

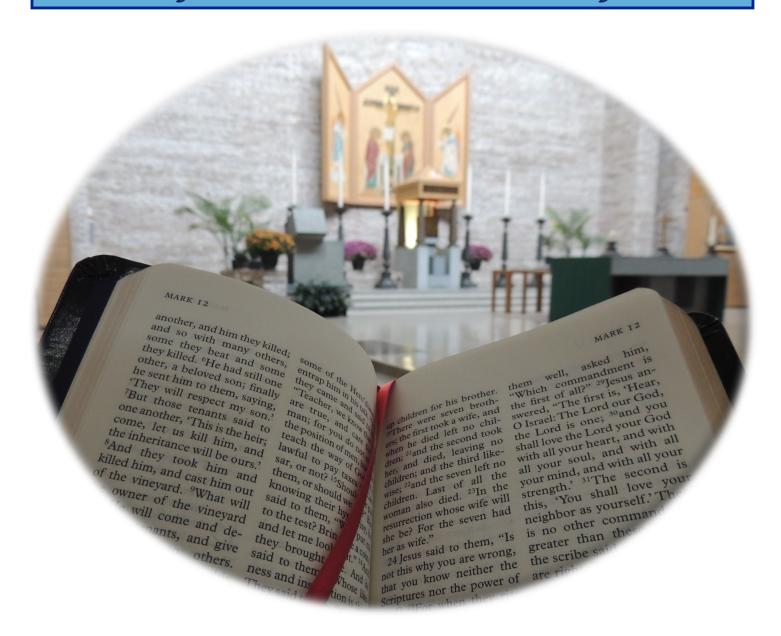
October 31, 2021 Baptist 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Our Core Values: a reliance on prayer, a willingness to grow, a generous spirit

Our October Focus:

Reliance on Prayer Restored to Life through Sacred Scriptures



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Monday	8 AM - 8 PM
Tuesday	8 AM - 8 PM
Wednesday	8 AM - 8 PM
Thursday	8 AM - 8 PM
Friday	8 AM - 7 PM
Saturday	8 AM - 5:30 PM
Sunday	8 AM - 5:30 PM

Church Nursery: We offer year-round nursery during both the 8:30am and 10:30am Sunday Masses for children ages 1-3. Children play with caring staff while you are able to fully participate in Mass.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
Monday, November 1, 2021 Feast of All Saints Day 6:30 AM Mass ~ Church 8:00 AM Rosary ~ Church 8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals 8:30 AM Mass (Loretta and Gene Witkowski +) Church ~ Fr. Doug
9:00 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ Church 3:00 PM Litany of Restoration ~ Facebook 7:00 PM Mass ~ Church ~ Fr. Doug (Incense will be used) 7:00 PM RCIA Class ~ 211
Tuesday, November 2, 2021 Feast of All Souls Day 8:00 AM Rosary ~ Church 8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals 8:30 AM Mass (Zachary Bright +) Church ~ Fr. Doug 9:00 AM Sunday Scripture ~ 204 9:30 AM Maternity Closet ~ 203 3:00 PM Litany of Restoration ~ Facebook 5:30 PM Arts and Environment ~ 204 7:00 PM Mass ~ Church ~ Fr. Paul (Incense will be used) 7:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul Society ~ 210
Wednesday, November 3, 2021 8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals 8:30 AM Mass (Lois C. Dougherty +) Church ~ Fr. Paul 9:00 AM Blood Pressure Checks ~ St. Therese 9:30 AM Faithfully Fit ~ 210

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9:30 AM Fall Scripture 2021 ~ 206 3:00 PM Litany of Restoration ~ Facebook 5:00 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals 5:30 PM Mass (Richard Brennan +) Church ~ Fr. Doug

6:00 PM Family Formation ~ St. Joseph Hall 7:00 PM Adult Choir Meeting ~ LL 101 8:00 PM Senior High School Group ~ LL 106

