

Stewardship Starts at Home



St. Francis Solanus
2020 Stewardship Renewal

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Whether “home” is a studio apartment for one, or a house bursting at the seams with family, a stewardship way of life begins at home. Each household that makes up St. Francis Solanus is a small part of our larger, extended parish family. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches that each of our homes, “can and should be called a domestic church” (2204). That is why it is so important to live as Christian stewards in every aspect of daily life, beginning right in our very own homes.

At St. Francis Solanus, we have adopted stewardship as a way of life for our parish family. As we enter into this time of Renewal, we are focusing in particular on daily life within each of our “domestic churches” and asking ourselves if we are truly living as Christian stewards every day of the week.



“Love is shown by little things, by attention to small daily signs which make us feel at home. Faith grows when it is lived and shaped by love. That is why our families, our homes, are true domestic churches.” – Pope Francis



Stewardship of Time

How we spend our time at home says a lot about who we are and what is important to us. When we make God the center of our homes by committing to daily time with Him in prayer as our highest priority, He will transform our lives. How will you commit to use your time in the year ahead so that God is truly the center of your home?

Consider these ideas to help you get started:

- If you are married, pray together each day as a couple. Start with a daily prayer that Jesus Himself recommends, the Our Father!
- Commit to saying grace before meals and have every family member add a prayer of thanks for some blessing received that day.
- Spend five or 10 minutes reflecting on the daily Gospel reading.
- Remember that your home is a gift from the Lord — make sure that what you allow in your home (TV, Internet use, music) honors Him.

Stewardship of Talent

We have been created in the image and likeness of an infinitely talented and endlessly creative God. That means young or old, healthy or infirm, we all have talents. And God gave us these talents with a specific purpose and mission in mind — a mission that evolves and changes over time, but a mission that is meant to be ours for a lifetime. The first “mission field” of course is our own homes. Let’s ask ourselves how we can best use our talents in the year ahead to serve each other well in our homes, in our parish family, and in our wider community.

Pray about the following possibilities:

- Commit to serving at a parish event or in a ministry as a family this year. (You will be using your talents and bonding as a family at the same time!)
- Parents and children alike can commit to one extra act of service to a family member every day (doing a siblings’ chore, reading to a young one, coloring a picture for a grandparent).
- If you are homebound, consider ways you can serve right from home — helping with phone calls or emails for a ministry, or offering skills like sewing or baking for parish events. There are countless ways to serve God’s kingdom.



Stewardship of Treasure

“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus” (Phil 4:6-7). We all want peace in our homes. God desires this peace for us, too, more deeply than we can comprehend. We obtain it by trusting completely in His love and provision for us. What does money have to do with this? For the true steward, money has a spiritual component. When used according to God’s will, our income becomes a sort of prayer — an expression of our devotion to God, and our trust in His plan for our lives. Our spending habits are also a reflection of what we value most. God asks us to trust Him in all things, even our finances, so that He can fill our hearts and homes with His peace.

Try challenging yourself in the following ways this year:

- Take a look at your current budget and spending habits, and assess what expenses are preventing you from giving more selflessly.
- Ask yourself if your family budget reflects your true priorities so that your spending is a reflection of the values of your Catholic faith.
- Commit to giving a percentage of your income to God through the parish offertory and be faithful to this commitment as an expression of your trust in God.
- Choose a charity that you and your family are passionate about and set a goal of giving a certain amount.



St. Francis Solanus 2020 Parish Ministries

Adult Formation

Bible Study

Various Bible studies are offered August through November, and January through April. Contact Brad Kendrick for the current study being offered.

Contact: Brad Kendrick, 217-430-2593, bdken11.1@gmail.com

Divorce & Beyond

This is an eight-week program for individuals recovering from the often painful process of divorce, where participants meet to draw spiritual strength from each other in coping with their individual situations. The program is offered periodically on Monday nights from 7-8:30 p.m.

Contact: Julie Erwin, 217-257-5313, julie.gunn@comcast.net

Evenings with Engaged

A marriage preparation program led by married couples and designed to provide engaged couples with good communication skills and an appreciation for the Sacrament of Matrimony through sessions that take place within the year of marriage preparation. Some training is offered.

