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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday and Thursday, 8:00AM-4:00PM, in
Deerfield. (summer hours)

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: 10:00 AM (starting June 4)

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
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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Altar Rosary Society
Knights of Columbus
Heritage Garden Club
Women of Prayer
Walking With Purpose

FOOD PANTRY

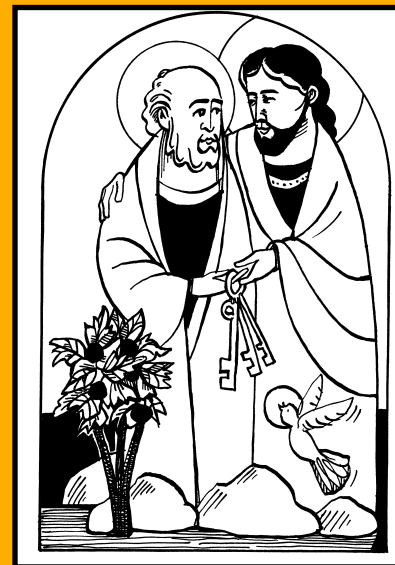
Open the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 1-2
PM at the Parish Center in Deerfield. Food will be
delivered to vehicles parked in the church parking
lot or in front of the building.

August 27, 2023

The Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Opening hearts

In today's gospel, we see grace
operating in Peter's heart as he realizes
Jesus is the Son of God. When we
reflect on our own lives, we can
certainly pinpoint similar moments
where God makes clear to us deep
truths that we were once unable to
grasp. "For flesh and blood has not
revealed this to you, but my heavenly
Father." Our faith is a gift; it is infused
into our souls by Christ himself.



We all have loved ones who either
don't believe or don't practice their
faith. It is tempting to become
frustrated and turn away from them.
But note how Jesus never cuts off the
disciples as they work through their
difficulties. He lovingly guides and
questions them. His accompaniment
opens their hearts. This is what Jesus
did with Peter, allowing Peter to
receive the gift of faith, proclaim Jesus
as Lord, and become the foundation
upon which the Church will be built.

Never cease to pray for your loved ones
so that, one day, Christ's true identity
will be revealed to them and the faith
made clear.

APPLE PIE BAKING CONTEST PARTICIPANT RULES:

The contest is open to any amateur baker wishing to bake a homemade APPLE PIE. Winning entry will receive a prize!

Please kindly pre-register by contacting Sue Cousino or Deanna Burke at the Parish Office: 517-447-3500 or

lightofchristparish@gmail.com by

Thursday, September 14, 2023, so that we may prepare enough table space in advance. You may also submit an entry the day of the picnic, for all last-minute bakers!

- **Pies must not require refrigeration** before serving.
- **Crusts and filling must be made from scratch.** No store brought crust, dough, or canned fillings may be used.
- **Pie must be prepared & baked by the individual submitting the pie entry for judging.**
- **Pies must be dropped off by 10:15am** (Mass is at 10:30) on Sunday, September 17th at the pie table in the Pavilion at Bachmayer Park.
- **A recipe must accompany your pie.** All recipes must include the ingredient list, instructions, and contestants' name. The winning recipe will be shared in the parish bulletin and E-news with baker's permission.
- **Please do not write your name on the pie tin.** Your entry will be assigned a number when delivered for judging, this allows for anonymity during judging.

Judging Criteria

- **Appearance: 10%**
- **Crust 20%**
- **Filing 20%**
- **Over All Favor/Taste 50%**
- **TOTAL 100%**

HAPPY Birthday and HAPPY Anniversary to all celebrating in August! MANY BLESSINGS TO YOU!

BULLETIN ADVERTISING AVAILABLE

Advertising space on the backside of the bulletin is available. Please call the parish office 517 447-3500 for more information.

SAVE THE DATE!:

APPLE FEST PARISH PICNIC

Because you're the apple of His eye!

**Sunday, September 17, 2023
MASS AT 10:30 AM IN THE PARK
Bachmayer Park Pavilion
113 S. Monroe Street, Blissfield
(St. Peter Hall if inclement weather)**

**Please RSVP: by Thursday, September 7
by calling the Parish Office at 517 447-3500 or
email lightofchristparish@gmail.com.**

PICNIC AFTER MASS:

Menu: hotdogs & hamburgers, pasta salad, potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans, potato chips
Drinks: apple cider, lemonade, iced tea, coffee, water

Apple Pie Baking Contest

Bake a pie with Michigan apples; Please see "Participant Rules".

**Children's Crafts & Games
Cornhole
Door Prize Raffle!**

Q: What kind of pie has a short temper?

A: A Crab Apple Pie!

Please join your parish family for a fun afternoon!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Hosted by the Women of Prayer

Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration after 9:00am daily Masses once a month from **9:30-10:30am**. The next adoration will be **Tuesday, September 5 in Blissfield**

and alternating sites each month.
All are welcome!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM 2023-24

WELCOME BACK!

Classes return on **Sunday, September 24**. All families that were registered in RE last year will receive a registration packet in the mail.

If you're a new student, please call the parish office (517 447-3500) and we'll mail you a registration packet.

We'll process registrations through the mail or you may utilize the black drop boxes at either site. Please return your registration forms by **Sunday, September 10**.
More details next week!



Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" John 11:25-26.

Thank you Knights for giving a Helping Hand to people in need, donating blood, driving for Meals on Wheels, and donating to the Food Pantries. **NEXT: Volunteers will be needed to help with the Apple Fest Parish Picnic on Sunday, September 17, 2023. If you can help, please call GK Nicolas at 517 442-3868 to volunteer, and to attend RSVP the office at 517 447-3500 by Thursday, September 7.** St. Alphonsus and St. Peter the Apostle pray for us.

