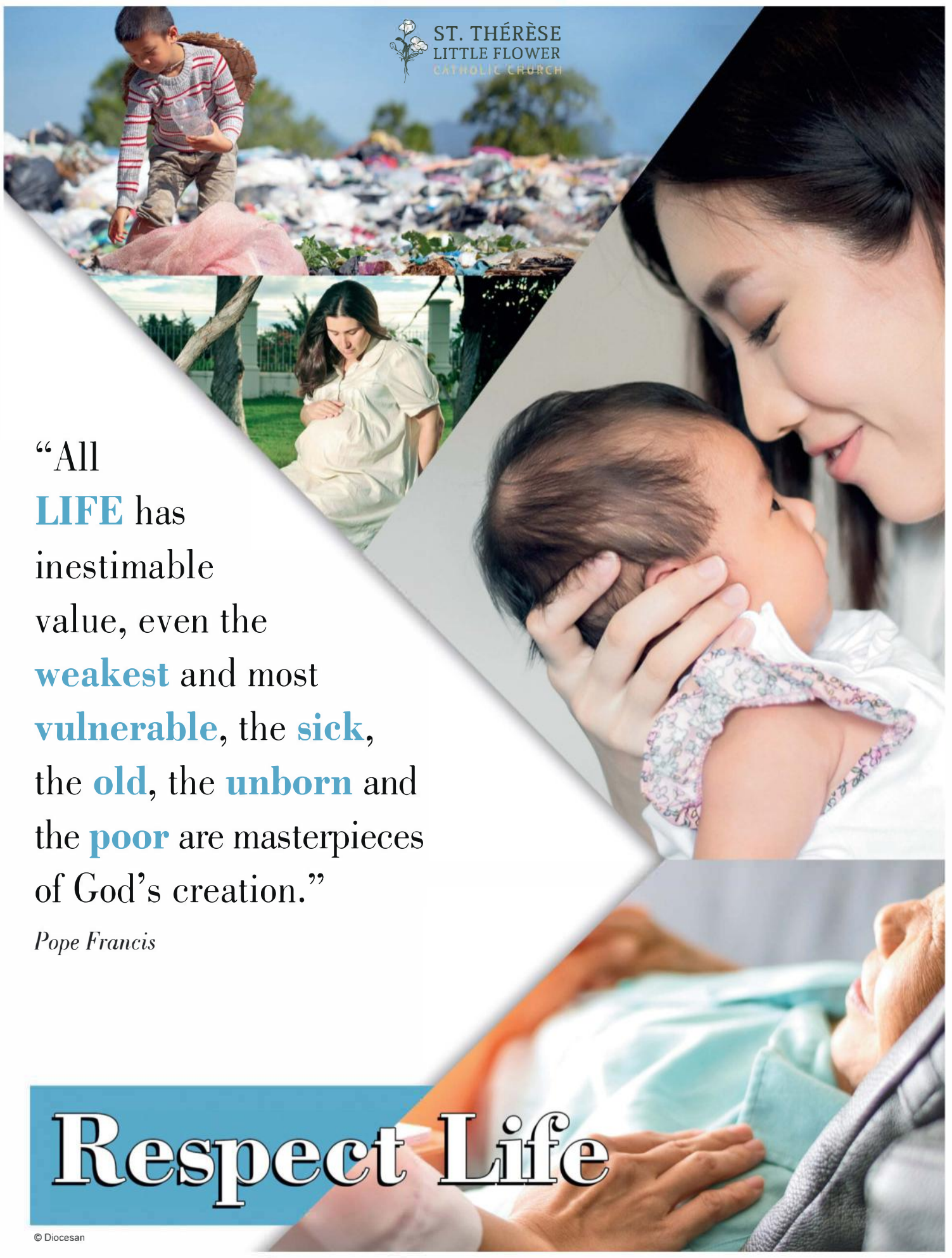




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the **poor** are masterpieces
of God’s creation.”

