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PRIVATE PRAYER

St. Alphonsus & St. Peter the Apostle

Friday, Saturday & Sunday: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

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

March 29, 2020
Fifth Sunday of Lent

WHEN THE TIME IS RIGHT

John's story of Lazarus reminds us how important time is to understanding. Lazarus is sick, yet it takes Jesus four days to arrive in Judea. Why does it take him so long? Jesus says, "This illness is not to end in death, but it is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." But this is so difficult to understand.



The disciples don't seem to understand the relationship that Jesus has with Father. Some of the Jews have already taken Jesus for granted, saying that, because he cured the blind man, he could have cured Lazarus too if he'd arrived earlier. Even Martha and Mary, who have enormous faith, have trouble understanding.

Lazarus has been dead for four days and Jesus raises him from the dead so that everyone may see the glory of God, his Father. If there is an area in our life that causes us grief, and we walk closely with Jesus, he will help us gain a new perspective---when the time is right!

Light of Christ Parish
Daily & Weekend Masses Canceled
re. Coronavirus Response

**All MASSES (daily & weekend) and ALL PARISH EVENTS
(including the Volunteer Appreciation Party)
are CANCELED and the parish offices are CLOSED**

in response to the Coronavirus pandemic. As a reminder, all Catholics in the diocese are dispensed from the obligation of Sunday Mass participation through Easter Sunday, per Bishop Boyea.

The parish office line at [517 447-3500](tel:5174473500) and parish email at lightofchristparish@gmail.com will be monitored for messages should you need to contact the parish.

St. Alphonsus and St. Peter the Apostle Church will be open for private individual prayer on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 9:00 am-5:00 pm. Please adhere to the policy of remaining 6 feet apart at all times and limiting the number attending to 10 or less in private individual prayer without congregating. Reconciliation is available by appointment as requested; please call the office at [517 447-3500](tel:5174473500) and press 1 for Fr. Jeff Poll.

Bishop Robert Barron has offered daily mass online at:
<https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass>
There are other options online and on television, as well.

**ONLINE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES
BY PFLAUM PUBLISHING**

The Pflaum editors have compiled a list of free online resources to help parents provide instruction and faith interaction at home during these periods of school closure. The Religious Education, Children's Liturgy of the Word, and sacramental preparation materials on their site are free to use. Anyone can sign-up with their email address to have full access to the resources on Pflaum.com. To access the website, you may need our Pflaum Customer Number. It is: [1119905](tel:1119905). Use this number to register and create a username and password.

Our Religious Education Program for 1st-8th grade are Gospel Weeklies by grade levels: We use Promise for 1st/2nd Grade, Good News for 3rd/4th/5th, and Visions for 6th/7th/8th). First Eucharist, and Children's Liturgy of the Word (Gospel Weeklies "Seeds") use these lessons for our class sessions, so they should be familiar to everyone! Lesson booklets are also on a table (Blissfield) or back register (Deerfield) at both churches and the churches are open from 9-5 on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday until further notice. Please do not congregate!

Confirmation/High School videos from Matthew Kelly's Dynamic Catholic are available online at dynamiccatholic.com. The confirmation program is "Decision Point". Students should have their books as well. In addition, please encourage your teen to consider service projects they can do at home (helping their family) during this time. Stay healthy!

**Prayer for Healing During the
Coronavirus Crisis
by Archbishop Gomez**

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas. We fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother; health of the sick and cause of our joy.

KNIGHTS' NEWS



"Be cheerful. Jesus will take care of everything. Let us trust in Jesus and our heavenly Mother, and everything will work out well."
- St. Padre Pio.

The April 2nd Council meeting is canceled. We will have our next meeting on May 7, and it should prove to be a safe and enjoyable experience for all who attend.

The "Tootsie Roll Drive" for the Mentally impaired has been postponed. We will reschedule the MI Drive after the Light of Christ weekend Masses resume. The State Office will provide insurance for a May or October event.

Defend Life! 40 Days for Life is a peaceful, prayerful campaign to end abortion through prayer, fasting, sacrificing, and peaceful vigil. This Life campaign continues through Palm Sunday, and we need your participation now more than ever. To learn more, please visit www.40daysforlife.com.

