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September 24, 2023

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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The Lord is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth. – Psalm 145:18

Rooted in the Gospel of Christ and in the Tradition of Catholicism and Under the Patronage of Mary Immaculate, We Commit Ourselves to be a Welcoming Community of Faith, Worshipping with Generations of Believers and Serving God in All People.

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

Parish Stakk

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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@iccmail.org.

Reconciliation: Reconciliation is offered from 4:00-4:30 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. We Remember Sarah Matlock Monday, September 25 8:05 a.m. Tuesday, September 26 We Remember Mary Jane Frey 8:05 a.m. Wednesday, September 27 We Remember Margaret Ann Conrad 8:05 a.m. Thursday, September 28 8:05 a.m. We Remember Joanne Hoffman Friday, September 29 8:05 a.m. We Remember Josh Ritter Saturday, September 30 We Remember Joanne Hoffman 5:00 p.m. We Remember Leo Thoma Sunday, October 1 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. We Remember Glenn Huebner We Remember Anna Lawlor 11:00 a.m.



Danielle Dorlac Donna Archambault-Kania Arlin Stechmesser Catherine Marlo Peggy Schutt Dakota Schutt Mike Conrad Janice McDermott Delores Deleveski Brian Kreher Rich Sambo Catherine Sambo Nicole Pennington Ruth Herrmann

Please Pray For

Bill Kutz Chris Peel Joan Thoma Grace Nolan Special Intention Liam Pugh Baby Marcella Norman Pautler Don & Shirley Mehrmann Dolores G. Elliana Cloin Earl & Arlene Kruse Mrs. Steele Brian Hirsh Bob Frey The Kruse Family Betty Schmieder Lynn Naumann Casey Kate Patterson Ellen Dietz Sharon Nealon Jamie Moravec Elsie Hofstetter Mary Lou Mees Kelsey Christensen Jean Conrad

Troops in Service ... SGM Joseph Pope, US Army; Colonel Brian Schoellhorn

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



Weekly Reflections

September 24, 2023: First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9 Second Reading: Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16a



Parish Events & News...

D.C. PRETZEL AND DONUT SALES

The next Pretzel and Donut weekend will be **October 14 and 15.** All proceeds go to the 8th graders' trip to Washington, D.C.



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.

Ministry News & Happenings

THEOLOGY ON TAP'S UPCOMING EVENTS

Dates and topics are below. All dates are at Sunset Overlook in Columbia, IL at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 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.

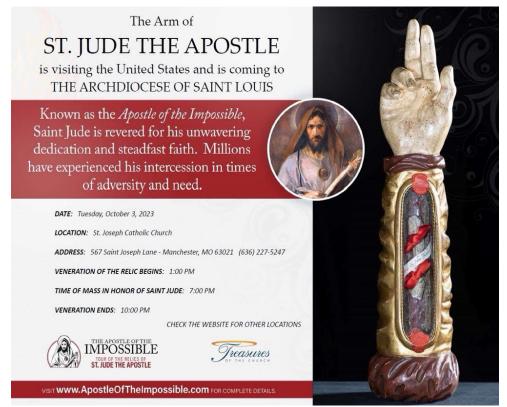


Pope Francis Says...

Economic powers continue to justify the current global system where priority tends to be given to speculation and the pursuit of financial gain. (*Laudato Si*, 56)

What can I do? Remove stocks from your portfolio that do not meet your socially responsible standards. Check Merrill Lynch's Energy Efficiency Index (EEI). ICY ODD SUNDAYS Every Sunday with an odd date is an Odd Sunday ICY Meeting. Check out the QR code for more details.





ICY TRIP TO VENERATE ST. JUDE RELICS – OCTOBER 3

Immaculate Conception Youth (ICY) is planning an evening trip to St. Joseph in Manchester, MO, to venerate the relics of St. Jude the Apostle on Tuesday, October 3, followed by a stop for ice cream and discussion. Any teens (and adult chaperones) who would like to participate may contact Melissa Jansen at 314-368-8117 or <u>melissa.jansen@sbcglobal.net</u> for information about meeting time and travel arrangements. Visiting this saintly relic is open to all the faithful, so feel free to make your own arrangements! More information is available at www. ApostleOfTheImpossible.com.

Discipleship

The Bible can be a book of riddles and what better way to study the Bible than with a little humor. Some of these riddles are easy to solve, and some are a little more complex - just like how some of the books in the Bible make perfect sense and others take a little decoding. Let's see how well you know the Bible (or solve riddles.)

