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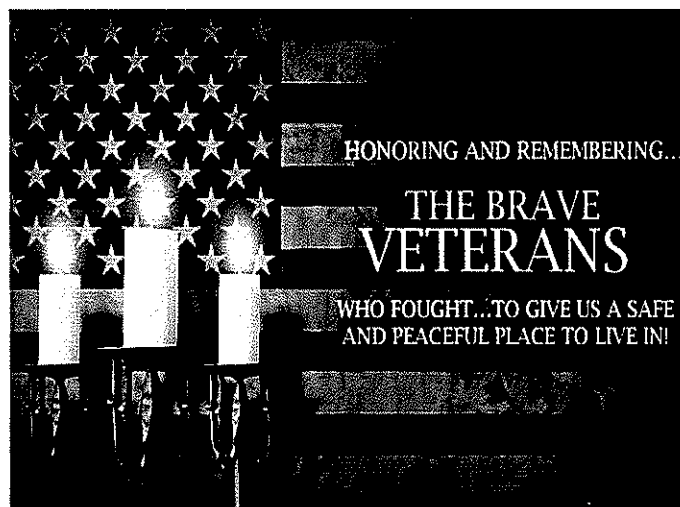
Have you thanked the VETERANS you know for their service?

Veterans Day honors all American Veterans, both living and dead.
In fact, Veterans Day is largely intended to thank *LIVING* Veterans for their dedicated and loyal service to our country.
We want to ensure that Veterans know we deeply appreciate the sacrifices they have made in their lives for the cause of freedom.
Veterans Day is celebrated on November 11.

Veterans Day Prayer

*Dear Lord,
Today we honor our veterans, worthy men and women who gave their best when they were called upon to serve and protect their country.
We pray that you will bless them, Lord, for their unselfish service in the continual struggle to preserve our freedoms, our safety, and our country's heritage, for all of us.
Bless them abundantly for the hardships they faced, for the sacrifices they made, for their many different contributions to America's victories over tyranny and oppression.
We respect them, we thank them, we honor them, we are proud of them, and we pray that you will watch over these special people and bless them with peace, healing and happiness.
Amen.*

By Joanna Fuchs



Sunday morning at 8:30 am is designated as our annual Veterans Day Mass at the St. Wenceslaus site to honor both our living and deceased Vets.

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The Western Catholic Community of St. John the Evangelist and St. Scholastica**

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We welcome you...

Welcome to the greater New Prague Area Catholic Community which includes the Church of St. Wenceslaus and the Western Catholic Community of St. John the Evangelist and St. Scholastica. We are happy you are here. Should you be visiting just for today, WELCOME! If you are seeking a church home, we would be honored to have you consider joining our faith community. If you are interested in a membership, please phone the parish office for assistance and registration. If you are over the age of 21, we ask that you register. Please feel free to stop by the parish office during office hours to register or you may do so online. Again, we are happy you are here.

At the Church of St. Wenceslaus**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday – Friday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE**Weekend Masses**

Saturday..... 4:00 pm
 Sunday..... 8:30 & 10:30 am

Morning Word & Communion

Monday & Tuesday 8:00 am

Weekday Masses

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:00 am

SACRAMENTS & OTHER INFORMATION**Anointing of the Sick**

Available to those who are seriously ill or suffering from a prolonged illness. Call 952-758-3225

Confirmation

Preparation required. Call 952-758-0477

Reconciliation

Saturdays at 3 pm in the church.

Baptism

Preparation required. Call 952-758-3225

Marriage

Six months to one year preparation time required.
 Call 952-758-3225

Rosary

Monday – Friday 7:30 am & Saturday 8:00 am in the church.

Fatima Prayer Cell

Monday – Wednesday after 8 am service in the chapel.

Adoration

Friday 9:00 am to midnight in the chapel

Early Morning Scripture Study

Wednesday 6:45 to 7:50 am – Pius X Room in church basement.

