

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 23, 2022



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Weekend Eucharistic Liturgy:

Saturday at 4:00PM; Sunday at 9:00AM

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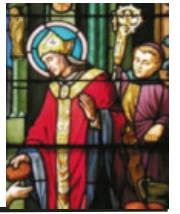
Saturday at 5:15PM; Sunday at 10:30AM

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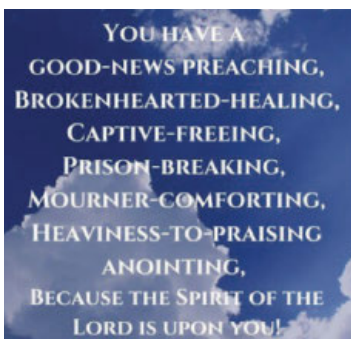


January 23, 2022
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.



Readings for the week of January 23, 2022

Sunday: Neh 8:2-10/Ps 19:8-15/1 Cor 12:12-30/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21 [3rd Sunday]
Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20-26/Mk 3:22-30 [St. Francis de Sales]
Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16/Ps 117: 1-2/Mk 16:15-18 [Conversion of St. Paul]
Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8/Ps 89:4-5, 27-30/Mk 4:1-20 [Sts. Timothy and Titus]
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-5, 11-14/Mk 4:21-25 [St. Angela Merici]
Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4-10, 13-17/Ps 51:3-11/Mk 4:26-34 [St. Thomas Aquinas]
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7, 10-17/Ps 51:12-17/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-6, 15-17/1Cor 12:31-13:13/Lk 4:21-30 [4th]

Sacrament of Baptism: Sacramental preparation is required of the parents who desire to share the Catholic faith with their children and are held monthly throughout the City of Erie. Call the parish office to register to schedule your preparation. Godparents must be Confirmed and practicing Catholics with a letter of recommendation from their pastor to serve as a sacramental sponsor.

Religious Education, First Holy Communion, and First Reconciliation programs are hosted at Saint Luke's Church for all eastside Erie parishes. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.825.7105).

Confirmation preparation for all eastside Erie parishes is hosted at Saint Luke's Church. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.825.6920).

Sacrament of Holy Orders: God calls all people to holiness. Some men are called to fulfill this vocation as priests. If you are interested in the priesthood, or have questions about it, please contact a parish priest or our Diocesan Vocation Director, Scott Jabo, at 1.814.824.1181.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Before a date can be scheduled, a priest must be contacted at least six months in advance to complete the required documents.

Sacrament of the Sick: Communal celebrations of Anointing the Sick are scheduled periodically. The sacrament can also be requested by any parishioner who is seriously ill or in danger of death. *Please note:* Federal law no longer permits hospitals or nursing homes to contact churches when a parishioner is admitted. It is important that family members notify the parish office if a loved one needs a visit, desires to receive Holy Communion, or needs to be Anointed.

Leave A Legacy: Consider Saint Stanislaus and Holy Trinity as you meet with your attorney or financial planner regarding your estate planning. Remember the needs of your parish family and leave a legacy of faith for future generations with your generous remembrance.

Bulletin Information Deadline: Please submit information to be included in the weekend bulletin by noon the Monday prior. Holiday bulletin announcements must be received by the parish office two weeks in advance.

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"PRAYER, CARE, AND CONCERN" MINISTRY

Those who participate in this ministry express the care and concern of our entire parish community to those who are ill, hospitalized, homebound, or in nursing facilities, through birthday and holiday cards, visits, and prayers. To request prayers, or to participate in this ministry, contact Saint Stanislaus Office (814-452-6606).

"PRAYERLINE" MINISTRY

These ministers devote themselves to prayer for any needs made known to them and any special intentions. To participate in this ministry, or to request prayers for a particular need, contact Saint Stanislaus Office (814-452-6606 or Holy Trinity Office (814-456-0671).

