



*At St. Charles, all are invited to  
meet Christ, know Christ,  
love Christ and serve Christ.*

**December 1, 2024  
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

# *1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF Advent*

*"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your  
heads because your redemption is at hand." (Lk 21:28)*



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# WELCOME TO ST. CHARLES - WE ARE HERE FOR YOU



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# WELCOME TO ST. CHARLES - WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

SATURDAY MASS OF ANTICIPATION: 5:00pm

SUNDAY MASS TIMES: 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am & 6:00pm

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday - Friday: 8:30am\* & Saturday: 8:30am

\* Thursday: 9:00am (School Mass)

Monday - Friday: 6:30am (during Advent)

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

We offer Adoration from Mondays at 5:00 a.m. through Friday evenings at midnight.

For current openings, scan QR code.



## RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 9:30am - 10:30am & Thursdays: 5:00pm - 6:00pm

Please arrive within 30 minutes of the start time.

We have one Priest on Saturdays and two Priests on Thursdays.

## SACRAMENT OF THE SICK/ ANOINTING MASSES

Sacrament of the Sick Masses are the 2nd and 4th FRIDAYS of every month or by appointment with Fr. Ken or Fr. Ariel (call the Parish Office).

OUTREACH SERVICES TEAM: Terri Blazek: 262-367-7608, [jtblazek@wi.rr.com](mailto:jtblazek@wi.rr.com)

TO ASK FOR PRAYERS or to be added to the email list, please email: [prayernetwork@stcharleshartland.org](mailto:prayernetwork@stcharleshartland.org)

FOR EMERGENCY PRAYERS, please email:

[emergencyprayers@stcharleshartland.org](mailto:emergencyprayers@stcharleshartland.org)

Printed weekly prayer sheets are available on the information wall.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: if you need food, shelter or assistance call 262-367-0800 (Parish Office)

NEED HOME COMMUNION:

For information call 262-367-0800 (Parish Office)

## Mass Intentions for the Week of December 1st



### Sunday, December 1 ~ First Weekend of Advent

7:00 am † Dale Van Erman

9:00 am † Joe Sizer

11:00 am Living and Deceased Members of St. Charles

6:00 pm † Michael & Patricia Dunn

### Monday, December 2

6:30 am † Margaret Winterland

8:30 am † Mary Corrine Stuer

### Tuesday, December 3

6:30 am † Norbert & Joseph Seipel

8:30 am † Roger Hepperla

### Wednesday, December 4

6:30 am Special Intention

8:30 am † Rita Schroeder

### Thursday, December 5 ~ 9 am School Mass

6:30 am † Robert Rydzewski

9:00 am † Greg Blattner

### Friday, December 6

6:30 am † Eleanor Chadwick

8:30 am † Krystina Finn

### Saturday, December 7

8:30 am Living and Deceased Members of the William Dionne Family

5:00 pm † Emily Rose Sattler

### Sunday, December 8 ~ Second Sunday of Advent

7:00 am Living and Deceased Members of the Richard Carmichael Family

9:00 am † Barbara Cramlet

11:00 am Living and Deceased Members of the Misorski Family

6:00 pm Living and Deceased Members of St. Charles



## WEDDING BANNS

1st Bann ~ Brianna Alexander & Ross Thomson

Immaculate Conception will be observed on Monday, December 9th (see page 6)!

One of the easiest ways to support St. Charles Parish and School is through the secured online e-giving system.



