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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 UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, WE WILL OFFER CURBSIDE PICK-UP ONLY. WE WILL MEET PEOPLE OUTSIDE IN FRONT OF THE PARISH OFFICE 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

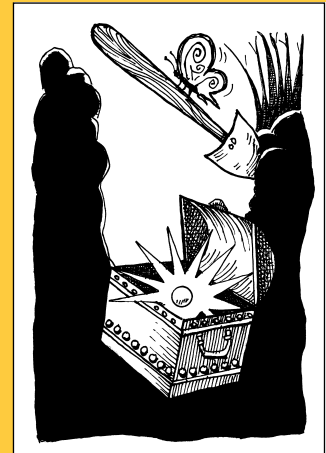
Altar Rosary Society
Knights of Columbus
Heritage Garden Club
Women of Prayer
Walking With Purpose

July 26, 2020
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOD'S PERFECT JUSTICE

The world often feels more random than fair. Sometimes good people seem to be rewarded. But often there seems to be no reason behind who succeeds or fails.

In today's gospel, Jesus uses our common human desire for wealth and compares God's kingdom to a fortune waiting to be found in a field or a pearl of immeasurable value.



His final example from fishing is perhaps the most powerful. We can picture the profitable fish being separated from the muck and imagine what it will be like when good and evil are literally partitioned from each other in our world. Victims no longer tormented by perpetrators; the vulnerable no longer attacked by predators; the kind-hearted no longer manipulated by the spiteful. Instead, all people will answer for their actions.

It is perhaps the greatest of all images Jesus gives us of God's kingdom. Perfect justice distributed to all peoples. In God's kingdom---unlike in our world---no one will be the victim of random actions, but rather, moral integrity and personal prosperity will always be the rule.

**WEBER CENTER OFFERS
LIVE STREAMED CONCERT**
by Singer and Song Writer Sara Thomsen

Weber Retreat and Conference Center presents a free, live streamed concert by Sara Thomsen, a singer and song writer from Minnesota whose music touches the heart and soul. The concert will be broadcast from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. EDT on Saturday, August 8, 2020.

Sara has released six solo albums, including her latest, *Song Like a Seed*. Her music focuses on wonder and awareness, deepening spiritual connection, and widening social engagement.

The concert is free and open to the public. However, donations are appreciated and proceeds will benefit the Lenawee County National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in support of its efforts to promote racial equity.

To receive the live stream link, register online at <https://webercenter.org> and click on Programs. Registration is also available by calling 517-266-4000 or emailing webercenter@adriandominicans.org.

**SCHOLAR TO SPEAK ON
CONSISTENT ETHIC OF LIFE**

A talk on "Friendship in Troubled Times: Faithful Citizenship and the Consistent Ethic of Life" offers Christians a fresh look at their civic obligations through the lens of the Consistent Ethic of Life, which holds that human life is sacred from conception to natural death.

This virtual program is being offered by Weber Retreat and Conference Center via live stream at 7:00 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, August 4, 2020.

The talk is presented by Steven Millies, PhD, Associate Professor of Public Theology and Director of the Bernardin Center at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. His most recent book is *Good Intentions: A History of Catholic Voters' Road from Roe to Trump* (Liturgical Press, 2018).

Originally part of Weber Center's 2020 Election Year Series, this presentation is free and open to all, and donations are appreciated.

To receive the live stream link, register at www.webercenter.org; click on "Programs." Registrations may also be made by calling 517-266-4000 or emailing webercenter@adriandominicans.org.

**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 and weekend mass was not available at the time of printing. Please check online at SignUpGenius.com or call Deanna in the office for assistance.

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.

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.

We could also use a few more volunteers to staff the Food Pantry. Please call the office if interested. Thank you!

KNIGHTS' NEWS



"Under thy protection we seek refuge, O Holy Mother of God. In our needs despise not our petitions, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin." Amen

Defend Life! Please begin a Novena for Life on August 1. We can use the guidelines given to us at www.kofc.org or you can add an Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be to the prayer above and dedicate your prayers to the protection of the unborn, elderly, and the infirm every day for 9 days. Vivat Jesus!

Our Food Pantries need donations now. Canned tuna or chicken, macaroni, spaghetti, pasta sauce, canned soup, canned fruit & vegetables, 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 Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00am-5:00pm or donate in Blissfield at St. Paul's by calling 517 486-2404.

