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A Full Stewardship Parish ~ Partner Parish of Sacred Heart of Jesus, Dupo, IL
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June 11, 2023

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Welcome New Parishioners

If you are new to our parish and reside within the parish boundaries, and would like to be members, please call the Parish Office at 618-281-5105, and our secretary will be happy to help make that happen!

Hola, Bienvenidos – a la iglesia Catolica en Immaculata Concepcion. ¡Que tengas una bendita semana!

We livestream! To participate, please use this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/ImmaculateConceptionCatholicChurchColumbiaIL>

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday,
8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Phone: 618-281-5105

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Sacramental Information

Baptisms: Parents/guardians are asked to attend a Preparation Seminar scheduled on the second Sunday of the month after 9:00 a.m. Mass (approximately 10:00 a.m.) in the lower-level library. We celebrate Baptisms on the first Sunday of the month during any Mass, and the third Sunday of the month after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. (No Baptisms are scheduled during Lent.) Please call the office to schedule at 281-5105.

Weddings: Please contact the Parish Office a minimum of four months prior to Marriage.

Anointing of the Sick & Funerals: Since individual needs differ, please contact the Parish Office at 281-5105 for pastoral care. Do not hesitate to call; we are grateful for the opportunity to open our hearts to you and your family and offer these sacramental services.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): The RCIA is for everyone who has been drawn by God to form a deeper relationship. Wherever you are in your faith practice – baptized in another Christian faith, starting from the beginning, or simply enriching your Catholic practice – consider the RCIA. Get to know God better and find out what it means to be Catholic. We meet in the Parish Office on Sundays (September-Easter) starting with “Breaking Open the Word” dismissal from 9:00 a.m. Mass, and catechetical sessions from 10:00-11:30 a.m. Contact Lizanne Young at the Parish Office at 281-5105, ext. 354, or email lyoung@iccmil.org.

Reconciliation: Reconciliation is offered from 3:30-4:30 p.m. on Saturdays and by appointment.

IMPORTANT VOLUNTEER INFO!

Anyone who wishes to volunteer at school or church when there are children present **MUST be compliant** with the Diocesan Child Protection Policy. Please be proactive! ***EVERYONE must have an IL state background check, as well as doing the online refresher and filling out CANTS forms. *Coaches and employees will need to be fingerprinted in addition to the usual Child Protection paperwork. Contact Kara at the Parish Office if you have questions.** *The initial course is now available online. Please contact Kara at the Parish Office for directions. Not sure if you are compliant? Contact Kara at the Parish Office. *The refresher course for 2023-2024 IS AVAILABLE ONLINE! Follow the link on our website! If you can't find it there, it is also on the Diocesan website at <http://diobelle.org/b.aspx>. Questions? Contact Kara at the Parish Office at 281-5105. *Sexual Abuse Hotline: Anyone wishing to report an allegation of sexual misconduct by a Priest or other Diocesan personnel, please call the hotline at 800-640-3044.

*Purchase Scrip Gift Cards from all of
your favorite stores, restaurants, etc...
in the Parish Office!*

This Week's Liturgical Celebrations

Masses – Saturday, 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.

Monday, June 12	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Carl & Bernice Riebeling
Tuesday, June 13	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Helen Marquardt
Wednesday, June 14	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Ray & Velma Budde
Thursday, June 15	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Evola Niermann
Friday, June 16	8:05 a.m.	We Pray for Geraldine Hoffman
Saturday, June 17	5:00 p.m.	We Remember Greg Fasnacht
Sunday, June 18	7:00 a.m.	We Remember Lester Frierdich
	9:00 a.m.	We Remember William Doerr & Glenn Grayson
	11:00 a.m.	We Remember Ron Wallace



