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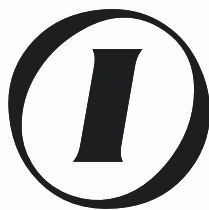
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Sunday: 8:00 AM

St. Peter

Sunday: 11:00 AM

Saturday: 4:30 PM (*Rotates, see mass intention schedule inside for location.*)

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

3:00-4:00 PM, prior to Saturday mass
(see mass schedule inside)

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 (and also any other parish events for the day or evening) will be canceled and the mass intention will be rescheduled.

PARISH STAFF

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PASTORAL COUNCIL

Please call the parish office for contact info.

PARISH COMMISSIONS

Finance Commission
Education Commission
Social Ministry Commission
New Evangelization Commission

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Altar Rosary Society
Knights of Columbus
Heritage Garden Club
Women of Prayer
Walking With Purpose

December 15, 2019
Third Sunday of Advent

JESUS IS COMING

Recently a flier arrived in the mailbox proclaiming, "Holiday magic starts with believing." That got me thinking. What is the magic of this season? Advent is a time of waiting; we are waiting for the coming Messiah. At Christmas we will celebrate Christ's birth. God promised through the prophets that a Savior would be sent for humankind.



John the Baptist asks his followers to determine whether Jesus is the one whom God will send. Jesus points to what he himself says and does as evidence of who he is. Do I believe what I see and hear? Do I trust the words and deeds of God?

Today is also known as Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday, taken from the first words in today's Entrance Antiphon. Isaiah prophesies "the desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom." Why should we rejoice? Because Jesus is coming for each one of us! He is our hope and our light. By entering our humanity he brings eternity to our reality. With Christmas days away, may we slip away for a moment to focus on the real holiday magic of this season. May our hearts be ready to welcome Jesus as God's eternal gift to the world.

FIRST RECONCILIATION CELEBRATION 2019

Congratulations to the following children who celebrated their First Reconciliation (Penance) during Advent:

Elle Franzen
Chase Karpinski
Adam Lambrix

We celebrate God's love and mercy with you!



CALLING ALL COOKS: SHARE THE WARMTH

If you like to cook and to share your bounty with others, we need you!!!

We have been invited to serve a meal at Share the Warmth. **Share the Warmth** is a homeless shelter in Adrian, which houses approximately 50 women and men who are currently displaced or unhoused.

Share the Warmth relies on parishes and local volunteers to provide daily meals. The guests are served 2 warm meals a day and the shelter is open 365 days a year.

In past months, women from our Walking with Purpose Bible Study and other parishioners have generously donated their time and food. If this is something that interests you - please read below.

We are in need of the following food donations for **Sunday, December 29th**.

- (5) Casseroles to feed 8 (recipe to be provided)
- (3) Jello or Jello Salad
- (3) Dessert
- (3) Pasta Salad or Spaghetti salad
- Soft Fruit
- (2) Milk
- (2) Lemonade

If you are interested, please call or email **Michelle Mello** at 734-279-1503 or mmello88@gmail.com to let us know what you can provide.

Food can be dropped off on Sunday, Dec. 29th before or after the 8am mass in the SALT Center in Deerfield. There will be a contact person at the Blissfield site who will also gather food.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVERS NEEDED



Light of Christ Parish is responsible for delivery of Meals on Wheels for **January 6-17**. There is a sign up sheet in Blissfield or call Finola Campbell at 517 486-2838 to volunteer.

Three drivers are needed each day. Delivery begins at 11:00 am (arrive by 10:45am) and takes approximately 1 and 1/2 hours. Your help is greatly appreciated by these home-bound seniors! Sign up to make a difference in someone's day!!

DECK THE CHURCHES



Christmas decorating of the churches will take place Sunday, December 22 immediately after the 8 am Mass at Deerfield and the 11 am Mass in Blissfield.

We need as many people as possible to help bring decorations out of storage, set up trees and nativity, decorate windows and the balcony.

It will only take about an hour of your time. Donuts, coffee and juice will be provided.

VICARIATE ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Dec. 18 Sacred Heart, Hudson 7:00pm

KNIGHTS REQUEST ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBER ADDRESSES

The 4th Degree Knights would like to request the addresses of any active duty service members from our parish. The addresses can be emailed to Mark Studnicka at candm@cass.net or call Mark at 734 637-9254. Thank you in advance!



KNIGHTS' NEWS



All parishioners are invited to join us for the recitation of the 5TH Sunday Rosary on Saturday, December 28, a few minutes after the 4:30 PM Mass at St. Peter the Apostle and on Sunday, December 29, 7:20 AM at St. Alphonsus. We encourage all students to participate. Rosaries are available for anyone who needs one and can be taken home.

Thank you, thank you, thank you, and congratulations to all the people who contributed to the Knights' Christmas Basket Project. Your generous contributions of time, gifts, food, and the money needed to purchase food and toys, as well as your hard work that is essential to making this project a complete success is dearly appreciated. A special thank you goes out to those who load and deliver Christmas boxes. Every ones efforts provided a glimmer of hope and the possibility of a Merry Christmas to at least 72 families and 96 children. God Bless every one of you!