Thursday, November 4, 2021

6:30 AM Men's Fellowship ~ St. Joseph Hall

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Church 8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals

8:30 AM Mass (Robert Kalscheur +) Church ~ Fr. Bob Hart

9:30 AM Synod Small Group ~ 206

2:30 PM Middle School Open Youth Room ~ LL 106

3:00 PM Litany of Restoration ~ Facebook

6:30 PM Synod Small Group ~ 206

Friday, November 5, 2021 8:00 AM Rosary ~ Church

8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals

8:30 AM Mass (Robert Asfaly +) Church ~ Fr. Bob Hart

9:30 AM Legion of Mary ~ 204

3:00 PM Litany of Restoration ~ Facebook

Saturday, November 6, 2021

3:00 PM Litany of Restoration ~ Facebook

3:15 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals

4:30 PM Mass (Dale Dufault +) Church ~ Fr. Doug

7:00 PM Youth Ministry ~ Church

Sunday, November 7, 2021

8:30 AM Mass (Elizabeth Daly +) Church ~ Fr. Doug

8:30 AM Sunday Nursery ~ Nursery

8:30 AM Sunday School ~ School Classrooms

9:15 AM RCIC Meeting ~ 211

10:30 AM Mass - 50th Anniversary Dale and Mary Favre (Pro Populo) Church ~ Fr. Doug

10:30 AM Sunday Nursery ~ Nursery 10:30 AM Sunday School ~ School Classrooms 10:30 AM Turkey Dinner ~ St. Joseph Hall

3:00 PM Litany of Restoration ~ Facebook

5:00 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals

5:30 PM Mass (Darwin Larson +) Church ~ Fr. Michael Johnson

6:45 PM Confirmation Preparation ~ LL 106

From Jessica Balzarini, Director of Discipleship and Mission



"Take to heart these words..."
-Deuteronomy 32:46

I remember thinking for a very long time I would never be like some of the holy people in my life, who really took to heart the Word of God. Someone like Abraham, an African man in college who had much of the Bible memorized. He wanted to memorize the entire Bible so that when he was old and could no longer see, he could still read the Bible. Or Angie, a friend who could open up the Bible and always find the Lord speaking directly to her personal situation. Or Barbara, who could read a passage from the Sacred Scripture and connect it to other passages and church teachings on command.

I was amazed by each of them and what God had done in them. I wondered, how did they get there? What was the formula? What special gift had they prayed for or been given? What was the easy magic pill? Up to that point in my life, that level of knowledge and intimacy with the Word of God wasn't natural and it wasn't normal. Maybe the priest or the nun in the parish had it, but I hadn't seen that. Or maybe it was for that one "churchy" religious weird guy or gal in the parish.

I had always heard that the path to knowing Jesus better was a daily prayer time with Him. It was the way I would get to know Him personally and not just know about Him. On my own, I just couldn't get it started! The Scriptures didn't make sense, they didn't seem personal, and I didn't know what do with them when I read them.

There was a desire in me for a closer relationship with the Lord through His Word. I did want to know my faith better and be able to share it with others. For a long time, I really believed God couldn't possibly do "that" in me. I wasn't smart enough or holy enough, and He certainly had far more important things to do in the world like cure cancer or make world peace! For a long time I believed the evil one and this lie he had sown in my heart.

Then one day not so many years ago, someone decided to walk alongside me for a time, to mentor me in a habit of discipleship. He helped me establish my daily prayer time that included praying and reflecting with Scripture. My mentor showed me how to make time in my schedule and encouraged me not to give up when life got in the way. He taught me plenty of ways to pray with Scripture until I found one what worked for me. And he held me accountable to my own spiritual growth.

