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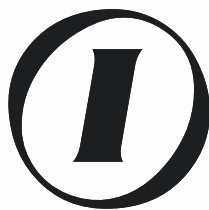
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St. Alphonsus

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: 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 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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PARISH COMMISSIONS

Finance Commission
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New Evangelization Commission

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Altar Rosary Society
Knights of Columbus
Heritage Garden Club
Women of Prayer

July 14, 2019
Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

LOVE GENEROUSLY!

The story of the good Samaritan is so familiar that we almost take it for granted. Of course we want to be the good Samaritan! It is easy to see the priest and the Levite as villains, walking by on the other side, but perhaps they were just taking precautions on a dangerous road.



The good Samaritan is willing to care even at a cost to himself. He takes the risk of being victimized, gives his time and his money, and perhaps most importantly defies social and class customs to do so. Mercy does not offer love that is convenient, expected, or easy; it offers loving care when it is unconventional, over the top, or even costly.

God has planted this law of mercy inside us: "in your mouths and in your hearts; you have only to carry it out." May we be so in touch with God dwelling inside each of us that we love generously without counting the cost. May we be more faithful to God's laws than to all the excuses that we can think up so easily.

THE STORY OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

This weekend's Scripture readings are very familiar. Moses telling the people they must renew their covenant with God. In order to do this they must turn to the Lord "with all your heart and all your soul". The Gospel is even more familiar – it is the story of the Good Samaritan.

Even though considered enemies, the Samaritan stops and cares for his neighbor along the road. We are told that we must love our neighbor as our self – but the question put to Jesus is 'who is my neighbor'. The answer is clear and has remained unchanged during these last 2000 plus years! Everyone we encounter is our neighbor. This is a hard lesson for the people of Jesus' day and it is a hard lesson for us. Everyone is created in the image and likeness of God and so everyone is entitled to our love and concern.

That is easy to say and to believe when we are in church listening to this scripture passage. It becomes more difficult to put into practice when we leave the parking lot and someone cuts us off, or someone at work is a constant annoyance, or even a family member does something we disapprove of. How do we love them and recognize the God in them? It is difficult and it is a constant journey. We have to continually remind ourselves and one another that everyone is that neighbor we must love!

This might be a good week to reflect on those people or those situations which cause us to think about others in less than a neighborly fashion. Can we identify what it is about them that bothers us? How can we treat them in a way that shows that we are Christians?

These are hard questions and can't be answered in a week – our behaviors and habits won't change that quickly – but it is a place to start. One week at a time – maybe one person at a time. Keep the story of the Good Samaritan close at hand – maybe a daily reading or a refresher when we feel our resolve slipping!

Have a good week neighbor!

(The above is a reprint from July 2016, Margaret O'Malley's "Let's Talk Liturgy".)

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.



~SAVE THE DATE~

**PARISH PICNIC
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
BLISSFIELD PARK**



Ever wonder about the Biblical roots of our Catholic faith? Wish you knew more about the Bible?

Start your journey through the Bible with the **Catholic Biblical School of Michigan (CBSM)'s new class on Tuesdays 7-9 pm at Holy Family Parish in Adrian, starting September 17th.**

CBSM brings the Scriptures to life with in-depth study of the entire Bible led by seminary professors, so that our faith as Catholics is vibrant and more deeply rooted in Christ. Through donations, CBSM is accessible to all with 100% of requests for financial aid granted. Colleen Vermeulen from Catholic Biblical School of Michigan will be speaking at all masses at Light of Christ the weekend of July 27/28.

Learn more by attending an Information Night at Holy Family Parish (St. Mary Campus, 305 Division St. Adrian, MI 49221) on July 17 (Wed) or August 8 (Thu), both at 7:00 pm.

For more information, contact: info@cbsmich.org | 586-438-3085 | cbsmich.org

KNIGHTS' NEWS



On July 13, 1917 Our Lady of the Rosary appeared to 3 children at Fatima and said: "Sacrifice yourselves for sinners; and say often, especially when you make some sacrifice: 'O my Jesus, it is for the love Thee, for the conversion of sinners and in reparation for sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary I offer this sacrifice to Thee.'" -The True Story of Fatima, www.fatima.org.

Why join the Knights? In the past 12 months with the help of our parishioners and local citizens we have collected and distributed 8804 pounds of food & 100's of children's Christmas gifts, recycled over 33,000 pounds of scrap metal, and raised \$1220 for the Hope Center. Knights have made numerous cash donations to local charities as well as to 2 seminarians from Lenawee County. We do numerous fix it projects around the parish, usher, and have donated money to the parish lighting project. Some of our projects have included the Swiss Steak Dinner, several Coffee Hours, 5TH Sunday Rosaries, Stations of the Cross, Bibles for the First Communicants, and rosaries for the Confirmation students and RCIA. We also serve & sing at parish funeral Masses. To learn more please call Stefano at 734 777-0393, Mark at 734 637-9254, or visit www.kofc.org.

Catholic radio and TV is available for your listening or viewing pleasure. Tune in to Annunciation Radio at 89.7 FM or visit www.annunciationradio.com. The Eternal Word Television Network is available on D&P Cable channel 213, DIRECTV 370, Dish 261, YouTube, Roku, or watch EWTN including live daily Mass at www.ewtn.com/multimedia/live.asp.

Thank you Knights and your family members for attending the recent Officer Installation Ceremonies, and those who stayed for the District meeting. Vivat Jesus!

