

# St. Mary & St. Charles St. Mary & St. John Parishes

## We Welcome You

We welcome you to our parishes and our communities. If you would like to become a member of one of our parishes, please contact the parish office (994-2526-Bloomington or 725-5595-Cassville) to register. For those who are interested in becoming Catholic or returning to the Catholic faith, please contact Fr. John.

## The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Fr. John will be available to hear confessions on Mondays from 4:45-5:30 p.m. at St. Charles, Cassville and from 6:00-6:45 p.m. at St. Mary's, Bloomington.

## Baptism

May God bless our new parents! Please contact Fr. John to schedule the baptism of your child at your church and to attend a baptismal preparation session.

## Marriage

Congratulations on your upcoming marriage! Please call Fr. John at least six months in advance of the wedding. One of the parties must be a practicing Catholic.

## Anointing of the Sick

Whenever someone is seriously ill, hospitalized, or is dying, please contact the Bloomington parish office immediately. If you or someone you know is sick and would like to be included in the Mass prayers, please call the parish office.

## Vocations

Please contact Fr. John if you or someone you know would like to learn more about becoming a priest, brother, sister, deacon, or lay church minister. Please pray for more vocations to the priesthood and all religious ministries!

## St. Charles and St. Mary's School -Faith, Family and Academic Excellence

To register your child, please call Mrs. Kelly Copey at 994-2435 for St. Mary School or Ms. Dianne Makovec at 725-5173 for St. Charles School. St. Mary and St. Charles Schools admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin.

## Bulletin Notices

Please submit bulletin notices in *writing* to the parish office (sunday7@tds.net) on Monday.

## St. Charles Parish Office Hours

Call parish office at 725-5595 to schedule appointments.

## St. Mary's Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

THIRD SUNDAY OF

Lent



Jesus said, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up."

John 2:19

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Our joint parish website can be found at  
[www.swwicatholicparishes.com](http://www.swwicatholicparishes.com).



**Liturgy Schedule**

Sat.	3/6	4:30 PM	Jordan Beesecker and Chris Beesecker (Cassville)
		8:00 PM	All Parishioners (Glen Haven)
Sun.	3/7	8:00 AM	Louis & Rita Horkheimer and family (Patch Grove)
		9:15 AM	Living and deceased members of the Vincent & Germaine Mumm family (Bloomington)
		10:30AM	Lawrence, Dorothy, Lyle, and Tom Schauff (Cassville)
Mon.	3/8	8:15 AM	Harold & Myrna Clark (Cassville)
		8:45-9:30 AM	Adoration (Cassville)
Tues.	3/9	8:15 AM	Mary Fleming (Cassville)
Wed.	3/10	8:15 AM	Francis Zimmer (Bloomington)
Thurs.	3/11	7:30-8:05 AM	Adoration (Bloomington)
		8:15 AM	Joseph F. & Verna Mergen (Bloomington)
Fri.	3/12	8:00 AM	No Mass
Sat.	3/13	4:30 PM	Roger & Phyllis Osterhaus (Bloomington)
		8:00 PM	Rosetta Kuenster (Glen Haven)
Sun.	3/14	8:00 AM	All Parishioners (Patch Grove)
		9:15 AM	Living and deceased members of the Nick & Sue Gotto family (Bloomington)
		10:30AM	Charlie & Millie Dietrich and Agnes and Charlotte Dietrich (Cassville)



**THE THIRD SUDAY OF LENT-  
The Cleansing of the Temple**

Today's dramatic act of Jesus driving out sellers, their animals for sale, and money-changers from the temple leads to increased conflict between Jesus and the Jewish religious authorities in Jerusalem. These leaders want to maintain their business interests that provide for religious animal sacrifice to God. Jesus instead sees how it has turned into an economic transaction and lost its religious purpose. The poor also are often victimized by exorbitant fees.

This weekend is a good time for us to examine our reverence of the things dedicated to God. Do we treat our Churches as a place dedicated to God? Do our actions at Mass help others pray or distract them?

**LIVING THE GOSPEL**

Bishop Hying wants Catholics in the entire diocese to commit to evangelization. The first step is for us to accept and live the Good News, the Gospel. He asks us to do four simple things that show we are serious about our faith. We cannot share what we do not possess ourselves.

1. Develop or strengthen a habit of going to confession regularly, ideally at least once per month.
2. Prioritize Sunday as the Lord's Day in your personal and professional lives especially by attending Mass.

3. Commit to spending at least 15 minutes per day in prayer, ideally praying often with Scripture.

4. Make asceticism (voluntary practices of self-denial) a regular part of their lives, beginning with at least the mandatory observance of Fridays as penitential fasting days throughout the year.

