

# THE VOICE

MAY 14, 2017

## ST. GERALD

**ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
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### OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday  
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

### MASS SCHEDULE

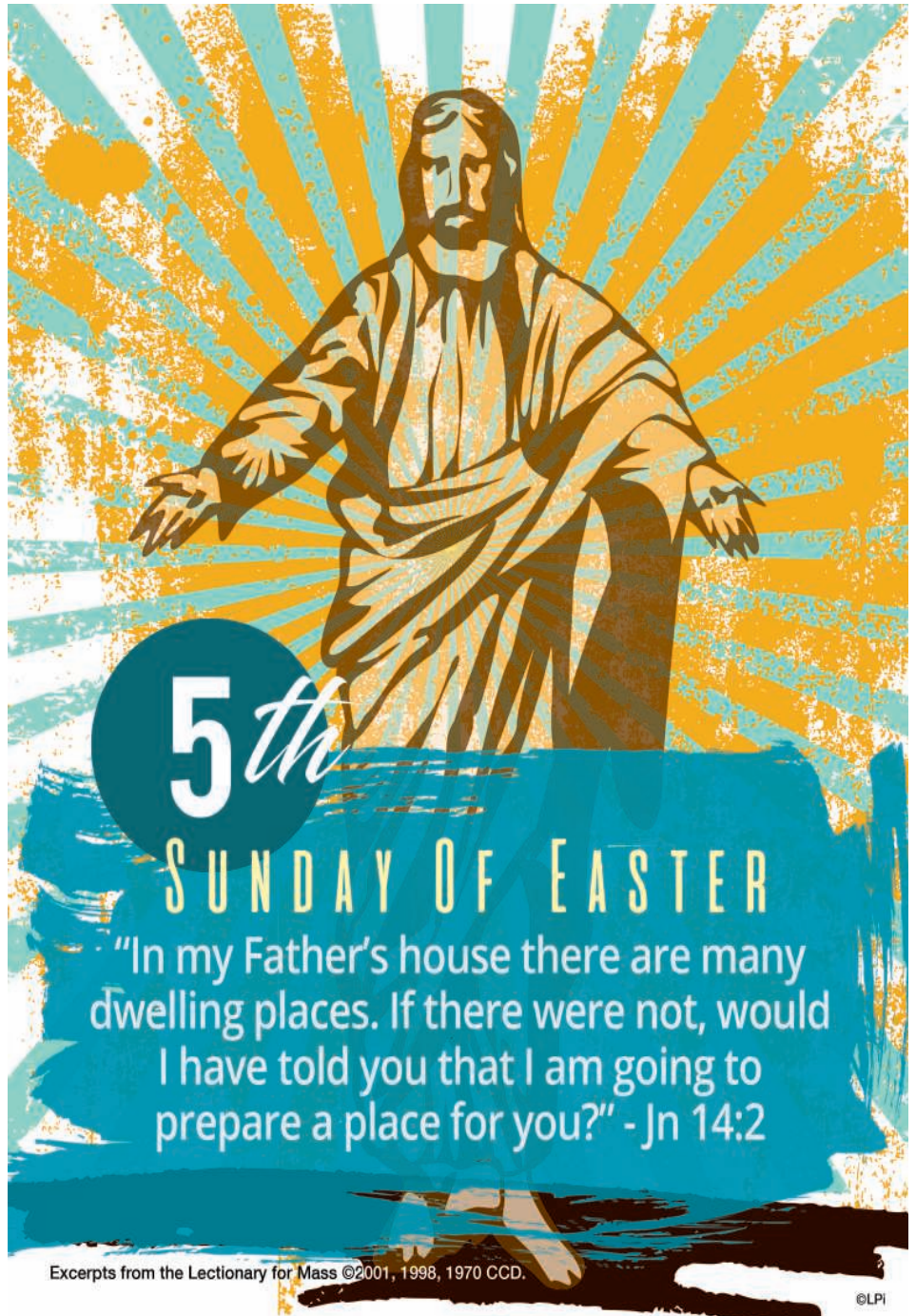
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m.  
and 12:00 Noon

### WEEKDAYS

Monday, Tuesday, Friday:  
9:15 a.m.  
Thursday Evening: 7:00 p.m.

### RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PANDAMANIA JUNE 19TH TO JUNE 23RD

Registration Forms are on the table in the vestibule of the Church  
and on our website at [www.stgeraldparish.org](http://www.stgeraldparish.org)

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church; No matter what your current family or marital situation:

No matter what your past or present religious affiliation;

No matter what your personal history, age, background, race, or color;

No matter what your self-image or esteem: You are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected at St. Gerald Catholic Church.

**WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS**

**MAY 15 - MAY 19**

Monday 9:15 AM

**Gladys D'sa**

Requested by Jean D'sa

Tuesday 9:15 AM

**Frank Bielaka**

Requested by Croitori Family

Wednesday

**No Mass**

Thursday 7:00 PM

**Claudio Barducci**

Requested by Graziano Canini

Friday 9:15 AM

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Requested by Graziano Canini



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY: ACTS 14:5-18/PS 115:1-4, 15-16/JN 14:21-26**

**TUESDAY: ACTS 14:19-28/PS 145:10-13AB, 21/**

**JN 14:27-31A**

**WEDNESDAY: ACTS 15:1-6/PS 122:1-5/JN 15:1-8**

**THURSDAY: ACTS 15:7-21/PS 96:1-3, 10/JN 15:9-11**

**FRIDAY: ACTS 15:22-31/PS 57:8-10, 12/JN 15:12-17**

**SATURDAY: ACTS 16:1-10/PS 100:1B-3, 5/JN 15:18-21**

**NEXT SUNDAY: ACTS 8:5-8, 14-17/PS 66:1-7, 16, 20/**

**1 PT 3:15-18/JN 14:15-21**

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(FOR A LIST OF DAILY READINGS: GO TO [HTTP://WWW.USCCB.ORG/NAB](http://www.usccb.org/nab))

**MAY 21, 2017  
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

5:00 PM May 20 Fr. Puzio

For <b>Bernice, Louis &amp; Dennis Kaye</b> Requested by Joe Pavco	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	Alice Sheehan 5:00B

8:30 AM May 21 Fr. Puzio

For <b>Helen Winiarski</b> Requested by Victor Winiarski	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	Candy Rosowski 8:30C

10:15 AM May 21 Fr. Roodbeen

For <b>Onesta, Antonio, Giuseppe &amp; Neil Morelli</b> Requested by Josephine Rotondo & Family	Servers	Luke Horsburgh
	Lector/ Ushers	Caron Kott 10:15C

12:00 PM May 21 Fr. Roodbeen

For <b>All Our Parishioners</b>	Servers	Angela Guerra
	Lectors/ Ushers	Fernando Guerra 12:00A

**Sacristan Schedule for Next Week**

May 20 and May 21

Team A

May 27 and May 28

Team D

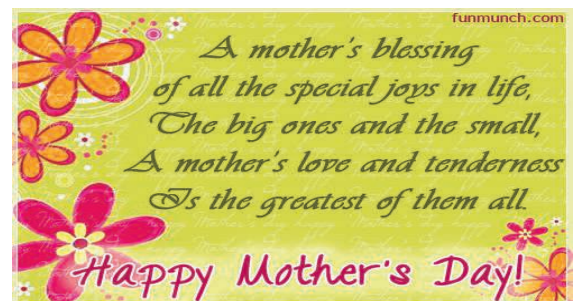
Team #2 is scheduled for Botsford Commons Sunday, May 14th following the 8:30 AM Mass

**Offertory Snapshot**

Actual Offertory for Weekend of April 30 . . . . .	\$ 9,568.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of April 30 . . . . .	\$ 8,800.00
Actual Offertory July 1 - April 30 . . . . .	\$422,377.00
Budget Offertory July 1 - April 30 . . . . .	\$387,200.00

**Pray for our sick :**

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|------------------|--------------------|
| Wanda Reiner     | Beth Croitori      |
| Tony Wadrick     | Marianna Schiffman |
| Loretta Zahn     | Carol Reinke       |
| Dick Campbell    | Erin Malloy-Tingle |
| Charles Minear   | Andy Mosher        |
| Rita Knight      | Cyndy Fenech       |
| John MacDougall  | Emily Choike       |
| Josephine Meyers | Corinne Wedge      |
| Megan Schroeder  | Linda Malloy       |
| Wanda Johnson    | Stephen Cleary     |
| Bob Johnston     | Nancy Kolliker     |
| Laurie Aldrich   | Margaret Joyal     |
| Nell Sagripanti  | Joan Preston       |
| Andy Vermiglio   | Joan Koeppen       |
| Joan Goniea      | Renee Skoczylas    |
| Ralph Wenski     | Joan Koeppen       |
| Nadeen Ouelette  | Betty Hunter       |
| John Dillon      | James Cooper       |





## TIM'S TIDBITS

Here is the continuation of last week's article.

