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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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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

January 26, 2020
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

FOLLOW ME

We hear today the simple narrative of Jesus calling his first disciples. Simon and Andrew, James and John are invited to follow him, and they leave their nets and their boats to join Jesus in his mission. How was it possible that these mature men, responsible to their work and families, heard an invitation from a stranger and walked away from their means of livelihood, from the familiar pattern of their lives?



Perhaps they had already heard of Jesus, but Matthew gives us no indication of that. Rather we are presented with the stark immediacy of their response, which points to a remarkable and spontaneous moment of commitment. They were ready. God's grace, already at work in them, and their response to that grace, had prepared them for this moment.

The calling of these four men might seem a remarkable and unique event, but perhaps it is the same call that comes to us. Again and again Jesus says to each of us, "Follow me." By God's grace we too can respond with a complete gift of self, again and again giving our "yes" to his invitation to let ourselves be loved and to bring his love to others.

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 payneanne@gmail.com by this Monday, **January 27, 2019**.

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!

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THANK YOU SWISS STEAK DINNER

The Knights are Serving
a Complimentary Swiss Steak Dinner
THIS 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

LENTEN BREAKFAST & WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The tradition of our community Lenten Breakfasts and Women's World Day of Prayer began nearly 90 years ago. It is a time for the members of the area churches to come together for fellowship and prayer. This year Light of Christ Parish is hosting the breakfast on March 6 in Blissfield. You will have the opportunity to volunteer your help on sign-up sheets soon. All breakfasts start at 9:30am. Please call Penny Hashman at 517 486-2083 for details.

February 27	St. Paul Lutheran
March 6	Light of Christ, Blissfield
	World Day of Prayer
March 12	First Presbyterian
March 19	First United Methodist
March 26	Emmanuel United Meth.
April 2	Trinity Lutheran, Riga

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



KNIGHTS' NEWS



News Flash! ALL parishioners including children & grandchildren are invited to the Knights' Thank You Swiss Steak Dinner after this Sunday's 11:00 AM Mass. All dinners are **FREE OF CHARGE** and serving will begin after the blessing.

Thank you to all those parishioners and Knights who braved the cold to participate in the Life March and Rally to the Courthouse in Adrian. Our next "life saving" event begins Ash Wednesday, February 26, with 40 Days for Life. Your prayers for the unborn are dearly appreciated.

We need new Knights. There are many benefits to becoming a Knight including eligibility to purchase a top quality IRA, Roth IRA, or Tax Deferred Annuities. Long Term Care Insurance and a wide variety of Life Insurances are available to protect your family's future. The Knights of Columbus has earned the highest possible rating for financial strength, currently A++ (Superior), from ratings agency A.M. Best for over 41 years. For information or to join please contact Stefano at 734 777-0393, Mark at 734 637-9254, or visit www.kofc.org/joinus. Insurance and IRA questions can be answered by Nicolas Novak, 810 620-4240 or email him at Nicolas.Novak@kofc.org.

Ron is taking orders for shirts and jackets which include the K of C emblem, our Council Number, and your name if desired. For details, please contact Ron at our February 6 meeting or call him at 517 486-4661.

Please pray for God's blessings upon families, that the birthplace of vocations be strengthened.

WOMEN OF PRAYER 2020

1:00PM

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

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

ALL ARE WELCOME!
*For more information, call Penny
486-2083.*

SCHEDULED MASSES WITH INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tues., January 28 - 9:00 AM - St. Peter

† Fr. Tom Brennan
by the Knights of Columbus

Wed., Jan. 29 - 9:00 AM - St. Alphonsus

† Maggie DeCocker
by Tom & Cathy Horak

Thurs., January 30 - 9:00 AM - St. Peter

† Richard Forche
by Donald & Mary Liebherr

Fri., January 31 - 9:00 AM - St. Alphonsus

† Don Pozy
by Elwood Reau

Saturday, February 1

Vigil

4:30 PM - St. Alphonsus

† LaVern Cousino
by family

Sunday, February 2

8:00 AM - St. Alphonsus

† Eliza Jane Bunge
by family

11:00 AM - St. Peter

† Glennis Milner
by Duwaine & Josephine Spiegel

THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Many thanks to the crew at International Brassworks who have faithfully put up and taken down the large Christmas wreath in Blissfield for many years!! Light of Christ Parish truly appreciates this act of kindness.