**Bishop Hying has shared this beautiful reflection on the important Sacrament of Reconciliation.**

Jesus Christ came to reconcile us to the Father and to each other. In His Incarnation, ministry, death, and Resurrection, Christ accomplishes our salvation by forgiving our sins and opening up eternal life. The alienation, sadness, violence, and death which are the fruit of sin since the Fall of Man in the Garden of Eden are healed and overcome through the victory of Christ. Baptism is the primary sacrament through which we are joined to God in this new life of grace and our sins are forgiven— both the washing away of original sin and any actual sins committed, if the person being baptized is not an infant.

The sacrament of Reconciliation or Confession is the means by which we receive the renewal of that baptismal forgiveness throughout our lives. By confessing our sins to the priest, who is acting in persona Christi, we are acknowledging to the Lord and the Church our sinfulness and seeking his mercy. A large part of Jesus' public ministry was the forgiveness of sinners. In this sacrament, Jesus continues to heal, love, and save his people, drawing them into relationship with the Blessed Trinity.

In chapter 20 of John's Gospel, Jesus appears to the apostles on Easter Sunday night, breathes the Holy Spirit on them, wishes them peace, and empowers them to go forth to absolve sins. It is as if Jesus cannot wait to come back from the dead in order to share the fruit of his victory over sin and death; already on Easter night, he is passing the power of absolution to the Church, so much does the Lord desire our salvation. When we go to Confession, we receive mercy, forgiveness, grace, and the healing our soul needs in order to make our pilgrim way to the Father's house. What a difference regular Confession makes in the life of a Christian disciple!

**Scripture for the week of March 8, 2021**

Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt. 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday:	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21 Alternate readings (Year A): 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

**Holy Thurs. Mass of the Lord's Supper:**

April 1 7:00 p.m. – St. Mary Church, Bloomington with Eucharistic Adoration until 10:00 p.m.

**Lord's Passion Good Friday Services:**

April 2 1:00 p.m.- St. Mary Church, Bloomington  
5:30 p.m. - St. Charles Church, Cassville

**Easter Vigil Holy Saturday Mass:**

April 3 8:00 p.m.- St. Charles Church, Cassville

**Easter Sunday:**

April 4 7:30 a.m. – St. John Church, Patch Grove  
9:00 a.m. – St. Charles Church, Cassville  
9:00 a.m.- St. Mary Church, Bloomington  
10:30 a.m. – St. Mary Help of Christians Church, Glen Haven  
10:30 a.m.- St. Mary Church, Bloomington

**Upcoming Lenten Activities**

Tuesday, March 9– Stations of the Cross & Benediction at 7:00 p.m. at St. John Church, Patch Grove.

**Communal Reconciliation Times**

(with individual confession)

Wed., March 16 at 7:30 p.m.-St. Charles' Church



**ST. MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS**

**Faith, Family and Academic Excellence**

For more information about St. Mary's School, please contact Mrs. Kelly Copsey at school 608-994-2435 or at home 608-732-2572.

**SCRIP:** SCRIP gift cards are a great way to do your shopping and helps support St. Mary School at the same time. We carry cards for national retailers, local gas cards, Piggly Wiggly and Wal-Mart as well as most local vendors. You can purchase SCRIP at Economy Feed Mill and the SCRIP program is online.

**FISH FRY THANK YOU'S**

We had a great Drive-thru Fish Fry & Raffle with well over 700 meals sold! We deeply appreciate everyone who supported our Fish Fry and thank you for your patience!

A huge THANK YOU to St. Mary's Parish Council, everyone who prepared the delicious meal and donated bars and cookies and all of the great people who helped during the evening. Special Thank You to Mary & Kurt Adrian, Ma's Bakery for donating the yummy potato salad, coleslaw, and rolls. Thank you to all who gave donations toward our raffle prizes.

Thank you to Steve Hessling, Nelda Krogman, Nancy Esser, Daniel Herbers, and Steve Leahy for generously donating all or part of their raffle prizes back to St. Mary's. Thank you to Catholic Financial Life Branch #34 for co-sponsoring the raffle.

