

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH & SCHOOL



A Note from Father Dave & the St. Francis Team

We have so much love to share on behalf of our Father in Heaven! We are called to bring the lost to Christ and, as Catholic Christians, are to put ourselves out there and spread the love of God to all those we encounter. St. Francis is growing and will continue to grow in the years to come. We have more opportunities to share the good news of Christ now, than ever before. Everything we do at St. Francis is for you, our parishioners, our school families, and our whole community. Our goal is to help you become disciples of Christ, so that you may *Be Bold and Seek the Lost*.

Within these pages, you will find testimonies from members of our parish family who have found and grown in Christ because of the gifts given to our parish through Offertory. These stories are a testament to the work that can be done for God through your generous donations to this parish through our annual Offertory Drive. Our next step is to take the mission of *making disciples and disciple makers* outside of our walls and deeper into our communities.

On the weekend of October 21 and 22, we will ask each family to come forward to place their financial pledge to God's work in our parish in a basket at the foot of the altar. We ask that you bring it to the Lord in this way, as a visual and physical sign of our commitment together as a parish family.

No matter how large or small your gift, we ask you to join us and your fellow parishioners as we work together to spread the good news of Christ across our community and enrich our faithfulness here at St. Francis. Our mission is to bring as many people as we can to know God and serve Him so that we may all be with Him forever in Heaven. Your generous donations are vital for the continued growth of the Kingdom of God here on Earth. We could not do what we do here at St. Francis without all of you.

May God bless our parish, our school, and our families!

2022 - 23 Financial Report

ACTUAL VS. BUDGETED - FINAL FY 2023 P&L STATEMENT

Income

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	NOTES
Offertory	1,378,857	1,345,245	Income is comprised of money that we receive
Special Gifts, Bequests, Societies	64,315	-	from various sources like offertory, tuition and registration fees, gifts, fundraisers and Diocesan grants. We use all of the income to pay for things
Parish Activities	(10,514)	(11,600)	we need to run the parish and school - from toilet paper to salaries to the electric bill, and everything
Faith Formation Income	40,957	43,130	in between.
Other Parish Income	38,205	27,798	
School Restricted Funds	156,126	-	
Total Receipts	1,439,874	1,421,889	
Total Income	3,107,821	2,826,462	

Expenses

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	NOTES
Adult Programs	68,951	49,000	Wedding & Baptism Prep, Adult Formation & RCIA
Parish Liturgy	63,055	30,050	Church Mass & Liturgical Supplies
Youth Programs	167,689	155,689	Summit, Elevate, Chosen, PSR, VBS & 1st Comm
Parish Operations	645,967	642,258	Pastoral Life, Salaries, Office Supplies, Fees
School Operations	273,610	239,066	Faculty & Staff Salaries, Office Supplies, Fees
School Staffing	1,078,189	1,202,500	Teacher & Aide Salaries & Benefits
School Supplies	88,475	20,461	Teaching Materials Outside of Auxiliary Funds
School Utilities, Taxes & Maint.	299,349	211,987	Includes inspections, snow removal , etc.
School Bad Debt	2,956	-	Unpaid Tuition
Capital Exp. & Unspent Funds	141,126	-	Security Grant & Unplanned Opportunities.
Parish Utilities, Taxes & Maint.	272,650	325,619	Includes, inspections, snow removal, etc.
Total Expenses	3,102,016	2,876,630	
Total Income Minus Expenses	5,805	(50,168)	Remaining to carry over to next year

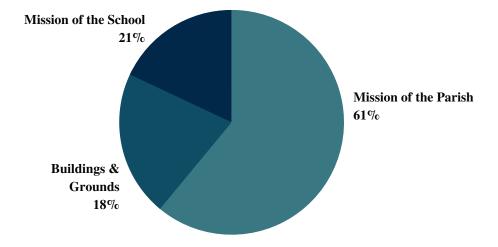
Understanding the Report

We continue to build our budget with growth in mind. As our parish continues to increase ministry offerings, adult faith formation, family ministries, and parish activities, so too does our need for additional liturgical supplies. The school has certainly grown with the implementation of Classical Education. This year's budget was tighter due to bringing on our new Parochial Vicar but has been well worth it!

