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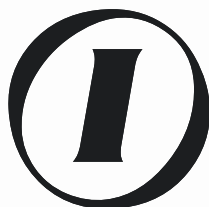
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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. Alphonsus: 9:00 AM - St. Peter: 7:00 PM
(this schedule rotates, changing each July)

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 Forgiel: 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

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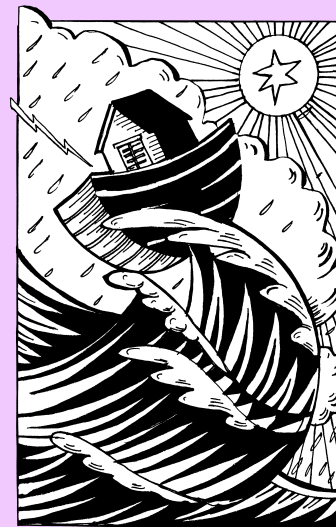
PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

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

December 3, 2017
First Sunday of Advent

IN THIS MOMENT

On the First Sunday of Advent, we as a Church enter a precious period of in-betweenness. It is a time of expectancy and longing, bated breath and watchful waiting. It is a time that calls us to explicitly reflect on the peculiarity of our position: our Lord has already come and we wait for him to come again. We return to the stories leading up to his birth each year, knowing that we are living in a kind of "already/not yet." We know our Beloved and still we yearn to see his face.



In the gospel today, we are called to be watchful: "Be watchful. Be alert!" "You do not know when the time will come." These insistent passages call us to be attentive in our every moment. When we are alert, we become tuned to the vibrancy of all that surrounds us: any movement could signal the arrival of the Beloved. It's a delightful kind of anticipation.

What if every moment were one in which we might meet our God? What might we notice then? How might we act? Let us pray for the grace to be receptive to God in every moment.

VICARIATE ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

Dec. 7 Light of Christ, Blissfield 7:00pm

Dec. 10 St. Elizabeth, Tecumseh 7:00pm

Dec. 12 Sacred Heart, Hudson/St. Mary on
the Lake 6:30pm

Dec. 14 St. Joseph Shrine, Brooklyn
6:30pm

Dec. 18 St. Mary/St. Joseph, Adrian
7:00pm

Dec. 21 St. Anthony, Hillsdale 7:00pm



GIVING TREE & GROCERY BAGS



All Giving Tree gifts should be returned to the Parish office, wrapped with tag attached, by next Friday, **December 8** at 9:00am. (office hours are Tuesday & Thursday 9am-5pm)

Grocery bags with nonperishable food items must also be brought in by Friday, December 8 in order to start packing boxes. The Knights of Columbus appreciate your kindness!

MUSCLE NEEDED DECEMBER 10

The Social Concerns Commission is looking for some muscle power! If you have a strong back and are able to lift heavy boxes...we need you to help carry boxes of food on **December 10 from 2-4pm**.

Christmas baskets in Deerfield are being distributed from the SALT Center on December 10 and are very heavy, so we are looking for help for a few hours. Please be at the SALT Center around **1:30pm**. Thanks in advance!

DECORATING HELP NEEDED

On December 17 our talented Environment Team will need help decorating both churches. After the 8am and 11am masses, please stick around if you can and help bring things up to the church and decorate. With many hands, each church should only take an hour to an hour and a half to beautify.

Please consider helping in this fun way!

ADVENT SOUP SUPPER

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR
2ND ADVENT FAITH SHARING
OPPORTUNITY**

**Wednesday, December 6, 6:00PM
SALT Center**

*Hosted by Pastoral Council, Finance
Comm., ARS, Men's Club, Social Concerns*

**Showing "Pivotal Players" Saints Video
Series following soup.**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS BASKET SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 3, Noon - Volunteers to setup St. Peter Hall for Christmas Baskets.

Friday, December 8, 9:00 AM - Food and wrapped gifts need to be dropped off at either church.

- Gift wrapping at St. Peter Church
- Trucks, vans and manpower needed at St. Peter Hall to pickup groceries.

Friday, December 8, 8:00 PM - Volunteers to help unpack and sort groceries.

Sunday, December 10, 12:00 PM - Lunch for volunteers.

12:30 PM - Begin making and delivering food baskets. (need trucks and vans)

KNIGHTS NEWS

Keep Christ in Christmas!
Please pray for the unborn
and all expectant parents and
families.



"Christmas Basket Day" is only 1 week away and we need all your food donations and wrapped gifts brought to either church by 9:00 AM, Friday, December 8.

Opportunities for all parishioners to help the Knights will be this Sunday December 3, this coming Friday, December 8, and next Sunday, December 10. Please choose as many opportunities as you wish.

Sunday, December 3.

Put away tables and set up the hall after the 11:00 AM Mass.

Friday, December 8.

9:00 AM- Knights with pickups and vans meet at the St. Peter parking lot, then pickup groceries and gifts from the donating churches, the grocery store, and generous benefactors. No truck? Not a Knight? No Problem! We need at least 6-8 people to help unload vehicles.

9:00 AM- We need many volunteers throughout the morning to organize and wrap gifts. Feel free to pick your most convenient time. Please call Gail at [517 264-6174](tel:517-264-6174) for exact times and details. Last minute gifts will be welcomed at this time.

