

RISEN CHRIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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† WELCOME TO RISEN CHRIST PARISH †

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE TO WORSHIP AND GROW IN FAITH.

MAY TODAY'S MASS BRING PEACE TO YOUR HEART.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMESeptember 20, 2026

Sat., Sept. 19, Mass for Collective September Intentions of St. Matthew & Risen Christ. 6:30 pm

Sunday, September 20, Mass for the Parishes, St. Matthew & Risen Christ.....9:00 am

Tuesday, September 22 NO DAILY MASS..... 8:45 am

Thursday, September 24, NO DAILY MASS.....8:45 am

MASSES AT ST. MATTHEW PARISH

Wednesdays 8:30 am and 12:10 pm; Fridays 8:30 am; Saturdays 4:30 pm

Sundays 7:00 am and 11:00 am

† UKRAINIAN-GREEK CATHOLIC PARISH OF STS. PETER & PAUL †

Mass each Sunday at Risen Christ at 11:30 am

Ministry Schedule, September 26th & 27th, 2026

MINISTRY	Saturday, 9/26 6:30 pm	Sunday, 9/27 9:00 am
Plate Min.	Deacon Charlie	Deacon Charlie
Cup Min.	Jovita Kottraba	Linda Spanke
	Mary Anne Gill	NEEDED
Lector	Shelley Nease	Kathy Shanahan
	Suzanne Johnson	Jack Fallon
Server		
Greeter	Dan & Tammy Newton	Steve & Kathleen Wright

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sept. 20 **TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Catechetical Sunday
Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast.....after Mass
- 22 **No Daily Mass**
- 24 **No Daily Mass**
- 27 **TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Coffee Hour after Sunday Mass

RISEN CHRIST PARISH OFFICE HOURS ARE:

MONDAY ~ THURSDAY 10:00 AM – 12 NOON ~ 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

IF THE DOOR IS LOCKED, PLEASE RING THE BELL.

PLEASE NOTE: The Sacrament of Baptism is by appointment.

Sacrament of Reconciliation is Saturday, 9:00-10:30 am, or by appointment.

The Knights of Columbus lead the Rosary on the first weekend of each month before Mass: Saturdays beginning @ 6:00pm and Sundays beginning @ 8:30am.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - Sat. 9:00-10:30 am

"We must always have courage, and if some spiritual languor comes upon us, let us run to the feet of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, and let us place ourselves in the midst of the heavenly perfumes, and we will undoubtedly regain our strength." – St. Padre Pio

Please plan to attend the **Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast** on **Sunday, September 20, 2026**. Proceeds will support the Knights of Columbus Charities!



Music in the Mass Presentation

By Fr. Eric Gilbaugh

Sept. 28, 7:00 pm

St. John Paul II Parish, Bigfork

Fr. Gilbaugh will share: the Church's ideal, what's allowed, what's forbidden, what Vatican II called for, what different styles of liturgical music throughout history sound like, how the modern world has influenced liturgical music in the last century, and more. All are welcome!

LADIES FALL & WINTER SCRIPTURE STUDIES

Facilitated by Pati Heath



PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

Beginning Oct. 14

Wednesdays 10—11:30 AM

Come to a fuller understanding of the life-changing reality of the death and resurrection of Jesus through Paul's writings.

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### **PARABLES OF THE KINGDOM**

**Jan. 27, 2027 through April 2027**

**Wednesdays 10—11:30 AM**

Some of the most memorable teachings of Jesus were delivered as parables and are found in the Gospels.

The parables offer a glimpse into the kingdom of God and invite us to think in new and fresh ways.

Resources: Little Rock Scripture Study, Liturgical Press, Collegeville Minnesota

**Sign Up In the Social Area for one or Both**

## OUR GIFT TO GOD

Because of your contributions, our congregation has been able to support the work of Jesus Christ locally, regionally, and around the world.