The movie "Silence", which I wrote about a few months ago, God *appears* to be silent in the suffering of Christians. Fr. Ken Mazur, PIME, a neighboring pastor, recently wrote in his church bulletin, "The 'silence' that this film refers to is the silence from God when we pray to Him and seem to hear nothing. Those who were being tortured for their faith prayed, and it seems that God wasn't listening. Time and again in the history of Christianity in Japan, believers were told that if they just renounced their faith, by trampling on a cross (called a fumie) they would be freed, escaping the horrendous torture awaiting them. Why did it seem that God was not there for them? Wouldn't God help them in their moment of most need? One of the missionaries continues to see the haunting face of Jesus over and over again, the face from a picture hanging in the seminary where he studied. It is a face he loves and serves; but the face never speaks. It remains silent when the priest is chained to a tree to watch the Christians die, silent when he asks for guidance on whether to commit the trampling on a cross (fumie) to set them free, and silent when he prays in his cell at night."

"Although the movie ends in seeming ambiguity, the author's intent was to confirm that God is not silent; He does speak to us, just not always in the ways that we would expect. In our own lives, as well, there are times when we wonder if God is really there. Is He listening to me? Doesn't he know the troubles in my life? I try to do everything for God, where is he? Sometimes our image of Jesus is one of majesty and power; the one who can do anything and everything. As we can learn from the movie, Jesus is also the one who suffered for us and is suffering with us. Jesus allows our weaknesses. Jesus, too, was weak and powerless. Often times, the answer from God is there, we just don't hear it or don't acknowledge it. Great saints, such as St. Theresa of Calcutta (Mother Theresa), asked God why He seemed to remain silent. Sometimes the deepest answers and love come in moments of silence. All we need to do is listen with an open heart."

Fr. James Martin, SJ also wrote a review entitled, "Fr. James Martin answers 5 common questions about 'Silence'" it is published in *America magazine* – *A Jesuit publication*.

In a review of the movie, "The Shack", Sister Rose Pacatte, a member of the Daughters of St. Paul, writes in the *National Catholic Reporter*, an article on March 3, "'The Shack' is an honest consideration of a Christian theological explanation for why bad things happen to good people. If you loved the book, I think you will be able to say the film surpasses it. If you had a hard time reading the book, as I did, but you are open to an experience of the Christian imagination informed by Trinitarian theology, well, take a chance that you may be inspired."

"If you know grief and loss, the film offers comfort. If you are angry at God for any reason, test it out at the movie theater. Take a risk during Lent that you may find God in the cinematic art, and in the dark, at the multiplex."

She also wrote a longer piece in the *St. Anthony Messenger* in an article entitled, "The Shack: Christian Film with a Catholic Touch". I would encourage you to read the various articles mentioned this week and last week.

## CHRISTIAN SERVICE

A very big thank you goes out to everyone who donated and put money in their Rice Bowls over this Lenten season. It was a huge success bringing in a total of \$507.11, which will be given to Catholic Relief Services. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and I hope you participate in this great ministry next Lenten season.



Our last Doughnut Sunday of the season is Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> and we are in need of volunteers to assist before and after the masses for next weekend. The job is simple, make sure the coffee is ready and that the doughnuts are all set up for the next mass. As always, if you are interested in helping please call my office at 248-476-7677, ext. 204. Happy Mothers Day!



### ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMORIAL MASS

St. Gerald's Knights of Columbus will be honoring all the deceased members of Council 13673 at our annual Memorial Mass on Thursday, May 25, at 7 PM at St. Gerald Church. We invite members of the honored families as well as our parishioners to attend this special Mass.

### RED GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST



On Pentecost Sunday, which is June 4, the church celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit with the symbolic color of red. We invite you to bring a potted red geranium to decorate our sanctuary with on Pentecost Sunday. Just bring a potted red geranium and place it in the sanctuary. The following week, the red geraniums will be planted on the parish grounds to beautify our campus all season long. Thank you.

We welcome to the  
Body of Christ

Cooper Edward Buford

baptized Sunday,  
May 7, 2017

by Rev. Krzysztof Nowak

Cooper is the son of  
Edward Buford  
&

Allison Robb

**Parish Picnic**

**Sunday, June 11th**

**Mark your calendars! More information to come.**



Evangelization Parish hospitality teams from Central Region parishes gathered at Sacred Heart Major Seminary this weekend for Catholic Hospitality Training. Parish hospitality is critical to becoming what Pope Francis calls a “band of joyful missionary disciples.” A recurring theme at Synod 16 was the need for greater hospitality in our parishes as a way of welcoming others into the love of Jesus. This training showed parishes how to embrace a culture of welcoming and hospitality. Your gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal help fund the efforts of the archdiocesan Office of Evangelization, which is dedicated to bringing the evangelizing spirit to the Archdiocese of Detroit. For more information about evangelization, or other CSA-funded programs, ministries, and services, please go to [www.aod.org](http://www.aod.org).

