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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 BEGINNING IN JANUARY 2021, WE WILL OFFER PARKING LOT PICK-UP ONLY. WE WILL MEET PEOPLE OUTSIDE IN THE REAR 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

November 29, 2020
First Sunday of Advent

WATCHING WITH JESUS

As we begin Advent, we hear Jesus exhort the disciples to watch as they wait by using the parable of the master of a house who leaves on a journey of indeterminate length. What will the servants do?



In the first reading, Isaiah gives us a rather bleak picture of what happens over time when the people of God live by their own devices. Isaiah's plea for reconciliation reminds us that the God of Israel is the only God, no matter where or when the people have sought other gods. They find themselves in the emptiness of their disobedience. We are God's people, waiting and watching. Advent is our time of journeying toward love and a reminder that our human nature is flawed. In the second reading, Paul boldly reminds us what our hope is: "You are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will strengthen you to the end...God is faithful; by him you were called into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." Watch then, that we journey every moment with Jesus Christ our Lord.

BISHOP BOYEYA'S YEAR OF THE BIBLE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Why read the Holy Bible? Well, as that great figure of the Early Church, Saint Jerome, said: "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ". Jesus Christ is our reason to read the Holy Bible. It is in the pages of Sacred Scripture that we encounter him; that we get to know him and he gets to know us; that we fall in love with him, and, thus, we discover our deepest peace, happiness and meaning.

That's why I invite you to join me in reading through the Holy Bible over the course of the next 12 months, starting this Advent. Together, it will be *our* Year of the Bible. Each day, I will text you a chapter of Sacred Scripture directly to your cellphone. We will then read it and meditate upon it. Over the weeks, I'll also text you invitations to events; share video reflections with you; and let you know about other Year of the Bible updates. By the end of 12 months, we will have made our pilgrimage together.

Do you want to sign up? Well, all you have to do is pick up your cellphone and **text the letters BYOB- that stands for Bishop's Year of the Bible - to 84576.**

Alternatively, if you would rather receive the daily scripture reading **via e-mail**, please go to the Diocese of Lansing website at: www.dioceseoflansing.org and locate "Year of the Bible" and click on "**Sign up here**". Next you'll need to click on "**SUBSCRIBE**" and complete your information.

I look forward to journeying with you as we encounter Christ through various books of the Bible over the next 12 months. Let us make this a deeply spiritual year for all of us. Thank you and God bless you.

Earl Boyea, Bishop of Lansing

Click here to watch Bishop Boyea's message on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/jk4VusC4RMV>

PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF THE BIBLE

Heavenly Father,
You are the first and primary author of Sacred Scripture. Help me to receive what you have revealed in your Holy Word.
Give me a greater hunger to daily seek you in the Scriptures so that I might come to know you and your Son more intimately.
May your Holy Spirit open me to be transformed by your Holy Word throughout this Year of the Bible.
We ask these blessings through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

DISPENSATION FROM SUNDAY OBLIGATION EXTENDED

In light of the recent increase in COVID-19 cases and concerns raised by health care facilities about their ability to provide adequately for those afflicted by the Coronavirus, Bishop Earl Boyea has decreed that the faithful of the Diocese of Lansing will continue to be dispensed from the obligation to attend Holy Mass on Sundays and other Holy Days of Obligation until **Tuesday, February 16, 2021, preceding the liturgical season of Lent.**

"As previously provided, the faithful are reminded that while the Sunday obligation to attend Mass is dispensed, all are nevertheless obligated to keep the Lord's day holy," says Bishop Boyea in his decree issued on Friday, November 13, the Feast of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini.

"It is especially recommended to engage in prayer, either personally or as a family (cf. can. 1248 §2), for example, by devoutly following a broadcast of the Sunday Mass by television, internet, or radio. Parishes are encouraged to continue to use the various means of social communications to maximize accessibility to the faithful."

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.

✠PRAY THE 5TH SUNDAY ROSARY✠

**NOVEMBER 28, AFTER 4:30PM MASS
IN BLISSFIELD**

NOVEMBER 29, 9:00AM IN DEERFIELD

Led by the Knights of Columbus

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

Raymond Garcia of Blissfield passed away on November 23 and a funeral for immediate family was held. Please keep Raymond and his family in your thoughts and prayers.



KNIGHTS' NEWS



Have you prayed the Rosary today? Please join us after Mass to recite the 5TH Sunday Rosary this Saturday, November 28, after the 4:30 Mass at St. Peter or this Sunday, November 29, 9:00 AM, at St. Alphonsus. "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Amen"

Help wanted! About 8-10 Knights will be needed after next Sunday's 11:00 AM Mass to set up the tables in St. Peter Hall for this year's Christmas Basket project. Please call Rudy at 517 486-4148 if you can help or come to Mass and plan on taking a few minutes to get things set up afterward. St. Joseph pray for us.

