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Ukrainian Catholic Parish

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Слава Ісусу Христу! Слава на віки!
Glory be to Jesus Christ! Glory be forever!

We extend a joyous welcome to all our parishioners and guests
who have come to join us to offer praise to God.

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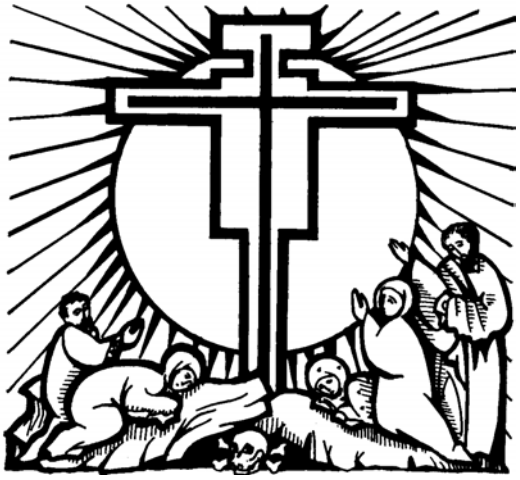
Exaltation of the Cross

Corinthians (1:18-24)
John 19:6-11; 13-20; 25-28; 30-35



CHURCH SERVICES

WEEKDAY DIVINE LITURGIES:
7:00 am – Mon. – Fri. (CHURCH)
9:00 am – Fri. (Chapel)
SATURDAY DIVINE LITURGIES
7:00 am – bilingual (Church)
6:30 pm – rosary
7:00 pm – bilingual (Church)
SUNDAY DIVINE LITURGIES
Rosary said half hour before each liturgy
9:00 am – Ukrainian (livestreamed)
11:00 am – English (livestreamed)
7:00 pm – bilingual

LITURGY LIVESTREAMING:
https://tinyurl.com/stbasilchannel

BASILIAN FATHERS SERVING THE PARISH:
Fr. Gabriel Haber, OSBM
Superior & Pastor
Fr. Thomas Kobak, OSBM
Assistant Pastor
Fr. Mark Zazula, OSBM
Assistant Pastor
Fr. Ireneus Prystajecky, OSBM
Assistant Pastor

BASILIANS AT YOUVILLE HOME:
Fr. Boniface Malowany, OSBM

CONFESSIONS:
Available at a weekend Divine Liturgy or by appointment during the week

MARRIAGES:
By appointment, at least 6 months in advance.

BAPTISMS & FUNERALS:
Please contact the parish office to make arrangements with a priest

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Sr. Partenia Kuts, SSMI
Sr. Myroslava Yakhymets, SSMI

"CELO VESNIVKA"
Phone: 780-436-2745

CHURCH SERVICES & MEETINGS THIS WEEK

09:00 am – https://www.youtube.com/live/1VkwJ9hmKFU?si=9-SLUI3ZFkUiakGn
11:00 am – https://www.youtube.com/live/1j74YhHMsnE?si=y6IRlWsQIdCf7Z3f

Sunday, Sep. 14: **Exaltation of the Cross**	**OFFICE CLOSED**
Rosary half an hour before each Divine Liturgy	
9:00 am – Divine Liturgy (Ukr.)	8:00 am – Matins
11:00 am – Divine Liturgy (Eng.)	
7:00 pm – Divine Liturgy (Bilingual)	
Monday, Sep. 15:	
7:00 am – Divine Liturgy	6:30 am – Matins
Tuesday, Sep. 16	
7:00 am – Divine Liturgy	6:30 am – Matins
Wednesday, Sep. 17:	
7:00 am – Divine Liturgy	6:30 am – Matins
6:30 pm – Fatima Rosary	
7:00 pm – Board of Management Meeting	
Thursday, Sep. 18:	
7:00 am – Divine Liturgy	6:30 am – Matins
Friday, Sep. 19:	
7:00 am – Divine Liturgy	6:30 am – Matins
9:00 am – Divine Liturgy	
Saturday, Sep. 20:	**OFFICE CLOSED**
7:00 am – Divine Liturgy	6:30 pm – Vespers
7:00 pm – Divine Liturgy (Bilingual)	
Sunday, Sep. 21: **After the Exaltation**	**OFFICE CLOSED**
Rosary half an hour before each Divine Liturgy	
9:00 am – Divine Liturgy (Ukr.)	8:00 am – Matins
11:00 am – Divine Liturgy (Eng.)	
7:00 pm – Divine Liturgy (Bilingual)	

Chapel is open for adoration Mon.–Fri. 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Please have announcements for the bulletin submitted by noon on Wednesday.