We appreciate your support of the CSA Program here at St. Gerald. Every donation, no matter how big or how small, helps us to reach our goal. If you are unable to donate at this time, please return your pledge card indicating you are unable to make a donation to CSA this year. Below are instructions on how to give electronically, if this is your method of contribution that you choose. If you are paying by check or are pledging to make scheduled payments, please return your CSA card by mail in the envelope provided, or drop it off in the Sunday collection basket or in the Parish Office. Thank You!

## CSA ON-LINE GIVING INSTRUCTIONS

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- Step 3 Fill out information for New User Account – First Name, Last Name etc.
- Step 4 When finished filling information out Click Enter Credentials
- Step 5 Create User ID and Password
- Step 6 Click the Create Account button. You will receive email confirmation that your account has been created.

Complete Online Giving Users Guide can be found under <http://stgerald.aodcsa.org>

<p><b>2017 CSA PARISH CONTROL</b></p> <p>To Be Retained In Parish As Control Of Assignment And Gift Record</p> <p>GROUP _____ Pledge _____</p> <p>Assigned To: <u>Return</u></p> <p>Assigned To: _____</p> <p><b>RECORD OF GIFT</b></p> <p>Pledged \$ _____</p> <p>Initial Payment \$ _____</p> <p>Balance \$ _____</p> <p><b>PAYMENT PLAN</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 9 Monthly Payments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly - July/Oct./Jan./April</p> <p>Audit Date _____</p>	<p>My Gift To The Archdiocesan Catholic Services Appeal Is As Follows: (This gift is not legally binding.)</p> <p>EMAIL ADDRESS _____</p> <p>PLEDGED \$ _____</p> <p>INITIAL PAYMENT \$ _____</p> <p>BALANCE \$ _____</p> <p>Please Select Frequency of Payment:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 9 Monthly Payments (Starting In July)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly - July/Oct./Jan./April</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I gave online at: <a href="http://give.aod.org">give.aod.org</a></p>	<p>PARISH AUDITORS USE ONLY</p> <p>INITIAL PAYMENT _____</p> <p>CHECK <input type="checkbox"/> CASH <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>DATE _____ AUDITOR _____</p> <p>MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL (CSA)</p>
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**Donor's Record - Archdiocese Of Detroit**

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Above is a sample of the CSA card you received. Whether you choose to donate on-line or make other arrangements for payment, the section marked “Return” should be dropped off or mailed back to the Parish Office in the envelope provided. The section marked “Keep” is for you to tear off and keep for your records.



*Confirm your place NOW at the  
FRUIT OF THE VINE  
WINE EVENT & FUNDRAISER  
Saturday, May 20th beginning at 7:00 PM*

Sommelier, Joe Lozano will guide us on a taste journey with wine sampling provided during an informative presentation.

Hors d'oeuvres and desserts will be provided.



Wine Exchange option for those who wish to participate: Simply bring three (3) bottles of the SAME wine; one to open and two to exchange. Upon arrival, you'll be provided with two personalized wine tags to mark your choices. You will go home with two new bottles to share or gift away.

Must be 21 years old to participate. Minimum donation of \$10/person.

Proceeds will benefit St. Gerald Religious Education Program

Contact Gerryanna Luscri NOW to be included.  
luscrifamily@hotmail.com or 734-341-1999.

**WOMEN'S GROUP UPDATE**

Just a reminder that we are having an indoor/outdoor plant exchange and Bunco night on Monday, May 15, at 6:00 PM in the Church Social Hall. So gather your plants and bring them that night if you would like to exchange. Otherwise, just come to socialize and play Bunco or Rummy Cube with other women. Please bring a beverage of your choice and an appetizer or dessert to share. Call Joanne at 810-858-7121 to RSVP and let her know if you will be bringing a Bunco or Rummy Cube game. Thanks, hope to see you there!

**St. Gerald Mom's Corner**



Our next meeting will be Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>! We will pray the Rosary. You can bring your own or one will be provided along with a leaflet that shows how to pray the rosary. We will share ideas for fun projects, outings and our outreach event in the planning.

Keep checking "The Voice" for all upcoming events, charitable outreach acts and meeting dates. All are welcome!

