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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Closed until further notice.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

(must sign up using www.signnugenius.com)

St. Alphonsus (limit of 19)

Wednesday and Friday: 9:00 AM

St. Peter (limit of 12)

Tuesday and Thursday: 9:00 AM

**Saturday: 9:00 AM alternating, starting
5/23/20 at St. Alphonsus**



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.

PARISH STAFF

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Please call the parish office for contact info.

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New Evangelization Commission

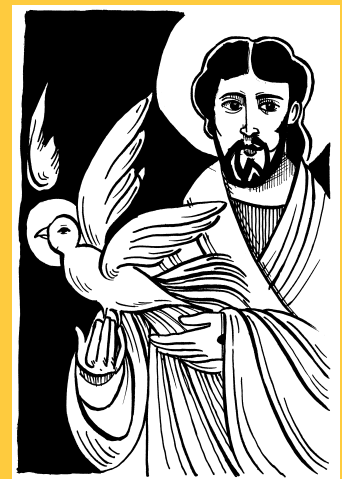
PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

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

May 31, 2020
Pentecost Sunday

MIGHTY AND MYSTERIOUS

Our God is a God of contradiction. In today's readings we hear two accounts of the Holy Spirit that are radically opposed. In Acts, the Spirit comes to the apostles like a mighty wind and a shower of flame. It is unexpected and frightening. It is incomprehensible to bystanders. In the gospel, Jesus comes to the disciples and breathes the Spirit onto them in person. Jesus is flesh and blood and familiar to them. He wishes them peace.



These two narratives illustrate the Holy Spirit as being at once frightening and comforting, mysterious and familiar, transcendent and immanent. This is just as it should be, because the Spirit of peace is all of these things despite apparent contradiction.

Peace, a grace given and a virtue pursued, flows from knowing the Spirit of God, who is the creator of all things, whether our experience interprets them as good and helpful or evil and dangerous.

To be at peace is to rest in this, which we cannot understand and which might even frighten us. It is to trust in the Lord who is mighty and mysterious, but who is good.

The Diocese of Lansing has published guidelines aimed at assisting parishes to safely re-open public Masses by the end of the month.

Beginning on Monday May 18, parishes across the Diocese of Lansing will be able to welcome a maximum of **5%** of their church's seating capacity for daily Masses, Monday to Saturday.

Light of Christ Parish will practice social distancing/face mask usage as mandated by the State of Michigan (along with sanitation measures) in order to reopen for daily Masses on Tuesday-Saturday.

What is the parish's seating capacity at 5%?

-Social Distancing of 6 feet apart requires pews to be closed off (green) and parishioners to sit in the center of the pew (blue) to create 6 feet distance from the aisles. Only members of the same household may sit together in a pew leaving the ends of the pew vacant.

-**St. Alphonsus Church** can accommodate **19 people**.

-**St. Peter the Apostle Church** can accommodate **12 people**.

LOVE OF NEIGHBOR

"Love of neighbor must guide our behavior even more than a desire to be at Mass. Please, do not come to Church if you are elderly and/or have an underlying medical condition or if you are sick. We also discourage children under seven from attending since they may find it difficult to follow social distancing and other hygienic behavior. You must wear a mask at Church. Even if you feel this is unnecessary for yourself, consider the peace of mind and safety of your fellow Catholics. Church capacity will be limited to 5%, with certain pews roped off and social distancing expected. This means that once the church is at capacity, you should be prepared to be turned away; accept such a decision graciously and continue to offer your sacrifices for the benefit of all our sisters and brothers. Since breathing on someone is a method of disease transfer, I strongly urge those who do attend to receive the Eucharist in the hand so as not to breath on the hand of the one distributing the Eucharist. Again, love of neighbor is the best way to show love of God. Please bring your own cleaning wipes to clean the pew area where you and your family will sit and kneel." ~Diocese of Lansing

PLEASE FOLLOW THESE PROCEDURES TO ATTEND A DAILY MASS:

-Due to the limited amount of seating, please sign up for a spot on SignUpGenius.com using this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B094DA4AF29A20-daily> Daily Masses are at 9:00 AM on Tuesday and Thursday in Blissfield and Wednesday and Friday in Deerfield. Saturday morning daily Mass at 9:00 AM will alternate sites according to the Saturday evening schedule but in the **morning**, starting on May 23 in Deerfield. You may sign up for available spots on any given day. The number of spots reflect the capacity of the church.