Papal Prayer Intention for September –For our relationship with all of creation

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

Pro-life Prayer Intention for September 14, 2025

We pray that, as in the Parable of the Prodigal Son, those who have turned away from God and embrace the Culture of Death in abortion, euthanasia and assisted suicide, will recognize their need for the Father and turn back to Him.

Medjugorje Message, February 25, 2016

"Dear children! In this time of grace, I am calling all of you to conversion. Little children, you love little and pray even less. You are lost and do not know what your goal is. Take the cross, look at Jesus and follow Him. He gives Himself to you to the death on the cross, because He loves you. Little children, I am calling you: return to prayer with the heart so as to find hope and the meaning of your existence, in prayer. I am with you and am praying for you. Thank you for having responded to my call. "

Remembering our Sick:

We ask that you continue to keep in your prayers those who are sick in our parish of St. Basil the Great, especially for:

Nikulus Kokotilo; Saul Sych; Joseph Bayduza; Olga Prosky; Ray Holyk; Eleanor Holowaychuk; Carol Draganiuk; Adeline Ostry; Rose Sawchyn; Gus Fagnan; Hope Martynuik; Chris Fernandez; Kay Sawka; Mykhailo Starynski; Carol Maksymec; Olga Farion; Olga Solar, Marie B.; Joe Kurylo; Rochelle Ponich; Norman Lux; Will Klien-Gebbinck; Josephine Dawson; Eugene & Sylvia Lozinsky; Bohdan; Donna Yarmuch; Larry Zacharko; Pauline Skubleny; Pam Cholak; Mike Melnyk; Peter & Lee Miskey; Audrey Howorko; and those confined to their hospital beds or their homes.

If you know someone from the parish who is sick, please let us know, or contact the office so that we can all pray for him/her. Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE: ***If you need the names of the sick to be reinstated in the bulletin for September 2025, you will have to either call the office or email us your request.***

The St. Basils Parishioners and Basilian Fathers extend our condolences to the families of **†Julian Warawa** and **†Ron Babyn** on their passing.

May God grant them Eternal Memory! Вічная Память!

Congratulations to the Newly Weds:

Chaitanya Gandhi & Iara Santelices
joined in Holy Matrimony on September 13, 2025

We wish the couple a long and happy wedded life together.

✨ Welcome to Our Seminarians ✨

This Sunday at the **11:00 am Divine Liturgy**, 🎶 our seminarians will join us and lead the singing. Their visit is a wonderful opportunity for us to become acquainted with these young men who have courageously ✝️ answered Christ's call to work in His vineyard. In a time when many young people may hesitate, they have bravely said "yes" to Christ and entered formation for the priesthood.

🙏 Let us show them our heartfelt appreciation and encouragement. For the seminarians themselves, this is also a great opportunity to meet the faithful they will one day serve, and to grow in pastoral experience. 🌿 We warmly welcome them to our parish and give thanks to God for their generous response to His call.

Stewardship

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

– Winston Churchill

Sunday Donations for September 7, 2025

Sunday Offerings	$5,245.00
E-Transfers –	$3,350.00
POP – (Preauthorised Offering Withdrawal)	$6,555.00
Church Reno Donations	$2,705.00

Thanks for your giving of time, talent and treasure.

Renovation Funding Appeal Update

With the generosity of our Parishioners and Parish Organizations we have to date collected approximately $1,400,000.00. We have repaid $1,100,000.00 of the $1,800,000.00 loan provided by the Order of St. Basil the Great in Canada.

Thank you to all that have contributed. We encourage you, as your financial situation permits, to consider further donations toward the loan repayment and future upkeep of the Church.

Blessings upon all of you.

