

St. Remy Catholic Church

~ February 7, 2021 ~

ST. REMY'S *St. Valentine's Day* event for engaged and married couples

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2021

5:00 PM - Doors Open

5:30 PM - Dinner

6:30 PM - Speaker

St. Remy Hall
101 St. Remy Street
Russia, OH

\$40

PER COUPLE

Tickets include dinner, drinks and guest speaker. Tickets will be sold after each St. Remy Mass the weekends of Jan 30-31 & Feb 6-7

You may also mail payment to:

St. Remy Parish St. Valentine Dinner
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Tickets will be mailed to your specified address. Checks made payable to St. Remy Church.

All tickets must be paid for prior to the event.

For ticket information, please call the St. Remy office at (937) 526-3437.



THIS YEAR'S GUEST SPEAKER

Dr. Kenneth Craycraft is an attorney and the James J. Gardner Family Chair of Moral Theology at Mount St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology. He holds a Ph.D. in moral theology from Boston College, and a J.D. from Duke University School of Law.

SCHEDULES, EVENTS & DAILY READINGS

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 6-14

- 06 Sat:** 5:00 p.m. Linus, Doug, & Jack Monnin
07 Sun: 7:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
 9:00 a.m. Dan Lachat
 11:00 a.m. Doug Poling
08 Mon: 8:15 a.m. Guy & Martha Kemp
09 Tues: 8:15 a.m. Larry Werling
 9:00 a.m. Confession (Father Fox)
10 Wed: 5:45 a.m. Traditional Latin Mass
 5:00 p.m. Confession (Father Fox)
 6:15 p.m. Dillon, Toni, & Joe Baugher
11 Thurs: 8:15 a.m. For Vocations
 3:00 p.m. Confession (Father Fox)
 3:10 p.m. Children's Eucharistic Adoration
 7:00 p.m. Confession (Father Fox)
12 Fri: 7:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Vern & Norma Philipot Family
13 Sat: 8:15 a.m. Evan Winner
 9:00 a.m. Confession (Father Fox)
 3:30 p.m. Confession (Father Fox)
 5:00 p.m. Paul & Patricia Francis
14 Sun: 7:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
 9:00 a.m. Leon Kissinger
 10:30 a.m. Confession (Father Fox)
 11:00 a.m. Cletus & Irma Grilliot & John Fleck

MINISTRY SCHEDULES FOR THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 13-14

- SERVERS**
 5:00 p.m. Jaela Shappie & Isabella Magoto
 7:30 a.m. Sheldon Pohlman & Sam Prenger
 9:00 a.m. Jared Poling, Adam Hoehne, Benjamin York (Tim), Maximilian Schulze, Zeb Schulze, Felix Francis
 11:00 a.m. Michael Voisard & Austin Cordonnier
LECTORS
 5:00 p.m. Barb Cordonnier
 7:30 a.m. Scott Borchers
 9:00 a.m. Dave Peyton
 11:00 a.m. Angie Heaton
DISTRIBUTORS
 5:00 p.m. Deacon Meyer
 7:30 a.m. Cindy Goubeaux
 9:00 a.m. Dan Poling
 11:00 a.m. Josh Pleiman
COLLECTION COUNTERS: Josh Pleiman, Bart/Nicole Doseck

When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons.

~From today's Gospel

Please remember to pray for the people listed in the St. Remy Prayer Intentions Book located in the back of church.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION is held every Thursday, beginning at the conclusion of the 8:15 a.m. Mass, and ending with Benediction at 8:30 p.m.