September 12th & 13th

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| Sunday:   | \$ 7,645 |
| Building: | \$ 235   |
| Holy Day  | 10       |
| Total:    | \$ 7,890 |



### † DID YOU KNOW? †



Our K-6th Religious Education program utilizes faith formation guides, gospel weeklies, activity books, and prayer books to provide our children with a solid foundation in the Catholic faith. This year's learning materials cost \$995.96.

Your generous donations fund this vital program for our parish youth!



### SEMINARIAN BAKE SALE PROCEEDS

Last weekend's proceeds totaled \$534.00. The next sale will be on Oct. 10th & 11th. We hold these bake sales the second weekend of each month. Thank you for your support of this important ministry! And thank you to everyone who assisted with baking and the sale!

### 40 Days for Life Campaign

The 40 Days for Life Campaign will run Sep. 23 – Oct. 31, with an **Opening Prayer Ceremony** on Sep. 23, 3-5 pm, in front of All Families "Healthcare" at 737 Spokane Ave, Whitefish; a **Kickoff Rally** on Sep. 26, 1-2:30 pm, at Central Bible Church, 902 1st Ave E, Kalispell with Keynote Speaker, Tanaia Puchta, founder of Abort Ignorance Montana; and a **Life Chain** on Oct. 4, 2-3 pm, on all four corners of the intersection of Highway 93 (Main Street) and Highway 2 (Idaho Street). Risen Christ is sponsoring prayer vigils in front of All Families "Healthcare" on Oct. 6 & 8, 7 am-7 pm. St. Matthew's is sponsoring Oct. 5, 7, & 9. Our signup sheets can be found in the Social Room. See [40daysforlife.com/Whitefish](http://40daysforlife.com/Whitefish) for more info.

### Prayers for "Momentary Characters"

I'm sure I knew her first name at one time, but I've forgotten it long since. She was the head nurse on my floor at a hospital where I'd had surgery. Late forties or early fifties, exceptionally pleasant, and professional. I learned that she also wrote occasionally. I mentioned the possibility of sharing insights and experiences; she agreed that might be fun to do. But on her next and last visit to my room, she said, "On second thought, we'd better not." I said, "OK, that's fine. Any special reason?"

"I don't want to put you in danger."

I think that's at the top of a list I've titled "Really Unexpected Replies."

"From what?"

"From being connected to me."

I wondered....Danger from a rabidly jealous, domineering husband or boyfriend? No, from the type of people she and others were privately gathering data on...people involved in the sexual trafficking of children.

"You wouldn't believe how widespread, how well-cloaked and protected it is by attorneys, judges, politicians, people in very high places. I've been threatened. People like me sometimes run into 'accidents' I shouldn't have said anything. I'm sorry I mentioned it."

Had I heard this from a well-lubricated person in a bar or from someone whose low self-esteem needed bolstering by fabricated drama, I would have been extremely skeptical. But this came from a highly intelligent professional who shut the topic down rather than elaborating further. I have no reason for disbelief. Perhaps prayers for her have helped her rescue a child... or kept her from an "accident."

By Jim Auer, [Liguorian.org](http://Liguorian.org)

**COLLECTIVE MASS INTENTIONS  
FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2026**

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**FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

Karel & David & Terry & Travis Barrett, rb Ken Barrett  
Carol Trimble, rb Bruce Trimble  
Janet Rodeghiero & Tim Slobojan, rb Diane Slobojan  
Kathleen Ott, rb Janet Rodeghiero  
Jan Ruff-Strait, rb Mary Ruff  
Janet Rodeghiero, rb Mary Ruff  
Vernon Babb, rb John & Connie Babb  
Barbara Culliton, rb Larry & Betty Visocan  
Jerry Bristow, rb Larry & Betty Visocan

**SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

Don & Marty Huber  
Kayla Sawyer, rb Mary Ruff  
Ruff & Falk, & Sawyer Families, rb Mary Ruff  
Fran Cavanagh, rb Karol Witt