Pope Francis

Respect Life

Our Mission:

St. Thérèse, Little Flower Parish exists to **rescue** people from the poverty of an identity outside of **Jesus**.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil

4:30pm

Sunday

9:00am, 11:30am, 8:00pm

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday - Friday

8:30am

Saturday

8:00am

Eucharistic Adoration

Weekdays

5:00 am - 10:00 am

7:00pm-10:00pm

Saturday

8:30am - 9:30am

Adoration Chapel Hours

Monday-Friday 5:00am-10:00pm

Reconciliation Times

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

9:00am - 9:30am

Saturday

8:30am - 9:30am

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Mass Intentions and Scripture Readings

Saturday, October 4 | Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi

Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-35, 36-37; Lk 10:17-24

8:00am: St. Therese, Little Flower Parish Family

4:30pm: Cindy Nikolai

Sunday, October 5 | Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

9:00am: David Shock †

11:30am: Tony & Francis Catanzarite †

8:00pm: Kael Fulnecky

Monday, October 6 | Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher

Jon 1:1-2:1-2, 11; Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8; Lk 10:25-37

8:30am: Mary Ann Sincavage

Tuesday, October 7 | Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42

8:30am: Howard & Corinne Johnson †

Wednesday, October 8

Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4

8:30am: Janet Navin †

Thursday, October 9 | St. Dennis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs

Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 11:5-13

8:30am: Brenda McDonald

Friday, October 10

Jl 1:13-15; 2: 1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9; Lk 11:15-26

8:30am: Vincent Doan †

Saturday, October 11 | St. John XXIII, Pope

Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12, Lk 11:27-28

8:00am: Marietta Recio †

4:30pm: Butch & Demy Torres †

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR



Come, Listen and Be Heard!

Beloved parishioners,

As we draw closer to our **State of the Parish Address & Listening Session (October 16 at 6:00pm)**, I invite you to pray with me for the success of this event. This is an opportunity for me, as pastor, with my staff, to present to you an account of our stewardship for the past year, and also to hear from you on how we are doing and ways we can improve. I feel this would be a great opportunity to hear those beautiful ideas our parishioners have for how we can best grow our parish and help her realize her mission of proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ for the salvation of souls. I invite you to ***come, listen and be heard.***

In preparation for this gathering, I would like to invite you to reflect on the varied ways St. Thérèse, Little Flower Parish has helped you grow in your relationship with Jesus and challenged you to be at the service of your brothers and sisters. This could be through the liturgy, parish fellowship and social gatherings, or through our ministries and outreach programs. As you do this, I invite you to also reflect on, if I could paraphrase J.F. Kennedy, *not only what the parish can do for you but what you have done and are doing for the parish.*

Next weekend, I will invite you to take a Parish Missional Health Assessment. This assessment will paint a picture of how well or otherwise our parish is fulfilling her mission to evangelize and bring many into relationship with Jesus. To be representative of our parish, it is essential that the majority of our parishioners take the assessment.

On a rather sad note, Joe Higginbotham, our Director of Liturgical Music, has informed me of his intention to retire at the end of October. He would like to spend more time with his family and grandchildren. We thank Joe for his decades of dedicated service to the Church, and to our parish in the past three years. He brought some stability to our choir and liturgy, and was instrumental to enriching our repertoire of music and acquiring the Organ. We will certainly miss his calm and humble presence at our liturgies. We wish him God's blessing in his retirement.

If you know a skilled church musician who might be interested in the position of Director of Liturgy and Music, please encourage them to apply at the diocesan website or send me their resume.

May Jesus bless you, and may Our Lady protect you!

Fr. Julius

Listen & Be Heard
**STATE OF THE
PARISH
address &
listening session**
**THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 16**



Ways to meet God this week

SUNDAY

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

10:00am | Atria Levels I & III

Coffee & Donuts

10:00am | Peyton Center, Gym

Becoming Catholic

4:00pm | Peyton Center, Room 5

MONDAY

Men's Prayer Group

6:00pm | Peyton Center,
Rooms 2 & 3

TUESDAY

Knights of Columbus Meeting

7:00pm | Peyton Center, Rooms 2/3

*Contact council17043@indianakofc.org.

Young Mom's Book Study

7:30pm - 9:00pm

*Contact Abby@littleflowerchurch.org

WEDNESDAY

Alive Series

6:30pm | Payne Hall

Ablaze Young Adult Bible Study

7:00pm | Peyton Center, Room 1

THURSDAY

Senior Group

9:15am | Payne Hall

Prison Ministry

Thursday, October 9 | 6:00pm

*Contact Lenny Strzelecki at
lenstrz@gmail.com

FRIDAY

Gospel of Mark Scripture Study

10:00am | Peyton Center, Upper Room

SATURDAY

Missionary Families of Christ

Echo Conference

8:30am | Peyton Center, Gym

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

10:00am | Level II Atria

Middle & High School Faith Formation

Following 4:30pm Mass | Church

“PRAY, HOPE, AND DON’T WORRY; WORRY IS USELESS.