WEEKLY RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

- Tuesday: 9:00—9:30 a.m.
 Wednesday: 5:00—6:10 p.m.
 Thursday: 3:00—4:00 p.m., 7:00—8:20 p.m.
 Saturday: 9:00—10:00 a.m., 3:30—4:45 p.m.
 Sunday: 10:30—10:50 a.m.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

- Knights of Columbus—3rd Monday of the month (February 15) at 8:00 p.m. in the parish office basement.
- Children's Adoration—every Thursday from 3:10-4:15.
- Pastoral Advisory Council—4th Tuesday of every other month (March 23) at 7:00 p.m. in the parish office basement.
- St. Vincent de Paul Society—2nd Wednesday of the month (February 10) at 7:00 p.m. at the Russia Library.
- Catholic War Veterans—3rd Wednesday of the month (February 17) at 8:00 p.m. at the CWV Hall.
- Patriotic Rosary—will be prayed every Tuesday at 7:45 a.m., as well as on the 1st Friday of the month (March 5) following the 7:00 a.m. Mass.
- Blessing for Expectant Mothers—will take place in church following the 11:00 Mass on the first Sunday of the month.

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

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| This Sunday: | Jb 7:1-4, 6-7
1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23
Mk 1:29-39 | Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time |
| Monday: | Gn 1:1-19
Mk 6:53-56 | St. Jerome Emiliani,
St. Josephine Bakhita |
| Tuesday: | Gn 1:20—2:4a
Mk 7:1-13 | |
| Wednesday: | Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17
Mk 7:14-23 | St. Scholastica |
| Thursday: | Gn 2:18-25
Mk 7:24-30 | Our Lady
of Lourdes |
| Friday: | Gn 3:1-8
Mk 7:31-37 | |
| Saturday: | Gn 3:9-24
Mk 8:1-10 | Blessed Virgin Mary |
| Next Sunday: | Lv 13:1-2, 44-46
1 Cor 10:31—11:1
Mk 1:40-45 | Sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time |

WHAT DOES FATHER FOX SAY?

Wrapping up the “One Faith, One Love” campaign. This paragraph is going to be heavy with numbers. Some people find this tedious. Jump to the third paragraph if you just want the summary. The “One Faith, One Love” fund drive began in 2015, when the Archdiocese sought to raise \$130 million for various ongoing needs. Half the funds raised supported Catholic education throughout the archdiocese. \$13 million of this went to the fund for retired priests. Approximately 20% came back to local parishes for the needs they had identified. Eventually, a total of \$163 million was raised.

Our parishioners pledged a total of \$563,875 (way more than the goal of \$350,000). Virtually all of that was ultimately paid. FYI, it is routine in these sorts of fundraising drives to anticipate 10-15% of pledges not to be paid, for various reasons. By comparison, 98% of the pledged amount was ultimately contributed.

Because our parish exceeded our goal, much more than 20% ultimately came back home. In fact, \$192,817 was returned to our parish, all of which was spent over the past five years on various maintenance needs. Thank you to our generous parishioners who came through!

Distribution of ashes on Ash Wednesday. The Vatican in Rome has directed that this year, in light of Covid concerns, ashes will be distributed differently. Instead of pressing ashes on the forehead – as is customary in the U.S. – we will sprinkle ashes on the crown of people’s heads. While this will seem strange to us, this is actually the ancient and traditional fashion in Italy. The words, “Remember that you are dust, and unto dust you shall return,” will be spoken only once beforehand, not individually.

Reminder: Rules for Fast and Abstinence in Lent. Ash Wednesday (February 17) and Good Friday (April 2) are days of abstinence from meat and are also days of fast, that is, limited to a single full meal. The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years and older. The law of fasting binds all Catholics from their 18th birthday until their 59th birthday.

The Church teaches us: “Let the paschal fast be kept sacred. Let it be celebrated everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible, prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the Resurrection may be attained with uplifted and clear mind” (Vatican II, Constitution on the Liturgy, No. 110).

With regard to the obligatory days listed above, however, there are frequent questions about the degree of seriousness of the matter. To paraphrase Pope John Paul II: The obligation to do penance is a serious one; the obligation to observe, as a whole or “substantially,” the penitential days specified by the Church is also serious. No one should be scrupulous in this regard; failure to observe an individual day of penance is not considered serious. People should seek to do more rather than less. Fast and abstinence on the days prescribed should be considered a minimum response to the Lord’s call to penance and conversion.