Contact: John and Jayne Lammers, 217-223-5793, lammerjo@hotmail.com

RCIA – Team Member/Sponsor

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the ancient process by which the Catholic Church initiates its new members. Team members can help by facilitating sessions, breaking open the Sunday Scriptures during the Sunday dismissal or assisting the RCIA coordinator. RCIA sponsors assist the candidates and catechumens by journeying alongside

them during the process. Sponsors attend sessions and help introduce and incorporate those in the process into parish life. Sessions are held weekly, typically starting in the fall. Contact: Mike Holbrook, 217-653-5555, mholbrook@stfrancissolanus.com

Youth Formation

Liturgy of the Word for Children Leader

Children from kindergarten through fourth grade are dismissed with a catechist to experience their own Liturgy of the Word at the 9 a.m. Mass, from September through May. There is a rotation among the volunteer adults.

Contact: Kristy Henrichs, 217-653-6181, kristyhenrichs@outlook.com

PSR Catechist

The Parish School of Religion provides religious education for our parish children who attend the public schools in grades 1-8. Catechists facilitate the lesson each week with projects and activities. Materials for classroom preparation are provided. Men and women who desire to share faith and time with our young people are needed.

Contact: Mike Holbrook, 217-653-5555, mholbrook@stfrancissolanus.com

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School teaches our children about their faith in a fun, activity-filled atmosphere. Usually held the third week of June, adult and junior high volunteers are needed to teach, lead small groups, prepare food, and help with crafts, games and music.

Contact: Wendy Steinkamp, 217-224-3949, wsteinkamp@quincynotredame.org

Parish Life

Couples Prayer Group

The purpose of this group is to create a place to learn more about your faith and improve your prayer life with your spouse. It is not always easy to put God at the center in today's world, but support always helps! We meet the third Sunday of every month after the 11 a.m. Mass in the Parish Center. We have childcare provided for those who RSVP the number of children. Different couples lead every month. We have a Facebook page — search “St. Francis Couples Prayer Group.”

Contact: Tyler and Emily Wellman,
217-257-3536, wellmanemilyr@yahoo.com

Holiday Bazaar

Our parish hosts an annual Holiday Bazaar the first weekend in December. All parishioners and parish organizations are invited to attend and volunteer time working at the bazaar, as well as set up and tear down after the bazaar. Parishioner donations of gift cards, theme baskets and baked goods for the various booths are needed.

Contact: Angel Miranda, 217-316-0038,
angel_miranda0504@yahoo.com

Holy Name Society

The Holy Name is the charter group of Boy Scout Troup 22. All men of St. Francis Parish are members. Money is raised with a pancake and sausage breakfast on the third Sunday in October, the sale of fruit baskets at Christmas, a golf outing, and other events. All proceeds are given to the church, school, the Boy Scouts and St. Francis Food Pantry. Each year on Ascension Thursday, the men have a free dinner and a special speaker. Meetings are held about once every other month.

Contact: Steve Obert, 217-577-4040,
stevenobert@att.com

Ladies of St. Francis

All women of the parish ages 18 and up are invited to become involved in the Ladies of St. Francis. This group enjoys an evening together several times a year with dinner, a program with entertainment, and an opportunity to grow in fellowship as Christian women. The ladies also support the stewardship needs of the parish.

Contact: Rita Lammers, 217-577-4205,
ritabrinkman@gmail.com



Parish Picnic

The primary function of this group is to plan the annual Parish Picnic that is held in the month of June and includes food, games for children and adults, raffles and music. The responsibilities are to participate and recruit volunteers to assist in the various game and food booths and other jobs related to the picnic. The group meets as needed during the year.

Contact: Gabe and Kelly Wheeler, 217-779-8322, KIshepard8@gmail.com;
Nathan and Amy Slough, 217-740-4711 aslough@hotmail.com;
Larry and Marsha Collins, 217-430-2828, mcollins@stfrancissolanus.com

Quilters

Quilting is done each Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and sometimes on Tuesdays mornings from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Members give what time they have available during these hours. Two queen-size quilts and two baby quilts are donated to St. Francis each year. The group does hand quilting, machine quilt

piecing, and machine sewing. Come try our group – we visit while we quilt, and we will teach you how to quilt.

