measures/minutes/agenda_item_2021011247149015261 4 Kansas Department of Health and Environment, "Abortions in Kansas, 2020" report

org/valuethemboth

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us! Our lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Unborn, we implore your powerful intercession at this most critical of times. Now that the Kansas Supreme Court has completely removed pro-life protections for the unborn and women in distress, we humbly ask you to strengthen our efforts to pass the Value Them Both Kansas Constitutional Amendment to reverse this decision and protect the sanctity of life in our state.



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VIRTUS, PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN FOR ADULTS

All employees of the Archdiocese (including clergy and consecrated laymen and laywomen) and all volunteers (including Vacation Bible School volunteers), over the age of 18, who have substantial contact with children and/or youth, in the school or church, are required to submit a background check and attend VIRTUS, the awareness session of the Archdiocese's child abuse program, Protecting God's Children for Adults, prior to working with children or youth.

All VIRTUS sessions are online, **however, this will be changing soon**. You will need to register an account with our Archdiocese and complete the background check and paperwork. Go to: <u>https://www.virtusonline.org</u>.

- 1. Click on "First-Time Registrant"
- 2. Click on "Begin the registration process."
- 3. On the "Select" organization drop-down menu, select "Kansas City in Kansas (Archdiocese)".
- 4. Create a User ID and Password, complete the profile information, and select a class to attend.
- 5. You must complete the background check and paperwork at this point.
- 6. Plan to have 20-30 minutes to register and complete the online paperwork. The system will not allow you to save what you start working on and return at a later time to complete. DO NOT USE THE BACK BUTTON ON THE ADDRESS BAR, OR IT WILL DELETE YOUR PROGRESS AND YOU WILL HAVE TO START OVER.
- 7. VIRTUS Registration MUST BE DONE ON A COMPUTER, not a tablet, iPad or phone. The system will not allow these devices due to security reasons.
- 8. Complete training Protecting God's Children® Online Awareness Session 3.0 Online, this takes about 3 hours.
- 9. Be aware you will have monthly training bulletins emailed to you that take about 2-5 minutes to complete. You must stay current to volunteer.

If you have any questions, contact Meg Milburn at: mmilburn@sjevangelist.com or 785-843-0109.

ST. JOHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STH GRADE GRADUATES!



SCHOOL MISSION

Faith-Knowledge Service-Growth

All St. John Catholic School students will be challenged to grow in their faith and knowledge, learn to show respect and compassion for themselves and others, and live their beliefs through service in their community and the world.



Be a sign of **Mercy**.

I SHOULD NO LONGER SAY THAT I HAVE NEIGHBORS TO HELP, BUT THAT I MUST MYSELF BE A NEIGHBOR TO OTHERS.

POPE FRANCIS, FRATELLI TUTTI, NO. 81

The Peter's Pence Collection has a long tradition as a sign that Catholics around the world are joined in support of the Holy Father.

A Concrete Sign of Mercy

The year 2020 united the whole world in suffering as the COVID-19 pandemic took millions of lives and created widespread economic hardship due to the closure of nonessential businesses. In Lebanon, the hardship of the pandemic was compounded by a catastrophic explosion of a warehouse at the port in Beirut on August 4, 2020. The blast killed more than 200 people and injured and displaced thousands more.

With funds collected through the Peter's Pence Collection, the Holy Father provided an immediate response of €250,000 to the Church in Lebanon, which made medical care, temporary shelter, and other basic needs available to victims through the efforts of Caritas Lebanon, Caritas Internationalis, and sister organizations of Caritas. Donations to the Peter's Pence Collection support not only the activities of the Roman Curia that assist the pope in the exercise of his ministry but also

How You Can Help

PRAY

Pray for the Holy Father, for those he reaches out to serve in compassion, and for the ongoing activities of the Holy See, all of which will benefit from the Peter's Pence Collection.

SHARE

Share this bulletin insert with anyone who might be interested.

GIVE

Give generously to this collection as a sign of mercy to those who suffer around the globe and in support of the ongoing work of the Holy See. By doing so, you help build up the Church so that it can continue to minister to all for generations to come.

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solidarity projects that help those most in need, such as emergency relief to the people of Lebanon.

For more information on Peter's Pence, please visit the Vatican's Peter's Pence website: www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.

A Tradition of Support for the Holy Father

Support for such papal efforts is rooted in the scriptural message to take care of the poor and expresses unity with the Holy Father in two ways: through the ongoing activities of the Holy See and through the charitable works of the Holy Father on behalf of those most in need.



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WEEKLY Readings

Readings For June 12 Week

Sunday: Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2a]/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15 Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7/Mt 5:38-42 Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16/Mt 5:43-48 Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 Thursday: Sir 48:1-14/Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7/Mt 6:7-15 Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Ps 132:11, 12, 13-14, 17-18/Mt 6:19-23 Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34/Mt 6:24-34 Next Sunday: Gn 14:18-20/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17



STEWARDSHIP of Prayer

PARISH PRAYER LIST

The "Prayer List" includes the most recent information that the Simon Parish Center has about a parishioner and/or their family member. Contact the Center to request someone for the "Prayer List." **Thank you** on behalf of the families of those individuals for whom we pray.

