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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Closed to the public. Staff can be reached by phone or email.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

St. Alphonsus

Wednesday and Friday: 9:00 AM

St. Peter

Tuesday and Thursday: 9:00 AM

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

St. Alphonsus

Sunday: 8:00 AM

St. Peter

Sunday: 11:00 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.

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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

October 4, 2020
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

BE ROOTED IN CHRIST!

What does it mean to be a people who produce the fruits of the kingdom? Jesus demands two things. Just as trees are fed from their roots, we must be rooted in Jesus; and, just as they grow toward the sky, we must have heaven in mind.



The tenants in the parable are only focused on their own needs. Greed is their motivation. Immediate gains, no matter how they are achieved, guide their actions. They don't recognize that, while it may take work and involve honorable behavior, producing fruit can be far more beneficial than seeking short-term, ill-gotten gains. We must remember that our faith is not only a series of truths or practices. It is a relationship with Jesus. We must have open eyes, ears, and hearts to recognize his presence in our midst. We must talk to, listen to, and spend time with him in prayer, Mass, and adoration.

God has a much greater gift in mind for us than anything on earth. The tenants were so set on short-term gain that they lost their eternal reward.



Dear Parents of Preschool through High School Students,

As we continue to navigate our way through the Covid-19 pandemic, it's time to get ready for a new year of our Religious Education Program at Light of Christ Parish. The health and well-being of our parishioners is our first priority and we've decided to proceed by preparing two ways to provide lessons this year. We'll begin the year with **online lessons** and return to in-person classes when we are able to safely do so.

Registration: All RE families that were registered last year will receive a registration packet in the mail in late September; they were mailed out today, Friday September 18. Please call the office if you weren't in RE last year and we'll mail you a registration packet. Please return your registration forms and registration fee by mail to **222 Carey St., Deerfield 49238** or place them in either of the drop boxes located at each church so that the office can process them.

Preschool: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and Children's Liturgy of the Word will return when we are able to have in-person classes.

Elementary through Middle School: We have decided to begin our year as we ended last year, with weekly lessons offered online from Pflaum Publishing. Pflaum Gospel Weeklies lessons (www.pflaumweeklies.com) begin on Sunday, **September 20th**. We have purchased the print materials as usual (**we haven't received them yet**) but also paid an additional fee for the online version so that we may be flexible this year; the registration fee will remain the same. An individual access code(s) for your student(s) will be shared as soon as the office receives your registration forms. The R.E. registration packet you receive in the mail will contain the schedule of classes for future reference when we can return to in-person classes.

Sacramental Preparation: First Reconciliation and First Eucharist classes for second grade and older will be determined at a later date this year in the hope that we'll be able to meet in-person. We will definitely prepare and celebrate the sacraments this year. First Communions are celebrated the first weekend in May.

High School/Confirmation: Dynamic Catholic's Decision Point for our 9th and 10th grade students (including 11th and 12th as needed) is available online at www.dynamiccatholic.com/confirmation. No access code is necessary. Program information required to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation will be mailed to families. The Sacrament of Confirmation is celebrated in 10th grade (and older as needed) in the spring as scheduled by Bishop Boyea.

Please call the office at **517 447-3500** or email Deanna Burke at deannabdre@gmail.com with any questions.

Happy Back-to-School!

DAILY & WEEKEND MASS ATTENDANCE

The obligation upon all Catholics to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended across the Diocese of Lansing until at least **NOVEMBER 28**, at which time the dispensation may be extended.

Light of Christ Parish has prepared our churches and buildings to accommodate social distancing practices (and wearing face masks) for Daily and Weekend Masses as mandated by the State of Michigan and adhered to by the Diocese of Lansing.

It's no longer necessary to sign up for a seat on SignUpGenius.com.

See you at Mass!

MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVERS NEEDED

Light of Christ Parish will be responsible for Meals on Wheels delivery **October 12-23**. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Leanne Goodin at 734-637-4555 or the Parish office at 447-3500. (There will be no sign up sheet in church.)