Contact: Minnie Jo Glisan, 217-222-6727, MJG41916@gmail.com;
Rosemary Duesterhaus, 217-222-0827, jrduesterhaus@sbcglobal.net

Scouting

Both Boy and Girl Scout groups are available to foster physical, emotional and spiritual development, as well as citizenship, teamwork, responsibility and leadership in our young people. Adult leaders and helpers are needed to support the programs and activities offered.

Contact: Troop 22 Boy Scouts – John Hamann, 217-617-1366, 22scouting@gmail.com;
Pack 22 Cub Scouts – Keith Wiemelt, 217-257-8376, kbwiemelt@gmail.com;
Troop 225 BSA Girls Troop – Marsha Collins, 217-430-2828, mcollins@stfrancissolanus.com;
Troop 5184 Girl Scouts – Alice Arnold, 217-440-6135, beanie1217@gmail.com



Secular Franciscans

Secular Franciscans are the lay people's branch of the Franciscan Order begun by St. Francis of Assisi. Gatherings with prayer, formation and fellowship are held the third Sunday of each month. All Catholics are invited.

Contact: Deb Moffitt, 309-221-1564,
dandebmoffitt@gmail.com

St. Francis Community Assistance

Inspired by Gospel values, the St. Francis Community Assistance Ministry leads women and men to join together and grow spiritually by offering help to those in need. Services are provided to both parishioners and community members. One of the main services is providing groceries to those who are in need through the parish food pantry. Some of the other services provided to parishioners include visiting those in nursing homes, sending birthday cards to those 80 years and older, providing sympathy Mass cards when a parishioner has lost a family member in death, delivering poinsettias to parishioners who are 90 and older, providing holiday food baskets/boxes to parishioners who are in need, and collecting bread from Panera to be shared with parishioners and food pantry recipients. The last Tuesday of each month, a team of 12 ministry members helps prepare and serve a meal at Horizons Soup Kitchen. Meetings are held quarterly the first Monday in March, June, September and December at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center.

Contact: Mary Beth McGee,
217-430-1533,
ambmcgee1416@gmail.com

Young Moms Together

All moms and their young children are invited to share coffee, conversation, a time of prayer and Scripture reflection, while forming and strengthening friendships. Come whenever you can. The group meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. It is held in Solanus Hall from 9 to 10:30 a.m. from mid-September through May.

Contact: Sarah Venvertloh,
217-577-6490, zanger_s@yahoo.com;
Jane Haas, 217-257-0533,
jfthaas@hotmail.com

Services

Angel Dusters

The "angels" help in the weekly cleanup of the church on Thursday mornings at 8:30 a.m. They maintain the areas of the vestibules, pews, sanctuary and sacristy.

Contact: Jean Jesberg, 217-316-3016

Austin's Army

On Monday mornings, men of the parish assist with special projects around the church and school. From painting the old to building the new, men are needed to give of their handyman skills to restore and rebuild St. Francis Solanus.

Contact: Tom Rakers, 217-316-3834

Flower Committee

To enhance liturgical celebrations and reflect the current liturgical season, our worship space is decorated with banners, flowers and art. Volunteers with artistic or interior design skills are needed to plan the space, as well as people who can assist with the physical needs of preparing our sanctuary for worship.

Contact: Doris Karhoff, 217-224-1516,
mdkarhoff@yahoo.com

Funeral Dinners

As a service to the family who is grieving, our parish provides a dinner immediately following the funeral service. Multiple teams care for Monday through Saturday dinners. Additional teams are needed to prepare and serve a meal.

Contact: *Marcia Tushaus, 217-222-3370;*
David Hildebrand, 217-455-3822;
parishcomm@stfrancissolanus.com

Hospitality Host/Hostess

Volunteers assist in hosting a dinner or refreshments for various parish events and/or provide baked goods or a dish for an event.

