



LIGHT OF CHRIST

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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. 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)

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
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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 JULY, 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

July 19, 2020
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

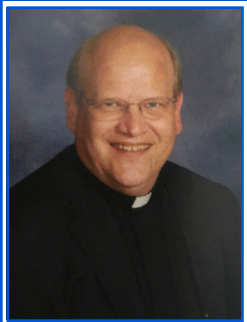
TRUST GOD'S JUSTICE

Like the psalms, we often wonder, "O Lord, why do the wicked prosper?" When injustice is rewarded by prosperity, we can begin to question God's oversight of the world.

Today's gospel gives two good reflections in the parable of the weeds and the wheat. First, we may not understand why somebody sows weeds among the wheat, but we do experience the reality of the two growing together. Thus, the parable invites us to trust that God's justice, despite what we see, will ultimately occur. Meanwhile, there is something important about the wheat---good people---accepting the presence of the weeds and continuing to be faithful despite them.



Then, a second thought. Do we not all have within us both wheat and weeds? Why do they grow together within us? And what will happen to our weeds? We ought not to judge others whom we consider "weeds," while overlooking our own faults. The concluding phrase of the first reading gives us hope: "You gave your children good ground for hope that you would permit repentance for their sins."



Greetings. My name is Fr. Bob Pienta. I am in my 22nd 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 24th, 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 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:

Jaclyn 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



Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when He had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit." John 20: 21-22.

Congratulations Summer Confirmation recipients! The Holy Spirit wants you to be happy and enjoy this world and this life He gave you. With His gifts, Wisdom, Knowledge, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Piety, and Fear of the Lord, you have all you need to accomplish this. He will speak to you in your thoughts. All Knights are asked to pray a rosary for you and your families.

Welcome Jonathan Peebles, Christopher Forche, and Steve Forche, your wives, and your families to the Knights of Columbus. The Knights, Officers, and Grand Knight congratulate you for completing the degree process and look forward to working with each one of you and your families for many years to come. St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin, pray for us.

Our Food Pantries need donations now. Canned tuna or chicken, macaroni, spaghetti, pasta sauce, canned soup, canned fruits & vegetables, pork & beans, peanut butter, breakfast cereals, and paper products including TP are just a few examples of the needs. Items may be left by the doors inside the church on Saturday and Sunday from 9:00am-5:00pm or donate in Blissfield at St. Paul's by calling 517 486-2404.

We can accomplish 2 good deeds with one act by reciting a rosary for doctors, nurses, medical workers, and medical research scientists and then adding your rosary to the Million Rosary Movement at <http://TheLiveRosary.com>.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

If you are able, our food pantry is running low and could use items. Some suggestions are: cereal, Rice-a-Roni, boxed potatoes, spaghetti sauce, dry pasta, macaroni and cheese, canned fruit and vegetables, sloppy jo mix, canned pasta, soup, tuna & tuna helper, peanut butter, and any paper products.

Items may be left by the doors inside the church on Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00am-5:00pm. We appreciate your generosity for those in need!

The Food Pantry is open the 2nd Wednesday of each month in Deerfield from 1-3pm.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, July 21 - 9am, St. Peter

† Ramona Meyer
by Mark Schwartz

Wednesday, July 22 - 9am, St. Alphonsus

† Ben & Helen Swehla
& Margie McMahon
by family

Thursday, July 23 - 9am, St. Peter

† People of the Parish

Friday, July 24 - 9am, St. Alphonsus

† Julius Brown
by Ronald Cousino

Sat., July 25 - 4:30pm, St. Peter

† Rose Beard
by Diane & Jim Witt

**Sunday, July 26-
8am, St. Alphonsus**

† Martha Brown
by Pat & Terry Reau

10am, St. Peter

† Joseph F. Clements
by William & Kathleen Lennig

JULY UPDATE DAILY & WEEKEND MASS ATTENDANCE

The obligation upon all Catholics to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended across the Diocese of Lansing until at least SEPTEMBER 6, at which time the dispensation may be extended.

Light of Christ Parish has prepared our churches and buildings to accommodate social distancing practices for Daily and Weekend Masses as mandated by the State of Michigan and adhered to by the Diocese of Lansing.

Due to the limited amount of seating, to attend please sign up for a section on SignUpGenius.com. We need an accurate count by Friday morning for Weekend Masses so we know if the halls will be used; the cameraman needs to know if it's necessary for him to attend.

The link to sign up for weekday mass is:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b094da4af29a20-daily1>

The link to sign up for weekend mass is:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b094da4af29a20-weekend2>

(please note these links are specific for this week only)

As an alternative to online sign-up, you may call the parish office at 517 447-3500 on **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00-5:00** to sign up for a section depending on what is available; we'll need your name and how many people plan to attend from your household before 5:00pm on Thursdays for that weekend's Masses.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

July 12, 2020
Sunday- \$3,460.00
Loose- \$10.00
Mercy Fund- \$80.00

Total Collection- \$3,550.00
Envelopes- 64

ONLINE GIVING

Sunday- \$865.00

DSA

Goal- \$27,413.00
Total Pledges- \$23,695.00
Percent of Goal- 86.44%
Estimated Donors- 147
Estimated Participation Rate- 27.58%



**"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. 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. Many thanks to those who have given!

This week we reached 86.44% of our DSA goal. Thus far 147 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.

*the Spirit
helps us in our
weakness
for we do
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know
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~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

July 19, 2020
Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
Romans 8:26-27
Matthew 13:24-43

Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

July 26, 2020
1 Kings 3:5, 7-12
Romans 8:28-30
Matthew 13:44-52

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	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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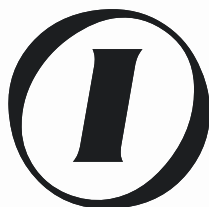
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