The Cultural Centre Upcoming Workshops

Perogy Workshop – Thursday, September 18 at 8:00 AM

Cabbage Roll Workshop – Thursday, September 25 at 8:00 AM

Do you have some spare time? Would you like to meet new friends and learn the art of making perogies and cabbage rolls? Join us for fun and rewarding workshops, with hands-on learning from experienced cooks in a casual and welcoming atmosphere.

No experience is necessary — just bring your enthusiasm (and maybe a friend!). Everyone is welcome!

For more information, please call Irene Fedan at 780-231-6543.

Pro-Life Film Screening

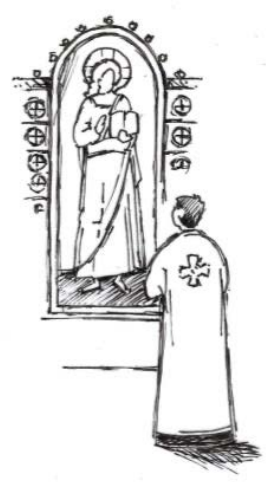
Roe Canada, a new 1-hour-20-minute documentary, will be shown on Thursday, September 25, 2025 at 7:00 PM at Corpus Christi Parish (2707 34th Street NW, Edmonton).

The film follows Canadian activists Josie Luetke and Ruth Robert as they explore how abortion might one day end in Canada, featuring voices such as Abby Johnson, Kristan Hawkins, Stephanie Gray Connors, Jonathon Van Maren, Barbara Kay, and Members of Parliament Arnold Viersen and Cathay Wagantall. All are welcome to attend this special screening and be inspired to build a culture of life.

Bazaar Raffle

Congratulations to Karen Linderman on winning our Parish Bazaar Raffle Early Bird draw of $500.00!

The final two draws are on November 8, 2025 at the Parish Bazaar.



Welcome back Altar Boys!

We will be having our first meeting of the year on Friday, October 3, 2025.

6:30pm: Recite the Rosary together with the Children of Mary and parishioners (don't forget to bring your Rosary!)

7:00pm: Altar Boy meeting in the church followed by snack.

If you have a son or grand-son, or know of a young boy who is in Grade 2 or older, who would be interested in serving at the altar, please invite them. We typically meet once a month (Friday evening or Saturday mornings) and it is a great way to grow in knowledge of the Divine Liturgy, our Ukrainian Catholic faith and to meet boys of the same age in our parish. All boys age Grade 2 and older are welcome!

Contact Ken Stelmach at kenstelmach@hotmail.com for more information.

Welcome back to Children of Mary and Sodality!

We will be having our first meeting of the year on Friday, October 3.

6:30pm: Recite the Rosary together with the Children of Mary and parishioners (don't forget to bring your Rosary!)

7:00 pm: Cape fitting followed by activity and snack

Our first Sunday Liturgy will be Sunday, October 5 at 11:00AM.

We typically meet the first Friday of the month from October to May and also serve at 11:00AM Liturgy on the first Sunday of the month.

For more information please contact the Parish Office or Michelle Stelmach at michellestel@gmail.com

What is Children of Mary and Sodality?

The goal of Children of Mary and Sodality is to learn more about Mary, the Mother of God and how to strive to honor her in our daily lives by imitating her many virtues. The girls do this through catechism lessons and love of Mother Mary as well as socializing with other girls of similar age. Other activities include praying the Rosary together as a group, singing hymns, crafts, packing backpacks for Ukraine, caroling, and writing pysanky.

St. Basil Bible Study

"The New Testament is concealed in the old, and the Old Testament is revealed in the new"

St. Augustine

Would you like to:

- Gain a deeper Catholic understanding of scripture?
- Understand the meaning and intent behind the Bible stories?
- Learn how they all fit together?
- Defend your faith and deepen your knowledge of Catholic apologetics?

Join Father Daniel Wach, OSBM in an interactive discussion and Bible study as we work our way through the book of Revelation.

In these sessions we'll discuss questions like:

- How does the Book of Revelation tie into our Divine Liturgy?
- What's Mary's connection to Revelation?
- What is the 'mark of the beast'?
- What is the Beast in Revelation?

