THE BULLETIN



June 16, 2024
ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MUSINGS + MESSAGES

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Today's Gospel passage comes from the beginning of Mark's account of Jesus' ministry and relates how he spoke to the people in parables. Time and again, he wanted to impress upon his hearers that the Kingdom of God was not like the Roman Empire or the Kingdom of Israel under David. Instead, God's kingdom is inclusive rather than exclusive; it is all-encompassing, and everyone is invited to be a part of it. But the Kingdom of God is also a mystery. Things happen without people even realizing it because God's ways are not the ways of human beings.

This is why Paul's second letter to the Corinthians is so important. It is often chosen to be read at funerals. As Paul says, we walk by faith and not by sight. We are called to trust in the Lord and accept God's will based on our faith rather than human perception or scientific fact. Some things simply cannot be explained, yet we know them to be true and holy.

While here on earth, our task is to please God in all things and invite others to experience the goodness

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Connecting Point

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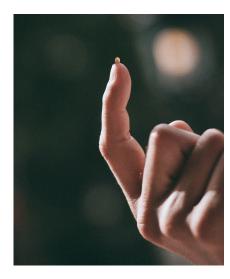
What "mustard seed" moment transformed me?

Who you are today is the result of the many people who have shaped you—parents, friends, mentors, etc. While these countless individuals have influenced you, sometimes a small, singular moment or opportunity stands out as pivotal.

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear the parable of the mustard seed: "When it is sown in the ground, it is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches."

I remember my "mustard seed" moment. In 8th grade, my music teacher, recognizing my musical talent, invited me to play the piano at school Masses. She mentored me and also allowed me to substitute during weekend Masses. As a 14-year-old, I was honored, and my confidence soared because of her trust in me. Without her encouragement, I might not have pursued a path in music, leading to degrees and a career in the field. This small "mustard seed" moment transformed my life, helping me to "spring up" and extend my branches into the music and church worlds.

Now, I think about how crazy it sounds to hire a 14-year-old for a professional role, but someone gave me that opportunity. If I see potential, talent, and heart in another young person, I need to remember to provide them with the same chance I was given.



What was that moment, or who was that person for you? It's important to reflect on those who have provided opportunities because remembering them can inspire us to give others their own "mustard seed" moments.

Musings + Messages (cont'd)

of the Lord. When things are difficult, we rely on our faith and God's promise to be with us always, knowing that, eventually, things will turn around and get better.

This week, ask the Lord to assist you

in having a deeper faith. Invite the Lord into your heart so that you can be an instrument of spreading the Good News.

Happy Father's Day to all men who serve in a paternal capacity. May God

continue to bless you for all of your love and service in assisting people to grow and thrive as God's children.

Thank you for all of your kind birthday and anniversary wishes last week.

CALENDAR

JUNE 16 - 23

8 AM MASS

9:45 AM **MASS**

11:45 AM **MASS**

1:30 PM SENIOR CARD **GROUP**

9:30 AM **STRETCH & STRENGTH** 2 PM ROSARY

7 AM **AA MEETING**

8:30 AM **MASS**

11:30 AM FOP LEADERSHIP MTG

1 PM CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

1 PM GRIEF SUPPORT

7 PM K OF C LADIES OF THE ASSEMBLY

7 PM K OF C SACRED **HEART ASSEMBLY**

8:30 AM **MASS**

9:30 AM **STRETCH & STRENGTH**

10 AM **LITTLE WAY ROSARY MAKERS**

5:30 PM CHOIR REHEARSALS

6:30 PM **FAITH, FUN, AND FRIENDS**

7 AM **AA MEETING**

8:30 AM **MASS**

9 AM **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

3 PM CONFESSIONS

6:30 PM SVDP DISTRICT MTG

FRI

8:30 AM **MASS** 9:30 AM **STRETCH &** STRENGTH

10 AM FUNERAL: LYNCH-GRIFFIN

SAT

4:30 PM **MASS**

8 AM MASS

9:45 AM **MASS** 11:45 AM **MASS**

1 PM **BAPTISM**

EVENTS



SAT - SUN | JUN 15 - 16 | AFTER ALL MASSES

RIGHT TO LIFE CANDY BAR SALE

On Father's Day weekend, Jun. 15 and 16, Right to Life-Lifespan will hold its candy bar fundraiser following all Masses. We thank all fathers and those who have been father figures in our lives. God bless, and thank you for supporting life at St. Therese!



