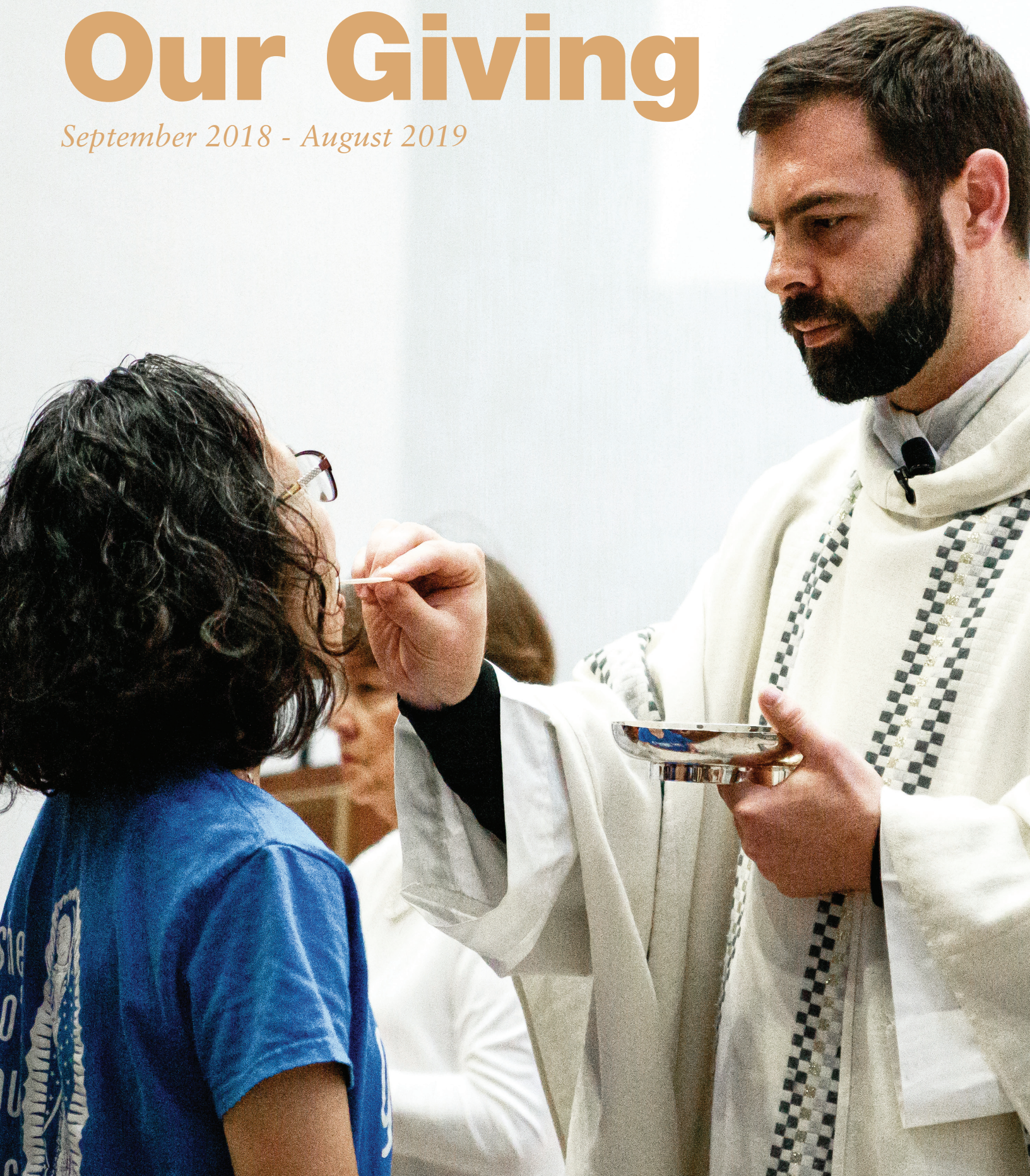


Fruits of Our Giving

September 2018 - August 2019





A Letter from Our Pastor

I thank God daily for your continued dedication and support to the work that is ongoing here at St. Ann. Our call from Jesus is to “make disciples of all nations.” However, to “make disciples,” we first need to “be disciples.” A disciple walks in the footsteps of Christ, walking in His way, His truth, and His life. We must be transformed before we can transform others. We must encounter Jesus before we can help others to encounter Him. Here at St. Ann, we are creating a family where all are welcome and know that they belong.