**The following are the total amounts received during the Fish Fry before expenses have been paid:**

Raffle: \$9,200.00      Raffle Prize Donations: \$1,000.00  
 Donations of Winning Prize Money: \$1,500.00  
 Dinner: \$8,638.00      Sale of Extra Food: 275.00  
 Donations \$150.00



**Easter Flower Memorials**

We are asking members of St. John's and St. Mary's to help decorate our churches for Easter by purchasing flowers in memory of their loved ones. The prices for the flowers are:

Kalanchoe \$23.00      Lily \$17.00      Large Lily \$30.00  
 Mum \$18.00      Begonia \$20.00      Azalea \$35.00  
 Calla Lily \$30.00

Memorial donations to help offset the cost of decorating the churches are also appreciated. Memorials may be put in the weekend collection or dropped off at the parish office by March 28. Please indicate on the envelope what type of plant, which church it is being given to, the name of the person(s) it is being given in memory or honor of, and your name.



**2020 HARVEST FUND:**

We are very gratefully to the families who have given donations totaling **\$29,718.19 for our Harvest Fund.** We hope all of our parish members will be able to share their bounty and blessings to help with fall and winter expenses for the parish. We appreciate all contributions large or small and thank the many generous parishioners for their continued support.

Goal: \$50,000  
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**St. Mary's Religious Education**

Classes for March 10, 2021

5:45-7:00 p.m. - Grades 1, 2,3,5,6

7:15-8:45 p.m. - Grades 7-10

**ST. JOHN'S FOOD PANTRY**

The Second Harvest Mobile Food Pantry at St. Johns in Patch Grove will have a second distribution of food the fourth Tuesday of March and April in addition to the normal second Tuesday distribution. This will be a trial to see how the response is and if it goes well we will continue. The dates in March and April are: Tuesday March 9th and 23rd and Tuesday April 13 and 27th. The times from 12:30-1:30 but please be in line no later than 1:00 p.m. to make sure there is enough food for everyone. If you have questions, please contact Linda McCabe at 608-996-2872

*Touch our hearts,  
 help them grow toward the life you have promised.  
 Touch our lives, make them signs of your love for all.*

• Roman Rite •

**PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATES**

**PLEASE HELP US PAY OUR EXPENSES**

**St. Mary's Collections for the period ending February 26, 2021**  
 Church Support.....\$2,573.00  
 Offertory.....\$148.00  
 Gift.....\$500.00

St. Mary's families are asked to generously contribute toward the support of parish expenses. It is suggested for a family to give \$900.00 and a single person \$450.00 per year.

**St. John's Collections for the week ending on February 26, 2021**  
 Church Support.....\$550.00  
 Offertory.....\$109.00

St. John's families are asked to generously contribute toward the support of parish expenses.

**St. Mary's Memorial Patio Project**

St. Mary's Parish Council has organized the building of the Memorial Patio around the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary on the south side of St. Mary Church in Bloomington. Thank you to everyone who has supported this project. For more information about ordering a paver or brick in memory of a loved one, please call the parish office at 994-2526 or Tony at Bloomington Monuments (994-2700).

**St. John's Ministry Schedule for March 14, 2021**

**Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass**  
 Lector: Bob McLimans  
 Ushers: Ray Breuer, Roger McKinney  
 Servers: Carolyn & Matthew Tolle

**St. Mary Ministry Schedule for March 14, 2021**

**4:30 p.m. Sunday Mass**  
 Lector: Mary Sue White  
 Ushers: Charley Errthum, Gary Mumm  
 Server: Conner & Ava Hoepfer

**9:15 a.m. Sunday Mass**  
 Lector: Pat Casey  
 Sacristan: Pat Casey  
 Ushers: Ronnie Mumm, Daniel Herbers  
 Server: Brendan Jentz, Alan Hernandez



## St. Charles Church, Cassville

## St. Mary Church, Glen Haven



**St. Charles Drive-thru Fish Fry**  
 Mark your calendars and plan to attend  
**St. Charles Drive-thru Fish Fry on Friday,**  
**March 26, from 5-7:00 p.m.**

### Easter Lily Memorials



Anyone wanting to give a donation for a Easter Lily Memorial for St. Charles or St. Mary's Glen Haven, please send your donation to St. Charles, P.O. Box 166, Cassville, WI 53806 or put in offertory collection at either church by Monday, March 22. Please list the name/names for the memorial.

### CCW "Egg"citing News for the Fish Fry

Spring is on its way and so is the CCW Spring Drawing that will take place at the Church Fish Fry on March 26. Remember tickets will be "6" for \$5.00 in the drive-up lane and our "Boxes of Cookies" will be \$5.00. Get your great Fish Dinner TO GO first and foremost. Then the extra fun begins as we invite you to invest in our Spring Basket Drawing. Here are just some of the things that you could win to make you "jump for joy"—just like the Easter Bunny.

