



*For a child is  
born to us,*



*a son is given us.*

Isaiah 9:5





**MASSES FOR THIS WEEK**

**Monday, December 26-St. Stephen**

7:00 am Dorothy Ruenzi by Vern Berg (Holy Family)

**Tuesday, December 27-St. John**

8:00 am An Increase of Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life by the Donna Tiezzi Estate (St. Patrick's)

4:30-5 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Holy Family)

5:00 pm Wes O'Donoghue by Godparents, Deb Edwards & Dan O'Donoghue (Holy Family)

(followed with Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena)

**Wednesday, December 28-The Holy Innocents**

7:00 am Deceased Members of the Helene Davis Family by the Estate (Holy Family)

8:00 am Mack Family by Dr. & Mrs. David Mack (St. Patrick's)

8:30 am No Mass at this time today-CCS not in session.

**Thursday, December 29-St. Thomas Becket**

7:00 am Dorothy Paulis by Norma M. Dowdle (Holy Family)

9 am-6:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Holy Family)  
 (with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 9-11 am and 2-6:00 pm)

12 Noon Recitation of the Rosary (Holy Family)

6:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet Meditation (Holy Family)

**Friday, December 30-The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

7:00 am Edward W. Higgins by Wayne & Marlene Schrader (Holy Family)

12 Noon Doc Jason by Mary Lou Jason & Family (St. Thomas Aquinas)

**Saturday, December 31-St. Sylvester I**

4:00 pm Charles Eckert by Gwen Rosenfeld (St. Patrick's)

3:45-4:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Holy Family)

5:00 pm William M. Hickey by John & Joyce Hickey (Holy Family)

**Sunday, January 1-Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord**

8:00 am Agnes "Ma" O'Donoghue by Bill & Jeri Dennis (Holy Family)

8:30 am Deceased Members of the Dee Family by the Dee Family (St. Patrick's)

9:00 am Bill & Mary Ann Bottoms by Their Family (St. Mary's)

10:00 am Agnes Reichle by Crystal Tibbs (Holy Family)

10:30 am Elenore Oberlander by Donald Oberlander (St. Thomas Aquinas)

**Weekly Parish Support from Collections**

**Holy Family (December 17/18)**

Adults, Young Adults & Children	\$ 6,287.55
Loose	\$ 224.24
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,511.79</b>

**St. Mary's (December 18)**

Adults, Young Adults & Children	\$ 418.00
Loose	\$ 49.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 467.50</b>

**St. Patrick's (December 17/18)**

Adults	\$ 1,137.00
Loose	\$ 105.25
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,242.25</b>

**St. Thomas Aquinas (December 18)**

Adults	\$ 485.00
Loose	\$ 29.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 514.00</b>

**Ministry Schedule for Sunday, January 1**

**St. Mary's**

Reader: Ed Jodlowski  
Servers: Genna VanWye & Nick VanWye

**St. Patrick's**

Eucharistic Ministers: Karen Bender, John Olson & Frank Schreiner  
Reader: Lois Olson  
Servers: Carly Powell & Lauren Powell  
Ushers: Tim Gleason & Phil Koeberlein  
Gift Bearers: Ushers

**St. Thomas Aquinas**

Eucharistic Ministers: Phil Bertoni, Madonna Boyle & Joe Scanavino  
Reader: Kathy Miller  
Servers: Leah Beckers & Ainsley Chandler  
Ushers: Rick Davis & Roger Edgecombe  
Gift Bearers: Ushers

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK**

Mon., Dec. 26 Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 / Psalm 31:3-4,6,8,16-17 / Matthew 10:17-22 ♦ Tue., Dec. 27 1 John 1:1-4 / Psalm 97:1-2,5-6,11-12 / John 20:1-8 ♦ Wed., Dec. 28 1 John 1:5—2:2 / Psalm 124:2-5,7-8 / Matthew 2:13-18 ♦ Thu., Dec. 29 1 John 2:3-11 / Psalm 96:1-3,5-6 / Luke 2:22-35 ♦ Fri., Dec. 30 Sirach 3:2-6,12-14 / Psalm 128:1-5 / Colossians 3:12-21 / Luke 2:22-40 ♦ Sat., Dec. 31 1 John 2:18-21 / Psalm 96:1-2,11-13 / John 1:1-18 ♦ Sun., Jan. 1 Numbers 6:22-27 / Psalm 67:2-3,5-6,8 / Galatians 4:4-7 / Luke 2:16-21

