



LIGHT OF CHRIST

CATHOLIC PARISH

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ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH
ST. PETER THE APOSTLE CHURCH

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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

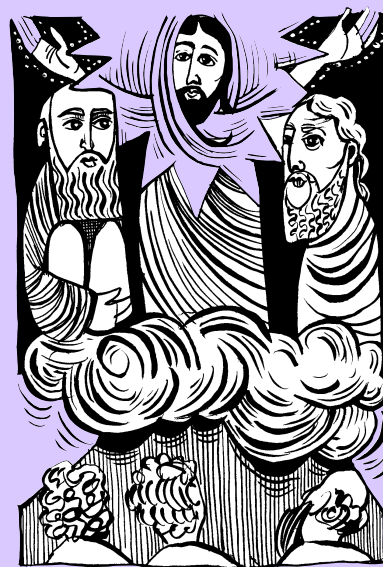
Heritage Garden Club

February 25, 2018

Second Sunday of Lent

RISING FROM DEATH

A central focus of our Lenten journey is dealing with the tension between life and death. Like the disciples at the transfiguration, we too try to reconcile death with the glory of God. We ask, "What does this 'rising from the dead' mean?"



Occasionally we have a dramatic "rising from the dead" experience when we, like Isaac in our first reading, walk away from a near-to-death experience. More commonly, though, it means rising above the despair, hardships, and poverties that St. Paul lists in his letter to the Romans in the verse following today's reading (v.35). After weighing the troubles of life against the glory of God, Paul concludes a few verses later: "In all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us" (v. 37). But eventually for Jesus and for each one of us as baptized Christians, "rising from the dead" means passing from this life to the next. It is this dying and rising again that we celebrate at every baptism, each confession, and every time we gather around the altar to receive Christ at Mass. Like the transfiguration, Holy Eucharist draws us into the paschal mystery. As we receive anew the blessed and broken body of Christ, let us give thanks for God's gift of eternal life.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

March 9, St. Alphonsus, 5:00pm-10:00pm
March 10, St. Peter, 9:00am-2:00pm

What is Eucharistic Adoration?

Eucharistic adoration is the act of worshiping God as He is present in the consecrated Eucharist. Since the Last Supper, when Jesus broke the bread and distributed the wine, saying, "This is my Body" and "This is my Blood," Catholics have believed that the bread and wine are no longer merely baked wheat and fermented grape juice, but the actual living presence of the Second Person of the Trinity. Spending time before the Blessed Sacrament, in prayer and devotion, is exactly the same as spending time before the living God. Adoration occurs whenever someone kneels in front of a tabernacle, bows before receiving the Blessed Sacrament at Mass, or, in a more focused way, when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for adoration, which will take place at Light of Christ on March 9 and 10.

If you have ever attended a Holy Thursday service, adoration takes place in the Blissfield hall afterward. Because the Blessed Sacrament cannot be left unattended, we are asking at least 2 parishioners to sign up for a time slot on each of the days as hosts. Sign up sheets will be at each church this weekend. It is not necessary for all others to sign up to attend Adoration. Please come and be in the presence of God for as long as you wish.

Some suggestions for what to do during private Eucharistic Adoration:

1. Pray the Psalms or the Liturgy of Hours
2. Recite the "Jesus Prayer" ("Lord Jesus, have mercy on me, a sinner," repeatedly)
3. Meditate using Scripture
4. Read the life of a saint and pray with him/her
5. Pour out your heart to Christ and adore Him
6. Ask for forgiveness and intercede for others
7. Pray the Rosary
8. Sit quietly and just "be" in God's presence

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Soup Suppers will take place four Wednesdays during Lent. A different parish organization is responsible for set-up, clean-up and bringing soup each week. Parishioners are also invited to bring soup if they are not a member of any of the groups. Soup will begin each week at 6:00pm followed by either the video series, "Pivotal Players in the Catholic Church", by Bishop Robert Barron, the creator of the Catholicism Series or a guest speaker. Come hear Fr. Mike Newman share his thoughts with us this Wednesday!

2/28	Blissfield	Knights of Columbus; Fr. Mike Newman, OSFS, "Cultivating Piece of Mind Over Anxiety"
3/7	Deerfield	Pastoral Council & Finance Commission; Pivotal Players
3/14	Blissfield	Education, New Evangelization & Music Ministry; Pivotal Players

Please join in these Lenten opportunities for good food, community and formation!

K OF C "FEATHERLESS" BINGO!

SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 6:30PM
@ SALT CENTER

Doors open at 6:30pm, snacks available.
Join the fun and win prizes!!



WIN YOUR EASTER HAM!!
BRING YOUR FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS!!
LOTS OF FUN & PRIZES!!



Last Saturday our Catechumen, Bailey Spindler, was recognized at the Rite of Election by Bishop Boyea at Christ the King Church in Ann Arbor as she prepares to celebrate her Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist on March 31 at our Easter Vigil.

Also attending, and pictured above with Bishop Boyea and Bailey, is Gabe LaRoy who is preparing to celebrate his confirmation on that same Saturday evening.

Jazmyn Ramirez will be confirmed in Blissfield at the 11:00am mass on April 22.

KNIGHTS NEWS

Attention all Knights! Please bring your family and friends as well as a crock pot of your favorite soup to the Lenten Soup Supper this Wednesday, February 28, 6:00 PM at St. Peter Hall. We need a few Knights to set up the hall beginning at 5:00 PM, and a separate cleanup crew after the supper & presentation. For details please call Mike at 517 486-5966.