PCEP (Parish Catholic Education Program)

Parishioners of Holy Trinity can receive a parish grant to assist with the cost of tuition for families who wish their primary or secondary school age children to have a Catholic education. To be eligible, families must participate in the program, attend Mass regularly, and be involved in the parish community. For more information, contact the parish office.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Parishioners interested in serving our worshipping community as an altar server, lector, Eucharistic minister, or music minister, please let one of your priests know.

"PRAYER SHAWL" MINISTRY

The enjoyment of knitting, crocheting, and sewing are uniquely combined with prayer to offer a deeply personal and meaningful spiritual ministry. Shawls are prayerfully made and freely given away to those suffering bereavement, those recovering from illness, the elderly, homebound, and those in nursing facilities. To join us in this ministry, please contact Saint Stanislaus Office (814-452-6606).

THE "ZABAWA COMMITTEE"

Held on the parish grounds of Holy Trinity, Zabawa is the largest Polish heritage celebration in the region, drawing tens of thousands of people to our neighborhood. The Zabawa Committee organizes the festival through food preparation, donation solicitation, food and beverage service, and so on. The committee always welcomes any help they receive. If you would like to offer your time, and experience hands-on learning about these rich cultural traditions, contact Holy Trinity Office (814-456-0671).

PROLIFE COMMUNITY

This ministry advocates through for the protection of all human life from conception until natural death through prayer, education, and action.

"PRAYER CANDLE" MAKING MINISTRY

This ministry makes prayer candles from the church's left over bee's wax. They meet on Wednesdays, from 10AM - Noon in St. Stanislaus Parish Hall. No experience necessary.

ST. STANISLAUS / HOLY TRINITY INITIAL PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

(please circle which parish)

Family Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Please Check: New Registration Change of Address Change of Telephone Number

Change of E-mail Moving out of Parish Want Envelopes

*Place in offertory basket or mail to Parish Office. We will contact you to complete our Census Form.
Welcome to our Parish Family!*

A Community of Faith Built on Tradition, Where Everyone is Welcome

Saint Stanislaus Parish Community

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Jan. 24th - Private Intention
 Tues., Jan. 25th - Gabriella Wlodarczyk (Family)
 Wed., Jan. 26th - Christine Sullivan (Marge Weed)
 Thurs., Jan. 27th - Arthur Delano (Shirley Widomski)
 Fri., Jan. 28th - Stanley Widomski (Jack & Cathy Ciecierski)
 Sat., Jan. 29th, 4:00PM - Stanley Baginski (Wife & Family)
 Sun., Jan. 30th, 9:00AM - For the People of St. Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)



Our sanctuary candle burns in memory of **M. ALICE ZIMMERMAN**, as gifted by her family.



WOMEN'S SOCIETY

The Women's Society will hold their regular monthly meeting on Sunday, February 13th, at 1:00PM in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend!

SSJ SOUP KITCHEN

Donated goodies will **not** be needed in the month of January. The next time we will be collecting donated goods (individually wrapped items like Little Debbie's and Hostess) will be on the weekend of February 19th & 20th. They can also be brought to the Nazareth Center between 2:00-3:00PM on February 21st.

PLANT YOUR WORKS IN THE WORD

One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn't even considered until then. But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate "listening attentively." Whether it's at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape of the letters. But are we mindful — truly? The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can't quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We "clock in" with Bible reading instead of "diving in." We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word. So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God — giving it true spirit and life.
 — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

PIEROGI MAKING

We will begin making pierogi for our Lenten Dinners on February 8th and 9th, starting at 9AM in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to help and no experience is necessary.

JANUARY 28TH: FEAST OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS



One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order, St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 – 1274) is well-known by many for his theological work, "The Summa Theologiae." Born in Italy, his mother wanted him to become a Benedictine and had high hopes that he would eventually become

abbot of Monte Cassino, where he spent much of his youth. To change his vocation, she had him kidnapped by his brothers on his way to Paris at the age of 19. He spent two years in their captivity. Despite this, nothing could shake him from his vocation to become a Dominican priest and he was eventually released. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, encompasses his writings. The Summa Theologiae, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology.

The patron saint of teachers, theologians and students, St. Thomas Aquinas died in 1274. His life and the impact he had on the whole Church, however, remains alive today.

