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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
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 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.

PARISH STAFF

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Finance Commission
Education Commission
Social Ministry Commission
New Evangelization Commission

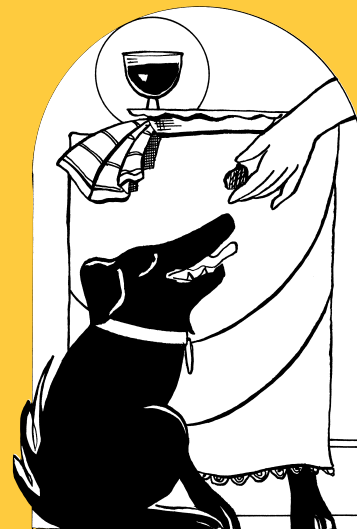
PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

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

August 16, 2020
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A PRAYER OF ABANDONMENT

The Magi's silent adoration of the infant Jesus is one of the purest prayers in the New Testament. These men put aside everything in their lives to travel across the desert to kneel down and pay homage to Jesus. They bring him precious gifts and ask nothing for themselves.



In contrast stands the disruptive Canaanite woman in today's gospel who comes to Jesus demanding that he cast out the demon which oppresses her daughter. Jesus says nothing. Her tune changes upon hearing Jesus say that he was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel. She kneels before him and says a prayer of abandonment: "Lord, help me." Now she no longer demands favors but places herself at his feet. It is a moment of vulnerability and conversion.

Like the foreign woman and the foreign wise men, we can come to Jesus, not to make him hop to our agenda, but rather to bow before him. Praise and worship are the stance of faith. Our right relationship with Jesus is to pay him homage and to humbly beg, "Jesus, help me."

Dear Parish Family,

Each year, we invite the faithful across our diocese to contribute to the many good works of the Catholic Church through the Diocesan Services Appeal. This year, more than ever, the world needs our Catholic Church to fulfill her divine mission - bringing the unity, the mercy, and peace of Jesus Christ to the world around us.

For the past few months, we have shared information and invited your prayerful consideration of support for the 2020 Diocesan Services Appeal "Happy the one who trusts in the Lord!"

If you have recently submitted your contribution, thank you! Because of you, the love of Christ is manifest in ministries touching lives in our parish and across our diocese.

If you have yet to make your 2020 DSA gift decision, I invite you to do so today. You may visit the secure online DSA giving page at www.dioceseoflansing.org/dsa to participate in sharing Christ's love through the many good works of the Church.

May you be blessed for your generosity.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Fr. Jeff Poll

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!



AUGUST UPDATE DAILY & WEEKEND MASS ATTENDANCE

The obligation upon all Catholics to attend Sunday Mass has been extended across the Diocese of Lansing until NOVEMBER 28, at which time the dispensation may be further 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>

(No daily masses this week)

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.

ATTENTION!! ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Altar Rosary Society is canceling all monthly meetings and events for the period of September 2020 to May 2021. It is important for us to respect the Governor's Orders and STAY SAFE.

The Feather Party Bingo/Raffle for November is definitely canceled as well as the Anniversary Breakfast in February. The ARS Booklets will not be printed. However, ARS will print articles for the bulletin every couple of weeks to keep everybody informed as matters hopefully improve and a perfect vaccine is discovered.

Pray the Rosary, wear a mask, keep distance, avoid gatherings and keep each other safe!

KNIGHTS' NEWS



"All generations will call me blessed, for he who is mighty has done great things for me." Luke 1:48-49. All parishioners are invited to join us for the recitation of the 5TH Sunday Rosary on Sunday, August 30, 9:00 AM, at the St. Alphonsus Memorial Garden.

Welcome Ron Cousino and your family to the Knights of Columbus. The Knights, Officers, and Grand Knight congratulate Ron and brother Knight Erich Bieber for completing the degree process, and we look forward to working with you for many years to come. St. Clare, Virgin, pray for us.

Save your scrap metal! When it is safe enough for the children to return to school, we will schedule our next Scrap Metal Drive. Metals including brass, copper, iron, steel, carbide, bronze, stainless steel, and aluminum as well as car, truck, tractor, boat and lawn more batteries are accepted. Stay tuned to the bulletin for further updates.