**Senior Citizen Mass & Luncheon:** The next Senior Citizen Mass & Luncheon will be held on Thursday, January 12 with Mass celebrated at 11:15 am at Holy Family Church and the luncheon following at the Carroll Catholic School cafeteria. Please call the school (732-7518) to let them know you wish to eat lunch, so they can get a more accurate count for food.



*The Child's  
Father And Mother  
Were Amazed At  
What Was Said  
About Him.*

## MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

### Monday, January 2-Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

7:00 am Robert Berg by the Berg Family (Holy Family)

### Tuesday, January 3-The Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:00 am Stanley Buttell by the Sandra Buttell Family (St. Patrick's)

4:30-5 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Holy Family)

5:00 pm Edward Migielicz by Frances (Holy Family)  
(followed with Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena)

### Wednesday, January 4-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

7:00 am Janet Henrichsmeyer by K of C Ladies Auxiliary (Holy Family)

8:00 am Sister Viola, OSF by Donna Tiezzi (St. Patrick's)

8:30 am Steve Pluth by Mr. & Mrs. Jack Peifer (Holy Family)

### Thursday, January 5-St. John Neumann

7:00 am Elizabeth "Beth" Morris by Steve & Sarah Aughenbaugh (Holy Family)

9 am-6:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Holy Family)  
(with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 9-11 am and 2-6:00 pm)

12 Noon Recitation of the Rosary (Holy Family)

6:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet Meditation (Holy Family)

### Friday, January 6-St. Andre Bessette

7:00 am All Souls (Holy Family)

12 Noon Kenneth Connolley by Lloyd & Bernadine Little (St. Thomas Aquinas)

1:30 pm Cozette Reichle by Dr. & Mrs. David Mack  
(Mass will be held at St. Clara's Manor.)

### Saturday, January 7-St. Raymond of Penyafort

4:00 pm An Increase of Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life  
by the Donna Tiezzi Estate (St. Patrick's)

3:45-4:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Holy Family)

5:00 pm Paul Verderber by Dr. & Mrs. David Mack (Holy Family)

### Sunday, January 8-The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 am Bob Graue by Jeanne Connolley (Holy Family)

8:30 am Agnes Freymuth by the Bottrell Family (St. Patrick's)

9:00 am Deceased Members of the Tiezzi Family by the Donna  
Tiezzi Estate (St. Mary's)

10:00 am William "Bill" Hardin by Janet & Jerry Langenbahn (Holy Family)

10:30 am Walter Davis by the Rick Davis Family (St. Thomas Aquinas)

Weekly Parish Support from the  
December 24/25 and December 31, 2011/  
January 1, 2012 Collections will be  
posted in the January 8 bulletin.

### Ministry Schedule for Sunday, January 8

#### St. Mary's

Reader: Jennifer Craig

Servers: Jared Nicholas & Zachary Craig

#### St. Patrick's

Eucharistic Ministers: Lori Bobell, Alicia  
Durchholz & Gary Durchholz

Reader: Ray Smith

Servers: Leah Anderson & Rachel  
Durchholz

Ushers: Bill Gleason & Mike Schmidt

Gift Bearers: Ushers

#### St. Thomas Aquinas

Eucharistic Ministers: Julie Cowan, Bob  
McCue & Mark Miller

Reader: Joe Scanavino

Servers: Hannah Riedle & Noah Riedle

Ushers: Kevin Knauer & Bob McCue

Gift Bearers: Ushers

### SHARING THEIR TALENTS!

The Holy Family

Christmas Eve

musical prelude is

provided by the

following Holy

Family student

musicians: Lauren

Graue, Jennifer

Huynh, Lexi Morris,

Alice Roate, Murphy Roate, Melissa Van

and Jordan Yarcho.



