

Christmas 2019

A LIGHT WILL SHINE
ON US THIS DAY:
THE LORD IS
BORN FOR US.

PSALM 97



ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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December 29

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 (17ABC)

Responsorial: Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-17

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23 (17A)

**MASSSES OF THE WEEK****SATURDAY, December 28th****The Vigil of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

4:30 p.m. † Robert Diersing

SUNDAY, December 29th**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

7:30 a.m. † Ralph & Beatrice Gannon

9:30 a.m. † Bob & Boots Reed

11:30 a.m. † Jack Walker

1:00 p.m. St. Mary Parishioners

5:30 p.m. Intention of Imelda Vejas

MONDAY, December 30th

5:30 p.m. Communion Service

TUESDAY, December 31st

5:30 p.m. † Michael Holliday

WEDNESDAY, January 1st, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

9:00 a.m. † Patricia Coffee

NO 7:00 p.m. Mass**THURSDAY, January 2nd, Saints Basil the Great & Gregory**

8:15 a.m. † Carrolle Hemmerle

FRIDAY, January 3rd

8:15 a.m. † Stack & Hartley Families

SATURDAY, January 4th, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

9:00 a.m. † Bob Pilsner

The Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord

4:30 p.m. St. Mary Parishioners

SUNDAY, January 5th**The Epiphany of the Lord**

7:30 a.m. † Ashton Dickey

9:30 a.m. † Lucille Reinhard

11:30 a.m. Intention of Doug & Bibianne Galuzny
in celebration of their 20th Wedding Anniversary

5:30 p.m. Intention of Linda Heidenreich

If the weekend Mass intention is for a deceased loved one – relative or friend, please come to Mass a little early and inform the Ushers that you would like to carry forward the offertory gifts. This is a great help to them.

PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

To request prayers, please call and leave a message or email Adrian Stevens at [740-363-4641](tel:740-363-4641), ext. 105 or prayer@delawarestmary.org. Confidentiality is assured.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS ~ In order for us to adhere to our publishing deadlines, please submit all announcements for the bulletin a minimum of 10 days prior to the date of publication. Thank you. bulletineditor@delawarestmary.org

The Pastor's Corner**HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**

My dear brothers and sisters, today we honor the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. In honoring them, we also honor all families. And in honoring all families, we honor the family of God, the Church. We are reminded of our two-fold status as members of particular families as well as members of the family and household of God. At the heart of the feast is the reminder that in becoming man, God in human flesh, Jesus Christ grew up under the direction of an appointed Mother, Mary, and a foster Father, Joseph, since His conception was accomplished with no human Father. The Father who gave Jesus life in human flesh is the divine Father, God the Father, the first person of the Blessed Trinity. It further affirms God's plan in creation for the fundamental role of the family, a loving relationship between a man and a woman through which new life is cooperatively brought into the world and nurtured. While we know that many children are nurtured without the full benefit of an intact family with both a loving mother and father, it remains fundamental to God's plan. We must endorse that plan and stand ready to help those unable to enjoy the richness of God's plan for the loving intact family.

Families did not come about by accident. The family is part of God's plan for us. God wants our families to be holy. The family is the basic unit of society and of the Church; we could say the family is a little church. It is in the family that we first learn to communicate. It is in the family that we learn what love is. It is in the family that we first learn to forgive and to pray. It is in the family that we first learn about God and Jesus and Our Lady. It is in the family that first we learn our values and what is good and bad. The future of humanity depends on the family because it is through families that society continues.

Reflect, today, upon your own family life. Some families are strong in virtue, some struggle with basic communication. Some are faithful day in and day out, some are broken and deeply wounded. No matter the case, know that God wants to enter more deeply into your family life just as it is right now. He desires to give you strength and virtue to live as the Holy Family lived. Surrender yourself and your family, this day, and invite the Triune God to make your family a holy family.

