



Knights of Columbus

Tootsie Roll Drive April 8-9

Knights of Columbus Council 10963 will be holding their annual "Tootsie Roll" drive Saturday April 8 and Sunday April 9 at various locations around Whitmore Lake. Last year we helped raise over \$500 to help the St. Francis Camp provide services and recreation opportunities for people with intellectual disabilities. Please consider helping us by signing up at <http://bit.ly/1nRVcOj> or contacting Thomas Cook at thomascook1998@gmail.com or 734-272-5068.



First Friday & First Saturday

This month First Friday and First Saturday are separated by a week. First Saturday Mass will be celebrated at 8:30am on April 1st. First Friday Adoration will begin with Exposition on Friday April 7th at 9pm. Adoration will run through the night with Benediction before the 8:30am Mass.

Confessions Available All Day

St. Francis in Ann Arbor will be holding confessions on Wednesday, March 29 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. in the Parish Activity Center. Remember no wrong is greater than the Lord's Love for you!

Save the Date!

The Ladies Society of Old St. Patrick are planning a Spring Meeting on April 21st at 7pm. Fr. Tom will speak on the topic of The Divine Mercy, specifically St. Faustina's Diary.

Alleluia Breakfast!

It is our custom to have an "Alleluia Breakfast" in the parish center after the Easter Vigil. This is a potluck event, please bring your favorite homemade breakfast food item (Egg Casseroles, French Toast, Quiches, Muffins, Fruit Salads). Set-up and clean-up help is always appreciated! If you have questions about signing up, contact Stacey Campbell at 248-721-1799.

Youth Group

Summer Retreat

Old St. Patrick Youth Group will be going to Franciscan University of Steubenville for the Youth Conference Friday, July 7 through Sunday, July 9, 2017. The retreat weekend includes lodging in the campus dorms, meals, and a week-end packed with opportunities for Mass, Adoration, Confession, inspirational speakers, and much more. The conference weekend is open to anyone completing grades 8-12 in the spring of 2017. Student cost is \$150. Contact John Pratt for more details or to reserve a spot. Registration deadline is Sunday, April 2.

What to Put in Easter Basket?

Some tips on what ought to be blessed and what not

Stop by the church on Holy Saturday, April 15th, at 9:30 am for a traditional blessing of Easter Food Baskets.

Some ideas, for a family's basket, include bread symbolizing how "Christ was made known in the breaking of the bread" on the road to Emmaus in the Gospel of Luke. Meat is a sign of abundance, and ham in particular shows that we are living in a new dispensation apart from the old law. Dairy products symbolizing prosperity and peace, and eggs particularly are a symbol of new life through the Resurrection.

Some people obtain butter that is molded into the shape of a lamb, an obvious reference to the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. And many include wine — a symbol of Christ's blood.

Traditionally, for the Holy Saturday Easter Food Basket Blessing, Christians would gather these items into a basket. The faithful would bring the baskets to the priest who would bless them, thus helping the faithful remember to enjoy these good things with the proper mindset.

The Easter basket also has another very practical purpose:

allowing Christians to prepare food ahead of time for Easter Sunday so that there will be food for all without significant preparation.

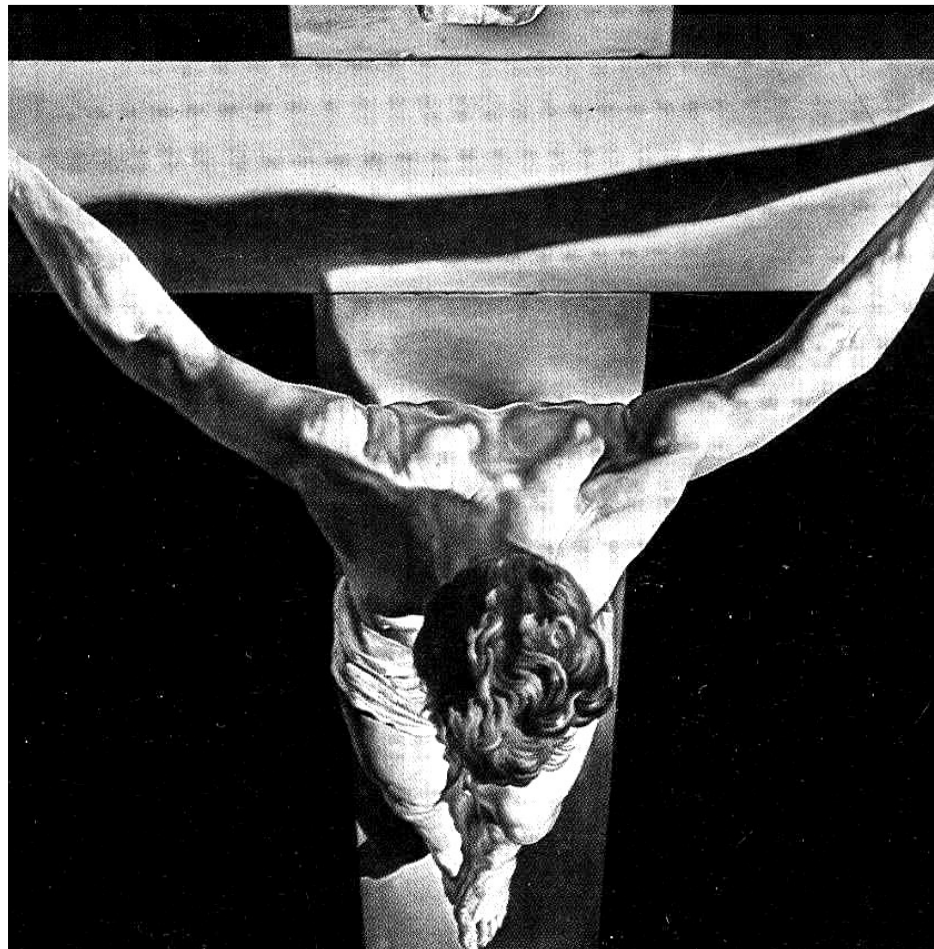
Since the food in the baskets is indeed blessed, one ought to be careful to consume everything. Only the number of eggs that one will be sure to consume should be blessed. Jelly beans and other kinds of things that could be cast aside by a child probably ought to be left out of the basket, thereby respecting the meaning of the blessing.

Office of Reading and Morning Prayer from the Liturgy of Hours will be prayed beginning at 9:30am, followed by the blessing of the food for the Easter meal.

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APRIL 7 | 7:30 PM

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