Merry Christmas! Yes, the Christmas Basket project has begun and your non-perishable food donations will definitely make an impact on many lives this Christmas. Please feel free to take a shopping bag and fill it to the brim. We need all food donations brought to either church by Friday, December 11, 2020 at 10:00 AM. You can donate cash or a check made out to the Knights of Columbus 7832 with "Christmas Baskets" on the memo line and we will do the shopping. Please put your gift in an envelope marked "Christmas Baskets" and drop it in the collection baskets or mail it to Rudy Mirelez, 308 E. Adrian St., Blissfield, MI 49228. St. Gertrude pray for us.

Don't Worry, Retire Happy! Thinking about retirement? Award-winning author, speaker, and economist, Tom Hegna, will present a FREE webinar for our members and interested parishioners. Tom has been dubbed by many as "The Retirement Income Expert" and will be sharing his 7 steps to a secure retirement. This one-hour Virtual event is Wednesday, December 2, 2020 beginning at 7:00 PM. To register, please visit https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_LdTIJOZQRWerICJ72G1rA. Vivat Jesus!

Project Nineveh is one day of intense prayer asking God to reveal the truth and extend mercy on our nation and all people are invited to participate on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, December 12. Pray the 51st Psalm 3 times with arms outstretched, do 1 hour of silent prayer, then fast as Jonah instructed Nineveh to save it from destruction. Read Jonah 3:1-10 for inspiration and encouragement. Please visit <https://sign.org> for details.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, December 1 - 9am, St. Peter
† the People of the Parish

Wed., December 2 - 9am, St. Alphonsus
† Rev. Stanislaus Czarnota
by the parish

Thur., December 3 - 9:00 AM - St. Peter
No mass

Fri., Dec. 4 - 9:00 AM - St. Alphonsus
† Ramona Meyer
by Tony & Carolyn Gonzalez

Sat., December 5 - 4:30pm, St. Alphonsus
† Eileen Perry
by Ron and Leanne Goodin

**Sunday, December 6 -
8am, St. Alphonsus**
† Lawrence & Eldenia Reau
by family

11am, St. Peter
† Joseph F. Clements
by David & Michelle Keller

REALIGN RESOURCES FOR MISSION MEETING CANCELED

Due to the new COVID-19 orders, the meeting on **Tuesday, December 1st**, has been **canceled** and will be rescheduled at a later date. For more information, please visit: <https://www.dioceseoflansing.org/realign-resources-for-mission>.

GARDEN CLEAN UP THANK YOU

Thank you Frank, Eric, and Doug for helping with the fall garden cleanup. See you next Spring! If anyone is interested in helping next year, please call the office and we will add you to the email/text message list.

LITTLE BOOKS OF THE DIOCESE OF SAGINAW

Due to Covid-19 we are not able to have any paper items out in church, but please know that the Little Books for Advent, Lent and Easter can be ordered directly from the website at littlebooks.org. They are available in paper and ebook formats. You can also get all the seasonal books on the Little Books app available for iOS and Android devices. To learn more about the app, go to littlebooks.org/app

PARISH YOUTUBE "LIGHT OF CHRIST CHURCH BLISSFIELD-DEERFIELD"

Our parish now has a YouTube page to [livestream](#) masses!

Please go to www.youtube.com and type "Light of Christ Church Blissfield-Deerfield" in the search bar. You can click on "subscribe" on our page for easy access in the future. The symbol for the page is a green circle with an L in the middle. Masses will be live-streamed into the halls for additional seating when the churches are filled to capacity; you can also watch **live** from home **during the regular mass times**. Masses and other parish events will **eventually** be recorded and accessible from home in this way!



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*He will keep
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day of our
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KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK



*Diocese of Lansing Seminarian
Kevin Hufnagel, Christ the King, Ann Arbor*

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.



*Religious Sisters of Alma
Sr. Mary Luke Feldpausch*

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks and praise for Your Son, Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit to inspire holy, faithful women to become Brides of Christ and serve your people. Lord, we pray that your grace and love be enough for this woman in discernment of consecrated life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

LET US PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

Rita Bausman	Patricia Malmquist
Ella Borowski	JoAnn McKelvey
Becky Branscum	Emily Martinez
Audrey Brown	Shelly Molaro
Isabelle DeLaCruz	Joseph Mueller
Ann DeNudt	John Musielewicz
Webb Drew	Bev Pifer
Carmen Garcia	Dan Reed
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
Donna LaMonde	

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.

~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

First Sunday Of Advent
November 29, 2020
Isaiah 63:16b-17,19b; 64:2-7
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:33-37

Second Sunday of Advent
December 6, 2020
Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
2 Peter 3:8-14
Mark 1:1-8

PART TIME HELP NEEDED

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

-STEWARDSHIP REPORT-

November 22, 2020

The figures were not available at the time of printing. They will be published next week.



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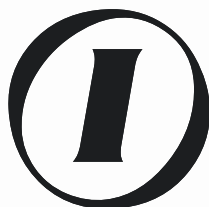
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