Finally, as we come to the end of the year, I want to thank all for your prayers and support. This first year for me has been both challenging, rewarding and an opportunity for growth. Since last January, by God's special grace, we have done a lot as a parish. We have shared our faith in Jesus Christ in many ways through the proclamation of His word and the celebration of the sacraments. We have kept the flame of Christian faith burning in our community. We have loved as Jesus commanded us to by supporting and encouraging one another through our many ministries. In the coming year, we intend to do more. We will use our many gifts to continue to enhance the kingdom of God in our community. To help me in prioritizing areas of focus, after Mass today, you will be receiving a form that invites you to prioritize the areas/activities you will like us as a parish to focus on this coming year. Kindly take your time and wisely help me with your suggestions on how to make our parish a home for all, where the love of Jesus and service to one another will be the center piece of our ministry. On another note, kindly pray for me as I travel to Nigeria to be with my mother, siblings and nieces and nephews. I will be gone for three Sundays. I surely miss you all. God bless you.

Fr. Sylvester Onyeachonam

Welcome to Delaware St. Mary Parish!

We encourage new parishioners to register in person at the parish office located in the house east of the church (on the corner of Henry and William Streets). Please use the rear door off the parking lot.

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon (unless otherwise noted)

PLEASE NOTE: We request Baptismal Certificates for all children upon registering with the parish.


**Holy Day of Obligation
Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God**

Tuesday, December 31st Vigil – 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 1, 2020 – 9:00 a.m.

**Blessing for Expectant Mothers**

Join us this Sunday, The Feast of the Holy Family (after 9:30 a.m. Mass) as we offer a special blessing for Couples who are expecting a child, as well as a prayer of petition for those couples who wish to conceive, but encounter difficulties of any kind; we do

so through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Jesus and our own Mother. Please contact Dcn. Felix with any questions at dcn.azzola@delawarestmary.org.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION RESUMES**

**Thursday, January 9 immediately
following the 8:15 a.m. Mass with
Benediction at 7:00 p.m.**

Charitable Distribution

Do you know about the Qualified Charitable Distribution rule? If you are age 70 ½ and older, you must begin taking the required minimum distributions from your IRA or retirement plan. This rule allows you to send your required amount directly to a charitable organization such as St. Mary and avoid paying any tax on the amount. This rule also allows you to send up to \$100,000.00 per year and avoid the tax on the amount taken.

If you are interested in including St. Mary in your estate planning, there are also other tax advantaged strategies such as giving appreciated securities such as stock directly to the parish as well as using life insurance policies to transfer a gift.

Please contact your financial institution or your tax professional to discuss these strategies. If you are looking for help with these topics, you can also contact Jim Gleason with Ameriprise Financial at 614-848-3434, ext. 4 or james.m.gleason@ampf.com. Jim helps the Diocese of Columbus with their retirement plan and will help to answer any questions you may have.

**THE PRINCIPAL'S POST****All Parents of St. Mary...**

**If you reside in Delaware County,
Marion County, Franklin County or Union County**

Keep reading!

The state of Ohio has updated their list of EdChoice Scholarship eligible schools and **all Delaware City School elementary buildings** (Smith, Carlisle, Conger, Woodward, and Schultz), **Olentangy** Hyatts Middle School, and **Libertry Tree Elementary, Big Walnut**, Harrison Street Elementary, **Buckeye Valley East Elementary School, Marion City and Pleasant local schools**, as well as **Dublin City Schools** (Indian Run, Olde Sawmille, Riverside Elementary Schools) are on the list.

If your child is currently not attending St. Mary School and attends one of the schools on this list, they can enroll and receive tuition from the state of Ohio. Other neighboring counties are also included. If you are interested in taking advantage of this opportunity, please call the school office or go to the Ohio Department of Education website and search EdChoice Scholarships. The process is easy and the scholarship will cover your child's tuition even if those schools are removed from the list in the future.

Please call the school office to schedule a tour at 740-362-8961 or attend our **Open House, Sunday, January 26, 2020 from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.**

See the St. Mary Difference!

