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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.

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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

February 23, 2020
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

WE BELONG TO GOD

How far should a Christian disciple's love extend? The recollection of who God is, and who we are because we belong to God---the theme of today's readings---provides a challenging response.

Christian love is meant to be limitless, extending beyond the local communities and comfort zones of disciples and embracing even enemies and evildoers. We are not to obliterate our opponents or exact revenge, even if taking only an eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth. The extent of a disciple's obligation exceeds treating others the way we would like to be treated. A disciple's love gives priority to the other's welfare first.



Disciples aim to emulate God's love, which is selfless, forgiving, and unconditional. Such a love has called all creation into being, is ongoing, redemptive, and life-giving. Such a love seeks the salvation of all. We can recognize all of this in the gifts of Jesus Christ, who announced the reign of God and freely gave himself up to death on a cross, and the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit in the Church's midst. Crowned with such steadfast love and mercy, we strive to imitate the perfection--wholeness, holiness--of God with unreserved service of God and neighbor.

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*

**March 20
April 3 & 17
May 1 & 15**

ALL ARE WELCOME!

For more information, call Penny 486-2083.

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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 March 6	St. Paul Lutheran Light of Christ, Blissfield World Day of Prayer
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**.



Welcome to Liv Adeline Bunge, daughter of Jed and Aimee (Wahl) Bunge, who was baptized at Light of Christ in Blissfield on Sunday, February 16.

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

Walter "Wally" E. Witt passed away on February 17 and his funeral was February 22. Please keep Wally and his family in your thoughts and prayers.



ASH WEDNESDAY MINISTERS NEEDED

Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday 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!!

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.

Come one, come all, to another fun night of Euchre on Saturday, March 7, at St. Peter Hall. Doors open at 5:00 PM and play begins at 5:45 PM. Friends, neighbors, and all parishioners are warmly welcomed. A light lunch and snacks will be provided for all.

40 Days for Life is a coordinated international mobilization to end abortion through prayer, fasting, sacrificing, and peaceful vigil. Since its inception at least 16,742 lives are known to have been saved. The Spring campaign begins February 26 and ends April 5. Please visit www.40daysforlife.com to learn more.

Many thanks for all those who helped make last Saturday's "Euchre Time" a very happy occasion. We look forward to seeing everyone on Euchre Night, March 7.

Angel of God, my Guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.



St. Francis Retreat Center Presents

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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

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 25 - 9:00 AM - St. Peter
 † Ann Shellabarger
 by the Knights of Columbus

Wed., Feb. 26 - Ash Wednesday
9:00 AM - St. Alphonsus
 † Roberta Reau
 by the Knights of Columbus

7:00 PM - St. Peter
 † Vivian Tack
 by Sally Oprsal

Thurs., February 27 - 9:00 AM - St. Peter
 † Thomas Miller
 by the Knights of Columbus

Fri., February 28 - 9:00 AM - St. Alphonsus
 † Nora Cannon Forche
 by Elona Frye

Saturday, February 29
Vigil

4:30 PM - St. Alphonsus
 † George & Catherine Wielfaert
 by family

Sunday, March 1
8:00 AM - St. Alphonsus
 † Rev. Raymond Urbanek
 by the Parish

11:00 AM - St. Peter
 † Don Ahleman
 by Georgina Oprsal

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: \$13,240.00

~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

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

Ash Wednesday
 Wednesday, February 26, 2020
 Joel 2:12-18
 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2
 Matthew 6:1-6,16-18

First Sunday of Lent
 March 1, 2020
 Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
 Romans 5:12-19
 Matthew 4:1-11

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 15/16, 2020

Total Sunday: \$3,890.00
 Total Loose: \$178.00
 Initial Offering: \$30.00
 Worldwide Evangelization: \$20.00
 Mercy Fund: \$40.00

Total Collection: \$4,158.00
 Total Envelopes: 137

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

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

Tuesday, February 25
 ✠Cantor/Choir Rehearsal✠
 Deerfield, 6:30/7:00 PM

Wednesday, February 26
 ✠Ash Wednesday✠
 Deerfield, 9:00 AM
 Blissfield, 7:00 PM



Friday, February 28
 ✠Stations of the Cross✠
 Deerfield, 7:00 PM

Sunday, March 1
 ✠Religious Education✠
 Deerfield, 9:00-10:00 AM
 Blissfield, 9:50-10:50 AM
 No HS

SAVE THE DATE!

Adult Volunteer Appreciation Party
 Saturday, April 25, SALT Center



(Hawaiian theme this year! Watch for your invitation in the mail soon!)

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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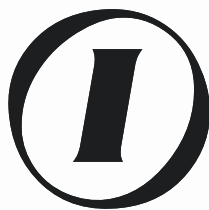
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