This year we ask for a modest increase of your giving to help us to offset inflation and to continue a growth path for all of our ministries.

How did we use the Offertory?

Offertory supports the daily operations of our growing parish and school to support our mission of *Making Disciples and Disciple Makers* for Jesus Christ. This includes funding our ministries and outreach efforts, faith formation and religious education, spiritual programs and evangelistic efforts, music, staff salaries and benefits, monthly utilities, facilities, grounds and maintenance, taxes and insurance premiums and other administrative costs. Here's how 2022-23 dollars were spent.



What are Restricted Funds?

Restricted funds can only be used for the purpose they were given. The parish is not legally free to use these funds at will. Examples of Restricted Funds are:

- Student Tuition
- SPICE Donations
- Donations to Catholic Outreach Ministries
- Maintenance Reserves
- Capital Campaign Donations
- Donations given to the parish by donors for a specific project and/or ministry

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE OHIO TAX CREDIT PROGRAM

Emmaus Road Scholarship Fund







YOU KNOW?

You can now use your TAX
OU
DOLLARS to give the gift of an authentically Catholic education at Francis School.

100% of your gift will come back to St. Francis School!



scan me!

HOW DOES IT WORK?

- Donors who make a gift to the Emmaus Road Scholarship Fund receive a **dollar-for-dollar reduction of their Ohio tax liability** upon filing next year (equal to the amount of the gift up to \$750 or \$1,500 if married and filing jointly).
- Anyone can make a gift! Parents, grandparents, alumni, friends – anyone with a heart for making Catholic education accessible and affordable for all. Only Ohio residents will receive the tax credit, but out-of-state residents have the potential to realize a Federal tax savings for their contribution.
- **No gift is too large or too small**, but the Ohio tax credit is limited to \$750 for an individual and \$1,500 if married and filing jointly.
- Your gift can be directed to benefit St. Francis de Sales School students.





WHAT IS THIS FUND?

In 2021 the Ohio Legislature passed a law creating a tax credit for qualified donations to scholarship granting organizations certified by the OH Attorney General.

Subsequently, since the Diocese of Columbus considers affordable access to a Catholic education a philanthropic priority, the Diocesan Education Corporation (dba Emmaus Road Scholarship Fund) officially was formed and certified as the first Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) in the state.

REDUCE YOUR TAX LIABILITY

Online:

Visit www.emmausroadscholarship.org or scan the QR code above. Be sure to designate St. Francis School, Newark.

By Check: Mail a check payable to Emmaus Road Scholarship Fund to Office of Catholic Schools, 197 E. Gay Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. Please indicate on your check that you wish your donation to go to St. Francis School, Newark.

Fruits of Your Giving

STATE OF THE (COMM)UNION IN OUR PARISH SCHOOL

We have answered our mission call. We are dedicated to teaching children from ages three through 14. We are confident that we know how they learn best, and we know how to support them and their families.

At St. Francis School, we have further enriched our academic excellence through the adoption of Classical Education. In the simplest of terms, Classical Education is placing Jesus intentionally in the midst of every class subject. In this way, we are able to showcase all the wonders God created in the world and to fully express joy and gratitude for the gifts that Jesus has given and continues to give us every moment. We encourage children to have a true, honest relationship with Jesus and together we achieve great things, even the most challenging tasks, with strength and determination because He is Emmanuel, God with us.

His presence is felt in the hallways, classrooms, and in our hearts. As a staff, we know and respect that children are a gift to us, and we walk side-by-side with our families, trusting that we'll all see each other again in Heaven to celebrate the fruits of the hard work that the Lord has entrusted to us.

God is pleased with the good that we do every day, and He continues to reward us tenfold.





