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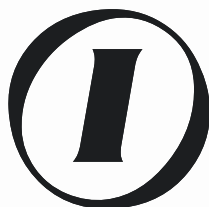
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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
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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
Education Commission
Social Ministry Commission
New Evangelization Commission

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

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

December 10, 2017

Second Sunday of Advent

MAKING ROOM FOR JESUS

Remember the scene in *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* when the Grinch says: "That's one thing I hate! All the noise, noise, noise, NOISE!"

Sometimes the lead-up to Christmas is like that: overtired, screaming toddlers in the mall; non-stop Christmas music everywhere; the incessant TV commercials. All of this can bring out the Grinch in the best of us.



So, it is very calming voices in today's readings that encourage us to focus on what's really important during these weeks before Christmas. Both Isaiah and John the Baptist remind us that this season of Advent is about preparing the way of the Lord. It's about clearing some space, making room for Jesus, and welcoming him into our lives in a ever-deeper way. It might mean committing more time for prayer each day, even in the midst of the December hustle and bustle. Or giving the gift of presence to someone who is lonely or housebound in this festive season. Maybe it is something as simple as making a conscious effort to treat the harried cashier with courtesy and respect.

Today, prophetic voices reach out to us across the centuries. As we continue our Advent journey, may we have ears to hear their words and hearts to heed their call before Christmas.

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

VICARIATE ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

- 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



AN ADVENT PRAYER

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a wonder at the wisdom and power of Your Father and ours. Receive my prayer as part of my service of the Lord who enlists me in God's own work for justice.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a hunger for peace: peace in the world, peace in my home, peace in myself.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a joy responsive to the Father's joy. I seek His will so I can serve with gladness, singing and love.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me the joy and love and peace it is right to bring to the manger of my Lord. Raise in me, too, sober reverence for the God who acted there, hearty gratitude for the life begun there, and spirited resolution to serve the Father and Son.

I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, whose advent I hail. Amen.

FIRST RECONCILIATION CELEBRATION 2017

Congratulations to the following children who celebrated their First Reconciliation (Penance) during Advent:

James Gregory
Kalon Nieswander
Avery Nusbaum
Durant Smith
Kara Staelgraeve
Jillian Yape

We celebrate God's love and mercy with you!



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 this Monday, **December 11**. Thank you!

MUSCLE NEEDED THIS SUNDAY!

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 this Sunday, **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!

~ CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE ~

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

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

Prelude music will begin 30 minutes prior to masses on Christmas Eve and 15 minutes prior on Christmas Day. Please come early and enjoy the magical sounds of Christmas!



KNIGHTS NEWS



Christmas Basket Day arrives this Sunday at noon, and ALL parishioners and Knights are invited to help. At noon we will have lunch and then we will load delivery vehicles beginning with destination Deerfield. We need people to work in the hall loading boxes, people outside loading vehicles, and drivers 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 then exit the hall driveway.

We would like to organize a separate cleanup crew to restore the hall to its former glory after the loading of the Christmas Baskets this Sunday afternoon. Any questions? Please contact Dave S. at [517 486-4667](tel:5174864667).

Thank you Knights and their families as well as all the parishioners who prepared delicious soups for the Advent Soup Suppers. Your participation is one of the many ways we join together to Keep Christ in Christmas!

All parishioners are invited to join us for the recitation of the 5TH Sunday Rosary on Sunday, December 31, 7:20 AM, at St. Alphonsus, and on Saturday, December 30, after the 4:00 PM Mass, about 5:00 PM, at St. Peter the Apostle. Seeing the example of Lucia, Jacinta, and Francisco at Fatima we encourage all students to participate.

The Holy Father's Intention: The Elderly - That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

SWEEPSTAKES TICKET NEWS



Please remember to pick up your 2018 Sweepstakes Tickets from church. They make super Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers! Help the church save money on postage. Ticket stubs and money can be returned in the collection basket. Thank you!!

DECORATING HELP NEEDED

Next Sunday, 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!

SCHEDULED MASSES WITH INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, Dec. 12 - 9:00 AM - St. Peter
In memory of Raymond Snyder
16 years

Wed., Dec. 13 - 9:00 AM - St. Alphonsus
In memory of Sadie Cannon
37 years

Thursday, Dec. 14 - 9:00 AM - St. Peter
For all the Homeless

Friday, Dec. 15 - 9:00 AM - St. Alphonsus
In memory of Edward Kelley
61 years

Saturday, December 16
Vigil

4:00 PM - St. Peter
In memory of Rose Ann Lievens
by Jerry & Suzanne Saxton

5:30 PM - St. Alphonsus
For the People of the Parish

Sunday, December 17

8:00 AM - St. Alphonsus
In memory of Joseph Horak
by Pat & Dean Fisher

11:00 AM - St. Peter
In memory of Frank Yurnikl
by family

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~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

Second Sunday of Advent

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

Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2017
Isaiah 61: 1-2a, 10-11
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28

MARK YOUR CALENDARS MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVERS NEEDED



Light of Christ Parish is responsible for delivery of Meals on Wheels for **January 8-19**. There will be a sign up sheet in Blissfield soon 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!!

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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Stewardship Report December 2/3, 2017

Total Sunday: \$5,893.00
Total Loose: \$121.05
CCHD: \$5.00
Retired Religious: \$10.00
Christmas Flowers: \$1,064.00
Mercy Fund: \$236.00
Christmas: \$1.00

Total Envelopes: 236

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, December 10

✠RCIA Session✠
Blissfield, 9:00 AM

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

Tuesday, December 12

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

Wednesday, December 13

✠ARS Meeting✠
SALT Center, 1:00 PM

Friday, December 15

✠Women of Prayer✠
323 Carey St., Deerfield, 12:30 PM

Sunday, December 17

✠RCIA Session✠
Deerfield, 9:00 AM

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



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	Raymond Roe
Barbara Hadden	Pat Riley
Joan Hamilton	Sharon Schadowald
Carrie Hartley	Jim Sheldon
Kristie Horkey	Lena Silva
Marilyn Iott	Vivian Tack
Ed Jacobson	Flo Wentworth
Susan Johnson	Catherine Wielfaert
Norma Kelly	Mark Willaert

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.