WEEKLY OFFERING (JANUARY 16, 2022)

	This Week	July 1 to date
Amount we need	\$x.00	\$x.00
Amount Received	\$x.00	\$x.00
Net over/under	(\$x.00)	(\$x.00)
Mass Attendance: 4:00PM = N/A; 9:00AM = N/A		
Envelopes: x/168		



Holy Trinity Parish Community



The sanctuary candle burns this week in memory of **KATHYLEEN BENES**, as gifted by Mary Ann.



January 24 – Patricia Czulewicz
 January 26 – James Walczak
 January 27 – Thomas Twaroski
 January 28 – Paul Potthoff & Mia Mangini

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Jan. 24th - Kulig, Laszczewski, & Habas Families (Estate)
 Tues., Jan. 25th - Kathyleen Benes (James Tszynski)
 Wed., Jan. 26th - Special Intention
 Thurs., Jan. 27th - Loretta Lipinski (Bill & Corinne Dyakon)
 Fri., Jan. 28th - Special Intention (Bonnie Homicz)
 Sat., Jan. 29th, 5:15PM - For the People of Holy Trinity (Pro Populo)
 Sun., Jan. 30th, 10:30AM - Stanley & Mary Malinowski (Terry Lackovic)

CONGRATULATIONS

... to Jack and Sandy (Homicz) Kempisty who celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this weekend. With our parish family and their family and friends. They were married on January 22, 1971 at St. Casimir Church.

FROM THE ERIE READER...

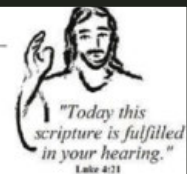
"I wanted to congratulate you and Zabawa Polish Heritage Festival for being one of Erie Reader's 2021 Best of Erie winners! 2021 marked the Best of Erie Awards eighth year, and it was the biggest one yet. More than 650,000 votes were cast in more than 120 different categories!"
 Congratulation to all who are involved in making Zabawa such a tremendous event for our community. Obviously, our patrons appreciate all that you do.

In St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians, it states "If they were all one part, where would the body be? But as it is there are many parts, yet one body." What does this teach us as Christian stewards? It shows us that we all have equal dignity and worth in God's sight, and that if God sees us as equally precious, we should view each other in this same light. It teaches us to humbly recognize our own gifts as well as the giftedness of every member of our parish family. And, while God designed us to be ultimately dependent on Him, it seems He has also designed us to need each other! This is part of the beauty and richness of a stewardship way of life. No one person can "do it all" in life — whether in family life or parish life. But God does not ask us to do it all. He simply asks us to share the gifts and talents we do have in the season of life we find ourselves right now. Do your part, let your brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ do theirs, and know that the Spirit of the Lord is upon us all as we live out this stewardship way of life.



God's Promises Fulfilled

The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor."
 Luke 4:18a (NIV)
 Based on Luke 4:14-21



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NEWS	GALILEE	SPIRIT	TODAY	PROPHET
ANOINTED	SCROLL	PRISONERS	SCRIPTURE	FREEDOM
POWER	TAUGHT	POOR	SYNAGOGUE	SABBATH
GOOD	PROCLAIM	PREACH	SIGHT	BLIND

WEEKLY OFFERING FOR JANUARY 16, 2022

Regular Offering: \$x.00 (x/134)

	THIS WEEK	JULY 1 TO DATE
Dream Goal:	\$x.00	\$x.00
Budgeted:	\$x.00	\$x.00
Total Offertory:	\$x.00	\$x.00
Net (over/under):	\$x.00	\$x.00

Attendance: 5:15PM = N/A; 10:30AM = N/A

"Today, this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

News for Our Partnership



Landry Weber, a 23-year-old wide receiver for Kansas State University's football team, will soon be going "pro" in something very different from the gridiron: He's entering seminary and hopes eventually to be ordained a priest

for the Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas.