Vivat Jesus! Ron is taking orders for Knights of Columbus 7832 shirts and jackets and they are available in a wide range of sizes. Shirts can be ordered as a pull over polo or your choice of a long or short sleeve sport shirt. All shirts come with a pocket free of charge. Shirts and jackets include the K of C emblem, our Council Number, and your name if desired. Please call Ron at 517 486-4661 for details or to place your order.

Please pray a rosary or prayer of thanksgiving for grocery store workers, truckers, and farmers who continue to serve us. You can add your rosary to the Million Rosary Movement at <https://catholify.com/rosary> or make it easier by downloading their free Catholic app to your phone or smart tv.

MINISTRY SCHEDULING

The ministry schedule for September will be completed soon. Please let Leanne know by **August 17** if you would like to be kept off the schedule for September 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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday-Friday, August 18-21
No daily mass

Sat., August 22 - 4:30pm, St. Peter
✠ Chuck Burgermeister
by family

**Sunday, August 23-
8am, St. Alphonsus**
✠ Charles Burke
10th Anniversary
by Doug & Deanna Burke

10am, St. Peter
✠ Don Ahleman
by the Knights of Columbus



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ABORTION INITIATIVE FAILS

The Michigan Values Life (MVL) initiative to end dismemberment abortion has come to a disappointing conclusion. Right to Life Michigan has decided that they would not be challenging the Bureau of Elections recommendation that there were not enough valid signatures to certify the initiative. While this is not the outcome they worked and prayed for, they must trust in God and know that, ultimately, good will come from all the support and effort of countless volunteers and the Catholic community throughout our state.

The tremendous effort and dedication put toward ending dismemberment abortion, as well as the strong profile witness is truly to be commended! Each and every person who assisted in the MVL petition drive is cherished and thanked. St. Teresa of Calcutta taught us that God does not require us always to be successful, but rather to be faithful; indeed, the effort to protect human life through this petition drive was immense. The initiative unquestionably raised awareness of this brutal procedure, touched over 400,000 people, and brought to light the harsh reality of abortion. Despite this initial setback, they look forward to continuing together efforts to protect unborn human life and provide support for pregnant and parenting women. Toward this end, please prayerfully consider participating in the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishop's new initiative, *Walking with Moms in Need: A Year of Service* (www.walkingwithmoms.com).

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

August 9, 2020
Sunday- \$5,130.00
Assumption- \$30.00
Mercy Fund- \$131.00
Peter Pence- \$115.00

Total Collection- \$5,431.00
Envelopes- 87

ONLINE GIVING

Sunday- \$576.00
Mercy Fund- \$31.00
Peter Pence- \$40.00

DSA

Goal- \$27,413.00
Total Pledges- \$25,367.00
Percent of Goal- 92.54%
Estimated Donors- 164
Estimated Participation Rate- 30.83%



**"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 92.54% of our DSA goal. Thus far 164 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	Jonah Kornberg
Ella Borowski	Donna LaMonde
Becky Branscum	Patricia Malmquist
Audrey Brown	JoAnn McKelvey
Carol Burgermeister	Emily Martinez
Isabelle DeLaCruz	Shelly Molaro
Ann DeNudt	Joseph Mueller
Terry Diver	John Musielewicz
Webb Drew	Bev Pifer
Florine Forche	Elwood Reau
Carmen Garcia	Mary Rowe
Katy Goodman	Mary Sedlacek
Carmen Graham	Jim Sheldon
Dale Graham	Becky Shusta
Makenzie Greer	Lena Silva
Joan Hamilton	Christopher Warner
Carrie Hartley	Kristine Wells
Kristie Horkey	Flo Wentworth
Ed Jacobson	Mark Willaert
Susan Johnson	David Woods
Norma Kelly	Rita Woods
Marie Kieplinski	

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.



~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

August 16, 2020
Isaiah 56:1, 6-7
Romans 11:13-15, 29-32
Matthew 15:21-28

Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

August 23, 2020
Isaiah 22:19-23
Romans 11:33-36
Matthew 16:3-20



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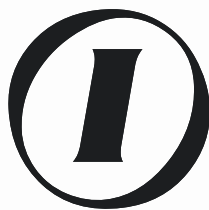
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