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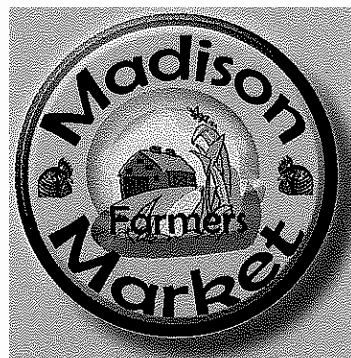
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

St. Alphonsus

Tuesday & Thursday: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

St. Peter

Monday: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

St. Alphonsus

Saturday: 5:30 PM - Sunday: 8:00 AM

St. Peter

Saturday: 4:00 PM - Sunday: 11:00 AM

HOLY DAY SCHEDULE

St. Peter: 9:00 AM - **St. Alphonsus:** 7:00 PM
(this schedule rotates)

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

St. Alphonsus

Wednesday and Friday: 9:00 AM

St. Peter

Tuesday and Thursday: 9:00 AM

BAPTISM - Contact the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Peter: 2:30-3:30 PM 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturdays

St. Alphonsus: 10:00-11:00 AM 2nd & 4th Saturdays

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. (excluding November and December)

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Please call the parish office for contact info.

PARISH COMMISSIONS

Finance Commission

Worship Commission

Education Commission

Social Ministry Commission

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Men's Club

Altar Rosary Society

Knights of Columbus

Heritage Garden Club

February 26, 2017

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOD SEES ALL

"Even should she forget, I will never forget you." (Isaiah 49:15)

Many of us were privileged with the opportunity of being educated by holy religious sisters, and remember their teachings well. We can still hear our grade-school teachers saying, "Remember boys and girls, God sees everything." At the time, we saw this expression as a motivation to avoid behaving badly, but now we see it as an encouragement for doing good.



Our teachers were right in saying that God sees everything we do, but this "everything" includes a concern not only for faults, but also for virtues.

Isaiah compares this concern to the watchful care of a mother for her child, but says that even if she does forget her child, the Lord will never forget us.

Let us rejoice in the fact that God's watchful concern for us is complete: not just the bad, but also the good.

LET'S TALK LITURGY by Margaret O'Malley

As I write this article Ash Wednesday is just a week away.

Forty days of penance and fasting. A time to give something up that I really like. No meat on Fridays.

But maybe I have the wrong focus – maybe it is a time to change a habit that I know needs to be changed. Maybe it is a time to spend a few minutes a day in prayer and reflection. Maybe this year I should think about doing something extra rather than giving something up.

Then there are those great soup suppers – a time to share a meal with friends – maybe make some new friends – and to learn and reflect on my faith during the presentations this year.

I could take one of those little black books that are available each year. I have heard that it only takes about five or six minutes a day to use them. I could probably take one of those Rice Bowls too – I could put my change in there at the end of the day – it would make my purse lighter!

Maybe instead of (or in addition to) giving up my favorite candy, TV show or computer game I could also do something positive. Maybe I could help my neighbor – I notice she has been struggling since she had that new baby. And there is the older man down the street who lost his wife – maybe he could use a visit. Maybe I could volunteer at the – well Lent is only six weeks long maybe I will have to pick one or two things and try them this year!

Oh – sorry – I didn't realize I was still typing!

It is worth considering though – what is our attitude toward Lent? Is it just the weeks that lead up to spring break – is it a time to look for a new outfit for Easter – or is it a time to recalibrate our spiritual life?

Hopefully, we can all spend at least some time this lent focusing on the spiritual life. Try to attend at least some of the soup suppers – there are only four this year. Attend the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings. Use the little black books and the rice bowl and its calendar suggestions at home. Make this lent six weeks of doing instead of not doing!

Godspeed!

SWEEPSTAKES UPDATE

To date \$17,825.00 ~ 32.4% Participation

LENTEN BREAKFAST & WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The Lenten Breakfast Volunteer sign-up sheet and schedule are now available on the bulletin boards at St. Alphonsus and in the hallway at St. Peter. We are in need of hostesses, servers, breakfast casseroles, quiches, angel food cake, heavenly eggs, strawberry preserves, orange juice and fresh strawberries for the March 23rd Lenten Breakfast. Food and beverages may be brought to the hall the day before (Wednesday) from noon to 1pm or before 9am on Thursday. Please call Penny Hashman (486-2083) for more information.

March 3	World Day of Prayer, First United Methodist 201 W. Adrian, Blissfield
March 9	Emmanuel United Methodist 215 Jefferson, Blissfield
March 16	St. Paul Lutheran 306 Jefferson, Blissfield
March 23	Light of Christ, Blissfield
March 30	First Presbyterian 304 Franklin, Blissfield
April 6	Trinity Lutheran 7623 Riga Hwy., Riga

All Lenten breakfasts are on a **Thursday** and start at 9:30am. The World Day of Prayer is on a **Friday**.

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KNIGHTS NEWS



Soups on! We have the honor of hosting the Lenten Soup Supper on Wednesday, March 15, 6:00 PM, at St. Peter Hall. Please bring your family and friends as well as a crock pot full of your favorite soup. We need a crew to begin setting up the hall at 5:00 PM and will finish cleanup after the video. For information please call Mike at 517 486-5966.

Thank you parishioners, guests, Knights, and families for a very enjoyable night of euchre. Our next Euchre Night will be March 18.

40 Days for Life is a coordinated international mobilization to end abortion through prayer, fasting, sacrificing, and peaceful vigil. This Spring's campaign begins March 1 and ends April 9. A peaceful hour of prayer will be held on Thursday, March 2, 6:00 PM at Capital Care Abortion Facility, 1160 W. Sylvania Ave., Toledo, OH. For details please visit <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/toledo/>.