4 DAMASCUS MISSION RETREATS



36
WEDNESDAY CHAPEL EXPERIENCES



45 FACULTY & STAFF MEMBERS



72 SCHOOL MASSES



216
CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD ATRIUM CLASSES



338
STUDENTS IN PRESCHOOL - 8TH GRADE



1,958
RELIGION CLASSES INDLUDING THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

Fruits of Your Giving





FROM SIN & REGRET TO HIS TRUTH

In the beginning of 2022, I was incredibly confused and sad. I searched constantly for any pleasure to lift me up, any fleeting moment that could fulfill my desires. I did not know who I was, and I did not know the Lord, but through a group at school I began to study St. Joan of Arc, and her story fascinated me. I knew little to nothing of the Catholic Church, but it captured my thoughts immediately. I looked for everything I could find, and prayed for the first time in years. I did not know what journey the Lord had chosen for me to embark upon at the time, but He took me from my past life of sin and regret, and led me to His Truth. I also joined the Summit Youth Group during my conversion and found a sense of community and faith that I had been lacking. In Summit, I was able to learn about the faith in ways more specifically catered to me as a youth and I was able to meet many new friends and take on leadership roles. Summit aided me greatly during my conversion, and I believe that these experiences, along with many others, formed the person that I am today. In April of 2023 I was baptized and received into the Catholic Church.

-Adam Drake

Share your story of how **St. Francis** has positively impacted your life.

www.stfrancisparish.net/Impact

Capital Campaign Recap

OVERVIEW

We are in the homestretch for our Foundations Campaign. We have less than \$50,000 to collect this fiscal year with just a few remaining projects. We are in the midst of the church HVAC project and the Lightning Protection project will commence in spring 2024. The final project is for the Adoration Chapel Handicap Access Installation. We are working with contractors to achieve this without making it cost prohibitive. Please pray for our efforts.

YEAR 1 PROJECTS - \$2,253,710 - COMPLETED

- Security System Update
- Faith & Family Center Construction
- Lamy Center & School Renovations
- Furniture & Equipment Procurement
- Chimney Caps
- Campus-wide Internal Telephone System Upgrade
- Gym Painting
- School Air Conditioning Installation
- Preschool Heating & Cooling Upgrades

YEAR 2 PROJECTS - \$110, 027 - COMPLETED

- New Altar
- Slattery Hall Heating & Cooling Upgrades
- Sanctuary & Adoration Painting
- Worship Seating
- Slattery Hall Tuckpointing
- Renovation of Former Cafeteria Kitchen into Meeting Space

YEAR 3 PROJECTS - \$251,152 - COMPLETED

- Tuckpointing
- Sanctuary Flooring
- Sacristy & Adoration Chapel Flooring

YEAR 4 PROJECTS - \$93,000 - COMPLETED

- School Plumbing Upgrade
- Asbestos Removal
- Boiler Repairs and Upgrades

Guard this rich trust with the help of the Holy Spirit 2 Timothy 1:14

YEAR 5 PROJECTS - IN PROCESS

- Adoration Chapel Handicap Access Installation
- Lightning Protection Upgrade
- Church Air Conditioning

Make a Forever Gift

What we possess, we do not own. We are the caretakers of what God has entrusted to us. That makes it easier to see and understand our responsibility to cultivate, manage, multiply, and share what we have. We want to leave something for the next generation – our children, our community, our parish. So how do we do this? How can we provide for the next generation at St. Francis? The St. Jane de Chantal Giving Society can help.

The St. Jane de Chantal Society is comprised of St. Francis parishioners and other community members who give, or make provisions for future giving, to memorialize God's incredible goodness in their own lives. Remember that everything we have is a gift from God. The Giving Society provides a vehicle to offer future perpetual support for our parish. We, in turn, are given the opportunity to recognize, honor and thank all those who show their gratitude to God in this extraordinary way.

CONSIDER BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE GIVING SOCIETY

- Make provision in your will or living trust, setting aside a specific amount or percentage of your estate for St. Francis de Sales Parish.
- Make a gift of real estate or other appreciated property (stocks, bonds, etc.).
- Purchase a charitable gift annuity. Name the parish or school as a beneficiary of all or a portion of a life insurance policy, IRA or other retirement plan, or charitable remainder or lead trust.
- Contribute to one of our endowments for the St. Francis de Sales Parish and School.

As you consider any plans to give to St. Francis de Sales Parish and School, you should consult with a financial planner and/or attorney to discuss your specific situation.

