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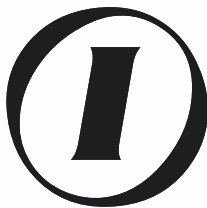
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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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Ben Burke

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 22, 2019
Fourth Sunday of Advent

NEW POSSIBILITIES

Imagine what it must have been like for Joseph to hear Mary's extraordinary tale of her mysterious pregnancy. He was "a righteous man." He believed in, longed for, the coming of the promised Messiah of whom Isaiah speaks. Then he was asked to accept that God was about to fulfill that promise in such an unforeseen and scandalous way. And yet Joseph, awakening from a dream, welcomed the unexpected into his life.



Fast forward thirty years and we see the child born to Mary and Joseph spending much of his time doing the unexpected and the scandalous. Whether sitting at a table with sinners and prostitutes or embracing lepers and tax collectors, Jesus would challenge people's ideas of what God was like.

Today's readings confirm that God comes to us in ways that can confuse or challenge us. At this time of year, we might expect to encounter God in cozy family gatherings and beautiful liturgical celebrations. We might not recognize him in the shivering street person or the cranky relative. Our celebration of Christ's coming at Christmas is an invitation to open ourselves to new possibilities and new ways of seeing God. May we, like Joseph, welcome him with open and generous hearts....in whatever guise he appears.

A Blessed Christmas and Prosperous New Year are wished to you on behalf of Fr. Jeff and the Parish Staff. Please note: the parish office will be closed on December 24 and 31.

~ 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!

**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.

Thank you for your generous spirit and gift of time!

~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 29, 2019
Sirach 3:2-6,12-14
Colossians 3:12-21
Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

**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!!

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, December 22

✠Decorate Churches after mass✠

Sunday, December 22 & 29

✠Religious Education Break✠

SCHEDULED MASSES WITH INTENTIONS

Tues., December 24 - Christmas Eve

4:00 PM - St. Alphonsus

† Charles Burke

by Doug & Deanna Burke

6:00 PM - St. Peter

† Paul, Helen, Kaye & Diane Vergote

by Paul Vergote family

Wed., Dec. 25 - Christmas Day

9:00 AM - St. Alphonsus

† Carl Forche

by Florine Forche & family

11:00 AM - St. Peter

† Joseph Clements

by William & Kathleen Lennig

Thurs., December 26 - 9:00 AM - St. Peter

† Bob Millyard

by Terry & Pat Reau

Fri., Dec. 27 - 9:00 AM - St. Alphonsus

† Carol Mueller

by Bob & Barb Rains

Saturday, December 28

Vigil

4:30 PM - St. Peter

† Vivian Tack

by Kenneth & Connie Graham, Jr.

Sunday, December 29

8:00 AM - St. Alphonsus

† LaVern & MaryAnn Cousino

by family

11:00 AM - St. Peter

† Joseph Clements

by David & Michelle Keller

~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

KNIGHTS' NEWS



Merry Christmas! "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." 2 Corinthians 13:13

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!

Rosary Alert! All parishioners & students are invited to join us for the recitation of the 5TH Sunday Rosary on Saturday, December 28, after the 4:30 PM Mass at St. Peter, and on Sunday, December 29, 7:20 AM, at St. Alphonsus. Free rosaries are available and can be taken home.

Thanks again to everyone who helped with the Christmas basket project. Your generosity resulted in the collection and distribution of 8,363 pounds of food, many needed household items, and nearly 300 Christmas gifts. Now we would like to invite every Catholic gentleman, age 18+ to join the Knights. For details, please contact Mark at 734 637-9254, Stefano at 734 777-0393, or visit www.kofc.org/join.

Keep Christ in Christmas! Please pray for all expectant parents and their unborn babies.

~KNIGHTS' EUCHRE NIGHT~
SATURDAY, JAN. 4, ST. PETER HALL
Doors open @ 5, play begins 5:45pm
Light lunch & snacks. All are welcome!!

**LET US PRAY FOR
OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS**

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| :Ella Borowski | Patricia Malmquist |
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| :Isabelle DeLaCruz | Ramona Meyer |
| :Ann DeNudt | Shelly Molaro |
| :Madeline Denecker | Joseph Mueller |
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| :Carmen Garcia | Bev Pifer |
| :Katy Goodman | Mary Rowe |
| :Makenzie Greer | Jim Sheldon |
| :Joan Hamilton | Becky Shusta |
| :Carrie Hartley | Lena Silva |
| :Kristie Horkey | Kristine Wells |
| :Ed Jacobson | Flo Wentworth |
| :Susan Johnson | Mark Willaert |
| :Norma Kelly | David Woods |
| :Marie Kieplinski | Rita Woods |
| :Jonah Kornberg | |

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT
December 14/15, 2019**

Total Sunday: \$3,264.00
Christmas: \$11.00
Total Loose: \$146.82
Mercy Fund: \$35.00
Christmas Flowers: \$37.00
Immaculate Conception: \$22.00
Retired Religious: \$40.00

Total Collection: \$3,555.82
Total Envelopes: 131

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

“Thank You” to those who generously donated toward the Christmas Flowers



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