PARISH SUPPORT  
THRU NOVEMBER 3RD

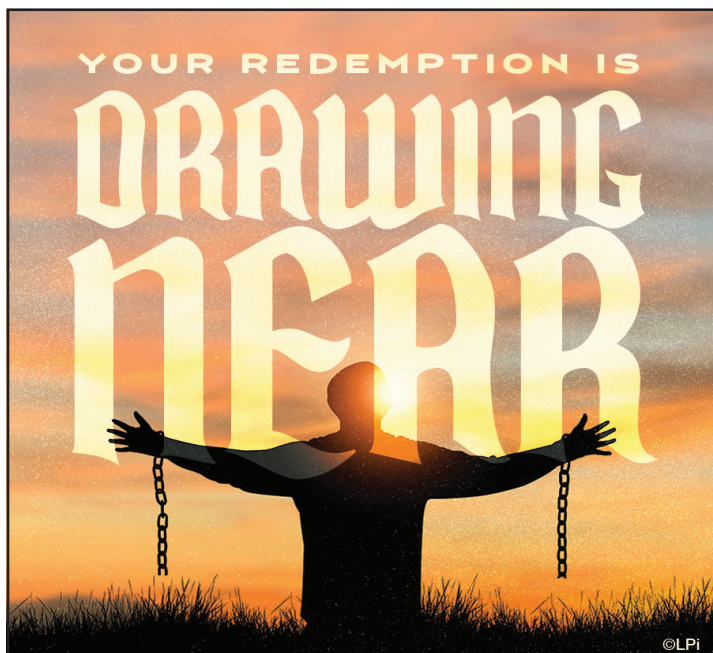
FISCAL YEAR  
JULY 1 THRU JUNE 30

### 2024 - 2025

Envelopes.....	\$29,319.00
Offertory.....	\$3,502.60
Weekend Total .....	\$32,821.60
E-Giving .....	\$24,894.84
YTD .....	\$891,695.24

### 2023 - 2024

Envelopes.....	\$25,392.51
Offertory.....	\$2,935.17
Weekend Total .....	\$28,327.68
E-Giving .....	\$14,329.88
YTD .....	\$795,325.04



## THIS WEEKEND'S GOSPEL MEDITATION

### 1 ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

When I was a young priest, about one year after ordination, I was called to the hospital to anoint a dying mother of three young children. She had a painful, terminal cancer. After celebrating Last Rites with her, I said, "Don't be afraid." She looked me square in the eye from her hospital bed and said, "Oh Father, I am in a lot of pain, but I am not afraid. Something wonderful is about to happen." A few days later she died.

Christians face the ending of our personal various "worlds" in a totally unique way. This first Sunday of Advent, Jesus says that when people see their world falling apart, they find themselves "fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world" (Luke 21:26). In our fear, our natural response is to check out, to hide our heads in drunkenness, distraction, and false securities. But Jesus commands us to "look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." He then compares what's coming to a lovely summer in full bloom. That's what the cross and resurrection empower us to do, as strange as it may seem.

Advent challenge: What world in your life is collapsing? A relationship, a dream, a work opportunity? Maybe you're troubled by a crumbling world in the political or economic sphere. Or maybe someone you love is seriously ill or dying. Name that world or worlds. Then pray: "Lord, help me to not faint with fear. Help me to raise my head and see your redemption coming."

— Father John Muir

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## PRAY WITH SCRIPTURE

### Lectio Divina

15 minutes each day spent in God's presence — reading, reflecting, responding and resting with his Word — adds up to 90 hours in one year. That is time well spent and a testimony to how a little at a time turns into something remarkable!

### Sunday, December 8th Readings

Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

To find readings for the weekdays and/or Feast Days, please visit <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings>.

### Reflection questions for Sunday, December 8th

- The prophet Baruch offers the Israelites in Babylonian exile a vision of hope in which their broken relationship with God will be fully restored. Is there a broken relationship you could help heal this Advent season?
- Paul prays with joy over the partnership he experiences with the believers in Phillippi. What relationships in your life bring you joy?
- Luke is careful to place the activities of John the Baptist in their proper historical and political context, showing how God acts in human history. Can you think of a time in your personal history when you felt God present?

READ. REFLECT. RESPOND. REST.



Cut out and keep in your Bible for reference!



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## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S ADVENT/ CHRISTMAS BANQUET

Thursday, December 12th at noon at the Schoenstatt  
Retreat Center

Cost is \$30 per person

RSVP by December 6 by contacting Sheila Anderson at  
(262) 617-5055 or sanderson4040@icloud.com



# CELEBRATE ADVENT



## ABOUT ADVENT WREATHS

Traditionally, Advent wreaths are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches and four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. Ideally, three candles are purple and one is rose, but white candles can also be used.

The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas.

The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of His second coming to judge the living and the dead.



## THE JESSE TREE

In the month before Christmas, the church anticipates the coming of Jesus through readings that span from the Old Testament creation story through Jesus' birth. Jesse, for whom the tree is named, is the first person in the genealogy of Jesus. At the top of this family tree are Mary and Jesus. Depicted in church windows and artwork for hundreds of years, this visual tree of life may even have been a forerunner of today's Christmas tree.

All you need for this project is a homemade drawing of a tree.

You can also make a Jesse tree by putting a few tree branches in a pot filled with gravel or sand or using a tabletop Christmas tree on which to hang Jesse tree ornaments.

Reflect on the readings and symbols of this ancient tradition. You can download symbols on card stock or print them on paper and glue them to construction paper or felt.

Sharing the Jesse tree story is a great way to help build anticipation for the birth of the Christ child, allowing the roots of faith to take hold and grow.