BECOMING A MEMBER MEANS:

- Your family will be remembered perpetually in an annual Mass
- You will receive a personal invitation to attend the annual St. Jane de Chantal Giving Society Dinner
- Recognition in our annual Stewardship of Treasure publication
- **Recognition** on the St. Jane de Chantal Giving Society plaque in our Faith & Family Center
- Tax and estate planning advantages

The amount and details of your legacy gift will never be publicly disclosed.



OUR APPEAL TO YOU

We invite you to help prepare for the future of St. Francis by prayerfully considering a one-time or recurring gift to a parish endowment. The endowment funds, managed by The Catholic Foundation, are meant to provide support for our parish and its ministries for future generations. Endowments are important because they provide a steady source of revenue each year. We do not draw from the principle of the endowments, only 5% of the interest annually.

Our current endowment funds include:

- Thomas McGann Tuition Assistance Endowment Fund \$33.246.16
- Twylah & Charles Grunewald Memorial Endowment Fund \$16,901.14
- The Brady Hempleman Memorial Scholarship \$22,858.51
- The Licking County Catholic Schools SPICE Endowment Fund \$145,657.65
- St. Francis de Sales Catholic Outreach Ministries Fund \$11,821.04
- St. Francis de Sales General Needs & Infrastructure Fund \$35,735.34
- St. Francis de Sales Mission, Ministries, & Evangelization Fund \$39,564.86
- St. Francis de Sales School Fund \$642,258.56
- Mount Cavalry Cemetery Endowment Fund \$46,410.95
- St. Joseph Cemetery Endowment Fund \$119,958.59

TOTAL = \$1,114,422.80 (September 2023)

Gifts can be made from a variety of assets and can occur during your life or as a bequest in your will or trust. As our trusted partner, The Catholic Foundation assures peace of mind that our funds are invested in a conservative manner and in alignment with Catholic teaching. Within the past year, our parish has received \$49,686.66 in grants from The Catholic Foundation, distributed as follows:

- \$33,483.02 in grants for scholarships for St. Francis students
- \$8,206.64 in grants for cemeteries
- \$8,000 in grants for our vocations program

Please consider how you can support the future of St. Francis de Sales and the Catholic faith through planned giving.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR CURRENT SOCIETY MEMBERS:

- Edward and Laura Lewis
- Helen Sage
- John Miller

- Richard and Kathleen Gummer
- Judith Marshall
- Anonymous Donors

Your gift is a tangible way to express unending gratitude to God for a lifetime of blessings. It provides an opportunity to perpetually resource our Catholic faith in our parish. Thank you!

ST. JANE DE CHANTAL SOCIETY INFORMATION

Giving can be a lifelong journey that includes your entire family and creates a legacy of giving that lasts for generations. Talk with our team today! Contact Maggie Wright, OFS Director of Finance and Development at 740.345.9874 x204 or mwright@stfrancisparish.net.



Fruits of Your Giving

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD

The Junior High Band is entering its second year at our school. We are also starting a separate Beginner Band this year as well. So yes, that's TWO bands! Each band consists of students from both St. Francis de Sales and Blessed Sacrament Schools, 5th-8th grade. We perform at sporting events and have band concerts throughout the year. Our Intermediate Band (2 or more years playing) is even planning a trip this spring. Great things happening in the music department at St. Francis School!

-Mrs. Lee and the School Bands

IT'S MORE THAN JUST A CHURCH

Growing up Catholic and as a former student of St. Francis de Sales School, I thought going to church on Sunday was all I needed. I was wrong. My children are enrolled in the school, but the parish has blessed my family with life-changing experiences. Our family has made many dear friends who have pushed us out of our comfort zone. My life changed especially with the Rescue Project and we have personally benefited from so many of the opportunities presented to us through the parish. God had a plan and put the right people in my path to heal my heart. In addition, my daughter had health issues and through the power of prayer and doing all things in Jesus her health issues are under control. We have no clue where we would have been in that trial without the support of our St. Francis de Sales Family.

- The Reagan Family

MY FAITH BEGAN TO BURN INSIDE ME

I am a single mother of five - three adults and two who are of school-age. I grew up Catholic, but our family never practiced, and well, I was not living a holy life for God! For several years, my good friend at work kept asking if I've gone to see Fr. Dave yet, and I hadn't, feeling I didn't belong as I was divorced, and had 2 children after the divorce, and hadn't remarried. Until one day, I decided to listen.

