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Cardinal Adam Maida to Celebrate Mass and Distribute Ashes

Wednesday, February 21, is Ash Wednesday. It is the beginning of Lent, forty weekdays of prayer and penance in preparation for Easter. **Cardinal Adam Maida, archbishop of Detroit, will be the celebrant and homilist at 12:15 p.m. Mass in St. Aloysius Church, 1234 Washington Boulevard, (1½ blocks north of Michigan Avenue), in downtown Detroit.**

Following his homily (at approximately 12:45 p.m.), Cardinal Maida will bless and distribute ashes. The ashes are made from the palms used in last year's Passion (Palm) Sunday liturgy. They are symbolic of penance and are used to mark foreheads with the Sign of the Cross.

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***Reporters, photographers and videographers are invited to cover this event. We ask that you not interfere with the liturgy and that you abide by any instructions you may receive from the staff at St. Aloysius Church.**