Soon, we will be breaking open our Discipleship Pathway — a framework to create and form disciples dedicated to having an intimate relationship with Jesus, passionately living their Catholic faith, and bringing life to the world around them.

St. Ann has a rich and colorful past. Many dedicated parishioners have given their time, talent, and financial resources to build and develop this parish into a vibrant and dynamic community that reaches far beyond its boundaries.

We have just launched our Building Hope Capital Campaign that will add meeting spaces, increase our nursery capacity, enhance our music program, modernize our outreach initiatives, and bring our whole staff into one central location. However, the Building Hope Capital Campaign is above and beyond our regular stewardship. We are counting on all of you to continue your generosity to the on-going stewardship so that we can continue to live out our vision to bring people to Jesus, form them as disciples, and send them to transform the world.

May God bless you and keep you in His care.

Your Pastor,
Henry V. Petter



Our Vision

“St. Ann brings people to Jesus, forms disciples and sends them to transform the world.”

Our dream is to live out the words of Jesus to go and make disciples of all nations! We are committed to helping people encounter Jesus, grow in friendship with Him, and fully realize their mission to the world.

Our Purpose

“We venture into the deep, casting our nets wide so the hungry, broken, and empty share in the abundant life of Christ.”

While our vision describes what we are about at St. Ann, our purpose reminds us why. At St. Ann, we desire to create a family where all are welcome and know that they belong. We strive to seek out and invite those who long for more so they can experience the overwhelming goodness of our God.

LOOKING BACK 2018-2019



ENGAGEMENT

Parish Growth

	2019	2018	2017
Registered Families	8,059	8,461	8,797
New Families (Sept '18-Aug '19)	505	408	613
Avg. Weekend Mass Attendance	7,321	8,170	8,113
Families Pledging	2,326	2,260	2,398
% of Families Contributing	42	40	43
Total Pledged for 2019	\$ 4,932,379	\$ 4,736,578	\$ 4,732,312
Total Paid through Aug. 31	\$ 3,609,352	\$ 3,701,539	\$ 3,652,171
Average Pledge per Family	\$ 2,121	\$ 2,096	\$ 1,973

Sacraments



440 Baptisms



445 First Communions



87 Marriages



489 Confirmations

Supported Missions - \$ 1,000,000 +

- AIDS Supper Club
- Birth Choice Counseling Center for Women
- Catholic Charities
- Christian Community Action
- Family Gateway
- High School Ministry Laredo Mission Trip
- John Paul II Catholic High School
- Magi Ministry
- Mary Immaculate Catholic School
- Middle School Ministry Coat Drive
- Miscellaneous Emergency Assistance
- Mt. Carmel Center
- North Texas Food Bank
- Peru Mission Trip
- Santa Clara Catholic Church
- Scholarships for Religious Education Programs
- St. Ann Catholic Church in Kaufman
- St. Cecilia Catholic Church
- St. Edward's Catholic Church
- St. Phillip Catholic Church
- St. James Catholic Church
- Thanksgiving Baskets
- VBS
- White Rose Women's Center
- Youth Ministry Mission Possible

LETTER FROM PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Our parish has embraced this vision and continues to persevere in making it a reality. It has truly become part of our parish DNA!! It is what we measure the plans and projects that are considered against – will this help us to achieve the Vision?

