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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

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New Evangelization Commission

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Women of Prayer
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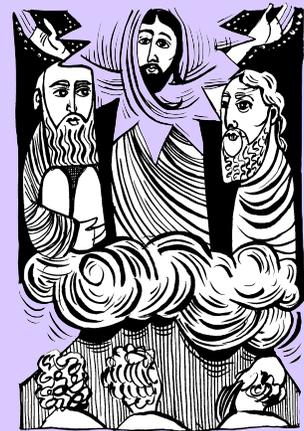
FOOD PANTRY

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.

February 28, 2021
Second Sunday of Lent

"TAKE YOUR SON ISAAC..."

Today's first reading is one of the most important religious texts ever written. While it is strange for us to read of a god asking for human sacrifice, that was nothing out of the ordinary in Abraham's world. It is because of the story of Abraham and Isaac that human and child sacrifice looks the way it does to us.



Human sacrifice is not some aberration in human history. In one way or another, it is the norm. The other gods humans have worshipped, whether they go by ancient names like Baal and Moloch, or modern names like Choice and National Security, have always demanded what is most precious, our sons and daughters. It is only the God of Abraham who does not demand but provides the sacrifice.

The story of Abraham and Isaac begins the trajectory that ends with Christ. When Paul tells the Romans that God "did not spare his own Son," he is linking Jesus and Isaac and pointing us toward the inversion of sacrifice. This inversion transfigures human history. What could this rising from the dead mean? That the one who gave himself to be sacrificed so that we might see the truth about human sacrifice was God's own Son.

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Knights of Columbus will be doing the Way of the Cross at 7:00pm on Fridays. The following schedule will be used:

St. Alphonsus: 3/5, 3/19
St. Peter the Apostle: 2/26, 3/12, 3/26

*Friday Stations will be live streamed on YouTube at "light of christ church blissfield-deerfield". Please join us!

SPECIAL EMERGENCY COLLECTION FIJI HIT BY 3 BACK-TO-BACK CYCLONES

God is our refuge and strength, an everpresent help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters rage and foam. Psalm 46:1-4

Bishop Boyea has received a request for a special collection from two priests currently serving the Diocese of Lansing. Fr. Kusi Cobona, The Catholic Community of Saints James, Cornelius and Cyprian, and Fr. Leronio Vodivodi, Holy Family, Grand Blanc, who hail from Fiji, have requested this special collection on behalf of their devastated families and for the tens of thousands of Fijians who have encountered **3 back-to-back cyclones** recently. *"The damages are like the flooding and destruction of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans. Many homes were blown away by the first cyclone, crops were damaged. The next two brought in so much rain that caused so many floods in places that had never been flooded before."*

Specifically, they are looking for donations to help the parish of St. Martin de Porres, Lakeba Island, Fiji. *"Our Parish is still recovering as we have completely lost our Parish hall, with damaged to the Church, Presbytery, dining hall and the old Sr's convent, resiliently we are managing with limited resources financially and physically as we are able to improvise with what we have at hand. I hope and pray you will be able to respond with love to the cries of our people in Fiji." Peni Vula Vanua*

Any checks should be made out to **Light of Christ Parish** with "Fiji Collection" in the memo line. You may use the labeled collection basket or the drop box at either church location by Feb. 28.

THE GOSPEL OF LIFE @ 25: PART 5 POPE ST. JOHN PAUL & OUR REVERSION TO "A STATE OF BARBARISM"

Just over a quarter of a century ago, Pope Saint John Paul II released his encyclical, *Evangelium vitae*, in response to the ever-increasing attacks against human life and dignity. Each Friday, we aim to explore a different aspect the prophetic papal document.

Today's passage drawn from Section 15 of the encyclical where Pope John Paul warns against a reversion to "a state of barbarism" that would see newborn babies, who are unwanted by their parents, left to die or actively killed with the connivance of the medical authorities:

"The point has been reached where the most basic care, even nourishment, is denied to babies born with serious handicaps or illnesses. The contemporary scene, moreover, is becoming even more alarming by reason of the proposals, advanced here and there, to justify even infanticide, following the same arguments used to justify the right to abortion. In this way, we revert to a state of barbarism which one hoped had been left behind forever," Pope Saint John Paul II, Section 15, *Evangelium vitae*.

Reflecting upon this passage today is Jenny Ingles, Director of Fertility and Life Ministries for the Diocese of Lansing. Jenny writes:

"In his encyclical, *Evangelium Vitae*, John Paul II recognizes that "proposals" have been made to justify infanticide using the same arguments used to justify abortion."

"This hit US news hard in 2019 when New York's Governor Andrew Cuomo signed into law the New York "Reproductive Health Act" on the anniversary of Roe v Wade. This law permits abortions to occur at any time in pregnancy (even moments before the baby is to be delivered) for the health of the mother. This guised legislation ignores the fact that the most effective means to save a mother's life in these situations is the delivery (vaginal or C-section) of a baby, not it's dismemberment."

"A backlash was felt throughout the country where many people, rightfully, saw that the next step in the abortion industry was infanticide. Bills were proposed in many areas that would protect children who were born alive after 'failed' abortions. Despite insistence from the abortion industry that babies born alive after 'failed' abortions are never left to die unless they're under 22-weeks gestation, reports of these atrocities do exist. And as many states attempt follow New York's lead in permitting late-term abortions, there will be an inevitable increase of babies born alive after these botched abortions."

"It is important for us to do everything we can to fight for an unborn (and born) child's right to life. May we be guided by the Holy Spirit in our efforts and may Mother Mary protect these little ones."

Pope Saint John Paul II, pray for us!

