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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
Rose Forgiel: 517-447-3868

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.

****WE WILL BE OPEN A SECOND TIME IN MAY, ON WED., MAY 27, FROM 1-3PM.****

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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

May 17, 2020

Sixth Sunday of Easter

LIVE AS PEOPLE OF THE GOSPEL

Soon, we will celebrate two feasts. The Ascension closes Jesus' earthly life, and Pentecost will reveal the Holy Spirit who comes to fulfill Jesus' promise to us: "I will not leave you orphans" and "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth."



These final movements in the Easter season prepare us to accept the challenge to go forth to love and to serve the Lord. We become signs of God's presence by strengthening our families and friendships, respecting life, attending to our environment, keeping our bodies healthy, praying for others, consoling the sick and those in need, finding Christ in our sufferings, witnessing Christ in our lives each day, showing compassion, and promoting reconciliation.

In the Eucharist we come forward to share in the life of God as we receive the Body and Blood of his Son, Jesus Christ. Let us pray that we will become what we eat: the Body of Christ. Nourished with his holy food, we will move with the force of the Holy Spirit and the fire of God's love to live as people of the gospel.

Dear High School Graduates,

Congratulations on your graduation! Your parish also celebrates this important milestone in your life. Unfortunately, due to the coronavirus pandemic we are unable to have our annual Mass with a blessing for you and the reception afterwards. It's a disappointment to have this reality, but please know we still celebrate your accomplishment!

We would like to honor you by listing the graduates in the bulletin, Weekly Email Post, and on Light of Christ Facebook page.

If you'd like to be included, please email Deanna Burke (deannabdre@gmail.com) NO LATER THAN Monday, May 25 (Memorial Day) in order to be in the weekend bulletin of May 31, a few sentences including:

- Your name as you'd like it to appear
- Parents/guardian's names
- High School you are graduating from
- Future plans (university/college you plan to attend or other future plans you'd like to share)
- Please keep it brief so that we have room for all



Again, congratulations! WE ARE PROUD OF YOU!

KNIGHTS' NEWS



"Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of Your Love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created, and You shall renew the face of the earth." The Novena to the Holy Spirit begins Ascension Thursday.

Our May 20, 2020 Council Meeting is canceled, and all other May projects and activities are postponed to later dates. Michigan's "Stay at Home" order has been extended to the end of May. It is better to be safe than sorry. Our next Council Meeting and Officer Election is June 4, 2020.

We have an important election that must be held in June and all 3RD and 4TH degree Knights are invited to run for office. Available positions include Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, Recorder, Treasurer, Advocate, Warden, Inside & Outside Guards, and Trustee. Several of our current officers have served in their positions for many years and would welcome a change. All eligible Knights are asked to prayerfully consider becoming an officer for the July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021 Fraternal year. Online training is available and your success is guaranteed.

Please pray for a vaccine to cure the Corona virus. St. Stanislaus, Patron of those in mortal danger, pray for us.

Upcoming events to be planned at our June 4 Council Meeting include our next Scrap Metal Drive, 5TH Sunday Rosary, and the Memorial to the Unborn Dedication Ceremony. The "Tootsie Drive" for the Mentally Impaired will be held in October, 2020.



EXPENSES FISCAL YEAR 2019

Category	Percentage
Ministry Grants, Service Agreements, Subsidies	25.1%
Vocations	13.2%
Catholic Charities	8.3%
New Evangelization	6.7%
Chancery Services	16.8%
Education	4.9%
Formation	9.1%
Diocesan and Parish Financial Services, Stewardship and Human Resources	16.0%

DIOCESE OF LANSING
Catholic Diocese of Lansing
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WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL (DSA)?

The DSA is an annual appeal, meaning gifts are used to sustain the ongoing, day-to-day work of the Church in our diocese. Our contributions are put to work, right away, in a multitude of ministries and activities. The dollars are not invested or reserved for future use.

HOW ARE DSA CONTRIBUTIONS USED?

Contributions are used to fund the ministries, programs and services that offer direct assistance to individuals and families and to our parishes, schools and affiliated Catholic organizations. These include, but are not limited to:

- Adoption and Foster Care Services
- Campus Ministry
- Care for our Priests – Active and Retired
- Catholic Charities Works of Mercy
- Catechesis and Catechist Formation
- Catholic Schools
- Communications
- Diaconate Formation and Support
- Diocesan Assemblies
- Evangelization
- Faith-Based Counseling
- FAITH Magazine
- Financial Services and Audits
- Hispanic Ministries
- Hospital Ministry
- Lay Ecclesial Ministry and Formation
- Marriage and Family Programs
- Marriage Tribunal Services
- Natural Family Planning
- Pregnancy Counseling and Services
- Professional Services for Parishes
- Religious Education
- Restorative Justice/Jail Ministry
- Retreats and Conferences
- Sacramental Records and Archives
- Seminarian Education and Formation
- St. Francis Retreat Center
- Worship
- Young Adult Vocational Formation
- Youth Formation and Ministry

DSA contributions are the primary source of income for the Central Services Fund of the Diocese of Lansing. A report of the Central Services Fund expenses in fiscal year 2019 is provided below:

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| ■ Ministry Grants, Service Agreements, Subsidies 25.1% | ■ Chancery Services 16.8% |
| ■ Vocations 13.2% | ■ Education 4.9% |
| ■ Catholic Charities 8.3% | ■ Formation 9.1% |
| ■ New Evangelization 6.7% | ■ Diocesan and Parish Financial Services, Stewardship and Human Resources 16.0% |

WILL DSA FUNDS BE USED FOR COSTS RELATED TO THE SEXUAL ABUSE OF MINORS?