Now is the time to apply to become a permanent deacon. The next 3-year program of classes will begin in September of 2022. Interested? Contact Deacon Mark Machuga, Director of the Office of the Diaconate, at (513)263-6641. The application cycle for the next class will begin in early 2021. Prerequisites, qualifications, and procedures will be discussed with each man considering the Diaconate.

Web lectures available about Catholic art in Rome. An organization called “Masters’ Gallery Rome” is presenting a series of lectures that began January 11 and will continue through March 29, 2021. Some of this is familiar to me because of lectures I attended in Rome in 2012. This is very interesting and exciting to learn about. Check out this website: www.mastersgalleryrome.com.

Seminarian Isaiah Callan is on retreat this week...so you won’t see him at Mass.

How you will – or won’t – reach me on Mondays. Monday is my day of rest. Sometimes (especially if the weather is nice) I will be away for much of the day, or else I will take it easy at home. I hope it won’t scandalize anyone to learn I sleep late this day! That said, I am not unreachable. My staff knows how to track me down. If you call the parish office and leave a voicemail, option “1” sends a message to my cell phone, and I keep that with me whenever I leave parish grounds. If you call with routine matters, or send an email, I won’t get to that until Tuesday. I mention this so that no one wonders why you didn’t hear back from me on Monday.

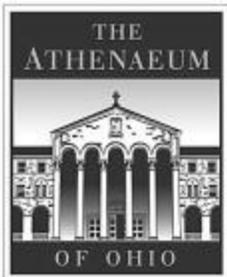
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LIVE YOUR FAITH



The family receiving the **TRAVELING VOCATION CHALICE** this Sunday is Wes and Chandra Goubeaux. The family receiving it the week of February 14 is Kent and Heather Borchers. Please pick up the chalice from the table inside the rectory door after Mass on Sunday, and return it to the same place the following Friday.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BRING THE TRAVELING VOCATION CHALICE AND RELATED MATERIALS INTO YOUR HOME? Please see the binder in the back of church to sign up. This is a great tool to encourage vocations in your home, as well as to pray for our priests and for more vocations.



THE ATHENAEUM OF OHIO/MOUNT ST. MARY'S SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY will be opening a two-year satellite location at the St. Mary's Deanery Training Center near Carthagena beginning with the fall semester for 2021. This two-year option will offer courses in scripture, theology, and pastoral studies and will be taught at the undergraduate equivalency level. This formation is

designed to help you grow in faith, spirituality, and pastoral skills. The Saturday morning and afternoon classes will allow participants to maintain job, family, and community commitments while answering the call to deeper discipleship. Classes count for catechist certification and prepare men to apply for classes to become a deacon. The application process begins with a personal interview, available via phone or Zoom. Call (513)233-6127 or email smcgurgan@athenaeum.edu to schedule an interview.

ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE BY DIALLING 2-1-1. Calling this confidential line enables you to talk to a live crisis trained representative 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. This line has information about the many human services available in Shelby County, including mental health counseling services, substance abuse, food pantries, hot meals, senior programming, and rent and utility assistance.



ARE YOU STRUGGLING WITH ALCOHOL ISSUES? You and your family don't have to face it alone. Call the Alcoholics Anonymous 24 hour hotline at (937)622-1294 or the Dayton central office at (937)222-2211. They are there to help. Remember their motto: "If you

want to drink, that is your business. If you want to stop drinking, that is our business."

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY



Universal Intention: We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.



WE ARE IN NEED OF ONE USHER AT THE 5:00 MASS. Volunteers are asked to serve for one month, then be off for two months. Other ushers are willing to trade with you if you have a conflict. If you feel God calling you to help to provide this important ministry, please call the parish office at (937)526-3437 or email Maria at stremy@roadrunner.com.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS "HELP OUR SEMINARIANS PROGRAM" was started in 1991 and has remained a valuable program for the support of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. We were so fortunate to have three seminarians at St. Remy to help Father Fox a few months ago, and we enjoy the presence of one this summer. Money placed in the specifically marked donation jars at the entrances to the church are forwarded to the Vocation Director of our archdiocese to come to the aid of our seminarians. Your donations do add up! Thank you for your continued support of religious vocations.



