



# LIGHT OF CHRIST

## CATHOLIC PARISH

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Closed to the public. Staff can be reached by phone or email.

### DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

(You must sign up using [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com). Some daily masses may be closed to the public to celebrate 1st Communion or Confirmation.)

#### St. Alphonsus

Wednesday and Friday: 9:00 AM

#### St. Peter

Tuesday and Thursday: 9:00 AM

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

(You must sign up using [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com))

#### St. Alphonsus

Sunday: 8:00 AM

#### St. Peter

Sunday: 10:00 AM

Saturday Mass alternates sites at 4:30 PM. (See website for schedule.)

### Saturday, Sunday

✠Private Individual Prayer✠

St. Alphonsus & St. Peter the Apostle Churches

9:00 AM - 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 JULY, 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

#### PASTOR

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#### Bulletin Editor and Ministry Scheduling

Leanne Goodin: lgoodin@cass.net

**Bulletin Deadline:** Tuesday at noon. Please email material to: lgoodin@cass.net

#### MAINTENANCE STAFF

Kim Diver - Director  
Ben Burke

#### PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

July 12, 2021  
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

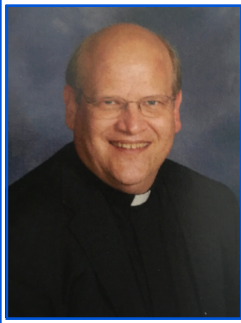
### DEFYING ALL LOGIC

A brilliant orange flower grows on, or rather, in our front porch. It appears to be rooted in pavement. Its stem leans alongside a fracture of a small retaining wall. While improbable, there is no denying that seed fell and that it is now blooming and bright with color.



A flower growing in circumstances defying logic and probability makes us think about the still deeper power of God's word that is scattered on different terrains. We pray that our hearts be good soil, where we may listen and understand so that the word takes hold and pushes through to fullness and beauty---- knowing that sometimes our heart is also a terrain that defies logic.

Do we look at the world with that same desire and faith in the power of God's word? Do we see a neighbor, stranger, the familiar, and the distinct. as places where this seed might well thrive? As people who strive to understand with the heart, we have no idea in which places the word and its beauty will take hold. May the word take hold wildly and freely in this fractured world so that something extraordinary blooms.....by grace, rather than logic and probability.



Greetings. My name is Fr. Bob Pienta. I am in my 22<sup>nd</sup> year of priesthood. I grew up in Jackson with St. John the Evangelist parish as my home parish. My mom entered in eternal life 6 years ago and my dad 39 years ago. I am the youngest of 6 children. There are only 3 of us left on earth with a brother in North Carolina and a brother in Texas. I attended catholic schools from 1st grade through 12th grade. I graduated from Michigan State University and I worked in retail management for seven years. I was ordained to the priesthood in 1999. I have served in parishes in our Diocese of Lansing at Brighton, Milan, Jackson, Michigan Center and Brooklyn.

About 8 years ago, I started to have serious medical issues. These include: a mini-stroke, 90% of my colon removed, 2 neck fusions, over 500 polyps in my stomach and recently 5 blood clots in my leg. Bishop Boyea encouraged me to seriously consider taking a medical retirement. On June 24<sup>th</sup>, I left being a pastor in Brooklyn to begin my medical retirement.

Being a priest here in Lenawee county the past six years, I have been familiar with Light of Christ Parish. Actually, my best friend, Fr. Francis Mossholder was the pastor of St. Peter a few years ago. He always spoke very highly about the catholic community in this area and I even had thanksgiving dinner with him here in Blissfield.

I am very thankful to Fr. Jeff for giving me the opportunity to live at the rectory in Blissfield. When I am feeling good, I am looking forward to celebrating masses and helping Fr. Jeff. I am very happy that my faith journey has led me here and thank you for kindly welcoming me into your faith community.

Blessings,  
Fr. Bob Pienta

### MINISTRY SCHEDULING

The ministry schedule for August will be completed soon. Please let Leanne know by July 20 if you would like to be kept off the schedule for August or are unavailable certain dates. Some people have already done this for the summer but please do not hesitate to remind Leanne by entering dates in the ministry scheduling program or email [lgoodin@cass.net](mailto:lgoodin@cass.net) or call the office at 447-3500 ext. 102. We will continue to schedule monthly until further notice.

### LIGHT OF CHRIST PARISH Confirmation 2020

Please pray for the following teens that are being confirmed throughout the summer:

Jaelyn Jacobs  
Gillian Gray  
Jillian Molnar  
Mason Mueller  
Morgen Nadeau  
Eve Salenbien  
Hunter Wynn



Congratulations and God Bless You!

### HERITAGE GARDEN & MEMORIAL BRICKS

We hope everyone has noticed the blossoms and greening up of our beautiful Heritage Garden. By the end of summer we will be sending in an order for engraved bricks. Order forms are available on our website or at the office.

Don't miss this opportunity! Bricks make a unique gift for many occasions, in memory of a loved one, or for special birthdays or anniversaries.



### 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



On July 13, 1917 Our Lady of the Rosary appeared to 3 young children, Jacinta, Francisco, & Lucia, at Fatima and said: "Sacrifice yourselves for sinners; and say often, especially when you make some sacrifice: 'O my Jesus, it is for the love of Thee, for the conversion of sinners and in the reparation for sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary I offer this sacrifice to Thee.'" - The True Story of Fatima, [www.fatima.org](http://www.fatima.org).