REGISTER B HERE

WED | JUN 26 | 12 - 2 PM

KIDS' SUMMER CAMP DAY: CREATION ROCKS!

Grades K-6 are welcome at our Creation Rocks! kids' summer camp day with games, crafts, snacks, and fun as we celebrate the beauty and wonder of God's creation. Parents, this is a drop-off event; all parents will be asked to sign a waiver for their child to participate. This event will be nut-free; for all other food allergies, please bring a snack labeled for your child. Kids can bring a friend, but all participants must register. Use the QR code to sign up! For any questions, contact juliel@stol.church.





SAT | JUN 29 | 6 - 10 PM

SOCK HOP

Get dressed up and join us on Saturday, Jun. 29, for a 50s-style sock hop with diner-style food, dancing, and fellowship! Poodle skirts, letter sweaters, and other 50s-style clothing are encouraged but not necessary. \$40 per person or \$75 for two tickets. Doors open at 6 PM, and the event goes until 10 PM.

Get your tickets today by scanning the QR code.





MON - FRI | JULY 15 - 19 | ST. ISIDORE

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Pre-K through 6th graders are invited to this year's Vacation Bible School with the theme of "Scuba: diving into friendship with God." We can't wait to share our faith and love of God while having some summer

fun. See you in July! Scan the QR code to register today before spots fill up. If you have questions, contact Dawn Ormsby at dawno@stisidore. church.

SAT | JUL 20 | 11 AM

FOSTER CARE FAMILY FUN DAY



in free food and beverages while exploring exciting displays from the Sheriff & Fire Depts. It's a perfect day out for families, and an opportunity to learn how you can make a huge difference in a child's life by considering foster care or adoption.







SAT | AUG 10 | 6 PM

WINE AND CHOCOLATE

Join us for an evening of indulgence at our Wine and Chocolate Pairing event! Savor a delightful selection of fine wines perfectly matched with chocolates, complemented by an array of small appetizers. Whether you're treating yourself or enjoying a night out with a loved one, this event promises to be a memorable culinary experience. Tickets are available at \$40 for individuals or \$75 for couples. Use the QR Code to register. Don't miss this opportunity to delight your senses and support our community! Must be 21 or older.

FRI | AUG 16 | FARMINGTON HILLS

RETROUVAILLE WEEKEND



Do you feel lost, frustrated, or angry in your marriage? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Retrouvaille can help! The Retrouvaille Program consists of a weekend experience and twelve follow-up sessions throughout six weeks. With an emphasis on partner communication, it provides the tools to help put your marriage in order again. The next program begins on Friday, Aug. 16, in Farmington Hills. To register, call 800-470-2230 or visit HelpOurMarriage.org.

Spotlight Interview with Our Deacon Intern, Mark Sienkowski

Tell us about yourself!

I've always had faith and an intellectual interest in God. I grew up 1 of 11 kids in a Catholic family and graduated from the U of M with studies in math, science, and physics. Then, I married my high school girlfriend, Carol. We are now married 40 years and have three children and four grandchildren. My jobs were working in computer science and then as a solutions architect. As of Jun. 4, I am now retired.

What are some of your favorite books?

In the early 80s, I started reading books by Catholic authors. One of my top five books is Orthodoxy by G.K. Chesterton. The story is about an adventurer (the author) who searches for wonder and understanding in his life. In the end, he realized that what he was looking for was already there all along. This is a lot like a faith journey. It often takes you full circle.

Another one of my favorite writings is our Archbishop's pastoral letter, Unleash the Gospel. It came out at the right time for me. It calls for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit to transform our diocese. My calling to the diaconate is a result of this movement.

