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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday and Thursday, 9:00AM-5:00PM, in Deerfield.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

St. Alphonsus

Wednesday and Friday: 9:00 AM

St. Peter

Tuesday and Thursday: 9:00 AM

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

St. Alphonsus

Sunday: 8:00 AM

St. Peter

Sunday: 11:00 AM

Saturday Mass alternates sites at 4:30 PM. (See website for schedule.)

Both Sunday masses will be live streamed. Go to YouTube and enter **light of christ church blissfield-deerfield**. Click on "Subscribe" for easy access later, then look for the green circle with an L in the middle and click on it.

BAPTISM - Contact the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays, 3:00-4:00 PM, at the location of the Saturday mass.

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

Not available at this time. Please contact the office to have someone added to the Bulletin and weekly E-news prayer list.

DAILY MASS CANCELLATION POLICY

When schools in either Blissfield or Deerfield (Britton-Deerfield) are on a 2-hour delay or canceled, daily mass and any evening parish events will be canceled as well. Please be aware of the possibilities of inclement weather (fog, ice, snow, etc.) and check for school postings before venturing out. Stay safe!

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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

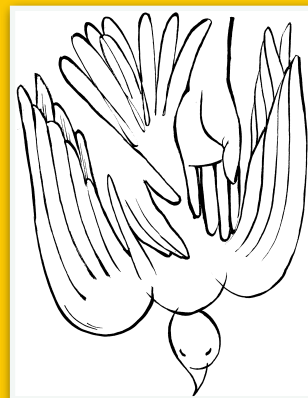
FOOD PANTRY

Open the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 1-2 PM at the Parish Center in Deerfield. Food will be delivered to vehicles parked in the church parking lot or in front of the building.

May 14, 2023
Sixth Sunday of Easter

The gift of life

You may recall the slogan that accompanies the appeal for donations to the blood bank: "Give the gift of life." That same theme is also associated with appeals for organ donations and other kinds of support for life-saving medical interventions. The emotional attraction of this call is undeniable and hard to resist. But the stark reality is that the life that is offered is transitory and finite.



Jesus, on the other hand, makes an offer that is even harder to resist. He offers the gift of eternal life, life that is assured because it is given not by one human to another but by the source of all life, God the Creator, to all who accept it. The assurance of this gift is to be found in the very person of Jesus, whose life is shared with us.

Furthermore, Jesus lives in the Father. Therefore, we, too, live in the Father. In exchange for this extraordinary gift, the Lord asks of us only one thing: "Love one another as I have loved you."

**FIRST EUCHARIST
CELEBRATIONS
MAY 2023**

Congratulations to the following children
as they receive their
First Holy Communion this spring:

Jacob Bieber
Cody McCleary

God Bless You!



*May God, who brought you to
this special day continue to
direct your life in His perfect way.*

**HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE
RECOGNITION**

Dear High School Graduates,

Congratulations on your graduation! Your parish also celebrates this important milestone in your life. We would like to honor you by listing the high school graduates in the parish bulletin and weekly email post.

If you'd like to be included, please email
Deanna Burke, DRE at
deannabdre@gmail.com

**NO LATER THAN Sunday, May 28,
(Pentecost Sunday)**

in order to be in the weekend bulletin of
June 4, a few sentences including:

- **Your name as you'd like it to appear**
- **Parents/guardian's names**
- **High School you are graduating from**
- **Future plans (university/college you plan to attend or other future plans you'd like to share)**
- **Please limit to a few sentences so there is room for all.**

The parish will also recognize and bless the graduates in their cap and gown at Mass. Since we alternate sites and in 2022 the Mass was in Deerfield, this year it will be at

**10:00 Mass on Sunday, June 4, in
Blissfield.**

Please email Deanna Burke
(deannabdre@gmail.com) your
information to share and whether or not
you will attend the 10:00 Mass on June 4.

**Again, congratulations! WE ARE
PROUD OF YOU!**

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY WRAP UP

At a meeting of the Altar Rosary Society held on Wednesday, May 3, 2023, a motion was made to terminate the Altar Rosary Society due to lack of membership and attendance at the meetings. The remaining three members present all agreed.

It was discussed and agreed that the remaining funds will be split between the Mercy Fund and St. Alphonsus Cemetery. Funeral dinners and the Feather Bingo in November will continue, both being coordinated by the parish.

God Bless all members of the Altar Rosary Society for their many acts of faith, charity, and discipleship.

KNIGHTS' NEWS



Happy Mother's Day! The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26.

The Scrap Metal Drive to raise funds for our holiday food programs is May 20, 8:00 AM to Noon, at the St. Peter Parking lot. All metals including brass, copper, steel, carbide, iron, bronze, stainless steel, and aluminum are needed. Auto, truck, tractor, marine and lawn tractor batteries are accepted. For details about this and future Scrap Metal drives, please call Mark at 734 637-9254. St. Joseph pray for us.

Supreme Knight Kelly calls on all Knights worldwide to pray for peace and stand in solidarity with the Ukrainian people. For more information or to make a donation that goes directly to the millions of innocent men, women, and children who have lost their homes as a result of the invasion, please visit www.kofc.org/Ukraine. St. Andrew the Apostle, pray for us.

We need Knights helping others in every way possible. If you are 18 years old or older and a Catholic in good standing you are invited to join the Knights. Becoming a Knight includes eligibility to purchase top quality Life Insurance, Long Term Care Insurance, IRA, Roth IRA, and Tax Deferred Annuities. For information, please call Nicolas at 517 442-3808 or visit www.kofc.org/join, enter the Promo Code BLESSESMCGIVNEY, and receive a FREE online membership. For details about insurances and investments, please contact Nicolas at 810 620-4240, email Nicolas.Novak@kofc.org, or visit www.kofc.org.