### Holiday Office Hours!

The parish office will be open from Monday,  
December 26-Thursday, December 29 from  
9 am-12 Noon only. The office is closed  
every Friday throughout the year.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Mon., Jan. 2 1 John 2:22-28 / Psalm 98:1-4 / John 1:19-28 ♦ Tue., Jan. 3 1 John 2:29—3:6 / Psalm 98:1,3-6 / John 1:29-34 ♦ Wed., Jan. 4 1 John 3:7-10 / Psalm 98:1,7-9 / John 1:35-42 ♦ Thu., Jan. 5 1 John 3:11-21 / Psalm 100:1-5 / John 1:43-51 ♦ Fri., Jan. 6 1 John 5:5-13 / Psalm 147:12-15,19-20 / Mark 1:7-11 ♦ Sat., Jan. 7 1 John 5:14-21 / Psalm 149:1-6,9 / John 2:1-11 ♦ Sun., Jan. 8 Isaiah 60:1-6 / Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,10-13 / Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6 / Matthew 2:1-12

**CHRISTMAS GIVING FOR OUR PRIESTS:** If you wish to give a monetary Christmas donation to our priests, you must mark your donation as such. If you give cash, please put your gift in an envelope marked with the priest(s) name on it or if you wish to give a check, please make out the check to the priest(s). Any donations put in the Christmas contribution envelopes that come in the monthly packets do not go to the parish priests.

### **Week of December 25**

The sanctuary candle at Holy Family Church is lit this week In Memory of Wes O'Donoghue requested by Godparents, Deb Edwards & Dan O'Donoghue.

The sanctuary candle at St. Patrick's Church is lit this week for a Special Intention.

### **Week of January 1**

The sanctuary candle at Holy Family Church is lit this week In Memory of Katherine Peifer requested by Greg & Peggy Morrow & Family.

The sanctuary candle at St. Patrick's Church is lit this week for a Special Intention.

## **JANUARY 1 IS FOOD SUNDAY!**

Please bring non-perishable food items for the food pantry to the main entrance of the church and place your food donations in the shopping cart provided. Items that are always needed include: \*\*canned fruit, canned vegetables, spaghetti & egg noodles, spaghetti sauce, saltine crackers, cereal, jello, tuna, soups, navy or pinto beans, pancake mix & syrup, macaroni & cheese and toilet paper. This last month 206 families were served with 402 bags of groceries. **The food pantry is in need of paper grocery bags.** Thank you for all your past support.

Due to the influx of patrons to the Holy Family Food Pantry, more volunteers are needed. The pantry services all those in Logan County. If you wish to be a part of this much needed ministry, please call Jan or Pat Berger at (217) 732-9592. Volunteers usually work a two hour shift each time from either 10 am-12 Noon or 12 Noon to 2 pm on Thursdays.

## **LIFTING UP OUR HEARTS!!**

Learn—Appreciate—Participate

A new edition of the *Roman Missal* - with updated prayers and responses throughout the Mass - is coming.

Gain a deeper understanding of these prayers and the meaning of the Sunday liturgy by using this resource as part of a small faith-sharing community. Six sessions in all. Small communities are forming now! Sign up will be starting on January 9, 2012. For more information or to sign up, please contact Sister Mary Lou at (217) 732-4019.

## **JOHN LANCASTER SPALDING GRANTS**

Tuition assistance scholarship grants will be available for the 2012-2013 school year for students enrolled in or intending to enroll in grades Kindergarten through 12 in any Catholic school located in the Diocese of Peoria whose families are members of a Catholic parish in the diocese. All grants will be based on financial need objectively assessed. Information may be obtained from CCS or on the Diocesan website [www.cdop.org](http://www.cdop.org): Click on EDUCATION; then on OFFICE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS; and then on SPALDING SCHOLARSHIPS. Families of students currently receiving grants are reminded to renew a grant for 2012-2013-you must **reapply**. Deadline for the applications is **February 15, 2012**. Notification of grant awards will be made by mid-April.