Who is your favorite saint?

St. Mary Magdalene is my favorite saint. She was always there—at Jesus' feet, at the cross, and always present, listening quietly to what God



wanted her to do. She taught me to be humble, be with God, and just listen.

What is your favorite prayer?

One prayer that speaks to me is Thomas Merton's Prayer of Abandonment.

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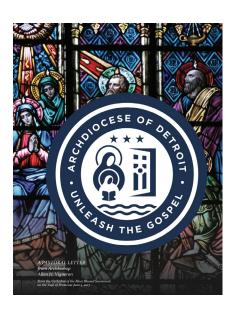
What motivated you to be where you are today?

After our children grew up, my personal relationship with the Holy Spirit grew. In 2015, I went to an Apologetics conference at St. Cyril, learned about St. Paul Street Evangelization, picked up a brochure, and dove into training online with 25 joy-filled people from all over the country through the AOD (Archdiocese of Detroit). I had never experienced faith this way. I was able to help people encounter God without debates or obstacles.

My eyes were opened. I found my connection by praying to the Holy Spirit and attending events such as ALPHA. I also began to share my faith more at work.

Do you have anything else you would like to share?

Lastly, I would like to share an approach to evangelization. God has put this on my heart: "If you really want to know me, you have to share me."



Strawberry Festival Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for volunteers to assist with St. Isidore's Strawberry Festival on Jun. 21, 22, and 23. If you have a few hours to help, go to stisidore.church/festival-volunteers

to sign up. Please consider signing up as a way to get involved, meet new people, and help make the festival a success! Thank you in advance.

For more information, contact Sally Smogor, the volunteer coordinator, at festivalvolunteers@stisidore.church.

Music · Food · Fun

strawberry festival

JUNE 21-23, 2024

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

5:30 - 11:30 PM CAR SHOW

MUSIC: STEVE KING & THE DITTILIES

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

5:30 - 11:30 PM PASTA DINNER • EUCHRE TOURNEY

MUSIC: KILLER FLAMINGOS

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

12:30 - 7:30 PM
POLISH DINNER • TALENT SHOW
MUSIC: PARALLEL FIFTH

Other attractions include...

Theme Raffle · Outdoor Grill · Beer & Seltzers Kids Game Tent · Dancing · Sweet Walk & More!



DISCIPLESHIP FORMATION

Grow Program Update

We look forward to seeing children in grades K-6 on Jun. 26 for the Kid's Summer Camp Day: Creation Rocks. Sign up using this QR code.

Watch the bulletin for more summer events.

Did You Know that St. Therese of Lisieux pays for access to on-demand videos, bible studies, audiobooks, gospel reflections, and more through **formed.org**?

Here is how to watch:

- Go to formed.org
- Click "Formed for Individuals"
- Enter your email address
- Enter "St. Therese of Lisieux Parish Shelby Township"
- Enter your name and email address
- Click "Sign Up"
- Start browsing!

Some recommendations for the family:

The Search: Why Are We Here? What's Life All About? What Happens When We Die?

The Search is an innovative video series that tackles the key questions of every human heart. In seven beautifully filmed episodes, Chris Stefanick and experts from multiple fields of science, medicine, psychology, art, and religion examine our place in the larger story of existence.

Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist

When was the last time you sat down to enjoy a meal with your family or close friends—not just to eat food in close proximity to each other, but to bask in each other's presence and grow in love for one another? For most of us, this doesn't happen at a typical meal. However, this is the kind of meal God wants to share with us. This is the kind of meal he has prepared for us and invites us to participate in through the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

Jesus' Summer Bucket List

My Child,

I'm so excited
Summer time is
here! I love to
watch you play and
have fun. Did you
know I like summer
time, too? I would
really like to hang
out with you and
have some fun this
summer. In fact, I



have a bucket full of ideas for us to do. I call it my summer bucket list.