No. DSA funds have not been nor will be used for costs related to abuse. Nor are DSA funds diverted to help pay abuse costs in other dioceses.

IS MY ANNUAL DSA GIFT REALLY NEEDED?

Yes. The annual support of the faithful across the diocese is critically important to fund our active, ongoing ministries. All gifts, of any size, will provide needed support for ministries that benefit your parish and the mission of the Catholic Church throughout the diocese.

FOOD PANTRY

Our LOC Food Pantry will be open a 2nd time this month, on Wednesday, May 27 from 1-3pm. To comply with social distancing guidelines, we ask that anyone picking up food park in front of the office along Carey Street, remain in their car, and volunteers will bring food to them.

If anyone is interested in donating items, we could always use the following: pasta, pasta sauce, canned pasta, tuna, macaroni/cheese, sloppy joe mix, cereal, canned fruit/veggies (except green beans and corn), peanut butter Kleenex and toilet paper. Please call the office on Tuesday or Thursday, 447-3500, prior to dropping items off just outside the back door. Thank you!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, May 19

† Fr. Joseph Aubin
by the Parish

Wednesday, May 20

† Robert Mueller
by Urvin Reau

Thursday, May 21

† Fr. Paul J. Cummings
by the Parish

Friday, May 22

† the People of the Parish

Saturday, May 23

† Charles Iott
by Linda Iott & family

Sunday, May 24

† Julius Brown
by Jerry & Marilyn Iott

† James Beattie
by Finola Campbell



~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2020
Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
1 Peter 3:15-18
John 14:15-21

The Ascension of the Lord

May 24, 2020
Acts 1:1-11
Ephesians 1:17-23
Matthew 28:16-20



**"HAPPY THE ONE WHO
TRUSTS IN THE LORD!"**
PROVERBS 18:20

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.

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.

HERITAGE GARDEN & MEMORIAL BRICKS

We hope everyone has noticed the blossoms and greening up of our beautiful Heritage Garden. Later this summer we will be sending in an order for engraved bricks. Order forms are available on our website or by mail (call the office to have one mailed).

Don't miss this opportunity! Bricks make a unique gift for Graduation, Mother's/Father's Day, in memory of a loved one, or for special birthdays or anniversaries.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

May 10, 2020
Sunday- \$4,132.00
Easter- \$70.00
Mercy Fund- \$190.00

Total Collection- \$4,392.00
63 Envelopes

DSA

Goal- \$27,413.00
Total Pledges- \$18,440.00
Percent of Goal- 67.270%
Estimated Donors- 119
Estimated Participation Rate- 22.39%

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:

16th

Hannah Witt
Kristen Zajac

17th

Nicole Dominique
Ariela Foley
Ronald Forche
Ted Forgiel
Marissa Mueller
Margaret Smith

18th

Emily Molaro

19th

Judith Denomy
Nate Gust
Stephanie Holdridge
Elijah Johnson
Robert Winterhalter

20th

Gwendolyn Westhoven
Jude Westhoven

21st

Patrick Bracey
Alivia Brown
William Gray
Marie Smetka

22nd

Michael Fouts
Xander Friedrich
Mary Gregg
Grace Schalmo
Hannah Wynn

23rd

Steven Forche
Maggie Kasefang
Matthew Mueller
Michael Prochaska, Jr.

24th

Haley Bunge
Silvin Fink

Kyle Griffith

Mary Lee Harabedian
Patrick Jensen
Gregory LaMannah

16th

Bill & Marian Howard
Greg & Amy Saylor
Amy & Gary Wolfe

18th

Rick & Karen Diesing
Joe & Laurie Hubbard
Ed & Janet Lee
Jamie & Brenette Logan

19th

Ned & Jackie Salsbury
Pat & Diane Longnecker

20th

Shawn & Jennifer
Calhoun

22nd

Terry & Marilyn Diver
Jim & Darlene Mueller

23rd

Nicholas & Casey

Blatchford

24th

Joe & Bea Rodela

Jeff & Carol West



Blessings to all of you!

LET US PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

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

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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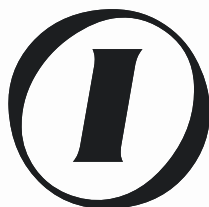
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