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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 23, 2020
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

REFLECTING ON OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST

In today's gospel, Jesus asks two questions to his disciples: "Who do you say that I am?" Peter's quick reply to the latter was, "You are the Christ." Did he know what he was saying? Now, 2000 years later, there is a second question to ponder.



A recent retreat was based on this Scripture passage and provided us with a new perspective. Time was spent on meditation and prayer focusing on reverse questioning. Who am I? How do I see myself? How does Jesus see me? How do I want Jesus to see me?

Reflecting on my relationship with Jesus offers new insights and a desire to follow him more closely. We often take for granted that he is a constant in our life-----always present to us, whether or not we acknowledge him. Today's psalm proclaims, "I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with all my heart....Your kindness, O Lord, endures forever." How blessed are we!

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

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. ARS Dues will not be collected at this time until at the September 2021 Meeting. We Pray!

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

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>

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.

✠PRAY THE 5TH SUNDAY ROSARY✠

AUGUST 30, 9:00 AM

In the St. Alphonsus Heritage Garden

Led by the Knights of Columbus

"METAL FOR MEALS" Saturday, September 19, 8am-12pm

The Knights of Columbus will be having a Scrap Metal Drive in the St. Peter parking lot on September 19. This is a major fundraiser for their Holiday Food distribution and Christmas Basket program.

They will be collecting all types of scrap metal as well as car, tractor, truck, boat, and lawn mower batteries! No donation is too small. Your generosity is appreciated!! Social distancing guidelines will be followed.

KNIGHTS' NEWS



All parishioners are invited to join us for the 5TH Sunday Rosary next Sunday, August 30, 9:00 AM at the St. Alphonsus Heritage Garden. "O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee."

Wanted: Scrap Metal. We will be collecting all types of scrap metal as well as car, tractor, truck, boat, and lawn mower batteries at our Scrap Metal Drive on Saturday, September 19, from 8:00 AM until Noon at the St. Peter parking lot. Proceeds used to support our holiday food projects. Please follow the Bishop's guidelines for facility use.

Babies Lives Matter! Can you say 1 Hail Mary every day to save the life of an unborn baby? How about a Rosary for Life every day for 9 days? We need to be vigilant in our defense of the unborn now more than ever.

Did you know that the Knights of Columbus has Charity as its first principal? We need new Knights and you can join in person or online. Besides the opportunity to help parishioners, fellow citizens, brother Knights, and Father Jeff in an organized manner, you will also be given the opportunity to purchase high quality Life Insurance, Long Term Care Insurance, IRA, Roth IRA, and Tax-sheltered Annuities that guarantee your principal and offer guaranteed growth. For more information, please call Stefano at 734 777-0393, Mark at 734 637-9254, or visit www.kofc.org/joinus. For financial or insurance questions, please call Nicolas Novak at 810 620-4240 or email Nicolas.Novak@kofc.org.

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.

MINISTRY SCHEDULING

The ministry schedule for September 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!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, August 25 - 9am, St. Peter

† Rose Beard
by Jim and Diane Witt

Wed., August 26 - 9am, St. Alphonsus

† Julius & Martha Brown
by the children of Herman & Maureen Iott

Thursday, August 27 - 9am, St. Peter

† Dana Meyer
by Anne Spiegel & Monica Cantrell

Friday, August 28 - 9am, St. Alphonsus

† Ramona Meyer
by Judy Long

Sat., August 29 - 4:30pm, St. Alphonsus

† Carol & Ollie Mueller
by family

**Sunday, August 30-
8am, St. Alphonsus**

† John Cousino
by Sue Cousino

10am, St. Peter

† Vivian Tack
by Kenneth & Connie Graham, Jr.

Weber Center Offers Virtual Painting and Mixed Media Class via Zoom

Have you always wanted to try your hand at art? A virtual painting and mixed media course, Finding the Artist in You, might just give you that opportunity.

Brenda Singletary, MFA, Director of the Art Factory in Adrian, Michigan, offers the course from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. EDT Thursdays, September 10, 17, 24, and October 1, 2020 via Zoom. No prior art experience is needed. The \$50 cost does not include supplies.

Details of the class, a list of supplies, and registration can be found on the Weber Center website, www.webercenter.org. Click on programs and select "Finding the Artist in You." Registration may also be made by calling 517-266-4000 or emailing webercenter@adriandominicans.org. Limited scholarships are available.

Please use the latest version of Zoom to join the class, and please note that Weber Center cannot provide technical assistance by phone or email.

SAVE THE DATE! MEALS ON WHEELS DELIVERY!

Light of Christ Parish will be responsible for Meals on Wheels delivery October 12-23. Scheduling will begin the end of September. If you would like to volunteer now for specific dates, please contact Leanne Goodin at 734 637-4555 or the Parish office at 447-3500.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

August 16, 2020
Sunday- \$3,425.00
Loose- \$70.00
Assumption- \$168.00
Mercy Fund- \$100.00
All Saints- \$30.00
Peter Pence- \$40.00
Help Spread the Faith- \$10.00
World Mission- \$20.00

Total Collection- \$3,863.00
Envelopes- 77

ONLINE GIVING

Sunday- \$601.00

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	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
Theresa Emery	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

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.

from
through
for HIM
all
things
are.
Romans

~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

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

Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

August 30, 2020
Jeremiah 20:7-9
Romans 12:1-2
Matthew 16:21-27



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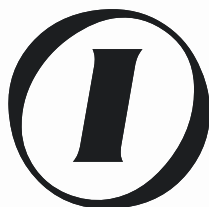
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