## **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Needed!**

**Training to be offered in January 2012 at our Logan County Parishes:** All current Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and those who wish to serve as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (and who meet the below criteria) are invited to stay after a weekend Mass for training. Training will last about 45 minutes.

**Criteria for being an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:** All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion should be mature Catholics in good standing, persons of excellent character, who take their faith seriously, and have respect and reverence for the Eucharist. They must be fully initiated (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist), a practicing Catholic, and a good role model for the congregation. All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are commissioned by the Diocese of Peoria for service to a specific parish for a period of three years.

**All current and new Eucharistic Ministers are required to attend one training session:** You can attend any of the training sessions listed below. Training will take place immediately following Mass and will not last more than 45 minutes.

### **St. Mary's, Atlanta:**

January 8, 2012 after the 9 am Mass

### **St. Patrick's, Elkhart:**

January 14/15, 2012 after the 4 pm Saturday Mass and after the 8:30 am Sunday Mass.

### **St. Thomas, Mt. Pulaski:**

January 15, 2012 after the 10:30 am Sunday Mass.

### **Holy Family, Lincoln:**

January 21/22, 2012 and January 28/29, 2012 after all the weekend Masses.

**For more information or questions,** please contact Sister Mary Lou or Father Laible at (217-732-4019).

A big **THANKS** goes out to all who helped make the Carroll School Drawdown a huge success. The spirit of Christian fellowship was certainly present that evening. We were overwhelmed and humbled by the number of kind words and thanks received from those who attended. Thanks to the dozens of ticket sellers, the team captains, Holy Family parish and Carroll office staff. We would also like to acknowledge the Knights of Columbus for providing the banquet hall, the kitchen crew that prepared the dinner, the Carroll students who cleared the tables and all the volunteers who helped with the drawing. A particular thanks goes out to our MC, the always entertaining Bob Verderber.

Also, thanks to everyone who purchased tickets and attended the event. Due to your generosity, we were able to raise over \$20,000 for the benefit of Catholic education in our parish. Based on your response, we are already planning our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Carroll Drawdown for next fall. Thank you again for your support.

Carroll Catholic Drawdown Committee



**Congratulations to our December drawing winners: \$500 Margaret Blanford/seller, Margaret Blanford; \$250 Ken Tappendorf/seller, Mary Tappendorf; \$150 Phyllis LaMothe/seller, Phyllis LaMothe; and, \$100 Stacy Hanger/seller, Stacy Hanger.**

**Join in the fun of having chances to win \$500 or \$250 or \$150 or \$100. Buy your tickets for \$25 each at Holy Family Parish Office or securely by credit card online at the church website [www.holyfamilylincoln.com](http://www.holyfamilylincoln.com) and you will be entered in the monthly drawing.**

**As always, the winning tickets will be reentered for future drawings. Reminder: ticket buyers and sellers MUST BE 18 or older.**

**The next drawing will take place at 1:30 pm on Wednesday, January 18 at the Parish Office.**

## Cold and Flu Season!

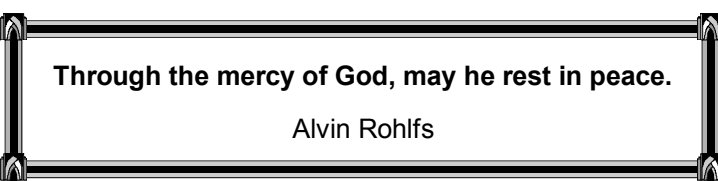
We are again beginning the season when sniffles and colds and other viruses are in the air. Some people are much more at risk from these than the vast majority of us. So, they may choose to offer a simple bow or smile instead of the handshake at the sign of peace; may also choose to abstain from the Eucharistic cup; may sit in a somewhat more protected spot (if available). Do not presume they are being unfriendly. They are taking appropriate cautions.