Fr. Kevin's Bible Study

Saturdays 8:30 to 10 am – Pius X Room in church basement.

Prayer Chain

Judy: 952-758-2220 or Arnita: 952-758-4943

From the Desk of Father Kevin**The Parish Pastoral Council:
Other Eyes & Ears, Minds & Hearts**

The New Prague Area Catholic Community is filled with 100s of people engaged in an immense diversity of activity. Every one of us can be proud of what, often by the grace of God, our faith community does. But with one parish worshipping at three sites with many interests and tasks to do, it is challenging to keep what we do in proper focus and support. The Parish Pastoral Council engages the minds & hearts of community representatives to better discern the will of God is for our people.

Given the task by God to be a vital faith community that supports forming disciples of Christ, we need an informed Parish Pastoral Council to discern where we've been, how we are doing now, and where we need to go. Of course, the three ordained servant leaders and the parish ministry staff are regularly asking these questions and making plans. The Parish Pastoral Council works to bring into the discernment the "sense of the whole faithful" that forms the faith community.

This fall and winter 15 people have committed to a series of closely scheduled meetings which will inform them of our parish's life and allow them, in open dialogue, to affirm what is happening, recommend changes and perhaps create new opportunities to enhance our parish's life. The 15 people make up a wide range of parish and life experience. With three "input" meetings that are presentations from six different ministry areas of our parish, the Council sets about discerning the well-being of the whole parish. The first "input" meetings are followed by two discernment meetings of open dialogue to collectively arrive at what needs to be affirmed and what needs to be modified. These recommendations are heard by me in my role as pastor and a plan is developed which will influence the direction and health of the parish. There is a final review of the plan in May of 2018 before the new fiscal year of 2018-2019 begins.

Below are the people who will participate in this discernment process. Thank them for this "work of faith" and, if you like, engage them in conversation about the life of New Prague Area Catholic Community.

Nicole Hvidsten
 Mary Carol Wolf
 Rose Rynda
 Carol Weiers
 Fr. Dave Barrett
 Fr. Kevin Clinton
 Peter Guzulaiis
 Ann Schoenbauer

Paul Sirek
 Robb Schoenbauer
 Lisa Schmid
 Joe Weiers
 Karen Rauschke
 Jamie Bisek
 Kathy Giesen

Acknowledging and Honoring the Veterans Among Us

This weekend we take some time to acknowledge the Veterans among us. Putting aside the debates about the decisions of our government leaders made sending our Veterans into armed conflict, we acknowledge their sense of service to the well-being of our country and the global community of nations. Many of our Veterans returned to our community and continued to generously serve the community's common good. Some of our Veteran's were injured by the violence that occurs in combat. Some lost their lives in our country's effort to make the world a better place. The Christian community rightly highlights the experience and the service these men and women have given and prays for their well-being.

Fr. Kevin Clinton

Pastor

New Prague Area Catholic Community

Western Catholic Community

From the Desk of Father Dave

Farming is a Vocation

Whether one tills the soil, cares for the herd, or one manages the flock, these are actions that care for creation. The work is hard and often the days are long, but there is a certain joy one experiences being connected to agriculture. Production agriculture is a noble vocation. Even if the farmer claims no religion, there is great faith put into caring about the weather trusting the plants will emerge, or the animal to grow. I believe most of us can concede there is something greater than ourselves.

Catholic farmers can realize their actions are connected to creation. What they produce is a true gift from the Lord of the harvest. As farmers, they are called to offer a portion of the gift back to God. These are likened to the gifts offered at Mass. These gifts are blessed by the priest who stands in for the person of Jesus. These gifts of bread and wine, become the Body and Blood of Jesus. Farmers and all believers participate in the mystery.

I have come to realize that we are all connected to agriculture. I lived 18 years on a farm and developed gifts I was given. I must admit, at 18, I wanted to do anything but farm. I spent the next ten years in the food industry. I was still supporting agriculture because we relied heavily on the raw material brought forth from the farm. Now even as a priest, I respect those who care for our creation as I pray for them and for all the people they feed. I contemplate my vocation as it relates to farming with the long hours and the dedication to all of creation. I feel connected because I am a consumer and remain dependent and grateful to farmers.

