

# OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH

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## MASS SCHEDULE

*October 29, 2017*

Saturday Vigil: **6:00 p.m.**

Sunday: **8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.**

Weekday: **8:30 a.m.**

Holy Day of Obligation: **8:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.**

## PARISH STAFF

Msgr. Gerald T. Ritchie, *Pastor*

Donna Clark, *Pastoral Minister*

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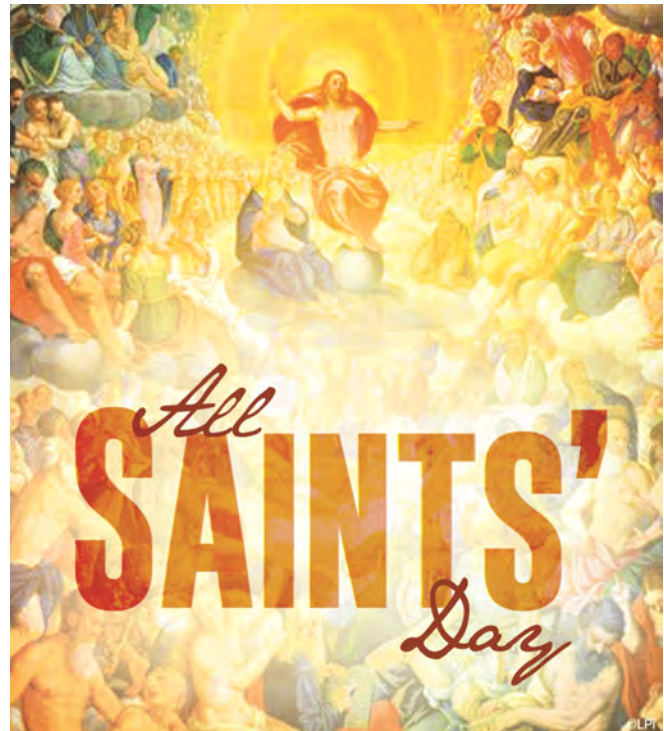
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## MISSION STATEMENT

*We are a Eucharistic, Catholic Christian Community of Communities  
formed by the Word of God and the teachings of the Church.*

*We are empowered by the Holy Spirit to live the values of Jesus Christ  
in a prayerful, welcoming and nurturing environment.*

## THE WEEK AHEAD

For a complete calendar of events, please visit  
[ourladyofmercychurch.org/calendar](http://ourladyofmercychurch.org/calendar)

<b>Mon. 10/30</b>	11:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer
<b>Tue. 10/31</b>	9:30 a.m.	SCC– Steel Magnolias
	2:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	6:00 p.m.	Sister Parish Mtg (cancelled)
<b>Wed. 11/01</b>	<b>All Saints Day</b>	
	8:30 a.m.	MASS (Holy Day)
	1:00 p.m.	SCC-Diamonds in the Rough
	2:00 p.m.	Contemplative Prayer
	7:00 p.m.	MASS (Holy Day)
<b>Thur. 11/02</b>	<b>All Souls Day</b>	
	9:00 a.m.	Painting Class
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	6:45 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Fri. 11/03</b>	1:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary
<b>Sat. 11/04</b>	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
<b>Sun. 11/05</b>	<b>Daylight Savings Time Ends</b>	
	<b>Casserole Club Drop-Off</b>	
	<b>Monthly Food Pantry Collection</b>	
	9:30 a.m.	Family Faith Event
	9:30 a.m.	Healing Ministry
	12:00 p.m.	Rel Ed Gr 7 & 8
	3:00 p.m.	Youth Retreat