"Lord God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and the wisdom to know the difference." Amen



**"HAPPY THE ONE WHO,
TRUSTS IN THE LORD!"**
PROVERBS 16:20

Thank you to everyone who has made a gift or pledge commitment to our Diocesan Services Appeal. Our gifts to DSA enable our diocese to provide services crucial to our parish. The programs and services funded by DSA offer direct assistance to individuals and families, and to parishes, schools, and Catholic Charities agencies. "Every good work" of the Church occurs through dozens of ongoing ministries made possible by our contributions to DSA.

If you have not yet made a gift or a pledge, I invite you to do so today. Gift envelopes are available in church or the parish office. Or you may submit your gift online at www.dioceseoflansing.org/dsa. Your DSA gift will support the vital services and ministries that help bring the love of Christ to all we encounter.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, March 31

† Thomas Miller
by the Knights of Columbus

Wednesday, April 1

† Julius Brown
by Terry & Deb Beuer
Terrah & Andy Opferman
Dustin & Kate Beuer

Thursday, April 2

† Vivian Tack
by Kenneth & Connie Graham, Jr.

Friday, April 3

† Nora Cannon Forche
by family

Saturday, April 4

† Dorothy Burgermeister
by Carolyn & Carl Burgermeister

**Sunday, April 5 - Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord**

† Roberta Reau
by Elwood Reau

† Pat (Clements) Bohan
by Linda Clements & Gina Cory



~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 29, 2020
Ezekiel 37:12-14
Romans 8:8-11
John 11:1-45

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

April 5, 2020
Isaiah 50:4-7
Philippians 2:6-11
Matthew 26:14-27:66

SPIRITUAL WORKS FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Some suggestions for keeping the Lord's Day holy when one is prevented from attending Sunday Mass:

- **Watch Mass on television or the internet.** Televised options include our Diocese of Lansing Outreach Mass and Mass on EWTN. Live streamed and recorded Masses at Church of the Resurrection, Lansing; St. Francis of Assisi, Ann Arbor; Mass on EWTN.
- **Pray the Rosary as a family**
- **Pray the Liturgy of the Hours** (<http://www.ibrevariary.org/en/tools/ibrevariary-web.html>)
- **Make a Spiritual Communion**

Act of Spiritual Communion-
My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you have already come and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

-St. Alphonsus Ligouri

- **Read and meditate on the scripture of the day** ([USCCB website](http://USCCB.org)). Find a good recorded sermon for the Sunday readings such as podcasts like Bishop Barron's Sermons (<https://www.wordonfire.org/resources/homily/>) or Fr. Mike Schmitz's sermons (<https://bulldogcatholic.org/homilies-archive/>)

BULLETIN AVAILABLE BY MAIL

As always, the bulletin is available to read online at www.lightofchristparish.com but if anyone you know would like a paper copy, please email lgoodin@cass.net or leave a message at the office 447-3500.

CEMETERY

Spring decorations may be placed in the cemetery beginning **April 1**.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Not available at this time

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Friday, Saturday, Sunday

✠Private Individual Prayer✠

St. Alphonsus & St. Peter the Apostle Churches
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM



Palms will be available to pick up in churches next weekend, April 3, 4 & 5, during private individual prayer time.

MEALS ON WHEELS



A BIG THANK YOU to all those who have volunteered to deliver Meals on Wheels next month. After making a few phone calls, I was able to fill the ENTIRE 2 week schedule! God Bless you all!!

-Leanne Goodin, volunteer coordinator

LOC LUAU!!

**Adult Volunteer Appreciation Party
Saturday, April 25
CANCELED & HOPEFULLY
RESCHEDULED!**

Invitations were mailed for the party to say a Big "Mahalo" (thank you) for sharing your time and talent in one or more ministries with your parish. We'll enjoy Hawaiian cuisine and a fun evening together! (Eventually!)

LET US PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

Rita Bausman	Jonah Kornberg
Ella Borowski	Donna LaMonde
Becky Branscum	Patricia Malmquist
Audrey Brown	JoAnn McKelvey
Carol Burgermeister	Emily Martinez
Isabelle DeLaCruz	Ramona Meyer
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Terry Diver	Joseph Mueller
Webb Drew	John Musielewicz
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Katy Goodman	Mary Rowe
Carmen Graham	Harold Schwalb
Dale Graham	Mary Sedlacek
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
Marie Kieplinski	

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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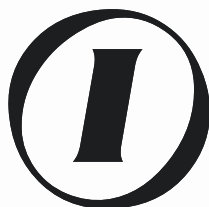
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