Steven Avila Monica Baker **Mariele Berthold Chris Besler** Jenn Bole Andrew Bouchard Andrea Bowen Susan Guenther Brown **Donna Callaghan Bob Carlson Jim Colson Patricia Cousins Ricky Dalton Hank Desch** Linda Erp John Evans Phillip F. Sharron F. Noni Fallaria **Joanne Feist Ron Ferauson** Colette Fisher **Theo Flom Linda Flyer Danielle Foote Mark Fortun** Janet Fox **Rudy Fritz** Michael Jay Gomez **Bonnie Griggs Tony Guadian** Lonna Hamm **Caeson Hatch** Luke Henry Patsy Heptig **Charles Hermann**

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Cindy Vasquez Jeanette Walker Ted Walker Ginger Williams Susan Williams Jon Yarnell Dena Yepa Ruth York

IN MEMORIAM WILLIAM L. ROACH

June 13 – June 19

INVITE THE HOLY SPIRIT

NTO YOUR LIFE

Mon:	7:30 am	Brian Bucher†
Tues:	7:30 am	Ruth York
Wed:	7:30 am	Dana Jones
Thurs.:	7:30 am	Monica Baker
Fri.:	7:30 am	Scott Smith
Sat.:	4:30 pm	Parishioners Of St. John
Sun.:	7:00 am	Betty Gallagher†
	9:00am	Kent Beisner†
	11:00 am	William L. Roach†
	1:00 pm (Sp.)	Yahir Cantu†
		Theo Flom

AVISOS EN ESPAÑOL

Maria J. Mota, Animadora 785-304-5509

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO – ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

La Santísima Trinidad

En el nombre del Padre, y del Hijo, y del Espíritu Santo". Al santiguarnos, pues, no lo hagamos tan aprisa y balbuceando la oración que nos encomienda a la Trinidad y nos ayuda a comprometernos como bautizados al servicio del Reino de Dios. La Trinidad es un misterio de amor y de entrega, y cada año, la Liturgia nos propone reflexionar en las tres personas que la componen: Dios Padre, Dios Hijo y Dios Espíritu Santo. Es el misterio más grande del cristianismo. Donde Dios se revela como comunidad de vida y de amor que existe en la Trinidad. Un solo Dios verdadero, en tres personas distintas.

"El Señor ordenó bautizar en el nombre del Padre y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo. El catecúmeno es bautizado profesando por ello la fe en el Creador, en el Unigénito y el Don. Solo uno es el Creador de todo, ya que uno solo es Dios Padre, de quien procede todo; uno es también el Unigénito, nuestro Señor Jesucristo, por medio del cual todas las cosas fueron creadas; y uno solo es el Espíritu, que a todos nos ha sido dado" (San Hilario de Poitiers (315-367) Sobre la Trinidad). "La Santísima Trinidad es la luz del tiempo pascual y de Pentecostés, renueva cada año en nosotros la alegría y el estupor de la fe: reconocemos que Dios no es una cosa vaga, nuestro Dios no es un Dios 'spray', es concreto, no es abstracto, sino que tiene un nombre: 'Dios es amor'. No es un amor sentimental, emotivo, sino el amor del Padre que está en el origen de cada vida, el amor del Hijo que muere en la cruz y resucita, el amor del Espíritu que renueva al hombre y al mundo" (Papa ©LPi Francisco). ¡Amén!



MUSICA, CORO, MUSICA

¿Te gusta cantar? ¿Tocas algún instrumento musical, o te gustaría aprender? Ven a practicar con nosotros, comunícate al **785-304-5509**.

CADA LUNES EN TODO EL AÑO

A las 8 de la noche rezamos el Santo Rosario, para pedir pos nuestras necesidades y por los que amamos; también si alguno de sus parientes fallece podemos hacer el novenario, nos vemos los lunes en LA CAPILLA DEL PADRE PIO, frente a las veladoras.

PLATICAS PARA BAUTIZAR

Cada primer sábado del mes de **6:00 a 9:00 de la noche**, sin niños, llamar antes para anotar su asistencia.

RECICLAGE

Trae tus latas de aluminio y ayuda a tu Parróquia, por un mundo mas limpio, déjalas atrás de la oficina y ponle para María Mota. Gracias.

LA FE SE PUEDE ALIMENTAR

Hermano, a veces te sientes triste o con necesidad de Dios, ven yo te puedo acompañar a orar, nos podemos ver en la Iglesia o en la oficina. Estoy para ayudarte. Oro por todos, bendiciones María Mota.

Preparación al matrimonio por la Iglesia Catolica, solo para parejas que viven juntos y tienen niños.

Adultos que necesitan los sacramentos de confirmación y primera comunión.

CATECISMO EN ESPANOL

Las Inscripciones son en agosto. Por favor para mas información llamar a Maria Mota.

CONFESIONES

Sábado de 3:00 pm a 4:00 pm y Miercoles de 11:00 am a 12:00 pm Habrá confesiones en español para quien lo necesite, y pueda recibir este sacramento.