If someone has a cold, common sense and courtesy would suggest that they refrain from the Eucharistic cup until they have recovered. In every instance, courtesy and sensitivity to others will help us knit together in charity and worship as a community. Let us continue to strengthen the bonds of charity between us and accord one another the maximum of freedom and respect in the Lord.

## Donating to Your Parish!!!!

There is good news if you have reached age 70 ½ and you would like to help your Parish Church. If you have an IRA, the government requires you to distribute a certain minimum amount each year. The current law allows you to donate this amount directly to your Parish Church during 2011 and have it distributed federal - income - tax - free! What a wonderful opportunity for those 70 ½ to help their Parish Church. Please call your tax consultant or call Bill Engelbrecht at the Diocesan Office of Development at (309) 671-1550 .



## Hosting a Blood Drive!

Holy Family Parish would like to host a blood drive during the month of September 2012. No training is involved. Just simple registration duty, assistance in handing out the drinks & snacks and help with preparing the sandwiches ahead of time. Please call Mary Kay Lohrenz at (217) 732-4019 if you are interested in volunteering.

## Partners

*In Education*

Please accept my generous contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

I wish for my gift to be used for \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(Name of donor)

\_\_\_\_\_

(Address)

\_\_\_\_\_

*Please make checks payable to Carroll Catholic School*

## Partners

*In Education*

Partners In Education, or PIE program, is a new initiative at Carroll Catholic School. It is a way for the Carroll community, Holy Family Parish, and the larger community to directly and specifically benefit the students and the mission of CCS.

The PIE program concept is simple. Specific school projects or needed essentials will be posted on the school's website, in the church bulletin, in the Thursday Packet, as well as other places. Requests will range from curriculum materials and classroom equipment, to technology hardware and athletic uniforms. You can browse requests and give any amount to the one that inspires you. This allows you influence over your donation and gives you the ability to connect directly with a classroom and the students.

While the concept is simple, the impact is great. Through your generosity, the students of Carroll Catholic School will continue to have the tools and experiences needed for an excellent education. Thank you for all you do on behalf of Carroll Catholic School.



## Carroll Catholic School Announces December Students of the Month

Each month, teachers select two students from grades 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> and two students from grades 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades to receive Student of the Month awards. Students are chosen based upon Christian attitude, cooperativeness, courteousness, self-discipline and effort.

December students of the month (picture above from left to right) are Sana Wahab (6<sup>th</sup> grade), Julia Huynh (8<sup>th</sup> grade), Isaiah Wahab (3<sup>rd</sup> grade), and Ohm Patel (1<sup>st</sup> grade).

Project	Amount Needed	Amount Contributed
<b>Track Uniforms</b> <i>\$24 each for 60 players</i>	\$1440	\$1330
<b>Science Lab Upgrade</b> Lab Tables (Qty. 6) <i>\$450 each</i> Instructor Station <i>\$1800</i> Science Software \$500 Lab Equipment \$500	\$5500	\$1447
<b>SMART Interactive Whiteboard (Qty. 3)</b> <i>\$2850 each</i>	\$8550	\$50
<b>Guided Reading Sets (Gr. 5-8)</b>	\$1750	<b>FUNDED!</b>
<b>Literacy Tools – Grades 3 &amp; 4</b>	\$484	<b>FUNDED!</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Grade Writing Instr. Tablets</b>	\$39	<b>FUNDED!</b>
<b>Volleyball Jerseys</b> <i>\$30 each for 35 players</i>	\$1050	\$630
<b>Computer Headphones (Qty. 24)</b> <i>\$10 each</i>	\$240	\$160
<b>Bean Bag Chairs</b>	\$80	<b>FUNDED!</b>
<b>Shape-cutting Dies</b> <i>For lessons and bulletin board</i>	\$600	
<b>New Titles for Library</b>	\$500	<b>FUNDED!</b>
<b>Girls Basketball Uniforms</b> Home & Away <i>\$50 each for 25 players</i>	\$2500	
<b>Boys Basketball Uniforms (Away)</b> <i>\$50 each for 25 players</i>	\$1250	
<b>Laminating Machine</b>	\$2000	
<b>Leveled-Reading Novels (Gr. 3 &amp; 4)</b> <i>8 sets @ \$50 per set</i>	\$400	\$50
<b>Chapter Book Class Set (Gr. 3 &amp; 4)</b>	\$150	\$75



