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Volunteers are needed.

Practice is held on
Wednesday.

This Weeks Schedule

Sun 3rd Sunday after Easter

30 St. Catherine of Siena, VD OP +1380, 3cl
Open 7:15 am - 12
Mass 8 am Zachary King
10 am Parish

Mon

1 St. Joseph the Worker, Spouse of the BVM, 1cl
Open Closed
Mass

Tue

2 St. Athanasius, BCD +373, 3cl
Open 5 - 7 pm
Mass 6:30 pm Adult Children of George Family

Wed

3 Open 7:30 - 11 am
Mass 8 am Minor Children of George Family

Thr

4 St. Monica, W +387, 3cl
Open 5 - 7 pm
Mass 6:30 pm +Pablo Ponce

Fri

5 St. Pius V, PC OP +1572, 3cl
Open 7:30 - 11 am
Mass 8 am Brett Hawkins

Sat

6 Open 8:30 - 11 am
Mass 9 am Poor Souls

Sun 4th Sunday after Easter

7 St. Stanislaus, B of Cracow, M +1079, 3cl
Open 7:15 am - 12
Mass 8 am Bishop Earl Boyea
10 am Parish

Confessions

Confessions are available Monday - Saturday during open hours
outside of Mass times.

You may also call to make an appointment outside of these times.

Last Sunday's Collection

Of Contributions 16 + Cash
 Sunday Total \$ 1766.25
 Capital Campaign \$ 150

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Meetings

Finance Council – May 9
 Pastoral Council – May 9
 Security Council –
 Church Cleaning – May 13
 Men's Group – May 18
 Women's Group – May 25
 Schola Practice – Every Wednesday @ 6pm

Parish News

Money Counters

Meet today after 10 am Mass

Confirmation

The Institute of Christ the King in Detroit has agreed to include us in their Confirmations. No date is set yet, but should be in October.

I am also looking at the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter in South Bend, IN. They might let us join them too if we need to.

Counters

Today

Julie Snitgen
 Tom Schrauben

Next Week

Greg Snitgen
 Renee Irrer

Ushers

Today

8: Kevin Irrer
 10: Patrick Lind

Next Week

8: Kevin Irrer
 10: Patrick Lind

Servers

Today

8: Eric
 AJ
 10: Anthony
 Caleb

Next Week

8: John
 AJ
 10: Joe
 Luke

Don't forget...

First Saturday Holy Hour after Mass.

Second Saturday we celebrate the Mass in honor of the SGTG Confraternity of our deceased.



Sacramental Prep

Teen Ed

Today

Y

Y

Next Week

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Latin Classes

Tuesday

Thursday

This Week

Y

Y

Next Week

Y

Y

Oh Lord, hear our prayers for our family and friends in need.



Denise Ignatowski
 John Ignatowski
 Tim Copernoll
 Amy Sobie
 Rachelle Koenigsnecht
 Ed Reichstetter

Please Pray for:

Melissa Dorbeck
 JoAnn Brock
 Hal Schneider
 Timothy McLin
 Rhoda Greenhoe
 David Makara

Bob Wilson
 Cozette Oxley

News & Editorial

The Sacred... The Secular... And Everything

1st Holy Communion

Next Sunday will be our First Holy Communion. We have 4 in our class this year. They all did really well in their interviews. It is always fun to see if they remember and can pronounce the word Transubstantiation. Most adults do not even know that one.

If you are one of those adults then this next paragraph is for you.

Transubstantiation is broken down in to two words trans-substance. Trans means across. As a verb it means to cross over, or to change. Then substance means what a thing is, it's essence. So we have a substance that changes or crosses over. That is, we have bread (substance) and wine (substance) that trans (changes) in to something different; the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity or our Lord Jesus Christ. The bread and wine retain their "accidents" of color, size, shape, taste... but what they are in their substance is something totally new and different, they are truly Jesus Christ. Therefore the bread and wine are not a symbol of Jesus Christ but are now truly Jesus Christ. What was bread and wine are truly gone, obliterated and changed. They cease to exist. What exists now under the form ("accidents") of bread and wine is Jesus Christ. God being God, all powerful and all that, can take any form, taste, color, smell, texture, appearance... that He wants. In this case, He takes the appearance of bread and wine that He may be our staple of Life. Hence we refer to the Eucharist as the Bread of Life and the Chalice of Salvation.

That is a lot to take in, fortunately at their young age, for the interview, I only require that they can tell me that the Eucharist is Jesus and that it is not a symbol but truly

Jesus; Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. The rest of what all that means they will learn, understand and come to fully realize as they grow in the Faith.

But adults, you should know all this. It is important they we grow in our understanding, love and appreciation of what the Eucharist is. This is true not just for the Eucharist but also the Mass itself that brings us the Eucharist.

The Mass is so, so much. It is everything really.

Mass transcends time and space. When Mass begins it makes us present to Eternity, all of time and all of creation and all at the same time. It places us before the Father, with the Son and the Holy Ghost and all the angels and saints in the Heavenly Jerusalem where Jesus offers to to the Father Himself as the eternal Sacrifice as the lamb standing as if it were slain, for our salvation. We are further made present to the physical and historical event of this offering starting with the Last Supper with the institution of the Eucharist and establishment of the priesthood through the trial, the carrying of the Cross and the Crucifixion and Death of our Lord Jesus Christ. With all this, we also wonderfully witness the Resurrection and Ascension. The Mass would be remiss if it did not also reveal to us the life and teachings of Christ that educate, enlighten and brings Hope into our lives. We are reminded of creation, sin, death, forgiveness, heaven and hell. Our purpose, our destiny and the whole of why God made us is revealed and made manifest to us, namely His great and perfect Love for us.

This description of the Mass could go on with so much more, the same as the description of Transubstantiation. I am

limited by the space on this paper to describe them to you, but the Mass is not limited. It makes it all present and known to us each and every time. That is the mystery and power of God.

So, next week we will be celebrating the First Holy Communion of these 4 children. The first time that they get to fully participate in the Mass, something that we have enjoyed so often and have perhaps taken for granted. Let us use and take this opportunity to celebrate with them as if it were our first time again with all the newness, excitement, and enthusiasm. But this time, with our adult faith and understanding of what it is that we are doing and receiving, Jesus Christ.

May Crowing

Next Sunday we will also be celebrating the May Crowing. May is the month of Mary and so we start it off by celebrating that she is our Queen. And what a great Queen Mother she is.

I always enjoy the May Crowing ceremony with all of our young ladies (and their mothers) whom we men are to treat as if each was the Blessed Mother herself. Womanhood is such a beautiful thing.

Mary, the Arc of the Covenant, mother of God and Mother of us all. She is so wonderful that Jesus could not keep her for Himself. Rather, He gave her to all mankind from the Cross (made present at Mass) so that we could all share in her love and protection. Jesus, we thank you.

Much Love. Fr. Robideau

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