Have you joined the Million Rosary Movement? Every Knight receives a rosary when he joins and we need you to use them now more than ever. More than 225,500 rosaries have recited as of July 7. We need 1 million rosaries recited by Mary's birthday on September 8. You can add your rosaries to the count at <http://TheLiveRosary.com>. St. Jacinta & St. Francisco pray for us.

We are an active council as long as we continue to give a Helping Hand to others. Please continue doing many good works including prayers, shopping for the elderly and homebound, sharing a good joke, and checking on the well being of others. In fact, the local Food Pantries are accepting 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. Letting fellow parishioners and Knights know they can get the bulletin sent to their home by calling the office is important, too! As always, The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy can be your guide. St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin pray for us.

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 800 733-2767, [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org), or Michigan Blood at 1-866-642-5663, [www.donate.michigan.versiti.org](http://www.donate.michigan.versiti.org).

Please pray for our priest, our bishop, and our Holy Father, and pray for a generous increase in vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life.



**MASS INTENTIONS  
FOR THE WEEK**

**Tuesday, July 14 - 9am, St. Peter**  
† Bill Payne  
by Mary Alice Lemerand

**Wednesday, July 15 - 9am, St. Alphonsus**  
† Ben & Helen Swehla  
& Margie McMahon  
by family

**Thursday, July 16 - 9am, St. Peter**  
† Dorothy Burgermeister  
by Diane Burgermeister

**Friday, July 17 - 9am, St. Alphonsus**  
† People of the Parish

**Sat., July 18 - 4:30pm, St. Alphonsus**  
† Julius & Martha Brown  
by the children of Herman & Maureen Iott

**Sunday, July 19-  
8am, St. Alphonsus**  
† John Cousino  
by Sue Cousino

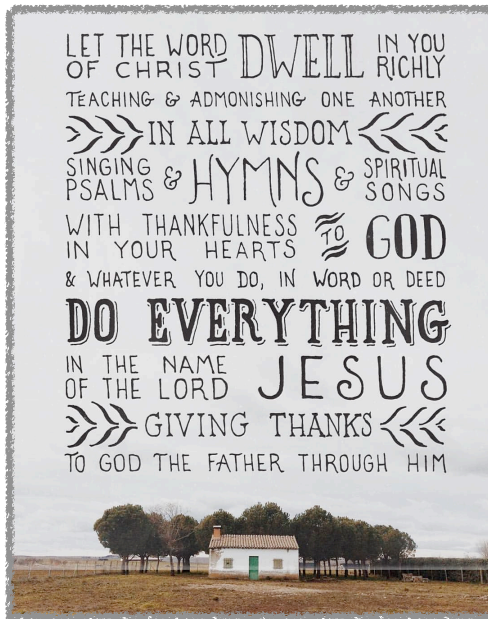
**10am, St. Peter**  
† Vivian Tack  
by Kenneth & Connie Graham, Jr.

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CREATIONS  
GROANS  
and is IN  
AGONY  
even until  
NOW. *rom*

~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

**Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time**  
July 12, 2020  
Isaiah 55:10-11  
Romans 8:18-23  
Matthew 13:1-23

**Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time**  
July 19, 2020  
Wisdom 12:13, 16-19  
Romans 8:26-27  
Matthew 13:24-43



**DON'T FORGET OUR SECURE DROP  
BOXES LOCATED AT EACH SITE**

Donation envelopes, prayer intention requests,  
and other parish business may be deposited at  
your convenience.



**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

July 5, 2020  
Sunday- \$4,510.00  
Assumption- \$15.00  
Ascension- \$15.00  
Loose- \$115.00  
Mercy Fund- \$126.00

Total Collection- \$4,781.00  
Envelopes- 72

**ONLINE GIVING**

Sunday- \$1,110.00  
Mercy Fund- \$30.00

Total Online Collection- \$1,140.00  
Envelopes- 21

**DSA**

Goal- \$27,413.00  
Total Pledges- \$22,822.00  
Percent of Goal- 83.25%  
Estimated Donors- 140  
Estimated Participation Rate- 26.32%



**"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. Our parish staff benefitted greatly from the timely and professional advice and direction of the diocese during the course of the pandemic.

If you have not yet made a gift or a pledge, I invite you to do so today. Gifts can be placed in the collection or you may submit your gift online at [www.dioceseoflansing.org/dsa](http://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. Those who wish to pay by credit card or electronic funds transfer may enter your gift online at [www.dioceseoflansing.org/dsa](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/dsa). Many thanks to those who have given!

This week we reached 83.25% of our DSA goal. Thus far 140 families have contributed to this year's appeal. I am grateful for these contributions and invite others to join me and join together to push us over goal for the benefit of our parish and the wider church.

**LET US PRAY FOR  
OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS**

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| 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        | Elwood Reau        |
| Carmen Graham       | Mary Rowe          |
| 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         |

*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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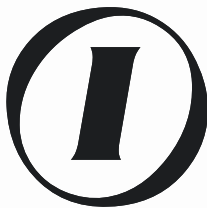
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