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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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Please call the parish office for contact info.

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 11, 2020
Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ALL ARE CALLED TO THE BANQUET

For Matthew, traditional aspects of feasting, of gathering in community to celebrate the intimate life-giving relationship of marriage, are allusions to oneness with Christ through the Eucharist. The physical banquet evokes a spiritual experience.

However, other aspects of today's gospel parable are shocking. Celebration and violence are interwoven. The host responds with harshness and intolerance---even banishing one who arrives unprepared to perpetual suffering. How are we to understand these images in relation to the kingdom of God?



Written at least 50 years after Jesus' death and resurrection, Matthew's gospel focuses on Jesus as the anticipated Messiah. Frustrated with those who disagree, perhaps Matthew used the chilling image of isolation in darkness to shock his contemporaries into rethinking their unbelief.

But remember that all are called to the banquet and can choose the peace and fulfillment of God's kingdom. In doing so, they commit to celebrate Christ's transformative love through their relationships with God, self, and community.

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**. There are still a few dates open. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Leanne Goodin at 734 637-4555 or the Parish office at 447-3500.

Dear Light of Christ Family,

I would like to express my deepest thanks to the Women's Prayer Group, Fr. Jeff, and all members of Light of Christ Parish. St. Alphonsus Church has always been a very special place for myself and my family. You supported me in my ministry from the very beginning and it flourished for over 21 years reaching so many families. Offering a mass of thanksgiving for this opportunity to serve God's people was a truly special way to begin my retirement. As I sat in church last weekend, so many wonderful memories came flooding back: Fr. John Mancini, Sister Margaret Ann, Sr. Theresia, Fr. Jim Eisele, John Fain, Deanna Burke, women who participated in our prayer group, and so many catechists and students. St. Alphonsus and Deerfield will always be my home parish because of the memories and blessings I have received there.

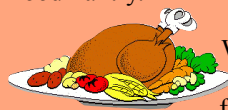
Thank you to all of you, who over the years, have supported me through acts and prayers. Although I have retired from professional ministry, I know God will have other ways of using me to do His will. I am excited to see where and how He will use me. May God continue to bless each of you and your families.

Blessings,

~ Mary Quick

THANKSGIVING DONATIONS

The Social Ministry Commission will once again be providing Thanksgiving dinner baskets to the families who use our Food Pantry.



We would appreciate donations of the following items: *canned cranberries, canned sweet potatoes, jello, cake mix, canned frosting, marshmallows, gravy, canned fruits and cereal.* Monetary donations for this project are always welcome also.

As in years past, we are asking for donations of frozen turkeys. There will NOT be a sign-up sheet in church this year. **PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE IF YOU'D LIKE TO DONATE A TURKEY.** Turkeys will be collected at church the weekend of **November 14/15** or by arrangement with the office.

Food donations can be brought to church any weekend or placed in the SALT Center any Tuesday/Thursday, 9am-5pm, up to November 15.

Thank you in advance for your generous help in providing a special Thanksgiving meal for the people who rely on our parish Food Pantry. We could not continue this good work without your help. God bless!

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.

A Note of Thanks~

Thanks for the prayers and cards you folks sent me when I didn't feel very good, but I am feeling better now.

Thanks again,

Elwood Reau

KNIGHTS' NEWS



Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Jeremiah 1: 4-5

Attention all parishioners! Our "Tootsie roll" drive to raise much needed funds for the Mentally Impaired is this weekend, October 9,10,11. Proceeds go to the Hope Center. Your generosity is dearly appreciated. Knights are required to wear face coverings and gloves during collections. St. Therese of the Child Jesus. Virgin & Doctor of the Church, pray for us.

Your prayers are saving lives. Since its inception, participation in the 40 days for Life campaigns has resulted in 17,226 lives saved, 107 abortion centers closed, and 206 abortion workers have quit. The current campaign to save lives through prayer, fasting, sacrificing, and peaceful vigil continues through November 1. For more information about local campaigns please visit www.40daysforlife.com or contact Peter Range at 440 821-1153 or email him at prange@toledodiocese.org.