This weekend we pray for all the people who help to bring forth food from farm to fork. The success of the farmer, both in yield and care of the natural resources, has an impact on everyone. When we pray for agriculture, we are really praying for the entirety of the world. As my grandma used to say, "You can't complain about farmers with food in your mouth." Let us all pray in thanksgiving for the harvest. Let us salute the vocation of farming and the many people who are associated with agriculture.

Fr. Dave Barrett
Regional Associate Pastor
New Prague Area Catholic Community

Mass Schedule Volunteers - St. John's & St. Scholastica

NOVEMBER 18 & 19, 2017	Saturday St. John's 8:15 PM	Sunday St. Scholastica 8:00 AM	Sunday St. John's 10:00 AM
Lector	Kevin Giesen	Jon Estabrooks	Danielle Solheid
Eucharistic Ministers	MaryCarol Wolf	Ann Prochaska, Marlene Dohmen & Ted Odenthal	Jonila Weiers, Dave Webb & Lori Wooten
Servers	Samantha & Julia Kubes	Megan & Steven Odenthal	Carter, Maddie & Hailey Tupy, Abby Bissell
Gift Bearer Family		Dawn Buszmann Family	Tom Fahey Family

Important Information

Weekend Masses

Saturday 8:15 pm St. John's
 Sunday 8:00 am St. Scholastica
 Sunday 10:00 am St. John's

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 5:00 pm St. John's
 Thursday 5:00 pm St. Scholastica
 ~ Except 1st Thursday of the month ~
 Mass at Phillip Square at 4:00 pm

SACRAMENTS & OTHER INFORMATION

Reconciliation

Wednesday 4:30 pm St. John's
 Thursday 5:30 pm St. Scholastica
 No Confession 1st Thursday
 of the month at St. Scholastica
 Saturdays & Sundays by appointment

Baptism & Confirmation

Preparation required. Call Fr. Dave Barrett

Anointing of the Sick

Call Fr. Dave Barrett

Marriage

Prep required. Call Fr. Dave Barrett

Adoration

Fridays 9:00 am to midnight at St. Wenceslaus Daily Chapel

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PARISH AND AREA NEWS

Do you have a passion for decorating?

We are in need of an individual or group of people to decorate the sanctuary for Thanksgiving. Cathy Vossen has the process all mapped out for you. All you need to do is gather the items and have fun decorating! If interested, contact Cathy at (952) 758-5017.

Praying for the Deployed Military

In the back of church is a bulletin board displaying some of our local military currently serving and/or deployed. This is a way to keep these individuals and their families in our thoughts and prayers. Anyone seeking to include a loved one to the display please call Helen Hartman at (952) 758-3842 or Mary Pieper at (952) 873-6781.

****Calendar Raffle packets will be available for pick up in the back of church next weekend.**

Special Collection Next Weekend

Next week, there is a special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Over 46 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to lift themselves out of poverty. By supporting this collection, you give people a hand up, not a hand out. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

Grief Support Group

When someone we love dies, their loss is not something we get over quickly. It takes time to grieve a death. Our grief support group meets the third Thursday of each month in the parish office building of St. Wenceslaus. Our next meeting is Thurs., Nov. 16th at 7 pm. This group is open to all who are grieving the loss of someone significant in their lives. For more information, call Deacon Bob Wagner at (952) 758-0463.

Stocking Caps for Adopt-A-Family Program

Please turn in all knit or crocheted stocking caps by Nov. 17th. Thank you!

Join us for our next Teen Mass Nov. 26th at 6 pm ~

What is a Teen Mass? It is a Mass that is geared for young people and is fully ministered by teens. The teens can serve as Lectors/Readers, Eucharistic Ministers (those confirmed), Ushers et cetera! Teen Masses focus primarily on issues facing young people in relation to the day's Gospel reading. Oftentimes this viewpoint opens up complex concepts in exciting ways!

