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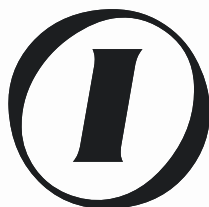
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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 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)

PARISH STAFF

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Please call the parish office for contact info.

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 31, 2017

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

WITH GOD, WE ARE PREPARED

We read 'what to expect' books. Yet nothing prepares you for how unprepared you feel when you walk out of the maternity ward of the hospital with a child in your arms.



Eventually you figure out things like diapering and feeding. However, you never feel ready as a parent. You are never ready for the rush of love at your baby's first smile, the gripping fear of a late-night hospital visit, or the overwhelming emotion when you see him climb onto the yellow bus the first day of school. That's the funny thing about parenting. Once you think you have figured it out, the kids are already onto the stage of crawling, walking, running, driving, dating.

We read in today's gospel, Jesus' formative years are summed up in seventeen words: "The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom, and the favor of God was upon him." Reflect today on what helps you and your loved ones grow strong in character, rich in wisdom, and eager for God's favor. Know that whatever role or task God doles out, with God we are more than prepared.

FAREWELL AND BEST WISHES NANCIE VAN BLACK!!



Please join Fr. Jeff and the Light of Christ Parish staff in wishing our awesome secretary/bookkeeper Nancie Van Black a wonderful semi-retirement! Nancie has kept our parish running smoothly since May 2000. She has worked for 3 priests and navigated the merger of 2 parishes. Nancie has been the glue that holds our parish together at times.

Nancie has been way more than a bookkeeper at Light of Christ. She knows everything about everything that it takes to run an efficient parish office! It has taken over a month to train Sue (our new bookkeeper), as there are so many facets to her job here. It will also take 3 people to take over all of her responsibilities in the office! Needless to say, they will have big shoes to fill!

Nancie's last day in the office was December 28, but she will continue to work part-time at her other Ann Arbor jobs. Nancie plans to enjoy her extra free time by doing some traveling and hopefully volunteering at her favorite parish (wink, wink). If you see Nancie, please wish her a Happy Retirement and Thank her for her endless hours (17+ years) of dedicated service to our parish. WE LOVE YOU AND WILL MISS YOU IN THE OFFICE!!

KNIGHTS NEWS

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! "May God Bless us in His mercy"



Happy retirement Nancie and thank you, thank you, thank you, for all the help you have given to the Knights. May God bless you every day.

Did you know the Knights of Columbus has earned the highest possible rating for financial strength, currently: A++ (Superior) from ratings agency A.M. Best for 41 years? Insurance plans include Permanent Life, Term Life, Long Term Care, and Disability Income. Investment options can also include high quality Annuities, IRA, and Roth IRA. For more information about joining the Knights, please call Stefano at 734 777-0393, Mark at 734 637-9254, or visit www.kofc.org.

January is going to be a very busy month beginning with our January 4, 7:30 PM, Council meeting. We need as many Knights as possible to come to the meeting to help us plan the Fraternal Benefits Night, the March for Life, and the January 28, Noon, Swiss Steak Dinner. For details, please call Mike at 517 486-5966. Please remember to join us for a 5TH Sunday Rosary after 4PM Mass this Saturday at St. Peter, or at 7:20 AM Sunday at St. Alphonsus.

Please pray for God's blessing upon families, that the birthplace of vocations be strengthened.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVERS NEEDED



Light of Christ Parish is responsible for delivery of Meals on Wheels for **January 8-19**. 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!!

DIRECTORY PHOTOS

If you submitted your own photo for the Parish Directory that is coming soon and would like the photo back, please stop by the office and see Sue.



SWEEPSTAKES NEWS

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!

BULLETIN ADVERTISING

There are 2 spaces available for advertising on the back of the weekly bulletin. If you are interested in supporting Light of Christ Parish and placing an ad, please contact Leanne at the office on Tuesdays after 12:30pm at 447-3500.



WELCOME SUSAN COUSINO!



Please welcome Sue Cousino, our new bookkeeper at Light of Christ Parish. Sue has been learning the ropes from Nancie for the past month or so. Sue became a member of Light of Christ in May and has also been helping out in the Food Pantry and with funeral dinners.

Sue lives in Petersburg and has 2 adult children, 2 grandchildren and a dog Molly. She is a seasonal camper at Pirolli Park, enjoys shopping, attending craft shows and hanging out with her family. Sue will assume all bookkeeping duties at Light of Christ on January 2 and will be in the office Tuesdays and Thursdays. Welcome Sue!!

