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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!

### PARISH STAFF

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Kim Diver - Director

#### PASTORAL COUNCIL

Please call the parish office for contact info.

#### PARISH COMMISSIONS

Finance Commission  
Education Commission  
Social Ministry Commission  
New Evangelization Commission

#### PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Funeral Luncheon Committees  
Knights of Columbus  
Heritage Garden Club  
Women of Prayer

#### 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.

October 1, 2023

*The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### A loving invitation

Today, we are confronted by the parable of the two sons asked to work in the vineyard. One son hesitated; the other lied. Jesus asks, "which of the two did his father's will?" The correct answer: neither son is the model to follow! Let's face it, in our own faith lives we often hesitate to do what is right. And perhaps worse, we can all admit to pledging to do the right thing and yet failing to do so. Even the great saint (and sinner) Augustine wrote, "Late have I loved thee, my Lord."



But let's also move from an individualistic to a collective reading of this text. Has our faith community hesitated to foster justice and reconciliation with others?

Today, we are asked to recognize that words alone are not what is important. Words lose meaning when our actions contradict them. Our action in the world is what is definitional of our character and of our real faith. Fortunately, we know that it is not too late to respond to Jesus. It is never past time to listen, to embrace conversion, and act in response to God's loving (but oh, so challenging!) invitation.



**SATURDAY OCTOBER 21, 2023**

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### Registration is open for the 2023 Michigan Catholic Women's Conference!

The 2023 Michigan Catholic Women's Conference will be held on **Saturday, October 21, 2023** from 9am – 5pm in Lansing, Michigan.

The theme is “Quenched” and our guiding Bible verse is from Isaiah 58:11 - “Then the Lord will guide you always and satisfy your thirst in parched places, will give strength to your bones and you shall be like a watered garden, like a flowing spring whose waters never fail.”

We will welcome Lisa Brenninkmeyer, founder of Walking with Purpose, as our Keynote Speaker, and Sheri Wohlfert, Karen Ervin and Fr. Dan Westermann will also share messages on this theme during the conference. The day will be filled with music and activities to build your spirit through the love of Jesus and the energy of the Holy Spirit.

Learn more about the conference and register now at [MichiganCWC.org](http://MichiganCWC.org). Tickets are \$72.50 for regular admission, and Seniors (62+) and Students are \$65.

We will offer conference T-shirts - only available for purchase during registration. If you'd like a T-shirt - be sure to order when you register.

### SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please call the office if someone (in your immediate family) is in the hospital, sick or homebound and would like to be visited

and receive the Eucharist or the

Sacrament of the Sick.

Anointing of the sick will also be available at all Masses **THIS** weekend, **September 30 and October 1**. This sacrament of healing is for anyone facing an illness, medical procedure, or surgery in the future. During Mass Fr. Jeff will invite those that wish to receive this sacrament to raise their hand. You may remain seated and Fr. Jeff will come to you and anoint you.

### LAY LITURGICAL FORMATION DAY

**“If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you ‘Give me a drink’, you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.”**  
**John 4:10**

Join Bishop Boyea and an array of renowned national speakers for a day of liturgical formation that will take place on **Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**, at **St. Patrick Parish in Brighton**. Comprised of Liturgies, talks and workshops, the day will enhance your ministry as priests, deacons, catechists, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, readers, music ministers, ushers, people who work in “sacred art and environment,” sacristans, and any others who serve to make our liturgies reverent, worshipful, and worthy for the Lord.

**WHAT: If You Knew The Gift Of God: Liturgical Formation For Eucharistic Revival**

**WHEN: Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am-4:00pm**

**WHERE: St. Patrick Catholic Church Parish Life Center, 711 Rickett Rd, Brighton, MI 48116**

**COST: \$20 that includes lunch**

Follow this Link: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/3fcc8128-460f-4fee-aca4-10b380af7fce>

Additionally, you can find more information about the event and register by visiting the Diocese of Lansing's website ([dioceseoflansing.org](http://dioceseoflansing.org)) and clicking the **EVENTS** tab at the very top of the page.

