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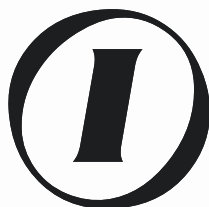
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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)

WEATHER CANCELLATION POLICY

If Blissfield or Deerfield schools are on a 2 hour delay or canceled, weekday mass will be canceled and the mass intention will be rescheduled.

PARISH STAFF

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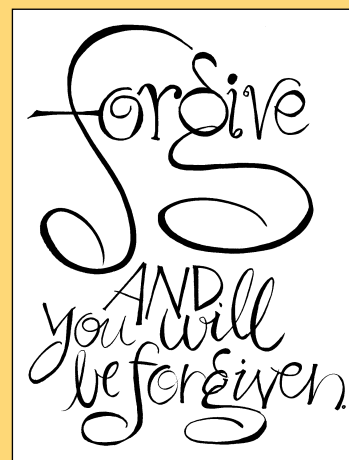
Heritage Garden Club

February 24, 2019

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

UNDERSTANDING AND PEACE

Today's gospel calls us to forgive our enemies. As people passionate about social justice, we hear this Scripture calling us to consider empathy and dialogue. Can we identify the humanity and the inherent dignity in those who do wrong to us or to others? Can we love them in a way that also works toward addressing these injustices?



To live and love this way can be difficult. It may be easier to see those who hurt ourselves and others as selfish or as intentionally harmful. Yet, that outlook fosters alienation and isolation instead of community and connection. The gospel recognizes the challenge present here, but encourages us to persist: "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them."

In this gospel, Jesus offers guidance that seems counterintuitive. In the same way, finding common ground with those who oppress others may also be counterintuitive, especially when we are tempted to be angry instead of loving. However, empathy enables us to engage in dialogue, change, and social justice. We can see examples of this in peace processes in our country and around the world. When we come to a place of understanding, it may also be a place of peace.

**SAVE THE DATE
FOR THESE LENTEN EVENTS**

Ash Wednesday, March 6
9:00am, Blissfield
7:00pm, Deerfield

**Stations of the Cross-
with the Knights of Columbus**
Friday, March 8
7:00pm, Deerfield

Friday, March 15
7:00pm, Blissfield
(teens hosting)

Friday, March 22
7:00pm, Deerfield

Friday, March 29
7:00pm, Blissfield

Friday, April 5
7:00pm, Deerfield

Friday, April 12
7:00pm, Blissfield

**Lenten Mission-
"Waiting for Tomorrow Today: A Lenten
Journey with St. Francis de Sales &
Pope Francis."**
Presented by Fr. Mike Newman, OFSF
Sunday, March 24
7:00-8:00pm, SALT Center

Monday, March 25
6:30pm, Blissfield
(followed by 7:00pm Penance Service)

Vicariate Lenten Penance Services-
3/14 St. Mary's/St. Joseph @ St. Joseph,
7:00pm

3/21 St. Joseph Shrine, 6:30pm

3/24 St. Elizabeth, 7:00pm

3/25 Light of Christ @ Blissfield, 7:00pm

3/27 Sacred Heart @ St. Mary, 6:30pm

3/28 St. Anthony of Padua, 6:00pm

Lenten Breakfasts & World Day of Prayer-
3/8 World Day of Prayer, St. Paul Lutheran

3/14 First United Methodist

3/21 Trinity Lutheran, Riga

3/28 First Presbyterian

4/4 Emmanuel Methodist

4/11 Light of Christ, Blissfield

(Breakfasts & World Day of Prayer
begin at 9:30am)

MONEY COUNTER MEETING

There will be an important meeting for all money counters to explain some procedural changes instituted by the diocese. Please make an effort to attend one of these meetings:

Blissfield- Mon., February 25, 10:30AM
(Parish Hall)
Deerfield- Tues., February 26, 11:30AM
(Parish Center)

Thank you to all who volunteer their time in this capacity. It is greatly appreciated!

PARISH INCORPORATION

Recently the Diocese of Lansing has required that all parishes become incorporated. That process has been completed at Light of Christ.

The purpose of incorporation, according to the Diocese, is to:

- conform the civil structure of parishes to the canonical structure
- segregate and protect parish assets from claims against, or debts of the Diocese or other Parishes

If you have any questions regarding the incorporation, please contact Fr. Jeff.

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Women's Bible Study Group

Walking With Purpose is more than a Bible study, it's a supportive community of women seeking lasting transformation of the heart.

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Our current book, "**Keeping in Balance**",
is available for purchase online
at www.walkingwithpurpose.com.
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change happens in the hearts of women
- and, by extension, in their families and
beyond - through Bible study and
community. We welcome all women!

KNIGHTS' NEWS



Knights shirts and jackets are waiting to be ordered. Ron is taking orders for Knights Council 7832 shirts and jackets and they are available in a wide range of sizes. Shirts can be ordered as a pull over polo or as a full button long or short sleeve sport shirt. All shirts come with a pocket free of charge. Shirt prices range from \$23-\$29 and include the K of C emblem, our Council Number, and your name if desired. Please call Ron at 517 486-4661 for details or to place your order.

All parishioners, Knights, and their respective families are encouraged to join us for the Stations of the Cross each Friday at 7:00 PM during Lent. Please see the event schedule in the bulletin for locations. Vivat Jesus!

Did you know there are many benefits to becoming a Knight including eligibility to purchase top quality Life Insurance, Long Term Care Insurance, IRA, Roth IRA, and Tax Deferred Annuities? The Knights of Columbus has earned the highest possible rating for financial strength, currently A++ (Superior) from ratings agency A.M. Best for over 41 years. Standard & Poor's has given the Knight's their highest rating, AAA, Extremely Strong. To learn more about joining the Knights, please contact Stefano at 734 777-0393, Mark at 734 637-9254 or visit www.kofc.org. Insurance questions can be answered by Jack at 313 334-6396.