Join us on **Thursday, September 11**, for our first meeting where we'll begin our journey.

Where: Cultural Centre
Time: 6-7:30pm

Upcoming Dates:

- **Sept 11**
- **Sept 25**
- **Nov 6**
- **Nov 20**
- **Dec 4**
- **Dec 18**
- **Feb 5**
- **Feb 19**
- **Mar 5**
- **Mar 19**
- **Apr 16**
- **Apr 30**
- **Jun 4**
- **Jun 18**

Don't feel obligated to attend every session, pop in the for the ones that you can make it to or those that interest you.

To **register** for each session, please email Abram Hartrick at **abramhartrick@gmail.com** (so we know how many chairs and tables to set out)

**as the Bible contains mature themes and topics, we invite anyone 16 or older to please attend.*

Bridge of Hope Christmas Shoebox Campaign

Bridge of Hope is once again organizing the annual Christmas Shoebox Campaign to bring joy to orphans and underprivileged children in Western Ukraine. Parishioners are invited to prepare shoeboxes filled with small gifts, school supplies, or personal care items (please include $7 to cover shipping). Boxes will be delivered in time for St. Nicholas Day.

Deadline: October 5, 2025

Contact: Wanda Kowalchyk at 780-993-0216 or wandamay@telus.net

Website: ourbridgeofhope.com

Together, we can make a difference this Christmas for children in need.

Scholarship Opportunity!

St. Basil's UCWLC Branch is pleased to be offering a scholarship.

Application Submissions: Open Sunday, September 7, 2025
Application Deadline: September 30, 2025

Applicants must be a UCWLC St. Basil Member or a relation to a UCWLC St. Basil Member. Other eligibility and required documentation are within the application form details.

Scholarship applicants can apply at UCWLC St. Basil's Scholarship Application
Form Link: https://forms.gle/n8Lw7EdnK3Ev7A7C7

PRAYER FOR STUDENTS

Let us pray to the Lord
Lord have mercy

O Lord our God and Creator, Who have honoured men with your own image; Who have taught your elect, so that most wise are they who give heed to your teaching; Who reveal wisdom to babes; Who have imparted your teaching to Solomon and to all who have sought your wisdom. Open the heart and the mind, and the lips of your servants, that they may receive the power of your law, and understand the knowledge which shall be taught to the glory of your all-holy name, to the profit and building up of your holy Church, and that they may comprehend your good and perfect will. Deliver them from every hostile oppression; preserve them in the true faith, and in holiness all the days of their lives, that they may increase in wisdom, and in the fulfilling of your commandments; that being thus prepared they may glorify your all-holy name and become heirs of your kingdom: For you are God, mighty in mercy and gracious in strength, and to You is due all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever, and forever. AMEN

📚 Back-to-School Blessings ✝️

This **weekend after each Divine Liturgy**, we will offer a **special Back-to-School Prayer** over our students. As a parish family, we ask God's blessing upon all children and young people beginning a new school year, as well as upon their teachers and parents.

Together we will pray for:
- 🙏 **Protection** – safety in body, mind, and spirit.
- 🌟 **Wisdom and Guidance** – growth in knowledge and discernment.
- 🤝 **Friendships and Relationships** – kindness and faith-filled connections.
- 🕊️ **Peace and Confidence** – trust in God and in themselves.
- 📖 **Academic Success and Diligence** – the faithful use of their talents.

Let us surround our students with love and prayer as they begin this new school year. May the Lord, the true Teacher, grant them a year filled with growth, joy, and blessings.

"May God bless all our children, teachers, and families with a fruitful and grace-filled school year ahead!" ✝️

A Special Thank You to the Knights of Columbus

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the **Knights of Columbus** for organizing and completing the painting of the church parking lot lines. In particular we would like to thank Jerry Dubyk, Ed Kasowski, Ron Gulayets, Gerald Draganiuk, Dan Bialobyski, Leo Derkach and Gordon Musselman. Their generosity of time and effort has helped us save money for the parish and improved safety and order for everyone who comes to our church.

Your hard work and dedication are truly appreciated! May God bless you abundantly for serving our parish family with such love and care. ✝️

Attention! Attention! Attention!