Please Pray For

Steve Dressler	Brian Kreher	Baby Marcella
Patty Pulcher	Rich Sambo	Norman Pautler
Danielle Dorlac	Catherine Sambo	Don & Shirley Mehrmann
Donna Archambault-Kania	Nicole Pennington	Dolores G.
Arlin Stechmesser	Ruth Herrmann	Elliana Cloin
Catherine Marlo	Bill Kutz	Earl & Arlene Kruse
Margaret Ann Conrad	Chris Peel	Mrs. Steele
Peggy Schutt	Joan Thoma	Brian Hirsh
Dakota Schutt	Jodie Ward	Bob Frey
Mike Conrad	Grace Nolan	The Kruse Family
Janice McDermott	Special Intention	Delores Wenkel
Delores Deleveski	Liam Pugh	
Ginny Lambert	Jill Bean	

Troops in Service... SGM Joseph Pope, US Army

Prayer List Guidelines: Please be mindful if your loved one no longer needs to be on the Prayer List, and call the Parish Office at 281-5105.



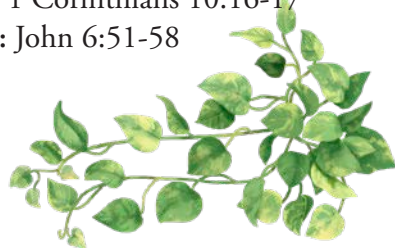
Weekly Reflections

June 11, 2023:

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Gospel: John 6:51-58



Our Sympathies...

To Brian and Michelle Grempe and their family on the death of their son, Adam Grempe, of St. Louis, who died on May 15 at the age of 35.



Parish Events & News...



PIE SALES ARE BACK!!

The ICY will be baking homemade cherry and apple pies to sell after all Masses Father's Day Weekend, June 17 and 18. Save your pennies and pick up a pie for Dad!

D.C. PRETZEL AND DONUT SALES

The Next Pretzel and Donut weekend will be **June 24 & 25**. All proceeds to the 8th graders trip to Washington, D.C.

PILGRIMAGE

Fr. Steve and Fr. Eric are planning a 12-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land in February, **2025**. There are no details at present. They are gauging the interest **only** at this time. If there is enough interest, a tour package will be created and details will be shared. For now, please send Fr. Steve an email (frsteve@iccmail.org) of how many in your group might be interested. Both Fr. Steve and Fr. Eric have been to the Holy Land and would enjoy sharing their experiences with you as you make your own!

BULLETIN DEADLINE...

All submissions for the bulletin will need to be in to the parish office two Thursdays before you need it in the bulletin. Submissions will need to be sent to iccmail@iccmail.org. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 618-281-5105.

TIME TO UPDATE YOUR INFO...

In preparation for this year's guidebook and ministry catalogue, please let us know if your Name, Address, Phone Number, or Email has changed. We only know to change it if you tell us! Send all changes to iccmail@iccmail.org. **Thanks!**



SEEKING EXPLORERS (age 3 to 4th grade) for 4 evenings of fun following the light of Jesus. Check the QR code for details and registration form. God's love is infinite, let's take off together!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO LAUNCH! (8th grade to adult). Assistance needed July 29-Aug 3. Check the QR code for details and application. Questions: Lizanne Young at lyoung@iccmail.org



Ministry News & Happenings

MEALS FROM THE HEART...

Meals from the Heart is still available to those in need! We have volunteers ready to provide meals on a temporary basis to any parishioner experiencing a death, illness or trauma in their family. Please contact the Parish Office for assistance.



Pope Francis Says...

Humanity is called to recognize the need for changes of lifestyle, production and consumption in order to combat this warming or at least the human causes which produce or aggravate it." What can I do – Ignite charcoal barbecues with an electric probe or other alternative to lighter fluid. (LS 18)

Discipleship Corner...

Disciples aren't born, they are created. We have to actively study Jesus and tend to the temporal and spiritual needs of the holy temple of God within us if we are to transform into disciples. Our struggles with extreme resistance from our own human nature and wants of the flesh can be exhausting. Be patient with yourself. We are on a journey, not a race. God loves us even in our failings. But happiness comes when we draw closer to Him. It may help to journal, study the Bible, read about the journeys of others, and utilize Holy Confession to keep confidently moving forward. You are God's holy building. Let the fire of Christ illuminate your soul, and the joyful light of your love will kindle the fire in others.

