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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Closed until further notice.

PRIVATE PRAYER

St. Alphonsus & St. Peter the Apostle

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



BAPTISM - Contact the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Contact Fr. Jeff Poll

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
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FOOD PANTRY

Open the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 1-3 PM at the Parish Center in Deerfield. PLEASE NOTE THAT IN MAY, WE WILL OFFER CURBSIDE PICK-UP ONLY. WE WILL MEET PEOPLE OUTSIDE TO SIGN THEM IN AND BRING THE FOOD TO THEIR VEHICLES.

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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

April 26, 2020
Third Sunday of Easter

THE TRUTHS IN OUR HEARTS

The two disciples in our gospel today are walking from Jerusalem towards Emmaus. Their understanding is clouded by sadness and confusion, and they cannot accept the joy of the resurrection. The loss of a loved one causes deep pain in our hearts. Despite the knowledge of the resurrection, we would rather have our loved one's presence on earth. We want to run from the pain instead of experiencing it. However, the gospel reminds us of the gift of the Eucharist. When they break bread with Jesus, the disciples see beyond their grief, allowing their hearts and minds to be open to the events of the resurrection. This gives them the courage to return to Jerusalem.



As Catholics we can connect to the experience of the disciples. It is often at Mass, in the presence of the Eucharist, that we come to comprehend the truths deep in our hearts. We are reminded that our sufferings bring us closer to Christ our Savior, and we are given the space to reflect on our actions and thoughts. The breaking of the bread leads to personal reflection, so, we can stop walking in pain and instead embrace our human experience. In the presence of Jesus our hearts our hearts burn with love, understanding, and hope.

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.

BULLETIN AVAILABLE BY MAIL

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

WEBER CENTER OFFERS Free "Mindful Pause" Recordings

Looking for some peacefulness during these chaotic and unprecedented days? Weber Retreat and Conference Center is offering free, online mindfulness sessions with Sister Esther Kennedy, OP.

Sister Esther, an Adrian Dominican Sister, is a retreat leader and spiritual director. While in-person gatherings have been suspended, she is offering her popular program online. A new half-hour *Mindful Pause* episode is recorded and posted to the Weber Center website twice each week. New recordings are available on Tuesdays and Fridays. To access the recordings, visit the Weber Center website, <https://webercenter.org/mindful-pause/>.

For further information, call Weber Center at 517-266-4000.

FACEBOOK FELLOWSHIP

In addition to the Light of Christ Parish Facebook page, we now have a "private" Facebook page for parishioners to share prayers, online opportunities they've discovered, music, and fellowship during this challenging time of social distancing.

If you'd like to join, please go to "Light of Christ Fellowship" on Facebook and request to join the private group. All are welcome!

KNIGHTS' NEWS



"Lord Jesus, who went about doing good and healing all, we ask You to bless our friends who are sick. Give them the strength in body, courage in spirit, and patience in pain. Let them recover their health, so that, restored to the Christian community, they may joyfully praise Your name, for You live and reign for ever and ever. Amen"

There are many things we can do to help others during these trying times including prayer, buying groceries, sharing a good joke, checking on their well being. In fact, the local Food Pantries are accepting food donations including pasta, pasta sauce, and macaroni & cheese. For details and to drop off donations at Light of Christ, please call 517 447-3500, and in Blissfield please call St. Paul's at 517 486-2404.

We are planning on having our Council Meeting, May 7, 7:30 PM with social distancing rules being applied. It is important that 8 - 10 Knights attend so we can plan a new time table for outstanding projects including the "Tootsie Drive", Scrap Metal Drive, Memorial to the Unborn dedication, 5TH Sunday Rosary, and our June Officer's Election. Hopefully Masses will resume by then. Please check next week's bulletin for updates.

Knights of Columbus! Due to the Covid-19 crisis, blood supplies are historically low. If you can donate blood please contact the Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767, www.redcrossblood.org, or Michigan Blood at 1-866-642-5663, www.donate.michiganversiti.org.

Please pray for people confined in nursing homes and their caregivers. St. Francisco & St. Jacinta Marto pray for us.

NEW SECURE DROP BOXES!

We now have new secure, locked black drop boxes outside of both Blissfield and Deerfield sites! Donation envelopes, prayer intention requests, and other parish business may be deposited at your convenience.

