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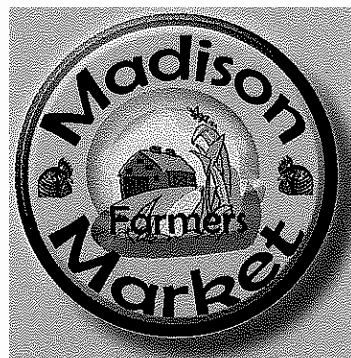
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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 Fogiel: 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)

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PARISH COMMISSIONS

Finance Commission
Worship Commission
Education Commission
Social Ministry Commission
New Evangelization Commission

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Men's Club
Altar Rosary Society
Knights of Columbus
Heritage Garden Club

April 30, 2017

Third Sunday of Easter

CHRIST IN OUR MIDST

In the Easter Season we hear accounts of our risen Lord appearing to the disciples. Today's gospel is a well-told story, and we are challenged to hear with new ears. The disciples are walking to Emmaus, upset and confused, when Jesus appears among them. It is after Jesus blesses and breaks the bread that their eyes are opened and they recognize who is in their midst.



Perhaps we are burdened by sadness or confusion, unable to see God in our midst. We may need to see through a new lens. The disciples recognized Jesus while at the table sharing food and drink. Easter time is filled with opportunities to gather at family tables. As we gather with family and friends, may we begin by thanking God for the gifts in our lives and ask for the wisdom and understanding to see God present in each day.

Today, may we be attentive to Christ present among us. May we recognize him in those we have gathered to pray with, in our presiding priest, in the proclaimed Word, and as we come to share in the Body and Blood of Christ. May the gospel remind us to ask the Holy Spirit to open our minds, hearts, and eyes so that we will recognize Christ in our midst and be a sign of Christ's living presence in our world.

LET'S TALK LITURGY by Margaret O'Malley

It is hard to believe how fast this year is moving along! We have begun the fifth month – May – which traditionally is dedicated to Mary.

There is very little in Scripture about Mary. There are several possible reasons for that. Mary was known to all of the faithful of Palestine and so there was little reason to refer to her in the writings. Another reason is that her major role in Jesus' life had been carried out during his early years when there were no disciples to record it. Also the role of women in general was always downplayed in Jesus' day.

In St. Paul's epistle to the Galatians we hear that God sent his Son, *born of a woman*. Luke portrays Mary as the handmaid of the Lord, daughter of Zion and closest follower of Christ – who hears God's Word and keeps it. In the Acts of the Apostles we hear mention of Mary gathered in prayer with the Apostles in the upper room – a hint that she had a role in the formation of the Church.

Mary's words are recorded several times in the Scriptures. At the Annunciation – "How can this be, since I have no relations with man?" "I am the handmaid of the Lord" "May it be done to me according to your word" "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord..." Later we hear her speak to Jesus after he stays behind at the temple – "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great concern" And then at the wedding feast – "They have no wine" "Do whatever he tells you."

Few words - but powerful words. Mary was a woman of deep faith – she questions the angel and then accepts her role in faith and offers praise joyfully for being given the role. In the temple she speaks to Jesus with authority – but also with gentleness. In Cana she speaks out of charity to the wedding couple and then displays a firm faith in her son.

These few words might offer a point of reflection during this month of May. In all the many words that I speak, do I come anywhere near expressing the faith, praise, gentleness and charity of Mary?

I hope you are enjoying the Easter Season!

"OUT TO LUNCH"



Wednesday, MAY 10, 2017, is the annual "Out To Lunch". All ladies of the parish are invited to join us at Applebee's in Dundee, MI for food and friendly "chatter". Everyone attending buys their own lunch. Carpooling will be available from St. Al's Parking lot at 11:30AM or we will meet at 12:00 Noon at Applebee's! Questions? Call Rose at 447-3868! Do come and join us!