Didn't find the perfect Christmas gift for your spouse? Looking for a special Valentine's gift? **A WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND** can be that gift—it will help your relationship and improve communication with your spouse in 2021. The

next event will be offered virtually via Zoom from February 19-21. For more information or to register, visit <https://esharing.org/applyWeekend.php>, or contact Andy and Jeanne Folfas at (937)886-5196 or jeannemarie42@hotmail.com. If you apply before February 7 and use the discount code Better21, your registration fee will be only \$21!



IT'S TIME TO KICK OFF THE 2021 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL (CMA). All 200+ parishes in our archdiocese join together in this vital appeal to support six local

ministries that teach, feed, and heal, including Catholic Social Services, our archdiocesan seminary, retired clergy, St. Rita's School for the Deaf, new evangelization, and campus, hospital, and prison ministries. St. Remy's goal this year is to donate \$17,434. Families should have received a letter from Archbishop Schnurr in the mail; please notify the parish office if you did not. You can also find envelopes in the pews this weekend. Please prayerfully complete your pledge card and mail it in the envelope provided, or bring it to Mass and place it in one of the collection baskets at the doors. For more information or to donate online, visit www.AOCstewardship.org.

The key to life is not accumulation; it's contribution.
~Stephen Covey

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FORT LORAMIE'S ANNUAL MEN'S CONFERENCE will be held on Saturday, March 6 from 8:00-3:30. Please note that this event will be held at Romer's in St. Henry this year. There will be an optional Latin Mass celebrated at 7:00 a.m. for anyone who is interested. The theme this year is "Building on Faith." Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased online at <https://www.facebook.com/FLMensConference/>.

SUNDAY AND HOLYDAY OFFERINGS for Fiscal Year 2021 (7/1/20-6/30/21)

July 1— Jan. 17 budgeted amount: \$223,310
 July 1— Jan. 17 offerings received: \$231,894

If you would like to make your offerings online, please go to stremychurch.com and click on "Online Giving."

Thank you for your generosity!

Four Ways to Imitate St. Joseph on a Daily Basis

The information below was taken from an article written by Philip Kosloski and was found at www.aleteia.org.

The most important part of devotion to St. Joseph during this year dedicated to him is imitating his example. Let's endeavor each day to practice some of those virtues that shone in him, those virtues that enabled him to conform to God's will. Father Louis Lalemant, having chosen St. Joseph for the model for his interior life, developed a ritual to help him to imitate the virtues that Jesus' earthly father lived so well. The following shows what he did:

Listen to the Holy Spirit. Father Lalemant raised his mind toward the heart of St. Joseph and considered how docile he had been to the inspirations of the Holy Spirit. Then, examining his own heart, he humbled himself for his times of resistance and animated himself to follow more faithfully the inspirations of grace.

Unite prayer and work. Second, Father Lalemant considered with what perfection St. Joseph united the interior life to the occupations of his state in life. Then, reflecting on his own life, he examined if there were some defects to correct. Father achieved by this holy practice a great union with God, and he knew how to preserve it in the midst of occupations which seemed the most distracting.

Practice devotion to the Virgin Mary. Third, Father united himself spiritually to St. Joseph as spouse of the Mother of God; and considering the great perspective which St. Joseph had on the virginity and maternity of Mary, Father encouraged himself to love this holy patriarch, St. Joseph, for the love of his holy spouse, the Mother of Christ.

Adore the Christ Child. Lastly, Father considered the profound adoration and the paternal services which St. Joseph had rendered to the Child Jesus. Then he asked to be permitted to join with St. Joseph in adoring, loving, and serving the Divine Infant with the most tender affection and the most profound veneration.