In this year's annual report you can see how St. Ann has used the stewardship gifts that parishioners so generously give. Your gifts support the initiatives that continue to move us closer to seeing the vision in action across the parish. Please review this information. These are your gifts and you deserve to know how they are being used.

Financial Health of the Parish

We are pleased to report that our external auditors have once again found no exceptions with St. Ann's annual accounting reports for the fiscal year 2018-19. We ended the fiscal year with a slight surplus. Collections were 3% below budget; thankfully, this was offset by lower-than-budgeted spending levels across the parish. As we move into the upcoming fiscal year we will continue to closely monitor collections as well as operational and project spending. The Finance Council fully supports the Building Hope Campaign that will allow us to finish out the St. Ann Center so that we can utilize all the space we have available to fulfill our vision.

A Look Ahead

We have approved a budget for the 2019-20 fiscal with year a small deficit. We are proceeding with cautious optimism in a year that will once again bring new opportunities for our church family.

As the parish moves forward with the "form" portion of our vision, we will work diligently to ensure that we can fund initiatives and ongoing programs that provide spiritual support for our parishioners.

It is an exciting time at St. Ann. Our Children's Ministry is developing programming that emphasizes the importance of family involvement and will strive to "form" disciples at an early age.

Growth and change are a big part of what makes St. Ann the vibrant, welcoming parish it is today. We need your continued support to achieve the goals and success the Lord has in His plans for St. Ann.

We ask that you prayerfully consider your contribution to St. Ann:

- If you have given in the past, please consider expanding your support.
- If you have not yet given, please consider pledging this year.

Every contribution is important, just as every parishioner is important. We are one in Christ and seek to be found worthy of His promises. Thank you for all that you have done, and continue to do, for our parish.

May God shower you and your family with many blessings!

Parish Finance Council

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

Revenue / Collections	Actual 7/18-6/19	Budget 7/19-6/20
Contributions	\$5,797,178	\$5,731,427
Program and Tuition Fees	\$315,061	\$350,900
Liturgical Donations	\$40,456	\$49,774
Social Services	\$129,768	\$142,500
Family Life	\$121,127	\$95,135
Evangelization	\$72,557	\$74,850
Fundraising	\$214,903	\$250,000
Rental Income	\$97,000	\$80,000
Investment Income	\$171,801	\$20,900
Auxiliary Ministries	\$193,060	\$185,000
Total Operating Revenue	\$7,152,911	\$6,980,486
Expenses		
Religious Education Programs (Children's, Youth, & Adult Ministries)	\$1,600,820	\$1,526,238
Liturgical Ministry	\$730,797	\$764,052
Family Life	\$355,658	\$363,181
Evangelization	\$426,513	\$421,040
Social Services	\$509,497	\$466,250
Facilities	\$1,019,936	\$1,064,344
Administration	\$1,105,424	\$1,139,765
Fundraising	\$359,071	\$170,000
Diocesan Expense	\$840,875	\$906,956
Auxiliary Ministries	\$175,995	\$185,000
Total Operating Expenditures	\$7,124,586	\$7,006,826
Net Operating	\$28,325	\$(26,340)
Capital Expenditures		
Capital Items	\$138,471	\$250,000
Strategic Long-Term Reserves		
Restricted for Future Catholic Education	\$132,997	\$250,000
Reserved for Ministry Support and Capital Needs	\$4,557,310	\$4,557,310

Note: The above financial statements are actual for 2018-2019 and do not reflect the new ASU 2016-14 reporting changes. The audited financial statements can be found at www.stannparish.org.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



1,184
Total Enrollment

In St. Ann Children's Ministry, we are working hard to partner with the parents to help bring their children to Jesus, form them as disciples, and send them to transform the world.