I began to take to heart His words in Sacred Scripture and ponder their meaning. Ponder their deeper theological or doctrinal meaning but more importantly what meaning they had for me in my life, right now. Over time, as I gave those moments to the Lord, something changed in me. It was like a dimmer switch, with the lights being turned on slowly. Because I gave this time to the Lord to cultivate my relationship with Him, I was finally recognizing Jesus in Sacred Scripture. I could see how He was showing himself to me personally through His Word. Slowly, this area of my discipleship was being brought to life. No longer was it on life support, but it became fuel for the abundant life Christ promises each of us.

In Christ, **Jessica Balzarini**

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PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Those who have entered eternal life:

Quang Chieu Dinh, Lorraine Narog, Michelle Stenger, Patricia Kroyer, Ave Guadalupe Mueller

Those who are ill:

Ed Robinson, Sadlovsky Family, Najbert Family, Sheehan Family, Shirley Lind, Cameron Santos, Patricia Roy, John Lundak, Dave Willette, Madi Rippy, Sydney Jo Rippy, Nick Prokop, Jesse McDonough, Daryl and Rose Stevens, Richard Adams, Carol Ruff, Geraldine and Greg Najbert, Lillian Reps, Gloria Hangartner, Sarah Miller, Emily Dahl, Theresa People, Josephine Schmidt, Erik Engebretson, Chris Natheos, Randy Vogland, Don Lumby, Alex Pearson, Thomas Jones, Jean Isacson, Fulton Francis Dobbs, Susan Welsh, Robert Cuddigan, Jenny Bruening, Annette Foreman, Mary Clare Farrell, Sawyer Anderson, Betsy Brown, Dee Olson, Jim Smith, Jerry Renk, Dale Phillips, Dennis Fox, Kathleen Schopf, Tom Miskowic, Bob Springhetti, Steve Lauinger, Charlotte Thrun, John Riedle. Poppy Craft, Annette Kirwan, Bonnie Norgren, Emma Lutsilili, Beverly Aplikowski, Mary Gormally, Georgianna Warden, Mary Spitzka, Michael Ferdelman, Shirley Hill, Cassie Cramer, Jon Clark, Donna Yenish, Mary Wegerson, John Leibrich, Scott Lemke, Nella Pitzen, Helen Sullivan, Carl Stampfle, Marcy Eder, Doug Brekke, Jack Longnecker, Philip Jarosz, Kay and Gary Mayer & Elaine Loscheider, Jim Verbrugge, Diana Goebel, Bill Madison, Ted Kueppers

If your name has been removed from this list and you would like to be prayed for, please call the parish office.

PRAYER LINE 651-633-1618/651-247-4202 Call with your prayer requests. Requests are confidential.

BIRTHRIGHT Caring help for pregnant women. (651) 646-7033 Saint Paul, (763) 757-0715 Coon Rapids

Please note: There will be incense used for both the All Saints and All Souls Day Masses at 7:00 pm on November 1st and 2nd.



Due to the overwhelming requests for Mass intentions:

- A Mass intention can be requested no more than 3 months out. For example, if you would like a Mass intention for September, the earliest you can request that date is June 1. Please keep in mind your preferred date may not be available.
- Only 2 Mass intentions per person, per month will be taken.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3;

Mt 5:1-12a

Tuesday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or from the Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9;

Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Rom 14:7-12; Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14;

Ľk 15:1-10

Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11;

Lk 16:9-15

Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7-10; Heb 9:24-28;

Mk 12:38-44 [41-44]

PERPETUAL ADORATION

"With all prayer and supplication, pray at every opportunity in the Spirit." Ephesians 6:18

The adoration chapel is a great place to pray in the presence of our Lord.

These are open hours that need to be filled:

Monday midnight, 2 am, 3 am, 4 am, 3 pm; Tuesday midnight, noon; Wednesday midnight, 1 am, 4 am, 7 am, noon, 1 pm, 10 pm; Thursday midnight, 1 am, 3 am, 10 am, 2 pm, 10 pm; Friday 1 am, 2 am, 1 pm, 11 pm; Saturday 1 am, 5 am, 10 am.

