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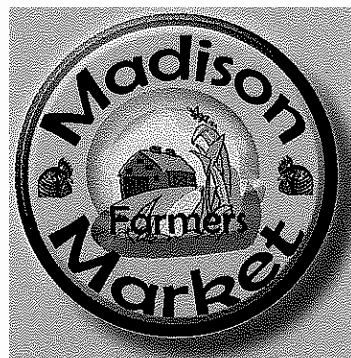
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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 Gorgiel: 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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Please call the parish office for contact info.

PARISH COMMISSIONS

Finance Commission

Worship Commission

Education Commission

Social Ministry Commission

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Men's Club

Altar Rosary Society

Knights of Columbus

Heritage Garden Club

January 29, 2017

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A RADICAL "YES" TO GOD

"God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong....so that no human being might boast before God." (1 Corinthians 1:27, 29)

A short trip was taken to a Trappist Monastery---short because it wasn't our final destination, and we had two small boys with us. Two small boys generally means a short time at a monastery.

As we approached, the two-year old spoke: "There's the monascary!" Well, we thought, no doubt some people would perceive the place in just those terms!



The truth is, what monasteries, and religious life in general, represent to us is a radical "yes" to God. And that can be a little frightening.

It is also a little frightening to read the words of Paul and see how utterly opposed the truth he preaches is to the ways of this world, and how, once we embrace that and say "yes" to living it, it will change our world.

"Yes" is scary. But in its own, powerful way, so is "no."

Lord Jesus, give me the courage to say "yes".

LET'S TALK LITURGY by Margaret O'Malley

The last several weeks have been rich with the celebration of memorials of Saints. St. Agnes, January 21; St. Francis deSales, January 24; Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle, January 25; Sts. Timothy and Titus, January 26; St. Thomas Aquinas, January 28; St. John Bosco, January 31. January 23 was the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children and February 2 is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (which used to mark the end of the Christmas Season!)

January 23 was also the memorial of a newly canonized Saint – Marianne Cope. Marianne Cope was canonized in October of 2012. Marianne was a member of the Sisters of Saint Francis in Syracuse, New York. She was instrumental in establishing two of the first hospitals in the central New York area – these hospitals were open to all people regardless of ethnicity, religion or race. She also served people afflicted with leprosy in Hawaii. She helped establish homes for leprosy patients and cared for St. Damien DeVeuster of Molokai who contracted leprosy after years of ministry in the community. Following his death Marianne continued his work. She lived the Franciscan call to serve the 'crucified', the most vulnerable in society.

Normally a saint's feast is the day of their death which in Marianne's case would be August 9, however that is the memorial of St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) so the American Bishops instead suggested January 23 which is the date of Marianne's birth.

These feast days wind throughout our entire liturgical year. All of them lived some aspect of Christ's Paschal Mystery in a unique and powerful way. They are the heroes of our faith upon whose shoulders we stand. Each has a story that can teach us something about living our faith today.

Enjoy your week!

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS & BREAKFAST



The Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass and Breakfast hosted by the Altar Rosary Society for couples of the Parish celebrating anniversaries in multiple of 5, 10, 15, etc. will be held on Sunday, **February 12**, at the 8:00AM Mass followed by a breakfast for the celebrants and their families at the SALT Center.

Reservations with the number attending breakfast need to be called in by **Monday, February 6**, to Sandy Reau at 279-1485.



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Our Parish Goes Mobile Next Weekend!

Next weekend, February 4/5, Light of Christ Catholic Parish will launch our own app for iPhone and Android smart phones. This will allow us to better communicate with you throughout the week and keep you updated with relevant parish news or updates. The app is very well designed and very intuitive. It will be a great resource for parishioners by providing daily Mass readings, Catholic news and prayers, convenient prayer and Confession reminders, our bulletins and more.

We hope for our new app to be a tool for fostering stronger parish life at Light of Christ Catholic Parish and better engaging the New Evangelization.

Someone from the parish will be available after each mass to help anyone interested download the app and answer questions. (be sure you know your password to access the app store on your mobile device)

KNIGHTS NEWS



A special "Thank You" for all those parishioners and Knights who participated in the March for Life in Adrian or Washington D.C. May everyone be inspired by your dedication to defend the right to life of every human being.

Congratulations and thank you to all who made Euchre Night another happy experience. Our next Euchre Night will be February 18.

Did you know the Knights are dedicated to the Catholic Church's good works? We also support religious outreach and RCIA, promote vocations, and provide financial support for seminarians. If you are interested learning more about supporting the church and strengthening your faith in the process, please contact Mark at 734 279-2269, Mike at 517 486-5966, or visit www.kofc.org.

Holy Father's Urgent Intention: Homeless People Affected by the Cold - That in these days of such great cold that we think of all people living in the streets, affected by the cold and the indifference of others. We pray for them and ask the Lord to warm the others to help them. To learn more about the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network please visit www.apostleshipofprayer.org.

We need new Knights! Please ask a fellow parishioner to join today and then call Mark, Mike, or bring the good news to our February 2, 7:30 PM, meeting.

CEREAL SATURDAYS/SUNDAYS

We will be collecting cereal in the month of February for our Food Pantry. Please leave cereal in either church or at the parish office. Thank you for your support!

TAKE ACTION AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

From Darkness to Light: Human Trafficking and Our Response is just two weeks away on February 11! Join in learning more about modern-day slavery at this all-day event, as well as what actions you can take to help combat this crime.