In our Spanish community, we've invited our parents to the Assembly Room for formation every time their children are here — and the parents love it! We've had a great turnout and have heard fantastic feedback from parents. One mom convinced her friend to come to the Assembly Room by telling her it's not boring parent meetings; it's exciting and enriching! The children also love having their parents learn alongside them. We are moving away from a classroom drop-off model to a model where we work together with our parents.

In our English community, we are starting to mostly prepare for the sacraments at home. Parents and children come to St. Ann about once a month and go home to deepen their understanding of the sacraments together using the beautiful *Blessed* books and videos. We're also starting the process multiple times a year so children can begin preparing soon after expressing an interest in receiving the sacraments. Parents have said it's easier on family life; it allows them to cater to their child's needs, and it's like a refresher course for the parents.

This is our last year of the classroom drop-off model in English. Next year, we'll begin Grace, where parents and children will come to St. Ann once a month to pray, learn, ask questions, and deepen their relationship with Jesus and with each other. We'll also offer a fun community event once a month for all families to attend. In Grace, we'll focus on one topic each month for the whole family, who will then continue their formation at home with prayer, conversations, and fun activities. Parishes that have moved to this model have seen incredible fruit: children and parents love coming to church, they come back to receive the sacraments more often, and families continue learning about their faith after receiving their sacraments.

On Sundays, we continue with Sunday School at 8 AM, 10 AM, and 12 PM. The children get to experience a fun, welcoming, safe environment where they can play and pray with each other and ask their questions about faith.

We continue to ask for prayers as we embark on this journey! Each year we have about 350 children receive Reconciliation and Eucharist for the first time and about 675 children in ongoing Faith Formation. It takes an amazing team of very dedicated people to continue to grow this ministry. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Katie Woolums
Director of Children's Ministry



YOUTH MINISTRY



828

Total Enrollment

I have been at St. Ann since 2012 and during that time, the universal Catholic Church has seen millions leave the Catholic faith and never return. Studies show that a person decides if they are going to leave their faith by age 13.

This is such a critical time in a young person's life and we in St. Ann Youth Ministry are here to stop that trend and help young people embrace Christ and all he has to offer!

Our yearly retreats, Bible studies, youth nights, conferences, and service opportunities are all an opportunity for youth to encounter the saving power of Jesus Christ. Each teen is cared for by trained Core Members who witness the faith and walk along a teen's faith journey. I am so grateful to be working with the youth and core members who will one day be leaders in our very parish.

This past year we made an intentional effort to call on the help of the Holy Spirit in our mission to encounter teens. It has had a profound impact! At the Parish Mission this past year you heard the story of one of our teens who encountered the healing power of the Holy Spirit in her life. She had dealt with breathing issues for years and, through prayer teams on one of our retreats, she encountered healing and was able to breathe unhindered for the first time in years. Praise the Lord!

Another memorable experience of this past year came from our annual Mission Trip to Laredo. St. Ann Youth Ministry was asked by Bishop Tamayo, the Bishop of Laredo, to build a chapel at a senior center that is being used for incoming immigrants. A group of teens worked so hard for a week — clearing out an old storage unit, painting, sheetrocking, and preparing this space for people to encounter the Lord. At the end of the week, we held a Mass in this Chapel that was packed with people of all ages and backgrounds. This Chapel is a refuge for those who have gone through so much in their life.

Stories like these are what we get to experience every day in our ministry because of the generous donations of the parish. This past year, 600 youth gather weekly for prayer, fellowship, and teachings at our youth nights in High School, Middle School, and Bilingual Student Ministries. Over 800 youth experienced a retreat this past year, and our largest group ever of 203 missionaries went down to Laredo for the mission trip.

All of you who are reading this report — thank you for making this possible through your financial support. I am so proud of what we accomplished this past year and look forward to 2019-2020 being an even better year! Come Holy Spirit!

Joey Scancella
Director of Youth Ministry



ADULT MINISTRY



St. Ann engages adults of all stages of life, language, cultural background, and points along the spiritual journey - to accompany them on a path to experience the fullness of life in Christ. We truly live out our purpose statement to “venture into the deep, casting our nets wide so the hungry, broken, and empty share in the abundant life of Christ.”