ARS BABY SHOWER TO BENEFIT CARE PREGNANCY CENTER WEEKEND of MAY 20-21

PLAYPENS will be available at both sites the weekend of May 20 and 21 for the Baby Gifts.

The Center is requesting:
Diapers--Size Newborn, 4, 5, and 6, Baby Clothes, from Newborn to Toddler, Gentle Ease/Infant Enfamil Formula, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Adult Hygiene Products and, Laundry Detergent. Let's support this event for the "care" of the "Little Ones"!

THANK YOU TO OUR CATECHISTS FOR A GREAT YEAR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION!

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Thank you for sharing your time, talent, and faith with the children and youth in our parish family. We are blessed by your goodness and generosity!

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KNIGHTS NEWS

Wanted: Scrap Metal! To support our holiday food projects we are having a Scrap Metal Drive on Saturday, May 20, 8:00 AM to Noon, at the St. Peter parking lot. We need copper, brass, aluminum, iron, carbide, stainless steel, bronze, titanium, steel, and platinum. Old auto, truck, tractor and marine batteries are accepted. No donation is too small.



We need new Knights. There are many benefits to becoming a Knight including eligibility to purchase top quality Long - Term Care Insurance, Life Insurance, IRA, Roth IRA, and Tax Deferred Annuities. All Knights are asked to ask a fellow Catholic to join today then call Mark at 734 279-2269, Mike at 517 486-5966, or bring their name to our May 4, 7:30 PM meeting. For more information, please visit www.kofc.org.

The first apparition of Our Lady of Fatima was May 13, 1917. The Knights of Columbus are praying a Living Rosary on Saturday, May 13, 2017, 2:00 PM, on the State Capital grounds in Lansing, MI and all parishioners are invited to attend. This beautiful Rosary features young children and the Knights of Columbus 4TH Degree Honor Guard releasing biodegradable balloons and prayers "Up to the Heavens". A short program will precede the event, and a light lunch will be available afterwards. For details, please call Ken at 517 881-0812.

Have you ever considered becoming an Officer in our Council? The office of Deputy Grand Knight can be filled now and all officer positions will be elected at our June 1, 2017 meeting. All 3RD and 4TH Degree Knights are eligible to become officers. Every Knight is asked to give this opportunity careful consideration. To learn more, please call Mike at 517 486-5966 or Mark at 734 279-2269.

Please pray for a safe and successful planting season for our farmers and gardeners.

FOOD PANTRY HELP NEEDED

The Light of Christ Food Pantry is looking for help with the pantry located at the Parish Office in Deerfield. The Food Pantry is only open once a month, on the 2nd Wednesday from 1:00-3:00pm. We are looking for people who would be able to commit to working every other month or so or possibly be a sub. Please contact Leanne Goodin at the office at 447-3500 if you'd like to help out.

SCHEDULED MASSES WITH INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, May 2 - 9:00 AM - St. Peter
In memory of Joseph Ybarra
26 years

Wed., May 3 - 9:00 AM - St. Alphonsus
For Peace & Justice

Thursday, May 4 - 9:00 AM - St. Peter
In memory of James Hamilton
28 years

Friday, May 5 - 9:00 AM - St. Alphonsus
In memory of Ross Liedel
25 years

Saturday, May 6
Vigil

4:00 PM - St. Peter
In memory of Helene Crockett
by Georgina Oprsal & family

5:30 PM - St. Alphonsus
In memory of Harley Sharrock
by Matt & Jennie Therrien

Sunday, May 7

8:00 AM - St. Alphonsus
In memory of LaVern Cousino
32 years
by family

11:00 AM - St. Peter
In memory of Deacon Jim Hashman
by Frank & Gail Vereecke

MAY CROWNING -- MAY 7

When: Sunday, May 7 after 11AM mass
Where: Blissfield
Who: Everyone is invited to attend.
Why: To honor Mary, the Mother of God.
What: A brief service outside near the statue of Mary.



