

NPACC Disciples of Christ

Grade 1 through grade 8

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PALM SUNDAY EASTER EGG HUNT



For Children: Toddler- Age 8; Sunday, March 25, 8:30-9:30; SW Church basement.

Reservations appreciated to: Lynn.Sticha@npatholic.org

Your children won't want to miss it! Come join the fun.

BYOB (Bring your own basket.)

Grades 5-6 (DAH, DOC, Summer DOC)

This week is your child's reconciliation service. Catechists will pick them up at 6:15 in the PAC to go up to church. They will begin with some reflection time and an opportunity for an examination of conscience. We will then have a prayer service before they meet with one of the two priests for the sacrament.

Summer and Home study children can go directly up to church and we will match them up with one of the catechists for their preparation.

This is a beautiful sacrament . How fortunate we are to experience it during this season of Lent.

You too can be Reconciled

We have two **Lenten Penitential Services** with Individual Confession coming up: Thursday, March 22 at 6:30 pm and Saturday, March 24 at 11 am.

Father Kevin is also in the confessional an hour prior to Saturday evening Mass at SW for anyone who wants to receive the sacrament. Bring your burdens, sins, heaviness to Jesus and leave it there! **Be Reconciled!**

Did you see the fliers in the Lenten Mailing?

How is your Lenten journey going? Not only did our Lenten fliers give you some suggestions on opportunities for Lent... BUT, there was a weekly bulletin (We thirst for you O Lord) filled with fun facts, family activities, and other Lenten thoughts. I hope you take a few minutes to read it each week... *Who knew about sea snails and the color purple? How about what was once considered the official Catholic food of Lent? This might surprise you.*



5th Sunday of Lent—March 18, 2018

“Amen, Amen I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat, but if it dies, it bears much fruit.” ~John 12:24

In this reading, Jesus tells us that his death is required to bear fruit. It is necessary to bring new life (resurrection) out of suffering and death. It is why He came; “God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish, but have eternal life.” This is something we may not even *hear* anymore, much less think about—but may-be we should! What great love. This is the Paschal mystery—hard to understand but vital to our salvation.



We all die to rise into new life with Christ who paved the way. The path to our new life is through His sacrifice and death. **What can we do now?** We live in a sometimes difficult world, where we can become self absorbed and exclusive. We can “die” to these harmful ways and give of ourselves out of love for Jesus and others. We can choose to live in the Kingdom of God and experience a greater fullness and joy in this life in Christ. Lent is a great time to reflect on Jesus great sacrifice, and ponder how we can live and experience the Kingdom of God here and now.

**What is one step you can take this week to be welcoming and kind to another person?
How can you teach your child to do the same?**

Change of Date—Women’s Lenten Reprieve

Our Women’s Lenten Reprieve had originally been scheduled for March 18. Due to another event happening that night... we have decided to postpone it to April 8 at 7 p.m. in the Chapel at St. Wenceslaus. Mark your calendars for this time to take a deep breath, relax and focus on the Holy Spirit alive and active in your life. Sounds wonderful—doesn’t it?

W.O.N. teaser

Mark your calendars for another night ~ **Just...For...Women**. If you have not attended one, here is your chance! We begin at 6:15 with a bit of social time, chocolate, wine, soda or water. At 6:30, we have a wonderful speaker... I won’t tell you her name just yet. Know she has a great story, know she is a God-loving woman, and know she is local! The date for this event is Sunday, April 29. Tell all your women friends about it. We don’t charge a thing, but do have a jar out if anyone cares to make a free-will offering to offset costs.

Passion Pantomime

Our teens, Father Kevin, director—Kathleen Pomije Ebnet, and Pamela Sherlock have been spending many hours preparing for the Passion Pantomime. This is such a moving dramatization of the Gospel story we hear on Palm Sunday and Good Friday. If you have not witnessed it before, you will be moved.



Children are invited to begin Palm Sunday waving palm branches and walking in procession behind the banners. They will then return to their seats but be invited back to the front for the dramatization. This portrayal will take place at all three Masses at the St. W. site on Palm Sunday and both Good Friday liturgies.