RUSSIA COMMUNITY NEWS



LITTLE LAMBS PRESCHOOL IS HOSTING AN OPEN HOUSE on Saturday, February 20 from 9:00-12:00. Located at 102 N. Liberty Street (next to the Post Office), Little Lambs is for children ages 3-5 and incorporates a Catholic curriculum with developmentally appropriate academic learning opportunities. Stop by the open house for refreshments, door prizes, and goodie bags for the children!

A CWV CHICKEN FRY will be held at their hall on Kelch Road on Friday, February 12, beginning at 4:30 p.m. and ending when sold out. All are welcome!



Mark your calendar for the annual **RIGHT TO LIFE GARAGE SALE!** It will be held at St. Remy Hall from Thursday, March 25—Saturday, March 27. It's time to start collecting items that you'd like to donate! Drop-off information and sign-ups for volunteers will be coming out in February.

CCD & YOUTH MINISTRY



Activities for Girls

- * Daughters of the Immaculate Heart (grades 4-6) will meet on Monday, February 8 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at St. Remy Hall.
- * Rosa Mystica (grades 7-8) will meet on Monday, February 15 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at St. Remy Hall.



Activities for Boys

- Knights of Our Lady (grades 4-6) will meet on Monday, February 8 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at school.
- Soldiers of Christ (grades 7-8) will meet on Monday, February 15 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at school.



Come to “Rosary and Doughnuts” Before School

All high school students are invited to come to church to pray the Rosary together before school on Thursday, February 11. Please meet in church at **7:15 a.m.** Following the Rosary, we will head to the parish office basement for doughnuts and beverages. Don't miss this great way to start the day with your friends!



Check out these Upcoming Options During Lent!

- ♦ **New this Lent: “The Search” Bible Study for Juniors and Seniors** will take place every Tuesday beginning February 23 from 1:35-2:35 p.m. in the St. Joseph Village Centre. Dive deeper into Scripture for 6 weeks with your friends!
- ♦ **Also new this Lent: Mass and Breakfast every Friday during Lent for high school students.** Participate in Holy Mass at 7:00 a.m., then head to St. Joseph Village Centre for a continental breakfast.
- ♦ **DMC (Divine Mercy Challenge)** will take place every day after school during Lent, beginning on Thursday, February 18. Meet in church from 3:14-3:20 and make it back to school in time for athletic practices and other events! This is for all **junior high and high school** students.
- ♦ **“Chosen”** is an opportunity for students in **grades 6, 7, and 8** to strengthen their relationship with Jesus every Thursday, beginning February 18, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. We will meet in the parish office basement and conclude in church. The hour will include a snack, activities, and prayer. Spread the word and bring a friend!



“Ora et labora” for High School Students

“Ora et labora,” or “pray and work,” is the motto of the Benedictine Order. It will also be the motto of St. Remy’s **high school students** when they gather for *Saturday Service* on Saturday, February 27. Please meet at church for Mass at 8:15 a.m. Breakfast will follow! Then we will head to Rustic Hope for a service project from 9:30-11:30. Don't miss this opportunity to serve others while you grow closer to the Lord!



Totus Tuus

Mark your calendar for this amazing experience that will be offered once again right here in Russia! The dynamic Totus Tuus team of young adults will be coming here to share their love for the Lord with our youth. Grades 1-6 will meet from July 12-16 during the day, while grades 7-12 will meet the evenings of July 11-15. You won't want to miss this amazing experience!

Life Information For Everyone

The Extraordinary Healing Christ Makes Possible

This spiritual testament of Alessandro Serenelli, who took the life of Saint Maria Goretti, was found in a sealed envelope when he died.

I am almost eighty years old, and near the end of my days. Looking back on the past, I recognize that, in my early youth, I went down a false path: the way of evil, which led me to ruin. I saw the world through the news, entertainment, and bad examples that most young people follow without giving them a thought; I didn't think about it either. There were people of religious faith and practice near me, but I didn't pay them any heed, blinded by a brute force that impelled me down a bad road.