Thank you to everyone who delivered Meals on Wheels the past 2 weeks. Many of the same people volunteer each time and for multiple days. Your parish, as well as the recipients, sincerely appreciate your time and efforts! Special thanks to Finola and Leanne for organizing these volunteers! Our next assignment will be April 13-24.

1 Peter 4:10 Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED

Our Light of Christ food pantry could use some help to stock up for the winter. The following items would be appreciated in particular:

- Cereal
- Peanut butter
- Hamburger Helper
- Canned tuna
- Tissues
- Macaroni & cheese

Please leave your donations at either church before mass or drop them off at the office during business hours. Thank you!

SWEEPSTAKES TICKETS

Please pick up your 2020 Sweepstakes tickets in church as they cannot be mailed. There is still time to return them for the January drawing!



Ticket
Returns
YTD:
\$11,520.00

STEWARDSHIP REPORT January 18/19, 2020

Total Sunday: \$2,793.00
Total Loose: \$179.00
Solemnity of Mary: \$10.00
Initial Offering: \$15.00
Worldwide Evangelization: \$20.00
Mercy Fund: \$20.00

Total Collection: \$3,037.00
Total Envelopes: 104

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, January 26

✱Religious Education✱

Deerfield, 9:00-10:00 AM

Blissfield, 9:50-10:50 AM

HS @ Deerfield, 6:30-8:00 PM

✱K of C Swiss Steak "Thank You" Dinner✱
Blissfield Hall, After 11:00 AM Mass

Tuesday, January 28

✱Cantor/Choir Rehearsal✱

Deerfield, 6:30/7:00 PM

Wednesday, January 29

✱Walking With Purpose✱

Women's Bible Study

SALT Center, 7:00-8:00 PM

Sunday, February 2

✱Anniversary Mass & Breakfast✱

Deerfield, 8:00 AM

✱Religious Education✱

Deerfield, 9:00-10:00 AM

Blissfield, 9:50-10:50 AM

HS Break

COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND HELP NEEDED

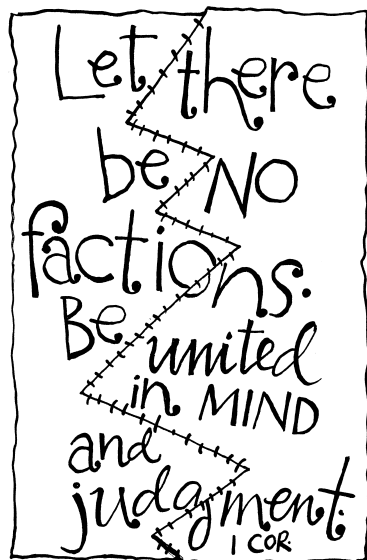
Our current team of parishioners who take communion to the homebound could really use more people, especially in Blissfield. If this is something you could help with, please contact the office as soon as possible.

If you know of any parishioners who are currently homebound and would like to receive communion, also contact the office.

LET US PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

Rita Bausman	Marie Kieplinski
Ella Borowski	Jonah Kornberg
Becky Branscum	Donna LaMonde
Carol Burgermeister	Patricia Malmquist
Isabelle DeLaCruz	JoAnn McKelvey
Ann DeNudt	Emily Martinez
Madeline Denecker	Ramona Meyer
Webb Drew	Shelly Molaro
Carmen Garcia	Joseph Mueller
Katy Goodman	John Musielewicz
Carmen Graham	Bev Pifer
Dale Graham	Mary Rowe
Makenzie Greer	Jim Sheldon
Joan Hamilton	Becky Shusta
Carrie Hartley	Lena Silva
Kristie Horkey	Flo Wentworth
Ed Jacobson	Mark Willaert
Susan Johnson	David Woods
Norma Kelly	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.



~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

January 26, 2020

Isaiah 8:23-9:3

1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17

Matthew 4:12-23

The Presentation of the Lord

February 2, 2020

Malachi 3:1-4

Hebrews 2:14-18

Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-32



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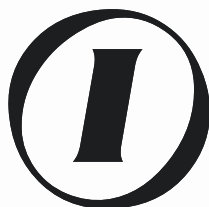
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