

April 19, 2026 • Third Sunday of Easter

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00PM • St Michael
Sunday 8:30AM • St Michael
Sunday 10:30AM • St Mary

Weekday Mass Schedule

Tuesday 12:00PM • St Mary
Adoration begins after Mass until 3:30PM
Wednesday 12:00PM • St Michael
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Thursday 12:00PM • St Mary
Friday 12:00PM • St Michael

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday and
Thursday 12:30PM to 1:30PM • St. Mary
Wednesday and
Friday 12:30PM to 1:30PM • St. Michael
Saturday 3:00PM to 3:45PM • St. Michael

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday April 18

4:00PM † Ruth Beecham by Jean TheisenMI
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:00 PM—3:45 PM - St Michael

Sunday April 19

8:30AM † Jamie Thomas by John & Denise Anderson.....MI
 10:30AM † Gregg Carmody by M/M Jim Lothschutz.....MA

Monday April 20 No Mass

Tuesday April 21

12:00PM † Rory Byrne by Mom & DadMA
Adoration begins after Mass until 3:30pm
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: 12:30-1:30PM - St. Mary

Wednesday April 22

12:00PM † Winnie Spencer by Jim Dietrich.....MI
Adoration begins after Mass until 3:30pm
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: 12:30PM-1:30PM - St. Michael

Thursday April 23

12:00PM † Agnes Schwartz by Leon SchwartzMA
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: 12:30-1:30PM - St. Mary

Friday April 24

12:00PM † Becky Schmidt by Pat & Carol HehlMI
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 12:30PM-1:30PM - St. Michael

Saturday April 25

4:00PM † Larry Schumaker by Bob & Linda Rogers.....MI
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:00 PM—3:45 PM - St Michael

Sunday April 26

8:30AM † Ron Raczkiwicz by Pam RaczkiwiczMI
 10:30AM † Wayne Kensil by Family and Friends.....MA

MA=St. Mary MI=St. Michael's



Scripture Readings for the Week of April 19, 2026

Sunday Third Sunday of Easter
 Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; I Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

Monday
 Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday
 Acts 7:51-8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a; 17 and 21ab; Jr6:30-35

Wednesday
 Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday
 Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Friday
 Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday
Feast of Saint Mark, Evangelist
 I Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20

Sunday
Fourth Sunday of Easter
 Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b4, 5, 6; I Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

St. Michael's Liturgical Ministers

| | Apr 25—4:00PM | Apr 26 —8:30AM |
|-----------------------|---|--|
| Altar Servers | NEED TWO | Melena Lindberg Aiden Rogers |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Deacon Tom Sue Felicioni NEED ONE | Jennifer DeMull Jeff Johnson Zack Nelson Chris Albrecht Greg Helsen Cindy Lindberg Mark Phillips |
| Lector | Sue DeVos | Carl Pohlman |
| Sacristan | Jillian Poelma | Rosemary Weigel |
| Ushers | Ray Maka NEED ONE | Curt DeVos Wade Lindberg Joe Meerman Peter Nielsen |
| Music | Craig Bleckley | Craig Bleckley |

St. Mary's Liturgical Ministers

| | April 26—10:30AM |
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| Sacristan | Gary Karr |
| Altar Servers | Sela Ricord Ty Ricord |
| Precious Body | Jim Looks Vito Dolci Geary Farrell |
| Precious Blood | June Stevenson Nettie Leale Christina Withers Margie Jirous |
| Hospitality | Leonard Horter |
| Lector | John Klein |
| Music | Bernie Stanko |

Prayer for Vocations

O God, hear our prayer
 and let our cry come to You.
 Bless the Diocese of Grand Rapids
 with many vocations to the
 priesthood, diaconate,
 and religious life.

Give Your sons and daughters
 the confidence to accept Your call,
 and the love to follow always
 in the footsteps of Your beloved Son
 with courage and dedication
 to Your will.

Amen.

Cluster News and Community News and Events

Mass of Thanksgiving for All 2026 Graduates



Calling All Graduates: Our Cluster Parish family wishes to congratulate you on your graduation and extend our prayerful best wishes to you and your future endeavors. This is a time for you to be thankful for all that God has helped you to achieve and to pray for His continual guidance as you prepare for your future. To help you celebrate, we invite you to a Mass of Thanksgiving with a special Blessing for 2026 Graduates.

May 31 - 10:30AM

Graduation Mass & Blessing at St Mary

Invitations with detailed instructions have been emailed to all of our registered 2026 High School Graduates.