**Wishing Everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy
New Year from all of us at St. Mary School!**

Yours in Christ,

Gina Stull, Principal St. Mary School and Preschool

JOIN "20 FOR 20"

Help fund scholarships for St. Mary students so they can continue their Catholic education. By committing to donate \$20.00 a month for 10 months, you can help fund scholarships for St. Mary Students. When 20 families commit to a \$200.00 donation a year to "20 for 20," a full scholarship will be awarded to a St. Mary Student (K through 8th grade) This donation can be donated in one lump sum or divided over 10 months by mail or by "online giving." Please call the principal, Gina Stull, at (740) 362-8961, to sign up.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT**Weekly Offering**

Due to the holidays, the latest financial information will be added as soon as it's available.

	December 15	Year to Date
Offering	\$ 27,303	\$ 567,474
Budget	\$ 26,925	\$ 646,200
Last Year Offering	\$ 28,184	\$ 556,241

For your Stewardship: Please consider Online Giving

<https://www.delawarestmary.org/online-giving/>

Thank you for your continued generosity!

INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE... PRESERVING OUR PAST PROGRAM

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card to the church. For those parishioners who have not yet had the opportunity to submit their card, a letter will be mailed to you with a personalized Commitment Card. It is important that all parishioners complete a Commitment Card as we will be mailing out a Summary Report of the program and need all commitments accounted for in this report. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. We also encourage all parishioners to consider our electronic giving method and to set up your reoccurring offertory gifts electronically.

MUSIC NOTES

Mass Parts Can be Found on Cards in the Pews.

December 29th: Holy Family

Gathering Song: Angels We Have Heard On High

†BB #98

Responsorial: Psalm 128: O Blessed Are Those

†BB #808

Presentation Of Gifts: Away In a Manger

†BB #95

Communion: Like A Child Rests

†BB #454

The Snow Lay on the Ground

†BB #101

Recessional: Hark the Herald Angels

†BB #96

GREAT AMEN

**Amen, Amen, Amen, Blessings and Glory;
Wisdom, Thanksgiving and Honor; Power and Might,
Belong to the Lord, Forever and Ever, Amen.**



PRAYER LIFE & REFLECTION

Liturgy 101 –

12 Catholic Days of Christmas – Part Deux

12 days are really only part of our Christmas observance, which also includes important feast days in honor of Stephen, a Deacon and the first martyr (December 26); John the evangelist (December 27); and the Holy Innocents, the infants slain by King Herod (December 28, Matt. 2:16-18). These are known as the *comites Christi*, “companions of Christ,” because their lives gave unique witness to Jesus through martyrdom (Stephen and the Innocents) and the written word (John).

Other Christmas feasts include the Holy Family (Sunday after Christmas) and Mary, Mother of God (January 1 – Which **IS** a Holyday of Obligation, nudge, nudge, hint, hint, not optional no matter how much festivities occurred New Year’s Eve). The liturgical season of Christmas ends with the feast of the Lord’s Baptism (Sunday after Epiphany) and the secular Christmas begins anew with the Hallmark Channel already airing Christmas movies for 2020. Speaking of Holydays of Obligation, we will pick up with those for 2020 next week.

– Dcn. Todd



**ST. MARY IS
HOSTING
JASON EVERT**



Don’t miss the opportunity to hear from renowned speaker Jason Evert, live in Delaware at PURIFIED (An event for the family ages 13+). Families are looking for answers. Purified is a family-based event that invites parents as well as teens to learn about God’s plan for sexuality. It combines an expert presentation by renowned speaker Jason Evert, with a time of prayer, Adoration, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the whole family. This format transforms the event into a mini-retreat for the family, allowing them to encounter healing, and the source of purity, Jesus Christ. St. Mary Catholic Church

82 East William Street, Delaware, OH 43015

Thursday, February 20, 2020

Register: chastity.com/Purified

7:00-9:00 p.m.