Over the past year we’ve “cast our nets wide,” and many people have experienced a more “abundant life in Christ.” We’ve witnessed lives radically changed and marriages transformed. We’ve seen young adults engaging with the church, and people of all ages move from anonymity to experiencing deep community and friendship. We’ve welcomed people hungry to grow and learn more about Jesus, and watched more people stepping up to serve in new ways in our parish and our broader community!

In his exhortation entitled *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis said, “[The parish] is a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a center of constant missionary outreach.”

St. Ann has embraced the call to be a flexible and creative “center of constant missionary outreach.” While Catholic parishes throughout the world wrestle with the maintaining a steady decline of the faithful in an increasingly secular time, we at St. Ann are called to be on the cutting edge of Catholic parishes who are being renewed by a new focus on mission and apostolic zeal. Thank you for being a part of the journey!

Kurt Klement
Director of Adult Ministry



Bring People to Jesus

- 1,200 guests attended Alpha
- 30% of Alpha guests identified as not being committed churchgoers
- 39% of Alpha guests under 35
- 80 people initiated into the Church
- 600 people seeking prayer after weekend Masses from the Mat Prayer Ministry



Form Disciples

- 13 Connect Groups meet across the metroplex including in Highland Village, Flower Mound, Carrollton, Irving, and Coppell.
- Over 1,500 people attended 20 formation groups and study courses throughout the year



Send them to Transform the World

- 1,157 Parishioners serving St. Ann through Hospitality or Liturgical Ministry Teams
- Introduced Alpha to neighboring churches, a mobile home park, and a prison
- Fed over 1,500 families and 5,000 meals for Thanksgiving
- 3,000 Christmas gifts given to families in need
- 70 adult missionaries served in Peru on mission

2020 VISION

To make our St. Ann vision a reality – to really bring people to Jesus, form them as disciples and send them to transform the world – we need a plan. Building that plan, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, has been the task of the St. Ann Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) over the last 12-18 months. We are excited to share the fruits of this labor as we move into the new fiscal year.

Who PPC Is

The Pastoral Council is a strategic body that serves in an advisory capacity to the pastor in matters of parish direction. We take a broad view of church parish life, our vision, and all people in the parish, and we work closely with Fr. Henry and the Senior Leadership Team to create plans that help St. Ann live out its vision. Our culturally diverse members have extensive parochial, personal, and corporate experience which they have put to work for St. Ann through the ministry of the Pastoral Council.

How We Do Strategic Planning

A strategic plan that meets the dynamic needs of our parish must be fluid and adaptable, which is why we embrace a five-year rolling plan model. That means that we recommend priorities to Fr. Henry, then put supporting strategies, goals, and timelines in place five years at a time, measuring and re-evaluating all those elements annually.

Our Plan

The priorities and goals set at the parish level will drive the initiatives happening inside and outside our walls over the next five years — one year at a time, moving and changing as needed. In the next year, our focus as a parish will be on intentional discipleship – the “form” portion of our vision.

You'll see and hear more in the next 12-18 months about what it means to be an intentional disciple, how you can find your place at St. Ann as a follower of Jesus, and what He is calling you to as you grow. The strategies being put in place will work in the background to help provide form and structure to the realities our guests and parishioners experience within the parish, as well as the ways we carry Jesus to the world around us.

We believe the Holy Spirit has bold plans for St. Ann Parish! We are so grateful for the opportunity to serve the Lord, our parish, and our community. We look forward to building hope together in the coming year.

In Christ,
St. Ann Parish Pastoral Council

Year 1 Strategies: Intentional Discipleship

Communicate the
primacy of evangelization

Implement a clear process
for Discipleship

Identify a parish-wide
communication strategy

Establish a leadership
plan & process



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