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Mon. 10/30</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Vernetta Coe</b>
<b>Tue. 10/31</b>	8:30 a.m.	
<b>Wed. 11/01</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Irmina Walsh</b> ( <i>Kosobucki Family</i> )
	7:00 p.m.	<b>Patricia Tufts</b> ( <i>Barb Jones</i> )
<b>Thur. 11/02</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>For All Deceased Parishioners</b>
<b>Fri. 11/03</b>	8:30 a.m.	
<b>Sat. 11/04</b>	8:30 a.m.	
	6:00 p.m.	<b>Henry Glowacki</b> ( <i>Osiecki Family</i> )
<b>Sun. 11/05</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Rod Haynes</b> ( <i>Sue Haynes</i> )
	11:00 a.m.	<b>For the People of OLM</b>

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

<b>Mon. 10/30</b>	Rom 8:12-17	/	Luke 13:10-17
<b>Tue. 10/31</b>	Rom 8:18-25	/	Luke 13:18-21
<b>Wed. 11/01</b>	Rv 7:2-4,9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/ Mt 5:1-12a		
<b>Thur. 11/02</b>	Rom 6:3-9	/	Jn 6:37-40
<b>Fri. 11/03</b>	Rom 9:1-5	/	Luke 14:1-6
<b>Sat. 11/04</b>	Rom 11:1-2a,11-12,25-29/Luke 14:1,7-11		
<b>Sun. 11/05</b>	Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/ 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/ Mt 23:1-12		

## PRAYER LINE

9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Call **Donna Smicker** at 899-9108  
 4:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. Call **Gerri Extein** at 899-6875  
 The **Hospital Visitor** for the week is Donna Smicker.

## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS



Just a reminder that **Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 5, 2017.** Remember to turn your clocks back one hour before retiring on Saturday, November 4.

## NEWSLETTER MAILING PARTY

We will be preparing the newsletter for the mail on **Monday, November 13, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room.** If you can help, contact Irene Lucas at 899-6132 or [ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org)



## THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE DURING NOVEMBER

The Church has a long tradition of remembering those who have died to the love and mercy of God. Parishes have the custom of giving a place of honor to a book in which community members and visitors write the names of their beloved dead. We remember our dead in a special way on the Feast of All Souls Day, and throughout November. The **Book of Remembrance (or the Book of the Names of the Dead)** was inspired by the ancient practice of recording the dates of the deaths of loved ones in a public record or registry of death. This practice provides the living with an opportunity for healing and consolation in the face of grief. The Book of the Names of the Dead will be displayed in the Sanctuary from the Solemnity of All Saints until the beginning of Advent. It is left open for people to write the names of their deceased loved ones and for others to read the names, remember, and pray for the repose of their souls. Remembering all of these men and women who have gone before us, “marked with the sign of faith,” helps us better understand and appreciate our faith in the Christ our risen Lord who conquers sin and death and brings new life to all.

*Eternal Rest grant to them, O Lord,  
 and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
 May their souls and the souls of all  
 the faithful departed,  
 through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

## NOVEMBER 2017

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Nov. 1	Benjamin Kightlinger	17
Nov. 1	Danielle Seib	12
Nov. 2	Kiersten Redford	12
Nov. 3	Connor Marshall	13
Nov. 3	Kellan McGuire	9
Nov. 4	Baileigh Bleil	13
Nov. 7	Kylie Rupp	15
Nov. 11	Jazmyn McGerl	8
Nov. 14	Mitchell DeVore	14
Nov. 14	Alexander Pohl	18
Nov. 16	Megan Smith	15
Nov. 17	Addison Matusiak	8
Nov. 20	Carson Shamburg	2
Nov. 21	Delaney Andrews	8
Nov. 21	Maximo Coletta	11
Nov. 24	Irena Bush	8
Nov. 24	Kara Sutton	15
Nov. 25	Samantha Tersigni	16
Nov. 26	Triston Barber	3
Nov. 26	Dominic Coletta	14
Nov. 26	Molly Neilson	16



### OLM Parish Office Reminder

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday the content for the **November 19 bulletin is due by November 8**. Content for the **November 26 bulletin is due by November 9**. If you have content for these bulletin please submit by the deadlines.

