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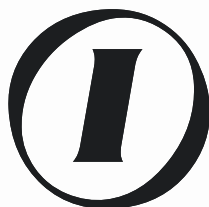


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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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: 10:00 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.

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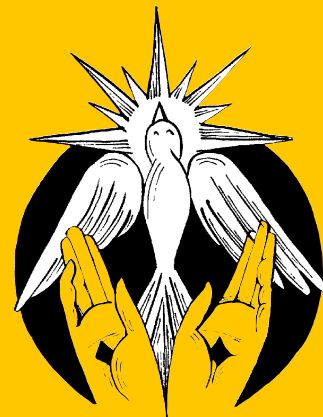
Heritage Garden Club

May 19, 2019

Sixth Sunday of Easter

A FINAL MESSAGE

Jesus is "going away," we are told in today's gospel as we near the end of the Easter season. Imagine how upset the apostles felt. Also reflect on Jesus' human desire to comfort and reassure them. As is usually the case when anyone approaches a final goodbye, Jesus wants to impart his most important message,



As you reflect on this, try to remember visiting Dad or Mom on their death bed. The person is weak and sleeping, but one moment he awakens and looks at you and says quietly, "It wasn't always easy for your mom and me to raise such a large family. I hope you understand." Now, after many years of parenthood, you should have a greater understanding. We should remain grateful for this last message that conveyed what this Dad held in his heart for him.

Jesus' final message was that the Father would send gifts of the Holy Spirit and peace. Can we receive these gifts with gratitude? Perhaps we will also be moved to offer a special message to someone dear who needs a word of love and comfort.

MINISTRY SCHEDULING FOR SUMMER EARLY

The ministry schedule for the summer months of July, August and September will be completed a bit earlier in June this year.

Please have any dates you are NOT available to Leanne by **Tuesday, June 4 at noon**. They can be entered into the online scheduler or emailed to Leanne at lgoodin@cass.net or call the office at 447-3500.

Those of you who winter in warmer climates, we appreciate your help this summer! And anyone who would like to sign on for a new ministry, this would be a great time to let us know so that you can be added to the upcoming schedule. Training will be provided at your convenience. Even if you are only available once a month, that would really help!!

Please prayerfully consider joining this fun group of parishioners AND you'll be invited to the annual Volunteer Appreciation Party!

DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who has made a gift or pledge to DSA. This week we surpassed our goal of \$28,164. Now that we have reached our goal, one-half of all additional contributions received will be returned to our local parish for our use.



If you have not yet made a pledge, please consider supporting our appeal with a gift that will benefit the work of Christ in our parish and through the wider church. You may submit your gift online at www.dioceseoflansing.org/dsa or with a DSA pledge envelope to the parish office.

SUMMER SCHEDULE RETURNING

Our summer mass schedule will return beginning next Sunday, **June 2!**

11:00 AM Mass will change to 10:00 AM

PLEASE PATRONIZE!

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HERITAGE GARDEN & MEMORIAL BRICKS

We hope everyone has noticed the blossoms and greening up of our beautiful Heritage Garden. Later this summer we will be sending in an order for engraved bricks. Order forms are available on our website or at the office.

Don't miss this opportunity! Bricks make a unique gift for Graduation, Mother's/Father's Day, in memory of a loved one, or for special birthdays or anniversaries.



HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION LITURGY AND RECEPTION

The parish High School Graduation Liturgy and Reception will be held on **Sunday, June 2, at the 10:00 Mass in Blissfield**. The junior class and their families will host a reception in the hall afterwards. We alternate sites each year. Invitations have been mailed; please contact the office at [447-3500](tel:447-3500) or lightofchristparish@gmail.com if you did not receive an invitation and would like to participate.

Congratulations to all of our soon-to-be high school graduates!



MEMORIAL DAY MASS

Our Memorial Day Mass will be celebrated at St. Alphonsus Cemetery in Deerfield at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, May 27 followed by a civic ceremony that will take place at 9:00 a.m. (If inclement weather occurs, the mass will be at church and the civic ceremony at the American Legion.)



Bring a lawn chair and join us! Coffee and donuts served after the mass.

KNIGHTS' NEWS



On Memorial Day we remember. "It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us -- that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave their last full measure of devotion -- that we highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain -- that this nation, under GOD, shall have a new birth of freedom -- and that the government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth." Abe Lincoln

Congratulations and "Thank You!" to all who contributed to a very successful Scrap Metal Drive including the Knights and parishioners who helped procure, sort, and load the metals and batteries. A special "Thank You!" goes out to those who used their trucks to take metals to the recycler, the recycler for use of the dumpsters, and our brother Knight who prepared the delicious pizzas for lunch. To learn more about joining the Knights, please call Stefano at 734 777-0393, Mark at 734 637-9254, or visit www.kofc.org.

Knights are needed to ride in the Memorial Day parade and pass out candy this Monday, May 27. Please meet at the St. Peter parking lot about 10:30 AM. For details, please call Mel at 517 486-4022. Please pray for our veterans.