All parishioners and their guests are invited to join us as we pray the Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent. The Way of the Cross is a devotion to the Sacred Passion, in which we accompany, in spirit, Jesus in His sorrowful journey from the house of Pilate to Calvary. A plenary indulgence may be gained by praying this devotion. Stations will begin at 7:00 PM according to the following schedule.

March 3, March 17, March 31: St. Peter the Apostle.

March 10, March 24, April 7: St. Alphonsus.

Please bring the entire family!

Please pray for all those affected by the recent weather events including flooding and massive snow storms.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS STARTING SOON

Soup Suppers will take place four Wednesdays during Lent. A different parish organization is responsible for set-up, clean-up and bringing soup each week. Parishioners are also invited to bring soup if they are not a member of any of the groups. Soup will begin each week at 6:00pm. Following soup, at approximately 6:30pm, we will be showing the video series, "Pivotal Players in the Catholic Church", by Bishop Robert Barron, the creator of the Catholicism Series.

Date	Location	Host Group(s)
3/8	Deerfield	Altar Rosary, Men's Club & Social Concerns
3/15	Blissfield	Knights of Columbus
3/22	Blissfield	Pastoral Council & Finance Commission
3/29	Blissfield	Education, RCIA & Music Ministry

Please join in these Lenten opportunities for good food, community and formation!

SCHEDULED MASSES WITH INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, February 28 - 9:00 AM - St. Peter
In memory of Frank Yurnikl
by family

Wednesday, March 1 - ASH WEDNESDAY

9:00 AM - St. Peter
In memory of Bob Zimmerman
by Dorothy & Diane Burgermeister

7:00 PM - St. Alphonsus
In memory of Deacon Jim Hashman
by the Parish Staff

Thursday, March 2 - 9:00 AM - St. Peter
In memory of Fr. Ray Klauke
18 years

Friday, March 3 - 9:00 AM - St. Alphonsus
In memory of Volney Payne, Jr.
22 years

Saturday, March 4
Vigil

4:00 PM - St. Peter
In memory of Deacon Jim Hashman
by Georgina Oprsal

5:30 PM - St. Alphonsus
In memory of Charles Hearl
by Bob & Barb Rains

Sunday, March 5

8:00 AM - St. Alphonsus
In memory of Donald Rowe
by Max & Crystal Good

11:00 AM - St. Peter
In memory of Jim Siering
by family



~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

February 26, 2017
Isaiah 49:14-15
1 Corinthians 4:1-5
Matthew 6:24-34

First Sunday of Lent

March 5, 2017
Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

DIOCESAN MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH RALLY

Light of Christ Parish Group
"Did Not the One Who Made the Outside Make the Inside Also?"

Fr. Gabriel Richard Catholic High School, Ann Arbor ~ March 18, 2017

All middle school youth are invited to attend the Diocesan Middle School Youth Rally on Saturday, **March 18**, from 12:00-10:00 PM (including driving time) at Father Gabriel Richard Catholic High School in Ann Arbor. The Rally provides an opportunity for a day filled with fun, food, friends, and faith. It's a chance to have fun and make new friends with other middle school youth in the diocese. Over 800 teens are expected to attend this year's Rally!

Registration: due no later than this Sunday, **February 26th**. Please plan to attend this fun event planned especially for middle school youth. Questions? Please contact Deanna Burke, DRE, at Office: 517 447-3500 or by Email: deannabdre@gmail.com.

ASH WEDNESDAY~ MARCH 1

9:00am Blissfield
7:00pm Deerfield



STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

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7:00 PM - FRIDAYS



@ St. Peter- March 3, 17, 31

@ St. Alphonsus- March 10, 24 & April 7

Stewardship Report February 18/19, 2017

Total Sunday: \$4,742.00
Total Loose: \$232.00
Mercy Fund: \$45.00

Total Envelopes: 192

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, February 26

✠*RCLA Session*✠
Deerfield, 9:00AM

✠*Religious Education*✠
Deerfield, 9:15-10:30 AM
Blissfield, 9:30-10:45 AM
HS @ Blissfield, 6:00-8:00 PM

Monday, February 27

✠*Education Commission Meeting*✠
Deerfield, 7:00PM

Tuesday, February 28

✠*Cantor Rehearsal*✠
Deerfield, 6:30-7:00 PM

✠*Choir Rehearsal*✠
Deerfield, 7:00-8:00 PM

Wednesday, March 1

✠*Guitar Group Rehearsal*✠
Blissfield, 7:00 PM

Friday, March 3

✠*Stations of the Cross*✠
Blissfield, 7:00 PM

Sunday, March 5

✠*Religious Education*✠
Deerfield, 9:15-10:30 AM
Blissfield, 9:30-10:45 AM
No HS



Welcome to Max Steven Sieler, son of Cody & Angela (Raymond) Sieler who was baptized at Light of Christ Parish in Blissfield on February 19, 2017.

LET US PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

Becky Branscum	Susan Johnson
Becky Brewer	Norma Kelly
Martha Brown	Marie Kieplinski
Finola Campbell	Betty Knapp
Isabelle DeLaCruz	JoAnn McGovern
Ann DeNudt	Shelly Molaro
Webb Drew	Carol Mueller
Carmen Garcia	Joseph Mueller
Mary Genchi	John Musielewicz
Katy Goodman	Bev Pifer
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Barbara Hadden	Pat Riley
Joan Hamilton	Jim Sheldon
Carrie Hartley	Lena Silva
Amy Henning	Vivian Tack
Kristie Horkey	Flo Wentworth
Jerry Iott	Catherine Wielfaert
Marilyn Iott	Mark Willaert
Ed Jacobson	

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.