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

*Offertory for the weekend of October 22, 2017*

Envelopes sent:	389	
Envelopes returned:	99	\$3,648.10
Faith Direct Deposits:	103	\$2,813.00
Loose Change:		\$225.41
<b>TOTAL OFFERTORY:</b>		<b>\$6,686.51</b>

**\$7,136** is needed to meet our regular operating expenses.  
(This does not include our CSA or Mortgage Payment)

### The Question-Of-The-Week Contest Winner

The winner for the week of October 16 was, Tom Gunther, Grade 4, who knew that Our Lady of Mercy has a sister parish in Peto, Mexico.

### Candidate/Sponsor Meeting

Grade 11 Confirmation candidates are reminded that there is a very important meeting for them and the person they are asking to serve as their sponsor. **The meeting will be held TODAY, Sunday October 29 in Sperry Hall at 12:15 p.m.**

### Family Faith Event

Families with children in Kindergarten—Gr. 2 Sunday morning religious education class are reminded of our **Family Faith Event on Sunday, November 5**. This is a day for the entire family. All children should be accompanied by at least one parent or other adult. Brothers and sisters are welcome. The event will run from 9:30-10:45 a.m. in Sperry Hall.

### From Hijab to Jihad and Beyond: The Challenge of Interfacing with Islam

Rev. Tim Solomon will return to OLM on **Wednesday, November 8 at 7:00 p.m.** with a follow-up to his 4 week program last October. We were left with a great deal of information but even more questions about Islam and the rise of Islamic fundamentalism. Rev. Solomon will help us better understand what we are seeing in the news and how we, Christians with values often at odds with what we hear, can best respond to this unfolding situation. The program will last an hour with a half hour for questions to follow. **The event is free.**

### Sunday Morning \*C\*A\*F\*E\*

**Join us on Sunday, November 12** for a cup of fresh brewed coffee, home baked treats and a challenging presentation by Mary Hoffman and Mary Ellen Leib. After retiring from a career in special education, Mary and Mary Ellen continued their dedication to serve in the name of Christ. They minister as co-directors of Our Neighbors' Place, a winter overflow shelter sponsored by Community Shelter Services. Many members of Our Lady of Mercy have assisted with this ministry. This is an opportunity to learn more about this important Erie outreach to those on the streets. "When I was homeless, you sheltered me."

### Ella Cochran Food Pantry

Thank you for the diapers for the food pantry.

### Music Concert on November 12

Plan on an afternoon of joyful music making on **Sunday, November 12 at 3:00 p.m.** here at OLM. In addition to the Adult and Children's Choirs of Our Lady of Mercy and Holy Cross, we will welcome Brian Kuzmin, Kathy Felong, and nationally recognized liturgical guitarist Steve Petrunak.



## Social Justice Committee News



October is Respect Life month. With that in mind, the Social Justice Committee of OLM will focus on three important areas identified in Catholic Social Teachings as critical to the Gospel mandate to recognize the sanctity of every human life. We will begin with the life of the unborn, and then highlight capital punishment and euthanasia/end of life issues in the coming months. Each week, this corner will offer a Scripture quote, a statement from the Pope or Bishops, a social fact, for you to ponder.

*The U.S. abortion rate is among the highest of the world's developed countries with over 1.1 million performed each year. The U.S. government reports heart disease as the leading cause of death, but abortion actually kills nearly twice as many on a yearly basis.*

***"Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use violence to get what they want. That is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion."***  
***Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta***

### The Letters of Stewardship

**D: Direction** – Which way are we moving with our lives? Toward God or away from God?

### Women's Luncheon

Share, laugh, and eat with a group of women who live alone. Looking for fellowship? Join us for lunch on **Monday, October 30 at 1:00 p.m.** at Harbor House located at 4454 Buffalo Rd.

