



Easter Egg Hunt Planning Guide

The Easter Egg Hunt normally takes place after the noon Mass on Easter, or about 1:00 pm. You may want to check with Father Lehning to see if he would allow the event to take place after the 10:30 am Mass but in the past he has been hesitant to allow this because there would only be 30 minutes between the end of the 10:30 am Mass and the beginning of the noon Mass, and he has not wanted any outside activity during the noon Mass. Check with him to establish which time the Egg Hunt can take place.

Once the time is established the following needs to happen:

1. Create an announcement for the Church bulletin that states there will be an Easter Egg Hunt at the church on Easter and the time it will begin. State that there will not be a rain date for the Hunt. Ask the rectory administrative office to print the announcement in the Church bulletin during the three Sunday's leading up to Easter plus the Easter bulletin.
2. Buy about 150 plastic colored eggs from Costco or BJ's or maybe a Dollar Store. Then buy enough Hershey's kisses and other small candies to fill the eggs. Buy several dozen small paper bag type containers so the kids will have something to put their eggs in. Also buy some yellow, orange or red construction-type tape you will use to mark off the hunt areas. Stuff the eggs with candy a couple of days before Easter.
3. Keep all the receipts and turn them into the Council for reimbursement.
4. About 45 minutes to an hour before the Easter Egg Hunt place the Council's Knights of Columbus sign (stored in the Knight's storage closet in the basement of the Church) in a visible location so everyone knows the Knights are supporting the event.
5. Hunt areas are established by age for the kids. Normally the center circle by the statue of St. Clare is set aside for the kids younger than 3. On the left hand side (as you look at the front doors of the church) two separate areas are taped off. One area is designated for children ranging in age of 4 to 8; the other for kids over 8 years old. Identify each area with a handmade sign so the kids know which area they are to be searching in.
6. Place the eggs in easy to find spots (e.g. on the ground, in the nooks of low tree and shrub branches, next to rocks, etc). You can probably put thirty eggs in the small kids area and 50+ in each of the other two areas. Keep about 10 eggs in reserve so you can put them out if certain kids have not been able to find any or were not quick enough to grab some.
7. Each area should have an adult(s) supervising the kids as they search. Normally you'll have a number of parents available who will be happy to help if asked. If you already have a Knight or two volunteering to help you won't need to ask the parents.

8. Show the kids where their search area is given their age. Tell them not to start searching until you give the GO signal (however you want to do that).
9. Once the hunt starts just keep an eye of things. The hunt shouldn't last more than 15 minutes. Once the eggs disappear so will the kids and their parents.
10. After they finish, take down the tape, clean up any trash or unsightly items and throw them in the dumpster at the far end of the parking lot.
11. If there are any leftover stuffed eggs or candy feel free to give them away to whoever you choose. Otherwise they end up in the Knights' storage closet where they go stale and are finally thrown out.
12. Put the K of C Council sign back in the Knights' closet in the basement of the church.
13. Pat yourself on the back for doing such a good job.

If you want to talk to a Knight who has supervised this event in the past you can contact Jim Martin, Jason Seiler, John Rulison or Jim Adams.