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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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PASTORAL COUNCIL

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.

April 25, 2021
Fourth Sunday of Easter

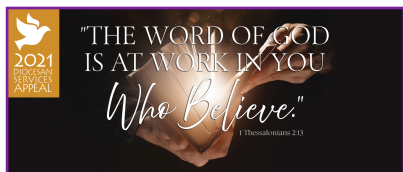
IN JESUS' FOOTSTEPS

Many times throughout the gospels we are told not to worry and not to be afraid because God loves us and is always with us to guide and to help. While this is comforting, it can be, at the same time, a challenging message for us to live by in these trying times. In today's gospel we are once again comforted and also challenged. It is comforting to remember that we are compared to sheep who have a loving shepherd who would lay down his life for his sheep.



As this gospel tells us, Jesus' love and care extend to other sheep not of this fold. We are, therefore, encouraged by Jesus to extend our care not only to our close neighbors but also to all of planet Earth; that is the whole community of creation. This can, indeed, be a challenge.

However, Jesus promises us that he will be with us, helping us to walk in his footsteps, however difficult that may be. We can, therefore, be comforted while we work for justice, putting our trust in God and giving God thanks.



This week we reached almost 75% of our DSA goal. Thus far 109 families have contributed to this year's appeal. I am grateful for these contributions and invite others to join me and join together to push us over goal for the benefit of our parish and the wider church.

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/DSAdonations>. Your DSA gift will support the vital services and ministries that help bring the love of Christ to all we encounter.

DSA UPDATE:

Goal \$27,938.00
Total Pledges \$22,392.00
Percent of Goal 80.15%
Estimated Donors 116
Estimated Participation Rate 22.52%

FIRST EUCHARIST CELEBRATION MAY 2021

Congratulations to the following children as they receive their First Holy Communion this spring:

Sophia Bieber
Elle Franzen
Griffin Gust
Adam Lambrix
Georgia Waggoner
Landen Walentowski
Gwen Westhoven
Jude Westhoven



May God, who brought you to this special day continue to direct your life in His perfect way.



HAPPY "SPECIAL" BIRTHDAY
TO OUR
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MANY BLESSINGS TO YOU!

KNOW PROGRAM ONLINE FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN

APRIL 30 DEADLINE THIS FRIDAY!

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are pleased to announce that in partnership with the Diocese of Lansing, we present to you an online version of the **kNOw** program for the safety of our children. The **kNOw** Program is designed to equip children, parents/guardians, schools and parishes with the tools to "kNOw" how to identify, thwart, and report harmful behavior.

This program relies on the fundamental truth that each child is created and loved by God Himself and deserves to be safe and cared for. This is a *life skill* for our children. Using methods developed by Mr. Fred Rogers, a great child educator of our time, and endorsed by physicians at the University of Michigan, The **kNOw** Program delivers life lessons about safety, respect, and empowerment in an accessible and trustworthy way to both children and adults.

One important *key ingredient* of The **kNOw** Program that sets us apart from all the other programs is the adult participation; the key adults in children's lives. To keep our children safe and deter predators, we must educate adults in how to identify and respond to signs of abuse and reports of harm. Because of this, children and their parents/guardians will participate together in The **kNOw** Program. We offer training sessions based on grade levels:

Kindergarten – 2nd Grade
3rd Grade – 5th Grade
6th Grade – 8th Grade Girls
6th Grade – 8th Grade Boys

· Please watch the **kNOw** Program Introduction Video first so you understand how this program works and how it will be delivered to you and your child.

· We invite you to use the **kNOw** Parent Short Guide as a resource and for notes. <https://www.dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/know-program>

In the meantime, if you have questions, please call or email Deanna Burke, Director of Religious Education, at 517 447-3500 or deannabdre@gmail.com. We remain committed to the protection of our parish families through a quality safe environment program and are looking forward to your participation and support. Please email Deanna at deannabdre@gmail.com once you have completed the online training with your child(ren). The diocese requires us to report the number receiving the training (and not) for our annual compliance audit, so your response **no later than APRIL 30** is important. Thank you in advance!

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Director of Religious Education
Light of Christ Parish

KNIGHTS' NEWS



For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16.

Our Scrap Metal Drive is May 22. All metals are accepted including brass, copper, aluminum, stainless steel, cast iron, bronze, steel, iron, and carbide. Auto, truck, tractor, marine, and lawn mower batteries are accepted. No donation is too small. St. Anthony pray for us.

The Financial Secretary position is available beginning July 1, 2021. Upon recommendation by the Grand Knight and the 3 Trustees, the Financial Secretary is appointed to a 3-year term that is approved by the Supreme Knight. For a description of all the officers' duties including the Financial Secretary, please visit www.kofc14699.org.

All 3rd & 4th Degree Knights are asked to prayerfully consider becoming an officer in our Council. Positions include the Grand Knight - the highest-ranking officer of his council, Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, Treasurer, Warden, Recorder, Inside/ Outside Guards, and Advocate. The term of office lasts 1 year and begins July 1, 2021. A Trustee is elected to a 3-year term. Please notify GK Nicolas Martinez of your intentions to run for office at the May 6, 7:30 PM meeting. The election will be held at the June 3 meeting. St. Alphonsus and St. Peter the Apostle pray for us.