### Counseling Available

Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy are offering their professional skills as counselors for **adults, teens and family counseling**. Counseling meetings are at the church, in a confidential setting. To schedule an appointment contact Donna Clark at 899-5342.

### Library Grand Reopening

If you did not get a chance to see the newly reorganized parish library last week take a moment to stop in. The shelves are labeled with specific categories so it is easier to find a book that you might be looking for. We thank Thersea Pekenicky, Ellie Richardson and Pat Urmann for their work on this multi-year project.

### House of Mercy Hosts Techno Bingo

Erie's House of Mercy, a ministry of the Sisters of Mercy, will host a TECHNO bingo with 15 large electronic prizes on November 11 at the Harborecreek Social Hall, 7275 Buffalo Rd. Tickets are \$25 each. To purchase tickets, contact Sister Michele Schroeck, RSM, at 814-898-0167.

## Family Service Day

Jesus calls all of us to serve our sisters and brothers. We admire those who go on mission trips to serve the needs of others around the country. But, there are those in need in our own community. **On Saturday, November 18, OLM will host a Family Service Day to help the elderly or those with physical limitations in our community to rake leaves and prepare their yards for the coming winter.** This is a family event. Parents and children are asked to sign up as a team. **If you are willing and able to participate, please contact Irene at 899-6132 or [ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org) by today, October 29.** The number of volunteer teams will determine the number of people we can assist.



### OLM Book Group

As the nights grow longer and the days grow cooler, autumn is a perfect season to curl up with a good book and to gather in warm conversation about them. **New members are always welcome.** There is no need to commit to every month. On November 15 we will meet at the home of Marilyn Garwig, 1320 Boyer Rd. to discuss two books: The Lighthouse Keeper's Daughter by Lenore Skomal and Little Mercies by Heather Gudenkauf. Because the holidays keep us all so busy, rather than read a book in December, we will meet to watch a movie, "The Help".

### Bourbon Night

Love Bourbon? Come to a bourbon tasting night on **Friday, November 10 at 6:00 p.m.** Bring your favorite bourbon, a dish to share a finely tuned palate. Don't drink bourbon? Come anyway for the fellowship and bring the beverage of your choice. Meet in the Conference Room.

### Free Vets Tailgate Party

The Vets Tailgate party at Mercyhurst University is **Saturday, November 4 at 10:30 a.m.** This BBQ style picnic is free to Veterans and their families. Tickets to the game are also free. Tailgate and game are free with registration. To register go online to go to <http://www.mercyhurst.edu/events/veterans-tribute>.

### Raffle to Help Veterans and their Families

Raffle tickets are in the parish office for \$1.00 for a handmade patriotic quilt (pictured in the parish office). Second prize is a \$50.00 Tops gift card. Proceeds benefit the local veteran family Christmas project. The drawing is November 11. Questions contact Denny or Janet Smith at 899-5495.

### Mount Calvary Harvest Ladle

Enjoy all you can eat homemade soups at Mount Calvary, 2022 East Lake Rd., **on Friday, November 3 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** in Feeney Hall. Take-outs are available! Come for bottomless bowls of soup, salad, bread and dessert. Cost \$8.00 per Adult, \$4.00 for Children under 12.

