

News Advisory

To: News Editors and Assignment Desks (Two-Page FAX)

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Dates: March 24-27, 2005

RE: Easter Events and Activities in the Archdiocese of Detroit

In addition to the traditional services and liturgies, the schools and parishes of the Archdiocese of Detroit celebrate Easter in a myriad of ways. Below is a partial listing of the many events that are scheduled. These events offer excellent photo/interview opportunities and you are invited to cover them.

Adoration

All of these events will take place on Thursday, March 24:

7:30 – Midnight - Holy Family, 641 Chrysler Service Dr., Detroit, (313) 963-2046.

8 p.m. – 8:00 a.m. - Holy Innocents, 26100 Ridgemont, Roseville, (586) 777-7543.

Pesame

A Latin American custom in which Jesus is awakened and the faithful publicly offer their condolences to the Sorrowful Mother. This bilingual ritual concludes with an outdoor procession through the neighborhood with a wooden cross and life-sized statues of the Sorrowful Mother and Christ.

All of these events will take place on Friday, March 25:

7:30 p.m. - Ste. Anne, 100 Ste. Anne Street, Detroit, (313) 496-1701.

7:30 p.m. - Holy Family, 641 Chrysler Service Dr., Detroit, (313) 963-2046.

Easter Egg Hunts

All of these events will take place on Saturday, March 26:

10 a.m. – St. Thecla, 20740 Nunneley Rd., Clinton Twp., (586) 791-3930.

11 a.m. – St. Barnabas, 24800 Phlox, Eastpointe, (586) 775-2284.

11 a.m. – St. Owen, 6869 Franklin Rd., Bloomfield Hills, (248) 626-0840.

Stations of the Cross

All of these events will take place on Friday, March 25:

Noon – Live enactment in the street. Begins at the Shrine of St. Joseph, 400 W. South Blvd, Pontiac, (248) 332-0283.

Noon – Mime Stations of the Cross. St. Mel, 7506 N. Inkster, Dearborn Heights, (313) 274-3977.

Noon – Stations in the Street. St. Ambrose, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park, (313) 822-2814.

11:30 a.m. – St. Genevieve, 29015 Jamison, Livonia, (734) 427-5220.

12:45 p.m. – SS. Peter and Paul, 7685 Grandville Ave, Detroit, (313) 846-2222.

1 p.m. – St. Martha, 18200 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, (313) 336-4090.

1:15 p.m. – Living Stations of the Cross. St. John Bosco, 12170 Beech Daly, Redford (313) 937-9690.

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Easter Events and Activities – FIRST ADD

Blessing of Easter Food Baskets – On Holy Saturday, March 26, many of our priests bless with holy water baskets of food that are brought to church by their parishioners. The food in the baskets will be consumed on Easter. The blessing of the food is in celebration of the ending of the 40 days of fasting for Lent and the re-stocking of larders. The blessing is in recognition that the Easter meal is special and is a way of thanking God for all that He has given.

The blessing of Easter Food Baskets will take place on Saturday, March 26, at these churches:

10 a.m. & 12 p.m. - St. Lawrence, Utica, (586) 731-5347.

11 a.m. – St. Veronica, 21440 Universal Dr., Eastpointe, (586) 777-0331.

11 a.m. – SS. Peter and Paul, 7685 Grandville Ave., Detroit, (313) 846-2222.

12 p.m. – St. Mary Magdalen, 50 E. Annabelle, Hazel Park, (248) 542-8060.

12 p.m. – Holy Innocents Church, 26100 Ridgemont, Roseville, (586) 777-7543.

12 p.m. – St. Hugo of the Hills, 2215 Opdyke Rd., Bloomfield Hills, (248) 644-5460.

12 p.m. – St. Owen, 6869 Franklin Rd., Bloomfield Hills, (248) 626-0840.

1 p.m. – St. Cunegunda, (spoken in Polish) 5900 St. Lawrence St., Detroit (313) 843-4717.

2:30 p.m. – St. Barbara, 13534 Colson Ave., Dearborn, (313) 582-8383.

7:30 p.m. - Holy Family Church, Detroit. (313) 963-2046.

Passion Plays and Other Performances

All these events will take place on Thursday, March 24:

1:30 p.m. – Re-enactment of the Passion. St. Gabriel, 8118 Vernor Hwy., Detroit, (313) 841-0753.

Other Events

All these events will take place on Thursday, March 24:

10:00 p.m. – Tenebrae Service. SS. Peter and Paul, 7685 Grandville Ave, Detroit, (313) 846-2222.

All of these events will take place on Friday, March 25:

6:00 p.m. – Soup Supper followed by prayer and reflection lead by Mrs. Patricia Rennie, Dean of the Institute for Ministry at Sacred Heart Major Seminary. St. Thomas Aquinas, 5780 Evergreen, Detroit, (313) 271-3266.

7:00 p.m. – Screening of *The Passion of the Christ*. Holy Innocents Church, 26100 Ridgemont, Roseville, (586) 777-7543.

7:30 p.m. – Scripture Readings and Performance of *Stabat Mater* by Antonin Dvorak with choir and orchestra. Old St. Mary's, 646 Monroe, Detroit, (313) 961-8711.

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