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PARISH OFFICE HOURS
St. Alphonsus
Tuesday & Thursday: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
St. Peter
Monday: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE
St. Alphonsus
Saturday: 5:30 PM - Sunday: 8:00 AM
St. Peter
Saturday: 4:00 PM - Sunday: 11:00 AM

HOLY DAY SCHEDULE
St. Peter: 9:00 AM - St. Alphonsus: 7:00 PM
(this schedule rotates)

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE
St. Alphonsus
Wednesday and Friday: 9:00 AM
St. Peter
Tuesday and Thursday: 9:00 AM

BAPTISM - Contact the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
St. Peter: 2:30-3:30 PM 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturdays
St. Alphonsus: 10:00-11:00 AM 2nd & 4th Saturdays

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK
Please call the office if someone is in the hospital, sick or homebound and would like to be visited and receive the Eucharist or the Sacrament of the Sick.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE
Please contact the pastor 9-12 months before preferred date.

PRAYER CHAIN
Contact Person - Millie Larson: 517-447-3636
Rose Forguel: 517-447-3868

FOOD PANTRY
Open the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 1-3 PM at the Parish Center in Deerfield. (excluding November and December)

WINTER SNOW POLICY
Whenever the local schools are canceled or delayed because of snow or ice, 9:00 AM daily mass will be canceled as well. The mass intention for that day will be rescheduled.

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Heritage Garden Club

December 25, 2016
The Nativity of the Lord

CHRISTMAS...ALWAYS!

"This will be a sign for you: You will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manager." (Luke 2:12)

Sometimes people sympathize with the Grinch. They look for ways to stop Christmas from coming. The closer it gets, the more trouble they have finding signs of anything except materialism, nihilism, and human loss. They desire to flee.

Fortunately, God doesn't think like they do! God doesn't run away from us; God comes to find us. God doesn't condemn us, but looks for the good and the true in us. Truth is, love and kindness are everywhere, if we are small and still enough to recognize them.

The sign God gives is so simple and quiet, it could easily be lost in the busyness of commerce----except it's not. Over the centuries, this sign has spoken to human hearts continually. Here's the answer to human longing, given without conditions or condemnations. As often as we overlook that answer, God offers it again.

Christmas doesn't happen once a year; it's with us always, as God is with us, forever, unconditionally.
Sweepstakes tickets can still be returned. They can be placed in the collection or dropped off at the parish office. There is still time to be included in the January drawing!

### MEALS ON WHEELS

Drivers Needed

Light of Christ Parish is responsible for delivery of Meals on Wheels for January 9-20. Please use the sign up sheet in Blissfield or call Finola Campbell at 517-486-2838 to volunteer.

- Three drivers are needed each day.
- Delivery begins at 11:00 am (arrive by 10:45am) and takes approximately 1 and 1/2 hours. Your help is greatly appreciated.
- By these home-bound seniors! Sign up to make a difference in someone’s day!!

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE

The ministry schedule for January, February and March is complete and can be found on our website [www.lightofchristparish.com](http://www.lightofchristparish.com) or by logging in to your online account. Printed schedules were also mailed to those requesting them. If you desire a paper copy and don’t receive one, please call the office and let Leanne know.

Thank you for your time and talent!

### MONEY COUNTERS NEEDED

We could use a few more money counters at our Deerfield site, particularly if you are available on Tuesday at 9:00am or noon. Please contact Nancie in the office if you are interested in this important ministry.

### FOOD PANTRY HOURS CHANGE

Beginning in January, the Food Pantry will only be open once a month, the 2nd Wednesday from 1-3pm.

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**LET’S TALK LITURGY**

by Margaret O’Malley

Wow – by the time you are reading this Christmas Eve and Day will be upon us! But the Christmas season is just warming up!

The twelve days of Christmas are the days after Christmas – not the twelve days before. The official church season of Christmas goes through January 9th which is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. What can you do to help keep the season alive?

Of course you can keep using your ‘Little Blue Book’ for reflection. Can you leave the tree up? How about leaving your nativity scene up even if the tree and everything else must go? Can you create some family tradition for the celebration of the Feast of Epiphany?

Remember that the Feast of the Epiphany – the visit of the three kings – is the feast day of our parish.

Over the next few days as you look at your Christmas tree – maybe you can talk to your family about the symbols of Christmas. The tree is more than just a place to put those family heirloom ornaments! It is a tree that is Ever Green, a symbol of eternal life. Originally on the top of the tree people placed a statue of the baby Jesus. Over time that was replaced by a star – because a star guided the wise men to find Jesus. The angel was placed on the tree because it was an angel that led the shepherds to Jesus. All of these Christmas traditions that are now used everywhere all have another meaning. Even the Christmas song the ‘Twelve Days of Christmas’ was reportedly used as a teaching tool when Christians weren’t allowed to publicly teach/talk about their faith.

