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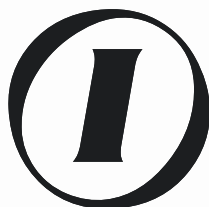
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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: 7:00 PM - St. Peter: 9:00 AM
(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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Education Commission
Social Ministry Commission
New Evangelization Commission

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Altar Rosary Society
Knights of Columbus
Heritage Garden Club

November 25, 2018

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

GIVE YOUR LIFE TO CHRIST

In today's gospel, the kingdom of heaven and the kingdom of earth clash. Although Pilate is not a king, he is the representative of the most powerful ruler in the world: Caesar. It is the day that the "king of earth" finally meets Christ the King face to face. We must all decide for ourselves to which of these kings we will pledge our allegiance.



What does the king of earth promise us? Just think of everything with which Satan tempted Jesus in the desert. Power, fame, worldly glory, material riches, pleasure, and so on. We are tempted by these temporary gratifications all the time. Meanwhile, Christ the King makes it clear that following him will be difficult. His subjects are certain to face trials and persecutions and suffer for their loyalty to him.

Yet which king will lead us to joy? The short-term gratifications of the king of earth are illusions. They do not lead to lasting joy or peace, but rather to loneliness, emptiness, and misery. We are the children of God, made in God's image. Only in God will the deepest longings of our soul be satisfied.

Only in God will we find rest. Give your life to Christ the King, who lives and reigns now and forever.

**DID YOU HEAR ABOUT
"WALKING WITH PURPOSE"
LAST WEEKEND?
ALL WOMEN OVER 18 ARE
INVITED!**

Does your life have purpose? Meaning?

Do you know God's plan for you and how to navigate the murky waters of the world today as a woman? How do you balance family, work, schedules, time for yourself?

Yes, there is more! And often we miss it because we are so caught up in the "doing" instead of "being". Just as in Scripture, we often find ourselves being the "Martha" and not the "Mary" which can lead to feelings of stress and loneliness, insignificance.

But **God is always there!** Present in our daily interactions and comings and goings. Present in others around us, including a new group of women right here in our parish!

Let us help you FIND that direction and support through our new women's group called "*Walking with Purpose*"; **(Actual walking not included.)** We may not get your body physically in shape, but we will help you spiritually, emotionally and intellectually. We can help you become the women God intended you to be.

Please prayerfully consider joining us for refreshments and a glimpse into what this exciting program holds for you on:

**Thursday, November 29th,
from 7:00-8:30 PM in the
SALT Center.**

Come and explore a new adventure,
"*Walking with Purpose*"
with a group of like-minded women ready to share the journey!



A sneak peak of the book we'll use!



GIVING TREE & GROCERY BAGS

The Giving Trees will be set up at each site this weekend. Please take a gift tag or two and bring the corresponding wrapped gift with tag attached back to church by Friday, December 7 at 9:00am.



Knights will also be handing out empty grocery bags this weekend after mass. If you are able, please take home a bag and return it with non-perishable food items for the K of C Christmas basket project by December 7. The Knights of Columbus appreciate your kindness!

THANKS!

Sincerest thanks to all the wonderful folks who donated turkeys and gift cards, all the amazing help in many of the jobs, all who attended and played Bingo netting the largest profit ever, the fabulous Runners and Floor and Bingo Cashiers, Kitchen Cooks, Bingo Callers and all who purchased Raffle Tickets!

The great workers are: Bill Seegert, Andy Seegert, Chris & Joe Frank, John & Julie Kurtz, Jeff & Sandy Reau, Cindy Cousino, Leanne Goodin, Yvonne Gainsley, Eric & Rachele Knerr, Kirsten Huff, Joan Witt, Deb Duval and Ann Curtis.

It was our honor and pleasure to work with all of you great parishioners for seventeen happy years! Blessings on all of you!

Rose and Ted Forgiel

WINNERS OF THE RAFFLE

First Prize: Jerry Sekulski
Second Prize: Sheila Prusakiewicz
Third Prize: Doug Scholl

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

Alan Welch of Petersburg passed away on November 17 and his funeral is on November 28.

Please keep Alan and his family in your thoughts and prayers.



KNIGHTS' NEWS



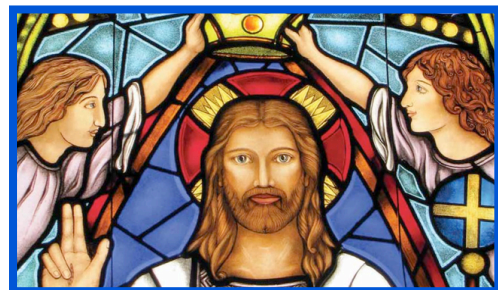
Volunteers Needed! All parishioners are invited to help put away dining tables and chairs and then set up long tables next Sunday, December 2, after the 11:00 AM Mass for the Christmas Basket food collection. We will also need volunteers to wrap gifts beginning about 9:00 AM on Friday, December 7, at the St. Peter Church basement. At 7:00 PM, December 7, we will unpack and sort groceries.

Wanted: Non perishable food items and Christmas gifts! Please take a grocery bag from either church entrance and fill it with non perishable food items for our Christmas Basket program for families in need. Giving Tree gift tags are available for you to buy Christmas presents for boys and girls ranging in age from infant to 12 years old. Please take as many tags as you wish. Thank you in advance for supporting this most worthy cause.