THEOLOGY ON TAP'S UPCOMING EVENTS

Dates and Topics are below. All dates are at Sunset Overlook in Columbia, IL unless otherwise noted.

June 12: Review book of Judges

June 26: Havana Cigar Lounge visit
(115 E. Whiteside Street, Columbia, IL)

Month of July: none, enjoy summer!

August 7: Purgatory & Afterlife

August 21: Hiking – location TBD

September 4: none

September 18: Service Outing – details TBD

October 2: Book of Leviticus

October 16: Game Night!!

October 30: Image of God

November 13: Social, no topic

December 11: Christmas party & white elephant

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. in the library. All are welcome! Contact Lizanne for more info at 618-281-5105, ext. 354.



PARISH

PICNIC



SAVE THE DATE!

411 PALMER ROAD - COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS

LABOR DAY WEEKEND, 2023

Interested in joining the
planning committee?

Contact:
ICCPicnicChairs@gmail.com
to get more information!



Evening Band Event

- Live Music: 7pm-10pm
- Food & Drinks
- Select Booths & Games



Parish Picnic, 11am-7pm

- Chicken Dinner, Fish & Grill Stands
- Book Store, Dessert Stand
- Kids & Adult Games
- Quilt Bingo 11am-7pm
- Live music through the day



THE 2023 CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL...

"The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord"

— Psalm 15

A donation to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal assists people throughout southern Illinois through the work of 17 diocesan ministries and programs. Your donation can be a one-time gift or a pledge and be made in cash, by check, credit card (MasterCard or VISA) or stocks and securities. If you haven't yet done so, please consider making your gift today! Thank you for your generosity.

ICY ODD SUNDAYS

Every Sunday with an odd date is an Odd Sunday ICY Meeting. Check out the QR code for more details.



ICY IS GOING TO WORK AT DAYSTAR IN CAIRO, IL

June 23, 24, 25. We leave at noon on the 23rd and return by 7:30 p.m. on the 25th. These hours count towards the volunteer hours students need in high school. All High School aged students are welcome to attend – new Freshmen to just graduated Seniors.

Parents – we need you to go as well. You must be in compliance with The Diocese of Belleville's Child Protection Policy. The cost is \$45.00 a person. Call Laura Whelan for more information at 618-698-2462.

We can use your donations to Daystar in Cairo, IL. This year, we are not taking kids clothing or toys, but we will take household items, furniture and adult clothing. Please put donations by the stairs near the elevator downstairs at Immaculate Conception by June 22nd.

THEY ARE BACK!