# November 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>29</b> 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS Gr. 11 Rite of Presentation Gr. 7 & 8 Youth Event <b>9:30 AM</b> Rel Ed Gr. Kg-2 <b>9:45 AM</b> New Member Welcome Event	<b>30</b> 8:30 AM Mass <b>11:00 AM</b> Centering Prayer Magnolias <b>2:00 PM</b> Prayer Shawl <b>6:00 PM</b> Sister Parish Meeting <b>7:30 PM</b> AA	<b>31</b> 8:30 AM Mass <b>9:30 AM</b> SCC-Steel Magnolias <b>2:00 PM</b> Prayer Shawl <b>6:00 PM</b> Sister Parish Meeting <b>7:30 PM</b> AA	<b>1</b> <b>All Saints Day</b> <b>8:30 AM MASS (Holy Day)</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> SCC- Diamonds in the Rough <b>2:00 PM</b> Contemplative Prayer <b>7:00 PM MASS (Holy Day)</b>	<b>2</b> <b>All Souls Day</b> 8:30 AM Mass <b>9:00 AM</b> Painting Class <b>6:00 PM</b> Prayer Shawl <b>6:45 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>3</b> 8:30 AM Mass <b>1:30 PM</b> Legion of Mary Penance <b>6:00 PM MASS</b>	<b>4</b> 8:30 AM Mass <b>10:00 AM</b> AA <b>4:30 PM</b> Sacrament of Penance <b>6:00 PM MASS</b>
<b>5</b> 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS <b>Casserole Club DROP OFF</b> <b>Daylight-Saving Time</b> <b>Ends</b> <b>Monthly Food Pantry</b> <b>Collection</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Family Faith Event <b>9:30 AM</b> Healing Ministry <b>11:00 AM</b> Sue Moreno - Hall Rental - Tentative <b>12:00 PM</b> Cub Scouts <b>12:00 PM</b> Rel. Ed. Gr. 7 & 8 <b>3:00 PM</b> Youth Retreat	<b>6</b> 8:30 AM Mass <b>11:00 AM</b> Centering Prayer Magnolias <b>2:00 PM</b> Prayer Shawl <b>4:00 PM</b> Rel Ed Gr. 3-6 <b>5:30 PM</b> Children's Choir Rehearsal <b>6:00 PM</b> AGIFT Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Pastoral Council Meeting <b>7:30 PM</b> AA	<b>7</b> 8:30 AM Mass <b>9:30 AM</b> SCC-Steel Magnolias <b>2:00 PM</b> Prayer Shawl <b>4:00 PM</b> Rel Ed Gr. 3-6 <b>5:30 PM</b> Children's Choir Rehearsal <b>6:00 PM</b> AGIFT Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Pastoral Council Meeting <b>7:30 PM</b> AA	<b>8</b> 8:30 AM Mass <b>1:00 PM</b> SCC- Diamonds in the Rough <b>3:00 PM</b> Buildings & Grounds Mtg. <b>7:00 PM</b> From Hijab to Jihad and Beyond: the Challenge of Interfacing with Islam <b>7:00 PM</b> Knights of Columbus	<b>9</b> 8:30 AM Mass <b>9:00 AM</b> Painting Class <b>6:00 PM</b> Prayer Shawl <b>6:45 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>10</b> 8:30 AM Mass <b>1:30 PM</b> Legion of Mary <b>6:00 PM</b> Bourbon Tasting Penance <b>6:00 PM</b> Gr. 9 Rite of Acceptance <b>6:00 PM MASS</b>	<b>11</b> 8:30 AM Mass <b>10:00 AM</b> AA <b>4:30 PM</b> Sacrament of Penance <b>6:00 PM</b> Gr. 9 Rite of Acceptance <b>6:00 PM MASS</b>