FOOD PANTRY

Our food pantry is serving many in need in our communities. If you are able, donations may be left at the entrance of either church on Saturdays and Sundays. You may also leave donations in the SALT Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00-5:00. Thanks for your kindness and generosity!

"I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the angels I sing your praise; I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your mercy and faithfulness; for you have exalted above everything your name and your word." Psalm 138. Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels, pray for us.

Our "Tootsie Roll" drive to raise much needed funds for the Mentally Impaired is next weekend, October 9, 10, 11, 2020. Your generosity is dearly appreciated. Proceeds go to the Hope Center. Any Knight who can volunteer a 2-hour block of time in Blissfield can call Mike at 517 486-5966 or in Deerfield can call Mark 734 637-9254. Face coverings and gloves are required.

Babies Lives Matter. Help save lives by praying to end abortion now through November 1. 40 Days for Life is a coordinated international mobilization to end abortion through prayer, fasting, sacrificing, and peaceful vigil. For more information about local events, please email Peter Range at prange@toledodiocese.org or visit www.40daysforlife.com. St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church, pray for us.

Our Lady of Fatima is beautifully honored with a sacred evening of prayer that includes the holy rosary, a candlelight vigil, and a solemn procession at Portugal's famous shrine on October 12, 4:30PM, and broadcast on www.ewtn.com or on EWTN TV channels.

Our Holy Father's October Intention: The Laity's Mission in the Church - We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity faithful, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please contact the parish office if you would like to schedule a daily or weekend Mass for your loved ones. It's a nice way to remember and honor any loved one, especially in remembrance of their birthday, your belated parents' wedding anniversary, any anniversary of a loved one's passing into eternal life, or just because you're thinking of them! Mass intentions are published in the bulletin along with the name of the person requesting it. Please call the office to request a date and provide the name of your loved one. There is a \$10 donation for each Mass intention. You need not be present at the Mass for this honor to be bestowed on your loved ones.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, October 6 - 9am, St. Peter
† Joseph F. Clements
by Doug & Alice Miller

Wed., October 7 - 9am, St. Alphonsus
† Julius Brown
by Kevin & Diane Grasley

Thursday, October 8 - 9am, St. Peter
† People of the Parish

Friday, October 9 - 9am, St. Alphonsus
† Martha Brown
by Audrey Brown

Sat., October 10 - 4:30pm, St. Alphonsus
† Theresa Emery
by Dick Hadden

**Sunday, October 11-
8am, St. Alphonsus**
† George & Catherine Wielfaert
by the Wielfaert family

11am, St. Peter
† Ramona Meyer
by Janet King



~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time
October 4, 2020
Isaiah 5:1-7
Philippians 4:6-9
Matthew 21:33-43

Twenty-Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time
October 11, 2020
Isaiah 25:6-10a
Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
Matthew 22:1-14

ANNUAL RED MASS

The Annual Red Mass will be live streamed **Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 5:15pm from St. Mary Cathedral, Lansing** on the Diocese of Lansing YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeAdmxlKm_6x8XkvjWCTOKA

Bishop Earl Boyea will be the main celebrant. This event is hosted by the Diocese of Lansing Catholic Lawyers Guild. The recipient of the prestigious St. Thomas More Award will be given to Fr. Thomas M. Firestone at the time of the Mass. If you are not comfortable in attending in person, please consider watching live stream. Thank you!

Single Catholic Women Invited to 'Zoom and See' Weekend

Are you a single Catholic woman, age 19-35, seeking a meaningful life of service and dedication to God? The Adrian Dominican Sisters invite you to their virtual Zoom and See Weekend, October 23-24, 2020, to join other women discerning whether you are called to religious life – and particularly to life as a Dominican Sister of Adrian.

The weekend begins at 7:00 p.m. EDT Friday, October 23, 2020, and concludes at 8:30 p.m. EDT on Saturday, October 24, 2020. It will include time for prayer, silence, faith-sharing, and fun, as well as conversations about Dominican life and the life of a Sister.