Tickets \$20.00

YOUTH



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RELIGION
CAPTIVATING THE YOUTH FOR CHRIST

Dear PSR Families,

PSR is on Winter Break until January 5th. Have a wonderful Christmas time with family and friends! Enjoy your time together as a family, and I will be praying for all of you. I am excited to see everyone during this Christmas Season at PSR. Our first Encounter of the year will be talking about the Epiphany and the tradition of the blessing of the chalk. Parents are always welcome. See you Sunday, January 5th!

God Bless you!

Emily Wu

Confirmation:

One month deadline reminder for your Confirmation Sponsor to be chosen and have their validated form returned to the PSR office. If you need another copy of the form to give to your sponsor, there is a link on the PSR page of the parish website.



Save the Date: Confirmation and Sponsor Retreat Saturday, January 25th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at St. Mary’s Church and School. Spend some time getting ready for this important day with the person you have chosen to be your spiritual guide on the journey.



DELAWARE ST. MARY
YOUTH MINISTRY

High School Retreat (formerly Spring Retreat)

8th-12th graders invited to the annual retreat February 28-March 1. Cost \$100.00/person. Scholarships are available. Contact meverhart@delawarestmary.org for scholarship information. We will ask the Lord to Revive our hearts Friday night, Refresh our prayer life with deeper spirituality on Saturday, and send us home with a joyful, Renewed commitment to the Lord on Sunday.

This year’s theme is: **Revive. Refresh. Renew.** With Mass and Adoration in the chapel in the woods, a Holy Hour with Divine Mercy Chaplet, an epic Nerf battle in the field (hopefully, snowy field), high adventure activities, all night Adoration, testimonies and talks about Jesus reviving hearts and sending His disciples out on mission, small group hammock competitions, lodge style camping. Register at delawarestmary.org/retreatregistration.

High School Youth Group

January 12 – 6:30-8:30 p.m. – Winter Kickoff
Glow in the Dark Dodgeball

Wear all black and get ready to face off in an epic dodgeball tournament. Location: St. Mary Gym. \$5.00 per person. Prize gift cards if you bring someone new to youth group.



WEEKLY EVENTS CALENDAR

Saturday, December 28, 2019

St. Mary School Christmas Break

3:15-4:10 p.m. Reconciliation (Church)

4:30-5:30 p.m. Mass (CH)

Sunday, December 29, 2019

St. Mary School Christmas Break

7:30-8:30 a.m. Mass (CH)

8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. SUNDAY OFFICE CLOSED

8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. RCIA (3rd FL)

9:30-10:30 a.m. Mass (CH)

10:45-11:15 a.m. Blessing of Expectant Mothers (CH)

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Mass (CH)

1:00-2:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish (CH)

4:30-5:30 p.m. Youth Choir Practice (CH)

5:30-6:30 p.m. Mass (CH)

6:00-8:00 p.m. Men's Basketball (gym)

Monday, December 30, 2019

St. Mary School Christmas Break

8:00-9:30 a.m. Monday Morning Cleaners (CH)

8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Non-Mandatory Basketball (Gym)

4:00-9:00 p.m. Basketball (Gym)

5:10-5:20 p.m. Liturgy of the Hours (CH)

5:30-6:00 p.m. Communion Service (CH)

6:00-6:30 p.m. Rosary (CH)

6:30-7:30 p.m. Cenacle (3rd FL)

Tuesday, December 31, 2019

St. Mary School Christmas Break

All Offices Close at Noon

4:00-9:00 p.m. Basketball (Gym)

4:30-5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass (CH)

5:30-6:00 p.m. Rosary (CH)

Wednesday, January 1, 2020, Mary, Mother of God

St. Mary School Christmas Break

9:00-9:30 a.m. Mass (CH)

4:00-9:00 p.m. Basketball (Gym)

Thursday, January 2, 2020

St. Mary School Christmas Break

8:15-8:45 a.m. Mass (CH)

Thursday, January 2, 2020 Cont...