Come to Mass each week and I will have the priest reach into my bucket and announce what I would like to do with you that week! When you leave Mass today, pick up a picture of my summer bucket at the table in the gathering space. Starting next week, I will have stickers at the table. If you had the chance to complete one of my bucket list ideas, put the sticker on my summer bucket picture. I hope the bucket will be covered with stickers by the end of summer! I'm really looking forward to spending time with you this summer!

Love, Jesus

St. Therese of Lisieux Mother's Day Tea

Health Ministry | ♣ Marilyn Cito, Parish Nurse **4** marilync@stol.church

I just wanted to express my gratitude to everyone who participated in the Mother's Day Tea on May 7. All had a great evening!

104 women attended the event, not including the St. Therese Health Ministry members, eight hospitality team members, and eight Austin Catholic High School students, who volunteered tirelessly.

The event was planned by the St. Therese Health Ministry, who did a fabulous job of coordinating it as well. Mickey Wilson and the Hospitality team decorated the Social Hall and orchestrated the event—from washing all of the teacups and pots to decorating

the tables, setting up the food and desserts, and putting everything away!

We had four wonderful speakers, Sr. Mary Andrew, Peggy Casing, Paula Brietschuh, RN, and Kimberly Foster, RN, who shared prayers, biblical stories, the history of tea, and selfcare information. The highlight of the evening was the spontaneous stories shared by women in attendance about their mothers and the women in their lives!

Various teas were served, as well as a delicious dinner of chicken salad croissants, salad, and desserts provided by the Bountiful Bakers. A huge thank you to everyone! From the women who attended this fantastic event to the St. Therese Health Ministry, Hospitality Ministry, Bountiful Bakers, volunteers, Austin High School students, speakers, St. Therese of Lisieux administrative staff, facility staff, and all of the parishioners who donated teacups. teapots, tea, food, and other items, thank you! The donated vintage teacups and teapots were lovely and will be used at future events to make new memories and carry on the tradition of sharing tea with special people! If I am remiss in mentioning someone who contributed to this event, thank you from the bottom of my heart!

A Catholic Practice for a Cleaner Environment

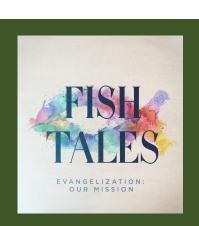
Evangelization Committee

Some of us recall the Catholic practice of abstaining from meat every Friday. Most of us continue this practice, at least during Lent, as a reminder of what Christ did for us. Continuing this habit throughout the year could bring significant environmental benefits.

The less meat we consume, the less slaughterhouse pollution we generate, and we reduce greenhouse gas emissions. In addition, we convert less of our beautiful landscapes into pastures. These are just a few of the many benefits. It is worth the research and

discussion to see how limiting the amount of meat we consume can help our environment.

Pope Francis reminds us that "The primary mission of the church is to evangelize."



Rambling Roses Trip

Recently, the Rambling Roses senior group embarked on a bus trip to Soaring Eagle Casino in Mount Pleasant. It was the first trip leaving St. Therese in many years. Everyone had a good time, and we plan on taking more trips (to other destinations) in the future.

Rambling Roses Senior Group



The St. Therese of Lisieux Senior Social Group meets on the first Thursday of each month from 9:30-11:00 AM. Anyone 55 years old or older is invited to join this very active social club. Activities include:

- Holiday parties
- Card games
- Pizza parties
- Ice Cream Socials
- Indoor Picnics
- Holiday celebrations
- Collections for charities

Ministry Schedule

SAT | JUNE 22

Lector 1: Volunteer Needed Lector 2: Volunteer Needed Altar Servers: Volunteer Needed Usher Team 7: Art Wilson

SUN | JUNE 23 8:00 AM

Lector 1: Penny Eastman
Lector 2: Paul Willhelm
Altar Servers: Volunteer Needed
Usher Team 8: Dean Corsi

SUN | JUNE 23

Lector 1: Volunteer Needed Lector 2: Volunteer Needed Altar Servers: Clare G., Carley G. Usher Team 5: Dennis Westerlund

SUN | JUNE 23

Lector 1: Larry Slabosz Lector 2: Paul Bieber

Altar Servers: Volunteer Needed Usher Team 6: Jack Simonetta

We pray for the sick...