**RISEN CHRIST MASS REQUESTS  
FOR THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

Nancy Battin, Myron Boyle, Malcolm Coote, Peg Gebhardt, Greg Grace  
Mike Hanson, Eileen Kluesner, Maureen Neitzling, Amy Neitzling  
Mike & Linda O'Neil, Adrienne Neneman, Mary Reckin, Joe Riska  
Mary Ruby, Bob Vine, Larry Visocan

**FOR OUR SEMINARIANS**

Carter Anderson, Shae Bills, Carson Gorton, Riley Helgoe, Matt Keck  
Anthony Olmes, James Semling, Jamie Severson, Jake Smith, Liam Aippersbach,  
Ryan Frampton, Peter Fiocchi, Nathan Olmes, John Cooney

**ST. CAMILLUS SOCIETY**

The "Saint Camillus Society" needs more volunteers. Increasingly, many Catholics are unable to come to Mass due to age, infirmity, or prolonged illness. They long for the Mass and the Eucharist. If you can spare an hour a week please volunteer!

Contact Deacon Candidate Mike McNamara at 406-314-1638 or [aconmara733@gmail.com](mailto:aconmara733@gmail.com)

Jesus calls us to help him, *"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few."*



**St. Camillus de Lellis, pray for the sick, their caregivers, and for us!**

## READINGS FOR THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 20, 2026

Sirach 27: 30-28:7    Romans 14: 7-9    Matthew 18:21-35

### PRACTICE OF FAITH

The first reading and Gospel today are forceful on the matter of forgiveness. They focus on times when we may not extend forgiveness as generously as our Lord does. Forgiveness is a radical act, one that the Lord never tires of extending to us. We should likewise extend that same compassion toward others. Being charitable is not easy, but very much worth it for those who receive forgiveness and those who extend it.

† Reflect on times when you have forgiven others, and when you have received forgiveness. How did you feel? How can you carry that feeling forward to future encounters?

† Consider how you extend forgiveness to someone who never asks for it. How might God's grace strengthen and soften your heart to do so?

† Pray for specific graces that come from God's forgiveness of us. Consider celebrating the sacrament of penance and reflecting prayerfully on the words offered therein.

— At Home With the Word 2026

### RISEN CHRIST GIFT SHOP



Looking for the perfect gift for baptisms, first communions, confirmations, or everyday spiritual reflection? Stop by the gift shop in the community room! We carry a beautiful selection of rosaries, bibles, holy water fonts, and more.

Every purchase directly supports our parish ministries.

† See Rose Hall or Jelita Mayville in the Parish Office for details.



### FORMING A COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITY

If there is a birth, a sickness, or a death in our parish community, or that of someone you know, please call **Mary Sonju**, 406-250-8610. She will be happy to send a card.

### RISEN CHRIST PRAYER LINE

Call Helen Tobiason 406-212-0063 or Sherry Miller 406-609-9057 should you or someone you know need prayer. Please leave a message if they are not available; they will return your call.

### YOUNG ADULT GROUP

We meet Monday evenings 5:30-9:00 for dinner, faith discussions, games, & fellowship. Ages 19-40 throughout the Flathead are welcome.

Join our WhatsApp group chat for more info:



### † FAITH FORMATION & MINISTRY NEWS †

**Faith Formation Classes begin on Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.**

**We look forward to seeing all of you there!**

† *Kids Bulletins* and *MagnifiKid* booklets are FREE and can be found on the table in the community room. Please take advantage of this great resource for your children!

† We will be making cards for our seminarians again this year and would love to use pictures from past Christmases and other occasion cards. Bring them to the social area and place in our "let's recycle basket".

† Our youth will be praying the rosary as part of our beginning and closing prayers this year. If you have any extra rosaries you would like to share, please bring them to church. THANK YOU!