ALL students and parishioners are encouraged to pray a very special Stations of the Cross this Friday, March 2, 7:00 PM, at St. Peter the Apostle. The Way of the Cross is a Devotion to the Sacred Passion, in which we accompany in spirit, Jesus on His way to Calvary. A Plenary indulgence is granted to all the faithful who make this pious exercise. Please see the Lenten Event schedule for future dates and locations.

Did you know that 40 Days for Life is a witness to the dignity of human life? Continuing through March 25, the current event provides all parishioners the opportunity to participate in one of 3 ways: prayer and fasting, community outreach, or peaceful vigil. You may choose to pray in front of the Capital Care Network, the Toledo abortion clinic, 1160 W. Sylvania Ave., Toledo, OH. To pick your date and time please sign up at www.40daysforlife.com/toledo. Please pray for the health and safety of all children.

Are you ready for B-I-N-G-O ? Featherless Bingo returns on Saturday, March 10, after the 5:30 PM Mass. Doors open at 6:30 PM. You can find many prizes and lots of fun for your enjoyment. Refreshments will be available. For details or to volunteer your time, please call Mark at 734 637-9254.

We need Catholic men to answer the call to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others, and to protect our values. Now, for the first time you can join the Knights of Columbus online. Please visit www.kofc.org/online to learn more about membership which also includes the financial benefits of Tax Sheltered Annuities, IRA, and Roth IRA, that guarantees your principal and offers guaranteed growth. To join locally, please call Stefano at 734 777-0393 or Mark at 734 637-9254. For financial or insurance questions, please call Dennis Palm at 313 382-2926.



SCHEDULED MASSES WITH INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, February 27 - 9:00 AM - St. Peter
In memory of Pat Avery
24 years

Wed., Feb. 28 - 9:00 AM - St. Alphonsus
In memory of Alvin Perry
36 years

Thursday, March 1 - 9:00 AM - St. Peter
For the Chronically Ill

Fri., March 2 - 9:00 AM - St. Alphonsus
In memory of Fr. Ray Klauke
19 years

Saturday, March 3
Vigil

4:00 PM - St. Peter
In memory of Maurice Lievens
by Skip & Sandy

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

Sunday, March 4

8:00 AM - St. Alphonsus
In memory of George Hoffman
by Doug & Deanna Burke

11:00 AM - St. Peter
In memory of Tom & Juanita Garrett

*Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon her.*

JoAnn McGovern of Blissfield passed away on February 19 and her funeral was Thursday, February 22.

Please keep JoAnn and her family in your thoughts and prayers.



~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

Second Sunday of Lent
February 25, 2018
Genesis 22:11-2a, 10-13, 15-18
Romans 8:31b-34
Mark 9:2-10

Third Sunday of Lent
March 4, 2018
Exodus 20:1-17
1 Corinthians 1:22-25
John 2:13-25

LENTEN BREAKFAST & WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The tradition of our community Lenten Breakfasts and Women's World Day of Prayer began nearly 90 years ago. It is a time for the members of the area churches to come together for fellowship and prayer. This year Light of Christ Parish is hosting the breakfast on March 22 in Blissfield. You will have the opportunity to volunteer your help on sign-up sheets soon. All breakfasts start at 9:30am. Please call Penny Hashman at 517 486-2083 for details.

March 2 Emmanuel United Methodist, **World Day of Prayer**
March 8 First Presbyterian
March 15 Trinity Lutheran, Riga
March 22 Light of Christ, Blissfield

All Lenten breakfasts are on a **Thursday** and start at 9:30am. The World Day of Prayer is on a **Friday**.

VICARIATE LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

3/1 Light of Christ @ Deerfield, 7:00pm

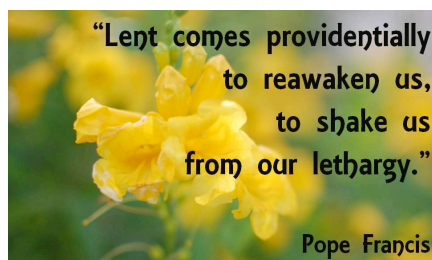
3/3 Sacred Heart @ St. Mary, 10:00am

3/6 St. Anthony of Padua, 7:00pm

3/8 St. Joseph Shrine, 6:30pm

3/11 St. Elizabeth/St. Dominic, 7:00pm

3/20 St. Mary's/St. Joseph @ St. Mary, 7:00pm



Stewardship Report February 17/18, 2018

Total Sunday: \$4,213.00
Total Loose: \$180.00
Mercy Fund: \$55.00
Peters Pence: \$5.00
Worldwide Evangelization: \$10.00

Total Envelopes: 155

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, February 25

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

Tuesday, February 27

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

Wednesday, February 28

✠*Soup Supper & Presentation*✠
Blissfield, 6:00 PM

Friday, March 2

✠*Stations of the Cross*✠
Blissfield, 7:00 PM

Sunday, March 4

✠*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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS with the Knights of Columbus

Friday, March 2
7:00pm, Blissfield

Friday, March 16
7:00pm, Blissfield

Friday, March 23
7:00pm, Deerfield

LET US PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

Cairan Beattie	Marie Kieplinski
Dorothy Burgermeister	Les & Cindy Miller
Becky Branscum	Shelly Molaro
Finola Campbell	Joseph Mueller
Isabelle DeLaCruz	John Musielewicz
Ann DeNudt	Barb Nowak
Diana Diebel	Bev Pifer
Webb Drew	Don Pozy
Darlene Forche	Patty Rank
Carmen Garcia	Pat Riley
Katy Goodman	Mary Rowe
Makenzie Greer	Sharon Schadewald
Barbara Hadden	Jim Sheldon
Joan Hamilton	Lena Silva
Carrie Hartley	Donna Sortor
Kristie Horkey	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.