All 3RD and 4TH Degree Knights are eligible to become Officers in our Council. To nominate yourself or another, please call Luis at 517 902-1868 on or before Tuesday, June 4, 2019. The election will be held at our next meeting on Thursday, June 6. Your term of office is July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. For information, please call Luis or visit www.kofc.org.

Please pray for a successful planting season.



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SCHEDULED MASSES WITH INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., May 27 - Memorial Day
8:00 AM - St. Alphonsus Cemetery
 † In memory of those who gave their life in service to our country

Tues., May 28 - 9:00 AM - St. Peter
 † Bob Millyard
 by Knights of Columbus

Wed., May 29 - 9:00 AM - St. Alphonsus
 † Nora Cannon Forche
 by Monty & Carol Love

Thurs., May 30 - 9:00 AM - St. Peter
 † Charles & Josephine Szymanowski
 by the Estate of Elizabeth G. Rost

Fri., May 31 - 9:00 AM - St. Alphonsus
 † Chuck Iott
 by David & Pamela Fraley,
 Rebecca & Michael

Saturday, June 1
Vigil

4:00 PM - St. Peter
 † Frank "Bud" Briggs
 by Georgina Oprsal

5:30 PM - St. Alphonsus
 † Richard Laberde
 by Barb Laberde

Sunday, June 2
8:00 AM - St. Alphonsus
 † Juanita Jones
 by Michael & Sharon Jones

10:00 AM - St. Peter
 † Ann Shellabarger
 by the Knights of Columbus

HONORING THE LORD'S DAY

What sorts of activities are suitable on Sunday?

Sunday is meant to be a day of worship to God and a day of rest to man. The Catechism teaches: "On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are to refrain from engaging in work or activities that hinder the worship owed to God, the joy proper to the Lord's Day, the performance of the works of mercy, and the appropriate relaxation of mind and body" (CCC 2185). Traditionally, Catholics have refrained from what is termed "servile labor" on Sundays; this means any work that physically or mentally engages an individual in such a way as to distract from experiencing the rest and joy proper to the Lord's Day. There is no list of prohibited activities, but generally things such as intense manual labor, shopping, conducting business affairs, yard work and other household chores have been avoided. Routine cleaning up after yourself is excepted, however (so you still have to do the dishes, children). What forms of recreation are appropriate? Again, there is no list, but John Paul II taught that "among the forms of culture and entertainment which society offers, the faithful should choose those which are most in keeping with a life lived in obedience to the precepts of the Gospel". This means, of course, that no immoral form of entertainment is ever permissible, nor forms of recreation that have a tendency to overshadow Sunday as a day dedicated to the Lord. Activities that engage whole families are encouraged, "the relaxed gathering of parents and children can be an opportunity not only to listen to one another but also to share a few formative and more reflective moments".

Charitable work is also encouraged on Sundays: "Inviting to a meal people who are alone, visiting the sick, providing food for needy families, spending a few hours in voluntary work and acts of solidarity".

"Sunday is the day of the Lord and of man, a day which everyone must be able to be free -- free for the family and free for God...By defending Sunday, one defends human freedom." -Pope Benedict XVI

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, May 27
 ✠Memorial Day Mass✠
 St. Alphonsus Cemetery, 8:00 AM

Tuesday, May 28
 ✠Cantor/Choir Rehearsal✠
 Deerfield, 6:30/7:00 PM

Wednesday, May 29
 ✠Women Walking With Purpose✠
 Bible Study
 SALT Center, 7:00 PM

Sunday, June 2
 ✠Graduation Liturgy/Reception✠
 St. Peter, 10:00 AM



SAINT QUOTE OF THE WEEK~

"The saints did not all begin well, but they ended well."

St. John Vianney

~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

Sixth Sunday of Easter
 May 26, 2019
 Acts 15:11-2, 22-29
 Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23
 John 14:23-29

The Ascension of the Lord
 June 2, 2019
 Acts 1:1-11
 Ephesians 1:17-23 OR
 Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23

STEWARDSHIP REPORT May 18/19, 2019

Total Sunday: \$4,439.00
 Ascension: \$20.00
 Total Loose: \$204.00
 Mercy Fund: \$50.00

Total Collection: \$4,713.00
 Total Envelopes: 140

DSA \$29,609.00 - 105.13% of goal
 34.58% Participation

LET US PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

Rita Bausman	Marie Kieplinski
Rose Beard	Donna LaMonde
Ciaran Beattie	Patricia Malmquist
Ella Borowski	JoAnn McKelvey
Becky Branscum	Emily Martinez
Isabelle DeLaCruz	Ramona Meyer
Ann DeNudt	Shelly Molaro
Webb Drew	Joseph Mueller
Carmen Garcia	John Musielewicz
Katy Goodman	Bev Pifer
Makenzie Greer	Don Pozo
Joan Hamilton	Mary Rowe
Carrie Hartley	Sharon Schadowald
Kristie Horkey	Jim Sheldon
Ed Jacobson	Lena Silva
Susan Johnson	Flo Wentworth
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.