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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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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 25, 2020
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

RETURN TO THE SOURCE OF ALL LOVE!

Jesus summarizes all of divine law in a love which embraces the totality of our relationship with God, self, and neighbor. Serving our neighbor draws us more fully into the heart of God, and knowing ourselves loved by God propels us to love our neighbor. There are no limitations or boundaries to love.



Loving our neighbor, as the first reading tells, means caring for the foreigners in our land, the widows and orphans, and the poor. Early in our marriage, our faith was enlivened by hours of volunteering as we sought to be in solidarity with those on the margins. Our youthful faith was challenged as our family grew, and our available time and energy shrunk. It called us to enter more deeply into the complexity of the great commandment and to spend more time in prayer.

We must continually discern how we can be in solidarity with our neighbor in new ways. May God's grace help us, like the Thessalonians, to receive the word with joy, seeking continuously to be people of justice, living our faith in a way that makes love known.

BELOVED DEAD

Next weekend we will remember in a special way, those who have gone before us in death in the past year. A candle will be lit by Fr. Jeff in remembrance of each individual. These candles will continue to be lit at each liturgy throughout the month of November. We especially remember those who have been buried from our parish since last November:

Marc Barton
Carol Burgermeister

Victor Demey
Theresa Emery
Florine Forche

Thomas Komon
William Ludolph

Ramona Meyer
Phillip Mueller
Robert Mueller

Ann Slusher
Marilyn "Jean" Vandebusch
Walter Witt



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.

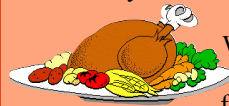
Weekly RCIA sessions will begin in **October**. If you or someone you know may be interested in learning more about this process, please speak to Fr. Jeff or contact the parish office at 517 447-3500.

PART TIME HELP NEEDED

The parish is looking for part time maintenance help at both sites. For more information, please contact Fr. Jeff.

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.

LECTOR WORKBOOKS

The new lector workbooks are available in the sacristy at each church. Lectors, please help yourself to a workbook!

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1!
DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR
CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR!!**

KNIGHTS' NEWS



"Lord Jesus Christ, You told us to give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God. Enlighten the minds of our people in America. May we choose a President of the United States, and other government officials, according to Your Divine Will. Give our citizens the courage to choose leaders of our nation who respect the sanctity of unborn human life, the sanctity of marriage, the sanctity of marital relations, the sanctity of the family, and the sanctity of the aging. Grant us the wisdom to give You, what belongs to You, our God. If we do this as a nation, we are confident You will give us an abundance of Your blessings through our elected leaders. Amen." Election Prayer by Fr. John Harden, S.J.

Defend the Family! 40 Days for Life needs your prayers, fasts, sacrifices, and peaceful vigils to save lives and end abortion. For more information about local campaigns, please visit www.40daysforlife.com, contact Peter Range at 440 821-1153, or email him at prange@toledodiocese.org. Would you Vote for Life?

Father Michael McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus, will have his beatification Mass celebrated on October 31 and it will be broadcast live by EWTN, Salt = Light TV, and Catholic TV. Please visit www.kofc.org/beatification for more information. "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee."

Please continue praying for all affected by hurricanes, forest fires, tornadoes, floods, droughts, and famines.

Catholic gentlemen 18 years old or older, are eligible to join the Knights. For details, please call Stefano at 734 777-0393, Mark at 734 637-9254, or visit www.kofc.org/joinus, and enter the code MCGIVNEY 2020 before December 31 to receive a free membership.

KNIGHTS' CHRISTMAS SERVICE PROJECTS

The Knights of Columbus would like to send Christmas cards to service members to let them know they are not forgotten. Please call Mark Studnicka at 734 637-9254 with names/addresses by November 15.

Knights will also be collecting small stuffed animals and matchbox-type cars to send to Stephen Allen who will be serving as a nurse in Afghanistan (for children in the hospital where he will be stationed). Drop boxes will be at each church through November 15.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, October 27 - 9am, St. Peter
† Vivian Tack
by Farmers' Antique Tractor & Engine
Association

Wed., October 28 - 9am, St. Alphonsus
† Darlene Forche
by Leo

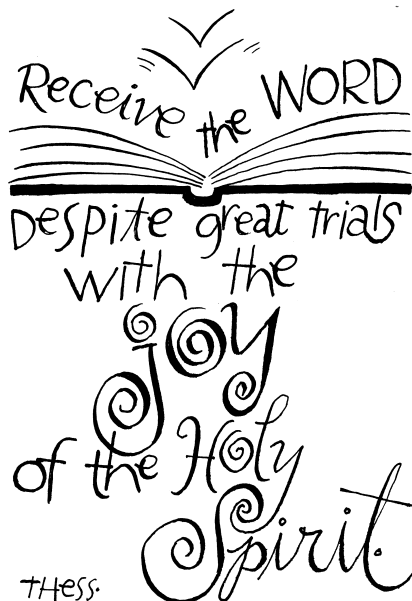
Thursday, October 29 - 9am, St. Peter
† the People of the Parish

Friday, October 30- 9am, St. Alphonsus
† David Larson
by Millie Larson

Sat., October 31 - 4:30pm, St. Peter
† Ramona Meyer
by Mark Schwartz

**Sunday, November 1- All Saints' Day
8am, St. Alphonsus**
† Theresa Alcott Emery
by Judy Long

11am, St. Peter
† Nora Cannon Forche
by Knights of Columbus



~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time
October 25, 2020
Exodus 22:20-26
1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10
Matthew 22:34-40

All Saints' Day
November 1, 2020
Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12a

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM 2020/2021

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: Thank you to the families that have returned their registration forms! It's important for us to be sure we have an accurate count to order lessons and supplies so that we have enough for all but don't overspend for extras we don't need.

Please call the office if you would like a registration packet mailed to you. 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.

Elementary through Middle School: Weekly lessons are offered online from Pflaum Publishing. Pflaum Gospel Weeklies lessons (www.pflaumweeklies.com) began on Sunday, September 20th. We have purchased the print materials as usual, 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) and instructions will be shared as soon as the office receives and processes your registration forms. Each student will need their own personal access code for online lessons.** We'll return to in person classes when we're able to safely do so.

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 code is necessary. 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!

-STEWARDSHIP REPORT-

October 18, 2020

Sunday- \$1,855.00
Loose- \$80.00
Mercy Fund- \$5.00
World Mission- \$160.00
All Saints Day- \$5.00

Total Collection- \$2,105.00
Envelopes- 74

Online Giving- Sunday \$621.00, World Mission \$20.00

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.

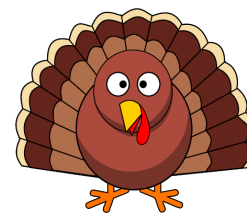
Light of Christ Parish has prepared our churches and buildings to accommodate social distancing practices (and wearing face masks) for Daily and Weekend Masses as mandated by the State of Michigan and adhered to by the Diocese of Lansing.

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

See you at Mass!

TURKEY TIME!!

**DONATE A FROZEN TURKEY FOR THE
FOOD PANTRY THANKSGIVING BASKETS
BY CALLING THE OFFICE!**



**TURKEYS WILL BE COLLECTED
NOV. 14/15**

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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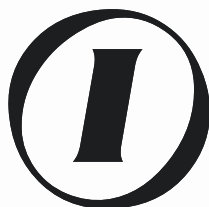
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