Operation Christmas Child

You're invited to a packing party! Sun., Nov. 19th at 9:30 am (between Masses) at the St. Wenceslaus Parish Activities Center. Operation Christmas Child uses gift-filled shoeboxes to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Shoeboxes will be provided. Please bring the following to pack: A "Wow"

item (something that will capture the child's attention), personal care items, clothing and accessories, crafts, activities, and toys. Donations for shipping costs would also be appreciated. If you are unable to attend but wish to donate items, there is a bin in the southwest corner of the church. For suggestions and a list of items not to include, please visit www.samaritanspurse.org. Questions: lynn.sticha@npcatholic.org.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM ~ Le Sueur County

There are many opportunities to participate to make Christmas brighter for a family.

1. Choose a specific family to shop for clothing and outerwear gift items.
2. Donate cash and our team of Super Shoppers will purchase the gifts. Please make checks payable to Adopt-A-Family.
3. Donate toys, books, games, or other non-clothing items that are appropriate for ages 0-16.

These items will be distributed through the Le Sueur County Santa Anonymous Program. Parents then have the opportunity to pick out gifts suitable for their own children.

Family lists may be obtained after Masses:

November 11th & 12th (all 3 sites),

November 18th & 19th (all 3 sites),

Thanksgiving Day (SW only),

November 25th & 26th (SW only)

For more information, call Kathy McNamara at (952) 200-4949.

Attention All Catholic Gentlemen!

The New Prague Knights of Columbus Council 2023 will be holding an initiation on Sun., Nov. 19th. This is the first step in becoming a member of the world's largest Catholic fraternal organization. Where you take it from there, is entirely up to you. The great thing about the New Prague Council is there are opportunities to make a difference in your community if you choose. It will start at 10:30 am at the New Prague KC Hall. If you are interested in becoming a member or would like more information, contact Mike Bartusek at (952) 454-0544 or Ken Kes at (952) 758-3578.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

The Lutheran church of Montgomery and the Roman Catholic churches of Montgomery, Shieldsville, Kilkenny, Heidelberg, and Union Hill invite you to an Ecumenical Thanksgiving worship service on Tues., Nov. 21st at 7 pm at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 7525 Dodd Road, Shieldsville. This ecumenical service of music and the Word will be led by Catholic and Lutheran clergy and lay people. It will include numerous delightful vocal and instrumental music offerings, including choirs and hand bells. Coffee and dessert will be served after the wor-

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This week we thank

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ship. An offering will be taken for the Montgomery Food Shelf. We prefer a monetary offering (cash or check payable to Montgomery Food Shelf). With the special buying power of Minnesota Food Share, the Montgomery Food Shelf is able to turn your \$1 cash donation into \$3 worth of food! An offering of non-perishable food items will also be taken. Please join us in this exciting celebration to give thanks!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

is held every Friday from 9 am until midnight in the SW Chapel. We are in need of people to take a scheduled hour. These hours are noon, 3 pm, 4 pm, 6 pm, 8 pm, and 9 pm on Fridays. We are in most desperate need of someone to fill the 6 pm hour. Could you help by signing up to come pray for one of these hours? Call Diane at 758-5688 or Ann at 758-2735.

You've celebrated a few anniversaries...maybe MANY. You've been through some ups and downs and you have learned a lot about each other. But what if there's more to your marriage than you've ever realized?

Experience a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and discover the beauty of your relationship. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is Nov. 17-19 in Prior Lake. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information, visit our website at: twincitieswwme.org or contact Brent & Tracy at applications@twincitieswwme.org or (612) 756-8720.

Sausage Supper & Turkey Party

St. Mary's Catholic Church, New Trier, invites you to our Sausage Supper and Turkey Party on November 19th. Meal is served from 12 Noon-5:30 pm with our Bingo and Turkey Party following until 8 pm. We serve Pork Sausage, German Potato Salad, Sauerkraut, Beans, Carrots and Pie. Silent auction, meat raffles, craft table, Bingo, and refreshments. We also have a raffle with over \$10,000 in prizes. Address is 8433 239th St. E., Hampton, MN.



