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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

August 2, 2020
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MIRACLES AWAIT US!

In today's "instant" world it is often difficult to find the right balance. We rush everywhere, and many demands weigh on us. It can sometimes make us feel so weak we forget the love Jesus taught us.

Living by his example---being loving, slow to anger, without acting hastily---requires us to dramatically slow down in this fast-paced world, to contemplate and pray. As a reward, God's abundant blessings will rain down on us in the form of spiritual food and nourishment. We need to find the time, make the commitment to prayer, and deepen our relationship with God.



Prayer is the food we need to be nourished spiritually so we can meet all our daily demands. No sickness, hardship, or sorrow need distance us from God's love. With God's help, we can rise above adversity or hardship and find the way and strength to do good for others.

Jesus' feeding the 5,000 with five loaves and two fish was a miracle indeed. If Jesus was able to satisfy their physical hunger in such a radical way, we can only imagine the miracles that await us when we ask him to feed us too.

**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 5, 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 mass is:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b094da4af29a20-daily1>

**(THE ONLY WEEKDAY MASS OPEN
TO THE PUBLIC THIS WEEK IS
TUESDAY, DUE TO CONFIRMATIONS/
1ST COMMUNION.)**

The link to sign up for weekend mass is:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b094da4af29a20-weekend2>

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



"Patience has distinctive qualities that discourses do not possess. All who bear their cross with patience, eloquently proclaim Jesus Christ." St. Alphonsus Liguori.

We need new Knights. Knights of Columbus are called to step into the breach and leave no neighbor behind - especially in this time of crisis. Knights order wide are encouraged to participate in 5 types of service activities including supporting our brother Knights, supporting our parish, supporting our community, feeding the hungry, and participating in blood drives. Above all else, when a crisis occurs, we respond with care, compassion, and charity. To learn more please call Stefano at 734 777-0393, Mark at 734 637-99254 or visit www.kofc.org/joinus. Those who join online by September 5 will pay no dues for 1 year by entering the code MCGIVNEY 2020.

Save Your Scrap Metal! If certain conditions are met, we may be able to have our next Scrap Metal Drive by mid-September. Step 1 will be planning the event and choosing an event chairman at our August 6, 7:30 PM, Council meeting. We can use the same outdoor procedures as last time, so please bring a lawn chair. If it rains, we can have the meeting inside, and we will observe the Bishop's guidelines for facility use.

Babies Lives Matter. The lives of born and unborn babies need protection now more than ever. Can you pray at least 1 Hail Mary every day? Better yet you can accomplish 2 good deeds with one act by reciting a Rosary for Life every day for 9 days and then adding your 9 rosaries to the Million Rosary Movement at <https://catholify.com/rosary>.

The Holy Father's August Intention: The Maritime World - We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fisherman, and their families.

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

Ann M. Slusher of Palmyra passed away on July 26 and a graveside service was held July 31 at Palmyra Cemetery. Please keep Ann and her family in your thoughts and prayers.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, August 4 - 9am, St. Peter
✠ the People of the Parish

****Wed.-Fri., Aug. 5-7 masses are private
for Confirmation/1st Communion****

Wednesday, August 5 - 9am, St. Alphonsus
✠ Julius & Martha Brown
by the children of Maureen & Herman Iott

Thursday, August 6 - 9am, St. Peter
✠ Rose Beard
by Diane & Jim Witt

Friday, August 7 - 9am, St. Alphonsus
✠ Nora Cannon Forche
by Terry & Pat Reau

Sat., August 8 - 4:30pm, St. Peter
✠ Norman Okuley
by family

**Sunday, August 9-
8am, St. Alphonsus**
✠ Ramona Meyer
by Ron & Leanne Goodin

10am, St. Peter
✠ Joseph F. Clements
by David & Michelle Keller



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.

****DAILY MASSES PRIVATE****

Wednesday-Friday, August 5-7

**Masses are private for the celebration of
Confirmation and 1st Communion**

*Please keep our young parishioners
in your prayers.*

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

July 26, 2020
Sunday- \$3,575.00
Loose- \$10.00
Assumption- \$5.00
Mercy Fund- \$55.00
Peter Pence- \$15.00

Total Collection- \$3,660.00
Envelopes- 58

ONLINE GIVING
Sunday- \$1,420.00

DSA
Goal- \$27,413.00
Total Pledges- \$24,492.00
Percent of Goal- 89.35%
Estimated Donors- 160
Estimated Participation Rate- 30.04%



**"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 89.35% of our DSA goal. Thus far 160 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

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
Florine Forche	Bev Pifer
Carmen Garcia	Elwood Reau
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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.

*Who
will
Separate
us
from
the
Love
of Christ?*
Romans

~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

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

Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time
August 9, 2020
Kings 19:9a, 11-13a
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:22-33



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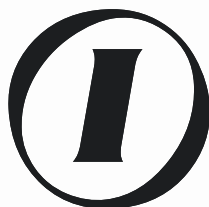
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