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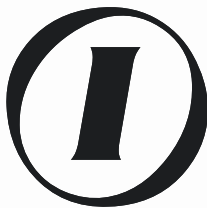
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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

#### 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. Alphonsus:** 9:00 AM - **St. Peter:** 7:00 PM  
(this schedule rotates, changing each July)

### 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

#### PASTOR

Rev. Jeff Poll  
jeffreypoll44@gmail.com

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##### Bookkeeper

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##### Bulletin Editor and Ministry Scheduling

Leanne Goodin: lgoodin@cass.net

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#### MAINTENANCE STAFF

Kim Diver - Director  
Ben Burke

#### 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

September 22, 2019  
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### HOW DO WE USE GOD'S GIFTS?

What does it mean to serve God? In today's gospel, the dishonest manager has taken his position for granted. He has been using what belongs to the master to enrich himself and has been caught. Even more than the loss of his stewardship, he fears becoming an outcast. So he for once deals honestly with his neighbors, charging them only what they owe and not extra to line his own pockets. He thus regains his master's favor.



YOU CANNOT SERVE  
BOTH GOD AND  
MAMMON.



In this story, the master is God and we the managers of his property. God is the opposite of a self-interested master. God's unfathomable love for us means that God is dedicated to our well-being, showering us with gifts to help us have the ultimate gift: an eternal home with God in heaven. Heaven is not guaranteed; we like the manager, will have to account for the way we have used God's gifts.

However, we see in the parable that the manager is forgiven the moment he puts his master first, never mind all of the times he ignored him. It is not too late to make sure that we are serving the master we wish to serve. To serve God faithfully with the gifts we have been given means doing our utmost to emulate God's selfless, merciful love.

## WALKING WITH PURPOSE

Walking With Purpose is more than a Bible study, it's a supportive community of women seeking lasting transformation of the heart.

**And YOU are invited.**

Walking With Purpose believes that change happens in the hearts of women - and, by extension, in their families and beyond - through Bible study and community. We welcome all women!

If you're interested in registering and pre-ordering the book (pre-order no later than **September 24**, see below), please contact Deanna Burke at [deannabdre@gmail.com](mailto:deannabdre@gmail.com) or call the office 517 447-3500. It's also never too late to join! "Opening Your Heart", the book we'll be using, is always available for purchase online at [www.walkingwithpurpose.com](http://www.walkingwithpurpose.com). You can even join our group mid-year. Everyone is always welcome!

**Busy Schedule?** You deserve this time for yourself as you take care of your spiritual soul. We'll meet on Wednesdays beginning Wednesday, October 9, from 7:00 until 8:00PM in the SALT Center. **It's ok to miss a session or more and just come when you can!** You can read the chapters at home and join the group for fellowship and discussion whenever you can. **Too busy to read the chapter before Wednesday?** Join us anyway and share in the conversation based on your experience! Everyone can come as your schedule allows. **An hour isn't long enough?** Doors will be open beginning at **6:30** for extra social time!

**Want to sit with your friends?** In the spirit of our new book, "Opening Your Heart" and in the spirit of being open, we'll have **OPEN SEATING** this year! You can sit wherever you'd like each week, with old friends and also making new ones.

**Is the cost of the book out of your budget right now?**

You may **pre-order** the book at our gathering on September 18 (no later than **September 24**) through the parish and Light of Christ will pay half the cost of the \$40 book for you! That's a 50% savings plus no shipping fee, only **\$20** for your **pre-order** cost. Please make your \$20 check out to "Light of Christ Parish".

**Still too much?** Confidential financial assistance is available upon request! Everyone can participate regardless of financial situation.

**"Opening Your Heart" is our new book for this year!**

It's the perfect book to use as a refresher for our faith because it's about the basics of our faith.