*The purpose of St. Gerald Mom's Corner is to provide mothers with fellowship, support and opportunities to grow their Christian faith to nurture their children with confidence and Christian values. Through activities such as service projects, parties, speakers, outings and discussion – moms are given the opportunity to connect with other moms in support and friendship. The meetings will take place the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month after 12:00 Mass in one of the classrooms.*



Saturday at  
the 5:00 PM  
Mass



**Spring Clean-Up Pictures  
from Saturday, April 29th  
Thank you to all our volunteers!**



**The walkway in parking lot  
also received an upgrade**





**KNIGHTS CORNER**

***Election of Officers Featured at Tuesday Membership Meeting; Picnic Grillers Sought***

A new line up of Officers will be elected at the Tuesday Membership Meeting, which will open at 7 PM sharp. So far, no opposition has appeared for the incumbent officers, led by Grand Knight Fred Gerometta, Deputy Grand Knight Dave Bednarski and Chancellor Frank Gariepy. Also nominated for another term are Advocate Jerome Williams, Treasurer Rich Rowsoski, Recorder Roger Stacey, Warden Rich Smith, Guards Jack Davis and Mike Rometty and Trustee Bruce Roberts. However, Election Committee Chair, Bill Croitori, will accept nominations until the time of voting.

Program Director Tom McPhail is looking for grillers for the June 11th Parish Picnic. He also is looking for Knights to help with the picnic set up on the morning of Saturday, June 10th, and the tear down immediately at the close of the picnic activities. He needs a couple of Knights to oversee a demonstration of the game known as Corn Toss or Bags. If you are unable to attend the meeting, but want to volunteer, let Tom know by calling 248-875-1185.

All the cost figures for the April 23rd Pancake Breakfast have finally been collected. The Parish Religious Education Tech Fund and the St. Vincent de Paul Society will split \$500. *Good job, Guys!*

Knights are urged to take part in three programs being offered by the Parish Health Ministry, chaired by Barbara Seabolt, wife of brother Thom Seabolt. One is a CPR/AED Heart Saver training on June 14th from 6 to 10 PM. Another is a First Aid Training session on June 28th from 6-9 PM. A third program is ongoing and involves the Parish Emergency Preparedness Program. A meeting was held last Wednesday and one will be held again in the near future.

PGK Rich Smith reports that he is still taking names for the wait list for the next Casino bus June 7. "We always have someone dropping out at the last minute," he said. Other Casino bus trips are scheduled for Aug. 9th and Nov. 8th.

**Looking Ahead:** The Council honors our deceased members with our annual Memorial Mass at 7 PM Thursday, May 25th. Saturday, Aug. 26th is the date of our annual Family Pot Luck Dinner.

***Know a fellow parishioner who lives his faith? Ask him to become a Knight!***

**ST. GERALD CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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9:00 AM - 4:30 PM Monday thru Thursday. Closed Friday.  
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Tom Kruger Kim Shepard

**SACRAMENTS**

**Rite of Reconciliation:**  
Saturdays from 3:30-4:30PM

**Sacrament of the Sick:**  
Please call the office

**Baptism:**  
Please be aware that first time parents must attend a short baptism prep class prior to the baptism of their child. Arrangements for baptism may be made by calling the Parish Office.

**Matrimony:**  
St. Gerald Parish is pleased to marry registered parishioners and their children. Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance of the wedding date. Please call the Parish Office.

**Registration of new members:**  
Please see Fr. Kris after Mass or call the office. Registration forms are located on the shelf in the classroom hallway for your convenience. After you fill it out, just give it to Fr. Kris or drop it off in the Parish Office. Thank you!

**RCIA:** Would you or someone you know want to become a full member of the Catholic Church? Please call Tim Westfall (248) 476-7677 x202 or Fr. Kris (248) 477-7470 for more information.

**WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. GERALD CATHOLIC PARISH!**

If you are new to the area, we look forward to meeting you personally. If you have not been active in the practice of the Catholic faith, we encourage you to return. If a previous marriage has kept you from receiving the Sacraments, we invite you to call the rectory at 248-477-7470. In many cases, Fr. Kris can work with you to find a favorable solution.

**ST. GERALD MISSION STATEMENT**

**St. Gerald Roman Catholic Church is a welcoming, inclusive parish striving to be a reflection of Christ. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we are dedicated to strengthening our faith through reverent and uplifting worship, serving those in need, and living the fullness of the Gospel with all God's people.**



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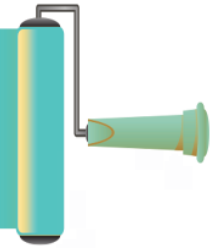
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