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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Closed to the public. Please phone or email staff.

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.)

Weekend masses will be live streamed. Go to YouTube and enter **light of christ church blissfield-deerfield**. Click on "Subscribe" for easy access later, then look for the green circle with an **L** in the middle and click on it.

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

Saturdays, 3:00-4:00 PM, at the location of the Saturday mass.

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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DAILY MASS CANCELLATION POLICY

When schools in either Blissfield or Deerfield (Britton-Deerfield) are on a 2-hour delay or canceled, daily mass and any evening parish events will be canceled as well. Please be aware of the possibilities of inclement weather (fog, ice, snow, etc.) and check for school postings before venturing out. Stay safe!

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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

FOOD PANTRY

Open the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 1-3 PM at the Parish Center in Deerfield. Food will be delivered to vehicles parked in the church parking lot.

January 31, 2021
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A NEW TEACHING WITH AUTHORITY

In today's gospel reading, the people "were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him."



You will notice that Jesus' teaching is always consistent. There are no flip-flops. And there is no division between his words and his actions. Jesus lived as he taught, and whatever he said and did was a reflection of his love. No wonder his contemporaries were amazed. Jesus' authority came from the harmony that existed between his words and actions. Those are the compelling reasons that draw our hearts to follow him in faith.

May our actions be in harmony with our words, as Jesus' actions were with God's. Let us pray that God gives us the strength to be consistent as Jesus was; let us pray that Jesus shows us how to imitate him according to his plan for each of us, so that we may become who we are created to be.

REALIGN RESOURCES FOR MISSION

Thank you to all who participated in the Realign Resources for Mission parish meetings which have now concluded after two months consulting with parishioners across the Diocese of Lansing, both in-person and virtually (such are the COVID times in which we live!)

In total, there were 67 meetings with over 2,600 parishioners participating and approximately 1,700 surveys submitted to the committee. We are currently reading every survey as we develop our proposals, which will come to you for comment, before going to Bishop Boyea for final consideration. The Bishop has also given us an extension to complete our work which is now due June 1, 2021.

In the meantime, I recommend you watch the latest Diocese of Lansing podcast which gives a good overview of the Realign Resources for Mission principles; a flavor of what parishioners had to say about them; and an explanation of the next steps for the process. Thanks!

YOUR LEGACY TO THE CHURCH

Have you updated your will lately? Please prayerfully consider naming the parish as a partial beneficiary of your will or trust. This gift will be felt by generations to come. Contact the parish office for an informational packet, The Catholic Foundation at legacygiving@dioceseoflansing.org or 517-253-8787 for more information.

DAILY & WEEKEND MASS ATTENDANCE

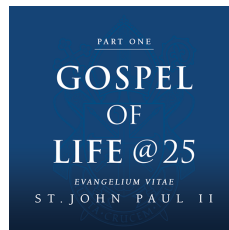
The obligation upon all Catholics to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended across the Diocese of Lansing until, at least, **FEBRUARY 16, 2021** at which time the dispensation may be extended.

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.

Bishop Boyea has confirmed that public Masses – and sacraments and devotions – will continue under the present liturgical guidelines which accord with the highest standards of public health and hygiene relating to COVID-19.

In light of these new restrictions, parish halls will be closed and all parish gatherings prohibited. Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Patroness of the Diocese of Lansing, pray for us!

THE GOSPEL OF LIFE @ 25:



Just over a quarter of a century ago, Pope Saint John Paul II released his prophetic encyclical, *Evangelium vitae*, in response to the ever-increasing attacks against human life and dignity.

Over the next 12 months, we will be releasing a weekly teaching or reflection on this important encyclical so that the faithful may grow in their understanding of the Church's teaching on matters of life and human dignity. We hope you will join us on this journey of life.

Evangelium vitae, translated in English to "The Gospel of Life", was promulgated in Rome on 25 March 1995 by Pope John Paul II. It deals with issues pertaining to the sanctity of human life, including murder, abortion, euthanasia, and capital punishment, reaffirming the Church's timeless teachings on those issues in a way that is relevant to this day.

The document gave greater foundation and focus to what a "Culture of Life" should look like and, by contrast, greater understanding as to what underpins the contemporary "Culture of Death" which continues to hold sway over much of the western world.

The United States' Conference of Catholic Bishops had designated 2020 as the year to begin celebrating the 25th anniversary of *Evangelium vitae* but, as with many things, COVID-19 got in the way. Hence the beginning of this new series, introduced upon this Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children, January 22, 2021. *Next installment?* Next week. Until then, God bless you.

†ASH WEDNESDAY† FEBRUARY 17, 2021

9:00AM BLISSFIELD
7:00PM DEERFIELD

-INFORMATION ON ASH
DISTRIBUTION TO COME

LOST AND FOUND

A pair of mostly black reading glasses (most likely men's) was found on the ground near the church parking lot in Deerfield. To claim them, please call the office.

KNIGHTS' NEWS



"Now, Lord, you have kept your promise, and you may let your servant go in peace. With my own eyes I have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples." Luke 2:29-31. We pray for the elderly, that they may be esteemed for their wisdom and cared for by the faithful.

Our next Council meeting is February 4, 2021. Social distancing and Bishop Boyea's safety rules concerning COVID-19 need to be observed. For more information, please call Mark at 734 637-9254. St. Joseph, pray for us.

Please remember "Because by Your holy Cross, You have redeemed the world." All parishioners are invited to the Way of the Cross by Saint Alphonsus Liguori beginning at 7:00 PM Friday, February 19 at St. Alphonsus Church. No books or electronic devices needed. We will alternate churches on the Fridays during Lent. Please see future bulletins for details.