<b>12</b> 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS <b>8:30 AM</b> Gr. 9 Rite of Acceptance <b>9:30 AM</b> Rel Ed Gr. Kg-2 <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday Morning CAFE <b>11:00 AM</b> Gr. 10 Retreat <b>11:00 AM</b> Gr. 9 Rite of Acceptance <b>12:00 PM</b> Rel. Ed. Gr. 7 & 8 <b>3:00 PM Music Ministry</b> <b>Concert</b>	<b>13</b> 8:30 AM Mass <b>11:00 AM</b> Centering Prayer <b>6:30 PM</b> Fruit of the Vine (SCC)	<b>14</b> 8:30 AM Mass <b>9:30 AM</b> SCC-Steel Magnolias <b>2:00 PM</b> Prayer Shawl <b>4:00 PM</b> Rel Ed Gr. 3-6 <b>5:30 PM</b> Children's Choir Rehearsal <b>7:00 PM</b> Finance Council <b>7:00 PM</b> LFF Mtg. <b>7:30 PM</b> AA	<b>15</b> <b>Cursillo (Set-Up)</b> <b>8:30 AM FOOD PANTRY</b> <b>DISTRIBUTION</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Mass <b>1:00 PM</b> SCC- Diamonds in the Rough <b>2:00 PM</b> Contemplative Prayer <b>7:00 PM</b> OLM BOOK GROUP	<b>16</b> <b>CURSILLO (womens)</b> 8:30 AM Mass <b>9:00 AM</b> Painting Class <b>6:00 PM</b> Prayer Shawl <b>6:45 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>17</b> <b>CURSILLO (womens)</b> 8:30 AM Mass <b>1:30 PM</b> Legion of Mary <b>8:30 AM</b> Mass <b>9:00 AM</b> Family Service Day (Tentative) <b>10:00 AM</b> AA <b>4:30 PM</b> Sacrament of Penance <b>6:00 PM MASS</b>	<b>18</b> Anointing of the Sick at all Masses <b>CURSILLO (womens)</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Mass <b>9:00 AM</b> Family Service Day (Tentative) <b>10:00 AM</b> AA <b>4:30 PM</b> Sacrament of Penance <b>6:00 PM MASS</b>
<b>19</b> 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS Anointing of the Sick at all Masses <b>CURSILLO (womens)</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Healing Ministry <b>9:30 AM</b> Rel Ed Gr. Kg-2 <b>12:00 PM</b> Rel. Ed Gr. 7 & 8	<b>20</b> 8:30 AM Mass <b>11:00 AM</b> Centering Prayer <b>7:00 PM</b> Grief Support Group	<b>21</b> 8:30 AM Mass <b>9:30 AM</b> SCC-Steel Magnolias <b>2:00 PM</b> Prayer Shawl <b>4:00 PM</b> Rel Ed Gr. 3-6 <b>7:00 PM</b> Core Team Mtg. <b>7:30 PM</b> AA	<b>22</b> 8:30 AM Mass <b>1:00 PM</b> SCC- Diamonds in the Rough	<b>23</b> <b>Thanksgiving Day</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Painting Class <b>9:00 AM Thanksgiving</b> <b>Day Mass</b>	<b>24</b> 8:30 AM Mass <b>1:30 PM</b> Legion of Mary Penance <b>6:00 PM MASS</b>	<b>25</b> 8:30 AM Mass <b>10:00 AM</b> AA <b>4:30 PM</b> Sacrament of Penance <b>6:00 PM MASS</b>
<b>26</b> 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS <b>Feast of Christ the King</b>	<b>27</b> Youth Fundraiser - Bob Evans <b>8:30 AM</b> Mass <b>11:00 AM</b> Centering Prayer <b>6:30 PM</b> Fruit of the Vine (SCC)	<b>28</b> Youth Fundraiser - Bob Evans <b>8:30 AM</b> Mass <b>9:30 AM</b> SCC-Steel Magnolias <b>2:00 PM</b> Prayer Shawl <b>4:00 PM</b> Rel Ed Gr. 3-6	<b>29</b> 8:30 AM Mass <b>1:00 PM</b> SCC- Diamonds in the Rough	<b>30</b> 8:30 AM Mass <b>9:00 AM</b> Painting Class <b>6:00 PM</b> Prayer Shawl <b>6:45 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>1</b> 8:30 AM Mass <b>1:30 PM</b> Legion of Mary Penance <b>6:00 PM MASS</b>	<b>2</b> 8:30 AM Mass <b>10:00 AM</b> AA <b>10:00 AM Mass of</b> <b>Remembrance</b> <b>4:30 PM</b> Sacrament of Penance <b>6:00 PM MASS</b>



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