Weber told CNA that while he initially began feeling a call to the priesthood during his freshman year of college, he "didn't really want much to do with it." Weber prayed, went on retreats, and continued his discernment process. During the 2020 season, Weber said that he experienced a change in his mindset toward football, realizing that "every game and every play that I get is a gift that I don't deserve."

His teammates peppered him with questions, mainly about how he would be giving up the possibility of marriage. "And so, a lot of questions, but really, a lot of support. I was surprised by how they thought it was a very cool thing that I would do something different," said Weber. Weber drew parallels between being part of a storied football program to his potential role as a priest.

"Something cool about football is that when you play college football, you're a part of something that's bigger than you," he said. "The idea of becoming a priest and the feeling of entering seminary is a "very similar feeling," said Weber. "I get to be a part of something that's much bigger than me, and I get to help out in a way that I'm very unworthy of being a part of," he said. And while Weber says the attention to his vocation is "flattering," he feels "extremely unworthy of that attention." "There are tons of other men saying 'Yes' to the seminary, being ordained priests," he said. "My 'Yes' is no more special than theirs. And so I almost feel bad for the attention that I get, because what they're doing is incredible."

MARRIAGE MOMENT

Because we are humans, we have eyes, ears, hands, feet, and many other body parts. Ideally, they all work together. Is there any part of your body that sometimes gives you trouble? How might your beloved aid or comfort you? Ask.



New Year Extravaganza BINGO All CASH prizes!!!

*** Instants * 50/50 Game**

- Sunday, January 23, 2022
- Polish Falcons Club, 431 E 3rd St.
- 1:00pm, Doors Open at Noon
- \$25 Admission (1pk), \$5 each add'l pk.
- Kitchen Food Available
- Holiday Auction
- Door Prizes
- Call 814-456-5300 to reserve your seat!

Walk Ins Welcome

**All proceeds benefit Holy Trinity PCEP program
FUTURE DATES: March 13th & May 1**

CONSIDER CURSILLO

The Erie Cursillo Movement is currently planning and accepting candidate applications for a Men's Cursillo Feb. 11-13, 2022, and a Women's Cursillo April 29 to May 1, 2022. Applications can be found at www.ericursillo.org or by calling the Cursillo office at 814-824-1119. If interested, ask someone you know who has completed a Cursillo weekend to serve as your sponsor.

TAX DOCUMENTS

If you need documentation of your annual contribution for your personal tax purposes, please contact the Parish Office during normal business hours and we can mail the document to you.

NOW HIRING

St. Martin Center, Inc. is hiring a Maintenance Team Member, a Trauma Case Manager, and several teaching positions. All information can be found at our website, www.smcerie.org.

THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

1/24) Len Sebastian, Tom Widomski, & Diane Valahovic; 1/25) Jack Kempisty & Helen Zimmerman; 1/26) Patricia Straub & John Kleiner; 1/27) Sr. Maxine Kaminski & Regina Jaworski; 1/28) Dorothy & Mead Carlson, & Suzanne Sundy; 1/29) Msgr. Bernie Urbaniak & Janis Leretsis; 1/30) Edie Luniewski

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

1/24) Fr. Rich Toohey; 1/25) Msgr. Gerry Koos; 1/26) Fr. Casimir Wozniak; 1/27) Fr. David Wilson; 1/28) Fr. Joe Staszewski; 1/29) Fr. Jamie Power; 1/30) Fr. John Santor

Sunday, Jan 23, 2022

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21
"Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

Those aren't fighting words Most fights don't start with a punch, but with a word. That's because words are among the most powerful forces on the planet. Ideas divide or unite a society. Insults scar, just as kind words can heal. Our sacred story contained in scripture is a word meant to make the world whole. Pope Francis asks us to honor the word of God this Sunday. We begin by symbolically enthroning the Bible in our homes today: putting it in a place of honor. This reminds us of the deeper enthronement of God's word in our hearts. Make room for one Bible verse every day.

Monday, Jan 24, 2022

MEMORIAL OF FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10; Mark 3:22-30

"If a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand."