October: Month of the Holy Rosary

No form of extra-liturgical devotion to Mary is more widely practiced among the faithful or found by them to be more satisfyingly complete than the Rosary, which has come to be regarded as the very badge of Catholic piety. The Rosary means “Crown of Roses”. Our Lady has revealed to several people that each time they say a Hail Mary they are giving her a beautiful rose and that each complete Rosary makes her a crown of roses.

The authentic Rosary is a combination of vocal and mental prayer, each of which is essential to the devotion. The Rosary, Pope Leo XIII declared, “is composed of two parts, distinct but inseparable – the meditation on the mysteries and the recitation of the prayers. It is thus a kind of prayer that requires not only some raising of the soul to God, but also a particular and explicit attention” (*Incunda semper*). The rhythmic and repetitive prayers can seem boring and bland but rather has the power to bring confidence to the one who prays as we bring our intentions to the motherly heart of Mary.

The Rosary is Christocentric at heart. Through the meditations of the complete Rosary, one recalls the mysteries of the Christian religion, of our Redemption as we are united in joys, sorrows, and triumphs with the hearts of Jesus and His Mother. The twenty mysteries are divided into four equal groups, known as “The Joyful,” “The Sorrowful,” “The Glorious,” and “The Luminous Mysteries.” We can use these mysteries to place ourselves in the different moments of Jesus’s life, death and resurrection using the eyes and heart of the Blessed Mother.

Tips to Pray the Rosary Every Day

Fall asleep praying the Rosary; it is better than counting sheep!



Carry a Rosary in our pocket.



Say it while you wait (for example, in line).



Recite the Rosary while doing chores or working out.



Use images and music - the Rosary is a contemplative prayer.



If you're upset, pray for the situation that worries you.

Pray while you walk and pray for the people in your life.



Use each mystery to ask for a particular intention.



If you can't pray a whole Rosary at once, break it into parts.



Pray it in moments of sadness or spiritual drought.

How to Pray the Holy Rosary

1. While holding the crucifix make the Sign of the Cross, and then recite the Apostles Creed.
2. Recite the Our Father on the first large bead.
3. Say a Hail Mary for an increase of faith, hope and charity on each of the three small beads.
4. Say the Glory Be before the next large bead.
5. Recite the Fatima Prayer “O my Jesus”.
6. Recall the first Rosary Mystery and recite the Our Father on the large bead.
7. On each of the adjacent ten small beads (also referred to as a decade) recite a Hail Mary while reflecting on the mystery.
8. Before the next large bead, recite the Glory Be, and the Fatima prayer.
9. Each succeeding decade is prayed in a similar manner by recalling the appropriate mystery, reciting the Our Father, ten Hail Marys while reflecting on the mystery, the Glory Be, and the Fatima prayer.
10. When the fifth mystery is completed, the Rosary is customarily concluded with the Hail Holy Queen, and the Sign of the Cross.

Parish Rosary Mission

Preceding all Masses

2nd and 4th Sundays of the Month

Join us in a parishioner-led Rosary before Mass! Let us prepare our hearts to receive Jesus into our bodies with the same joy and awe that Mary received him.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Ascension Press: Rosary in a Year



In Ascension’s Rosary in a Year podcast, Fr. Mark-Mary Ames, CFR, guides listeners in a step-by-step journey that will change the way you pray – no matter where you are in your spiritual life. By starting small and adding on over time, listeners will find themselves falling more in love with this powerful Marian devotion, becoming a source of grace for the whole world.

GOD IS MERCIFUL AND HE WILL HEAR YOUR PRAYER.” ~PADRE PIO



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*Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction,
persevere in prayer.*

Romans 12:12

2025 Mid-north Echo Conference

Saturday, October 11 at 11:30am | Ven. Patrick Peyton Center Gym

The theme for this year is HOPE ABOUND in honor of the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope. The themes will focus on Persevering in Prayer, Enduring Affliction and Rejoicing in Hope. We *hope* to see you there!

Sign up using the QR Code. Deadline to register is Oct. 5.

Questions? Contact Arnold and Mariflor Royeca at mroyeca1@nd.edu.



Mary's Way Dinner

Sunday, October 19 | 1:00pm

Queen of Peace Parish, Mishawaka

You are invited to the fifth annual Mary's Way dinner. Hear from our parishioner, Catherine Odell called "Those Who Saw Her-Marian Apparitions."

Cost: \$25 per person includes dinner buffet, materials

Contact Patti Grenert at (574)286-1158 to register.



Come back to Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation

There are three parts to our faith journeys: (1) the interior personal relationship with Jesus, (2) the sacramental life, and (3) active life within our parishes.