FAITH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

Parents of Grade 2 Children ~

If you are planning to have your children re-

ceive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist this year, be sure to attend the remaining parent meeting being held on Tues., Nov. 14th from 6:15-7:30 pm in the Parish Activities Center (PAC). You will receive your family workbook and learn more about the beauty and healing found in the sacrament of reconciliation.

Are you in need of service hours?

Looking for high school leaders to help chaperone 6-7-8 graders to IGNITE! on Nov. 17th. Contact Pamela Sherlock at (952) 758-0477 or pamela.sherlock@npcatholic.org.

SAVE THE DATE for IGNITE

Fri., Nov. 17th, 6:15-9:30 pm, Doors open at 6:00, Church of St. Peter, 2600 Margaret St. N., North St. Paul. Cost: \$15 ~ includes pizza. Register by Nov. 3rd! The evening includes: Praise & Worship, Keynote Talk on Daily Discipleship, Food & Games, Adoration, and Reconciliation. Visit <https://npacc.wufoo.com/forms/kposofl1my8wnl/> to register. Contact Pamela Sherlock at (952) 758-0477 or pamela.sherlock@npcatholic.org with questions.

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SCHOOL NEWS from SWS

School Christmas Program Date

The date for our all-school Christmas program with PreK-Grade 8 students is Thurs., Dec. 14th with 2 performances, 1 pm and 6:30 pm. PreK students will only sing in the evening show.

WESTERN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY St. John's & St. Scholastica

Thanksgiving Ecumenical Program November 21st

The WCC and other area churches, Joining Together in Word, Song, and Fellowship. All interested in singing please contact Brian Rynda (612) 558-0271 (call or text) or email brianrynda@gmail.com for practice dates and times.

4H Country Clovers group of Le Sueur County

picked apples at St. John's and donated them to the Peace Center. 127 pounds of apples were given to feed the needy. Praise God!

He's coming...
be prepared!

LE SUEUR COUNTY - ADOPT-A-FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS

For over twenty-five years, this program has operated through St. Wenceslaus Parish. We receive assistance from the Lutheran churches in New Prague, and Methodist, Lutheran, Catholic, and Presbyterian churches in Montgomery, Le Center, Le Sueur, Kasota, and Cleveland. Several local schools also participate.

In October, forms were sent out from the county Department of Human Services. Parents fill out the forms listing their children's ages and sizes of **clothing and outerwear gift choices**. The forms are forwarded to a St. Wenceslaus YAC group where they are numbered and names are removed to respect the privacy of the families. Families, individuals, or groups choose a child or family to shop for. The gifts will be distributed to the families on Saturday, December 9th, at five locations in Le Sueur County.

We have also teamed up with the Le Sueur County Santa Anonymous program to provide toys, books, games, and other non-clothing items for the families. This program gives parents the opportunity to pick out gifts suitable for their own children on December 11th at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Le Center.

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November 18th & 19th (all church sites)
Thanksgiving Day (St. Wenceslaus)
November 25th & 26th (St. Wenceslaus)

2. Donate cash and our team of Super Shoppers will purchase the gifts. Please make checks payable to Adopt-A- Family.

3. Donate toys, books, games, or other non-clothing items appropriate for ages 0-18. These items will be distributed through the Le Sueur County Santa Anonymous Program. Gifts may be dropped off at St. Wenceslaus School, the parish office, or the State Bank.

For more information, call Kathy McNamara - 952-200-4949.