Contact: *Linda Zanger, 217-257-8227,*
mikezanger09@comcast.net;
Marcia Steinkamp, 217-440-9581,
steinkamp1974@gmail.com

Little Lambs Childcare

Childcare for young children ages 1-5 will be offered during 9 a.m. Mass in the small conference room on the west side of the Parish Center. Contact us for more information or if you'd like to help volunteer. Student helpers would be appreciated.

Contact: *Liz Gengenbacher,*
217-257-5369,
lizgengenbacher@yahoo.com

Parish Nursing Program

The Parish Nursing Program assists parishioners in integrating faith and health. Activities include visits to parishioners in their homes, nursing homes and the hospital as needed. Blood pressure screenings are also done after Masses on designated weekends.

Contact: *Helen Zimmerman, RN, BSN,*
217-222-4836, zimmh@comcast.net

Rosary Makers

The Rosary Makers foster a devotion to Our Lady by making rosaries and placing them in the back of the church for all to use. Parishioners are invited to take them home and grow in their Marian devotion.

Contact: *Phil and Sherry Kemner,*
217-224-4911

Other Talents

If you have other talents you want to share with the parish, please write them in on your Commitment Card. Examples include gardening, grounds work, advertising, public relations, photography, graphic design, telephoning, etc.

Contact:
parishcomm@stfrancissolanus.com

Leadership Councils

Liturgy Planning Committee

The Liturgy Planning Committee collaborates with the pastor on the spiritual and worship needs of the parish. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Contact: *Joselyn Cafun, 217-653-3021,*
momcafun@yahoo.com;
Cindy Reichert, 217-224-9694,
cindyr0814@yahoo.com

Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council collaborates with the pastor on the spiritual and social growth of the parish. It seeks to foster parish unity, assess parish needs, develop parish programs, coordinate parish activities, encourage parish participation in spiritual and apostolic life, and provide a forum for parish dialogue. The council meets on the third Tuesday of the month from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Contact: *Monica Hinkamper,*
10isfam@sbcglobal.net, 217-653-6400

Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship Committee is responsible for developing stewardship as a way of life at St. Francis. They evaluate the Stewardship efforts of the parish, assist with the Stewardship Renewal, and follow up with leaders concerning ministry participation, meeting on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Contact: Marcia Steinkamp,
217-224-5665,
steinkamp1974@gmail.com

Liturgical Ministries

Adult Funeral Mass Servers

Adult volunteers fill the ministries of Mass as server, reader and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion at parish funerals. An excellent opportunity for retired, men, women or couples, to offer about an hour and a half occasionally. Training will be provided. You are contacted on a rotational basis when there is a funeral, to see if you are available to serve the funeral Mass. This is a great, rewarding ministry to help families that lost a loved one.

Contact: Jim Nauert, 217-223-7021

Altar Servers

The altar servers assist the priest during Mass by participating in the entrance procession and presentation of the gifts, as well as holding the prayer books. This is open to boys and girls, fifth grade through high school, as well as adults. Training is provided.

Contact: Misty Cramsey, 217-242-5601,
misty.cramsey@yahoo.com

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

These ministers assist the priest and deacon with the distribution of the Holy Eucharist and Precious Blood at Mass. Ministers receive the opportunity for spiritual enrichment to help deepen their faith and reverence for the sacred presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Communion Ministers must be in full communion with the Church and must have received the Sacrament of Confirmation. There is a rotation among those who offer their services.

Contact: Steve and Geri McMillen,
217-222-6739,
stevelmcmillen@yahoo.com



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Sick

Some members of our parish are unable to attend Mass due to age, illness or other circumstances that make them homebound or in a nursing facility. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are needed to ensure these parishioners receive the Eucharist in their home, nursing facility or at Good Samaritan Home on Sunday mornings.

Contact: Homebound –
Carolyn Briddle, 217-222-0725;
Nursing Homes – Geri McMillen,
217-222-6739, stevelmcmillen@yahoo.com

Gift Bearers

Families, couples and individuals who would like to present the gifts of bread and wine at the preparation of the gifts on Sunday.