Please RSVP at your earliest convenience. If you did not receive your invitation, please contact your Parish Office. **College & Trade School Graduates are also welcome to attend. Please call the parish office and let us know you will be joining us.**

TODAY at 3PM– St Mary

Hymns of Praise and Thanksgiving

Sunday, April 19 at 3:00PM



A sing-along featuring over 20 flutes, organ, piano, your voices.
Free and open to all.

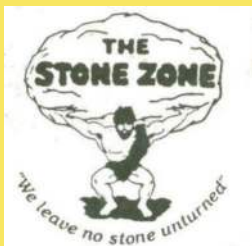
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World Youth Day (WYD) 2027 Sneak Peek

The Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry invites all young adults (ages 18–35) to join the Diocese of Grand Rapids for a special preview session on World Youth Day! Meet Verso Ministries, walk through the pilgrimage itinerary, get your questions answered, and connect with other young adults. **April 30- 6 p.m. In person at the Catholic Information Center or virtually.**



Bulletin Sponsor of the Week



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Fr. Mike's Musings



What a difference it makes to have Jesus in our lives. With Jesus we have a positive attitude and enjoy life. How wretched life would be without Him. Without Jesus we would be in a mess. With Jesus in our life we are capable of seeing everything in a new way. A positive attitude is what we would expect of a disciple of Jesus but such an attitude is not what we see in the two disciples going on the road to Emmaus because they had temporarily lost their friend and guide. Their faces are downcast. Their hopes have been dashed. They thought Jesus was the promised Messiah but He had died, and with His death their hopes died as well.

Yet, after recognizing Jesus in the breaking of the bread do we notice the big change that comes over them? They set out immediately and returned to Jerusalem. They had been leaving Jerusalem to escape from the reality of a dashed hope. But, instead of staying away now they want to go back to where their hopes were dashed. What a difference it makes to have Jesus in our lives. What a difference it makes to meet Jesus and know Him. What a difference to meet Jesus in the Sacred Scriptures of the Bible and in the breaking of the bread. Our hearts should burn within us.

When the disciples met Jesus on the road it was a gentle meeting. He walked by their side. He listened to their story. He met them where they were at. He met them at their own level. We too meet Jesus in people who treat us like that, who listen to our stories even if they don't make sense to them. We meet Jesus in the people who have the time to talk and listen to our troubles. We meet Jesus in the people who accept us with all our faults and failings. We meet Jesus in the people who help us to have a positive attitude towards life, and by helping us in that way they help us to stop travelling on the road to the depression of our own Emmaus' and return to the joys of our everyday tasks in Jerusalem/the World.

When we meet and recognize Him we gain the strength to face the difficulties of life. We get this strength from Jesus the same way that the two disciples, by reading the Sacred Scriptures and in the breaking of the bread at Mass. Jesus gave those two disciples a new understanding of Scripture that corrected their erroneous views and they met Him fully in the breaking of the bread. Reading Scripture helps correct our wayward thinking and we really meet Jesus in the Eucharist. We must all believe that Jesus is really present in the Eucharist but He is also present to us when we read the Bible. These sacred writings heal our misshapen ways of thinking, and our misshapen ways of living. We are brought from the darkness of earthly despair into the glorious light of His Kingdom.

Jesus gave the two disciples on the 'Road to Emmaus' a new understanding of Scripture that corrected their erroneous views and they met Him fully in the breaking of the bread. When we meet Jesus in the Scripture and in the Eucharist and have our own erroneous ways of thinking and living healed we too can stop on the road of darkness and return to the joys of our everyday tasks. Tasks that will lead us and others along the 'Road to Glory'.

Catholic Service Appeal - 2026

Next week, we begin our annual Catholic Services Appeal. Your support of CSA benefits both parish and diocesan ministries, including formation of our future priests, the ongoing education of teachers and faith formation staff, proclaiming Christ's message through the media, evangelizing our youth, and aiding members of our community struggling with family issues, hunger, and homelessness. Please, prayerfully consider how sharing your gifts will benefit many – in our parish and beyond. Learn more at GRdiocese.org/CSA.



Please Pray for our Engaged Couple

Greg Hood & Mary VanDenBrink

May 9, 2026 (St Michael)

Lord God, the source of all love, the wise plan of your providence has brought these young people together. As they prepare themselves for the sacrament of marriage and pray for your grace, grant that, strengthened by your blessing, they may grow in their respect for one another and cherish each other with a sincere love. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen



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St. Mary's Parish News

St Mary Faith Formation

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW):

Pre-School thru 2nd Grade During 10:30 AM Mass.