### -STEWARDSHIP REPORT- September 24, 2023

Sunday \$3,102 - 53 env  
Loose \$65  
Help Spread The Faith \$582 - 19 env  
Divine Mercy \$25 - 1 env  
Total \$3,774

**Online Giving**  
Sunday \$2038.50 - 29 env  
Mercy Fund \$15 - 2 env  
Monthly Pledge \$7.50 - 1 env  
Total \$2,061



### KNIGHTS NEWS

And when they came to the place which is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on the right and one on the left. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." Luke 23:32-33. We pray for courage and final perseverance.

The "Metal for Meals" Scrap Metal Drive to help fund our Christmas Basket program and Holiday Food distribution is **Saturday, October 7, 8:00 AM to Noon, at St. Peter Church Hall Parking lot**. All metals including aluminum, brass, bronze, copper, 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 accepted. For details, please call Mark at 734 637-9254. No donation is too small. St. Mathew, Apostle and Evangelist, pray for us.

All parishioners and Knights are invited to the **1ST Thursday Rosary, October 5, 6:30 PM, St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church**. Our Lady of Fatima pray for us.

We are an active council as long as we give a Helping Hand to others including donating blood, shopping or doing yardwork for the elderly, sharing a good joke or driving for Meals on Wheels. The next **Red Cross Blood Drives are Friday, October 6, 8:15 AM to 2:15 PM at Blissfield High School, and Thursday, October 12, 11:30 AM to 5:30 PM at the Blissfield American Legion**. Schedule your donation at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or call 800 733-2767. St. Padre Pio pray for us.

**Baby's Lives Matter!** Help save lives by praying to end abortion during our 40 Days for Life campaign September 27 through November 5, 2023. We can participate in 3 different ways including prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil, and community outreach. To sign up for a nearby vigil, visit [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com) or contact Kevin Jorrey at 419 214-4933 or [kjorrey@toledodiocese.org](mailto:kjorrey@toledodiocese.org).

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

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Tues., Oct. 3- 9:00am, St. Peter**  
✠ Tom Bischoff  
by Susanne Cline

**Wed., Oct. 4- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus**  
**NO MASS**

**Thur., Oct. 5- 9:00am, St. Peter**  
✠ Leonard Clements  
by family

**Fri., October 6- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus**  
✠ Richard Laberde  
by family

**Sat., October 7- 4:30pm, St. Peter**  
✠ Raymond Tack  
by Jo & DeWaine Spiegel

**Sun., October 8-  
8:00am, St. Alphonsus**  
✠ Scott Scholl  
by family

**11:00am, St. Peter**  
✠ George Denecker  
by Frank & Donna Riley



## ~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary  
Time**  
**October 1, 2023**  
Ezekiel 18:25-28  
Philippians 2:1-11  
Matthew 21:28-32

**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary  
Time**  
**October 8, 2023**  
Isaiah 5:1-7  
Philippians 4:6-9  
Matthew 21:33-43

## SAFE HAVEN SUNDAY: Equipping the Family, Safeguarding Children October 8, 2023

The family home is to be a safe haven. But the inappropriate use of technology in the home deprives it of this role, and is the greatest threat to the sanctity of marriages and families today.

Pornography and other online threats are often one click away, and parents can feel overwhelmed with not knowing how to best protect their children in our fast-paced digital world.

Next weekend, October 8, the Diocese of Lansing is taking a bold step to help families by celebrating Safe Haven Sunday. This awareness day will provide access to practical resources

that any caring adult can use to protect themselves and our young people from online risks.

Please join us with your prayers and presence as we prepare for this unique event.

## SCRAP METAL DRIVE by Knights of Columbus

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**Thank you!**

## SATURDAY 4:30 PM MASS SITE LOCATION 2023-24 SCHEDULE

September 30	Deerfield
October 7	Blissfield
October 14	Deerfield
October 21	Blissfield
October 28	Deerfield

## 1ST THURSDAY ROSARY

**All parishioners and Knights are invited to the 1ST Thursday Rosary, October 5, 6:30 PM, St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church.**

## 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.

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**Happy Birthday and Happy  
Anniversary to all celebrating in  
October! MANY BLESSINGS TO  
YOU!**

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

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

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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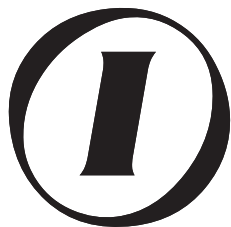


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