Michigan Catholic Conference is sponsoring the event, which will be held at Lansing Catholic High School (501 Marshall Street, Lansing 48912). There is still time to pre-register online at www.micatholic.org/fromdarknesstolight. Breakfast and lunch are included in the \$25 registration cost. Contact Annie Bennett at abennett@micatholic.org or 517-316-3588 with any questions.

RETREAT FOR DIVORCED CATHOLICS February 10-12, St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt

This warm and uplifting event is less about the daily details of your life—or the devastation of your divorce—than it is a special time to draw close to Our Lord. Drawing from the story of the Samaritan woman who encounters Christ at Jacob's well, this event recognizes that after divorce people are much more aware of the deep thirst that needs quenching ... particularly in all their relationships.

Included in the weekend is a fun welcome and introduction, talks, helpful exercises, small group breakouts, quiet time for reflection, meals, a full-length movie, and more. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available.

Registration can be found at www.stfrancis.ws/upcoming-retreats.html

SCHEDULED MASSES WITH INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, January 31 - 9:00 AM - St. Peter
In memory of Maurice Lievens
9 years

Wed., February 1 - 9:00 AM - St. Alphonsus
For the Homeless

Thursday, February 2 - 9:00 AM - St. Peter
In memory of Fred Kunkel
49 years

Friday, February 3 - 9:00 AM - St. Alphonsus
In memory of Richard VanHaerents
39 years

Saturday, February 4
Vigil

4:00 PM - St. Peter
In memory of Robert Zimmerman
by the Ron & Karen Coopshaw

5:30 PM - St. Alphonsus
In memory of Oliver Mueller
3rd Anniversary
by his family

Sunday, February 5

8:00 AM - St. Alphonsus
In memory of Donald Rowe
by Paulette Meiring & Bob O'Clock

11:00 AM - St. Peter
In memory of Deacon Jim Hashman
by his family

TEEN MASS

Next Sunday, February 5, the teens in our Confirmation program will take over as ministers for the 8:00am mass. Join them as they greet, lector, become Eucharistic ministers and more! They'd love to have you attend this special mass.

After mass, join the teens for donuts and refreshments in the SALT Center. The parish app launch team will also be available in the SALT Center to help anyone download the new parish app.

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE FEATURING DR. JAMES KEATING FEBRUARY 25, 2017 IN MICHIGAN CENTER, MI AT OUR LADY OF FATIMA

THE MAN EVENT

Bishop Boyea will host the men's event and asks that all men in the Diocese prayerfully consider attending. It'll be a great opportunity for us to reflect and prepare ourselves for Easter. The Man Event will be held from 10 AM to 5 PM on Saturday, February 25, 2017 at Our Lady of Fatima in Michigan Center, MI. Besides our own Bishop Boyea, the featured speaker is Dr. James Keating, with Brian Flynn leading music.

The conference offers opportunities for men to take part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration. The conference will benefit all who attend, re-igniting their faith in Christ, addressing men's topics and renewing their commitment to family. The conference will conclude with Mass, celebrated by our Most Reverend, Bishop Earl Boyea.

- Register today by going to www.TheManEvent.org
- If you have a business, you can help sponsor the event - see the website for details
- This conference is open to all men 12 years old and above. Please invite your sons and neighbors.
- Registration is \$40 per adult and \$30 per student. A pig roast lunch is included.

Stewardship Report January 21/22, 2017

Total Sunday: \$4,281.00
Total Loose: \$125.00
Solemnity of Mary: \$10.00
Mercy Fund: \$5.00
Worldwide Evangelization: \$5.00

Total Envelopes: 153

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, January 29

✠5th Sunday Rosary✠
Deerfield, 7:20AM
Blissfield, 12:15PM

✠RCIA Session✠
Deerfield, 9:00AM

✠Religious Education✠
Deerfield, 9:15-10:30 AM
Blissfield, 9:30-10:45 AM
No HS

Tuesday, January 31
✠Cantor Rehearsal✠
Deerfield, 6:30-7:00 PM

✠Choir Rehearsal✠
Deerfield, 7:00-8:00 PM

Wednesday, February 1
✠Guitar Group Rehearsal✠
Blissfield, 7:00 PM

Thursday, February 2
✠K of C Meeting✠
Blissfield, 7:30 PM

Sunday, February 5
✠RCIA Session✠
Deerfield, 9:00AM

✠Religious Education✠
Deerfield, 9:15-10:30 AM
Blissfield, 9:30-10:45 AM
No HS

Note of Thanks~

The family of Deacon Jim Hashman sends its deepest gratitude to all the parishioners who helped us through the difficult time of his funeral. Your visits, prayers, cards and donations for Masses and to the family are most greatly appreciated. Thank you Fr. Jeff, the luncheon ladies, musicians and choir for making our family and friends feel so loved and welcomed.

Sincerely,
Penny Hashman and Family

~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

January 29, 2017
Zephaniah 2:3;3:12-13
1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Matthew 5:1-12a

Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

February 5, 2017
Isaiah 58:7-10
1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Matthew 5:13-16

SWEEPSTAKES UPDATE

To date \$15,610 ~ 28% Participation

LET US PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

Becky Branscum	Susan Johnson
Becky Brewer	Norma Kelly
Martha Brown	Marie Kieplinski
Finola Campbell	Betty Knapp
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Marilyn Iott	Mark Willaert
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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.