Euchre Night: Saturday, September 23 after 4:30pm Mass at St. Peter's Church Hall. A light lunch will be served and Euchre will begin at 6:00pm.

Wanted: Scrap Metal! The Knights Scrap Metal Drive to help fund our holiday food projects is scheduled for October 7. All metals including brass, bronze, copper, aluminum, carbide, stainless steel, cast iron, tin, iron, and steel are needed. Auto, truck, tractor, boat, and lawn tractor batteries as well as electric motors are welcomed. No donation is too small. St Stephen of Hungary pray for us.

Pray for Peace. Many Ukrainian women and children including many Knights' families need food, shelter, medical supplies, and clothing. 100% OF YOUR DONATION GOES DIRECTLY TO THOSE WE SERVE. For details or to donate online please visit www.kofc.org/Ukraine. To donate by mail, make your checks out to Knights of Columbus Charities, inc, and write on the memo line

"Ukraine Solidarity Fund", then send it to Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc., P.O.

Box 1966, New Haven, CT 06510-1966. Thank you!
Please pray for the Sisters at Lourdes

University, Priests and Seminarians,

Police, Fire, and those serving in the Armed Forces.

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tues., August 29-9:00am, St. Peter
† Charles & Josephine Szymanowski
by the Estate of Elizabeth G. Rost

Wed., August 30- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus
† Rose Forgiel
by Karen & Bill Gajewski

Thur., August 31- 9:00am, St. Peter
† the People of the Parish

Fri., September 1- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus
† John Cousino
by Sue Cousino

Sat., September 2- 4:30pm, St. Alphonsus
† Florine Forche
by family

**Sun., September 3-
8:00am, St. Alphonsus**
† Rosemary Dick
by Raymond & Donna Roe

10:00am, St. Peter
† Tom Bischoff
by Deb & Paul Pasko

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~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 27, 2023
Isaiah 22:19-23
Romans 11:33-36
Matthew 16:13-20

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 3, 2023
Jeremiah 20:7-9
Romans 12:1-2
Matthew 16:21-27

FALL MASS SCHEDULE & PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**Beginning Sunday, September 10, the
10:00am Mass will change to 11:00am
to accommodate religious education.**

**Beginning Tuesday, September 12, the
Parish Office in Deerfield will be open
from 9:00am until 5:00pm on
Tuesdays and Thursdays.**

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

RCIA or Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process of entering the Catholic Church. RCIA is for adults who are searching for a deeper understanding of God and the mystery of faith at work in their lives. It is a spiritual journey open to the baptized, unbaptized, Catholic and non-Catholic alike. Do you attend the Catholic Church with a loved one and are willing to come and ask questions and learn more? Responding to God's call and His grace, "Inquirers" come together in regularly scheduled sessions to explore their faith.

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.

SATURDAY 4:30 PM MASS SITE LOCATION 2023 SCHEDULE

August 26	Blissfield
September 2	Deerfield
September 9	Blissfield
September 16	Deerfield
September 23	Blissfield
September 30	Deerfield

-STEWARDSHIP REPORT-

August 20, 2023

Sunday \$5,078 - 89 env
Loose \$25
Mercy Fund \$60 3 env
All Saints Day \$20 1 env
Help Spread The Faith \$30 1 env
World Mission Sunday \$20 1 env
Assumption \$20 1 env
Missions \$1,035
Total \$6,288

Online Giving

Sunday \$2,133.50 29 env
Monthly Pledge \$7.50 1 env
Mercy Fund \$5.00 1 env
Total \$2,146

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2023-2024 CATECHISTS AND CATECHIST ASSISTANTS NEEDED

Please prayerfully consider helping teach this year as a catechist or assistant; it's really easy to follow the catechist lesson guide and share your faith with the young members of our parish. **Classes begin on Sunday, September 24, from 9:00-10:00 in Deerfield and from 9:50-10:50am in Blissfield.**

Our class sizes at both sites are small and we already have experienced catechists, but we need **two adults** in each classroom, so we need your help. It's nice to have two catechists to team teach or assist. In order to keep all children safe, all volunteers working with children and youth are required to complete the Virtus Protecting God's Children training (a one- time class) including a criminal background check. The more trained adults we have, the safer our children will be!

Please contact [Deanna Burke](mailto:Deanna.Burke@parish.org) by office phone [517 447-3500](tel:5174473500) or email deannabdre@gmail.com for more information. Thank you for your prayerful consideration to this calling!

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

Rita Bausman	Norma Kelly
Aiden Beauregard	Marie Kieplinski
Ella Borowski	Traci Knaggs
Ginger Borowski	Gale LaVoy
Becky Branscum	Debbie Marietta
Larry Brenke	Shelly Molaro
Doris Bussing	Joseph Mueller
Linda Butcher	John Musielewicz
John Carrizales	Bev Pifer
Nicole Cassidy	Dan Reed
Stephen Cassidy	Eva Ricker
Liam Cherry	Joseph Savarin
Isabelle DeLaCruz	Sharon Schadowald
George Denecker	Jeannie Schroeder
Colin Dietrich	Harold Sears
Webb Drew	Pat Sears
Kenneth Faust	Jim Sheldon
Carmen Garcia	Becky Shusta
Jennifer Gilson	Lena Silva
Katy Goodman	Jack Smith
Judy Curtis Governo	Alice Van Staveren
Carmen Graham	Franz Van Staveren
Dale Graham	Janet Venturelli
Makenzie Greer	Kristine Wells
Ed Jacobson	Flo Wentworth
Susan Johnson	Kristen Wright
CJ Karpinski	Mark Willaert
	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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