



LIGHT OF CHRIST

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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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Kim Diver - Director
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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

February 16, 2020
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

TRUE FREEDOM

In today's gospel Jesus warns us that he has not come to abolish the law but to fulfill it.

Just because God loves us does not mean God has to do what we want. We can't manipulate God or guilt-trip God into doing what we want. It's humbling for us to realize that we are not entitled to God's favor. God chooses to help us with perfect freedom from a place of pure love. The law that God gave to us was not meant to limit us but to ensure we use our freedom in a way that is good for us and others.



Love requires freedom, and freedom means we have to respect the other person's ability to say "no" to us. If we truly desire to be in a mature relationship with God, then we need to respect this freedom and ensure we use our freedom in a way that gives God glory, which will strengthen our relationship with God and others.

Today as we celebrate the Eucharist, a sacrifice made freely on our behalf, let us repent of the times we've trespassed against God and our neighbor and embrace the gift of God's law and the true freedom it leads us to.

SURVEY LIVE NOW

Light of Christ Parish is participating in a parish survey about discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute!

Please help us by participating in a 10-15 minute survey online. The survey can be accessed at www.disciplemakerindex.com from **February 8 through March 1** and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. You will need to select "The Diocese of Lansing" and then "Light of Christ Parish". All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to **Fr. Jeff** and our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

If you don't use the computer, there will be opportunities to complete the survey after daily and Sunday Mass and you can obtain a paper copy by contacting Deanna Burke at 517 447-3500. Thank you for helping with this important project!

WOMEN OF PRAYER 2020

1:00PM

*At the home of Penny Hashman,
650 W. Adrian, Lot 200, Blissfield*

February 21
March 20
April 3 & 17
May 1 & 15

ALL ARE WELCOME!

For more information, call Penny 486-2083.

AREA AGENCY ON AGING

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EUCHRE TIME!

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

THIS SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15
1:00 PM ~ Doors open at 12:30 PM
SALT CENTER, DEERFIELD

Play will finish by 4:00pm for those who would like to attend mass at 4:30pm.



Light snacks will be available.
Invite friends and neighbors to join!

LENTEN BREAKFAST & WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The tradition of our community Lenten Breakfasts and Women's World Day of Prayer began nearly 90 years ago. It is a time for the members of the area churches to come together for fellowship and prayer.

We are in need of hostesses, servers, breakfast casseroles, quiches, orange juice, pastries, muffins, coffee cake and dessert breads for the March 6, 9:30am Lenten Breakfast. Sign up sheets are located at each church. Food and beverages may be brought to the hall the day before (Thursday) from noon to 1pm or before 9am on Friday. All breakfasts start at 9:30am. Please call Penny Hashman at 517 486-2083 for details.

February 27	St. Paul Lutheran
March 6	Light of Christ, Blissfield <i>World Day of Prayer</i>
March 12	First Presbyterian
March 19	First United Methodist
March 26	Emmanuel United Meth.
April 2	Trinity Lutheran, Riga

All Lenten breakfasts are on a **Thursday** and start at 9:30am. The World Day of Prayer is on a **Friday**.

SWEEPSTAKES NEWS

Not too late to pick up your *Sweepstakes Tickets* at the parish office! There are still 11 chances to win if you return your tickets in February!

Ticket Returns YTD: \$12,980.00

LOST AND FOUND

An opal-like earring was found in the south sacristy in Deerfield 2 weeks ago. To claim your earring, please call the office.

KNIGHTS' NEWS



All parishioners including students of all ages are invited to join the Knights as we pray the Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7:00 PM during Lent. The Way of the Cross is a devotion to the Sacred Passion in which we accompany, in spirit, Jesus on His journey from the house of Pilate to Calvary. The first one is Friday, February, 28 at St. Alphonsus. Please see the Lenten schedule for all dates and places.

On February 10, 2020, the Pope encouraged the Knights of Columbus to continue their work of evangelical charity in a variety of fields. "I think of in particular your faithful witness to the sacredness and dignity of human life, evident at both the local and national levels," he applauded.

We need new Knights! We are a family oriented Catholic fraternal service organization that has as its main principals, Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. Its main focus is helping the pastor and protecting widows & children through our fraternal benefits programs. For information, please call Stefano at 734 777-0393, Mark at 734 637-9254, or visit www.kofc.org/joinus.

Volunteers are needed to work at the "Accept the Challenge" Catholic Men's Conference on February 22, 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM in Ann Arbor. Free admission for all helpers. For details, please contact Mark at 734 637-9254.