## Honoring Our Warriors!!!!

The pictures (above & below) are of one of our brave wounded warriors, Jarred Poppe. Jarred is 19 years old and originally from Colfax, Illinois. He has served in Iraq where he stepped on a land mine and lost both legs. Jarred is shown (in photo above) receiving the first quilt from the St. Mary's & Friends Quilting Guild. The guild presently has over 40 tops ready to quilt, which they will finish and distribute to other wounded warriors, including those at VA facilities.



## Prayer-Chain Information

To request a prayer - send an email to:  
[prayer@hollyfamilylincoln.com](mailto:prayer@hollyfamilylincoln.com)

To subscribe to the email prayer chain - send a blank email to:  
[prayerchain-subscribe@hollyfamilylincoln.com](mailto:prayerchain-subscribe@hollyfamilylincoln.com)

If you do not have e-mail, you may call the parish office to be included in the Prayer Chain.

**ST. MARY'S CHURCH –  
ATLANTA, ILLINOIS**

~**Next Rosary Recitation** will take place on  
Monday, January 2.

**ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH –  
ELKHART, ILLINOIS**

~**Sacristan Needed:** Father Laible seeks a few  
volunteers who would be willing to serve St. Patrick's  
as a sacristan. Duties include: set-up Altar before  
and after weekend Masses, funerals and other  
special events and keep sacristy organized and  
clean, including overseeing the supply of candles,  
hosts and Altar wine. Training would be provided.  
This would require an hour or so of volunteer service  
per week. If interested, please contact Father Laible  
at the Parish Office (217) 732-4019.

~**Upcoming Meetings:** St. Patrick's Parish  
Finance Council will meet at 6 pm in the basement of  
the Church, on January 18, 2012. The St. Patrick's  
Parish Council will meet in the basement of the  
Church, on January 18, 2012 at 7 pm.

**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS  
CHURCH – MT. PULASKI, ILLINOIS**

~**Shelf Sitters:** St. Thomas Aquinas Church shelf  
sitters are available in the back of the church with a  
donation of \$5 for each.

~**DVD's Available:** St. Thomas Aquinas Church  
DVD's are also available in the back of the church for  
a donation offering. These DVD's, created by  
Madonna Boyle, contain photos of St. Thomas  
Aquinas Church, events and members (past and  
present).

~**Epiphany Party:** Due to numerous requests from  
families, St. Thomas Aquinas Church **WILL** be  
hosting an Epiphany Party on January 8, following  
Mass. Families are asked to bring a dish to pass and  
table service. Fried chicken will be provided and all  
parishioners are welcome to attend. NOTE: CCD  
class will not be held on this day.

~**Upcoming Meetings:** St. Thomas Aquinas  
Parish Finance Council will meet at 6 pm in the  
basement of the Church, on January 11, 2012. The  
St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Council will meet in the  
basement of the Church, on January 11, 2012 at 7  
pm.

~**Next Coffee & Donuts** will be held on Sunday,  
January 1 - provided by the Confirmation Class.



Amy



Katy



Mary Kay



Helen Caroline Patty



Nancy Joella Kay Nancy



Rick Greg Wendell Phil Mike

Rick



Ruth

*Merry Christmas  
from  
Holy Family Adult  
Choir* 🎵🎵

**Holy Family Roman Catholic Church, Lincoln  
St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Atlanta  
St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, Elkhart  
St. Thomas Aquinas Roman Catholic Church, Mt. Pulaski  
Carroll Catholic School**

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