I climbed a sycamore tree and invited Jesus to my house. The whole town made fun of me. Who am I? Zacchaeus

Who was the most obvious lawbreaker in the Bible? Moses, because he broke all 10 commandments at once.

Which book in the Bible excited the unemployed man most? The Book of Job

Who was the best mathematician in the Bible? Moses, because he wrote the book of Numbers.

I am the mountain where God revealed the 10 Commandments to Moses. Which mountain am I? **Mt. Sinai**

Why is Fr. Steve's favorite breakfast donuts? Because they are hol(e)y

IC-CCW NEWS

- Mark your calendars! Invite your friends! BUNCO November 9th! Enjoy a glass of wine and snacks! Basket and Quilt Raffle Winners will be drawn.
- Next meeting Thursday, October 5th at 6:30 p.m. in the Garden Level.
- Ladies Please pick up your raffle tickets in the back of church. Save us the postage, please!!

NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS

Knights of Columbus Car Show 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Saturday, October 7th. The upper lot at ICC will be filled with Hot Rods, classic cars, trucks, Military vehicles, tractors and much more! Concessions with brats, burgers, and nachos. Bring a kid to the Car Show to vote for their favorite. Want to help or have an attendance prize to donate? Call Steve Wilson at 314-497-0798.

THE 2023 CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL

The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord. - Psalm 15

The Messenger, our diocesan newspaper, brings local, national and international news of our Catholic faith right into your home through its print and online editions. Your gift to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal helps to support *The Messenger*. If you haven't done so, subscribe to *The Messenger* today and also make your gift to The Appeal! Thank you for your generosity.

SANCTITY OF LIFE

October is Respect Life Month, and we invite everyone to consider all the opportunities to learn, grow, heal, and support Life!

September 27-November 5: 40 Days for Life – Choose your day and time, 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. – Be a prayerful, peaceful witness for life at Planned Parenthood, Fairview Heights. Sign up individually or get a group together! Email blreinholz@gmail.com with the Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Life Team to coordinate an hour spot on October 6th, or to choose a day/time that fits your schedule, go to www. coalitionforlifestl.com, click the 40 Days for Life tab, choose Fairview Heights, click *Vigil Calendar* or *Adopt a Day*.

Saturday/Sunday, September 30/October 1: Blessing of Expectant and Adopting Parents at all ICC Masses.

Sunday, October 1: Life Chain national event, Stand & Pray, 2:00-3:00 p.m. in Millstadt at Washington Street (Rt. 158) between Lafayette Street & Kossuth Street. Questions? Call Fr. Marvin Volk at 618-476-3513.

Monday, October 2: Patriotic Rosary for Life, 8:45-9:30 a.m. at Sts. Peter & Paul Church in Waterloo. Each bead represents a state; each prayer is offered for the lives lost to abortion in that state. You're invited to Mass at 8:00 a.m. with the Patriotic Rosary immediately following Mass. Eucharistic Adoration is ongoing all day with Benediction at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 3: Eucharistic Adoration at ICC, special Holy Hour for the Sanctity of Human Life, 6:00-7:00 p.m. which includes a Pro-life Rosary. Benediction will be at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 5: Gabriel's Retreat presentation at the ICCCW meeting – 6:30 p.m. in the Garden Level.



MEN'S ACTS RETREAT

ICC Men's ACTS Retreat: October 19-22, 2023

If you need a break from a busy life... if you're new to ICC or want to better connect with your Church community... if you're working through some

difficult transitions... if Life feels like it is piling on... it's time to sit awhile with Jesus! That's what retreats are for. Registration forms can be found online at the ICC website, or in the Gathering Space. If you need further information about an ACTS Retreat weekend, please contact one of the following: Director Bill Ott at 314-882-7217 or Co-Director Bob Wachtel at 618-531-9169.

PRAY AND PLAY AT LITTLE CHURCH

Little Church begins its new school year in Preschool Room #220 of the Catholic Education & Activity Center on Sundays at 11:00 a.m. We are looking forward to greeting all our friends and sharing God's love together! (Register through the parish website!) Little Church participants must be 3 (and potty trained) by this September, and may participate through Kindergarten. The Little Church School Year ends the Sunday before Labor Day, and takes holiday breaks. For more information, contact Lauren Bernhard at 314-461-3530 or lbernhard104@gmail.com.



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesdays from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Spend some quiet time with the Lord.

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.

PRO-LIFE/PREGNANCY RESOURCES...

- Free and confidential pregnancy testing, counseling, and practical support: Life Network of Southern Illinois (in Waterloo and 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. Stewardship... Thank you for sharing your blessings with us!

