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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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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

FOOD PANTRY

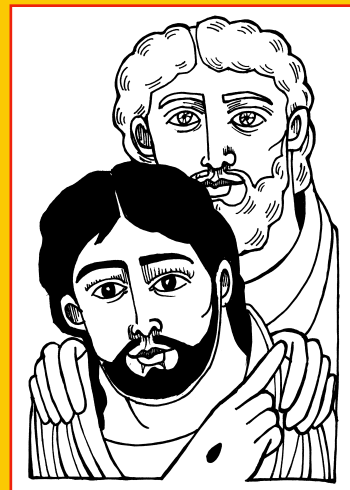
Open the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 1-2 PM at the Parish Center in Deerfield. Food will be delivered to vehicles parked in the church parking lot or in front of the building.

May 7, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Jesus allays our fears

It is easy to find ourselves lost in these ever-troubled times. There are so many voices, pulling us in different directions. It's easy to lose our way, be confused about the right course of action, and doubt our sense of purpose as Christians. In today's gospel, Jesus hears a similar confusion coming from some of the apostles, who should know better. Despite all that they have experienced and all that they have heard, Thomas and Philip are still confronted by feelings of uncertainty and doubt, even given all that Jesus has said and done.



For us, our uncertainty may stem from having heard the gospel message so often that we become inured to it and its impact on our lives. Jesus might say to us, as he did to them, "Have I been with you so long a time and you still do not know me?" Yet Jesus is also quick to allay our fears. He tells us that he has gone ahead to prepare a dwelling place for us in his Father's house. He assures us that he will come again to take us to himself, comforting us. We need only remember that Jesus is the Way, and the Truth, and the life.

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 93.66% of our DSA goal. Thus far 125 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.



Sue Cousino assisting Magic Joe Fusco in a magic trick at the Volunteer Appreciation Party on Saturday, April 29, 2023.

Special Thanks to Magic Joe for volunteering to share your wonderful magic show which was enjoyed by all! God Bless You!

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!



Brad and Leanne Payne enjoy the photo booth at the Volunteer Appreciation Party.

KNIGHTS' NEWS



For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16. Jesus, I trust in You.

Wanted: Scrap Metal! The Knights Scrap Metal Drive to help fund our holiday food projects is Saturday, May 20, 8:00 AM to Noon, at the St. Peter parking lot. All metals are accepted as well as automotive style batteries. No donation is too small. For details, please see the "Metal for Meals" ad in this Bulletin. St. Joseph pray for us.

Our Holy Father's May Intention: For Church Movements and Groups - We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

All Knights are asked to prayerfully consider becoming an officer in our Council. Positions include Grand Knight - the highest-ranking officer in his council, Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, Treasurer, Warden, Recorder, Inside/Outside Guards, and Advocate. The term of office lasts 1 year and begins July 1, 2023. A Trustee is elected to a 3-year term. Please notify GK Nicolas Martinez, 517 442-3808, of your intentions to run for office at the May meeting or soon as possible. The election will be held at the June meeting. Online and on the job training is available. For more information, please visit www.kofc.org and ask for council officer roles. St. Alphonsus and St. Peter the Apostle pray for us.

Please pray that all farmers and gardeners have a safe and successful planting season. St. Isidore the Farmer 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!!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

† Nora Cannon Forche
by Kevin Kucera

Wed., May 10- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus

† the People of the Parish

Thur., May 11- 9:00am, St. Peter

† Tom Bischoff
by the Knights of Columbus

Fri., May 12- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus

† Florine Forche
by family

Sat., May 13- 4:30pm, St. Alphonsus

† LaVern Cousino
by family

**Sun., May 14-
8:00am, St. Alphonsus**

† Roberta Reau
by husband & family

11:00am, St. Peter

† Sanchez Brothers
by family



~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

**Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 7, 2023**

Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7
1 Peter 2:4-9
John 14:1-12

**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

DAILY DOSE OF MERCY

Cenacle of Divine Mercy has been set up at St. Mary Cathedral in Lansing to make us more aware of God's amazing mercy. The following is an excerpt from St. Faustina's Diary:

"My daughter, I have inclined My Heart to your requests. Your assignment and duty here on earth is to beg for mercy for the whole world. No soul will be justified until it turns with confidence to My mercy, and this is why the first Sunday after Easter is to be the Feast of Mercy. On that day, priests are to tell everyone about My great and unfathomable mercy. I am making you the [dispenser] of My mercy. Tell the confessor that the Image is to be on view in the church and not within the enclosure in that convent. By means of this Image I shall be granting many graces to souls; so, let every soul have access to it." (St. Faustina Diary, 198).

Foster Families Needed!

Catholic Charities is hosting an informational meeting for anyone interested in learning more about the fostering process. The meeting will be held at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church Parish Center at 512 N. Union Street in Tecumseh and will begin at 6 pm on Thursday, May 18th. Refreshments will be served. Can't attend? Contact our Child Welfare department at 517.295.3334 to set up your time to find out how to start your journey.

-STEWARDSHIP REPORT-

April 30, 2023

Sunday- \$4,273.00
Loose- \$410.00
Mercy Fund- \$82.00
Total- \$4,765.00
86 envelopes

Online Giving-

Sunday- \$1,393.00
Mercy Fund- \$5.00
Monthly Pledge- \$50.00
Total- \$1,448.00
33 envelopes

DSA-

Goal- \$26,718.00
Pledges- \$25,025.00
93.66% of goal
Estimated donors- 125
Estimated participation rate- 24.32%

SWEEPSTAKES NEWS

Congratulations to Traci Burns of Cape Coral, FL, ticket #23-1628, the winner of the \$250 April Sweepstakes drawing. The ticket was sold by Cathy Gilpin, so she received \$20. Good luck to all in May!



Charlie J. Van Brandt, son of Austin and Emily (Wolfe) Van Brandt, was baptized at Light of Christ-Blissfield on Sunday, April 30. God Bless you, Charlie.

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

Thelma G. Laberde, formerly of Deerfield, passed away on April 24th and her funeral was May 4. Please keep Thelma and her family in your thoughts and prayers.



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	Christopher Warner
Carrie Hartley	Kristine Wells
Kristie Horkey	Flo Wentworth
Ed Jacobson	Mark Willaert
Susan Johnson	Rita Woods
Norma Kelly	

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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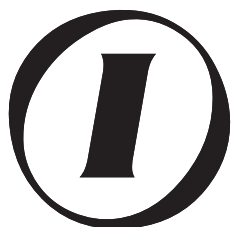


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