**All you need to do is come with an OPEN HEART.**

Join us as we explore the core questions that we need to wrestle with if we want to experience all that God has for us:

- How can I conquer my fears?
- What is the role of the Holy Spirit in my life?
- What does the Eucharist have to do with my friendship with Christ?
- What are the limits of Christ's forgiveness?
- Why and how should I pray?
- What is the role of suffering in my life?
- What challenges will I face in my efforts to follow Jesus more closely?

Come and explore our new adventure,  
**Walking with Purpose: "Opening Your Heart"**,  
with a group of like-minded women ready to share the journey!

## SATURDAY MASS CHANGE

Beginning **October 5** (in Blissfield), there will be **one** Saturday evening mass at **4:30pm** and this mass will rotate between sites every other weekend. A printed schedule is available to help keep everyone on track.

Reconciliation will be 3:00pm to 4:00pm, before mass at the same site as the mass.

Any questions/concerns, please speak to Fr. Jeff.

## KNIGHTS' NEWS



"Lord God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and the wisdom to know the difference."

ALL students, parishioners, and Knights are invited to join us for the recitation of the 5TH Sunday Rosary at St. Peter the Apostle Church on Saturday, September 28, after the 4:00 PM Mass, about 5:00 PM, and at St. Alphonsus Church on Sunday, September 29, at 7:20 AM. Invite your friends!

Thank you Father Jeff and our parishioners for hosting a wonderful parish picnic, and to all the Knights and their family members for all their contributions of time and talents, making the picnic a complete success.

Family members, students, parishioners, and Knights are invited to our Memorial Mass and Candle Lighting Service for Deceased Knights on Thursday, October 10, 6:00 PM, at St. Peter the Apostle Church. Everyone is encouraged to stay and enjoy a delicious Italian Dinner served immediately following the ceremony.

Defend Life! 40 Days for Life begins September 25 and ends November 3. You can participate in one of 3 ways: prayer & fasting, community outreach, and peaceful vigil. To learn more or to sign up for daily prayer intentions, hours of prayer, and information about upcoming events, please visit [www.40daysforlife.com/toledo](http://www.40daysforlife.com/toledo) or email Peter Range at [prange@toledodiocese.org](mailto:prange@toledodiocese.org).

~PRAY THE 5TH SUNDAY ROSARY~  
with the Knights of Columbus

**SEPTEMBER 28**  
About 5:00pm at St. Peter

**SEPTEMBER 29**  
At 7:20am at St. Alphonsus

## BEST WISHES & GOD BLESS

*Kara Diver and Jed Crots were joined in Holy Matrimony on Saturday, September 14 at Light of Christ-St. Alphonsus. Congratulations from the Parish!!*



## GARDEN LEADER NEEDED

We are looking for someone or possibly a couple to head up the Heritage Garden maintenance. If working outside is more your forte than helping inside the church, please consider this important role and contact the office!

**SCHEDULED MASSES WITH INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Tues., September 24 - 9:00 AM - St. Peter**  
 † Mary Ann Cousino  
 by Carol Hall

**Wed., Sep. 25 - 9:00 AM - St. Alphonsus**  
 † Harley Sharrock  
 by Virgil & Donna Diver

**Thurs., Sep. 26 - 9:00 AM - St. Peter**  
 † Diane Vergote  
 by Carolyn & Larry Bielski

**Fri., Sep. 27 - 9:00 AM - St. Alphonsus**  
 † Nora Cannon Forche  
 by Karlene Iott

**Saturday, September 28**  
*Vigil*

**4:00 PM - St. Peter**  
 † Deceased Members of Oprsal Family  
 by Georgina Oprsal family

**5:30 PM - St. Alphonsus**  
 † Elva Rau  
 by Iott Insurance

**Sunday, September 29**  
**8:00 AM - St. Alphonsus**  
 † Scott Scholl  
 by family

**11:00 AM - St. Peter**  
 † Bob Millyard  
 by Raymond & Vivian Tack

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~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time**  
 September 22, 2019  
 Amos 8:4-7  
 1 Timothy 2:1-8  
 Luke: 16:1-13 or Luke 16:10-13

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time**  
 September 29, 2019  
 Book of Numbers 11:25-29  
 James 5:1-6  
 Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

THE MINISTRY OF  
**THE WILD GOOSE**

**Coming Soon! October 6~**  
**9:00am SALT Center;**  
**12:00pm Blissfield Hall**

This adventure consists of Fr. Dave Pivonka speaking on an attribute of the Holy Spirit, a practical application on how to respond to the Holy Spirit and testimonies of people from across the country whose lives have been impacted by the Spirit of God. This is a video series that will include discussion and Coffee & Donuts! Please join us!

