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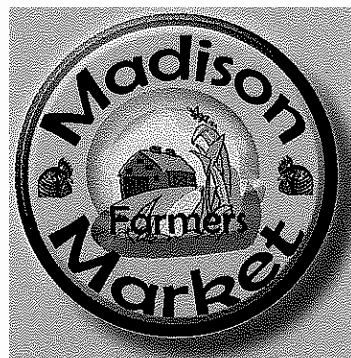
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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

#### 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  
Rose Forgiel: 517-447-3868

### FOOD PANTRY

Open the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 1-3 PM at the Parish Center in Deerfield. (excluding November and December)

### PARISH STAFF

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517-447-3766

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**Bulletin Deadline:** Tuesday at noon. Please email material to: lgoodin@cass.net

#### MAINTENANCE STAFF

Kim Diver - Director  
Ben Burke

#### PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

March 26, 2017  
Fourth Sunday of Lent

### MAKING A DIFFERENCE

"It is so that the works of God might be made visible through Him." (John 9:3)



Jesus performed a great work in healing the man born blind. What a difference he must have made in that man's life. We may feel our work has little or no impact on others. When we are tempted to think that way, recall perhaps that you are a teacher and it is the last day of your first semester teaching high school. Your students had been less than enthusiastic to learn freshman theology. By the time of the final exam, you began to doubt that your teaching made any difference. Then, on the way out of class, the quietest student hands you a letter from your class in which they listed all the ways their faith had grown throughout the semester. You are stunned! How could you have been so blind?

From that moment on, we should understand that our work does make a difference when you realize it's ultimately God's work being done. Jesus acknowledges this as well. Before curing the blind man, our Lord pointed out that he was doing the work of God.

Lord, help me to see that the difference I make is in the work that you send me to do.

## LET'S TALK LITURGY by Margaret O'Malley

Yesterday, March 25 was the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. The Gospel of the day recounts the story of the angel coming to Mary and announcing that she has been chosen to be the mother of God. She is a young woman who is asked to do the impossible. She is already engaged to Joseph. Being found pregnant in her culture would have meant death. She risks hurting Joseph and bringing shame to his family.

Despite all of this she risks execution because she is sure that she is being called to be the Mother of God. Her faith is stronger than her fear. She doesn't know what the road ahead holds for her but she is willing to follow it. She trusts totally in God and consents to bringing Christ's presence into the world.

I often reflect on what kind of faith and strength saying yes must have taken! So often Mary is picture as a submissive, delicate young girl. She was also a strong and courageous woman. Revealing to Joseph that she was pregnant, knowing that it could result in her death, must have been very difficult. (Those conversations are difficult today in our culture).

I think about things that we are asked to do that take much less faith and strength and we have difficulty saying yes. Mary is a wonderful role model! If we can develop just a small percentage of the trust she had in God we will have accomplished a lot! I pray that our faith will be stronger than our fear!

## MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVERS NEEDED



Light of Christ Parish is responsible for delivery of Meals on Wheels for April 17-28. The first week is Spring Break for some families so why not consider taking your children along on deliveries! Please use the sign up poster in Deerfield or call Leanne Goodin at the office, 447-3500 or home, 734 279-1113.

Three drivers are needed each day. Delivery begins at 11:00 am (arrive by 10:45am) and takes approximately 1 and 1/2 hours. Your help is greatly appreciated by these home-bound seniors! Sign up to make a difference in someone's day!!

## K OF C "FEATHERLESS" BINGO!

**SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 6:30PM  
@ SALT CENTER**

**Doors open at 6:00pm, snacks available.  
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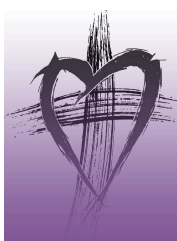


## SPRING CLEANING



We will be spring cleaning the church in Blissfield this Thursday, March 30 at 9:00am. More hands make light work! Please join us!

## Do something different for Lent....



Join us for a Lenten Faith sharing series:

- Small group adult faith sharing focusing on Lenten themes.

- Mondays – March 27 & April 3 in the SALT

Center, 7-8pm

- If interested, please email Michelle Mello at [mmello88@gmail.com](mailto:mmello88@gmail.com)

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## KNIGHTS NEWS

**B-I-N-G-O!** Our first Featherless Bingo Party is at the SALT Center this coming Saturday, April 1, 6:30 PM, and all parishioners, friends, relatives, and Knights are invited. Please come and enjoy the fun and win many prizes and hams. Doors open at 6:00 PM and snacks will be available. For details, please call Mark at 734 269-2279. Volunteer workers please come by 6:15 PM.



Volunteers are needed to collect donations for the Mentally Impaired on April 7, 8, and 9. We need all Knights to donate either 2 hours of their time at a weekend collection point or to help collect donations before or after Masses. If you can help, please call Mike at 517 486-5966 or Mark at 734 269-2279.

40 Cans for Lent continues through Palm Sunday, April 9. Please bring a non perishable food item for the Food Pantry to either church entrance.