Asterisk denotes newly added name

Adhikary, Erica Adhikary, Holden **Baby Scarlett** Bacheldor, Marv Beaulieu, Michael Beaulieu. Ted Beaulieu, Don Beninati, Patricia Best. Ann Bethune, Larry Binkowski, Madeleine Bliss, Jennifer Bliss, Sarah Bogel, Dolores Boza, Bill Candela, Violet Cassidy, Barbara *Corless, Kaye DeFauw, Paul Dennis, Gregg Denton, Eden DeRemer, Colin DiMeglio, Terri Dombrowski, Toni Dryer, Sharon Fain. Rose Marie

Fraylick, Kat

Fuelling, Ethan

Geiger, Elizabeth Gilbert, Larry Goodman, Debbie Gorka, Ruth Gulding, Tony Guzzardo, Mary Hallum, Dennis *Hanus, Barbara Henig, Louise Hill, Dan Hill, Sandy Hosking, Leanne Jachcik, Bradley Jachcik, James Jachcik, Nancy Jerzy, Pamela Joann Kaja, Hala Klakulak, Mary Kmiec, Eileen Lieder, Lynn McGuire, Kim Mackowiak, Elaine Mahler, Bill Malane, Sharon Maliskev. Barbara Maliskey, Larry *Marino. Richard

Matthews, Sue Moreno, Nancy Morrison (Mikoy) Vanessa Neddermever. John Nguyen, Bruce Novak, Anthony Okon, Anne Marie Okon, Mary Anne Oleszkowicz. Bonnie Overholfer, Jamie Papp, Kimberly Pasque, Evelyn Patterson, David Paulizzi, Olivia Pazin, Delphine Petz, Christine Phyllis Poma, Teresa Przepiora, Donna Marie Przybylski, Margaret R. Lisa Rinehart, Nicholas Sandstrom, Patricia Sayen-Bazinet, Sherry Schafran, Barb Schatko, Mary Ann Schwartz, Brian

Snodgrass, Doris

Stanek, Maryann Sterling, Carol Sterling, George Stock, Meghean *Stow, Monica *Suszynski, Robert Swanson, Joan *Theisen. Beth *Theisen. Jim Tiedt. Tom Tikkanen, Jason Tranchida, Melody Trent, David Trent, Dave VanDerhagen, Barbara VanDerhagen, Rich VanDerhagen, Rick Visconti, Dianne Walter. Albert White, Dawn Wigginton, Jim Willis, Rose Willoughby, Claudia Zoellner, Brent

...and for those serving in the military

SrA Thomas Barone, Air Force
2nd Lt., Michaela Biske Army
PVT Jonathan Bulter, Marine
HM1 Christopher Burley, Navy
SGT Andrew Chapoton, Army
Michael Chmielewski, Navy
Christopher Chryczyk, Navy
Lt. Col. John Cisco, Marines
Major Anthony D. Corsi, Army
Leonard Cox, Army
SGT Christian Jose Curtis, Army
LCPL Matthew DeLaney, Marine
Jerry Delia, Airforce
PVT David Dimattia, Army
PVT Jacob Earehart, Army

Ensign Matthew Gordon, Navy
LT David Grzywacz, Navy
Andrew Hall, Navy
PFC Killian Hannon, Army
Major Megan K. Hardesty, Army
Robert Kaljved, Army
LT. COL. Chris Kean, AF
SSGT Griffin Kozak, Marines
Andrew Larsen, Marines
Zoe Lowe, Army
MSGT Eric McCulley, AF
Captain James Miller, Space Force
Nick Radwick, AF
Staff Sgt. Drew Reynolds, AF
Derek Skorupski, Army

CPL. Nathan Taylor, Marine CPT Keith Trojniak, Marines Dante Vanuck, Army SFC Cally Wood, Army Andrew Zalewski, Navy

Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Give us peace. Amen

Mass Intentions

SAT. JUNE 15 4:30 PM

For all living and deceased Fathers

SUN. JUNE 16 8:00 AM

For all living and deceased Fathers

For the people of St.