Prayer partners are needed Monday at 2 pm and Tuesday at 6 pm.

Call Kathy 763-464-3985 or Mark 651-245-6493 for more information and to schedule your hour.

Holy Hour for Vocations

You are invited to a Holy Hour for Vocations at the Church of St. Charles Borromeo on Saturday, November 6, from 2-3 pm with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 pm. Come and join others in praying for more vocations to the priesthood, consecrated life and holy faith-filled marriages. Start out National Vocations Awareness Week in prayer. This

event is being offered in conjunction with St. Charles Borromeo Eucharistic Days, Nov. 5 – 7.

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Restored to Life! Core Commitment 2022

Last week, Father Paul's bulletin message introduced us to the core value for the month of November: **Living Out of a Generous Spirit**. As we focus on this core value, we are invited to reflect on the virtue of generosity. How is God call-

ing me to share my gifts with others?



This is also the time of year when St. John's parishioners have the opportunity to make a commitment to support St. John the Baptist in the coming year, now called **Core Commitment**.*

This week our first video for Core Commitment 2022 focuses on one of our parishioners, Barb, who experienced the loss of her son to cancer this past year. In this video, she shares her story of being restored to life through our core values:

- **Relying on prayer** through participation in weekly adoration before the Blessed Sacrament.
- **Living out of a generous spirit** by volunteering with the St. Vincent de Paul Society.
- Being **willing to grow** through attendance at Sr. Clarinda's Eternal Life Scripture Study.

How are you living out these core values? Will you experience more joy by making a new commitment to rely on prayer, be willing to grow, and live generously?

To view this week's video, visit St. John the Baptist YouTube page or see the link in Father Paul's October 28th email. If you have any guestions regarding Core

Commitment 2022, please contact Mary May, Development Associate, at 651-633-8333, x1253, or maym@stiohnnyb.org.

*This Core Commitment campaign has taken the place of One Spirit, Many Gifts.

KC – All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast Sunday, October 31st, 8:30 am-12:30 pm



Saint John's Knights of Columbus Council 14250 is serving a pancake breakfast on Sunday, October 31, from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm in Saint Joseph Hall. All you can eat, serving pancakes, sausages, syrups, and beverages. Family friendly pricing. Come enjoy some breakfast,

some pancakes, some fellowship and support the Knights! The Knights support our parish with parish projects, our school with student and school grants, the

community for our seminarians and Sharing and Caring Hands, among many other worthy causes. If you are interested in joining, ask a Knight!



The bulletin deadline is 12:00 noon on Thursday, 10 days before the Sunday publication date. All submissions will be edited for length and content and are subject to final approval. Space is very limited. Thank you for your cooperation. Send requests to: stjohnsnb@pclink.com

Join Us for the Annual Turkey Dinner

Sunday, November 7 - St. Joe's Hall

Dine In 11:00 am - 1:30 pm

Take Out begins at 10:30 am

Curbside available - see the website

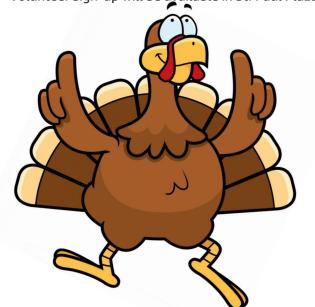
Adults \$12

Children 10 and under \$5

Family max cost \$40 (2 adults with children)

Includes turkey, stuffing and all the trimmings with pie for dessert

Volunteer sign-up will be available in St. Paul Plaza





The Catholic Watchmen

Calling all Catholic Men! The next St. John's parish Catholic Watchmen Night is Thursday, November 11, from 6:30 - 9:00 pm. Join other St. John's men for fellowship, food, and beverage. Professional Speaker and Author, Paul Vitale, will be presenting "Renewed by God's Mercy and Grace". There will be adoration, benediction, and reconciliation offered following the meeting. Come join us for an inspiring speech from Paul Vitale!