Regular participation in the Sacrament of Reconciliation keeps our souls clean so that we are better able to receive the graces that flow from the Eucharist and in our everyday life with God. It unclouds our eyes from sin and helps us see how God is loving us every day and how he is helping us through our daily work.

The better we can see God acting in our lives, the closer we can follow him as his disciples, his students, his friends.

Visit our Priests for Reconciliation!

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday | Following Daily Mass

or call the parish office at (574) 272-7070 to make an appointment.



Evening Adoration Hours are Growing!

Our parishes new evening adoration hours have begun!

Exposition:

MONDAY-FRIDAY

5AM-10AM; 4PM-10PM

*Come and de-stress
after your work day
with the
King of Peace*



Building your Domestic Church Newsletter

Did you know the family is called the Domestic Church?

In the context of the family we first learn who God is and to prayerfully seek His will for us. Would you like to learn more about how to build your domestic church? To receive a monthly newsletter with tips and tricks on living liturgically, email Amelia, Director of Catechesis and Family Ministries, at Amelia@LittleFlowerChurch.org.

PARISH NEWS

Senior Group

Thursday, October 9 | 9:15am

Payne Hall

The next Senior Group get-together is coming up! Bring a breakfast food to share. We will enjoy a meal, a reflection on the Gospel reading for the day, and a time of conversation with friends. New participants always welcome.

Actors Needed!

Sunday, October 12 | 1:00pm

Peyton Center, Gym

Auditions for "Our Lady of Guadalupe" play are almost here! The dates for the play are Saturday evening, December 13 and Sunday afternoon, December 14.

Questions? Contact Carolyn Hine-Edington at 574-329-2977 or carolynnhinejohnson@gmail.com

State of the Parish Address & Listening Sessions

Thursday, October 16 at 6:00pm | Ven. Patrick Peyton Center Gym

Curious to know how our parish is growing? Want to share your experiences of parish life? Mark your calendar to join us for the State of the Parish Address to learn more about how our parish is doing this year and how our staff is trying to support you. We also want to hear from you at our Listening Sessions during the address. We want to know what our parishioners are experiencing so that we can better serve you and your family and help you grow in your relationship with Christ.

October
16

SAVE THE DATE

Encyclical Discussion Group: Salvifici Doloris

Wednesdays, October 8, 15, 22, 29 | 6-7 PM

Ven. Patrick Peyton Center, Rooms 2/3

Join our encyclical discussion group, where we'll begin by discussing Salvifici Doloris, JP II's 1984 Letter on the Christian Meaning of Human Suffering. Please bring your own text and read on your own time. We will discuss two chapters at each session.

Questions? Email kristin.m.soukup@gmail.com or smpiecuch@gmail.com.



Annual Bishop's Appeal

Prayerfully consider supporting the Annual Bishop's Appeal

Dear parishioners and friends, I prayerfully invite you to consider a donation to the Annual Bishop's Appeal. Our parish has a target of **\$70,778.63** for this year. Your donations are greatly appreciated. **You have donated \$22,220; that is 31% of the way there!** When you make a gift to the Annual Bishop's Appeal, you invest in the ministries and initiatives of the Diocese, inviting Catholics in northeast Indiana to encounter Christ in the church and each other. To learn more or donate online, visit diocesefwsb.org/aba. Scan the QR Code to donate online. When you arrive at the pledge page, please attribute your gift to **Little Flower South Bend**.



Return your pledge card by Sunday, Nov. 2 and you will be entered into a drawing for this amazing basket! The drawing will be on November 4 and the winner announced across our media platforms. Basket Items include: Portrait of Pope Leo, 2 Barnaby tickets, Handmade Jesus Christ doll, Wooden Crucifix, Seroogy's Fudge, Pray for Us book by Meg Hunter Kilmer, Puzzle of the Last Supper, Psalms 46:10 Tote Bag, Prayer Clock, Rosary, and a Patrick Peyton Comic Book!

Coffee & Donuts

Sunday, October 5 | Following 9:00am Mass

Join us for this social time and get to know your fellow parishioners!

Did you know?

When coffee first came to Europe, it was greatly distrusted and called "the devil's drink". It was a dark, bitter brew that had strange energizing effects on those who drank it. Pope Clement VIII, however, upon tasting the coffee blessed the beans declaring, "This Satan's drink is so delicious that it would be a pity to let the infidels have exclusive use of it."

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Outreach Ministries

Financial Assistance

Through our Whatsoever You Do Outreach Program we provide financial assistance to help with utilities to our community.

If you are in need of financial assistance, please go to our website:

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