Gifts Certificates from Okey's, Hair by Holly, Janet's Flowers, the Coffee Shop, BP Amoco, and real Cash Spring Table Runner and Decorative Basket Spring Flower Arrangement with Cassville Cash Sweet Tempting Easter Baskets every kid (of all ages would love

Pamper Yourself Bath Basket  
 Relaxation Basket—wine and a book  
 Kitchen Basket of fun surprises

Spring Centerpiece Decorations (bunnies, eggs, candle, and the Moore Eggs Recipe Collection Cookbook.



Remember CCW ladies, you can sign up now at Church to help with baking cookies or bars. Contact Phyllis Adrian, ((725-5970), Kate Lenz (725-5909), or Susan Kremer (725-5961) with questions.



### St. Charles School News

Do you want your child/children or grandchildren to receive an excellent faith based education? We offer small class sizes, one on one instruction, and a standards based curriculum. Scholarships are available to help offset the cost of tuition. If interested, please contact the school at 608-725-5173.

### SAINT FRANCES OF ROME (1384-1440) March 9



Nature and human nature—plagues and wars—turned late medieval Rome into a living hell, particularly for the sick and poor. Frances, by birth and marriage well provided for, was a devoted wife and mother; but like Benedictine

Oblates who, to this day, "pray and work" while living with their families and working in the world, she joined like-minded laywomen friends in ministering to society's most vulnerable. Frances' charity was not only "hands on" but "in home." Her palace becoming a hospital after the plague claimed two of her three children. When her husband's death ended their loving marriage of forty years, Frances joined other widowed Oblates in community.



### Reflection

*"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..." - Exodus 20:4*

How many "gods" do you put before God?" "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God's help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue.

### FEAST OF FAITH

#### Postures of the Mass

In the Mass, we pray not only with our lips, but with our bodies as well. We stand when the ministers enter. In Western culture, standing is a sign of attention, a mark of respect: all stand when the judge enters the courtroom, for example. Standing is also an ancient posture of prayer, mentioned frequently in the Old Testament. When the readings begin, we sit down: a listening posture. Mary sat at Jesus' feet to listen to his teaching; the crowds sat on the hillside or the seashore to hear his words. Kneeling is another posture that is full of meaning. It expresses adoration and worship, but it can also express humility and contrition. We bow: a sign of honor and reverence, acknowledging the presence of God, especially when we receive the Eucharist. And there are other ritual gestures as well—striking the breast, genuflecting, and of course making the sign of the cross. The liturgy invites us to pray with our whole person—with heart and mind, voice and body.

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### PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATES

#### St. Mary's, Glen Haven for February 27, 2021:

Church Support.....\$20.00  
 Offertory.....\$84.00

#### St. Charles, Cassville for February 28, 2021

Church Support.....\$2,490.00  
 Offertory.....\$119.00  
 Diocesan Tax.....\$120.00  
 Catholic Herald.....20.00

### PLEASE HELP US PAY OUR EXPENSES

St. Charles suggested giving is \$1,400.00 a year for a married couple and \$700.00 a year for a single household.

### St. Mary's, Glen Haven Schedule for March 13, 2021

**8:00 p.m. Saturday Mass**  
 Lector: Barb Breuer  
 Ushers: Mike Breuer, Ed Breuer  
 Servers: Luke & Leah Patterson

### St. Charles' Ministry Schedule for March 14, 2021

**10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass**  
 Lector: Bruce Boyum  
 Sacristan: Linda Reynolds  
 Ushers: Jack & Joan Bausch

*"O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore Thee profoundly. I offer Thee the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifferences by which He is offended. By the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary I beg the conversion of poor sinners." - Angel's Prayer at Fatima*



## Celebrate Life

Tertullian, a Christian writer who died in the third century, wrote the following: "Thus, you read the word of God, spoken to Jeremias: "Before I formed thee in the womb, I knew thee." If God forms us in the womb, He also breathes on us as He did in the beginning: "And God formed man and breathed into him the breath of life." Nor could God have known man in the womb unless he were a whole man. "And before thou camest forth from the womb, I sanctified thee." Was it, then, a dead body at that stage? Surely it was not, for "God is the God of the living and not the dead.""  
- De Anima 26.5

## Help is Available

If you need support for an unplanned pregnancy, please contact the [Clarity Clinic of SW Wisconsin](http://www.clarityclinic.org) at 608-348-5787 or email at [clientservices@claritywi.com](mailto:clientservices@claritywi.com) or the [Women's Care Center in Madison, WI](http://www.women-care-center.org) at 608-241-8100. For more information on pro-life issues, visit [www.WisconsinRightToLife.org](http://www.WisconsinRightToLife.org).