Today is the Third Sunday of Easter. Today's Gospel is Luke 24:13-35 Jesus' Appearance on the Road to Emmaus.

Easter isn't over...it has just begun! We continue to celebrate Christ's resurrection and in this Gospel, we see His unexpected encounter with disciples on the road to Emmaus.

1st-7th Grade Faith Formation Classes -
Wednesdays at Hall / 6:00- 7:30pm

Please keep our Second graders: Ayven, Marcus, Aliza, Genevieve, Ella, and Harper in your prayers as they continue to prepare for receiving the Eucharist for the first time on Sunday, April 26th at the 10:30 mass

Attention Parents of second graders:

- Wednesday, April 22 there is a First Communion Mass practice in Church for the second graders and their parents from 6-7:30pm.
- Saturday, April 25, there is a First Communion Mass practice in Church for the second graders and their parents from 9-11am.
- Sunday April 26, 2026, the Second graders will make their Sacrament of First Holy Communion. During the 10:30 Mass.

8th Grade - Confirmation Classes -

Wednesdays at Hall / 6:00- 7:30pm .

Please keep our eight grade Confirmation students Jenny and Becky in your prayers as they continue to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation. They will be Confirmed on Tuesday, April 21, at The Cathedral of St. Andrew's at the 7pm Mass.

Faith Formation classes will be on break until the fall. Thank you to all of the Catechist and helpers. Your help is greatly appreciated. Have a fun and safe summer. Keep your eye on the bulletin for next year's registration information

For more information or any questions on any of these programs Please contact Debbie Veneklas at dre@saintmarysmarne.org or 616.677.3934

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

Save the Date: July 27-30, 2026
6-8:30PM at St. Michael's.
More information to come.



Looking Ahead- Save the Dates

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| May 3 | Cookies after Mass |
| May 9 | COR- 7AM St Mary Community Room |
| May 23 | COR- 7AM St Mary Community Room |
| May 25 | Memorial Day Mass 8AM |
| May 31 | Graduation Mass—10:30AM |
| June 13 | COR- 7AM St Mary Community Room |
| June 14 | Blood Drive—Parish Hall |

Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary

Paul and Mary Kirkwood

April 16, 1966 * April 16, 2026

Congratulations!

May God continue to bless the love in your hearts and your life together with an ever-deepening faith. Amen



Adopt-A-Garden Volunteers Needed

UPDATE.. We have just a few more areas in need of being adopted.. Can you Help?? For more info or to see what areas are still available, please call the parish office.

We are looking for parishioners to "adopt" an outdoor area on our parish grounds to help keep that area looking good and creating a great first impression for all who come to our parish. Sign-up for a small, specific area on the Parish grounds and keep your area cleaned-up on a regular basis.



Knights of Columbus #11581 News

How to become a Knight: You can enroll in the Knights of Columbus immediately as an "Online Member" by scanning the QR Code. Once you complete and submit the form on that page a local council will contact you. For additional information or to learn more about what the Knights do, Contact Grand Knight: Bruce Kamp b.kamp@charter.net / Phone 616-780-4941



Upcoming Blood Drives – Save the Dates

June 14 Pre-Register:

https://donateblood.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/11622155

October 11, 2026 Pre-Register:

https://donateblood.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/11630810

Knight Person of the Month for April: Gary Karr

Knight Family of the Month for April: Rick and Becky Warners

The Knight Person / Family of the month is a way of recognizing someone who has gone above and beyond, or done something extra for the council or our church community. Congratulations and Thank you for your service and commitment to our parish family.



Special Donations for April—Indian Trails Camp

Meijer Gift Card Raffle License # X15441.

1st Place - \$250, 2nd Place - \$150, 3rd Place - \$100.

Tickets are \$10.00 each or 3 for \$20.00.

Sales begin April 26 after Mass. Drawing will be 6/4 at 7:30.



Giving Back to God

| April 12—Mass: Attendance: | 173 |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Adult Contributions | \$3020.00 |
| Children Contributions | \$42.00 |
| Loose Contributions | \$209.00 |
| Capital Improvement | \$100.00 |
| Online Giving | \$1185.00 |
| Total | \$4356.00 |
| Rice Bowl | \$314.82 |
| Weekly Offertory Needed for Budget | \$5152.27 |
| Offertory-YTD Budget vs YTD-Actual | +\$2294.00 |

Thank you for your continued support and generosity! To donate now, open your phone camera, scan the QR code and follow instructions.