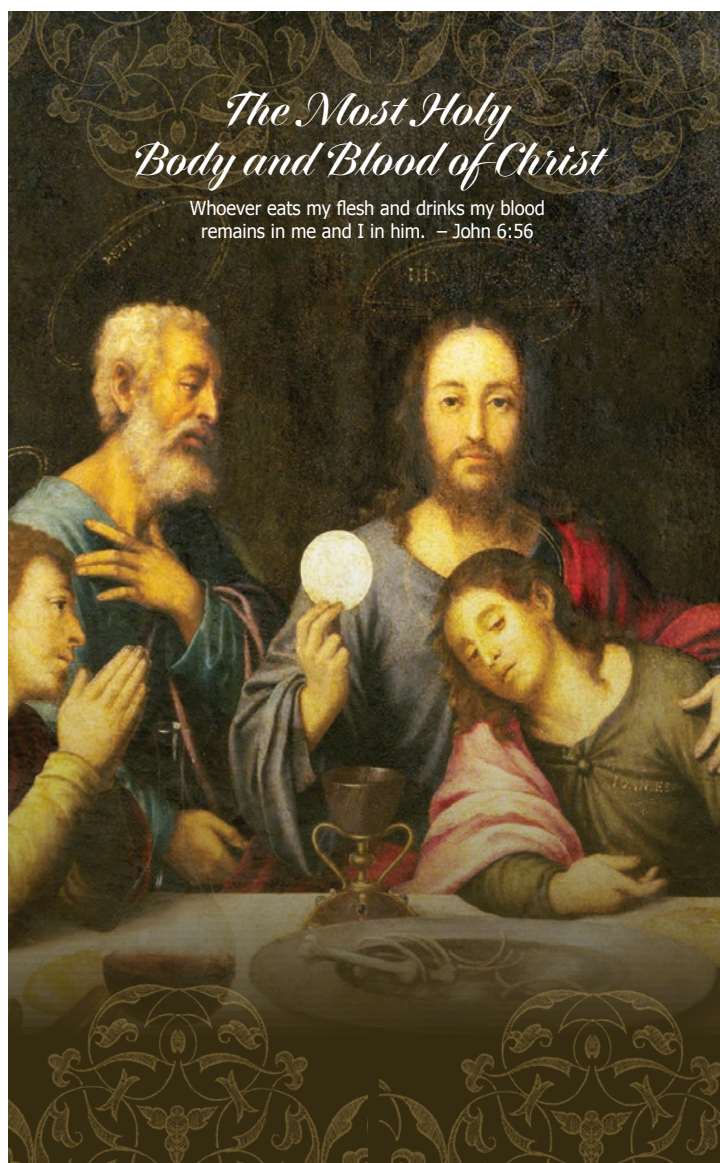
ICY is baking Pies again!! On June 17th from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the school kitchen. We will be making apple and cherry pies. The sale of these pies on June 17/18 will offset the cost of the Cairo trip.

ICY WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF YOU!

They were able to collect over 475 bras along with many other undergarments and sanitary items. They are so excited and appreciative of your support!

PRAYER SHAWLS AVAILABLE!

Do you know someone who needs prayers? Why not bring them some comfort with a handmade Prayer Shawl, from our Prayer Shawl Ministry? Each Shawl will wrap your loved one in the prayers of our parish! Even during this vastly different time with COVID, we can get your loved one a Prayer Shawl. We deliver in sanitized bags and will leave on a porch or you can still pick up at the office during office hours. Call Marsha Narzinski at 314-517-4927 or the Parish Office at 618-281-5105.



Vocations and Corpus Christi Sunday

"By living our vocation in relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist, we ourselves become the Body of Christ in an unbelieving world. The Church needs more young men and women to respond to the extraordinary vocations of priesthood and religious life. If the Eucharist is the living embodiment of the Lord Jesus, then it is essential in our journey of coming to know and love God."

— Father Ryan O'Neill

Stewardship...

Thank you for sharing your blessings with us!

June 4, 2023

Actual.....	\$ 67,209.19
Budget	\$ 64,550.00
Actual YTD.....	\$1,969,250.12
Budget YTD	\$2,138,300.00
Over (under)	\$(169,049.88)
Prior YTD.....	\$1,950,750.37
Over (under)	\$ 18,499.75
Votive Offering.....	\$ 201.26
Guatemala.....	\$ 649.00
Seminarian Ed.....	\$ 255.00
CCC	\$ 95.00
Peter's Pence.....	\$ 50.00
CEAC	\$ 6,157.58
CI	\$ 298.00
Gibault.....	\$ 425.00



From Our Young Stewards

Treasure: \$5.99

Time and Talent: Emptied the dishwasher,
Helped mom, cutting the grass and picking
up my toys.

QUILTERS' CORNER...

Join our super fun quilters' group on
Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00-
11:30 a.m. All skill levels welcome and
appreciated, even beginners! Contact
Carlene at 281-5877.