8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Non-Mandatory Basketball (Gym)

8:45-9:15 a.m. Rosary (CH)

4:00-9:00 p.m. Basketball (Gym)

Friday, January 3, 2020

St. Mary School Christmas Break

7:55-8:15 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

8:15-8:45 a.m. Mass (CH)

8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Non-Mandatory Basketball (Gym)

8:45-9:15 a.m. First Friday – Divine Mercy Devotion (CH)

8:45-9:15 a.m. Rosary (CH)

4:00-9:00 p.m. Basketball (Gym)

Saturday, January 4, 2020

St. Mary School Christmas Break

7:00-8:30 a.m. Church Cleaning – Team Collins (CH)

8:30-11:30 a.m. SVDP Needs Meeting (PO – 1st Floor)

9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Basketball Games (Gym)

9:00-10:00 a.m. First Saturday Mass (CH)

10:00-11:00 a.m. Ministry Training (CH)

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Cenacle (3rd FL)

12:00-5:00 p.m. Celebration (BC)

3:15-4:10 p.m. Reconciliation (Church)

4:30-5:30 p.m. Mass – St. Vincent DePaul

Collection (CH)

5:30-9:00 p.m. Epiphany Party (CH, BC)

Sunday, January 5, 2020

St. Mary School Christmas Break

All Day ST. VINCENT DEPAUL COLLECTION

7:30-8:30 a.m. Mass (CH)

8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. SUNDAY OFFICE OPEN

8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. RCIA (3rd FL)

9:30-10:30 a.m. Mass (CH)

9:45-11:15 a.m. PSR (SCH)

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Mass (CH)

1:00-1:45 p.m. K of C Free Throw Registration (Gym)

1:45-3:00 p.m. K of C Free Throw Contest (Gym)

4:30-5:30 p.m. Youth Choir Practice (CH)

5:30-6:30 p.m. Mass (CH)

6:00-8:00 p.m. Men's Basketball (Gym)

Facility Key and Usage:

Key	Location	Key	Location	Key	Location	Key	Location
CH	Church	SCH Kt	School Kitchen	TL	Teacher's Lounge	KHKt	Kavanagh Hall Kitchen
CH-Loft	Church Loft (Room Limit of 10)	STG	Stage		(Limit of 20 people)	KH UR	Kavanagh Hall Upper Room
PL	Parking Lot	PO-UR	Parish Office Upper Room	Lib	Library	Gym	Gym
BC	Beitel Commons	FFB Porch	Porch at 23 S. Union Street	KHLR	Kavanagh Hall Living Room	FFB DR	Dining Room at 23 S. Union Street
SCH	School	FFB Patio	Patio at 23 S. Union Street	KHDR	Kavanagh Hall Dining Room	FFB Kt	Kitchen at 23 S. Union Street
Crt Yd	Front Courtyard	SCH Lib	School Library	FFB UR	Upper Conference Room at 23 S. Union St.		

St. Mary Parish is looking for a leader for the Prayer Chain Ministry. This Ministry is a great way to deepen one's faith and relationship with our Lord, Jesus. The lead person must be comfortable using a computer to:

- Email prayer requests to the prayer chain members.
- Send a follow-up email to the person requesting prayers letting them know we are praying for them and their intentions.
- Keep a list, first names only, and provide to Carol Kuhns or Deacon Felix on a monthly basis to be included during the Friday Morning Rosary.
- Confidentiality is essential.

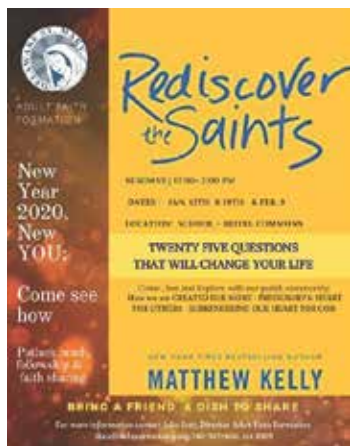
If interested, please contact Adrian Stevens at 804-201-0796.



