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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

Sunday: 8:00 AM

St. Peter

Sunday: 11:00 AM

Saturday: 4:30 PM (*Rotates, see mass intention schedule inside for location.*)

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

3:00-4:00 PM, prior to Saturday mass

(see mass schedule inside)

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)

WEATHER CANCELLATION POLICY

If Blissfield or Deerfield schools are on a 2 hour delay or canceled, weekday mass (and also any other parish events for the day or evening) will be canceled and the mass intention will be rescheduled.

PARISH STAFF

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Please call the parish office for contact info.

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Social Ministry Commission

New Evangelization Commission

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Altar Rosary Society

Knights of Columbus

Heritage Garden Club

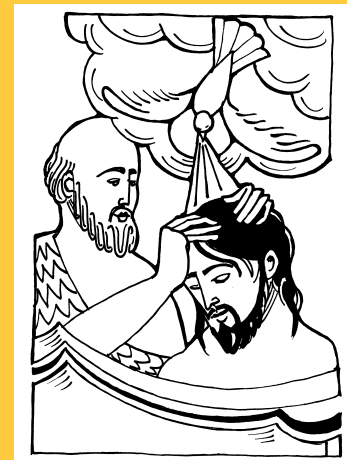
Women of Prayer

Walking With Purpose

January 12, 2020
The Baptism Of The Lord

FULLY HUMAN, FULLY DIVINE

Our faith embraces the tension of the hypostatic union----the fully divine and fully human nature of Jesus. The Baptism of the Lord is a profound instance of the revelation of the humanity of Jesus and his desire to draw close to us.



John the Baptist baptized people "for repentance" Matthew 3:11. If Jesus is God, why would he need to be baptized for the forgiveness of sins? One possible answer is that Jesus was baptized in order to identify totally with us. In order to identify with us, he humbles himself to undergo baptism. He even identified with the effects of sin that we experience: suffering and death. I draw great comfort and hope from today's episode in Matthew's gospel; Jesus is present in every experience of my life, even in my need for redemption and forgiveness. His act of humility has increased my intimacy with him.

Each time we gather for Mass, we bless ourselves with water, calling to mind our baptism and Christ's. Let this week's Eucharist be an opportunity to give thanks that we have a Savior who understands our humanity and the effect that sin has on it, even as God the Father calls him "my Son, the Beloved."

IMPORTANT SURVEY COMING

Light of Christ Parish will be participating in a parish survey about discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute!

Please help us by participating in a 10-15 minute survey online. The survey can be accessed at www.disciplemakerindex.com from February 8 through March 1 and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to Fr. Jeff and our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

If you don't use the computer, there will be opportunities to complete the survey after daily and Sunday Mass and you can obtain a paper copy by contacting Deanna Burke at 517 447-3500.

Thank you for helping with this important project!

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS & BREAKFAST



The Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass and Breakfast hosted by the Altar Rosary Society for couples of the Parish celebrating anniversaries in multiple of 5, 10, 15, etc. will be held on Sunday, February 2, at the 8:00AM Mass followed by a breakfast for the celebrants and their families at the SALT Center.

For reservations, please contact Leanne Payne at 517-447-3867 or payneleanne@gmail.com by Monday, January 27, 2019.



Maximus and Andrew Mirelez received their First Holy Communion at Light of Christ in Blissfield on Sunday, December 29! Congratulations!

THANK YOU SWISS STEAK DINNER

The Knights are Serving a Complimentary Swiss Steak Dinner Sunday, January 26 at the Blissfield Church Hall after 11:00AM mass



The Knights would like to show their gratitude for your years of supporting and helping with their Christmas Basket-Giving Tree-Metal into Meals Projects by treating all of you to a fine Swiss Steak Dinner FREE OF CHARGE. Come for 11am mass and enjoy dinner after!

Knights of Columbus Council #7832

SATURDAY 4:30 PM MASS

SITE LOCATION 2020 SCHEDULE

January 11 Blissfield
January 18 Deerfield
January 25 Blissfield

February 1 Deerfield
February 8 Blissfield
February 15 Deerfield
February 22 Blissfield
February 29 Deerfield

March 7 Blissfield
March 14 Deerfield
March 21 Blissfield
March 28 Deerfield

April 4 Blissfield
April 11 Deerfield
April 18 Blissfield
April 25 Deerfield

May 2 Blissfield
May 9 Deerfield
May 16 Blissfield
May 23 Deerfield
May 30 Blissfield

June 6 Deerfield
June 13 Blissfield
June 20 Deerfield
June 27 Blissfield

July 4 Deerfield
July 11 Blissfield
July 18 Deerfield
July 25 Blissfield

KNIGHTS' NEWS



All parishioners including children and grandchildren are invited to the Knights' Thank You Swiss Steak Dinner on Sunday, January 26, St. Peter Hall, after the 11:00 AM Mass. All dinners are FREE OF CHARGE. Please come and join the fun.

Help Wanted: Knights are needed to prepare and cook steaks at 8:00 AM on January 26. We will also need help setting up the church hall before the 11:00 AM Mass, serving food, washing dishes, and cleanup. Please call Rudy at 517 486-4148 for details.