Please pray for immigrants and refugees.

SAINT QUOTE OF THE WEEK~

"Our hearts were made for You, O Lord, and they are restless until they rest in You."

St. Augustine of Hippo

SCHEDULED MASSES WITH INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tues., July 16 - 9:00 AM - St. Peter

† Bob Millyard

by Paul Vergote

Wed., July 17 - 9:00 AM - St. Alphonsus

† Nora Cannon Forche

by Donald Mary Liebherr

Thurs., July 18 - 9:00 AM - St. Peter

† Frank Briggs

by Virgil & Donna Diver

Fri., July 19 - 9:00 AM - St. Alphonsus

† Mary Genchi

by Doug & Deanna Burke

Saturday, July 20

Vigil

4:00 PM - St. Peter

† Paul, Allen, & Kaye Vergote

by Paul Vergote & family

5:30 PM - St. Alphonsus

† Roberta Reau

by the Knights of Columbus

Sunday, July 21

8:00 AM - St. Alphonsus

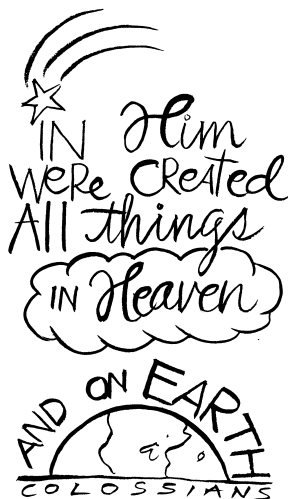
† Margie McMahon

by Ben & Helen Swehla

10:00 AM - St. Peter

† Rose Beard

by Diane & Jim Witt



~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

July 14, 2019

Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Colossians 1:15-20

Luke 10:25-37

Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

July 21, 2019

Genesis 18:1-10a

Colossians 1:24-28

Luke 10:38-42

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Kateri Tekakwith



There's something about a saint's story that speaks to us across the generations. How we see our stories reflected in theirs. And we know that if such holiness can shine through in such a story, perhaps we can access it in our own times, in our own stories.

Such is the case with St. Kateri Tekakwitha, whose feast we celebrate on July 14. The first Native American saint from the territories of the future United States and Canada, she is popularly venerated as a patroness of ecology.

When Kateri was a young girl, a smallpox epidemic took her parents, along with her baby brother, leaving her with pocked skin and diminished eyesight. We can sense how much of her vision she lost from the name "Tekakwitha," literally, "One who walks groping for her way." What spiritual seeker cannot see themselves in that name?

Yet, as a testament to her faith in God, upon her death at 24, witnesses described her smallpox scars disappearing, and her face shining with a holy radiance. And in her saintly legacy, she has made a way for countless seekers to follow.

Despite the lack of a formal education, and Christian scriptural materials being rare and suspected, Kateri became a living Bible and living catechism. "Kateri, tell us a story," her Mohawk companions would ask her, and she would share stories from scripture, and joyfully tell them of God's plan for humankind, of his love and mercy, of the great dignity of each human person.

The Church finds God's grace in the cultures of all believers. And in Kateri, we have found the grace of her Native American peoples, who have long modeled the call to be stewards of Creation, seeking to live in harmony with nature. The Iroquois (Haudenosaunee) tribes had (and retain) a deep connection with the land, managing resources carefully, and following closely the rhythms and patterns of nature.

Kateri embodied this, often going into the woods alone to seek God's voice in nature, leaving behind crosses formed with twigs as "stations" for those who followed her. Stanislaus Brzana, bishop of Ogdensburg, anticipated her canonization when he declared, "Kateri was a child of nature. Her sainthood will raise the minds and hearts of those who love nature and work in ecology."

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

July 6/7, 2019

Total Sunday: \$4,617.00

Total Loose: \$217.01

Mercy Fund: \$173.00

Mission: \$3,000.00

Total Collection: \$5,007.01

Total Envelopes: 149

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Tuesday, July 16

✽Cantor/Choir Rehearsal✽

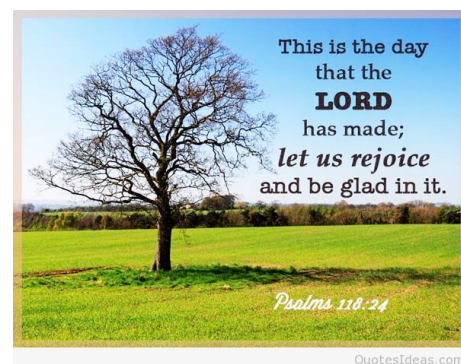
Deerfield, 6:30/7:00 PM

NATIONAL PRO LIFE CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN EAST LANSING

Democrats for Life of America will hold its national conference at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing from Friday evening, July 26, 2019 through Sunday afternoon, July 28, 2019. The theme is "Pro-Life for the Whole Life," and attendees are invited to attend all or part of the conference.

The conference will feature speakers on a wide range of life issues – abortion, euthanasia, health care, immigration, and the environment. The conference will also include a banquet on Saturday night and pro-life films – open to the public – on Sunday afternoon. Bishop Earl Boyea will celebrate Mass on Sunday morning.

The agenda, registration, and other information is available at: <http://MichDemsForLife.org>.



LET US PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

Donald Ahleman

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Ciaran Beattie

Ella Borowski

Becky Branscum

Audrey Brown

Isabelle DeLaCruz

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Lena Silva

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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.