SIGN THE RIGHT TO LIFE AD BY JUNE 12

Please consider adding your name to the Belleville Area Right to Life ad. This is very similar to the Monroe County Right to Life Ad. More information can be found online at <https://coalitionlife.com/proclamation>.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, HEREBY STATE AND BELIEVE:

- That our nation was founded on the core principle that all Americans are “endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights,” and that first among these is the right to “Life”;
- That medical science clearly proves that the instant a human egg combines with a human sperm cell, a new, unique, human life begins;
- That the unborn should therefore be considered “persons” in not just some, but in all situations; and
- That one year after the Dobbs Supreme Court decision returned to individual states the power to regulate or outlaw abortion, we vow to witness to these truths above, to stand for and defend all unborn human life, and to work tirelessly to make abortion unthinkable and illegal in the State of Illinois.

Would you please join us by adding your name to those who stand for Life in Illinois?

If so, please do so right now. Visit <https://coalitionlife.com/proclamation> and enter your name(s) and related text, then please make an appropriate donation towards the cost of the ad – suggested as \$5.00 per line (about 28 characters). You can make that donation by credit card all in a safe and secure manner or you can mail a check to Coalition Life – BND Ad, 11780 Borman Drive, Suite 128, St. Louis, MO 63146. Deadline to mail is June 12.

PRO-LIFE/PREGNANCY RESOURCES...

- ~ Free and confidential pregnancy testing, counseling, and practical support: Life Network of Southern Illinois (in Waterloo & Red Bud) – 618-939-4224/mylifenet.org.
- ~ Birthright Counseling STL (3 locations in St. Louis) – birthrightstl.org
- ~ Free and confidential counseling for anyone hurt by abortion; contact Project Rachel at 618-722-5068 or hopeafterabortion.com.
- ~ A caring place for women who are pregnant and experiencing homelessness; contact Fontebella Maternity Home at 618-406-4355.

If you, or someone you know, have an unborn baby diagnosed with “fetal abnormalities” or an “adverse prenatal diagnosis,” please refer to: BeNotAfraid.net or PrenatalPartnersforLife.org.

Both offer free parent-centered case management and parental support for parents carrying to term following a prenatal diagnosis. Birthrightstl.org offers their Melissa's Smile program, a counseling and supportive resource for mothers and fathers whose baby has been diagnosed prenatally with a genetic abnormality or whose baby has been born with a disability or serious medical condition.



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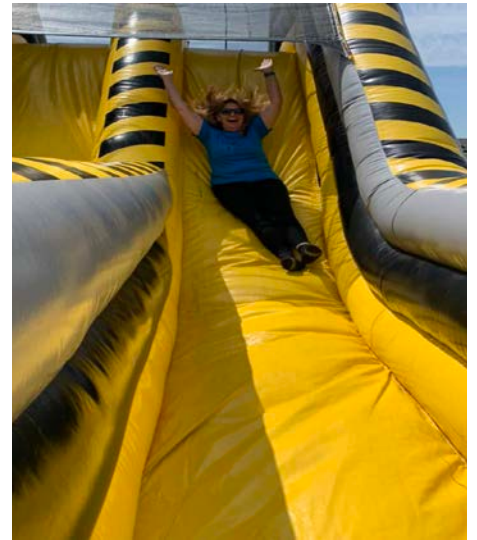
School Principal: Dave Gregson, Ext. 202 ~ dgregson@icsmail.org

School Secretary: Beverly Epplin, Ext. 200 ~ bepplin@icsmail.org

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Summer is in the air!

The Students & Teachers enjoyed "Funday Monday" on the last full day of school.



What's Happening At Gibault?

ENROLLMENT NEWS:

There's still time to become a Gibault Hawk! We are accepting students for the Class of 2027, as well as transfer students for Fall 2023. Get started at: <https://bit.ly/GCHSApply>. Interested in learning more about Gibault Catholic? Contact Kelly Day at kday@gibaulthawks.com for information on all things Gibault or to schedule a private tour of our campus.