September 17, 2023				
Actual	\$	74,623.59		
Budget	\$	63,100.00		
Actual YTD	\$	504,287.65		
Budget YTD	\$	472,800.00		
Over (under)	\$	31,487.65		
Prior YTD	\$	357,779.42		
Over (under)	\$	146,508.23		
CEAC	\$	8,013.35		
Capital Improvements	\$	266.00		
Cemetery Maintenance	\$	45.00		
Gibault	\$	264.00		
Sr Thea Bowman	\$	70.00		
SVDP	\$	105.00		
Guatemala	\$	666.00		
Belleville Priest	\$	907.00		
Votive	\$	127.00		



From Our Young Stewards Treasure: \$6.00

Time and Talent: I found someone's homework, praying with family, I cleaned the house.

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.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL

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7th Grade – Chicago Trip





Don't forget to come out on Tuesday nights for our Queen of Hearts drawing. Queen of Hearts drawing is at 7:00 p.m. and 50/50 is drawn at 7:15 p.m. Check back for monthly reports on how much we have been able to raise.

VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME! Visit the Parish website: ICC-columbia-IL.us for a link to our Queen of Hearts sign-up.

Tickets available now!



DOORS OPEN: 6:00PM FOR SPONSORS & VIP 6:30PM FOR GENERAL ADMISSION

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ALL TICKETS INCLUDE ADMISSION. APPETIZERS & OPEN BAR "TICKETS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE AND NON-TRANSFERRABLE.

RAFFLE TICKETS: 1 FOR \$25, 3 FOR \$70, 5 FOR \$100



THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 28, 2023

What's Happening At Gibault?

SHADOW VISITS

We're excited to announce we are officially scheduling shadow visits! On select Tuesdays and Fridays, your 7th or 8th grader or current high school student can spend the day living like a Gibault Hawk. Shadow visitors will be matched with a current student with similar interests and together, they'll attend classes, meet teachers, enjoy lunch in our cafeteria, and more! Get started at: https://bit.ly/ GCHSInquire.

OKTOBERFEST 2023

Join us on October 21 for this year's Oktoberfest -"*Havana Nights*!" Tickets, raffles, and sponsorship information available at www.Gibault2023.givesmart.com. We hope you'll be part of Gibault's "Party with a Purpose"!

OPEN HOUSE 2023

Save the date for Open House 2023 on November 5! We'll have more event information for our Future Hawks soon!

FAMILY SPORTS PASS

Show you're #gibaultproud all year long! For \$125, Hawk Fans can purchase a Family Pass that covers admission to most of our home games (some exclusions apply.) This pass is valid for girls' and boys' volleyball, girls' and boys' basketball, girls' soccer, softball, baseball, and select boys' soccer home games throughout the 23-24 school year! Visit GCHSSportsPass.givesmart.com to purchase your pass!

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.

Nocesan and Area Interests...



Day of Discernment for Young Men

Are you a practicing Catholic man, age 18-35? Are you wondering what God wants for your life? Do you enjoy prayer and quiet reflection? Do you long for something more? Is fostering HOPE appealing?

Would you like guidance?

Attend a

Discernment Weekend with the <u>Congregation of the Resurrection</u>!!!

> Details Location Blessed Carlo Acutis Parish St. Hedwig Church 2226 N. Hoyne Ave Chicago, IL 60647 Date October 28-29, 2023

Coordinator & Presenter Fr. Eric Wagner, CR, PhD

For more information and to RSVP Vocationoffice.usa.cr@gmail.com





Discernment 101

Saturday morning talks, prayer, and discussion groups with the Daughters of St. Paul to explore God's will for your life

Open to single Catholic women ages 16-33

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16	14	11	09
Growth.	Interior	God's Will vs.	Prav.

A Holistic Approach Becoming Ourselves to Discernment in Christ

Freedom

My Desires? The Role of Desire in Discernment Pray, Choose, Act Living the Fruits of Discernment

8:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Includes Mass, talk and discussion, Eucharistic Adoration, and lunch

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REGISTER

Not Perfectionism

Email Sr. Amanda Marie at stlouisvocations@paulinemedia.com



BLUE MASS HONORING FIRST RESPONDERS

Immaculate Conception will honor our police, firefighters, EMTs and other First Responders with a Mass on Sunday, October 1, at 11:00 a.m., including a special blessing, and followed by a gathering in the Garden Level. Please share this with your friends and family, and mark the date on your calendar to honor those who serve us so well!