All Knights are asked to prayerfully consider becoming an Officer in our Council, then call GK Nicolas at 517 442-3808 with your intentions. The election is at the June meeting and all Knights are encouraged to attend. The term of office begins July 1, 2023. St. Alphonsus and St. Peter the Apostle pray for us.

The Knights of Columbus meet in Blissfield at 7:00pm every first Thursday of the month.

**"METAL FOR MEALS"
Saturday, May 20, 8am-12pm**

The Knights of Columbus will be having a Scrap Metal Drive at Light of Christ in Blissfield parking lot on May 20. This is a major fundraiser for their Holiday Food distribution and Christmas Basket program.

All metals are needed including brass, copper, aluminum, stainless steel, cast iron, bronze, steel, iron, and carbide. Auto, truck, tractor, marine, and lawn mower batteries are accepted. No donation is too small. Your generosity is appreciated!!

DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL 2023

"Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving." This text from the Book of Psalms reminds each of us of how we are to respond to the many gifts we have been given by God, and that *greatest gift*: the gift of His Son in the Holy Eucharist. Many blessings from God call forth from us many thanks, even sacrificial thanks.

This week we reached 99.1% of our DSA goal. Thus far 130 families have contributed to this year's appeal. I am grateful for these contributions and invite others to join together to push us over goal for the benefit of our parish and the wider church.

If you have not yet made a gift or a pledge, I invite you to do so today. Gift envelopes are available in church or the parish office. Or you may submit your gift online at www.dioceseoflansing.org/appeal. Your DSA gift will support the vital services and ministries that help bring the love of Christ to all we encounter.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all of the ladies that worked and donated to Tom Horak and Thelma Laberde's funeral luncheons. They were: Marty Chrisman, Jeanne DeCocker, Phyllis Fielder, Pat Reau, Elise Haines, Ann Curtis, Kathy Barta, Marian Howard, Eileen Kottke, Donna Roe, Colette Studnicka, Carol Mueller, Millie Dusseau, Rose Potter, Cindy Cousino, Ramona Scholl, Barb Rains, Ramona Tienvieri, Martha Horak, and Ida Dailey. Without your help, we could not have done our Best. **THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

~ Ann Curtis, Chairman

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tues., May 16- 9:00am, St. Peter

† Tom & Juanita Garrett
by Mike & Sheila Garrett

Wed., May 17- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus

† Jimmy Barta
by Richard Madden

Thur., May 18- 9:00am, St. Peter

† the People of the Parish

Fri., May 19- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus

† Rosemary Dick
by Millie Dusseau & family

Sat., May 20- 4:30pm, St. Peter

† Joseph F. Clements
by Brian & Gaylene Dabell

**Sun., May 21-
8:00am, St. Alphonsus**

† Darlene Forche
by Leo & family

11:00am, St. Peter

† Emilia Martinez
by the Knights of Columbus



Congratulations to our teens that were confirmed on Tuesday, April 25, at Sacred Heart Parish in Hudson! l-r: Rev. Jeffrey Poll, Megan Nadeau, Jacob Baer, Sophie Witt, and Most Reverend Bishop Earl Boyea. God Bless You!

**REMINDER: Beginning June 4,
the Sunday mass in Blissfield will move
to the summer schedule of 10:00am.**



~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

**Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 14, 2023**

Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17
1 Peter 3:15-18
John 14:15-21

**The Ascension of the Lord
May 21, 2023**

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11
Ephesians 1:17-23
Matthew 28:16-20



~STEWARDSHIP REPORT~

May 7, 2023

Sunday- \$4,574.00
Loose- \$52.00
Mercy Fund- \$190.00
Ascension- \$50.00
Peter Pence- \$15.00
Total- \$4,881.00
115 envelopes

Online Giving-

Sunday- \$1,176.00
Mercy Fund- \$105.00
Total- \$1,281.00
28 envelopes

DSA-

Goal- \$26,718.00
Pledges- \$26,477.00
99.1% of goal
Estimated donors- 130
Estimated participation rate- 25.29%

LET US PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS AND THEIR CAREGIVERS

Rita Bausman	Marie Kieplinski
Aiden Beauregard	Traci Knaggs
Ella Borowski	Jonah Kornberg
Ginger Borowski	Gale LaVoy
Becky Branscum	Shelly Molaro
Larry Brenke	Joseph Mueller
Doris Bussing	John Musielewicz
Linda Butcher	Bev Pifer
John Carrizales	Dan Reed
Nicole Cassidy	Eva Ricker
Stephen Cassidy	Mary Rowe
Liam Cherry	Joseph Savarin
Isabelle DeLaCruz	Sharon Schadewald
Larry Denecker	Jeannie Schroeder
Colin Dietrich	Harold Sears
Webb Drew	Pat Sears
Kenneth Faust	Jim Sheldon
Carmen Garcia	Becky Shusta
Katy Goodman	Lena Silva
Judy Curtis Governo	Jack Smith
Carmen Graham	Alice Van Staveren
Dale Graham	Franz Van Staveren
Makenzie Greer	Nancie Van Black
Mike Haddix	Janet Venturelli
Carrie Hartley	Christopher Warner
Kristie Horkey	Kristine Wells
Ed Jacobson	Flo Wentworth
Susan Johnson	Mark Willaert
Norma Kelly	Rita Woods

Please call the parish office if you would like to receive the sacrament 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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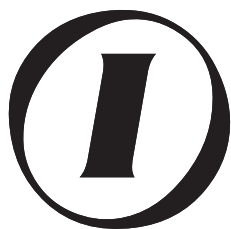
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