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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
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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

September 27, 2020
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

LET US OPEN OUR HEARTS

Jesus explains today that our love for God is revealed especially through our actions. In today's gospel, both sons disappoint their father, one by his refusal to work in the vineyard and the other by his empty promises. Yet the rebellious son has a complete change of heart; he repents and does his father's will.



The unrighteous tax collectors and prostitutes were open to Jesus' teaching and call to conversion. They recognized their need for forgiveness and responded with concrete faith. God asks us to be compassionate and genuinely concerned to help others.

St. Paul offers us examples of how true followers of Jesus should behave. He invites us to place the well-being of others before our own and to follow Christ's example of humility and selfless love.

Although we hope to always say yes to the Father and to be faithful to our promises, at times we stumble. God is infinitely patient and always offers us the opportunity to repent and receive loving mercy.



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!

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS UPDATE

Sincerest thanks are extended to Fr. Jeff and his parents, Norma and Doug Poll, for the amazing job of restoring the front doors of Light of Christ Church in Deerfield.

The job was definitely a hard task to undertake, but it was kind of them to do it and the doors are exceptionally beautiful! The Light of Christ Altar Rosary Society had the honor to cover the cost of the supplies needed to complete the job! Again, Thanks much!

ARS Ladies, pray the Rosary, wear masks, wash your hands frequently and avoid crowds and pray for a healing vaccine to be developed soon!

"O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee." We have been asked to pray this prayer daily until all forms of the Corona virus has been defeated.

Congratulations and "Thank you!" to all who contributed to a very successful Scrap Metal Drive including the Knights and parishioners who helped procure, sort, and load the metals and batteries. A special "Thank you!" goes out to those who used their trucks and trailers to take the metals to the recycler and to the recycler for the generous use of their dumpsters. Our next Scrap Metal Drive is May 22, 2021. To learn more about joining the Knights, please call Stefano 734 777-0393, Mark at 734 637-9254, or visit www.kofc.org/joinus.

Attention all Knights! Our next Council meeting will be Thursday, October 1, 7:00 PM, at the St. Peter parking lot. We will be planning the "Tootsie" drive to support the Mentally Impaired which is scheduled for October 9, 10, 11, 2020. Please bring a favorite lawn chair. We can have the meeting inside if necessary.

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.

"Pray for us O Holy Mother of God; That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ." Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Novena begins September 28, 2020. For more information about Marian Novenas please visit www.ewtn.com.

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.)



Welcome to Ally Lynn Flack, daughter of Abigail (Laroy) and Austin Flack, who was baptized on Sunday, September 13 in Blissfield. May God bless you, Ally!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, September 29 - 9am, St. Peter
✠ Tom Komon
by the Knights of Columbus

Wed., September 30 - 9am, St. Alphonsus
✠ Clifford Bomia
by Sue Cousino

Thursday, October 1 - 9am, St. Peter
✠ Joseph F. Clements
by Douglas & Alice Miller

Friday, October 2 - 9am, St. Alphonsus
✠ Nora Cannon Forche
by family

Sat., October 3 - 4:30pm, St. Peter
✠ Norman Okuley
by family

**Sunday, October 4-
8am, St. Alphonsus**
✠ Ramona Meyer
by Alice Mueller

11am, St. Peter
✠ Carol Burgermeister
by Elizabeth Parros

Workshop Explores Integration of Christianity and Cosmology

Father Roger Haight, SJ, a member of the Eastern Province of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), offers an in-depth look at how faith and science relate to each other and how our cosmology affects our understanding of God, ourselves, and creation. Father Roger's virtual talk, "Integrating Christianity and Cosmology," is from 9:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. EDT on Saturday, October 10, 2020, through Weber Retreat and Conference Center in Adrian, Michigan.

Father Roger, Scholar in Residence at Union Theological Seminary in New York, taught in the graduate schools of theology in Manila, Chicago, Toronto, Boston, and New York. He specializes in fundamental theology, with focus on the areas of faith, revelation, Jesus Christ, the Church, grace, and spirituality.

The cost is \$30. Registration is required and is available at www.webercenter.org; click on "programs." Registrations may also be made by calling 517-266-4000 or emailing webercenter@adriandominicans.org. Limited scholarships are available.

~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time
September 27, 2020
Ezekiel 18:25-28
Philippians 2:1-11
Matthew 21:28-32

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

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!

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!

-STEWARDSHIP REPORT-

August 30, 2020

Sunday- \$3,525.00

Loose- \$56.00

Mercy Fund- \$35.00

Assumption- \$50.00

Peter's Pence- \$35.00

Online Giving Sunday- \$1,749.00

Total Collection- \$3,701.00

Envelopes- 72

September 6, 2020

Sunday- \$3,585.00

Loose- \$40.00

Mercy Fund- \$225.00

Assumption- \$5.00

Help Spread the Faith- \$50.00

Online Giving Sunday \$1,026.00

Total Collection- \$3,905.00

Envelopes- 71

September 13, 2020

Sunday- \$2,307.00

Loose- \$40.00

Mercy Fund- \$90.00

Online Giving Sunday \$656.00, Mercy \$6.00

Total Collection- \$2,437.00

Envelopes- 52

September 20, 2020

Sunday- \$3,525.00

Loose- \$35.00

Mercy Fund- \$140.00

All Saints- \$5.00

Assumption- \$10.00

World Mission- \$10.00

Help Spread the Faith- \$10.00

Online Giving Sunday \$1,773.00, Mercy \$10.00

Total Collection- \$3,735.00

Envelopes- 60

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.



DSA UPDATE

Goal- \$27,413.00

Total Pledges- \$26,142.00

Percent of Goal- 95.36%

Estimated Donors- 172

Estimated Participation Rate- 32.33%

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
Isabelle DeLaCruz	Emily Martinez
Ann DeNudt	Shelly Molaro
Terry Diver	Joseph Mueller
Webb Drew	John Musielewicz
Florine Forche	Bev Pifer
Carmen Garcia	Elwood Reau
Katy Goodman	Mary Rowe
Carmen Graham	Mary Sedlacek
Dale Graham	Jim Sheldon
Makenzie Greer	Becky Shusta
Joan Hamilton	Lena Silva
Carrie Hartley	Christopher Warner
Kristie Horkey	Kristine Wells
Ed Jacobson	Flo Wentworth
Susan Johnson	Mark Willaert
Norma Kelly	David Woods
Marie Kieplinski	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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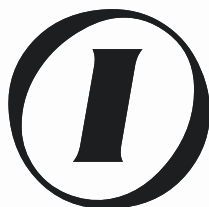
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