Please pray for a safe & successful planting season by all farmers and gardeners. St. Isidore & St. Maria pray for us.

"Paychecks and Playchecks" Webinar.

All (Knights and parishioners) are invited to join a webinar featuring Tom Hegna, who specializes in creating simple and powerful retirement solutions, on April 28 from 7:00-8:00 PM. **RSVP:** <http://bit.ly/KOFCApril2021>

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus!

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

David Woods of Deerfield passed away on April 20 and his funeral was April 24. Please keep David and his family in your thoughts and prayers.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, April 27 - 9:00am, St. Peter

† Kathy Riley
by Kenneth & Kristin Petterle

Wed., April 28 - 9:00am, St. Alphonsus

† Mary Ann Cousino
by Dale & Carmen Graham

Thur., April 29 - 9:00am, St. Peter

† Bill Ludolph
by Sharon Dusseau

Fri., April 30 - 9:00am, St. Alphonsus

† the People of the Parish

Sat., May 1 - 4:30pm, St. Peter

Vigil
† Mary Sedlacek
by Barbara Pakornik

**Sunday, May 2 -
8:00am, St. Alphonsus**

† Scott Scholl
by family

11:00am, St. Peter

† Audrey Brown
by Frank & Gail Vereecke

CONFIRMATION 2021 "GIFTED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT"

Please pray for the following teens that are being confirmed throughout this spring:

Owen Denniss
Gabriel (Gabe) Jones
Lilli Kastel
Abigail (Abbey) Molaro
Claire Molnar
Brock Papenhagen
Joscelyn Yape



This is not the end, but the beginning of their new identity as an adult of the Catholic Church. They are called to continue living a Christian life through service and discovering and sharing their unique gifts and talents. When you see these new members of our parish, please welcome them! Congratulations and God Bless You!

**THANK YOU,
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND
FR. JEFF!**

A **BIG THANK YOU** to the Knights of Columbus for gifting the children celebrating their First Holy Communion with a children's bible and for the gift of a rosary to the teens receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this spring.

A **BIG THANK YOU** to Fr. Jeff for making rosaries as his gift to the children celebrating their First Holy Communion.

Your kindness are generosity are much appreciated!

WORSHIP AIDS ONLINE

A weekly worship aid with liturgical music will be available on our parish website, www.lightofchristparish.com, for you to follow along during mass on your smartphone or tablet. (please silence the ringer) The worship aid can be found under the "Bulletins/Aids" tab at the top of the homepage.

These weekly aids can also be found on our parish Facebook page.

YOUR LEGACY TO THE CHURCH

With legacy gift planning, you could bypass capital gains, increase your income, and/or get a charitable deduction. Find out how a charitable planned gift could be just the answer you have been looking for.

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

-STEWARDSHIP REPORT- April 18, 2021

Sunday- \$2,759.00
Loose- \$20.00
Easter- \$310.00
Mercy Fund- \$110.00

Total Collection- \$3,199.00
Envelopes- 68

Online Giving-
Sunday- \$646.50

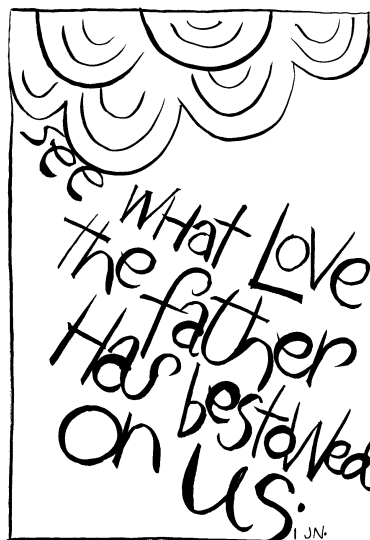
Envelopes- 20



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

Rita Bausman	Donna LaMonde
Ella Borowski	JoAnn McKelvey
Ginger Borowski	Emily Martinez
Becky Branscum	Shelly Molaro
Raymond Busby	Joseph Mueller
Ron Coopshaw	John Musielewicz
Isabelle DeLaCruz	Bev Pifer
Ann DeNudt	Dan Reed
Webb Drew	Eva Ricker
Carmen Garcia	Mary Rowe
Katy Goodman	Jerry Sekulski
Carmen Graham	Jim Sheldon
Dale Graham	Becky Shusta
Makenzie Greer	Lena Silva
Joan Hamilton	Alice Van Staveren
Carrie Hartley	Norman Suydam
Kristie Horkey	Christopher Warner
Ed Jacobson	Kristine Wells
Susan Johnson	Flo Wentworth
Norma Kelly	Mark Willaert
Marie Kieplinski	Marie Woodbury
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.



~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25, 2021
Acts 4:8-12
1 John 3:1-2
John 10:11-18

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021
Acts 9:26-31
1 John 3:18-24
John 15:4a, 5b



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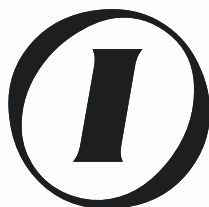
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