The remainder of the schedule...

- November 3
- December 15
- January 5
- February 9
- March 1
- March 15

**Poetry Reading Focuses on**  
**'The Music of her Rivers'**

Renny Golden, poet and social justice activist, shares selections from her latest book of poetry, *The Music of Her Rivers*, from 6:30p.m. to 7:30p.m. Thursday, September 26, 2019, at Weber Retreat and Conference Center.

A former Adrian Dominican Sister, Renny co-founded the Chicago Religious Task Force on Central America and spent time in El Salvador accompanying refugees seeking sanctuary. Professor Emerita of Northeastern Illinois University, Renny has won awards for her poetry, including the Women's Studies Award from Crossroads Publishing.

Renny's book will be available for purchase and the evening will include a book signing. The poetry reading is free and open to all. No registration is required.

Weber Center is on the campus of the Adrian Dominican Sisters' Motherhouse, 1257 E. Siena Heights Drive, Adrian. Enter the Eastern-most driveway of the complex and follow the signs to Weber Center. For information, call the Weber Center at 517-266-4000.

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**  
**September 15, 2019**

Total Sunday: \$3,616.00  
 Total Loose: \$105.00  
 Mercy Fund: \$27.00  
 Peter Pence: \$10.00

Total Collection: \$3,758.00  
 Total Envelopes: 118

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**Sunday, September 22**  
 ✠Religious Education✠  
 Deerfield, 9:00-10:00 AM  
 Blissfield, 9:50-10:50 AM  
 HS @ Blissfield, 6:30-8:00 PM

**Tuesday, September 24**  
 ✠Cantor/Choir Rehearsal✠  
 Deerfield, 6:30/7:00 PM

**Saturday/Sunday, September 28/29**  
 ✠5th Sunday Rosary with Knights✠  
 St. Peter, 5:00 PM; St. Alphonsus, 7:20 AM

**Sunday, September 29**  
 ✠Religious Education✠  
 Deerfield, 9:00-10:00 AM  
 Blissfield, 9:50-10:50 AM  
 No HS

**LECTOR WORKBOOKS**

New lector workbooks are now available. Please pick yours up in the sacristy at either church.

**MONEY COUNTER NEEDED**

We are in need of a money counter in Deerfield. You would count at 9:00am on Tuesday, every 4th week. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact the office.

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?**

Weekly sessions will begin soon. If you or someone you know may be interested in learning more about this process, please speak to Fr. Jeff or contact the parish office.

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

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|---------------------|----------------------|
| : Donald Ahleman    | : Norma Kelly        |
| : Rita Bausman      | : Marie Kieplinski   |
| : Ciaran Beattie    | : Donna LaMonde      |
| : Ella Borowski     | : Patricia Malmquist |
| : Becky Branscum    | : JoAnn McKelvey     |
| : Audrey Brown      | : Emily Martinez     |
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| : Ann DeNudt        | : Shelly Molaro      |
| : Webb Drew         | : Joseph Mueller     |
| : Carmen Garcia     | : John Musielewicz   |
| : Katy Goodman      | : Bev Pifer          |
| : Makenzie Greer    | : Donna Roe          |
| : Joan Hamilton     | : Mary Rowe          |
| : Carrie Hartley    | : Jim Sheldon        |
| : Kristie Horkey    | : Lena Silva         |
| : Ed Jacobson       | : Flo Wentworth      |
| : Susan Johnson     | : Mark Willaert      |

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.