**Taken from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) website.**

## BLESSING OF AN ADVENT WREATH

The use of the Advent Wreath is a traditional practice which has found its place in the church as well as in the home. The blessing of an Advent Wreath takes place on the First Sunday of Advent or on the evening before the First Sunday of Advent.

When the blessing of the Advent Wreath is celebrated in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another member of the family.

**All make the sign of the cross as the leader says:**

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**Response (R/.) Who made heaven and earth.**

**Then the Scripture, Isaiah 9 (lines 1-2 and 5-6) or Isaiah 63 (lines 16-17 & 19) or Isaiah 64 (lines 2-7) is read:**

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**R/. Thanks be to God.**

**With hands joined, the leader says:**

Lord our God,  
we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:  
he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,  
he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,  
he is the Savior of every nation.  
Lord God,  
let your blessing come upon us  
as we light the candles of this wreath.  
May the wreath and its light  
be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.  
May he come quickly and not delay.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

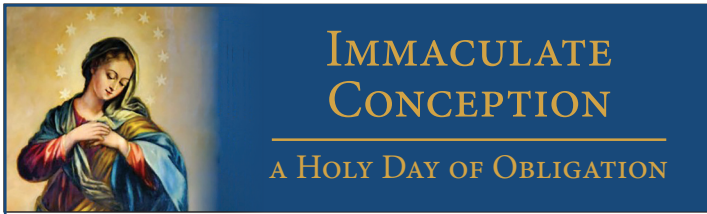
**R/. Amen.**

The blessing may conclude with a verse from  
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel":

O come, desire of nations, bind  
in one the hearts of humankind;  
bid ev'ry sad division cease  
and be thyself our Prince of peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.

— From *Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers*





As December 8th falls on a Sunday this year, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary **has been moved to Monday, December 9th**. This is a holy day of obligation for Catholics. We will have three Masses to honor the Blessed Virgin on the 9th: at 6:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (which is the All School Mass), and 6 p.m. (with incense). All are welcome to come and worship with us.

*Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation. This dogma emphasizes the teaching that Mary was conceived without original sin in Her Mother St. Anne's womb. Theologically this makes sense: Jesus as God is without sin, so it is right that the womb through which He was given life [Mary] should also be protected from any stain of sin. Holy Mother Church made this teaching infallible (free of error) in 1854. Four years later, our Blessed Mother appeared to St. Bernadette at Lourdes, France stating, "I am the Immaculate Conception." There was no need to confirm what the Church already proclaimed as truth, but we can take comfort in knowing that Our Blessed Mother is always looking out for our purity and sanctity!*



### ADVENT GIFT TO THE PARISH

We are looking forward to celebrating our first Advent in the new worship space this year. If you wish to make a meaningful gift to the parish, we invite you to consider donating funds to purchase our new Advent wreath stand, wreath, and candles. For more information, contact Terrie Carew at 262-367-0800, ext. 224 or Fr. Ken after Mass.



### CHURCH CALMING ROOMS

In order to accommodate young families with small children, our new church has two calming rooms. Both of the calming rooms have rocking chairs so that parents can soothe their child and eventually return to the main church sanctuary for Mass. The calming room closest to the corridor also has a lactation room for nursing mothers. We ask parishioners who do not have small children to find seating in the main church sanctuary.



### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

During the Season of Advent, there will be many opportunities for people to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In addition to our regularly scheduled Reconciliation times on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings, there will be two Communal Reconciliation Services. One will be held on Thursday, December 5th at 6:30 p.m.; the second will be held on Saturday, December 21st at 10:30 a.m. All are encouraged to prepare for the joys of the Christmas Season by participating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.





**2024 CHRISTMAS PARTY  
FOR USHERS**

**Wednesday, Dec. 11th at 6:30pm  
in the Borromeo Hall**

Everyone who helps to usher at church including full-time, part-time and sometimes.

Come for food, refreshments & camaraderie.



### SEEKING ADDITIONAL USHERS

Would you love to meet more members of our community while serving our parish? We are in need of additional ushers at weekend Masses, especially at 5 p.m. on Saturdays. If you are interested in becoming an usher, please contact Elizabeth Thompson, Liturgist, at 262-367-0800 or [ethompson@stcharleshartland.org](mailto:ethompson@stcharleshartland.org).

The Hospitality Team is excited to announce...  
**A HOLIDAY BAKE SALE!**

**December 14 & 15  
after all weekend Masses**

Delicious homemade treats -  
some recipes from our new cookbook!