8:00 PM- Unpack and sort groceries.

Sunday, December 10.

Noon - Lunch and then load delivery vehicles beginning with destination Deerfield. We need any parishioner with a pickup or full sized van to deliver a group of food and gift boxes. Vehicles will line up at the south end of the church hall, and exit the hall driveway.

Mid afternoon - We would like to organize a separate cleanup crew to restore the hall to its former glory. Any questions? Please call Dave at [517 486-4667](tel:517-486-4667).



CAROLING, CAROLING!

**TWO WINTER
CHORAL CONCERTS**

Carillon Women's Chorale
and
Chiaroscuro
Community Men's Chorus

Wednesday, December 13, 2017
7:30 pm
*Holy Rosary Chapel
Adrian Dominican Sisters
Adrian, Michigan
*Seating is limited at this location

Saturday, December 16, 2017
7:30 pm
First Presbyterian Church of Saline
Saline, Michigan

Freewill Offering Accepted

~ CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE ~

Christmas Eve: 4:00pm, Deerfield
6:00pm, Blissfield
Midnight, Deerfield

Christmas Day: 9:00am, Deerfield
11:00am, Blissfield

SCHEDULED MASSES WITH INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, Dec. 5 - 9:00 AM - St. Peter
In memory of Louis Snyder
46 years

Wed., Dec. 6 - 9:00 AM - St. Alphonsus
In memory of Russell Holtz
30 years

Thursday, Dec. 7 - 9:00 AM - St. Peter
In memory of Gladys Dusseau
17 years

Friday, Dec. 8 - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 AM - St. Alphonsus
In memory of Lucille Steger
41 years

7:00 PM - St. Peter
In memory of Elaine Paus
by Knights of Columbus

Saturday, December 9
Vigil

4:00 PM - St. Peter
In memory of Diane Vergote
by Virgil & Donna Diver

5:30 PM - St. Alphonsus
In memory of Bill Payne
by Jerry & Marilyn Iott

Sunday, December 10

8:00 AM - St. Alphonsus
In memory of Millie Balun
by Gaynell Sharrock

11:00 AM - St. Peter
In memory of Daniel Studnicka
by Jim & Diana Diebel

~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

First Sunday of Advent
December 3, 2017
Isaiah 6:16-17,19b; 64:2-7
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:33-37

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday, December 8, 2017
Genesis 3:9-15, 20
Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12
Luke 1:26-38

Second Sunday of Advent
December 10, 2017
Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
2 Peter 3:8-14
Mark 1:1-8

MINISTRY SCHEDULING DEADLINE

The ministry schedule for January, February and March will be completed soon. Please enter any dates you are **NOT** available in the online program or email Leanne at lgoodin@cass.net or call the office, 447-3500 ext. 13 by Tuesday, **December 12**. Thank you!

ENJOY SOUNDS OF THE SEASON

The Lenawee Community Chorus invites you to celebrate the magic of the holiday season with their annual concert...

ANGELS

December 17th * 4:00PM
Herrick Chapel/Adrian College Campus

Many guest musicians will join the choir including Madison School's 6th Grade Choir. Take time to exhale and relax. Breathe in deeply the joy and the true meaning of Christmas through the power of music!

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SWEEPSTAKES TICKET NEWS

2018 Sweepstakes Tickets are now



available. They make super Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers! Please be sure to pick up your Sweepstakes tickets in church and save us money on postage. Thank you!!

The November Sweepstakes winner is Doug Miller, ticket #17-5758, sold by Doug. Good luck to all in December!!

Stewardship Report November 25/26, 2017

Total Sunday: \$4,672.00
Total Loose: \$185.00
CCHD: \$5.00
Retired Religious: \$10.00
Christmas Flowers: \$30.00
Mercy Fund: \$5.00

Total Envelopes: 147

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, December 3

✠RCIA Session✠
Blissfield, 9:00 AM

✠Religious Education✠
Deerfield, 9:15-10:30 AM
Blissfield, 9:30-10:45 AM
HS @ Blissfield, 6:00-8:00 PM

Tuesday, December 5

✠1st Reconciliation Practice✠
Blissfield, 6:30 PM

✠Cantor/Choir Rehearsal✠
Deerfield, 6:30/7:00 PM

Wednesday, December 6

✠Advent Soup Supper✠
SALT Center, 6:00 PM

Thursday, December 7

✠K of C Meeting✠
Blissfield, 7:30 PM

✠Advent Penance Service✠
Blissfield, 7:00 PM

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LET US PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

Larry Bielski	Marie Kieplinski
Becky Branscum	JoAnn McGovern
Becky Brewer	Les & Cindy Miller
Finola Campbell	Shelly Molaro
Isabelle DeLaCruz	Joseph Mueller
Ann DeNudt	John Musielewicz
Webb Drew	Barb Nowak
Darlene Forche	Bev Pifer
Carmen Garcia	Don Pozy
Katy Goodman	Patty Rank
Makenzie Greer	Pat Riley
Barbara Hadden	Sharon Schadowald
Joan Hamilton	Jim Sheldon
Carrie Hartley	Lena Silva
Kristie Horkey	Vivian Tack
Marilyn Iott	Flo Wentworth
Ed Jacobson	Catherine Wielfaert
Susan Johnson	Mark Willaert
Norma Kelly	

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.