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 the Fatima Shrine on October 12 at 4:30 PM. Mass will be broadcast "live" beginning at 5:00 AM, October 13, and a Worldwide Children's Holy Hour will follow at 9:00 AM. All programs can be found at www.ewtn.com or on EWTN TV channels on cable, dish, or other media.

Please pray for a generous increase in vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life. "O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.

SWEEPSTAKES NEWS

The winner of the September Sweepstakes drawing is Beatrice Rodela of Deerfield, lucky ticket #20-2541, sold by Joe. Good luck to all in October!



DSA UPDATE

Goal- \$27,413.00
Total Pledges- \$26,242.00
Percent of Goal- 99.38%
Estimated Donors- 174
Estimated Participation Rate- 32.71%

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, October 13 - 9am, St. Peter
✠ Vivian Tack
by Kenneth & Connie Graham, Jr.

Wed., October 14 - 9am, St. Alphonsus
✠ Ramona Meyer
by Gerald & Marilyn Iott

Thursday, October 15 - 9am, St. Peter
✠ Nora Cannon Forche
by family

Friday, October 16 - 9am, St. Alphonsus
✠ People of the Parish

Sat., October 17 - 4:30pm, St. Peter
✠ Rose Ann Lievens
by Wetonja & Greg Jackson

**Sunday, October 18-
8am, St. Alphonsus**
✠ Theresa Alcott Emery
by the Brad Payne family

11am, St. Peter
✠ Joseph F. Clements
by American Legion Post 325

In Him
WHO IS THE
SOURCE OF MY
Strength
I HAVE
Strength
FOR
EVERYTHING
Phil.

~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

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

Twenty-Ninth Sunday In ordinary Time
October 18, 2020
Isaiah 45:1, 4-6
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b
Matthew 22:15-21

FALL GARDEN CLEAN UP

HERITAGE GARDEN-DEERFIELD
Saturday, October 24, 10:00 AM



*Many hands make light
work!!*

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 tdyonker@adriandominicans.org or call or text her at 517-920-1395.

Men-on-Fire

a regional Catholic Men's apostolate hosting a monthly Men's Night on the **THIRD THURSDAY** of every month with a dynamic speaker presentation

@ **Holy Spirit Church**
9565 Musch Rd. Brighton 48116
All men aged 14+ welcome Free-will offering

Prayer: 5:45pm (& confession)
Mass: 6:15pm (Latin)
Speaker: 7:00pm
Refreshments & Fellowship: 8:00pm

For more information contact:
Rory Clark: Rkclaw@msn.com

Thursday October 15th

This month's Speaker is:
Fr. Jeffrey Robideau



Fr. Robideau is a Diocesan Hermit and Pastor of the St. Gregory the Great Latin Mass Community in Lansing.

Fr. Robideau will give a talk on *Man's Call to Holiness*.

You can learn more about Fr. Robideau at GetHoly.com

Prayer, Mass & Talk will be in the Church. Fellowship & Refreshments outside at Pavilion, weather permitting.

-STEWARDSHIP REPORT-

October 4, 2020

Sunday- \$4,897.00

Loose- \$80.00

Mercy Fund- \$82.00

Help Spread the Faith- \$440.00

World Mission- \$20.00

Total Collection- \$5,209.00

Envelopes- 75

Online Giving- Sunday \$1,256.00, Mercy \$30.00

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.

KEEP OUR SEMINARIANS IN YOUR PRAYERS



Heavenly Father, we give You thanks and praise for Your Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit to inspire holy, faithful men to minister as priests. Lord, we pray for Your grace to encourage and support our seminarians as they endeavor to become priests. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Diocese of Lansing Seminarian of the Week
Christian Stiles, St. Mary, Williamston

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
Webb Drew	John Musielewicz
Carmen Garcia	Bev Pifer
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.



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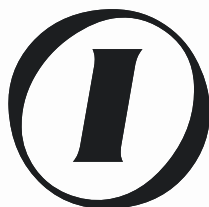
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