# **FORMING CATHOLICS FOR LIFE - SEPTEMBER 20, 2026**

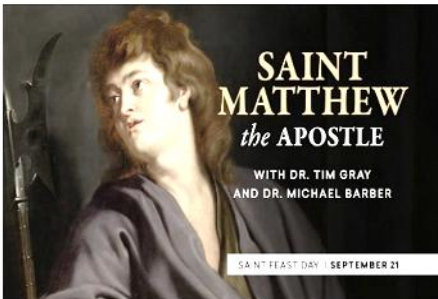
## **THIS WEEK ON FORMED**



### **Padre Pio: Miracle Man**

This movie captures the Capuchin friar's intense faith, devotion, and deep spiritual concern for others, as well as his great compassion for the sick and suffering. It reveals the amazing details and events in Padre Pio's life as a boy and throughout his fifty years as a friar, dramatizing the frequent attacks from the devil, as well as the persecution he suffered at the hands of people, including those in the Church.

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### **Saint Matthew | Catholic Saints**

Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. We are all familiar with the four Gospels, but what makes them stand out from the rest? Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Michael Barber as they discuss St. Matthew, the great Apostle and evangelist.

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### **Bible Study: The Gospel of Matthew 1:1-25**

Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Michael Barber as they begin studying the Gospel of Matthew by introducing St. Matthew and looking at chapter 1 of this incredible gospel.

To register, please go to: [www.risenchristkalispell.formed.org](http://www.risenchristkalispell.formed.org), click on register now to create your account. Be sure to follow the password requirements and check the square that you have read and understood the Terms of Service. After you have created your account, you will have access to FORMED-provided materials (like the one above) purchased for you by our parish. Please take advantage of this beautiful opportunity to learn more about your faith.

~Fr Stan

## OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE



Oct. 23-25 – Missoula, MT

Visit [wwme.org](http://wwme.org) or Contact:  
John & Brenda Pankratz  
406-591-5061

Married Couples – Consider doing something great for yourselves and your marriage. A Marriage Encounter weekend gives couples a rare opportunity to look at themselves, at their marriage relationship, and at their relationship to God, the Church and the world.

### Annual Fatima Rosary in the Square

Oct. 10th, 2026

Noon in front of  
St. Matthew's School.

It takes about 30 minutes,  
rain or shine.

Children are welcome.

Please join us to pray for  
America.

We are one of 23,090 rallies  
around the world!

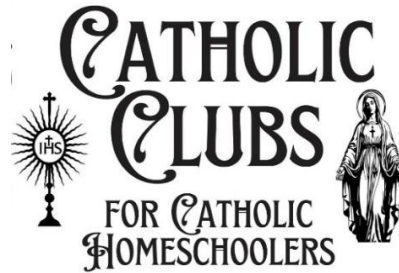
For more information, call  
Ray Leopold: 406-250-  
6272.



### Ukrainian-Greek Catholic Parish of Sts. Peter & Paul

The Catholic Church is comprised of 6 different liturgical rites, within which are 24 particular Churches. These 24 sui iuris (self-governing) Churches all are in communion with one another, are within the Catholic Church, and recognize the primacy of the pope. We in the Western Church belong to the Latin/Roman rite. The other 23 Catholic Churches are all referred to as Eastern Churches and have their own traditions and forms of liturgy, yet retain the same basic liturgical structures and theology as seen in the West.

The Ukrainian-Greek Church, to which the local Parish of Sts. Peter and Paul belongs, is one of these 23 Eastern Churches. The Parish of Sts. Peter and Paul is the only Ukrainian-Greek Church in Montana. They celebrate Mass (or, as they call it, Divine Liturgy) at Risen Christ every Sunday at 11:30 am.



FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH @  
ST RICHARD'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

11:00 MASS

12:00 SACK LUNCH

12:30 - 2:00 CLUB MEETINGS

- VIRTUE/SAINTS OF THE MONTH
- GAMES/CRAFTS
- FELLOWSHIP

### St. Richard & St. Charles Borromeo Updates

The new weekend Mass schedule is:

St. Richard Parish – Sat. 5:00 pm, Sun. 9:00 am

St. Charles Parish – Sun. 12:00 pm

### St. John Paul II Updates

Mon.-Thurs. Rosary 8:00 am, Mass 8:30 am

Thurs. Confession 9:00-10:00 am

Sat. 3:00-4:30 pm Confession. Mass 5:00 pm



**Who was the shortest man in the Bible? Knee-high-miah (Nehemiah)**  
**What do you call a sleepwalking nun? A roamin' Catholic!**





# BE THERE

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL  
LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Faith • Friendship • Leadership • Service • Celebration

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2026

St. Matthew's Catholic Church & Snowline Acres  
Kalispell, Montana

*He is  
there too.*

"For where two or three  
are gathered in my name,  
there am I in the midst of them."  
— Matthew 18:20

## Something New Is Coming for Our Catholic Youth

For the past several weeks, you may have seen the *BE THERE* posters in our bulletin. As October gets closer, we wanted to share a little more about why this event is happening — and what we hope it can become for our Catholic community.

On **Friday, October 16**, St. Matthew's will welcome Catholic high school students from across Northwest Montana for the first *BE THERE* — Catholic High School Leadership Summit. Our vision is simple: give our teenagers a day when they can come together and experience their Catholic faith not only at Mass, but through friendship, conversation, leadership, music, activities, meals, and celebration.

We are preparing for **120+ high school students**, and there is no cost for students to attend.

**We don't want the cost of a ticket to be  
the reason a teenager stays home.**

Instead, our Knights of Columbus, sponsors, families, and community are working together to make this day possible. Our hope is that *BE THERE* will become an annual Catholic youth tradition in Northwest Montana — something our younger children will hear about and look forward to when they reach high school.



### WHY REGISTER EARLY?

Registering early helps us plan and prepare:



Order the correct number and sizes of *BE THERE* T-shirts



Give our food sponsors an accurate count for lunch and dinner



Plan seating, tables, supplies, and event materials



Determine how many volunteers and chaperones we will need



Coordinate transportation and logistics



Give our speakers, musicians, and venues a realistic attendance estimate



Most importantly, make sure we are fully prepared to welcome every student who comes

### REGISTER TODAY!

REGISTRATION IS FREE FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.

## Adults HoCo

HOMEcoming GALA  
A NIGHT OF FUN  
A BRIGHTER TOMORROW

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2026

Snowline Acres Kalispell, Montana

Adults HoCo is more than a party — it is a fundraiser. Proceeds will help support *BE THERE*, the Knights of Columbus Youth Fund, NCYC scholarships, and future Catholic youth programs.

Dinner | Live Music & Dancing | Silent Auction & Raffle  
Catholic Singles Mixer | Beer & Wine Available

### TICKETS:

Single \$150 | Couple \$250 | Table of 10 \$1,100

Purchase tickets at the St. Matthew's Parish Office  
or contact Almaz Yussupov.

*Good Friends. Great Cause.*

### SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

We are still looking for businesses, families and individuals who would like to sponsor *BE THERE* and Adults HoCo. Sponsorship opportunities range from \$500 to \$10,000. We are also accepting donations for our Silent Auction & Raffle, including gift certificates, products, services, experiences and other items.

If you own a business, work for a company that supports youth or community programs, or know someone who might be interested, an introduction would be incredibly helpful.

Early sponsorship commitments allow us to cover deposits and expenses now.

### Questions?

Almaz Yussupov  
Chairman, *BE THERE*

929-382-1493

almaz.yussupov@gmail.com



SCAN TO REGISTER

*The Nazareth Page*  
*A Gospel Meditation for your Home*  
*September 20, 2026 – Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*Matthew 20:1-16*

Today's gospel is one of the most challenging ones in the whole Bible. And to further complicate matters, it is attributed to Jesus himself. In brief, the gospel for this Sunday describes various groups of workers being hired to work in a landowner's vineyard.

Some are hired early in the day. Then midday an additional group joins the workforce. And finally, close to quitting time, a few more are hired to finish the day's work. Must have been a good size vineyard.