The Knights of Columbus offers various annuity product options including IRA and Roth IRA that are simple and secure. These investments offer guaranteed lifetime interest rates providing long term accumulation of wealth. For details, please contact our local field agent Nicolas at 810 620-4240 or email Nicolas.Novak@kofc.org. More information about investment and insurance options is available at www.kofc.org.

Please pray for our students, teachers, secretaries, bus drivers, mechanics, custodians, tutors, volunteers, administrators, and all other school support personnel. St. Anthony pray for us.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK



Diocese of Lansing Seminarian
Ryan Ferrigan, St Martha, Okemos

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.



Discerner of Religious Life
Emily Mattson

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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, February 2 - 9:00am, St. Peter

† Vivian Tack
by Kenneth & Connie Graham, Jr.

Wed., Feb. 3 - 9:00am, St. Alphonsus

† Florine Forche
by family

Thur., Feb. 4 - 9:00am, St. Peter

† People of the Parish

Fri., Feb. 5 - 9:00am, St. Alphonsus

† Victor Demey
by the Knights of Columbus

Sat., Feb. 6 - 4:30pm, St. Peter

† Eliza Jane Bunge
by family

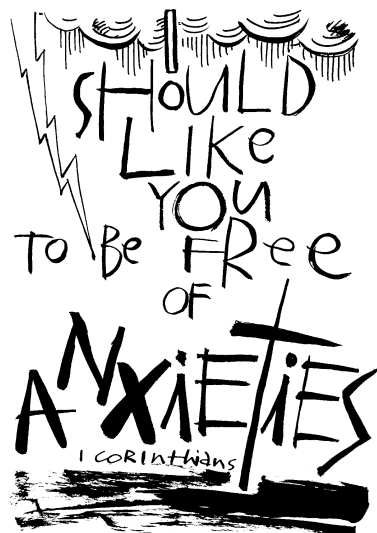
Sunday, February 7 -

8:00am, St. Alphonsus

† Doug Scholl
by Denome family

11:00am, St. Peter

† Carol Burgermeister
by Diane, Mike & Terri



~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

January 31, 2021
Deuteronomy 18:15-20
1 Corinthians 7:32-35
Mark 1:21-28

Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

February 7, 2021
Job 7:1-4, 6-7
1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23
Mark 1:29-39

†PRAY THE 5TH SUNDAY ROSARY†



**THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 31
~9:00AM IN DEERFIELD**

**~AFTER 11:00AM MASS
IN BLISSFIELD
Led by the Knights of Columbus**

FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED

Our Food Pantry is in need of several staple items. Donations of the following can be dropped off at either church on the weekends or in the SALT Center on Tuesday or Thursday from 9am-5pm:

- Boxed Potatoes
- Rice-a-Roni
- Tuna
- Canned Fruit
- Ravioli
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Kleenex
- Hamburger Helper

Our Food Pantry Crew could also use a few more hands to help distribute food once a month. This takes place in Deerfield the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 1-3pm and involves bagging food and carrying or pushing it out on a cart to the parking lot. If you are able to help even a few times a year, please contact the office.

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

Audrey M. Brown of Blissfield passed away on January 22 and her funeral service was private. Please keep Audrey and her family in your thoughts and prayers.



~STEWARDSHIP REPORT~

January 24, 2021

Sunday- \$2,160.00
Loose- \$45.00
Christmas- \$100.00
Mercy Fund- \$23.00
Worldwide Evangelization- \$173.00
Total Collection- \$2,501.00

Envelopes- 71

Online Giving-

Sunday- \$1,768.00
Mercy Fund- \$10.00
Monthly Pledge- \$7.50
Worldwide Evangelization- \$20.00
Total- \$1,806.00

Envelopes- 30

Virtual Dine and Discuss Focuses on Story of Boy Growing up in the Gaza Strip

Weber Retreat and Conference Center brings back its popular Dine and Discuss, but in a virtual format. Join others in reading *The Words of My Father: Love and Pain in Palestine*, the compelling story Yusef Bashir's experience as a young boy growing up in the Gaza Strip – and the sudden challenges of finding his home occupied by soldiers.

Tune in from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. EST Wednesday, February 24, 2021, to view a group discussion and a presentation by Linda Tomala, a member of the Detroit hub of the Meta Peace Team. She practiced non-violence and bystander intervention during several trips to the Middle East, including at the Israeli-Palestinian border.

Books may be purchased through the Weber Shop for \$10 plus postage, if applicable. Contact the Weber Shop at 517-266-4035 or webershop@adriandominicans.org.

The program is free, but registration is required to receive the live stream link, which includes the ability to submit questions. Registration is available at www.webercenter.org; click on "programs." Registration is also available by calling 517-266-4000 or emailing webercenter@adriandominicans.org.

LET US PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS AND THEIR CAREGIVERS

Rita Bausman	JoAnn McKelvey
Ella Borowski	Emily Martinez
Becky Branscum	Shelly Molaro
Ron Coopshaw	Joseph Mueller
Isabelle DeLaCruz	John Musielewicz
Ann DeNudt	Bev Pifer
Webb Drew	Dan Reed
Carmen Garcia	Eva Ricker
Katy Goodman	Mary Rowe
Carmen Graham	Jerry Sekulski
Dale Graham	Jim Sheldon
Makenzie Greer	Becky Shusta
Joan Hamilton	Lena Silva
Carrie Hartley	Alice Van Staveren
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.



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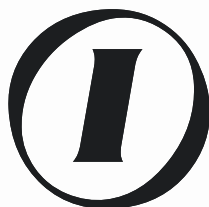
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