The annual Life March and Rally to the Courthouse in Adrian is Monday January 20 and all parishioners and Knights are invited to attend. This year we will meet at the Maple Avenue Bible Church, 735 Maple Ave., before noon. Transportation at the march is provided for those who need it. If you can carry a U.S. Flag in the parade, please call Kate at 517 438-2454.

College Students and young adults are encouraged to attend the March for Life, January 23-25, in Washington D.C.. Buses will leave January 23 at 2:00 PM from St. Thomas More in Bowling Green, OH. Marchers will spend Thursday & Friday Nights at the Marriott. Only \$139 for students and \$219 for adults. Please email Peter Range at prange@toledodiocese.org or call 419 214-4933 for details.

Please pray for peace and reconciliation in the Middle East.

SWEEPSTAKES TICKETS

There are still a few Sweepstakes tickets waiting to be picked up at each church. Please pick yours up if you haven't! There is plenty of time to return them for the first drawing in January!! Simply place them in the collection or drop them at the office.

The money raised by this raffle has helped

RAFFLE TICKET
\$10.00 TICKET



Light of Christ Parish
SWEEPSTAKES

us finance major capital improvements in the parish and will also help with improvements at our cemetery.

For more tickets, call the Parish Office. Thank you for your support of our parish!!

Ticket Returns YTD: \$6,860.00

SCHEDULED MASSES WITH INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tues., January 14 - 9:00 AM - St. Peter
 † Thomas Miller
 by Sharon Miller
 on their 59th Wedding Anniversary

Wed., Jan. 15 - 9:00 AM - St. Alphonsus
 † Nora Cannon Forche
 by Walter & Shirley Kell

Thurs., January 16 - 9:00 AM - St. Peter
 † Rose Beard
 by the Paul Vergote

Fri., January 17 - 9:00 AM - St. Alphonsus
 † Julius & Martha Brown
 by children of Herman & Maureen Iott

Saturday, January 18
Vigil

4:30 PM - St. Alphonsus
 † Elva Rau
 by Iott Insurance

Sunday, January 19
8:00 AM - St. Alphonsus
 † George & Catherine Wielfaert
 by family

11:00 AM - St. Peter
 † Edward "Duke" Burgermeister
 by Donna & Virgil Diver



~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

The Baptism of the Lord
 January 12, 2020
 Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7
 Acts 10:34-38
 Matthew 3:13-17

Second Sunday In Ordinary Time
 January 19, 2020
 Isaiah 49:3, 5-6
 1 Corinthians 1:1-3
 John 1:29-34

WOMEN OF PRAYER 2020

1:00PM

*At the home of Penny Hashman,
 650 W. Adrian, Lot 200, Blissfield*

January 24
February 7 & 21
March 20
April 3 & 17
May 1 & 15

ALL ARE WELCOME!

For more information, call Penny 486-2083.

SHARE THE WARMTH

Thank you to all those that participated in the hosting of a meal, Sunday, Dec 29th. Your time, energy and delicious food was so greatly appreciated.

Your generous spirit of helping those in need is such a gift.

The next time we will host a meal will be **Sunday, February 23rd**. Please mark your calendars if interested in this ministry. Watch the bulletin as time approaches and or email Michelle Mello at mmello88@gmail.com to sign up.

Thank you for your Servant Heart!!!

WEATHER CANCELLATION POLICY REMINDER

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

LENTEN BREAKFAST & WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

BEGINS THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27
WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR DETAILS!

STEWARDSHIP REPORT
January 1, 4/5, 2020

Total Sunday: \$4,858.00
 Christmas: \$30.00
 Total Loose: \$260.00
 Solemnity of Mary: \$739.00
 Initial Offering: \$250.00
 Mercy Fund: \$165.00

 Total Collection: \$6,302.00
 Total Envelopes: 200

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, January 12
 ✠Religious Education✠
 Deerfield, 9:00-10:00 AM
 Blissfield, 9:50-10:50 AM
 HS Break

Tuesday, January 14
 ✠Cantor/Choir Rehearsal✠
 Deerfield, 6:30/7:00 PM

Wednesday, January 15
 ✠Walking With Purpose✠
 Women's Bible Study
 SALT Center, 7:00-8:00 P

Sunday, January 19
 ✠No Religious Education✠
 Break



Welcome to Sofia Eisabella June, Andrew John Michael and Emily Kay Maddalena, children of Stefano and Cindy Zanger, who were baptized at Light of Christ in Blissfield on Sunday, January 5. God Bless the Zanger's!

LET US PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

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| :Rita Bausman | Jonah Kornberg |
| :Ella Borowski | Donna LaMonde |
| :Becky Branscum | Patricia Malmquist |
| :Carol Burgermeister | JoAnn McKelvey |
| :Isabelle DeLaCruz | Emily Martinez |
| :Ann DeNudt | Ramona Meyer |
| :Madeline Denecker | Shelly Molaro |
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| :Carrie Hartley | Becky Shusta |
| :Kristie Horkey | Lena Silva |
| :Ed Jacobson | Flo Wentworth |
| :Susan Johnson | Mark Willaert |
| :Norma Kelly | David Woods |
| :Marie Kieplinski | Rita Woods |

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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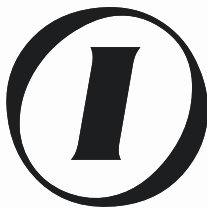
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