JUST FAITH

Consider a Regional JustFaith Small Group Program This Fall. How Do I Respond as a Catholic to Today's Challenging Problems?

Two regional JustFaith programs will be held this fall at Immaculate Conception Church in Columbia: Faith and Poverty: A Biblical Response Through

Catholic Social Teaching – Mondays, September 11-November 6, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Facilitators: Kathy Daniels and Maria Renner

How are we being called to address poverty? What tools does my Catholic faith have to offer? With Pope Francis' *The Joy of the Gospel* as a foundational document of this program, participants will emerge with a transformed understanding of who they are as God's child and how God is calling them to use their lives. To register, go to https://justfaith.org/faith-and-poverty-a-biblical-response-catholic-version-st-louis-fall-2023-small-group-immaculate-conception-columbia-il/. For more information, contact Kathy Daniels at 618-610-6290 or JustFaith.com.

Sacred Land: Food & Farming – Wednesdays, September 20-November 15 (skipping November 1) Facilitators: Sr. Marcia Kruse and Carol Waide How do we care for our common home? This 8-session program explores our connection with the land and our responsibility for it. With Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si as a foundational document, participants learn how food and farming practices affect the climate crisis, marginalized communities, and their own health and spiritual well-being. The group explores practical ways to support, advocate for, and implement sustainable food and farming practices in the communities and the institutions of which they're a part. Register at https://justfaith. org/sacred-land-immaculate-conception-columbiafall-2023-small-group/. JustFaith.com. Local contacts: Carol Waide at 618-910-1648 and Sr. Marcia Kruse at 618-670-4084.





Young Adult Eucharistic Revival (Ages 18-35)

With Bishop Michael McGovern Wednesday, October 11, 2023 Immaculate Conception 411 Palmer Road, Columbia, IL

The evening begins at 6:30 p.m. with Eucharistic Adoration, the Bishop speaks at 7:00 p.m., followed by refreshments.



PET BLESSING ON THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS, OCTOBER 4

Celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi by bringing your furry and feathery friends to the annual Pet Blessing, once again held on October 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the lower level parking lot (near the flagpole). Fr. Carl will officiate. Please make sure your pets are secured by leash or cages to make sure everyone feels secure and stays safe. St. Francis of Assisi, pray for us!

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

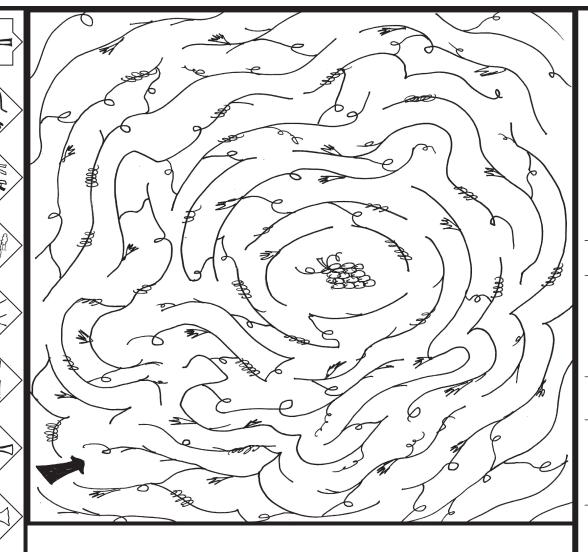
Immaculate Conception, Tamaroa, IL October 15 – Doors open at 11:00 a.m. Quilt/Cash Bingo starts at 1:00 p.m. at KC Hall in Dubois



Year A: Twenty-fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

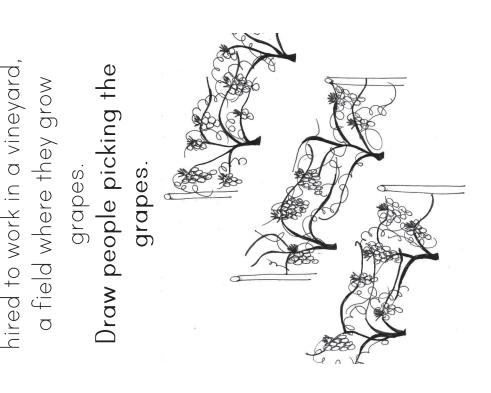
In this parable, people are jealous because a landowner is giving everyone will go to Heaven if they believe in Him. It's never too late to believe in God the same payment at the end of the day. Jesus reminds us that everyone



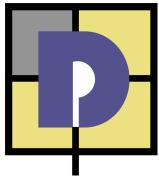


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