LAS LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA DEL 12 DE JUNIO

Domingo: Prov 8, 22-31/Sal 8, 4-5. 6-7. 8-9 [2]/Rom 5, 1-5/Jn 16, 12-15

Lunes: 1 Kgs 21, 1-16/Sal 5, 2-3. 4-6. 6-7/Mt 5, 38-42

Martes: 1 Kgs 21, 17-29/Sal 50, 3-4. 5-6. 11 y 16/Mt 5, 43-48

Miércoles: 2 Kgs 2, 1. 6-14/Sal 30, 20. 21. 24/Mt 6, 1-6. 16-18

Jueves: Eclo 48, 1-14/Sal 96, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 7/Mt 6, 7-15

Viernes: 2 Kgs 11, 1-4. 9-18. 20/Sal 131, 11. 12. 13-14. 17-18/Mt 6, 19-23

Sábado: 2 Cr 24, 17-25/Sal 89, 4-5. 29-30. 31-32. 33-34/Mt 6, 24-34 **Domingo siguiente:** Gn 14, 18-20/Sal 109, 1. 2. 3. 4 [4]/1 Co 11, 23-26/Lc 9, 11-17

SOCIAL JUSTICE SOCIAL ACTION

By The Social Concerns for Peace and Justice Committee

How are we each called to be "salt and light"? What does it look like to be "builders of bridges," breakers of walls, and "agents of dialogue," especially in an atmosphere where vitriol and personal attacks have become more common? How do Pope Francis' words challenge us to engage differently? Through prayer and reflection, formed consciences and honest dialogue, we can bring the convictions of our faith to our participation in civic life, and in our communities.

Use this reflection to help you think about where God is calling you to be "salt and light" in your family and community, and in your engagement online. Where can you better engage in encounter and bridge-building?

Begin with Scripture and Prayer

Begin by reading Matthew 5:13-16 on the call to be salt and light. As "salt and light" we are called to speak truth with love and bear witness to God's love in our world. Salt is both common across the world's cultures and gives flavor to any food it touches. Our presence, like salt to food, enhances and strengthens our communities, especially where we can serve as witnesses of love and civility.

Then pray asking God to be present with you.

Now spend some time in prayerful reflection using the prompts below.

What stories from my community have left an impression on me and led me to ask, "What can I do to change this?" Where have I been called to action? What issues or injustices have I felt drawn to work on in my community?

"All of us have a responsibility for the wounded, those of our own people and all the peoples of the earth."

- Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti

In the past, how have I engaged or disengaged in efforts to address issues I care about, including through engagement in the political process as a faithful citizen? What has drawn me towards or away from engagement?

What perspectives on issues impacting our local and global communities elicit strong negative reactions in me? What is at

the root of that feeling or why do I feel the way I do?
When have I allowed that strong feeling to cause me to say or think something unkind about another person? Specifically:
On social media: When has my engagement with (or about) those with whom I disagree failed to recognize their dignity as persons created in the image of God?

• In conversations: When was I so focused on winning an argument that I failed to genuinely listen? When was my choice

of words uncharitable? When did I paint others in disrespectful ways or engage in personal attack?

• In my day-to-day perceptions and attitudes: When have I made assumptions about or failed to give the benefit of the doubt to those with whom I disagree?

When have I presumed others' intentions or experiences before even hearing their stories or experiences? When have I valued my political affiliation or party more than my identity as a disciple of Christ who is called to model love and charity, even in civil



discourse?

How is Christ calling me to strive to recognize the human dignity of someone with whom I disagree — even passionately? Close with a few moments of prayer and conversation with God about how you might be called to be "salt and light" in your family, parish, school, workplace, or other community (in-person or online).

We exist in a culture of incivility and inaction, but as followers of Christ we must work to transform that culture. We can be models of loving and respectful civil discourse, and challenge others to do the same. We can build community through our willingness to engage in dialogue across differences. Salt, while common, is not a passive ingredient. Nor must we be passive participants in difficult conversations. In working to transform our culture, we can choose to be strong in our convictions while also open to learning more from others' experiences.

How are you called to share your faith with your community?

- USCCB

AREA NEWS and Events

DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES

The Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas is seeking qualified candidates to fill the position of Director of Human Resources. This position is both challenging and rewarding! The Archdiocese provides shared services for 120 associated organizations employing 5,000 full and part-time positions. Shared services include benefits administration, workers' compensation, retirement plans and a standardized payroll process. Applicants must be a practicing Catholic in good standing and an active and faithful steward in their parish. Applicants must have expertise in creating and implementing HR policies and processes; Client employee services and support; Legal Compliance; HRIS and data management; Employee benefit management and administration; Workers' Compensation, leave management and related processes; Employee Relations and Performance Management; Employer/ employee communications. This position manages a staff of 4 HR professionals, is the chief human resources consultant to parishes, schools and other Archdiocesan organizations and manages all human resource functions at the Chancery. The successful candidate will have expertise in multiple HR disciplines, demonstrated skill with innovation and process improvement and have excellent people skills. Position open until filled.

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