We are planning on having our next Council Meeting on August 6, 7:30 PM with Social Distancing rules being applied. There are several upcoming projects we need to discuss including several projects now required by the Supreme including the Novena for Life and Helping Hands. We can use the same outdoor procedures as last time, so please bring a lawn chair. If it rains we can have meeting inside and we will observe the Bishop's guidelines for facility use.

We can accomplish 2 good deeds with one act by reciting a rosary for police, fire department personnel, and first responders and then adding your rosary to the Million Rosary Movement at <http://TheLivingRosary.com>.

**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!

**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK**

Tuesday, July 28 - 9am, St. Peter
† Nora Cannon Forche
by the Knights of Columbus

Wednesday, July 29 - 9am, St. Alphonsus
† Tom & Juanita Garrett
by Mike & Sheila Garrett

Thursday, July 30 - 9am, St. Peter
† Charles & Josephine Syzamanowski
by the Estate of Elizabeth G. Rost

Friday, July 31 - 9am, St. Alphonsus
† the People of the Parish

Sat., August 1 - 4:30pm, St. Alphonsus
† MaryAnn Cousino
by Dale & Carmen Graham

**Sunday, August 2-
8am, St. Alphonsus**
† Alice Hearl
13th Anniversary
by Bob & Barb Rains

10am, St. Peter
† Ed "Duke" Burgermeister
by Stan & Renee Walentowski

MINISTRY SCHEDULING

The ministry schedule for August has been completed. At this time, we are only scheduling 1 Lector, and 4 Greeters, and of course a Cantor and Accompanist will be at each mass. We will continue to schedule monthly until further notice. Thank you for your patience during these difficult times. We all look forward to returning to "normal" and hope you will rejoin your ministry when circumstances permit. God Bless!



St. Augustine's Homeschool Enrichment Program will be holding IN-PERSON classes for the 2020-21 school year! The program has been held at St. Anthony of Padua in Temperance, one to three days per week. Pre-primary (kindergarten) through Upper School (high school) levels are open. For more information, please visit staugustineshep.com, email staugustinestemperance@gmail.com, or call Mr. Jack Carter (co-administrator) at (407)-490-9690 or Dr. Henry Russell (headmaster) at (734)-239-3476.

St. Augustine's was founded to unite the best of the modern home school with the tradition of a Catholic liberal arts education. Our mission is to provide children with a solid Catholic formation with an emphasis and focus on the whole person. This high standard of classical liberal arts, combined with the Catholic culture lived in the program, helps form students into men and women of solid character, virtue and holiness.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

July 19, 2020
Sunday- \$2,749.00
Loose- \$10.00
Ascension- \$10.00
Mercy Fund- \$25.00
Easter Flowers- \$10.00
Home Missions- \$10.00

Total Collection- \$2,814.00
Envelopes- 64

ONLINE GIVING

Sunday- \$2,010.00
Mercy Fund- \$10.00

DSA

Goal- \$27,413.00
Total Pledges- \$24,232.00
Percent of Goal- 88.4%
Estimated Donors- 155
Estimated Participation Rate- 29.06%

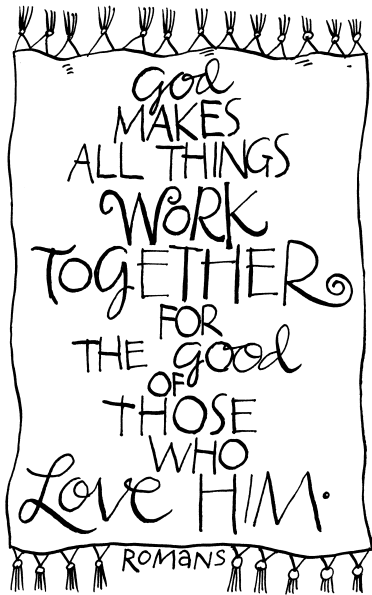


**"HAPPY THE ONE WHO,
TRUSTS IN THE LORD!"**
PROVERBS 16:20

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 88.4% of our DSA goal. Thus far 155 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.



~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

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

Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time
August 2, 2020
Isaiah 55:1-3
Romans 8:35, 37-39
Matthew 14:13-21

**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 |
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| 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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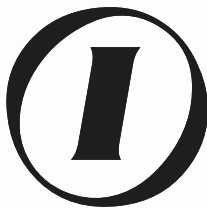
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