Christmas Basket food donations and wrapped Giving Tree gifts with tags attached need to be returned to either church by 9:00 AM Friday, December 7. Anyone wishing to donate money can write a check to the Knights of Columbus 7832, and then drop it into the collection baskets or mail it to Rudy Mirelez, 308 E. Adrian St., Blissfield, MI 49228. Cash donations are also accepted.

On Friday, December 7, 9:00 AM, we will need every available Knight with a pickup, large van, or trailer to meet at the St. Peter Church Hall so we can go to the grocery store and the contributing churches to pick up food and gifts. Not a Knight? No truck? No problem, for we will need 6-8 people at the church hall to help unload. We should finish by mid-afternoon, and we will reconvene at 7:00 PM to help unpack and sort groceries. For information or to volunteer, please call Dave at 517 486-4667 or Rudy at 517 486-4148.

Please say a prayer of Thanksgiving for all the wonderful children in our Parish communities.



SCHEDULED MASSES WITH INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tues., November 27 - 9:00 AM - St. Peter
In memory of Joseph Klauda
11 years

Wednesday, November 28 - St. Alphonsus
In memory of James Witt
by family

Thurs., November 29 - 9:00 AM - St. Peter
In memory of Frank Briggs & family
by Penny Hashman

Fri., November 30 - 9:00 AM - St. Alphonsus
In memory of Sharlene Simpson
34 years

Saturday, December 1
Vigil

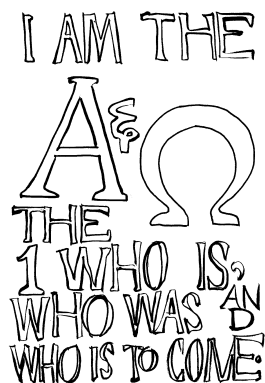
4:00 PM - St. Peter
In memory of Diana Diebel
by Linda & Amy Wilson

5:30 PM - St. Alphonsus
In memory of Richard Forche
by Connie Sieler

Sunday, December 2

8:00 AM - St. Alphonsus
In memory of John Cousino
by family

11:00 AM - St. Peter
In memory of Frank Briggs
by Virgil & Donna Diver



~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
November 25, 2018
Daniel 7:13-14
Revelation 1:5-8
John 18:33b-37

First Sunday of Advent
December 2, 2018
Jeremiah 33:14-16
1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2
Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

HOW CAN I WELCOME SOMEONE NEW TO THE PARISH

None of us want our parishes to be a place that's not welcoming, that's not hospitable to the outsider, visitor, guest, or occasional-attender. The question is *how?* What to do? What can I as just one individual do to welcome someone at Mass?

Week 3 - Tips for Welcoming Parishioners

Affirm parents. Parents are naturally self-conscious about having children at church events or worship. Simply affirm. Don't offer praise that could be taken as an insult, i.e. "those kids were rough during Mass, but you did a great job." A "thanks for being here, I love seeing children at Mass" cannot be misinterpreted.

(Week 3 of 4)

VICARIATE ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

Dec. 4 St. Anthony, Hillsdale 6:00pm

Dec. 6 Light of Christ, Deerfield 7:00pm

Dec. 9 St. Elizabeth, Tecumseh 7:00pm

Dec. 12 Sacred Heart/St. Mary on the Lake at Sacred Heart 7:00pm

Dec. 13 St. Joseph Shrine, Brooklyn 6:30pm

Dec. 17 St. Mary/St. Joseph, Adrian 7:00pm



STEWARDSHIP REPORT November 17/18, 2018

Total Sunday: \$4,529.00
Total Loose: \$272.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Development: \$260.00
All Saints: \$10.00
Mercy Fund: \$94.00
Total Collection: \$5,199.00
Total Envelopes: 167

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, November 25
✠No Religious Education✠
Thanksgiving Break

Tuesday, November 27
✠Cantor/Choir Rehearsal✠
Deerfield, 6:30/7:00 PM

✠1st Reconciliation Session✠
Deerfield, 6:30-7:30 PM

Thursday, November 29
✠Walking with Purpose✠
SALT Center, 7:00-8:30 PM

Sunday, December 2
✠Religious Education✠
Deerfield, 9:00-10:00 AM
Blissfield, 9:50-10:50 AM
HS, Deerfield, 6:30-8:00 PM

Married Couples Retreat:
December 7-9, 2018
St. Francis Retreat Center in Dewitt, MI

This weekend is based upon the movement from Chaos to Order with Christ as the stabilizing force in our lives. Topics covered include Finding Time for God, Finding Time for Each Other, and Reclaiming Order in a Chaotic World. This weekend features a wine & cheese reception at check-in followed by tapas style dinner & dessert. It also includes blessing of wedding rings, renewal of vows, a Vigil Mass on Saturday, plus more! Cost is \$300 per couple with \$50 due at registration. Register online at www.stfrancis.ws or call 517-669-8321.

LET US PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

Rita Bausman	Marie Kieplinski
Ciaran Beattie	Donna LaMonde
Carolyn Bielski	Patricia Malmquist
Tom Bischoff	JoAnn McKelvey
Ella Borowski	Emily Martinez
Dorothy Burgermeister	Ramona Meyer
Becky Branscum	Les & Cindy Miller
Isabelle DeLaCruz	Shelly Molaro
Ann DeNudt	Joseph Mueller
Webb Drew	John Musielewicz
Carmen Garcia	Bev Pifer
Katy Goodman	Don Pozo
Makenzie Greer	Mary Rowe
Joan Hamilton	Sharon Schadewald
Carrie Hartley	Jim Sheldon
Kristie Horkey	Lena Silva
Ann Iott	Vivian Tack
Ed Jacobson	Flo Wentworth
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.