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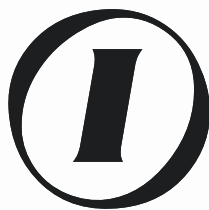
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St. Alphonsus

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)

PARISH STAFF

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Finance Commission
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New Evangelization Commission

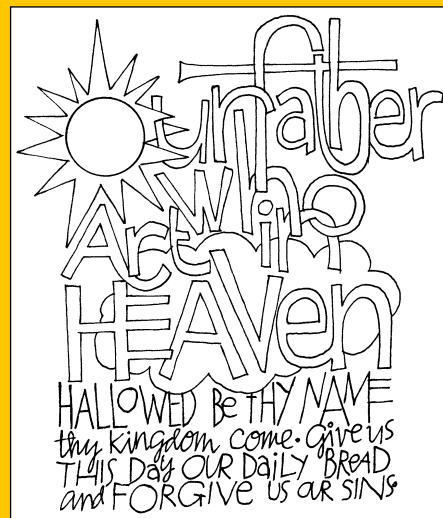
PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

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

July 28, 2019
Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

WE ARE GOD'S CHILDREN

Who has not witnessed a small child ask again and again for something they want? When the child is quite young and innocent their requests are simple. Persistent and maybe not timely, but with complete earnestness they ask for love, for drinks, for food, for protection, and for play. They ask over and over.



Why, then, do we not ask in this way for the things we need? Are we too shy? Do we fear rejection? Do we feel we do not deserve them? Little children do not have these feelings; they just ask and they receive. How happy we are to give! How thrilled that we were asked!

Sometimes we need to be reminded that we also are children, God's children. We have a loving, giving Father who is waiting for us to ask. One who welcomes our persistence too. In today's gospel, Jesus shows us how to ask---through prayer. Reaffirming our place as faithful children, God encourages us to say 'Our Father' and to know that we too will receive.

EXPERIENCE CATHOLIC TRADITION THROUGH THE SACRED SCRIPTURES



Start your journey through the Bible with the **Catholic Biblical School of Michigan (CBSM)**'s new class on **Tuesdays from 7-9 pm at Holy Family Parish in Adrian, starting Sep. 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. *A faculty member will be available after all Masses this weekend for Q&A.*

Learn more by attending the August 8th Information Night at Holy Family Parish (St. Mary Campus, 305 Division St. Adrian, MI 49221) at 7:00 pm or **register by September 4th** at cbsmich.org/register.

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

THANK YOU!



Thank you to everyone who has made a gift or pledge to DSA. 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.



SAINT QUOTE OF THE WEEK~

"He who possesses God lacks nothing: God alone suffices."

St. Teresa of Avila

ANNUAL SENIOR APPRECIATION MASS AND LUNCHEON

Catholic Charities invites all Lenawee/Hillsdale seniors to join us in celebrating Mass with Bishop Boyea on **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2019, at 11:00AM.** Lunch will be served following Mass.

Mass will be held at **Sacred Heart Church**, 207 S. Market St., Hudson, Michigan. Call Catholic Charities at (517) 263-2191 to reserve your seat for the luncheon by **August 23rd.**



~SAVE THE DATE~

**PARISH PICNIC
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
Bachmayer Park
BLISSFIELD**



THANK YOU DRIVERS

Thank you to all those who helped deliver Meals on Wheels the past 2 weeks! Your kindness is appreciated by the many folks you helped. The next time Light of Christ will be delivering meals is October 14-25. Watch the bulletin for details on how to sign up.



KNIGHTS' NEWS



Would you or any member of your family like to be an altar server? Yes, our parish needs servers for funeral masses at both churches. Several Knights are already serving in this capacity and more are needed. Training is provided and your success is guaranteed. Please call Ron at 517 486-4661 for details or to signup.

All are invited to the 7th annual Polka Party Picnic Saturday, August 9, 5:00 - 9:00 PM, and Sunday, August 10, 1:00 - 6:00 PM, at St. Hyacinth Church Campus, 720 Parkside Blvd., Toledo, OH. Enjoy live polka music and polish food! Just go south on Secor, turn east on Door St., and then south on Parkside Blvd. For a map & party information please visit www.polkapicnic.com.

Wanted: Scrap Metal! Our next Scrap Metal Drive is Saturday, September 7, and all types of metals are needed including aluminum, copper, brass, stainless steel, bronze, cast iron, steel, carbide, and iron. Car, truck, tractor, boat, and lawn tractor batteries are accepted. No donation is too small.

Did you proclaim the Resurrection today? Please pray for a generous increase in vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life.