LITURGIES & PRIEST'S MASS INTENTIONS

INCLUDES ALL CHURCH LOCATIONS
WEEK OF NOVEMBER 13-19, 2017

Rosary at St. Wenceslaus
MONDAY – FRIDAY at 7:30 am
SATURDAY at 8:00 am

Monday, November 13
8:00 am..... Word & Communion – SW
Tuesday, November 14
8:00 am..... Word & Communion – SW
4:00 pm..... Mass – Mala Strana
Wednesday, November 15
8:00 am..... SWS Mass – SW
4:30 pm..... Confession – SJ
5:00 pm..... Mass – SJ
Thursday, November 16
8:00 am..... Word & Communion – SW
10:30 am..... Mass – Mala Strana
5:00 pm..... Mass – SS
5:30 pm..... Confession – SS
Friday, November 17
8:00 am..... Mass – SW
Saturday, November 18
3:00 pm..... Confession – SW
4:00 pm..... Fran Pexa, Cathy Oniskin Nash,
..... Frank & Regina Bartyzal & Deceased Children,
..... Edward & Robert Halloran, Alice Pavek – Mass – SW
8:15 pm..... Mass – SJ
Sunday, November 19
8:00 am..... Roger Ruhland – Mass – SS
8:30 am..... Bessie Zelenka Tuma, Al Zelenka,
..... Rudy Tuma – Mass – SW
10:00 am..... Rosella Riesgraf, Dave Gallagher,
..... Ladimir & Anna Benes, Frank Sticha – Mass – SJ
10:30 am..... Art & Adeline Kubes,
..... Joe B. & Rose Schoenbauer – Mass – SW
11:45 am..... Baptism – SW

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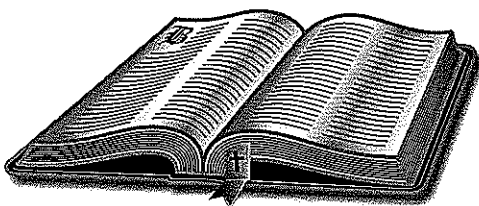
MEETINGS & EVENTS CALENDAR

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 13-19, 2017

Monday, November 13:
No Events
Tuesday, November 14:
Reconciliation Parent Meeting (Option 2),
6:15-7:30 pm – Parish Activities Center
Exodus Study Group, 7 pm
– Parish Office, Upper Parlor
Wednesday, November 15:
Early Morning Scripture Study, 7-8 am
– Pius X Room, Church Basement
Teen Choir, 5:15-6:15 pm – SW Choir Room
Disciples of Christ, 6:15-7:30 pm
– Campus Wide
Junior Youth Alive, 6:30-8 pm – Parish Office,
Upper Parlor
Senior Youth Alive, 7-9 pm – SW Chapel
Adult Bells & Choir – Choir Room
Thursday, November 16:
NPACC Book Club, 6:30 pm – Parish Office
Dining Room
Bereavement Support Group, 7 pm
– Parish Office, Deacon Bob's Office
Friday, November 17:
Adoration, 9 am-midnight – PAC Chapel
Primary Gym Night, 6:30 pm – PAC Gym
Saturday, November 18:
Breakfast & The Word, 8-10 am
– SW Church Basement
Sunday, November 19:
Children's Liturgy of the Word at 8:30 and
10:30 am Masses – SW Chapel
Grade 9/10 Confirmation, 8:45-11:30 am
– Campus Wide
Operation Christmas Child, 9:30 am – Gym

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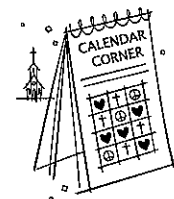
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Monday, November 13:
WIS 1:1-7 / LK 17:1-6
Tuesday, November 14:
WIS 2:23-3:9 / LK 17:7-10
Wednesday, November 15:
WIS 6:1-11 / LK 17:11-19
Thursday, November 16:
WIS 7:22B-8:1 / LK 17:20-25
Friday, November 17:
WIS 13:1-9 / LK 17:26-37
Saturday, November 18:
WIS 18:14-16, 19:6-9 / LK 18:1-8
Sunday, November 19:
PRV 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 /
11 THES 5:1-6 / MT 25:14-30

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