Boy, did that change my life! I started to feel welcomed, loved and embraced into a growing community and my faith began to burn inside! I started with Walking with Purpose as the agenda seemed like something I'd like and getting to know other women within the parish was something I was wanting to do, as being around like-minded women all searching for purpose and meaning in our chaotic lives helps guide us as sisters in Christ! This led to wonderful relationships and a new faith formation with Reach More. Initially, I found this hard to discern what my personal apostolate was, but God told me, "YOUR CHILDREN!" He especially placed my adult children on my heart. Each day I walk with Jesus, is another seed planted for my children. Reach More grew into Rescue Project as a participant (and now a 2-time group leader) which has helped me see and learn from others in ways I never thought possible.

Damascus Women's Retreat further changed my life! I can say I've been on a new path since I left last October. I've now attended two women's retreats at Damascus and look forward to future adventures!

I've also enthroned my home as well. The blessings continue to flow. I am truly grateful for the wonderful opportunities there are here at St Francis de Sales! Summer was hard, as many events took a break, and I felt the pull of sin, but knowing and feeling God's grace kept me on track and focused! I am so glad for the Adult Faith Formations here, as I truly feel I would not be where I am today without it.



Now that I co-lead the Single Parent Ministry, I see so much potential and growth, and the opportunity to evangelize and bring more back to the faith. I long to help those who are lost or feel unworthy, that they don't belong because of years of sin and shame. I want to share with them, so they know that we have a loving and forgiving Father. I cannot express the gratitude I have, and now I can't wait to spread God's love to all who are willing to hear it and hunger to feel it!



Without the generosity of this parish, not only financially but your prayers and goodwill, our incredible staff and the commitment and support of Father Sizemore and Father Gentry we would not have been able to do all the mighty things the Lord has lit the path for us to do. Please see our website Com4us.life or our Facebook page for more information on how to get involved.

Thank you and God Bless You, Shannon Walker



Ministry of The Poor
Assisting our community
members with specific
needs related to financial,
material or spiritual crisis.



Street Evangelization
Serving individuals in
severe poverty with the
Holy Spirit, food, water,
supplies and prayer.



Giving Tree
Yearly, with Salvation
Army, fulfilling the wish-list
of children in need through
the church.



Blessing Bags
Providing community
members in need with
blessed bag with daily
essentials.



Respect Life
A culture that protects innocent human life from conception to natural death.



Milk Ministry
Financial donations
collected for a 1yr need of
milk for the Haven.



Helping increase financial and spiritual support for the poor in Belize.



Assesses, expands, and communicates resources to pregnant moms & families.



A Ministry specifically dedicated to healing the heartbreak of abortion.



Free blessed headware to those who experience hair loss due to a medical issue.

4HYMN

Praise and worship band for meetings, adoration and special events. 35% Haven Thrift Store
15%
Homeless
25%
Rental
Assistance
Utilities

www.com4us.life

2023-24 Budget Plan

The budget for the coming year considers our current inflation rate. It allows for a modest increase in staff wages and necessary increase in program budgets. We are projecting that the offertory income will match the following expenses:

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2023-24	Budget Plan	
Mission	of the Parish	
Adult & Youth Faith Formation		218,501
Secondary Support to Newark Catholic		14,570
Church Supplies/Salaries/Admin Costs/Etc.		786,604
	Total Mission of the Parish	1,019,675
Building	gs & Grounds	
Parish Buildings & Grounds		602,739
Assessment		129,025
Capital Improvements		129,913
	Total Buildings & Grounds	558,676
	2023- 24 TOTAL EXPENSES	1,578,351
	Buildings & Grounds 35%	
Missi	on of the Parish	
	65 %	

Our basic cost to run the parish increases with inflation and growth. Although we have a very large staff, only half of our staff is paid. The others are volunteer/unpaid staff who graciously give their time to the mission of our parish. Of the staff that is paid, only some are paid at full salary. The others work on a smaller missionary salary so that we can fill much needed positions at a fraction of the cost.



The Lord our God says:

"From now on, I myself am the shepherd. I'm going looking for them.

