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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 - Rose Forgiel 517-447-3868

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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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.

March 28, 2021
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

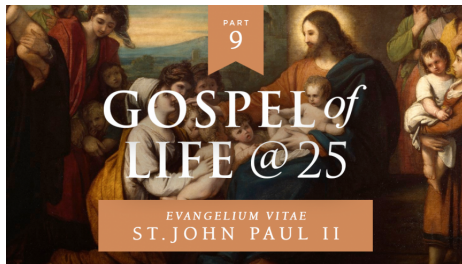
ACCEPT THE WILL OF GOD

Today launches a week that espouses a new way of doing things, untying us from old behaviors and beliefs. But the Palm Sunday message of a beckoning new regime has often been met with resistance. The two apostles who were sent ahead into the village to untie a donkey colt and bring it back for Jesus to ride into Jerusalem surely must have quietly resisted the request. The apostles likely dreaded the task of taking a colt that did not belong to them in the midst of protective bystanders.



After initially questioning the apostles for untying the colt, the villagers apparently accepted the apostles' explanation that the master needed it and dropped their objections. An underlying Holy Week theme for Jesus and all his followers is to eschew human single-mindedness and instead accept the will of God. The two apostles and the villagers untied themselves from natural inclinations and acquiesced to the divine plan.

As Jesus rode the colt toward Jerusalem and a date with profound suffering and death to provide us redemption from sin, bystanders threw off their cloaks of unbelief and spread them on the road that led to Christ's new kingdom. We should be open to doing the same.



POPE ST. JOHN PAUL & Practical Atheism & the Collapse of Human Dignity

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 23 of the encyclical where Pope Saint John Paul notes that by living "as if God did not exist" man not only loses sight of the mystery of God, but also of the mystery of the world and the mystery of his own being. He writes:

"Within this same cultural climate, the body is no longer perceived as a properly personal reality, a sign and place of relations with others, with God and with the world. It is reduced to pure materiality: it is simply a complex of organs, functions and energies to be used according to the sole criteria of pleasure and efficiency. Consequently, sexuality too is depersonalized and exploited: from being the sign, place and language of love, that is, of the gift of self and acceptance of another, in all the other's richness as a person, it increasingly becomes the occasion and instrument for self-assertion and the selfish satisfaction of personal desires and instincts. Thus the original import of human sexuality is distorted and falsified, and the two meanings, unitive and procreative, inherent in the very nature of the conjugal act, are artificially separated: in this way the marriage union is betrayed and its fruitfulness is subjected to the caprice of the couple. Procreation then becomes the "enemy" to be avoided in sexual activity: if it is welcomed, this is only because it expresses a desire, or indeed the intention, to have a child "at all costs", and not because it signifies the complete acceptance of the other and therefore an openness to the richness of life which the child represents," Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, Section 23.

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

"Sadly, I and many of my millennial friends can bear witness to the ravages that this utilitarian depersonalized view of the body inflicts on the human person – the violence that it does. The message of *Evangelium vitae* is prophetic in that it sheds light on both the devastating effects of the modern view of the purpose and meaning of the body and sex, but also bears witness to the beauty and freedom that can be found through a Catholic view of sex and the body. As much harm as I've experienced dipping my feet into the modern view, I have experienced all the more healing in coming to know and delve more deeply into what the Church teaches about the meaning of sex and the body. Praised be Jesus Christ, in His Church, and in His saints!"

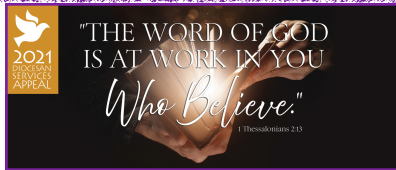
Pope Saint John Paul II, pray for us!

MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVERS NEEDED



Light of Christ Parish is responsible for delivery of Meals on Wheels for **April 12-23**. PLEASE CALL OR TEXT LEANNE GOODIN AT 734 637-4555 to sign up or use the sign up sheet in Deerfield in the back of church.

Three drivers are needed each day. Delivery begins at 11:00 am (arrive by 10:30am) and takes approximately 1 and 1/2 hours. Your help is greatly appreciated by these home-bound seniors!



Thank you to everyone who has made a gift or pledge commitment to our Diocesan Services Appeal. Our gifts to DSA enable our diocese to provide services crucial to our parish. The programs and services funded by DSA offer direct assistance to individuals and families, and to parishes, schools, and Catholic Charities agencies. Here's the link to the Bishop's video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3_hsw8Y8WZM&feature=emb_logo. "Every good work" of the Church occurs through dozens of ongoing ministries made possible by our contributions to DSA.

If you have not made a gift or a pledge, I invite you to do so today. Gift envelopes are available in church or the parish office. Or you may submit your gift online at this link to the DSA online gift page <https://donate.dioceseoflansing.org/DSAadonations>. Your DSA gift will support the vital services and ministries that help bring the love of Christ to all we encounter.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Knights of Columbus have been leading the Way of the Cross at 7:00pm on Fridays. The final Friday will be at St. Peter the Apostle on 3/26.

