

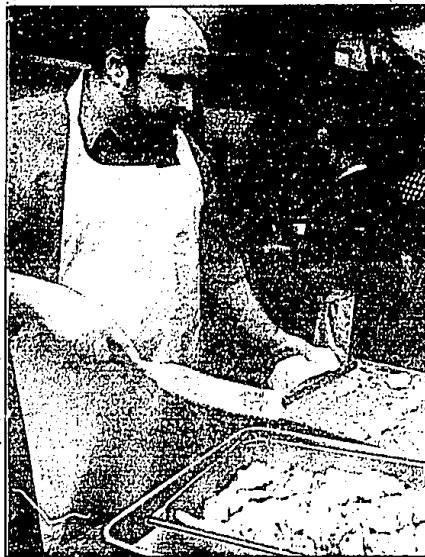
DINING

Holy mackerel, church fish fries provide tasty fare

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Holy mackerel! These wonderful Friday night church fish dinners are coming to an end. When will we eat so economically when Lent is over?

Once again, the dinners have been extremely popular, with parishes reporting 600-700 people being served each Friday. There's still time to taste some of the best fried and baked fish in town. With few exceptions, the following Catholic churches plan to feed the fish-loving hungry through Good Friday:



In the kitchen: Kevin Breen of Livonia fills a pan with freshly baked cod at the St. Genevieve fish fry.

WHAT'S COOKING

Send items for What's Cooking to Kelly Wygonik, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Fax, (734) 591-7279 or e-mail kwygonik@oe.com

Four Friends Bar/Grill, 44282 Warren Road (at Sheldon Road), Canton — Offers all-you-can-eat Fish & Chips on Friday beginning at 11 a.m. until 11 p.m. for \$9.95 per person. Call (734) 418-0880 for information.

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Mitch Housey's, 28500 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia — Will be open 2-8 p.m. Easter Sunday. Call (734) 425-5520 for reservations/information.

St. Agatha Catholic Church, 19760 Beach Daly, Redford Township, (313) 531-0371. Time: 3-8 p.m. Menu: Fried fish, \$4.50; shrimp, \$5; baked cod, \$5.50; fisherman's platter, \$6.75; macaroni and cheese, \$3.50; clam chowder, \$1.75. Dinners come with rolls and butter and two sides, including cole slaw, potato salad, tossed salad or French fries.

"I like the shrimp, but my father, Bill Vandervennet, likes the cod," said Mary Jo Frush, parish secretary.

Seniors get a \$1 discount between 3-5 p.m. And if one fish dinner isn't enough to satisfy your hunger, you can purchase a half-order.

St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17800 Farmington, Livonia, (734) 425-5950. Time: 5:30-7 p.m. Adults, \$7; children 6-11, \$3.50. Menu: Baked cod, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti in garlic and olive oil, potatoes, desserts and beverages. Served buffet-style. "We always get 400-500 people," said parish secretary Ellen Edelen. "The food is good and prices are reasonable. We've had no complaints."

Note: No dinners served on Good Friday, April 21.

St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia, (734) 464-1222. Time: 4:30-7 p.m. Carry-outs available. Most dinners \$6. Menu: All-you-can-eat fried fish, salad bar, pierogi, baked fish, and fried shrimp. Macaroni and cheese \$3.

"We've been serving 600 dinners every Friday. They're lined up outside," said parish secretary Mary Lou Sellock. "The baked fish is wonderful, and they have a great salad bar."

St. Genevieve Catholic Church, 22015 Jamison, Livonia, (734) 427-5220. Time: 5-7 p.m. Adults, \$6; children 5-11, \$3.50. Under 5, free. Menu: Fried and baked fish, all-you-can-eat Manhattan clam chowder, baked potato or French fries, macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, beverages.

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St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth, (734) 420-0289. Time: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Menu: Fried fish



Lenten treat: Verna Leone (right) of Livonia enjoys the fish fries at St. Genevieve Catholic Church in Livonia. Serving baked cod (from left) is Katie Olex. Andrea Seiter (behind, left) serves fried cod to Irene Mullins.

with salad bar, \$4.50; lasagna or macaroni and cheese, \$3; shrimp-in-a-basket, \$6.50; fisherman's platter, \$5.50. Children 6-12 \$2, free for 5 and under.

The McClellan family has eaten the fish dinners at St. Kenneth's every Friday in Lent for the past eight years. "When our third child was born, we started coming. It wouldn't be Easter without coming," said Annette McClellan, parish secretary.

At St. Kenneth, the men's group does the cooking. "They're the ones that should," said McClellan. "It's wonderful."

St. Mol Catholic Church, 7506 Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights, (313) 274-0684. Time: 4-7 p.m. Menu: Baked or fried fish, \$5; shrimp, \$7; fish combo, \$8.75; child's fish, \$4.25; fish sandwich, \$2.75. Dinners include beverage.

Our Lady of Good Counsel, 1062 Church Street, Ply-

mouth, (734) 453-0326. Time: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Menu: Baked or fried fish, shrimp, baked potato, roll and cole slaw. Adults, \$6; seniors, \$5; children, \$3.50.

St. Raphael Catholic Church, 31630 Beechwood, Garden City, (734) 427-1533. Time: 4:30-7 p.m. Good Friday: 3-7 p.m. Menu: Hand-battered fried fish, \$6.50; shrimp dinner or fish and shrimp combo, \$8.75; fish sandwich, \$5.50; French fries or mashed potatoes. Hot dogs for children, \$1.50. Beverages included; pop extra.

"We serve 700 dinners a week. It's very good, absolutely worth the money," said Carolyn Taube, parish secretary. "The fish doesn't taste fishy. The butter is very light. They use Icelandic haddock. It's more expensive, but it's better."

St. Valentine Catholic Church, 24881 Dow, Redford Township, (313) 532-4394. Time:

4:30-7 p.m. Menu: Baked or fried cod, pierogies, macaroni and cheese. All dinners come with salad bar, including cole slaw and fruit. Carry-outs. Adults, \$5.50; seniors, \$5; children 12 and under, \$3.

"It's wonderful," said parish secretary Sue Daly. "And I'm a picky eater."

St. Sabina Catholic Church, 25605 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights, (313) 561-1977. Time: 4-7 p.m. Good Friday: 3-7 p.m. Menu: Baked fish, \$5.50; fried fish, \$6.25; shrimp dinners, \$6.25; pierogi plates, \$4.75; macaroni and cheese, \$3. Cole slaw and beverages. Over 62 years old, \$5.50 for fish and chips; children, \$3.

"Come on down and bring the family," said the Rev. Joseph Romano, pastor. "I go for the fish and chips, battered ... hold the roll."

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