What else: If you have any spring flowers growing in your garden think about bringing some – we will also have flowers available – everyone will be invited to present a flower to Mary.

A Morning of Reflection for Seniors “Open the Door of Your Heart” Presented by Jean Schaub

on Tuesday, May 9th
Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church
913 Napoleon Rd.
Michigan Center

Mass @t 8:30AM followed by a light breakfast.

Please RSVP by May 3rd to Catholic Charities at 517 263-2191. Free event.

Please bring an item for the Catholic Charities Personal Needs and Linen Closet such as: bar or laundry soap, towels, diapers, toilet paper, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.

“METAL FOR MEALS” Saturday, May 20, 8am-12pm

The Knights of Columbus will be having a Scrap Metal Drive at Light of Christ in Blissfield on May 20. This is a major fundraiser for their Holiday Food distribution and Christmas Basket program.

All metals (and auto/marine/tractor batteries) are accepted! Your generosity is appreciated!!

Stewardship Report April 22/23, 2017

Total Sunday: \$6,879.00
Total Loose: \$75.00
Easter: \$210.00
Mercy Fund: \$285.00
Catholic Relief: \$55.00

Total Envelopes: 169

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, April 30
✱Final EL/MS Religious Education✱
Deerfield, 9:15-10:30 AM
Blissfield, 9:30-10:45 AM

Tuesday, May 2
✱1st Communion Session/Practice✱
(Parents Attend)
Blissfield, 6:30-7:30 PM

✱Cantor Rehearsal✱
Deerfield, 6:30-7:00 PM

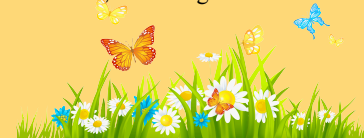
✱Choir Rehearsal✱
Deerfield, 7:00-8:00 PM

Wednesday, May 3
✱Guitar Group Rehearsal✱
Blissfield, 7:00-8:00 PM

Thursday, May 4
✱K of C Meeting✱
Blissfield, 7:30 PM

Saturday, May 6 & 7
✱First Eucharist Celebrations✱

Sunday, April 30
✱May Crowning✱
Blissfield, following 11:00 AM Mass



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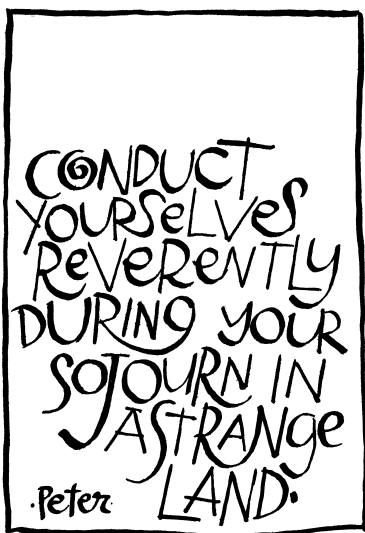
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:Becky Brewer	Marie Kieplinski
:Martha Brown	Rose Ann Lievens
:Finola Campbell	JoAnn McGovern
:Isabelle DeLaCruz	Shelly Molaro
:Ann DeNudt	Carol Mueller
:Webb Drew	Joseph Mueller
:Carmen Garcia	John Musielewicz
:Mary Genchi	Bev Pifer
:Katy Goodman	Don Pozy
:Makenzie Greer	Patty Rank
:Barbara Hadden	Pat Riley
:Joan Hamilton	Jim Sheldon
:Carrie Hartley	Lena Silva
:Amy Henning	Vivian Tack
:Kristie Horkey	Flo Wentworth
:Marilyn Iott	Catherine Wielfaert
:Ed Jacobson	Mark Willaert
:Susan Johnson	

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~

Third Sunday of Easter
April 30, 2017
Acts 2: 14, 22-33
1 Peter 1:17-21
Luke 24:13-35

Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 7, 2017
Acts 2:14a,36-41
1 Peter 2:20b-25
John 10:1-10