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

KNIGHTS' NEWS



So, Jesus said to those who believed in Him, "If you obey My teaching, you are really My disciples; you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:31-32. We pray for those who do not believe in Christ, and pray they will come to believe in Him.

Babies Lives Matter! 40 Days for Life has a conclusion yet not an ending this Sunday. At least 353 lives have been saved since February 17, 2021. Please continue to pray, fast, and sacrifice to save the lives of the unborn and newborn from abortion. For more information, please visit www.40daysforlife.com.

We are an active council as long as we continue to give a Helping Hand to others. Please continue to do many good works including prayers, donating blood, shopping for the elderly and homebound, sharing a good joke, donating to the food pantries, and checking on the well-being of others. To donate blood, please contact the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or www.redcross.org. St. Jude pray for us.

Did you know you can secure your family's future and save money on taxes? The Knights of Columbus offers various annuity product options including IRA, Roth IRA, and Tax Deferred Annuities that are safe, simple, and secure with a guaranteed lifetime interest rate providing a long-term accumulation of wealth. For details, please contact our field agent, Nicolas at 810 620-4240, email him at Nicolas.Novak@kofc.org, or visit www.kofc.org.

Please pray for Pope Francis, Bishop Boyea, Father Jeff Poll, and pray for a generous increase in vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life.

RECONCILIATION OPPORTUNITY Wednesdays during Lent

All Parishioners are invited to come for individual confession from 7:00PM-8:00PM on Wednesday, March 31 in Deerfield.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, March 30 - 9:00am, St. Peter
✠ the People of the Parish

Wed., March 31 - 9:00am, St. Alphonsus
✠ Florine Forche
by family

Thur., April 1 - 7:00pm, St. Peter
Holy Thursday
✠ Carol Burgermeister
by Diane, Mike & Terri

Fri., April 2 - 7:00pm, St. Peter
Good Friday

Sat., April 3 - 8:30pm, St. Alphonsus
Easter Vigil
✠ Alberta & Bill Payne
by family

Sunday, April 4-
*Easter Sunday of the Resurrection
of the Lord*
8:00am, St. Alphonsus
✠ Karl LaVoy
by Doug & Deanna Burke

11:00am, St. Peter
✠ William Ludolph & William Ludolph, Jr.
by Betty Miller

He
emptied Himself,
taking
the form of
a
SLAVE
coming
in human
likeness.
PHIL

~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
March 28, 2021
Gospel: Mark 11:1-10
Isaiah 50:4-7
Philippians 2:6-11
Mark 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

Easter Sunday-The Resurrection of the Lord
April 4, 2021
Acts 10:34a,37-43
Corinthians 5:6b-8
John 20:1-9

FIRST RECONCILIATION CELEBRATION 2021

Congratulations to the following children
who celebrated their First Reconciliation
(Penance)
during Lent:

Sophia Bieber
Griffin Gust
Adam Lambrix
Georgia Waggoner
Landen Walentowski
Gwendolyn Westhoven
Jude Westhoven

We celebrate God's love and mercy with
you!

Blessings To You



*On Your First
Reconciliation*

YOUR LEGACY TO THE CHURCH

Are you a member of the Immaculate Conception Society? All it takes to join is to leave a gift to the church when you die. Gifts can be of any size. Gifts from your will or trust can be simple, but easier still is changing a beneficiary on a life insurance or retirement account to include Light of Christ Parish. What is your Catholic Legacy?

Contact the parish office, The Catholic Foundation at 517-253-8787 or legacygiving@dioceseoflansing.org for more information.

-STEWARDSHIP REPORT- March 21, 2021

Sunday- \$2,629.00
Loose- \$45.00
Easter- \$40.00
Easter Flowers- \$375.00
Mercy Fund- \$114.00
Catholic Relief Services- \$89.00

Total Collection- \$3,252.00
Envelopes- 97

Online Giving-
Sunday- \$1,714.00
Mercy Fund- \$10.00
Rice Bowl- \$8.00
Monthly Pledge- \$7.50

Total- \$1,739.50

TRIDUUM/EASTER SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, April 1, 7:00pm~Blissfield
Good Friday, April 2, 7:00pm~Blissfield
Easter Vigil, April 3, 8:30pm~Deerfield

Easter Sunday~ April 4
8:00am~Deerfield
11:00am~Blissfield

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

Rita Bausman	Donna LaMonde
Ella Borowski	Millie Larson
Ginger Borowski	JoAnn McKelvey
Becky Branscum	Emily Martinez
Raymond Busby	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
Gale LaVoy	

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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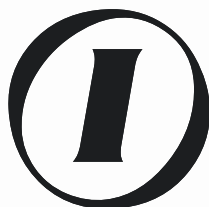
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