Thank you Knights, parishioners, and wives for attending our recent Fraternal Benefits Night. Please pray for the sick and shut-ins of our parish. Your support is dearly appreciated.

Please pray for a generous increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

LENTEN PARISH MISSION
March 24, 7:00-8:00 PM
March 25, 6:30 PM-7:00 PM

*"Waiting for Tomorrow Today: A Lenten
Journey with St. Francis de Sales &
Pope Francis"*

Both St. Francis de Sales and Pope Francis have great wisdom on how we ought to live our one wild and precious life. Join Fr. Michael Newman, OSFS, as he uses stories, examples, and teachings from the 16th century saint and our current pope to guide us through Lent and to the Easter joy of Resurrection.

SCHEDULED MASSES WITH INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tues., February 26 - 9:00 AM - St. Peter
In memory of Charles & Josephine Szymanowski
by the Estate of Elizabeth G. Rost

Wed., Feb. 27 - 9:00 AM - St. Alphonsus
In memory of Gerald H. & Evelyn T. Iott
by family and friends

Thurs., Feb. 28 - 9:00 AM - St. Peter
For the People of the Parish

Fri., March 1- 9:00 AM - St. Alphonsus
In memory of Joe Horak
by the Men's Club

Saturday, March 2
Vigil

4:00 PM - St. Peter
In memory of Fr. Francis Mossholder
by the Knights of Columbus

5:30 PM - St. Alphonsus
In memory of Chuck Iott
by Karlene Iott

Sunday, March 3

8:00 AM - St. Alphonsus
In memory of Rosemary Prielipp
by Michael & Sharon Jones

11:00 AM - St. Peter
In memory of Joseph F. Clements
by Mr. & Mrs. George Denecker

CELEBRATING THE LORD'S DAY Part 1 of 3

On Sunday, we gather as the Body of Christ to celebrate the Lord's Day, the day of Christ's Resurrection:

As "the first day of the week" (Mk 16:2) it recalls the first creation; and as the "eighth day," which follows the sabbath, it symbolizes the new creation ushered in by the Resurrection of Christ. Thus, it has become for Christians the first of all days and of all feasts. It is the day of the Lord in which he with his Passover fulfilled the spiritual truth of the Jewish Sabbath and proclaimed man's eternal rest in God. (Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 452)

The Scriptures tell us that Jesus rose on the first day of the week—the day following the Jewish Sabbath. Shortly after daybreak, the women found the tomb empty and Jesus risen from the dead. Jesus' death and Resurrection opened for us the doors of salvation.

Sharing in Jesus' death in Baptism, we hope to share in his Resurrection. We become a new creation in Christ. It is that new creation which we celebrate on Sunday: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad. (Ps 118:24) Each Sunday is a "little Easter"—a celebration of the central mysteries of our faith

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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, February 24

✠Religious Education✠

Deerfield, 9:00-10:00 AM

Blissfield, 9:50-10:50 AM

HS/Confirmation, 6:30-8:00 PM, Deerfield

Monday, February 25

✠Money Counter Meeting✠

Blissfield, 10:30 AM

Tuesday, February 26

✠Money Counter Meeting✠

Deerfield, 11:30 AM

✠Cantor/Choir Rehearsal✠

Deerfield, 6:30/7:00 PM

✠1st Eucharist Parent/Student Meeting✠

SALT Center, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, February 27

✠Walking With Purpose✠

Women's Scripture Study

SALT Center, 7:00-8:00 PM

Sunday, March 3

✠Religious Education✠

Deerfield, 9:00-10:00 AM

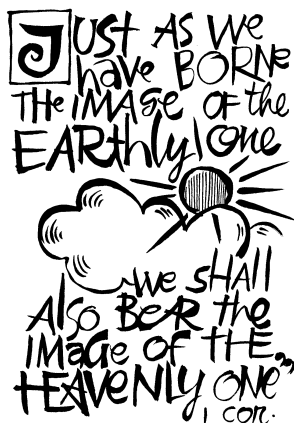
Blissfield, 9:50-10:50 AM

No HS/Confirmation

24 DAYS UNTIL SPRING!

115 DAYS UNTIL SUMMER!

Think Warm Thoughts!!



~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

February 24, 2019

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Luke 6:27-38

Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

March 3, 2019

Sirach 27:4-7

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Luke 6:39-45

SAINT QUOTE OF THE WEEK~

"Know that the greatest service that man can offer to God is to help convert souls."
St. Rose of Lima

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

February 9/10, 2019

Total Sunday: \$3,743.00

Total Loose: \$291.00

Worldwide Evangelization: \$10.00

Mercy Fund: \$60.00

Total Collection: \$4,104.00

Total Envelopes: 153

February 16/17, 2019

Total Sunday: \$4,069.00

Total Loose: \$133.00

Mercy Fund: \$60.00

Total Collection: \$4,262.00

Total Envelopes: 137

LET US PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

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Ciaran Beattie

Carolyn Bielski

Tom Bischoff

Ella Borowski

Becky Branscum

Julius Brown

Isabelle DeLaCruz

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Carmen Garcia

Katy Goodman

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Joan Hamilton

Carrie Hartley

Kristie Horkey

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Ed Jacobson

Susan Johnson

Norma Kelly

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Roberta Reau

Mary Rowe

Jim Sheldon

Lena Silva

Vivian Tack

Flo Wentworth

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.