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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 (changing to 11:00am 9/13)

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 30, 2020
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

WE BELONG TO GOD

We all want to belong. Today's readings are about belonging to God. To belong to God is to love. Jeremiah is a reluctant prophet who cannot ignore God's call "like burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones." His only answer is "yes," and he belongs to God.



Jesus also belongs to God. He is firm in his mission to serve the poor, the rejected, and the voiceless, even to the point of losing his life. There were followers of Jesus who sought to stop him because they were afraid of losing their lives. Fear is the opposite of love. Fear is exclusive. Belonging is inclusive.

Jesus was single-minded in his loving and creating belonging. He berated those who sought to stop him. Our culture claims that we can protect ourselves by excluding as the way to preserve life.

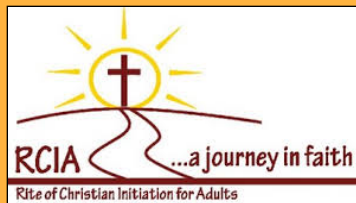
Jesus challenges us to belong to God by letting go of fear. What fears do we have to leave behind to belong to God? Are we willing to allow God to entice us and change our behavior? At today's Eucharist, let us pray that our way of life is an imitation of God, who is love.

NO BULLETIN

The bulletin will not be published for the weekends of September 6-20 due to absence of the bulletin editor. Collection amounts will be printed when the bulletin resumes.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Weekly RCIA sessions will begin in October. If you or someone you know may be interested in learning more about this process, please speak to Fr. Jeff or contact the parish office.



FALL/WINTER MASS SCHEDULE RETURNS

Beginning Sunday, **September 13** the 10:00am mass in Blissfield will move to 11:00am.

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!

We're Going Back To School



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✠

THIS SUNDAY, 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 this 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 including copper, brass, aluminum, carbide, stainless steel, iron, steel, cast iron, and bronze at our Scrap Metal Drive on September 19, 8:00 AM to Noon at the St. Peter Parking lot. Auto, truck, tractor, boat and lawn batteries will be accepted. Please see our bulletin ad for details.

Our next Council Meeting is Thursday, September 3, 2020 at 7:00 PM. The earlier start time is necessary because we will be having the meeting outside, weather permitting. Please bring a lawn chair. The Bishop's guidelines for facility use will be observed.

We need new Knights! Knights of Columbus are asked 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 9254, or visit www.kofc.org/joinus.

We proclaim the truth that Jesus Christ came for every person, that all might have life and have it abundantly. Now is the time for Catholic men and women to rise and replace the culture of death with the culture of life and love. Please say a prayer of thanksgiving each day for being born in the U.S.A. and then recite a rosary for life. If you need company, rosaries are recited live every hour on the hour at <https://catholify.com/rosary>.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, September 1 - 9am, St. Peter

† Joseph F. Clements
by Brian & Gaylene Dabell

Wed., September 2 - 9am, St. Alphonsus

† Nora Cannon Forche
by family

Thursday, September 3 - 9am, St. Peter

† People of the Parish

Friday, September 4 - 9am, St. Alphonsus

† Julius Brown
by Cathy Lewis

Sat., September 5 - 4:30pm, St. Peter

† Dorothy & John Burgermeister
by Diane & Mike Burgermeister

Sunday, September 6-

8am, St. Alphonsus

† Wally & Pat Witt
by Ron & Leanne Goodin

10am, St. Peter

† Rose Beard
by Diane & Jim Witt



~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

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

Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

September 6, 2020
Ezekiel 33:7-9
Romans 13:8-10
Matthew 18:15-20



**"HAPPY THE ONE WHO,
TRUSTS IN THE LORD!"**
PROVERBS 18:20

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. DSA envelopes are available in the parish office. 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 93.27% of our DSA goal. Thus far 165 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.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

August 23, 2020
Sunday- \$5,570.00
Loose- \$30.00
Mercy Fund- \$25.00
All Saints- \$10.00

Total Collection- \$5,635.00
Envelopes- 43

ONLINE GIVING

Sunday- \$2,029.00
Mercy Fund- \$10.00
Total Collection- \$2,039.00

DSA

Goal- \$27,413.00
Total Pledges- \$25,567.00
Percent of Goal- 93.27%
Estimated Donors- 165
Estimated Participation Rate- 31.02%

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.



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
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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.



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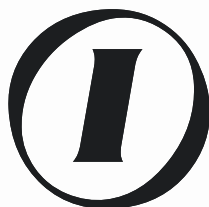
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