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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

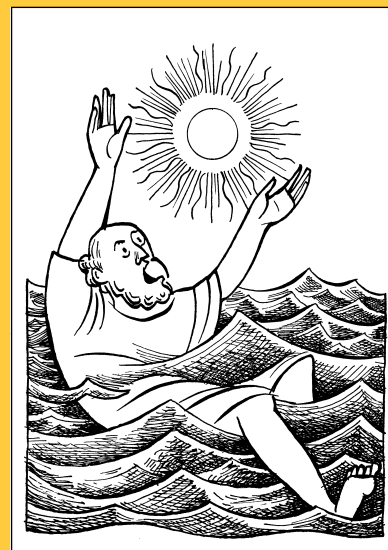
August 9, 2020

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE PROMISE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

None of us has ever been called to go and stand on a mountain, like Elijah was. No one never been invited to walk to Jesus on water, like Peter was.

You get a job offer---a summer job, teaching basic reading and math in a men's prison. Everything about this was scary, but it is the only job offer, and money is needed. Like Peter, you cry out, "Lord, save me." Knowing that God is with us, you break the fear, get the job, and that wonderful prison experience colors your life to this day.



We have all taken steps out in faith. In scary moments, when we are faced with a life-changing, faith-testing decision---the new job, the new relationship, the new life path---faith in God is all we have. Our faith emboldens us to call out to the One who says, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Things might not always turn out the way we want them to, but God remains with us to see us through it. Let us give thanks for God's presence and for our calling, as we step forth in faith to answer the call.

AUGUST 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>

(This Thursday's mass will be private for celebration of Confirmation.)

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!

FIRST EUCHARIST CELEBRATION



On Thursday, August 6, **Chase Karpinski**, son of Megan and Michael Karpinski, celebrated his First Holy Communion. Congratulations and welcome to the Lord's table!

May God, who brought you to this special day, continue to direct your life in His perfect way.



"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 89.87% of our DSA goal. Thus far 161 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.



KNIGHTS' NEWS



"Pray, hope, and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer." - St. Padre Pio

Congratulations to all the children in our parish receiving 1st Holy Communion. "There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, He would have given it to us." St. John Vianney. All Knights are asked to pray a rosary for you.

Welcome Holy Spirit! Congratulations to the Light of Christ teens receiving the Gifts of the Holy Spirit at Confirmation this year. Now is the time to enjoy the Fruits of the Holy Spirit daily including love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Knights are invited to say a rosary for you and your intentions.

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 our local agent, Nicolas Novak, at 810 620-4240 or email Nicolas.Novak@kofc.org.

Please pray a rosary for a generous increase in vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life. Rosaries are recited live every hour on the hour at <https://catholify.com/rosary>. While you are there you can contribute the number of rosaries you, your family, and your friends have recited to the Million Rosary Movement. At least 303,500 rosaries have been prayed as of August 4.

SWEEPSTAKES NEWS

The winner of the July Sweepstakes drawing is Lilli Kastel of Deerfield, lucky ticket #20-2395, sold by Fr. Jeff. Good luck to all in August!



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, August 11 - 9am, St. Peter
† Tom Komon
by the Knights of Columbus

Wednesday, August 12 - 9am, St. Alphonsus
† People of the Parish

Thursday, August 13 - 9am, St. Peter
****Private mass for Confirmation****

Friday, August 14 - 9am, St. Alphonsus
† Nora Cannon Forche
by Terry & Pat Reau

Sat., August 15 - 4:30pm, St. Alphonsus
† Maryann Cousino
by family

**Sunday, August 16-
8am, St. Alphonsus**
† Bernard & Rita Diver
by Doug & Ramona Scholl

10am, St. Peter
† Rose Long
by Josephine Ondrovick



~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

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

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



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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 Bishops' new initiative, *Walking with Moms in Need: A Year of Service* (www.walkingwithmoms.com).

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

August 2, 2020
Sunday- \$3,405.00
Assumption- \$30.00
Mercy Fund- \$130.00
Peter Pence- \$20.00

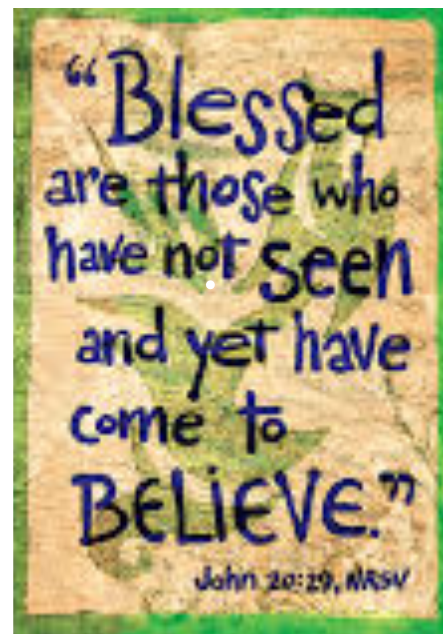
Total Collection- \$3,585.00
Envelopes- 64

ONLINE GIVING
Sunday- \$1,260.00

DSA
Goal- \$27,413.00
Total Pledges- \$24,635.00
Percent of Goal- 89.87%
Estimated Donors- 161
Estimated Participation Rate- 30.24%

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.



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.



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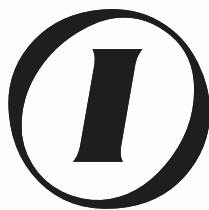
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