Therese of Lisieux Parish

SUN. JUNE 16 9:45 AM

For all living and deceased Fathers

For the people of St.

Therese of Lisieux Parish

SUN. JUNE 16 11:45 AM

For all living and deceased Fathers

For the people of St.

Therese of Lisieux Parish

TUE. JUNE 18 8:30 AM

† Mary Jo Marchione
Vocations to the
Priesthood & Religious

- † Joseph Konopka
- † Richard Regan
- † Carol Minaudo (Bday)
- **†** John Hirschmann Marc Starr (Healing) Tyler Theut (Healing)
- **†** Osrox Fabella

WED. JUNE 19 8:30 AM

- † Mary Ann Wasik
- † David Kuptz, Jr. (Bday)
- † Richard Regan
- † Liz Freeman
- **†** Brent Pastuschyn Elena Tomenello (Bday)
- **†** Alan Edwards

THU. JUNE 20 8:30 AM

- † Frank Bologna (Bday)
- † Richard Regan
- † Angela DiMarco
- † Nina Farris
- † Francesca Florio (Anniv.)
- **†** Gioseppina Pitruzzello (Bday)

Martha Fisher (Healing)

FRI. JUNE 21 8:30 AM

- + Richard Regan
- † Robert Wurth (7th Anniv.) William Bull (Bday)

SAT. JUNE 22 4:30 PM

- + Michael Madsen (Bday)
- + John Kasza, Sr. (24th Anniv.)
- + Joe Basirico
- + Joseph & Robert Frankowski Julia Walters
- + Hub Kraemer
- + Frank Recchia (11th Anniv.)
- + Scott Family
- † Deacon Jerome Campernel
- + Alfred Saam

SUN. JUNE 23 8:00 AM

- **†** Amy Cervi
 - Luigi Franzese
- Antonio Siciliano, Domenico Siciliano, Paolo Siciliano, Giuseppe Sansalone

† Carol Long† Richard Regan

† Leonardo Vonella

† Phillip LaColla

† Josef Stefan

- Jack Fraylick
- **†** David Tamulevich (1st Anniv.)
- **†** Vivencio Roman Ibarreta
- **†** Norbert Jerzewski (10th Anniv.)
- † Zoltan Csete
- **†** Eufemia Casem

SUN. JUNE 23 9:45 AM

- **†** Vincenzo Esposito
- **†** Carmine Russo
- **†** Captain Drew Russell
- **†** Ed Wiegand
- † Robert Hiddings
- + Jerry & Mary Ann Wasik
- † Thomas Schaffer
- † Michael Fischer
- ↑ Rocco Sbrocca, Maria G. Sbrocca, Angelo Sbrocca, Rosario Curcuru, Nicolina Curcuru, Rosario Amato
- **†** Andrea Orlando, Grazio Orlando

SUN. JUNE 23 11:45 AM

† George Calabrese

For the People of St.

Therese of Lisieux Parish

- **†** Gaspare Lombardo
- † John & Theresa Berd, Dennis Berd, Vicky Berd

Readings

SUNDAY

Ez 17:22-24; Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16; 2 Cor 5:6-10;

TUESDAY

1 Kgs 21:17-29; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16; Mt 5:43-48

THURSDAY

Sir 48:1-14; Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7; Mt 6:7-15

SATURDAY

2 Chr 24:17-25; Ps 89:4-5, 29-34; Mt 6:24-34

MONDAY

Mk 4:26-34

1 Kgs 21:1-16; Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7; Mt 5:38-42

WEDNESDAY

2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Ps 31:20, 21, 24; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

FRIDAY

2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Ps 132:11-14, 17-18; Mt 6:19-23

SUNDAY

Jb 38:1, 8-11; Ps 107:23-26, 28-31; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41

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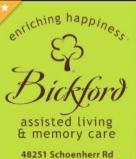
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Lunch 12 - 1 PM (Mon-Thurs)

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