Welcome to the Cluster Parishes of St. Mary and St. Michael

St. Michael's Parish News

Scrip News— Thank you to our 11 families who purchased Scrip this week. Our total profit was \$124.21.



St. Michael's Parish Family

Remembers in Their Prayers: Kevin Johnson, Anne Pols, Alexandria Gordon, Carol Tasker, Brooke Campbell, Marcy Fortin, Linda Abel-Carroll, Jackie May, Jean Mayse, Debbie Veneklese, Ken Heflin, Marvin Hecksel, Payton Patterson, Pat Harlett, the victims of abortion, & the men and women in the military.

St. Michael's Faith Formation

Children's Liturgy of the Word:

CLW program is offered on Sunday during 8:30 Masses. Children 3-9 years old are welcome to join us each week as we pray, read and explore the Sunday Gospel from a child's viewpoint. Today is the Third Sunday of Easter, in Today's Gospel Jesus was walking to Emmaus, and the disciples did not recognize who their companion was, until the breaking of bread. We also know Jesus in the breaking of bread the bread, the Eucharist.



Elementary Faith Formation: The elementary program is for students in grades 1-5. We meet on Wednesday from 6:00- 7:30 pm. Our program ended for this school year. We are on summer break. Thank you, catechist and helpers, for your dedication in sharing our Catholic faith with the Faith Formation students! Your generosity of giving your time and talent is greatly appreciated! Thank you! Please pray for our First Communicants as they continue to prepare for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion: Liam, Jackson, Piper, Cooper, Delilah and Sarah.

Middle School Faith Formation: Grades 6, 7 and 8 will meet on Sundays after the 8:30am Mass from 9:45 to 11:15 AM in the Youth Room. Please pray for our Confirmation students and their Catechist as they continue to prepare them for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Brecca and Sonja. May the Holy Spirit strengthen and guide them throughout their preparation and fill them with joy. Confirmation is on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at The Cathedral of St. Andrew's. Mass is at 7:00pm. Contact Debbie if you have any questions (616)384-4026.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

— Save the Date: July 27-30, 2026, from 6-8:30 pm. at St. Michael's. More information to come.



St. Michael's Sanctuary Lamp

for +Ron Raczkiewicz
by Pam Raczkiewicz

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who donated items for this year's Bunny Business. We would also like to ask anyone to consider early donations of Easter supplies for next year's Bunny Business that might be going on sale. We are in need of Easter baskets, stuffed animals, coloring books, crayons, and color pencils. There will be the donation bin set back out in the glass hallway. Thank you very much for your generosity.



Can You Help?

Prison & Jail Ministry — There is a donation box in the glass hallway for individuals returning to society after incarceration. They face many challenges, and we ask that you prayerfully consider donating items to support these individuals as they rejoin the community. Some items to consider might be: gift cards for salons/barbershops, grocery stores, clothing retailers, take-out/fast food restaurants; tennis shoes; laundry baskets; socks; bath towels, hand towels and wash cloths; backpacks; toiletries such as shampoo, conditioner, body wash and lotion. Thank you for your consideration!

Giving Back to God

April 11/12

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| Mass Attendance: 4/11- 4:00 PM: | 76 |
| Mass Attendance: 4/12- 8:30 AM | 149 |
| Adult Envelopes | \$3,406.00 |
| Loose Cash | \$191.00 |
| Children's Envelopes | \$18.75 |
| Holy Day | \$60.00 |
| Total | \$3,675.75 |
| Building Fund | \$50.00 |
| Weekly Offertory Needed for Budget | \$5,878.49 |
| Offertory-YTD Budget vs YTD Actual | -\$10,896.66 |

Thank you for your continued support!

Online Giving — Now there's an even more convenient way to contribute to St. Michael's! To donate now, open your phone camera, scan the QR code and follow instructions. Or text the word GIVE to: 616-384-5011.



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Keeping Life Alive

Believing in the Resurrection gives a person cause for rejoicing. Since Jesus came out of the tomb with new life, all tombs have become wombs for those who enter them as Jesus did. We who were baptized into Christ's death have entered into the tomb to be reborn into his life. Baptism is the tomb-womb of our birth to hope, to an imperishable inheritance and to a salvation which will be revealed in all its inexpressible joy only at the end of time.