Ouestions? Contact Fr. Paul

Childcare Help Needed

We are looking for childcare help for Wednesday mornings. This could be either a volunteer or paid position. We have other daytime, evening and weekend times when we need childcare help on a sporadic basis. Help us support this important ministry! Please email Jen Livermont at livermontj@stjohnnyb.org if you are able to help or have questions.

Volunteers Needed!

Funeral Host Ministry team is looking for volunteers.

Several commissions are looking for new members.

"Dabble in photography?" We are currently seeking someone to take pictures at various parish events.

Our new parishioner welcome ministry is seeking volunteers to help with welcoming new families into our community.

Minimal commitment and training provided.

To learn more about these volunteer opportunities or others, please contact Rita Arndorfer at arndorferr@stjohnnyb.org or 651-633-8333 ext. 1220.

"Be sure that you first preach by the way you live. If you do not, people will notice that you say one thing, but live otherwise, and your words will bring only cynical laughter and a derisive shake of the head."



-Saint Charles Borromeo (Feast Day Nov. 4th)

50 Year Club You're Invited!

Turkey Bingo is coming up on Tuesday, November 9, at 1:00 pm. Members of the 50 Year Club can make reservations for this FREE event by contacting Rita Arndorfer at 651-633-8333, x1220, or email arndorferr@stjohnnyb.org.



The Women's Life Care Center Invites you to our "Always Open for Life" Fundraising Dinner

Thursday, November 4, 2021 Church of St. Peter 2600 Margaret St. N, North St. Paul, MN 55109

Seating begins at 5:30 pm Dinner and program 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Visit our website for more information and to register www.womenslifecarecenter.org/register

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WANT TO HELP OUR YOUTH GROUP AND DON'T KNOW HOW?

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Our youth ministry program would appreciate your donation of pre-packaged snacks for youth group, confirmation and small groups!

Feel Free to bring snack donation to the welcome desk at any time with your name on it, so we can thank you later.

CONTACT MIKAYLA ANDERSON, ANDERSONM@STJOHNNYB.ORG WITH ANY QUESTIONS!

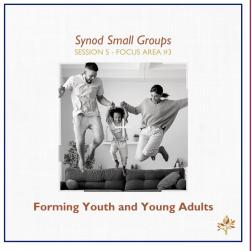
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Young Adults: We Need Your Voice!

Ever thought the Catholic Church doesn't offer you the community or resources you need to grow in your faith, as a young adult? Do you have a great idea of how to engage your peers in the faith, or something great you've experienced in the Church you'd like to share with others?

We need your voice! As part of a Synod process to help Archbishop Hebda discern priorities for our Archdiocese, small groups are meeting at our parish to discuss Synod focus areas — important topics in our faith. The focus area these next two weeks is, "Forming youth and young adults in and for a Church that is always young."

Share your perspectives with our parish and Archdiothe cese. Come to our Open Sessions on Thursday in Room 206/208 either in the morning at 9:30 - 11:30 am or 6:30 -8:30 pm. We will put young adults together for table discussion. Ques-



tions, contact Jill Fink, Coordinator of Adult Discipleship at finkj@stjohnnyb.org or 651.633.1540 ext. 1280.

Retreat for Healing After Abortion

November 5 - 7 in Prior Lake

"I will never leave you or forsake you..." Hebrew 13:5. If you or someone you love is grieving the loss of a child to abortion, come and experience the healing mercy of Jesus Christ on our confidential weekend retreat. For more information contact Nancy at rachels@rvineyardmn.org, call or text 763-250-9313 or see rvineyardmn.org. Cost is \$180 and financial assistance is available.