Please Keep Christ in Christmas by saying a prayer of thanksgiving for all those individuals, families, service clubs, businesses, parish organizations & secretarial staff, many students & student athletes, Youth Ministry, and our Knights and their families who contributed gifts, time, talents, money, transportation, and prayers to the Christmas Basket Project. Please say a special prayer for Father Jeff whose unwavering support is dearly appreciated.

Come one, come all, to another fun night of Euchre on Saturday, January 4, at St. Peter Hall. Doors open at 5:00 PM and play begins at 5:45 PM. A light lunch and snacks will be available for all players. Parishioners as well as their neighbors and guests are all encouraged to come and join the fun!

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

~PRAY THE 5TH SUNDAY ROSARY~
with the Knights of Columbus

DECEMBER 28
About 5:30pm at St. Peter

DECEMBER 29
At 7:20am at St. Alphonsus

MINISTRY SCHEDULE COMPLETE

The ministry schedule for January-March 2020 has been completed and you should receive a copy by email or mail (those that request it by mail). Please feel free to volunteer for open spots in the schedule!

SCHEDULED MASSES WITH INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tues., December 17 - 9:00 AM - St. Peter

† Don Ahleman
by Virgil & Donna Diver

Wed., Dec. 18 - 9:00 AM - St. Alphonsus

† Chuck Iott
by David & Pamela Fraley & family

Thurs., December 19 - 9:00 AM - St. Peter

† Rose Beard
by Diane Burgermeister

Fri., Dec. 20 - 9:00 AM - St. Alphonsus

† Nora Cannon Forche
by Mike & Kathy Forche

Saturday, December 21

Vigil

4:30 PM - St. Alphonsus

† Harley Sharrock
by family

Sunday, December 22

8:00 AM - St. Alphonsus

† Roberta Reau
by Walter Witt & family

11:00 AM - St. Peter

† Elizabeth Stock
by family



Please note: the parish office will be closed
on Tuesday, December 24 and 31.

~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2019
Isaiah 35:1-6a,10
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2019
Isaiah 7:10-14
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-24

THE MINISTRY OF THE WILD GOOSE

*~This Sunday, December 15~
9:00am SALT Center;
12:00pm Blissfield Hall*

This adventure consists of Fr. Dave Pivonka speaking on an attribute of the Holy Spirit, a practical application on how to respond to the Holy Spirit and testimonies of people from across the country whose lives have been impacted by the Spirit of God. Please join us for this video along with fellowship, coffee and donuts!

2020 SCHEDULE

January 5
February 9
March 1
March 15

SWEEPSTAKES TICKETS



Light of Christ
2020 Sweepstakes
tickets are
available at each
church. We are
no longer allowed

to mail the tickets, so it is very important
that you pick yours up.

The money raised from this raffle has
helped us finance major capital
improvements in the parish and will also
help with improvements at our cemetery.

They make super Christmas gifts and
stocking stuffers! Please be creative and
energetic in selling these tickets. For more
tickets, call the Parish Office. Thank you
for your support of our parish!!



Welcome to Piper Michelle,
daughter of Nathan and Lori
(Haines) O'Connor, who
was baptized at Light of
Christ Deerfield on
Saturday, December 7.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT December 7/8, 2019

Total Sunday: \$3,810.00
Total Loose: \$320.00
Mercy Fund: \$100.00
Christmas Flowers: \$84.00
Immaculate Conception: \$637.00
Retired Religious: \$595.00

Total Collection: \$5,546.00
Total Envelopes: 209

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, December 15

✠The Ministry of the Wild Goose✠
SALT Center, 9:00 AM
Blissfield Hall, 12:00 PM

✠Religious Education✠

Deerfield, 9:00-10:00 AM
Blissfield, 9:50-10:50 AM
HS @ Deerfield, 6:00-8:00 PM

Tuesday, December 17

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

Sunday, December 22

✠Religious Education Break✠

✠Decorate Churches✠
immediately after masses

~ CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE ~

Christmas Eve: 4:00pm, Deerfield
6:00pm, Blissfield

Christmas Day: 9:00am, Deerfield
11:00am, Blissfield

Prelude music will begin 30 minutes prior
to masses on Christmas Eve and 15 minutes
prior on Christmas Day. Please come early
and enjoy the magical sounds of Christmas!



LET US PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

Rita Bausman	Donna LaMonde
Ella Borowski	Patricia Malmquist
Becky Branscum	JoAnn McKelvey
Carol Burgermeister	Emily Martinez
Isabelle DeLaCruz	Ramona Meyer
Ann DeNudt	Shelly Molaro
Madeline Denecker	Joseph Mueller
Webb Drew	John Musielewicz
Carmen Garcia	Bev Pifer
Katy Goodman	Donna Roe
Makenzie Greer	Mary Rowe
Joan Hamilton	Jim Sheldon
Carrie Hartley	Becky Shusta
Kristie Horkey	Lena Silva
Ed Jacobson	Flo Wentworth
Susan Johnson	Mark Willaert
Norma Kelly	David Woods
Marie Kieplinski	Rita Woods

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.