At the age of twenty, I committed a crime of passion, the mere memory of which horrifies me today. Maria Goretti, now a saint, was the good angel that providence placed ahead of my steps to save me. I still bear, engraved upon my heart, her words of reproach and forgiveness. She prayed for me; she interceded for her murderer. Thirty years of prison followed. Had I not been under-aged, I would have been condemned for life. I accepted the sentence I had earned, with resignation: I understood that I was guilty.

Little Maria was truly my light, my protector; with her help, I behaved well during those twenty-seven years of prison, and I sought to live honestly when society accepted me again among its members. The sons of Saint Francis, the Capuchins Minor of Marche, welcomed me among them with seraphic charity, not as a servant, but as a brother. I have been living with them for 24 years. And now, with serenity, I await the moment of being admitted to the vision of God, of embracing my loved ones again, of being near my protecting angel and her dear mother, Assunta.

May those who will read this letter of mine learn the happy lesson of fleeing from evil and always following what is good, right from their childhood. Think of religion, with its precepts, not as something you can do without; rather, it is true consolation, the only safe path in all circumstances—even the most sorrowful ones in our lives. Peace and goodness to you!

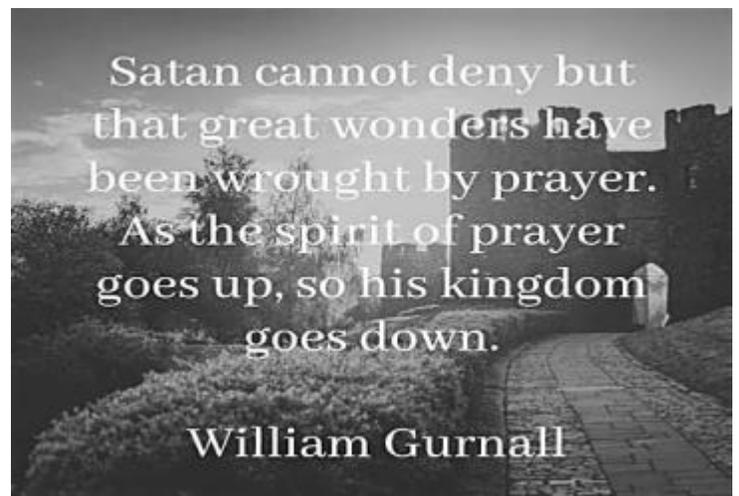
A big part of praying for the end to abortion in our culture is praying for the doctors, nurses, administrators, and others who are entrenched in the abortion industry. We cannot imagine the hold Satan must have on someone who is able to participate in the death of an unborn child. However, no one is hopeless, and great wonders are wrought by prayer. Let's make it our mission to pray for those who are enslaved by the sins connected to abortion. Let us pray for their conversion as we pray for our own.

Invitation to Participate in Forty Days for Life Campaign

Defenders of Life,

What better way to show love for the unborn on Valentine's Day than to attend the Opening Rally for 40 Days for Life! Please join us on Sunday, February 14 at 2:00 p.m. on the sidewalks at 1401 E. Stroop Road in Kettering. Gather with other pro-lifers as we prepare our hearts and minds for the upcoming Spring *40 Days for Life* campaign from February 17 through March 28. Be inspired by Mike Spencer, President and Founder of *Project Life Voice*. Learn how to get involved in defending life in Dayton! There are so many ways YOU can make a difference. [As Matthew 25:40b tells us,] *In as much as you have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, you have done it to me.*

Holly Kistler
Dayton Leader
hkistler@woh.rr.com



First of all, I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiving be offered for all men, especially for kings and those in authority, that we may be able to lead undisturbed and tranquil lives in perfect piety and dignity. Prayer of this kind is good, and God our savior is pleased with it, for he wants all men to be saved and come to know the truth.

~1 Timothy 2:1-4

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