**SCHEDULED MASSES WITH
INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Thursday, January 4 - 9:00 AM - St. Peter
In memory of Rudolfo Martinez
23 years

Friday, Jan. 5 - 9:00 AM - St. Alphonsus
In memory of Thelma Loudon
10 years

Saturday, January 6
Vigil

4:00 PM - St. Peter
In memory of Loretta Burch
by Frank & Gail Vereecke

5:30 PM - St. Alphonsus
In memory of Lenny Koltoniak
by Charlie & Brenda Nagy

Sunday, January 7

8:00 AM - St. Alphonsus
In memory of LaVern & MaryAnn Cousino
by family

11:00 AM - St. Peter
In memory of Joseph Bakus
by Bill & Sharon Peet



~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
December 31, 2017
Genesis 15:1-6; 21:11-3
Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19
Luke 2:22-40

Mary, the Holy Mother (Happy New Year)
Monday, January 1, 2018
Numbers 6:22-27
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:16-21

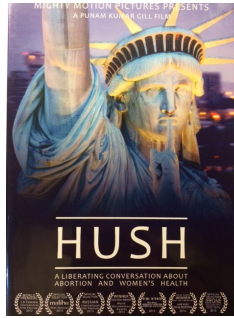
The Epiphany of the Lord
January 7, 2018
Isaiah 60:1-6
Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6
Matthew 2:1-12

~PRAY THE 5TH SUNDAY ROSARY~
with the Knights of Columbus

December 30
About 5:00pm at St. Peter

December 31
At 7:20am at St. Alphonsus

**HUSH Documentary Coming to St.
Martha, Okemos on January 8**
"Women Deserve to Know"



At 6:30 pm on Monday, January 8, the St. Martha Council of Catholic Women (CCW) will be showing the award-winning documentary **HUSH** (<http://hushfilm.com>). Indo-Canadian Director, Punam Kumar Gill, felt that questioning anything around abortion was a treason to her feminist identity. But when she heard that the health information being given to women was subject to the politics of the people involved, and that 50 million women worldwide (1 in 3 in America) could be affected annually, she decided to take an honest and comprehensive look at this controversial subject.

In the documentary, she wades through the highly volatile and politicized research around abortions' disputed connections with breast cancer, premature birth and psychological problems. This compelling documentary is open for all in the community (women and men) to attend-come watch it with us! Childcare will be provided. **To watch the film's trailer, visit <http://hushfilm.com/#section-trailer>.**

Stewardship Report
December 23/24/25, 2017

Total Sunday: \$4,507.00
Total Loose: \$841.25
Christmas: \$5,283.00
Worldwide Evangelization: \$20.00
Christmas Flowers: \$50.00
Mercy Fund: \$88.00
Initial Offering: \$40.00

Total Envelopes: 307

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Saturday/Sunday, December 30/31

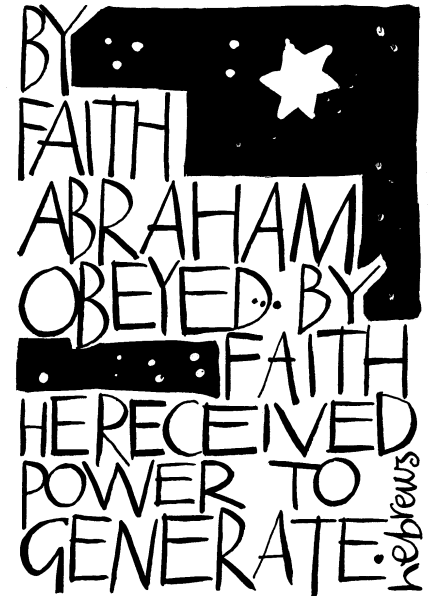
✠K of C 5th Sunday Rosary✠
5:00 PM, Blissfield
7:20 AM, Deerfield

✠No Religious Education✠
Enjoy the break!

Thursday, January 4
✠K of C Meeting✠
Blissfield, 7:30 PM

Sunday, January 7
✠RCIA Session✠
Deerfield, 9:00 AM

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



**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
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Darlene Forche	Bev Pifer
Carmen Garcia	Don Pozy
Katy Goodman	Patty Rank
Makenzie Greer	Raymond Roe
Barbara Hadden	Pat Riley
Joan Hamilton	Sharon Schadewald
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.