From Grief to Grace:

Using Our God-Given Loveliness to Heal

Join us for a monthly faith-based grief support seminar, September-December, at St. Basil's Cultural Centre at 7:00 pm. Each session will explore how the gifts, virtues and love God has placed in us can bring healing and hope. Sessions include prayer, teaching, group sharing, and a monthly spiritual practice.

All are welcome.

Dates: Monday, September 29,

Monday, October 27,

Monday, November 24

Monday, December 15

Exaltation of the Holy Cross — September 14

On this feast we celebrate the discovery of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross of our Lord.

Around the year 325, Saint Helen, the mother of Emperor Constantine the Great, traveled to Jerusalem to find the Cross on which Jesus was crucified. At that time, a pagan temple had been built over the site of Golgotha. Saint Helen ordered the temple destroyed, and beneath it the Tomb of Christ and three crosses were uncovered.

To know which cross was the Lord's, Archbishop Macarius of Jerusalem brought forward a woman who was gravely ill. When she touched the true Cross of Christ, she was instantly healed. Then the Cross was lifted high, and the people, seeing it, cried out together: **"Lord, have mercy!"**

Part of the Cross was taken to Constantinople, while the rest remained in Jerusalem in the church built by Saint Helen. In 614, the Cross was carried off by the Persians, but in 628, Emperor Heraclius recovered it and returned it to Jerusalem with great reverence.

This feast teaches us that the Cross is not a sign of defeat, but of victory — the tree of life by which Christ conquered death and brought salvation to the world.

On this holy day, our parish will have a relic of the Holy Cross placed on the tetrapod for veneration.

Note: September 14 is always observed as a strict fast day, no matter which day of the week it falls on.

Воздвиження Чесного і Животворчого Хреста — 14 вересня

У це свято ми вшановуємо віднайдення Чесного і Животворчого Хреста Господнього.

Близько 325 року свята рівноапостольна Олена, мати імператора Костянтина Великого, прибула до Єрусалима, щоб знайти Хрест, на якому був розп'ятий Ісус Христос. Тоді на Голготі стояв язичницький храм. За наказом святої Олени його зруйнували, і під ним було віднайдено Гріб Господній та три хрести.

Щоб дізнатися, котрий із них є істинним Хрестом Христовим, архієпископ Макарій Єрусалимський привів тяжкохвору жінку. Коли вона доторкнулася до Чесного Хреста Господнього, відразу зцілилася. Тоді Хрест було піднесено вгору, і народ, побачивши його, одностайно вигукнув: **«Господи, помилуй!»**

Частину Хреста перенесли до Константинополя, а решта залишилася в Єрусалимі в храмі, збудованому святою Оленою. У 614 році його забрали перси, але в 628 році імператор Іраклій урочисто повернув його до Єрусалима.

Це свято навчає нас, що Хрест є не знаком поразки, а перемоги — деревом життя, яким Христос переміг смерть і дарував спасіння світові.

У цей святий день у нашій парафії на тетраподі буде виставлена реліквія Чесного Хреста Господнього для почитання.

Нагадуємо: 14 вересня завжди є строгим пісним днем, незалежно від того, на який день тижня воно припадає.

A New Saint for Our Times: Pier Giorgio Frassati

As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Cross, we also rejoice at the canonization of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, a young Italian layman whose life continues to inspire. Often called "the Man of the Beatitudes," Pier Giorgio lived only 24 short years (1901–1925), but in that time he showed the world what it means to live faith joyfully and courageously.

Frassati was not a perfect student. In fact, he often struggled with his classes. Yet, he excelled in what truly matters: friendship, joy, and a love for God and neighbor. He was an avid mountain climber, a lover of sports, and someone who had many friends. But above all, he was a man of deep prayer, a daily communicant, and a member of the Dominican laity. At 17, he joined the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, dedicating himself to serving the poor and the sick.

One of his friends recalled that Pier Giorgio would quietly give away his bus fare to the poor, walking home without saying a word. Another remembered how he would spend his evenings visiting the sick, even after long hours of study or work. When he died suddenly of polio, thousands came to his funeral, many of them the poor whom he had helped in secret.