As was the custom back then, the owner of the vineyard gathered all the workers, and after thanking them for their good work, gave each worker the wages that all had agreed on. That's when it gets messy. Each worker had agreed to work for the same amount (let's just say it was \$20), but as the narration makes clear, those who worked a full eight-hour shift (a guess) were confused and they complained. They felt that should get more than the late day workers.

And to make matters even more challenging, Jesus concludes this parable by stating the last shall be first and the first shall be last. So how are we to understand this? I offer three ways we might understand this parable.

First, the landowner (God) treats all of us equally. Implying that God does not have favorites. He loves all equally. That in itself would describe God as different from most all of us. We humans generally rate just about everything as good, better or best. Or first, second and so forth. We arrange our organizations in hierarchical order. Even the church does this. But with God it seems different.

Second, focusing on ourselves, we should accept what God gives each of us and accept that as appropriate. Don't be envious of others who seem to have more. Don't complain about the achievements of others. In fact, give thanks to God for each day's blessings. Whatever they are, large or small. I recall an old saying that went something like this: Be happy in getting what you receive and not just in receiving what you want.

Third, don't focus on what you earn for your work, but let work itself be your primary reward. Today's parable of the workers who all received the same earnings no matter how long they worked is clearly different from so many values of today's "make as much as you can" culture. Or its "strive to be number one" goal. Maybe there is a better way to value our work and our disparate lives.

David M. Thomas, PhD



# NEW PRICE. LIFELONG VALUE.

The education you expect at a price you understand.



**Greetings to you!** I am writing to share exciting news! Beginning with the 2027–28 academic year, **Carroll College will reset its published undergraduate tuition to \$26,800.** This simplified model aims to give students and families a clearer, more straightforward understanding of Carroll's tuition, financial aid, and what they can expect to pay. I hope this approach will make the college planning process easier to navigate for you and help our families make more informed decisions. The close relationship between Carroll, the Diocese of Helena, and our parishes remains essential to Carroll's mission and its ability to provide a transformative Catholic education that is both excellent and

accessible. With this exciting tuition and scholarship structure change, Carroll remains steadfast in that mission and in its commitment to affordability. I hope you will give Carroll a look and encourage your friends and family members to apply. Know of my continued prayers for all of you, and please pray for me!

*In Christ, I am*  
**Bishop Austin Vetter**



## 40%

**Beginning in fall 2027, Carroll is lowering its published undergraduate tuition by 40% to \$26,800.** We are also eliminating the General Student Fee. Carroll is committed to expanding access to a Catholic liberal arts education that transforms lives.

**How much is housing and dining?** \$12,600/year, so there is no increase from the 2026-2027 academic year.

## WHY THIS TUITION CHANGE?

Higher education has changed, and families deserve greater clarity when making one of the biggest investments of their lives. Rather than asking students to navigate a high-tuition, high-discount model that can be confusing and discouraging, Carroll is introducing a pricing model that is:

**Clearer** — A published tuition that is easier to understand.

**More Transparent** — Families can begin evaluating Carroll with greater confidence.

**More Accessible** — More students will see a Carroll education as an attainable option from the start.



## PELL PROMISE FOR QUALIFIED NEW STUDENTS

Consistent with its mission, Carroll College is committed to making higher education accessible to as many students as possible, which is why we are proud to offer *Pell Promise for Qualified New Students*, a transformative financial aid initiative designed to **help cover 100% of tuition costs** for Federal Pell Grant recipients who maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

See if you qualify and learn more at [carroll.edu/promise](https://carroll.edu/promise).

## LEARN MORE

**At Carroll College**, we believe an exceptional education should be defined by its lifelong value—not by the complexity of its price. We know you may have questions, and we're here to help. We've created a dedicated tuition change webpage with answers to FAQs, additional resources, and more.



[carroll.edu/value](https://carroll.edu/value)  
LEARN MORE AT OUR WEBSITE

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