Proceeds will go to the Hospitality Team for  
future parish needs and events.



**ST. CHARLES NIGHT AT  
CULVER'S IN HARTLAND**

Monday, December 2nd from 5:00-8:00 pm

Mention that you are with St. Charles, and the School receives  
10% of the evening's sales! Thanks for your support!

### CHRISTMAS CHURCH FLOWERS

The beautiful decorations in our Church during the Christmas season lift our spirits closer to the Lord Jesus as we celebrate His birth. They help us to pray more deeply and feel closer to one another. We invite you to donate toward our decorations by making an offering in memory of a loved one, in thanksgiving for a blessing in your life, for a special intention or simply as a free-will offering. We will list the names of the people remembered, the blessings recalled or the intentions held in your hearts in the bulletin on Jan. 12th. However, we will not print the donor's name nor the amount given. **Again this year, you can give by the offertory envelopes mailed to your home if you give by envelope. You can list the below information on the backside of the envelope.**

**If you wish to make this offering, please fill out this form or mailed offertory envelope and return it with your donation to the Parish Office by Friday, Dec. 27th.**

Name of Donor \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of those Deceased \_\_\_\_\_

Blessing Recalled \_\_\_\_\_

Special Intention \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE PRINT -THANK YOU



## VISIT US ON SUNDAYS

The Parish Office will be open on a few Sundays in December! You are welcome to stop by on **December 8, 15, and 22 after the 7am, 9am, and 11am Masses.** This is a great opportunity to schedule Mass intentions, purchase SCRIP gift cards, drop off Cornerstone Campaign pledge cards, and ask any questions you may have.



## AN EASY WAY TO SUPPORT ST. CHARLES AND START YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING!

One of the simplest ways to financially support St. Charles Parish and School without spending an extra dime is through RaiseRight, formerly ShopWithScrip. Your everyday expenses for groceries, gas, gifts and dinner out can give back 1% to 15% of your purchase cost to St. Charles. By buying Scrip cards at the parish or online, you are providing a financial boost to St. Charles. Visit [raiseright.com](http://raiseright.com) to check out what retailers they are partnered with! Some cards are even easily refillable online.

## ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY



**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: Brown Sugar, Mayonnaise, Brownie Mix, Boxed Mashed Potatoes, Chef Boyardee Beefaroni, Cleaning Supplies**

As we begin Advent, we are called to "wait" in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives. Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they contact the St. Charles St. Vincent de Paul Conference. In effect, they are ringing your doorbell. Your gifts to the Society of SVDP bring joy, peace, mercy and kindness to the hurting hearts of the poor in our community.

The St. Charles SVDP Food Pantry is located at 229 Lawn Street, Hartland and it is open Tuesday mornings between 10am and noon. It is also open on the second and fourth Tuesday evenings of the month between 5:30pm and 7pm. If you know of someone in need of our services, please call us at 262-367-0800.

*The food pantry will be closed when Arrowhead Schools close for inclement weather. It will reopen the following week, weather permitting.*

## CIRCLE OF LOVE

ALL CIRCLE OF LOVE GIFTS ARE DUE **TODAY, December 1st by NOON** in the Borromeo Hall.



**SPONSORS:** Please pick the gifts you requested between 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. **TODAY, December 1st** in the Borromeo Hall.

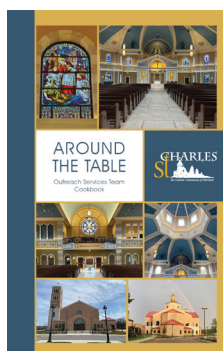
Any questions please call Debbie at 262-367-3869 or email at [d2lancour@yahoo.com](mailto:d2lancour@yahoo.com)

## BULLETIN DUE DATES!

If you have an event(s) you would like to publicize in a December and/or January bulletin, please submit your information by the due dates listed below. This earlier deadline is due to the printer's holiday schedule. **Please submit all articles by 8:00 am on the due date.** Thank you!

- Dec. 15th Bulletin information is due Monday, Dec. 2nd
- Dec. 22nd Bulletin information is due Monday, Dec. 9th
- Dec. 29th Bulletin information is due Monday, Dec. 16th
- Jan. 5th Bulletin information is due Wednesday, Dec. 18th
- Jan. 26th Bulletin information is due Wednesday, Jan. 15th

## COOKBOOKS HAVE ARRIVED!



The Outreach Services Team's cookbooks have arrived! Please stop by to pick up cookbooks you preordered and/or to purchase more as gifts. You do not need to have preordered to buy a cookbook! They will be available outside the Parish Office on December 14 & 15 and December 21 & 22. This year's cookbook is \$20. We have a limited amount of 2016 cookbooks that are available for \$10 or \$25 if you

purchase both. Please pay by cash or check made out to St. Charles Parish. Thank you for supporting this ministry!





## REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE SKI CLUB FOR 2025 SEASON

Registration is open! This is a great opportunity to ski and snowboard this winter — first-time beginners are encouraged! Students, parents, and parish members are ALL WELCOME to join! For more information, please check the NEWS story on the website.

**The deadline to register is December 16, 2024!**

**Location:** Little Switzerland, Slinger, WI (35 min. north of St. Charles)

### Dates & Time: 4 outings

Friday evening, 4pm-9pm, January 10, 2025  
Friday evening, 4pm-9pm, January 24, 2025  
Friday evening, 4pm-9pm, February 7, 2025  
Friday evening, 4pm-9pm, February 28, 2025

For questions, please email [skiclub@stcharleshartland.org](mailto:skiclub@stcharleshartland.org).



## 2024 HARTLAND LIGHTS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

Visit downtown Hartland on **Friday, December 6, 2024** for Hartland's tree lighting. Visit downtown businesses for fun activities, enjoy horse drawn carriage rides and a holiday themed drone show. Festivities are 5:30-9 pm in downtown Hartland!

## COME JOIN THE ST. CHARLES CAROLERS!

Be a St. Charles Caroler and sing by the tree in the Hartland Town Square for Hartland's Official Tree Lighting, "Hartland Lights" on **Friday, December 6 from 6pm - 6:30pm**. Carolers are invited to rehearse on **Monday, December 2, 6pm - 7pm in the St. Charles choir loft**. Refreshments and Holiday Activities are planned throughout the evening.

## St. Charles Parish and School 2025 Gala

# JAZZ & Generosity

The trumpeters and singers were heard as a single voice praising and giving thanks to the LORD. ~ 2 Chronicles 5:13

## 2025 GALA SAVE THE DATE

Save the date for our Parish & School Gala on February 22, 2025 at the Delafield Hotel! This year's theme is A Night of Jazz and Generosity. Swing into action and join the rhythm of giving! Explore exciting sponsorships, volunteer roles, and donor opportunities on our website. In the spirit of jazz and gratitude, share your most treasured assets — your time and talent — to support the parish that enriches our community. Visit the parish website to get involved!



## CHRISTMAS AND GIVING!

The Holiday Train will arrive on **Sunday, December 8th, 2024 at 5:45 pm**. St. Charles' St. Vincent de Paul Conference will be collecting funds and non-perishable food items for our local pantry and the Hartland Food Pantry. There will be several drop off sites near or along Cottonwood and Pawling Avenues. Help the needy in our community while having a wonderful time celebrating the Christmas season.

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## SISTERS OF LIFE

Visit to the ARCHDIOCESE of MILWAUKEE

**The Sisters of Life, a religious order devoted to the Pro-Life Movement, will be speaking across the Archdiocese of Milwaukee about their mission to promote a culture of life in America, and how you can help!**

**7:00 p.m. — Introduction to the Mission**

**7:30 p.m. — Adoration with Music**

**8:00 p.m. — Meet & Greet**

### Locations

**Thursday, December 5**  
St. Francis de Sales Parish  
148 W. Main St.  
Lake Geneva, WI 53147

**Friday, December 6**  
St. Jerome Parish  
995 S. Silver Lake St.  
Oconomowoc, WI 53066

**Saturday, December 7**  
Church of the Immaculate Conception  
1023 E. Russell Ave.  
Milwaukee, WI 53207

**Sunday, December 8**  
St. John Vianney Catholic Church  
1755 N. Calhoun Rd.  
Brookfield, WI 53005

### THE CATHOLIC STUDY CLUB

**Our luncheon will be on Tuesday, December 10th.** Following the luncheon the holiday entertainment will be by Ascende men's quartet. **Reservations are required and due by December 1st.** Please call Jane at 262-549-3803.





**LIGHT UP THE NIGHT-HARTLAND**

**4th Annual**



**\$10/kit  
Each kit:  
5 candles  
and  
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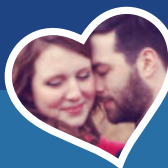
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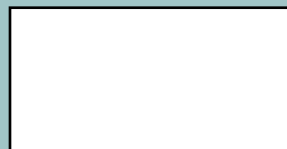
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