SUMMER CAMPS:

Register your student for our summer camps! Boys' Basketball, Girls' Basketball, and Girls' Volleyball camp registration forms are available at <https://gibaulthawks.com/summer-camps-2023/>.

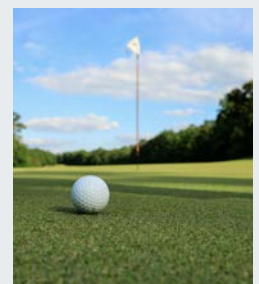
WE'RE #GIBAUTLPROUD OF:

The Gibault Catholic Class of 2023!

SUMMER GOLF CLASSIC:

There are still spots open to play in our Summer Golf Classic on June 16! Not a golfer? You can show your support by taking part in one of this year's raffles. (Winner need not be present to win.) Raffles include a Solo Stove, Set of 6 Cardinals tickets in Section 132, whole hog with processing, or a Fore Gift Card package (\$100.00 gift card from each of the following: Annbriar Golf, Schubert's Smokehouse, Schneider's Quality Meats, and Dick's Sporting Goods).

Register your team or purchase raffle tickets online at www.bidpal.net/gibaultgolfclassic. You may also contact Desiree at 939-3883 or dfasure@gibaulthawks.com.



Diocesan and Area Interests...

POSITION AVAILABLE

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF DEACON FORMATION

The Diocese of Belleville is seeking a full-time Associate Director of Deacon Formation. The Associate Director is responsible for the overall administration of the programs directed towards the formation of potential candidates for the permanent diaconate program. The Associate Director collaborates with St. Meinrad School of Theology and other institutions of higher learning through interaction with administrators and instructors. The Associate Director of Deacon Formation is the onsite liaison during deacon formation weekends. This position also collaborates with Vocations and Permanent Diaconate.

Essential qualifications include the equivalent to a Bachelor's Degree in theology, religious studies, or related field preferred or 5-7 years of experience in a related field; and knowledge needed for leadership and creative development in various fields (theology, religious education, administration, etc.). Practicing Catholic required with thorough knowledge and understanding of Catholic teachings, practices, and organizational structure due to organizational and content requirements for Deacon Formation.

TO APPLY: Send resume, cover letter, and references to Human Resources, Diocese of Belleville, 222 South Third Street, Belleville, IL 62220 or email humanresources@diobelle.org.

Application Deadline: June 30, 2023.



NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS – VISITORS CENTER

Journey to Nicaea:

The Evolution of Christianity from Gospel to Creed

Presenter: Mark Etling, PhD

Saturdays, July 1, August 5 and September 2

10:00 a.m.-Noon

The first four centuries of the Christian era saw an incredible evolution – from a tiny movement in Israel to a vast, thriving institution in much of the Roman Empire. In its earliest days, the Christian movement was a disorganized network of communities with no Bible, no central authority, and no unified system of beliefs. But by the year 400, the Church had adopted a universal statement of faith – the Nicene Creed. In this three-part series, we will explore Christianity's historical and theological journey from Jerusalem to Nicaea.

Cost: \$10.00 per session/\$30.00 for the series.

For more information, call 618-394-6281.

Register online at <https://snows.org>.



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205 S. Market Street, New Athens, Illinois 62264

Thursday, June 15 – 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
(Items priced as marked)

Friday, June 16 – 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
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Saturday, June 17 – 9:00 a.m. to noon
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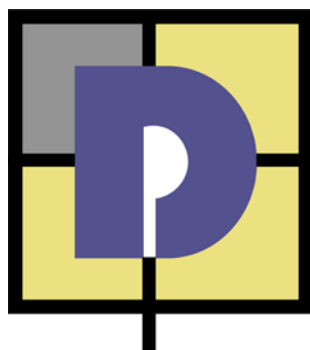
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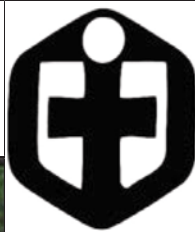
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