Saturday, November 20, from 9 am - 4 pm in St. Joseph Hall. Bernadette Gockowski, former youth minister with a Masters in Religious Education from the University of St. Thomas, will lead retreatants from her personal experience using scripture to minister to the hurt and pain of loss. The retreat will have large group presentation, small group sharing and time for prayer experiences. Lunch will be served. \$40 pre-registration by Monday, November 15. Registration is available on the St. John's website. Questions can be directed to Jill Fink, Coordinator of Adult Discipleship at finkj@stjohnnyb.org or 651.633.1540 ext. 1280.

Introducing Katie Coughlin and Alice Schwantes, Natural Family Planning Practitioners!

Saint John the Baptist welcomes two new resources to the parish. Katie and Alice are each trained to teach women and couples how to track fertility using Natural Family Planning (NFP).

NFP is the natural and scientific way of observing a woman's signs of fertility in order to achieve and avoid a pregnancy. It teaches that fertility and sexuality are gifts that are to be appreciated instead of being suppressed. Additionally, it is an acceptable method of family planning according to church teaching.

NFP can also assist women in uncovering the underlying causes of premenstrual syndrome (PMS), pelvic pain caused by endometriosis, repeat miscarriages, and infertility. With the use of natural, cooperative healthcare, women can often find relief and answers.

NFP is easy to learn with the help of these skilled practitioners. Contact us for more information. Katie is trained in SymptoPro, and Alice is trained in the Creighton Model System.

See website for more details (under the marriage enrichment page).

Been there, done that!

If you have participated in our sock and underwear collection for the homeless in past years, here we go again, starting next weekend! The need is greater than ever! We need men's white socks, large sized t-shirts, thermal underwear (again, large sizes), boxer shorts and women's socks and underwear, too. Blue containers at church doors.

"Whatever you did for these, my brothers and sisters, you did for me."

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St. John the Baptist Operating Revenue and Expenses July 2021 to September 2021

	3 Months Actual		3 Months	
3 Months Ending September 30:	2021-22		2020-21	<u>Budget</u>
Sunday and Holy Day Collections	466,751	a.	436,045	456,650
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School Tuition Revenue	339,099	b.	295,545	289,766
Other School Revenue	284,492	c.	150,415	206,341
Other Parish Revenue	56,929		52,389	59,623
Total Revenue	1,147,271		934,394	1,012,380
Salary and Benefits - Parish	309,280	d.	250,559	327,959
Salary and Benefits - School	457,752		414,901	436,898
Facility and Operation Costs	123,176		122,197	115,957
School Operating Expenses	158,009		142,672	133,206
Parish Ministry Expenses	39,382	g y2	20,948	46,729
Total Expenses	1,087,599		951,277	1,060,749
Revenue Minus Expense	59,672		(16,883)	(48,369)

The financial report above summarizes St. John's operating revenues and expenses for the first 3 months of the fiscal year with a comparison to the same period last year and to the year-to-date budget for the current fiscal year. Below are notes on the numbers, arranged with letters that correspond to letters in the table. For questions or more information, please contact Mark Dittman, Parish Business Administrator, at dittmanm@stjohnnyb.org or 651-633-8333, ext. 1215.

Thank you for your generosity!

- a. Our parishioners are very committed to living out of a generous spirit as Sunday Giving is up 7% from 2020-21 to 2021-22. Thank you!
- b. Our school experienced a significant increase in enrollment again this year.
- c. Other School Revenue includes preschool, J-Care & the lunch program. Also, Marathon fundraising is included in this guarter, whereas it was in guarter 2 in the prior year.
- d. Salary and Benefits Parish is higher due to the addition of new staff positions in Discipleship & Mission, Liturgy & Development.

Overall - expenses are above budget and above last year. While expenses are expected to be higher than prior year, expenses vs. budget should even out through the course of the year. Fortunately, increased revenue has more than covered the increased expense year to date.

Please watch for quarterly financial reports like this one going forward, and monthly Sunday Giving reports during each quarter. Thank you again for your ongoing generosity and commitment to our core values!

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