BEFORE YOU LEAVE HOME AND ARRIVE AT THE PARISH, PLEASE:

- Ensure you do not have any symptoms of sickness. (below 100.4 F)
- Use the restroom at home to avoid the use of church restrooms.
- Wash hands.
- Bring your own **hand sanitizer**.
- Bring **sanitizing wipes** to disinfect your area.
- Bring **masks/face coverings** and wear them from the parking lot into church, throughout Mass, and back to your car.

WHAT TO EXPECT AT MASS:

- The church doors will remain open before, during, and after Mass
- Holy Water Fonts at doors are empty, but...
- The normal reservoir of Holy Water remains available so that the faithful can fill small bottles for household use.
- No Congregational Singing or vigorous speech (soft voices)
- No holding hands during the Lord's Prayer
- No Sign of Peace/physical contact

Procedure for Communion

- The faithful are encouraged to sanitize their hands with hand sanitizer as the minister of Holy Communion (Fr. Jeff) is washing his hands.
- Blue tape on the floor designates distance apart.
- Holy Communion may not be distributed with gloves, nor may it be received in the hand if someone is wearing a glove.
- The faithful desiring to receive Holy Communion on the tongue or in the hand should wait to remove their face coverings until just before the reception of Holy Communion.
- If in the course of distributing Holy Communion the minister senses that his fingers have made contact with a person's hands or mouth, he will pause, place the ciborium on the corporal, first purify his fingers in the ablution bowl, then use hand sanitizer.
- No distribution of the Precious Blood.

The obligation upon all Catholics to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended across the Diocese of Lansing until, at least, July 31, at which time the dispensation may be extended.

*To read the Diocese of Lansing Guidelines in full please go to the Diocese of Lansing website at <https://dioceseoflansing.org/news/return-mass-guidelines-published-diocese-lansing>.

Please watch for new updates as the Diocese of Lansing continues to re-evaluate as circumstances progress.

KNIGHTS' NEWS



"Remind me, O Holy Spirit, to express my gratitude to You who have given me so much. My faith, hope, and ability to love. My home, friends, relatives, and the fact I have life. Thank You, O Holy Spirit, thank You."

Congratulations Graduates! May you embrace the Gifts of the Holy Spirit including Wisdom, Knowledge, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Piety, and Fear of the Lord, today and everyday of your life. All Knights are asked to pray a Rosary for you.

The Election of Officers and the June meeting has been rescheduled for Monday, June 15, 7:00 PM, because the "Safer at Home" order has been extended to June 12. Because of indoor space limitations, please come prepared for an outdoor meeting including bringing a lawn chair if you have one. All safe distancing requirements will be observed. We do not do online meetings because at least 25 of our Knights do not have email on file or are known to have internet access. Please let these Knights know they can have the bulletin sent to their home by calling 517 447-3500.

We have a mandatory Election of Officers on June 15 and all current 3RD & 4TH Degree members are encouraged to prayerfully consider taking up the challenge. To nominate yourself or some one else, please call Mike at 517 486-5966. Nominations can be taken the day of the election. If the "Safer at Home" is extended then all Knights will be invited to vote with individual ballots at the church on June 15, preferably in the vicinity of the new Memorial to the Unborn. Voting by proxy is not allowed. Please ask St. Philip Neri to intercede for us and end the virus pandemic.