His greatest witness, however, was not only to strangers but to his own family. Pier Giorgio's parents were not particularly devout, and his home was often marked by distance and tension. Yet his example of joy, prayer, and selfless charity had a profound effect on them. After his death, both of his parents were deeply moved by the faith of their son and the outpouring of devotion from the poor he had served. His influence helped to draw them closer to the Church and to the practice of their faith.

Frassati teaches us something important about failure and friendship. He reminds us that true success is not measured by how popular or impressive we are, but by how faithfully we love. As he once said: *"The end for which we are created invites us to walk a road that is surely sown with a lot of thorns, but it is not sad. Through even the sorrow, it is illuminated by joy."*

Raised to the altars as a saint, Pier Giorgio Frassati shows us that holiness is possible for everyone — for students, workers, families, and young people. He teaches us that community, friendship, and service to others are the path to God. May his joyful witness encourage us to carry the cross with faith, and to live our lives as he did: with love, with courage, and with joy.

A New Saint for Our Times: Blessed Carlo Acutis

We are blessed to live in an age when saints are not only figures from stained-glass windows and history books, but young people who walked among us in very recent years. One of these new lights for the Church is Saint Carlo Acutis, a teenager from Italy who is often called the "patron of the internet generation."

Carlo was a normal young man. He loved soccer, played PlayStation, and even watched *Pokémon*. But beneath his ordinary teenage interests was an extraordinary love for God, especially in the Eucharist. Using his gifts with computers, Carlo created an online catalog of Eucharistic miracles, making devotion to the Blessed Sacrament accessible to people all around the world. Pope Francis praised him as an "influencer for God," someone who used technology not for self-promotion but for spreading the Gospel.

Carlo's holiness was not only visible online. His life of prayer and his quiet acts of charity touched those closest to him. His friends remembered how naturally he spoke about his faith, and how he explained it with joy and clarity. Most moving of all, his example of faith helped to bring his own parents back to the practice of their faith. In this way, his witness not only reached strangers through a computer screen but transformed his own family.

Carlo died of leukemia in 2006 at the age of only 15, but his impact continues to spread. Thousands gathered for his funeral, moved by the life of a young man who gave everything to God with joy.

Blessed Carlo teaches us that holiness is possible even in our digital age. He once said, *"We are all born original, but many die as photocopies."* His life reminds us to be authentic, to live our faith in friendship, family, and online communities with sincerity and love.

For our young people — and for all of us who struggle — we can confidently turn to him. If you are feeling overwhelmed, pressured, or lost, ask for his intercession. Saint Carlo Acutis, a modern teenager who loved God with all his heart, is proof that sanctity is not far from us.

Saint Carlo Acutis, pray for us!

Проповідь: Воздвиження Хреста через покору

Хрест, який ми сьогодні вшановуємо, колись був знаком ганьби й смерті, призначеним для злочинців і рабів. Та через покору й послух Христа він став найбільшим знаком надії та перемоги. Те, що здавалося поразкою, стало тріумфом Божої любові.

Святий Павло каже нам, що Ісус, «будучи в Божій подобі, упокорив себе, ставши слухняним аж до смерті, і то смерті хресної» (Фил. 2:6–8). З любові Він прийняв волю Отця, і завдяки Своїй покорі Хрест став не кінцем, а дверима до нового життя.

Як зерно, закопане в землю, жертва Христа виглядала як втрата, але принесла плід воскресіння. Хрест навчає нас, що возвеличення приходить не через гордість чи владу, а через покору, служіння й любов.

Сьогодні, святкуючи Воздвиження Чесного Хреста і почитаючи в нашій парафії реліквію Господнього Хреста, просімо ласки йти шляхом Христової покори. Приймаючи наші хрести з вірою, ми також зможемо розділити Його перемогу та бути піднесені до радості Отця.

Dear Parishioners:

We invite you to light the sanctuary lamp in memory of a loved one or for a particular intention.

The lamp can be sponsored for a minimum donation of $20 (call the parish office). The sponsor for the week will be published in our parish bulletin.

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Basil's Parish is lit for
The Intentions of the Giver.

Offered by Clare Kvehn

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