What sustains our hope in the promise of our Baptism? What helps us believe in the reality of Jesus' Resurrection and of our own? What keeps alive the love we have for him whom we have never seen?

The answer is multiple: the gift and power of grace, prayer, expressing our faith, choosing hope and love. But what sustains us in our daily activities? What keeps us faithful in fulfilling our duties? The oldest answer for Christians is community: the expression of faith in discipleship, liturgy and sacraments and in a lifestyle flowing from these. The earliest Christians "devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers...[They] had all things in common..."

A believing Church is a Church eager to learn. A parish that studies the teachings of Jesus grows in faith. All those who use the continuing education programs offered in parishes sustain not only their own faith but also the faith of all the others who attend. Although we certainly have to spend time alone with Jesus to let his message penetrate our hearts, we listen to him first in community. Jesus sent his disciples out not one by one but two by two.

Only witnesses are credible—and teachers to the

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Acts 2:42-47; I Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

extent they are witnesses. Discipleship only flourishes in a Church that lives out what it learns. A Church that bears witness in action is a Church that experiences the reality of the risen life. To bear witness to the Resurrection we must live the risen life, "be intent on things above, not on things of earth" (Colossians 3:2) and show it in our lifestyle. We were baptized not only to know the truth but to make the truth credible to others by professing our faith in visible acts of prophetic witness.

A celebrating Church is a Church that experiences the joy of the risen life. Liturgical prayer, prayer offered together, the public expression of faith and commitment—this is one way to "have all things in common." We don't hoard the riches of our faith to ourselves, to gloat over them in private; we make a

party out of the gifts God has given us. The truth of the eucharistic banquet is not manifest unless it is a potluck supper. The Mass is not said by a priest for a congregation; the Mass is celebrated by a community of priests, with one who is ordained to preside. When we give ourselves "to the breaking of the bread and the prayers," we give life to one another. But we have

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to “devote” ourselves, not just be passively present. We are a community of priests, not of onlookers.

Finally, like Thomas, we need to sustain our faith by human contact with the living Jesus: to see him, hear his words and feel his touch. We do this especially through the sacraments, special ways in which Jesus still ministers to us in human words and gestures. When we sin, for example, we do not silently ask forgiveness in our hearts from an invisible God and then trust that it is granted—any more than we do that with each other. A line in an old movie claimed that love means you never have to say you’re sorry, but no one who loves could stand not to say it. So, when we sin, we say it in human words to Jesus present in a human priest; we hear human words of forgiveness spoken in response. All the sacraments are human encounters with the risen Jesus. When we act as sacraments, visible signs of faith, hope and love, to one another, we sustain Jesus’ life in the world and give his peace.

REFLECTING ON THIS WEEK'S GOSPELS

Third Week of Easter

***Pray daily:** Heavenly Father and God of mercy, increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you. Amen.*

Monday: John 3:1-8. Nicodemus said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs...apart from the presence of God.” What in your life shows others that God is with you? What shows your belief that God is with the Church?

Tuesday: John 3:7-15. Jesus said, “And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.” Nothing bears greater witness to the truth of Jesus Christ than responding to evil with love. When and how can you do this?

Wednesday: John 3:16-21. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who

believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.” Spend some time absorbing the fact that Jesus loves you this much.

Thursday: John 3:31-36. “He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for he gives the Spirit without measure.” Do you believe Jesus shares his Spirit with you abundantly? How can you open yourself to receive more light and love from the Spirit?

Friday: John 6:1-15. “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” Do you believe you have something to offer the community, some contribution which will nourish others’ faith? How do you try to share your gifts with others?

Saturday: John 6:16-21. Jesus said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” What are your greatest fears? Your daily ones? How can you turn them over to Jesus in trust?

LIVING THIS WEEK'S GOSPELS

As Christian: Put some visible symbol in your home or worksite as a reminder that you are living the risen, divine life of Christ; for example, holy water, a beeping watch, a white cloth.

As Disciple: Ask yourself if there is some parish Scripture study or faith-sharing group in which you could participate.

As Prophet: Change one thing in your life or lifestyle precisely as a way of sharing your faith through witness, that is, through some way of acting which makes no sense apart from your faith in Jesus Christ.

As Priest: Reexamine how you participate in the liturgy. Do you consciously take an active part as a priest? Does your body-language, posture, words and actions help others experience joy in these celebrations?

As King: Try to be a sacrament of hope to others through your words and actions. Refuse to look glum. Speak of what gives hope, not of what is depressing. Try to promote peace around you.

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