As shepherds go after their flocks when they get scattered, I'm going after my sheep.

I'll rescue them from all the places they've been scattered to in the storms.

I'll bring them back from foreign peoples, gather them from foreign countries,
and bring them back to their home country.

I'll feed them on the mountains of Israel, along the streams, among their own people.

I'll lead them into lush pasture so they can roam the mountain pastures of Israel,
graze at leisure, feed in the rich pastures on the mountains of Israel.

And I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep. I myself will make sure they get plenty of rest.

I'll go after the lost, I'll collect the strays, I'll doctor the injured, I'll build up the weak ones and oversee the strong ones so they're not exploited."



OFFERTORY COMMITMENT FORM

Dear Fr. Dave,

Please accept this pledge as my commitment to support the daily operations and the many ministries of St.
Francis de Sales Parish and School. My total annual financial commitment is \$ in thanksgiving for
God's blessings in my life.
I will give a:
☐ Weekly Offering of \$ x 52 weeks = Annual \$
☐ Monthly Offering of \$ x 12 months = Annual \$
☐ One-time gift of \$ in (month)
I will give using:
□ Option One – Envelopes
☐ Option Two* – Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)
Complete the account authorization for an Electronic Funds Transfer on the next page.
□ Option Three* – Electronic Check from bank. Use your bank's 'Bill Pay' feature to designate "St. Francis de
Sales Offertory" as the payee and note envelope #.
envelope packets for special collections such as Endowments, Outreach to the Poor, Altar Flowers and Diocesan collections. If you rathe not receive these envelopes, initial here: I understand that the determination of my ability to fulfill this commitment shall rest with me and my goo conscience. I reserve the right to alter this commitment in the event of unforeseen circumstances. I will communicate any updates with the parish office.
Signature(s): Date:
Print Name (s):
Street: City, State Zip Code:
Telephone #: Email:
Please return this form to the Parish Office or just drop it in the collection basket. If you have any questions of concerns, call Kathryn Sardini at 740-345-9874 x 257. We are very grateful for your support in helping to make disciples and disciple makers!
St. Francis de Sales Parish
Offertory Committee
45 Granville Street Newark, OH 43055

If you have any particular prayer requests that you would like to share with Fr. Dave and our team, please list them here:

ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER - MAKING GIVING EASIER

Many parishes offer the option of electronic funds transfer (EFT) for those parishioners who are comfortable with transactions such as debits from one's bank account, charges to one's credit card, or online banking. For the past few years St. Francis has been offering the option of EFT, which has proven to be a safe, easy, and beneficial method of fulfilling annual offertory commitments. In fact, around 70% of our parishioners who give, choose to do so via EFT. There are numerous advantages to utilizing EFT for your giving. They include:

- No checks to write, no checks to remember, and no checks to lose!
- The parish saves money because EFT reduces bank and parish office administrative costs.
- More accurate record keeping for the parish and for donors.
- We receive your commitment regularly, including the times you are away for vacations or work.
- Donors can plan ahead for regular amounts in intervals that work best for their budget (i.e., weekly, monthly, quarter, or annually)
- Giving is automatically tracked for tax deduction purposes.

The use of EFT stabilizes our income so we can succeed with our mission of Making Disciples and Disciple Makers.

Complete the information below for your selected method of payment and account authorization:

Note that if you are using EFT for your Building Fund/Endowments or

Outreach to the Poor Pledge, you may use different accounts for each transaction.

You may also choose different payment dates for each pledge.

Automatic Withdrawal from Checking or Savings			
I hereby authorize St. Francis de Sales to establish automatic withdrawals.			
My annual offertory commitment is \$ in monthly withdrawal amounts of \$ on 5th or 20th (circle one) of each month from my: □ Checking account (attach voided check) □ Savings account (attach voided deposit slip)			
Signature(s)			
If you would prefer to have a different date or have weekly, or bimonthly payments please call the accounting offices at 740.345.9874 ext 223.			
Automatic Credit Card Charges			
I hereby authorize St. Francis de Sales to automatically charge my annual offertory commitment of \$ in monthly installment of \$ on the 5th or 20th (circle one) of each month to my:			
☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express ☐ Discover			
Signature(s)			
Name			



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