Enjoy the celebration of the Christmas Season! Don’t short-change yourself and your family by ending it too soon! Merry Christmas!

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**Sweepstakes News**

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SCHEDULED MASSES WITH INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- **Tuesday, December 27 - 9:00 AM - St. Peter**
  In memory of Joseph LaPere
  15 years

- **Wed., December 28 - 9:00 AM - St. Alphonsus**
  In memory of Junealee Duval
  14 years

- **Thursday, December 29 - 9:00 AM - St. Peter**
  In memory of Frank Pavelka

- **Friday, December 30 - 9:00 AM - St. Alphonsus**
  For Peace & Justice

SCHEDULED MASSES WITH INTENTIONS

- **Saturday, December 31**
  4:00 PM - St. Peter
  In memory of Donald Rowe

- **Sunday, January 1**
  8:00 AM - St. Alphonsus
  In memory of Don Roscioli
  by family

  11:00 AM - St. Peter
  In memory of Jerry Iott
  by family

CALLED & GIFTED WORKSHOP

God is calling you to a unique purpose in life, a work of love that only you can do. The Called and Gifted Workshop will teach participants about the charisms given to you by the Holy Spirit at Baptism and start you on a process of lifelong discernment.

The 10 hour workshop is offered on Friday evening (7:00 pm – 9:30 pm) and Saturday (8:00 am – 4:00 pm) at the following locations:

- **January 13-14** – Most Holy Trinity, Fowler
- **January 20-21** – St. John the Evangelist, Fenton
- **January 27-28** – Immaculate Heart of Mary, Lansing
- **February 3-4** – St. John the Evangelist, Jackson
- **February 10-11** – St. Thomas the Apostle, Ann Arbor

See [http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/evangelization-lay-formation](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/evangelization-lay-formation) for specific details and for more information.

SEEKING CAREGIVER FOR ELDERLY MOTHER

Seeking to hire an individual as part of an in-home caregiving team providing 24/7 care for our 90 year old mother living in Blissfield.

**Key Information:**
- Seeking someone close by with a flexible schedule
- Legally blind and unable to walk or stand by herself thus needing transfers from bed to chair, etc.
- Primary Needs: Companionship, interaction & meals
- You will be welcomed as part of a loving, caring team

Please contact: Cynthia at 517-486-3100/517-902-4296 or Mike at 989-725-2753/989-721-1087

STEWARTSHIP REPORT

**December 17/18, 2016**

- **Total Sunday:** $3,997.00
- **Total Loose:** $254.00
- **Christmas:** $20.00
- **All Saints:** $5.00
- **Retired Religious:** $34.00
- **Total Envelopes:** 140

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**Sunday, December 25**

*Religious Education*

Break

**Tuesday, December 27**

*Cantor Rehearsal*

Deerfield, 6:30-7:00 PM

*Choir Rehearsal*

Deerfield, 7:00-8:00 PM

**Wednesday, December 28**

*Guitar Group Rehearsal*

Blissfield, 7:00 PM

**Sunday, January 1**

*Religious Education*

Break

MARRIAGE RETREAT

You are invited to a new evening marriage retreat at St. Francis Retreat Center on January 20th from 5:15-9:15 pm entitled: "Learning to Love Each Other in the Little Things." Daily life can strengthen or weaken your marriage depending on your shared focus.

Learn ways to deepen your love and commitment you promised each other on your wedding day. Enjoy an evening together. $60 per couple and includes dinner and handouts. Info and registration at [http://www.stfrancis.ws/](http://www.stfrancis.ws/) or 517-669-8321. Directed by Tony Sperendi.

LET US PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

Becky Branscum  Ed Jacobson
Becky Brewer  Susan Johnson
Martha Brown  Norma Kelly
Finola Campbell  Marie Kieplinski
Isabelle DeLaCruz  Betty Knapp
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Carmen Garcia  Joseph Mueller
Mary Genchi  John Musiciewicz
Katy Goodman  Bev Pifer
Makenzie Greer  Margaret Poluka
Barbara Hadden  Patty Rank
Joan Hamilton  Pat Riley
Carrie Hartley  Jim Sheldon
Jim Hashman  Lena Silva
Amy Henning  Vivian Tack
Kristie Horkey  Catherine Wielfaert
Jerry Iott  Mark Willaert
Marilyn Iott  

Please call the parish office if you would like to receive the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, which can be done before/after mass, at your home or in the hospital. Also, if you or someone you know is on the above list and no longer needs to be, please contact the office.

~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

- **The Nativity of the Lord**
  December 25, 2016
  Isaiah 62:11-12
  Titus 3:4-7
  Luke 2:15-20

- **Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God**
  January 1, 2017
  Numbers 6:22-27
  Galatians 4:4-7
  Luke 2:16-21