Please start the Novena for Life June 1, 2020. Details are found at www.kofc.org.

BULLETIN

The bulletin will not be available in church. It is available online at www.lightofchristparish.com. If you would like a bulletin mailed to you weekly, please call the office at 447-3500.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday

✠Private Individual Prayer✠

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



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, June 2 - 9am, St. Peter

† Bill Payne
by Sandy Witt

Wednesday, June 3 - 9am, St. Alphonsus

† the People of the Parish

Thursday, June 4 - 9am, St. Peter

† Joseph F. Clements
by Brian & Gaylene Dabell

Friday, June 5 - 9am, St. Alphonsus

† Tom & Juanita Garrett
by Mike & Sheila Garrett

Saturday, June 6 - TBD

† Elva Rau
by Mike & Sheila Garrett

Sunday, June 7 - TBD

† Ramona Meyer
by Mark Schwartz

† Glennis Milner
by Virgil & Donna Diver

Happy Birthday to the Catholic Church!

Happy birthday to you, who are the body of the Church! We're all familiar with our own birthdays, and we celebrate them because they mark the day of the year in which we entered into this life. But did you know you have a second birthday?

Because you are part of the body of the Church, Pentecost is the Church's birthday, and yours as well. And like any birthday, it's a cause for celebration.

The word Pentecost is Greek and it means "50th day." Fifty days after Easter Sunday, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and their followers, and the beginning of their Earthly ministry to make disciples of all nations.

Pentecost is also a Jewish holiday, which the Jews use to celebrate the end of Passover. Jews celebrate the gift of the law to Moses at Mt. Sinai on this day. But we, as Catholics celebrate the birth of our Church.

At Pentecost, the Apostles and their followers were gathered in a room. Jews from all over the world were gathered with Peter, the leader of the Apostles and the Eleven. At this time, a great wind blew and a flame appeared as a tongue of fire, which split itself into many individual flames above the heads of all those present. The Holy Spirit came upon these people and each began to speak in tongues. Despite the fact many had no common language, they were perfectly able to understand one another.

Others who were not so blessed, accused those speaking in tongues of being drunk, but Peter arose and addressed the crowd, explaining that it was only 9 o'clock, and that this phenomenon was not intoxication, but rather this was the work of the Holy Spirit, prophesied in the scripture. Peter then called all those present to be baptized and about three thousand people were baptized that day. These people were among the first Catholics, and Peter is the first pope of the Catholic Church.

The symbols of Pentecost are the flame, wind, and the dove, which represents the Holy Spirit. The color of Pentecost is red and the priest wears red vestments on this day. Parishioners are also invited to wear red on this day. Red decorations as well as celebrations are appropriate, similar to any other birthday. Special prayers are often said just for Pentecost.

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 (deannabdr@gmail.com) NO LATER THAN Sunday, May 31 (FINAL DEADLINE) in order to be in the weekend bulletin of June 7, 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)**
- **Senior photo (as a jpeg)**
- **Please keep it brief so that we have room for all**

Again, congratulations! **WE ARE PROUD OF YOU!**

"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.

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.

~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

Pentecost Sunday

May 31, 2020

Acts 2:1-11

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

John 20:19-23

The Most Holy Trinity

June 7, 2020

Exodus 34:4B-6, 8-9

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

John 3:16-18

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

May 24, 2020

Sunday- \$1,725.00

Ascension- \$70.00

Mercy Fund- \$1,031.00

Rice Bowl- \$40.00

Total Collection- \$2,866.00

37 Envelopes

DSA

Goal- \$27,413.00

Total Pledges- \$19,191.00

Percent of Goal- 70.01%

Estimated Donors- 125

Estimated Participation Rate- 23.52%

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 DeNudt	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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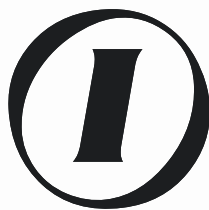
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