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 special birthdays or anniversaries or in memory of a loved one.



SCHEDULED MASSES WITH INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, July 30 - Friday, August 2
No daily masses

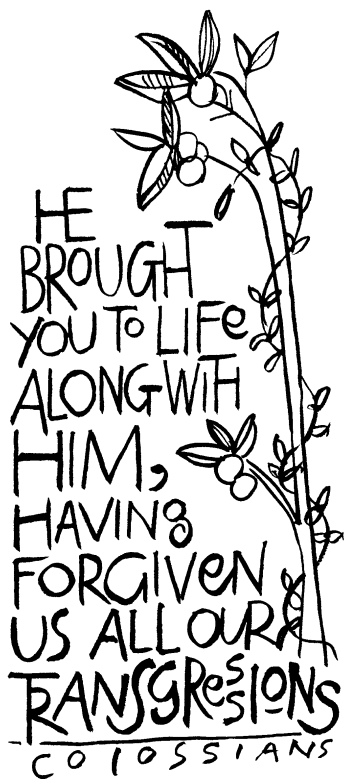
Saturday, August 3
Vigil

4:00 PM - St. Peter
† Mary Ann Opsal
by Georgina Opsal & family

5:30 PM - St. Alphonsus
† Nora Cannon Forche
by Jim & Darlene Mueller

Sunday, August 4
8:00 AM - St. Alphonsus
† Julius & Martha Brown
by Children of Maureen & Herman Iott

10:00 AM - St. Peter
† Deceased Members of Women of Prayer
by the Women of Prayer Group



~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time
July 28, 2019
Genesis 18:20-32
Colossians 2:12-14
Luke 11:1-13

Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time
August 4, 2019
Ecclesiastes 1:22; 2:21-23
Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11
Luke 12:13-21

THE KEY TO ACHIEVING PEACE THROUGH CONTEMPLATION



For many of us, contemplation remains a mysterious form of prayer. Countless saints have referred to it as the pinnacle of prayer, and it is often seen as the primary goal we should all strive to attain.

One of the best descriptions of this type of prayer can be found in the gospels. Jesus comments on this when visiting his friends Martha and Mary (see Luke 10:38-42). While Martha is busy about many things, Mary sits attentively before Jesus, soaking in all that he has to say.

St. Francis de Sales, in his book *Treatise on the Love of God*, further illustrates this passage and explains how it serves as a key to our own experience of contemplation.

De Sales describes a soul immersed in this form of peaceful contemplation. In a word, the soul does “nothing.” He even goes so far as to say the soul “prays not.” What he means is that the soul in contemplation is entirely disposed to be a *receiver*.

Often we go into prayer, emptying out entire life onto Jesus’ lap. In contemplation, it is the exact opposite. We instead remain “still” and “receive” everything from God.

St. John Vianney noticed one day a parishioner kneeling in church before the tabernacle. He asked the man what he was doing. The man responded, “I look at him and he looks at me.”

Sometimes, we don’t need to do anything in prayer, and just remain in silence and receive what God wants to give to us.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT July 20/21, 2019

Total Sunday: \$3,808.00
Total Loose: \$190.00
Mercy Fund: \$55.00

Total Collection: \$4,053.00
Total Envelopes: 136

DSA Update

Estimated Total: \$32,743.00
% of goal: 116.26%
Over goal: \$4,579.00
Participation Rate: 38.82%
Estimated Donors: 210

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

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

SAINT OF THE WEEK St. Lawrence of Brindisi



Innocent was born in Albano, Italy. He became Pope, succeeding Pope St. Anastasius I, on December 22, 401. During Innocent's pontificate, he emphasized papal supremacy, commending the bishops of Africa for referring the decrees of their councils at Carthage and Milevis in 416, condemning Pelagianism, to the Pope for confirmation.

It was his confirmation of these decrees that caused Augustine to make a remark that was to echo through the centuries: "Roma locuta, causa finitas" (Rome has spoken, the matter is ended). Earlier Innocent had stressed to Bishop St. Victrius and the Spanish bishops that matters of great importance were to be referred to Rome for settlement. Innocent strongly favored clerical celibacy and fought the unjust removal of St. John Chrysostom. He vainly sought help from Emperor Honorius at Ravenna when the Goths under Alaric captured and sacked Rome. Innocent died in Rome on March 12. His feast day is July 28th.

LET US PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

Donald Ahleman	Marie Kieplinski
Rita Bausman	Donna LaMonde
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Ella Borowski	JoAnn McKelvey
Becky Branscum	Emily Martinez
Audrey Brown	Ramona Meyer
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	Larry Schadowald
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.