## Project Rachel - Healing from Abortion

Are you or a loved one carrying the sorrow and regret from abortion? Whether recent or long ago ... God is waiting ... Healing is possible. For confidential help, please contact Mary at 608-221-9593 or [rachel@straphael.org](mailto:rachel@straphael.org)

## Natural Family Planning

Register for in-person education courses or for a self-paced online course: <http://www.madisondiocese.org/classes-andregistration> Questions? Call 608-495-6117 or email: [nfp@straphael.org](mailto:nfp@straphael.org)



## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me." Do we have zeal to honor God through our marriage? The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are on April 9-11 in Brookfield, WI or June 25-27 in Geneva, IL. Visit our website at - [alife-timeoflove.org](http://alife-timeoflove.org) or call (888) 574-5653.

Para un fin de semana en español por favor llamen a Candelario y Emilia al 815-375-4250.

## AA and Al-Anon Meetings in Bloomington

Open AA meetings for anyone who is struggling with addiction **are held every Thursday from 7:00-8:00 p.m.** The meeting will be held at the American Legion, 212 Congress St., Bloomington, WI. Please call Peggy at 317-690-9241 for more information.

## Survivors of Suicide (SOS) Support Group

This support group is meant to help those who have lost a loved one to suicide and to give hope. More information at <http://www.bens-hope.com>.

## National Suicide Prevention Life Line - 1.800.273.8255

24 Hour assistance.

*Love God, serve God; everything is in that.*  
- St. Clare of Assisi

## Meetings

## EVENTS

- \*March 9 -St. John's Food Pantry 12:30-1:30 p.m. but participants should be there no later than 1:00 p.m. to make sure there is enough food for everyone.
- \*March 15-Red Cross Blood Drive from 1-6:00 p.m. at St. Mary Church
- \*March 23 -St. John's Food Pantry 12:30-1:30 p.m. but participants should be there no later than 1:00 p.m. to make sure there is enough food for everyone.
- \*March 26- St. Charles Drive-thru Fish Fry from 5-7:00 p.m.
- \*April 4 - Easter
- \*April 13 - St. John's Food Pantry 12:30-1:30 p.m. but participants should be there no later than 1:00 p.m. to make sure there is enough food for everyone.
- \*April 25-St. Mary's First Communion
- \*April 13 - St. John's Food Pantry 12:30-1:30 p.m.
- \*May 2-St. Charles First Communion

## Rural Resiliency: Caring for You and Yours

This is a four week Webinar Series on March 2, 9, 16, 23 from 7:30 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. (Tuesday nights) and is a discussion starter and healthy mindset promoter for dealing with rural behavioral and brain health, communication skills, and relationship enrichment for self, marriage and families.

Farm families and those who work with them as consultants or neighbors are encouraged to attend. Dr. Larry Tranel, Pastoral Psychologist and Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Dairy Specialist is the featured speaker for:

- March 9—Personality Keys When "Married" to Farm Stress
- March 16—Dealing with the Stresses of Men, Women, and Children
- March 23—Brain and Behavioral Health "Hacks" to Mitigate Distress

Questions can be directed

to: [tranel@iastate.edu](mailto:tranel@iastate.edu) <<mailto:tranel@iastate.edu>>. Registration is available at: <http://www.aep.iastate.edu/stress>. "This material is based upon work supported by USDA/NIFA under Award Number 2018-70027-28586."

## Cassville AA and Al-Anon Meetings

The AA meetings are every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building in Cassville.

## Courage & EnCourage

Courage, an apostolate of the Catholic Church, ministers to persons with same-sex attractions and their loved ones. They also have an outreach called EnCourage, which ministers to relatives, spouses, and friends of persons with same-sex attractions. In recognition of the irreplaceable role of the family in attaining an understanding of the homosexual condition and embracing a life of chastity. If you are looking for acceptance for yourself-same-sex attraction and all-while embracing the truth about sex as God means it to be, you may call (608) 821-3018 or contact [courage@madisondiocese.org](mailto:courage@madisondiocese.org) for more information.

## HEAVEN

Heaven is at present out of sight, but in due time, as snow melts and discovers what it lay upon, so will this visible creation fade away before those greater splendors which are behind it. —John Henry Newman



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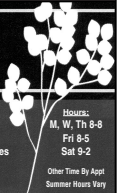
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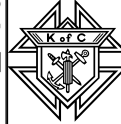
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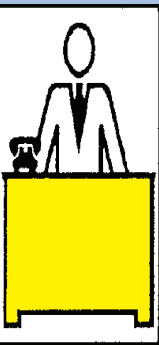
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