Please register online at <https://tinyurl.com/ADSDiscern>. For information, contact Sister Tarianne DeYonker, OP, Vocation Co-director, at deyonker@adriandominicans.org or call or text her at 517-920-1395.

DSA UPDATE

Goal- \$27,413.00
Total Pledges- \$26,142.00
Percent of Goal- 95.36%
Estimated Donors- 172
Estimated Participation Rate- 32.33%

-STEWARDSHIP REPORT-

September 27, 2020
Sunday- \$3,270.00
Loose- \$115.13
Mercy Fund- \$19.00
Assumption- \$20.00
Help Spread the Faith- \$440.00

Total Collection- \$3,864.13
Envelopes- 75

Online Giving- Sunday \$1,782.00

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING
CATHOLIC?
INVITE SOMEONE TO BECOME
CATHOLIC!**

Perhaps you know someone who is seeking a relationship with God. Why not ask them if they would consider joining the Catholic Church? Invite them to attend RCIA sessions to learn more about the Catholic Community.

If you are not Catholic, and have begun to ask yourself, "What do I believe in?" or have already been seeking spiritual direction, then you may have already begun the RCIA faith journey. Come join us.

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 at 517 447-3500.

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

Florine Forche of Deerfield passed away on September 25 and her funeral was September 30. William Ludolph of Adrian passed away September 29 and his funeral was October 2. Please keep Florine and William and their families in your thoughts and prayers.



LET US PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

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

LIGHT OF CHRIST PARISH
Financial Statement
July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Cash in Bank	113,804.27
Diocesan Savings	267,815.76
Cemetery Perpetual Care	55,621.93
D&P Stock	104,250.00
Witness to Hope	6,533.43
TOTAL ASSETS	548,025.39

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Accounts Payable	4,227.04
Diocesan Collections	738.50
Exchange Acct.	-737.82
Masses Unsaid	5,268.00
Payroll Liabilities	-2,349.11
Equity	513,678.78
PPP Loan Payable NDFCU	27,200.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	548,025.39

PROFIT & LOSS	July 19-June 20	Annual Budget 2019/2020	Annual Budget 2020/2021
<u>Parish Income</u>			
Offertory Collections	284,788.00	289,500.00	289,500.00
Bequests and Donation	21,336.34	15,675.00	16,225.00
Cemetery Income	2,800.00	0.00	0.00
Fund Raising/Raffle Income	16,940.25	14,000.00	17,570.00
Interest Income & Dividends	10,718.11	8,085.00	8,085.00
Miscellaneous Other Income	7,569.27	3,120.00	6,040.00
Religious Ed	1,615.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Rental Income	2,850.00	2,800.00	2,800.00
Mass Stipends	1,690.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
DSA Overage	2,739.00	0.00	0.00
Witness to Hope	6,396.49	0.00	0.00
Total Parish Income	359,442.46	336,680.00	343,720.00
<u>Parish Expenses</u>			
Administrative Expenses	163,536.13	178,794.00	175,694.00
Capital Expenditures	47,800.00	51,000.00	1,000.00
Cemetery	2,755.00	2,600.00	2,600.00
Christian Service	4,233.87	4,300.00	4,300.00
Parish Life	2,665.73	4,300.00	4,300.00
Plant Operation	65,509.09	73,110.00	73,605.00
Religious Ed/Adult Education Expenses	27,322.15	34,352.00	33,852.00
Worship	21,986.99	38,700.00	37,700.00
Raffle Expenses	5,072.44	4,350.00	5,050.00
Altar Rosary	3,696.61	0.00	3,875.00
Total Parish Expenses	344,578.01	391,506.00	341,976.00
NET INCOME	14,864.45	-54,826.00	1,744.00



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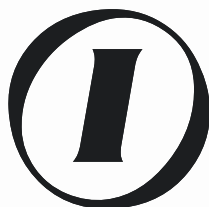
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