Contact: Cindy Reichert, 217-224-9694,
cindyr0814@yahoo.com

Good Samaritan Mass Group

This group of parishioners helps transport residents to and from the chapel at Good Samaritan Home. They also minister as readers, Communion ministers, and music ministers at Masses, which are on Thursdays at 10 a.m.

Contact: Roger and Phyllis Knuffman,
217-223-9844, rknuffman@att.net

Greeters

Greeters create a welcoming environment before Mass by offering a friendly greeting as newcomers and parishioners enter the church. Greeters receive persons attending with a smile and a friendly demeanor, helping those who need assistance.

Contact: Cindy Reichert, 217-224-9694,
cindyr0814@yahoo.com



Readers

Readers proclaim the Word of God at Mass in an inspiring and meaningful way. They carefully review the Scripture passages and practice reading them aloud before coming to church. Training is provided as needed and there is a rotation among those who offer their services.

Contact: Janet Zeidler, 217-779-0290,
rjz2010@hotmail.com

Sacristans

Sacristans work behind the scenes to ensure that our liturgies run smoothly. They assist in preparation for Mass by setting out the sacred vessels, bread and wine, etc., for weekend and weekday Masses.

Contact: Fr. Arisman, 217-222-2898,
sarisman@stfrancissolanus.com

Ushers

Men, women and families serve at Mass by assisting people to their seat, collecting the offertory and directing the flow of people during Communion every weekend. The ushers likewise ask families or individuals to bring up the gifts at the Preparation of the Gifts. The ushers are also keenly aware of security concerns and are prepared to make contact with authorities, should the need arise.

Contact: Usher Coordinator –
Kelvin Hufendick, 217-964-2550,
kwh@adams.net;
Security Liaison for ushers –
Ron Gengenbacher, 217-316-6837,
rong76@hotmail.com

Music Ministries

Cantors and Musicians

Cantors and musicians lead the assembly in song during weekend Masses and on Holy Days. There is a rotation among those who offer their services. Please help lead our congregation in prayer! As St. Augustine once said, "Singing is praying, twice!"

Contact: Jill Steinkamp, 217-257-2253, jsteinkamp@stfrancissolanus.com

Funeral Choir

Men and women available to sing weekdays or Saturday mornings for funerals are invited to join this choir.

Contact: Mary Lou Rakers, 217-653-0337;
Mary Ann VonderHaar, 217-223-4152

9 a.m. Mass Parish Choir

This choir is a group of dedicated men and women who give their time and talent to enhance the Liturgical Services of our parish. Many of our members have never sung in a choir before, but through commitment and weekly rehearsals, are able to develop their musical talents. The choir primarily sings at the 9 a.m. Mass.

Contact: Jill Steinkamp, 217-257-2253, jsteinkamp@stfrancissolanus.com

11 a.m. Mass Youth Choir

This group is open to students in grades 5-12 and provides both vocal and instrumental music at the 11 a.m. Mass on the fourth Sunday of each month. Practices are twice a month on Fridays after school.

Contact: Jill Steinkamp, 217-257-2253, jsteinkamp@stfrancissolanus.com



School Ministries

St. Francis School Parent & Teacher Organization (PTO)

PTO is a group of parents and teachers, and is intended to be a vehicle through which families and the school can work together in a spirit of harmony and teamwork to develop, promote and protect the vision and mission of the school. Throughout the school year, they coordinate programs, services and fundraisers that enhance the quality of the school. All parents and staff are welcome to join this organization and earn service hours while working on this ministry. If you want to help make our parish school the best it can be, join PTO!

Contact: *Erin VonderHaar*,
217-257-9011, astnurse2005@yahoo.com

Solanus Saints

Solanus Saints is a group of parishioners whose mission is to help every student in our school reach his or her full potential. We mentor and tutor students who need extra help; assist in classrooms so teachers can focus on a student or group of students; help after school running copies, making bulletin boards, and assembling projects. If you are a retired teacher willing to tutor and mentor a student, a parishioner who could listen to a student read or work on math, or someone who wants to offer after-hours support assembling projects or making copies, Solanus Saints is a wonderful way to minister to St. Francis School.