Please prayerfully consider donating to our parish. If you are able, through the drop boxes, through the mail, or using online giving (as described below). If you're able to give a little extra to make up for those that are unable to give at this time, that would be a blessing, as well. **We'll get through this together!**

Many of us also have the reality of lost wages resulting in financial difficulties as most businesses close down or run with a minimal number of employees. This is true for our parish, as well, due to the loss of the weekly collection generosity of our parishioners attending Masses. While we have taken many steps to lower our expenses (lowering our utility bills by turning down the heat, reducing staff work hours, etc.) our parish is still in need of the money necessary to keep things running and the bills paid; the mission and good works of the church continue even though there is no public Mass. We greatly appreciate those that have been able to contribute through online giving as well as those mailing in their envelopes. **Thank you!**

Please consider the option of on-line giving. This would enable us to access your donations without the need for our regular "money counter" teams that need to remain home. Please go to our parish website at www.lightofchristparish.com and click on "online giving" for more information and to set up your account; you'll need to have checking account information or a credit or debit card to set up online giving. You can always make adjustments to the amount, frequency, etc. and even discontinue giving online once things return to normal or continue to give online for the convenience. **We are grateful for your generous support of our parish!**



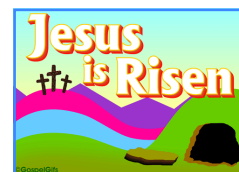
Blissfield Site



Deerfield Site

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

Robert "Rob" Mueller of Deerfield passed away on April 14 and a private family prayer service was held. A celebration of Rob's life will be held at a later date. Please keep Rob and his family in your thoughts and prayers.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, April 28
† People of the Parish

Wednesday, April 29
† Don Pozy
by Gene & Jeanette Pass

Thursday, April 30
† Thomas Miller
by the Knights of Columbus

Friday, May 1
† Nora Cannon Forche
by Terry & Deb Beurer

Saturday, May 2
† Alex Garza
by parents

Sunday, May 3
† Scott Scholl
by family

† Charles Iott
by Linda Iott & family

Light of Christ Parish Daily & Weekend Masses Canceled

Based on the current circumstances and with a profound desire to protect the health and well-being of all, Bishop Boyea has discerned that the current suspension of all public Masses and the liturgical directives that he established on March 17, 2020 should remain in place through **April 30, 2020**.

In this time of suffering and uncertainty, Bishop Boyea has called "all Catholics and, indeed, all people within the Diocese of Lansing" to prayer, fasting, and works of mercy, imploring the Lord to bring an end to this pandemic. As we unite under the "divine mandate to fast and pray when threatened by the powers of darkness (cf. Mt 17:21)," let us entrust ourselves to the Lord, who is rich in mercy.

The parish office line at **517 447-3500** 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** and press 1 for Fr. Jeff Poll.

Bishop Robert Barron has offered daily mass online at:

<https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass>

Televised options include our Diocese of Lansing Outreach Mass and Mass on EWTN.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Friday, Saturday, Sunday
✠ *Private Individual Prayer*
St. Alphonsus & St. Peter the Apostle Churches
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

CELEBRATING THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

25th
Evanjelena Silva
Josephine Spiegel

26th
Craig Dunham
Raymond Tack

27th
Emily Chappuies
Olivia Miller

28th
Elise Haines
Andrew Mueller

29th
Cathy Gilpin
Bryan Parker

30th
Jamie Logan
1st
Sandy Brown
Sophia Hug
Ryan Walentowski

2nd
Alyssa Brown
Richard Hadden
Brenette Logan
Virginia Mirelez
Jamie Roe

25th
William & Linda
Mueller

26th
Brad & Laurie
Denniss

John & Karen Lucht
Red & Juanita
McMahon

28th
Bernie & Gloria
Dominique

30th
Bryan & Jolene
Parker

Blessings to all of you!



CONDUCT
YOURSELVES
REVERENTLY
DURING YOUR
SOJOURN IN
A STRANGE
LAND.
Peter

~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

Third Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2020
Acts 2:14, 22-33
1 Peter 1:17-21
Luke 24:13-35

Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2020
Acts 2:14a, 36-41
1 Peter 2:20b-25
John 10:1-10

THANK YOU, DELIVERERS!!

A **HUGE THANK YOU** to all who delivered Meals on Wheels the past 2 weeks on behalf of Light of Christ Parish!! You are truly a blessing!

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

April 19, 2020
Sunday- \$4,815.00
Easter- \$886.00
Easter Flowers- \$10.00
Mercy Fund- \$165.00
Catholic Relief Services- \$30.00
Rice Bowls- \$8.05

Total Collection- \$5,914.05
72 Envelopes

DSA

Goal- \$27,413.00
Total Pledges- \$6,780.00
Percent of Goal- 24.73%
Estimated Donors- 48
Estimated Participation Rate- 9.08%

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
Ann DeNudt	Shelly Molaro
Terry Diver	Joseph Mueller
Webb Drew	John Musielewicz
Carmen Garcia	Bev Pifer
Katy Goodman	Mary Rowe
Carmen Graham	Harold Schwalm
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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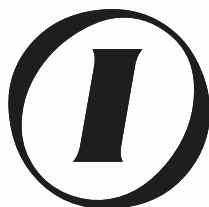
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