Thank you to all Knights and their families as well as our parishioners and their guests who joined us for the Lenten Soup Supper and Euchre Night. You have made both events a complete success. Our next Euchre Night will be April 22.

All parishioners are encouraged to join us in the presentation of the Stations of the Cross this Friday, March 31, 7:00 PM, at St. Peter Church. Please continue to pray, fast, and sacrifice to protect the unborn.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

**Led by the Knights of Columbus  
7:00 PM - FRIDAYS**



**@ St. Peter- March 31  
@ St. Alphonsus- April 7**

## LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Wednesday Soup Suppers have begun! 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)
3/29	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, March 28 - 9:00 AM - St. Peter**  
In memory of Bill Payne  
3 years

**Wednesday, March 29 - 9:00 AM - St. Alphonsus**  
For those Less Fortunate

**Thursday, March 30 - 9:00 AM - St. Peter**  
No Mass

**Friday, March 31 - 9:00 AM - St. Alphonsus**  
In memory of Thomas Delaney  
30 years

**Saturday, April 1**  
Vigil

**4:00 PM - St. Peter**  
In memory of Alva Rau  
by the Rau Family

**5:30 PM - St. Alphonsus**  
In memory of Oliver & Carol Mueller  
by family

**Sunday, April 2**

**8:00 AM - St. Alphonsus**  
In memory of Charles & Alice Hearl  
by Bob & Barb Rains

**11:00 AM - St. Peter**  
In memory of Gerry McGaffigan

## ~LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES~



**Sun., 3/26 St. Elizabeth, Tecumseh 7:00PM**

**Sat., 4/1 St. Mary, Adrian 11:00AM**

**Tue., 4/4 St. Anthony, Hillsdale 7:00PM**

**Wed., 4/5 St. Joseph, Adrian 7:00PM**

## LENTEN BREAKFASTS

The tradition of our community Lenten Breakfasts and Women's World Day of Prayer began 83 years ago. It is a time for the members of the area churches to come together for fellowship and prayer. All breakfasts start at 9:30am. Please call Penny Hashman at 517 486-2083 for details.

**March 30** First Presbyterian  
304 Franklin, Blissfield

**April 6** Trinity Lutheran  
7623 Riga Hwy., Riga

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The Detroit Province Council of Catholic Women (from all dioceses of Michigan) invites all women to attend their triennial convention on April 21-22, 2017 at the Holiday Inn Near U of M in Ann Arbor, just off US 23. The theme is Lead Me Lord, Renew My Strength.

The day and a half event (Friday & Saturday morning) will have some great speakers, liturgy (Bishop Boyea & Bishop Cistone will concelebrate & the Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist will be singing!), raffles, vendors, banquet, and Irish fun! Speakers will include: Fr. John Riccardo (remotely), Fr. Patrick Gonyeau (Evangelization), Mr. Bill Richart (Divine Mercy), Mrs. Katie O'Mara (testimony), and Fr. Patrick Maher. Registration deadline is March 27.

For detailed information, call Patty McPhee at 517-285-9345, or email Rita Maher at [rhmaher48453@yahoo.com](mailto:rhmaher48453@yahoo.com).

## Stewardship Report March 18/19, 2017

Total Sunday: \$4,245.00  
Total Loose: \$187.00  
Mercy Fund: \$71.00  
Home Missions: \$32.00  
Catholic Relief: \$15.00

Total Envelopes: 153

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**Sunday, March 26**  
✠RCIA 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, March 27**  
✠Lenten Faith Sharing✠  
SALT Center, 7:00-8:00 PM

**Tuesday, March 28**  
✠Cantor Rehearsal✠  
Deerfield, 6:30-7:00 PM

✠1st Communion Session✠  
Blissfield, 6:30-7:30 PM

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

**Wednesday, March 29**  
✠Soup Supper/Faith Formation✠  
Blissfield, 6:00 PM

**Friday, March 31**  
✠Stations of the Cross✠  
Blissfield, 7:00 PM

**Saturday, April 1**  
✠K of C Featherless Bingo✠  
SALT Center, 6:30 PM (doors open @ 6:00PM)

**Sunday, April 2**  
✠RCIA Session✠  
Deerfield, 9:00AM

✠No Religious Education✠  
Break



## ~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

### Fourth Sunday of Lent March 26, 2017

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-3a  
Ephesians 5:8-14  
John 9:1-41

### Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 2, 2017  
Ezekiel 37:12-14  
Romans 8:8-11  
John 11:1-45

## MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH RALLY '17



## LET US PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

Becky Branscum	Susan Johnson
Becky Brewer	Norma Kelly
Martha Brown	Marie Kieplinski
Finola Campbell	JoAnn McGovern
Isabelle DeLaCruz	Shelly Molaro
Ann DeNudd	Carol Mueller
Webb Drew	Joseph Mueller
Carmen Garcia	John Musielewicz
Mary Genchi	Bev Pifer
Katy Goodman	Patty Rank
Makenzie Greer	Pat Riley
Barbara Hadden	Jim Sheldon
Joan Hamilton	Lena Silva
Carrie Hartley	Vivian Tack
Amy Henning	Flo Wentworth
Kristie Horkey	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.