

4th SUNDAY OF LENT
March 14 – 15, 2015

M & M's

The words of parish stewardship, evangelization, and a stronger spiritual journey arose further into the life of our Kevin Endres. Kevin, alongside of five other men of the Diocese, were brought into the formal Ministry of Acolyte last Sunday at our Cathedral by Bishop Steven Raica. This step moves them closer to ordination as a Permanent Deacon this coming October, after five years of preparation.

Acolyte is a means to be on the altar in a directive fashion that has some comparison as a master of ceremonies. You will see Kevin assist me and direct the altar servers for smoother and reverent Eucharist celebrations. His installation has the expectation that he function in that role at every Mass he attends. He has already been installed into the Ministry of Lector.

We congratulate him and his family for this committed service as he moves onto the ordained clerical state of Deacon. Reread the first sentence: Ordained or not, all are called to those roles as committed Catholics. The ordained, Priest or Deacon, stand as servants to invite all the faithful to BE more and to RECEIVE more within the embrace of Christ.


THE SEARCH IS ON – FAITH FORMATION DIRECTOR (DRE and more): The Pastoral Council and Finance Council are keenly attending to the finding of the individual who can cover this multi-tasked role. The parish needs a strong leader in this area for improving all phases of youth and adult formation. The finances are tight but it is “non-negotiable” that a person come into this role this summer. We welcome all in the parish to contribute to the thought process.

MSGR THOME – RELAXING FINALLY : Our founding pastor is finding his new accommodations very satisfactory. He would welcome any note or call. CORDIA ; 600 Cottage View, Apt. 238; Traverse City, MI 49684. 231- 715-3512. At age 87, kidney dialysis is his cross. His JOY is all of his service to the church.

ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFER (EFT or Online Giving): The parish will continue to PUSH hard on getting more people engaged in this manner of sharing their tithing or donated monies. We seem to be stuck at 31 parishioners while other parishes move stronger into this both modern and consistent faith celebration. Our website, christkingparish.org on right hand side, OUR SUNDAY VISITOR online giving, will direct you to easy directions. Envelopes will continue to come (if you wish) as even empty ones put in basket help with records.

AND THE BACKSIDE TODAY: I have collected from thirty years back a stack of poetic reflective thoughts taken from a newspaper. They were used as an attention getter. I think they still have that value as I present the one entitled “Get out of that Rut”. The message could be reworded in various ways to both embrace Lent and spring!

But change something in the last sentence: “Remember, we only pass this way briefly. The eternal stage will have no need for our style or adventure. No rut ever again! His arms will suffice”.

ON OUR COMMON JOURNEY OF SURRENDER,
Fr. Raymond Cotter 

Get Out Of That Rut

Oscar Wilde said,
"Consistency is
the last refuge of
the unimaginative."
So stop getting up
at 6:05.
Get up at 5:06.
Walk a mile at dawn.
Find a new way
to drive to work.
Switch chores with
your spouse
next Saturday.
Buy a wok.
Study wildflowers.
Stay up alone all night.
Read to the blind.
Start counting
brown-eyed blondes
or blonds.
Subscribe to an
out-of-town paper.
Canoe at midnight.
Don't write to your
congressman,
take a whole scout
troop to see him.
Learn to speak
Italian.
Teach some kid
the thing you do best.
Listen to two hours of
uninterrupted Mozart.
Take up aerobic dancing.
Leap out of that rut.
Savor life.
Remember, we only
pass this way once.