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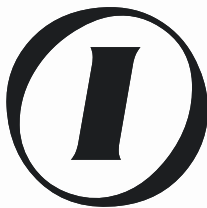


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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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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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 8, 2019
Second Sunday of Advent

THE KINGDOM COMES

Compelled by visions of God's kingdom, Isaiah and John the Baptist build up and tear down. Isaiah envisions God's peaceable kingdom. He waits for the Messiah, the "root of Jesse," who will bring righteousness and justice. His people, mired in sorrow and despair, have stopped waiting for God's kingdom. He builds them up, offering hope.



The Baptist is preparing the way for Jesus, the Messiah. His people, mired in greed and exploitation, have stopped waiting for God's kingdom. John warns: change your ways, find the right path, bear good fruit----now! Prophets do what's necessary, so others can see reality, their goal and guide. They are connected to that kingdom and long for its fullness.

We celebrate the in-breaking of God's kingdom in Jesus. How slowly that kingdom comes to fullness! But the vision is strong and compelling, as it was for Isaiah and John: God's reign of peace, justice, and healing. We experience it in our midst and long for its fullness. Graced by the Spirit, fed by the Eucharist, we proclaim it and practice it, living in hope, love, peace and justice. The many glimpses and tastes of God's kingdom draw us and send us forth to share this vision with others.

**MASS OF ANOINTING
DECEMBER 14/15**

Anointing is one of the seven sacraments and is for anyone who is seriously sick, whether that is illness of mind, body or spirit, weakened by age, or facing surgery or other medical treatment.

Fr. Jeff will anoint anyone who desires at all masses the weekend of December 14/15. Those who wish to be anointed should try to sit at the end of a pew to receive the sacrament.

The Sacrament of Anointing can be celebrated with one person at a time. This can be done in your home or the hospital. It can also be done in church any weekday or Sunday during or after mass. Anyone who is ill or facing surgery should call the parish office to make arrangements.

**VICARIATE ADVENT
PENANCE SERVICES**

- Dec. 8 St. Elizabeth, Tecumseh 7:00pm
- Dec. 10 Light of Chris, Blissfield 6:30pm*
- Dec. 11 St. Joseph Shrine, Brooklyn 7:00pm
- Dec. 18 Sacred Heart, Hudson 7:00pm



*If Blissfield or Deerfield schools are on a 2 hour delay or canceled, all parish events for the day and evening are canceled. In the event that our penance service is canceled, reconciliation is always available from 3:00pm to 4:00pm before mass on Saturday at the same site as the scheduled mass location.

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.

**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!



MINISTRY SCHEDULING DEADLINE

The ministry schedule for January, February and March will be completed soon. Please enter any dates you are **NOT** available in the online program or email Leanne at lgoodin@cass.net or call the office, 447-3500 ext. 2 by this Tuesday, **December 10**. Thank you!

**THE MINISTRY OF
THE WILD GOOSE**

~Next 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

TEEN MASS

This Sunday our teens preparing for confirmation will participate as some of the liturgical ministers for the 11:00 mass. Many of them will also serve at the Christmas Basket project immediately following mass.

We're proud of our teens as they serve their parish and their community in these meaningful ways!

KNIGHTS' NEWS



Christmas Basket Day arrives this Sunday at Noon and ALL parishioners and Knights are invited to help. At noon we will have lunch and then we will load delivery vehicles beginning with destination Deerfield. We need people to work in the hall loading boxes, people outside loading vehicles, and drivers with a pickup or full sized van to deliver a group of food and gift boxes. Vehicles will line up at the south end of the St. Peter Church hall, then exit the hall driveway.

We would like to organize a separate cleanup crew to restore the hall to its former glory after the loading of the Christmas Baskets has been completed. Any questions? Please call Dave S. at 517 486-4667.

The Social Concerns Commission is looking for some muscle power this Sunday, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, at the SALT Center to lift and carry the very heavy boxes full of food. If you can help please come to the SALT Center about 1:30 PM.

All parishioners are invited to join us for the recitation of the 5TH Sunday Rosary on Sunday, December 29, 7:20 AM, at St. Alphonsus, and on Saturday, December 28, after the 4:30 PM Mass, about 5:30 PM, at St. Peter the Apostle. We encourage all students and guests to participate.

The Holy Father's Intention: The Future of the Very Young - That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

**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!

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

On Wednesday, December 11, 2019 the ARS will hold a meeting at 1:00PM at the SALT Center. This is our Christmas Celebration Meeting with a Gift Exchange. We will recite a decade of the Rosary, follow with a business meeting, exchange gifts and enjoy refreshments! All ladies of the Parish are cordially invited.

SCHEDULED MASSES WITH INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tues., December 10 - 9:00 AM - St. Peter
 † Vivian Tack
 by Gerald & David Miller

Wed., Dec. 11 - 9:00 AM - St. Alphonsus
 † Barb Hadden
 by Brett & Donna Holubik

Thurs., December 12 - 9:00 AM - St. Peter
 † Henry Vandenbushe
 by Jerrold & Karen Noe

Fri., Dec. 13 - 9:00 AM - St. Alphonsus
 † Mary Genchi
 by Ron & Leanne Goodin

*~Anointing of the Sick
 at All Masses this Weekend~*

Saturday, December 14
Vigil

4:30 PM - St. Peter
 † Dorothy Burgermeister
 by Charles & Suzanne Gates

Sunday, December 15
8:00 AM - St. Alphonsus
 † Helen Zellner
 by the Knights of Columbus

11:00 AM - St. Peter
 † Dolie Beattie
 by Finola Campbell

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 ANOTHER
 AS CHRIST
 ACCEPTED
 YOU.
 R O M A N S

~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

Second Sunday of Advent
 December 8, 2019
 Isaiah 11:1-10
 Romans 15:4-9
 Matthew 3:1-12

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

**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 will be a sign up sheet in Blissfield soon 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!!

SWEEPSTAKES TICKETS

Light of Christ 2020 Sweepstakes tickets are available at each church. Please take the envelope with your name on it and consider taking a friend or relative's tickets to them if they are not able to attend mass. We are no longer allowed to mail the tickets, so it is very important that you pick yours up.

The money raised by 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. We will report each week in the bulletin on how the sale is going. For more tickets, call the Parish Office. Thank you for your support of our parish!!

The winner of the November drawing was Kris Dusseau, ticket #19-1421. Good luck in December!

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT
 November 30/December 1, 2019**

Total Sunday: \$3,667.00
 Total Loose: \$313.00
 Mercy Fund: \$230.00
 Christmas Flowers: \$774.00
 World Mission Sunday: \$10.00
 All Saints Day: \$10.00
 Total Collection: \$5,004.00
 Total Envelopes: 192

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, December 8
 ✠Religious Education✠
 Deerfield, 9:00-10:00 AM
 Blissfield, 9:50-10:50 AM
 HS at 11:00 AM Mass & Christmas Project

Tuesday, December 10
 ✠Cantor/Choir Rehearsal✠
 Deerfield, 6:30/7:00 PM

✠Advent Penance Service✠
 Blissfield, 6:30 PM

Wednesday, December 11
 ✠Altar Rosary Society Meeting✠
 SALT Center, 1:00 PM

✠Walking With Purpose✠
 Women's Bible Study
 SALT Center, 7:00-8:00 PM

Sunday, December 15
 ✠Religious Education✠
 Deerfield, 9:00-10:00 AM
 Blissfield, 9:50-10:50 AM
 HS @ Deerfield, 6:30-8:00 PM

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

~ 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**

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| ·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.