God, our shield and our strength We live in tumultuous times for sure. But the world has been topsyturvy before. Saint Francis de Sales lived during the religious, political, and social upheaval of the Protestant Reformation. And he became known for his gentleness and patience in the face of it. Leave it to him, the patron saint of writers, to pen a prayer that is timeless balm for troubled souls: "Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either he will shield you from suffering, or he will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace, then, put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations . . ." A balm for these troubled times.

Tuesday, Jan 25, 2022

FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL, APOSTLE

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mark 16:15-18

"Jesus... that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

Harden not your heart Paul has always been a controversial figure. Before becoming a Christian, he was a persecutor of Jesus' followers. Paul's biblical words advising women to be submissive to their husbands have been alternately obeyed, rejected, and reinterpreted. But the word "conversion" on this feast reminds us what Christian life is about. The Catechism of the Catholic Church quotes Saint Ambrose on the "two conversions" in Christian life—one of them a one-time event and the other ongoing. "There are water and tears, the water of Baptism and the tears of repentance." What parts of your life still require repentance?

TODAY'S READINGS:

Wednesday, Jan 26, 2022

MEMORIAL OF TIMOTHY AND TITUS, BISHOPS

2 Timothy 1:1-8 or Titus 1:1-5; Mark 4:1-20

"the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit... "

Stay the course Evangelizing and living the gospel demands much of us. Saints Timothy and Titus serve as examples to us of holding fast to the faith among difficult circumstances. Friends and companions of Saint Paul, they ended up becoming bishops and leaders of the early church. They helped Paul to spread the gospel during those difficult early years. Timothy paid the ultimate price for encouraging others to embrace the emerging Christian faith. Reflect on the ways you choose to follow Jesus Christ and embrace his mission despite the challenges and difficulties it presents.

Thursday, Jan 27, 2022

MEMORIAL OF ANGELA MERICI, RELIGIOUS FOUNDER

2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29; Mark 4:21-25

"Is a lamp brought in to be placed under a bushel basket or under a bed, and not to be placed on a lampstand?"

Wise counsel for the overwhelmed On this memorial of Saint Angela Merici, 16th-century founder of the Ursuline Sisters, it makes sense to recall one of her many insights into faith-filled living. She advised the overwhelmed thus: "Do not lose heart, even if you should discover that you lack qualities necessary for the work to which you are called. He who called you will not desert you, but the moment you are in need he will stretch out his saving hand." May you find that saving hand when you reach the end of your rope.

Friday, Jan 28, 2022

MEMORIAL OF THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST, RELIGIOUS, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

2 Samuel 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mark 4:26-34

"Once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade."

Root yourself in honesty G.K. Chesterton once said of philosopher and theologian Thomas Aquinas, "Being himself resolved to argue, to argue honestly, to answer everybody, to deal with everything, he produced books enough to sink a ship or stock a library." We could use a little more Thomas in our media, especially social media, because today we're not always sure if things are actually true or merely "internet true." For Thomas, honesty was key to communication. He considered it beautiful, honorable, and a reflection of moral goodness itself. May we take to heart his commitment to honesty in all of our communication.

Saturday, Jan 29, 2022

2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mark 4:35-41

"[He] said to the sea, 'Quiet! Be still!'

The wind ceased and there was great calm."

Sea of hope Alonzo Ketcham Parker, a 19th-century travel writer, called the Sea of Galilee "a fifth gospel" due to the amount of biblical history that occurred on its shores. It is the site where Jesus performed many of his most renowned miracles, such as walking on water, calming the storm, and feeding the multitude. Villages and settlements dotted the shore in Jesus' day, and most of Jesus' followers probably gained their livelihood and nourished their families from its bounty. The nourishment continues every time we read the vivid accounts of biblical drama that occur on the holiest of seas. Dive in!

33rd
Sunday
in
Ordinary
Time

God of justice,
place us in your tender hands and
heart. Help us to be faithful
when we are afraid,
disciplined when we feel aimless,
attentive when we are tired.
When we fall,
help us to trust in your mercy,
and to turn again to you
and to the life you promised.
Heal us with your justice, we pray,
forever and ever. Amen.



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