Contact: *Julie Schuetz*, 217-440-6781,
jasschuetz@gmail.com

School Landscaping

This committee of volunteers would be responsible for the seasonal care of the school grounds. Tasks may include

planting and watering of flowers, trimming of bushes and planting grass where needed. This group may also clean memorial stones and plaques that are positioned by the side of the building. We would like to project a positive curb appeal to our visitors.

Contact: *Tom Friye*, 217-223-6490,
ntfriye@yahoo.com

Catholic Organizations And Ministries In Our Community

Birthright of Quincy

Birthright of Quincy is a non-profit, non-judgmental, non-denominational service organization operated completely by volunteers. The mission of Birthright of Quincy is to offer basic emotional and practical support that every pregnant woman and girl needs in order for her to bring her child into the world and beyond. Birthright also provides support they need to make educated and responsible decisions regarding their future and that of their babies. Visit www.birthrightquincyl.org for more information.

Contact: *Patty Adam*, 217-440-8388,
pattybilla@att.net;
Birthright of Quincy, 217-224-1277

Cursillo

The Cursillo Movement is a powerful instrument of renewal in the Church. Its aim is to concentrate on the Person and teachings of Jesus Christ. It begins on Thursday evening and ends the following Sunday night with those attending working together and listening to talks given by priests and lay persons.

Contact: *Russ and Terri Rohrer*,
217-617-7778, trohrer@earthlink.net

Knights of Columbus

Knights of Columbus Council #583 is a fraternal organization. The Knights are organized into a series of degrees for members based on their four basic principles – Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. The Knights have been well known for service through the years. Visit www.quincykofc.org for more information. Contact: John Veith, 217-653-0258, veithj76@gmail.com

Ladies of Charity

The Ladies of Charity is a Vincentian organization whose motto is “To serve rather than be served, in humility, simplicity, and charity.” The purpose is to assist the poor. Volunteers staff a Center at 4th and State, where items are distributed for free, on Mondays and Fridays. Ladies of Charity volunteers also staff a Thrift Store at 24th and Elm, where donated items are sold from Tuesday through Saturday. Contact: Jane Haas, 217-257-0533, jfthaas@hotmail.com

Quest

Great River Quest is a very fast-paced, 24-hour retreat for eighth through 10th-graders! The youth learn about God, friendship and self, all while praying, playing and sharing in an exciting, fun-filled and thoughtful environment. These retreats are guided by adults and other teens. Visit www.greatrivertec.org for more information. Contact: Caroline Wiewel, 217-430-6086, questcoordinator@greatrivertec.org

Right to Life of Adams County

Our mission is the education of the public on pro-life issues. Our main focus is the abortion issue. Volunteer opportunities include: helping at our booth at the Adams County Fair, helping at our annual dinner in October, helping promote our Pennies for Life campaign in the churches, and becoming a board member. Contact: Lynn Schlipmann, 217-223-6658, lschlipmann@yahoo.com

Teens Encounter Christ (TEC)

Great River Teens Encounter Christ is a three-day weekend retreat for teens age 16-21, with focus on the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Teams of adults, young adults and teens help guide participants by sharing their experiences – struggles, joy and feelings – in their own lives and friendship with Jesus Christ. Visit www.greatrivertec.org for more information. Contact: Kelli Lunt, Executive Director, executivedirector@greatrivertec.org

White House Retreats

The White House Jesuit Retreat Center in the South County area of St. Louis offers two and three-day silent retreats for both men and women. Retreats are based on the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola. Private accommodations and family-style meals are furnished for the retreatants. Contact: John Farwell, 217-222-3330, jcmkfarwell@gmail.com

Answer the Call

All parishioners are encouraged to answer the call to live Stewardship as a way of life — starting with our families. You can answer that call by participating in our annual Stewardship Renewal. Please take the time to review the materials in this packet, and prayerfully consider how you can offer Christ a portion of your family's time, talent, and treasure this year.

Then, take a few moments to fill out the enclosed Commitment Card. The Commitment Card enables you to make a written commitment to God of how and where you desire to place Him first.

Please Keep Until Fall 2021



Thank you.

You are **building** your domestic church by **deepening** and **living** your faith in our parish community.

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