Please pray for those suffering the effects of violence, war, and poverty.

St. Francis Retreat Center Presents

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Flowing from Our Baptism

A Weekend Retreat for Men

JOIN US AND EXPLORE THE ROLES OF PRIEST, PROPHET, AND SERVANT KING!

March 6-8, 2020

Where: St. Francis Retreat Center
703 E. Main Street
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Cost: Suggested donation is \$185
Includes all meals, lodging, and materials

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Register: Call St. Francis Retreat Center at 517-669-8321 or
Register online at www.stfrancis.ws

SCHEDULED MASSES WITH INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tues., February 18 - 9:00 AM - St. Peter
 † Dorothy Burgermeister
 by the Knights of Columbus

Wed., Feb. 19 - 9:00 AM - St. Alphonsus
 † Elva Rau
 by Brad, Jenni & Sophie Witt

Thurs., February 20 - 9:00 AM - St. Peter
 † Bob Millyard
 by Paul Vergote

Fri., February 21 - 9:00 AM - St. Alphonsus
 † Mary Genchi
 by Nancie Van Black

Saturday, February 22
Vigil

4:30 PM - St. Peter
 † Diane Vergote
 by Mark & Jeanne Burgermeister

Sunday, February 23
8:00 AM - St. Alphonsus
 † Roberta Reau
 by Bob & Barb Rains

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



~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time
 February 16, 2020
 Sirach 15:15-20
 1 Corinthians 2:6-10
 Matthew 11:25

Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time
 February 23, 2020
 Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18
 1 Corinthians 3:16-23
 Matthew 5:38-48

SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE LENTEN EVENTS

Ash Wednesday, February 26
 9:00am, Deerfield
 7:00pm, Blissfield

-Stations of the Cross- with the Knights of Columbus
 Friday, February 28, 7:00pm, Deerfield

Friday, March 6, 7:00pm, Blissfield

Friday, March 13, 7:00pm, Deerfield

Friday, March 20, 7:00pm, Blissfield

Friday, March 27, 7:00pm, Deerfield

Friday, April 3, 7:00pm, Blissfield

-Soup & Substance- Wednesday, March 11
 6:00pm, SALT Center

Wednesday, March 25
 6:00pm, Blissfield Hall

-Lenten Breakfast & Women's World Day of Prayer-

Friday, March 6, 9:30am, Blissfield

-Vicariate Lenten Penance Services-
 3/3 Holy Family @ St. Joseph, 6:30pm

3/12 St. Joseph Shrine, 7:00pm

3/19 Light of Christ @ Deerfield, 6:30pm

3/29 St. Elizabeth, 7:00pm

3/31 St. Anthony of Padua, 6:00pm

4/2 Sacred Heart @ St. Mary, 6:00pm

-Holy Week-

April 5, Palm Sunday

April 9, Holy Thursday, 7:00pm Mass with Adoration in Blissfield

April 10, Good Friday, 7:00pm Mass in Blissfield

April 11, Easter Vigil, 9:00pm in Deerfield

April 12, Easter Sunday, 8:00am Deerfield, 11:00am Blissfield

STEWARDSHIP REPORT February 8/9, 2020

Total Sunday: \$3,651.00
 Total Loose: \$275.00
 Worldwide Evangelization: \$5.00
 Mercy Fund: \$90.00

Total Collection: \$4,021.00
 Total Envelopes: 159

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, February 16
 ✘No Religious Education✘
 Break

Tuesday, February 18
 ✘Cantor/Choir Rehearsal✘
 Deerfield, 6:30/7:00 PM

Wednesday, February 19
 ✘Walking With Purpose✘
 Women's Bible Study
 SALT Center, 7:00-8:00 PM

Friday, February 21
 ✘Women of Prayer✘
 Penny Hashman's, 1:00 PM

Sunday, February 23
 ✘Religious Education✘
 Deerfield, 9:00-10:00 AM
 Blissfield, 9:50-10:50 AM
 HS @ Deerfield, 6:30-8:00 PM

ASH WEDNESDAY MINISTERS NEEDED

Ash Wednesday is February 26 and no ministers were scheduled for the masses at 9:00am in Deerfield and 7:00pm in Blissfield.

If you are willing and able to help, please schedule yourself using the online scheduler or contact Leanne at lgoodin@cass.net or call the office on Tuesday afternoon.

Thank you for your time and talent!!

LET US PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

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



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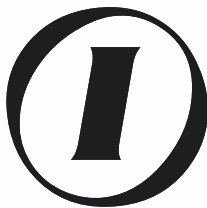
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