KNIGHTS' NEWS



The Lord is close to the brokenhearted, and those who are crushed in spirit he saves. Psalm 34:19

All parishioners are invited to the Stations of the Cross this Friday, March 5, 7:00 PM, at St. Alphonsus Church. A Plenary Indulgence is granted to the faithful who make a pious exercise of the "Way of the Cross." Those who are "impeded" can gain the same indulgence, if they spend at least one half an hour in pious reading and meditation on the Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The Holy Bible edited by Fr. John P. O'Connell from the 1950's & 1960's and newer contain the Stations with beautiful illustrations & meditations. For more details, please see the ad in the bulletin.

The next Council Meeting is March 4, 7:30 PM. "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee."

Babies Lives Matter. 40 Days for Life continues through March 28. Fifteen lives are known to have been saved from abortion since February 17. You can participate in 1 of 3 ways: prayer & fasting, community outreach, and peaceful vigil. For more information about local campaigns, please visit www.40daysforlife.com, contact Peter Range at 440 821 1533, or email prange@toledodiocese.org. St Joseph pray for us.

Please offer a prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for all hearts in need of healing.

YOUR LEGACY TO THE CHURCH

Imagine a gift that gives forever. That's exactly what a bequest in your will or making the parish the beneficiary of a life insurance policy can do for our parish endowment. The plans you make now will strengthen our parish family by providing perpetual financial support year after year. Contact the parish office, The Catholic Foundation at 517-253-8787 or legacygiving@dioceseoflansing.org for more information.

RECONCILIATION OPPORTUNITIES Wednesdays during Lent

All Parishioners are invited to come for individual confession from 7:00PM-8:00PM on Wednesdays during Lent. The following schedule alternates sites:

3/10, 3/24 Blissfield
3/3, 3/17, 3/31 Deerfield

**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK**

Tuesday, March 2 - 9:00am, St. Peter
† Deacon Jim Martinez
by the Knights of Columbus

Wed., March 3 - 7:00pm, St. Alphonsus
† Ronaldo Versoza
by Marietta & Ken Smolka & family

Thur., March 4 - 9:00am, St. Peter
† the People of the Parish

Fri., March 5 - 9:00am, St. Alphonsus
† Theresa Alcott Emery
by Daryl & Nancy Seegert

Sat., March 6 - 4:30pm, St. Peter
† Laura Schman
by Amy, Amanda & Linda Wilson

**Sunday, March 7 -
8:00am, St. Alphonsus**
† Doug Scholl
by Ted & Rose Forgiel

11:00am, St. Peter
† Vivian Tack
by Kenneth & Connie Graham, Jr.

**LITTLE BOOKS
of the Diocese of Saginaw**

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we are unable to have paper products in church, including the Little Books we usually distribute during the Advent, Lent, and Easter seasons.

Little Books 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

~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

Second Sunday of Lent

February 28, 2021

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Romans 8:31b-34

Mark 9:2-10

Third Sunday of Lent

March 7, 2021

Exodus 20:1-17

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

John 2:13-25



"THE WORD OF GOD
IS AT WORK IN YOU

Who Believe.
1 Thessalonians 2:13

"The word of God is at work in you who believe." This scripture text from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians affirms a fundamental truth and teaching of the Catholic Church – the word of God is alive here and now, it is active in you and in the work of all who believe. Thanks be to God for His Holy Word!

DSA is an opportunity to put God's word into action, to participate personally in the many good works of our Church in communion with fellow Catholics. Our contributions are put to work, right away, in a multitude of ministries to offer direct assistance to individuals and families and to parishes, Catholic schools, and Catholic Charities agencies.

Next weekend our parish will conduct Commitment Weekend for our Diocesan Services Appeal. This is when we will be asking each member of Light of Christ Parish to consider a generous gift to DSA. Our parish goal of \$ 27,938.00 can be reached if each one of us shares a portion of the many blessings God has bestowed upon us. Please prayerfully consider how you or your family will respond to this call to carry on Christ's work in our community.



-STEWARDSHIP REPORT-

February 21, 2021

Sunday- \$2,743.00

Loose- \$45.00

Easter Flowers- \$25.00

Mercy Fund- \$35.00

Home Missions- \$195.00

Total Collection- \$3,043.00

Envelopes- 79

Online Giving-

Sunday- \$1,551.00

Mercy Fund- \$10.00

Monthly Pledge- \$7.50

Home Missions- \$20.00

Total Online- \$1,588.50

Envelopes- 28

**WEEKEND & HOLY DAY MASS
DISPENSATION EXTENDED**

The obligation upon all Catholics to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days remains suspended across the Diocese of Lansing through **MAY 16, 2021.**

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.

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 (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2168-2195). It is especially recommended to engage in prayer, either personally or as a family, for example, by devoutly following a broadcast of the Sunday Mass by television, internet, or radio. **Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Patroness of the Diocese of Lansing, pray for us!**



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

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| Rita Bausman | Donna LaMonde |
| Ella Borowski | JoAnn McKelvey |
| Ginger Borowski | Emily Martinez |
| Becky Branscum | Shelly Molaro |
| Ron Coopshaw | Gianna Monroe |
| Isabelle DeLaCruz | Joseph Mueller |
| Ann DeNudt | John Musielewicz |
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| Carmen Garcia | Dan Reed |
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| Makenzie Greer | Jim Sheldon |
| Joan Hamilton | Becky Shusta |
| Carrie Hartley | Lena Silva |
| Kristie Horkey | Alice Van Staveren |
| Ed Jacobson | Christopher Warner |
| Susan Johnson | Kristine Wells |
| Norma Kelly | Flo Wentworth |
| Marie Kieplinski | Mark Willaert |
| Jonah Kornberg | David Woods |
| Gale LaVoy | 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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