The Welcome Committee is looking for new members to join this hospitality ministry. Members are asked to have good handwriting, and be willing to send out handwritten notes once a month welcoming new families joining our parish. With the exception of postage, supplies will be furnished. Please contact Diana Roach at dianaroach72@gmail.com or 614-578-3045 if interested or with questions.

PARISH LIFE

ADULT FAITH FORMATION NEWS:



All Adults are INVITED to 2020 FAITH & FELLOWSHIP Potluck Lunch & Discussion

Sundays: *January 12th * January 19th * February 9th
from: 12:30-2:00 p.m. in the School (Beitel Commons)
Bring a Friend & Dish to Share!

In this New Year 2020, be renewed and grow the "new you" by joining us as we explore and unpack the 25 Questions that Will Change Your Life! Are you satisfied with the direction the world is moving in? Are you satisfied with your life? These questions are always before us, within us, around us. They are part of our spiritual quest and part of our human quest. We are capable of so much more than we think. You have no idea what you are capable of. None of us do. God is constantly trying to open our eyes to the amazing possibilities that He has enfolded in our being. Take the time to join us for fun, fellowship and discussion. For more information or to assist, please contact Julie Lutz at jlutz@delawarestmary.org.

Give Yourself the Gift of Time with Jesus and Your Sisters and Brothers in Christ!
SAVE THE DATE!!! EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION GOING ON NOW – Get your tickets today!!!



Columbus Catholic Women's Conference "AMAZING GRACE" will be taking place,
Saturday, February 15th, 2020 from 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Visit <https://www.columbuscatholicwomen.com/>.
Parish transportation, bus seat reservation information and sign-up at <https://tinyurl.com/uvnsl5c>.

Columbus Catholic Men's Conference "BUILDING VIRTUE" will be taking place,
Saturday, February 22, 2020 from 7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Visit <https://www.catholicmensministry.com/cmmcon20>.
Parish carpooling contacts and info. TBA as date approaches.



Early Bird prices and more details are available now on their respective websites through Mid-January Or email jlutz@delawarestmary.org for the links to be sent to you or if you feel called to serve in any extra capacity for the parish with these upcoming events.

Free Throw shooting contest for girls/boys ages 9-14!



Where: St. Mary School Gym
When: Sunday, January 5th from 1:00-1:45 p.m. registration
(shooting to begin at 1:45 p.m.)

Registration forms will be in school office, church vestibule or email gsteffan@columbus.rr.com. **Please bring completed form and Birth Certificate.** No personal basketballs permitted. Questions? Contact Greg Steffan at 740-417-4094 or gsteffan@columbus.rr.com.

"Seasons of Hope" is a Christ-centered support group for the bereaved. If you are:

- Looking for friends in Christ to share your journey of sorrow.
- You've been trying to figure out the meaning of your grief.
- You want to get on with life but have not been able to do so.
- You find comfort in the teachings of Christ.
- You are open to new ways of coping with your grief.
- You don't want to feel alone anymore.



Come join us for six Wednesday evenings. Any parishioner who is mourning the loss of a loved one is encouraged to attend. Please join us at the Teachers' Lounge in St. Mary School

Dates: January 8, 15, 22 and February 5, 12 and 19.
Sign in: 6:15 **Meeting:** 6:30-8:15.

Please bring a Bible. For more information and to register by January 2, contact Diane Beitel at [740-803-3111](tel:740-803-3111) OR dibeitel@gmail.com.



Newly Engaged? Our parish is offering its annual marriage preparation course on Saturday, February 1st and 8th in the Parish Office. Please contact Matthew or Mary Paulus at marykpaulus@gmail.com with questions and to sign up.

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER
ANNA MITCHELL
Host of the
Son Rise Morning Show





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