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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

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.

September 17, 2023

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Abundant grace

There's an old adage: "If you don't know where you are going, any road will take you there." In today's gospel, Jesus gives Peter (and us) clear directions and terms that he requires of us...we must forgive with our hearts.

When we have been hurt deeply, forgiveness can be daunting. Acknowledging all the emotions that come from being wounded often makes forgiveness humanly unbearable. When we realize we lack the strength to do what God is asking, we turn to Jesus. Step eight the Twelve-Step program is "Make a list of all persons we have harmed and become willing to make amends." There is an abundance of evidence that this approach really works. Hundreds of thousands of alcoholics have recovered from a hopeless state of mind and body and found freedom from resentments by doing this step. It has a healing effect and can lead us from the seat of judgment to the throne of mercy.

Our struggle to forgive is in our human nature. Surrender leads us to the abundant transforming grace that God offers us through the Holy Spirit.



RED MASS 2023

The Diocese of Lansing Annual Red Mass will be held at **St. Mary Cathedral, Tuesday, October 3 at 5:15pm**. A dinner reception will immediately follow. All Judges, Lawyers, Law Students and interested persons are invited. Contact Diane Arzberger [517-402-1562](tel:517-402-1562) or lclguild@gmail.com to reserve a spot. RSVP deadline is September 22. This year's Thomas More Award recipient is John J. Bursch. He is the founder of Bursch Law and senior counsel and vice president of the Alliance Defending Freedom. His accomplishments are legion, having established himself as one of the preeminent appellate attorneys in Michigan and served the public as Michigan Solicitor General.

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

George Denecker of Riga Township passed away on September 4 and his funeral was on September 8 at St. Peter in Blissfield. Please keep George and his family in your thoughts and prayers.



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 the weekend of **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.

BULLETIN ADVERTISING AVAILABLE

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

Workshops Offer Opportunities for New and Experienced Writers

As we enter the fall, would you like to find time to work on your writing and share it with other writers? Sister Tarianne DeYonker, OP, an Amherst Writers and Artists Affiliate, offers two opportunities. The workshops are held from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Saturdays, September 23, 2023, and December 2, 2023, and provide an in-person or online experience.

The cost for the workshops is \$35 per session. Registration is required and available at www.webercenter.org; click "programs." Registrations may also be made by calling 517-266-4000 or emailing webercenter@adriandominicans.org. Limited scholarships are available.

Weber Center is on the campus of the Adrian Dominican Sisters Motherhouse, Adrian, Michigan. Traveling east on Siena Heights Drive, pass the Adrian Rea Literacy Center and turn left just before the solar panel-covered parking lot. Follow the signs to Weber Center. For information, call the Weber Center at 517-266-4000.

JANITORIAL/MAINTENANCE POSITION(S) AVAILABLE

The parish is looking for part-time janitorial and/or maintenance help at **both** sites; one person can do both or only one site if they prefer. For more information, please contact Fr. Jeff.

ROOFING PROJECTS TIMELINE

Please be aware that the construction companies will be working on the roof at both sites during the time frames given below:

DEERFIELD: has now begun through October 15.

BLISSFIELD: beginning soon through November 1.

This necessary work may impact the parking lots and other exterior areas at times, but Mass and parish events will continue as scheduled. While the halls at both sites remain available for rentals, please be aware of the possibility of active construction on the parish grounds. Thank you!



Jesus said, "Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them" Mathew 18:19,20. Let us pray for our sick and shut-ins and their caregivers.

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 Sorrows pray for us.

Welcome Mike Wilczynski, your wife and all of your family to the Knights of Columbus. The Knights, Officers, and Grand Knight congratulate you for completing your exemplification and we look forward to working with you and your family for many years to come. St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin, pray for us.

Euchre Night next Saturday September 23! Come and join the fun after the 4:30 PM Mass at St. Peter the Apostle Church. A light lunch will be served in the Church Hall and play will begin at 6:00 PM.

Wanted: Scrap Metal! The Knights' Scrap Metal Drive to help fund our Christmas baskets is **Saturday, October 7, 8:00 AM to Noon, at the St. Peter Church Hall parking lot**. 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 accepted. For details, please call **Mark at 734 637-9254**. No donation is too small. St. Januarius pray for us.

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tues., Sept. 19- 9:00am, St. Peter
† Emma Jean Brown
by family

Wed., Sept. 20- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus
No Mass

Thur., Sept. 21- 9:00am, St. Peter
† Monsignor Richard James Groshek
by the parish

Fri., September 22- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus
† Tom & Juanita Garrett
by Mike & Sheila Garrett

Sat., September 23- 4:30pm, St. Peter
† Tom Risch
by Knights of Columbus

**Sun., September 24-
8:00am, St. Alphonsus**
† Florine Forche
by family

11:00am, St. Peter
† Raymond Tack
by Gail & Frank Vereecke

*Both in
Life
&
Death
we are the
Lord's*
Thomas

~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 17, 2023
Sirach 27:30-28:7
Romans 14:7-9
Matthew 18:21-35

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 24, 2023
Isaiah 55:6-9
Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a
Matthew 20:1-16a

PRE-K – HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM 2023-2024 CATECHISTS & ASSISTANTS

Thank you for volunteering to share your time, talent, and faith with the children and youth in our parish family. We could not have a religious education program for our parish youth without your help. We are blessed by your goodness and generosity!

Marie Eastwood
Fran Hensen
Dee Jensen
Hank Martinez
Tammie Martinez
Karen Waggoner
Jennifer Yape

It's not too late to join this team of wonderful volunteers! Please contact Deanna Burke at the parish office at 447-3500 or email deannabdre@gmail.com for more information.

MEALS ON WHEELS OCTOBER 10-21, 2022

Light of Christ Parish will be responsible for Meals on Wheels delivery **October 9-20**. Three drivers are needed each day.

Delivery begins at 11:00 am (arrive by 10:30am) and takes approximately 1 and 1/2 hours. Your help is greatly appreciated

by these homebound seniors! Please call/text **Leanne Goodin at 734 637-4555** to sign up for the date you would like to

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

September 16 Deerfield
September 23 Blissfield
September 30 Deerfield
October 7 Blissfield
October 14 Deerfield

-STEWARDSHIP REPORT- September 10, 2023

Sunday \$4,280 - 67 env
Loose \$62
Mercy Fund \$202 - 9 env
Total \$4,544

Online Giving

Sunday \$886 - 19 env
Mercy Fund \$11 - 2 env
Initial Offering \$100 - 1 env
Monthly Pledge \$100 - 1 env
Total \$1,097

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.

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

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	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
Colin Dietrich	Jeannie Schroeder
Webb Drew	Harold Sears
Kenneth Faust	Pat Sears
Carmen Garcia	Jim Sheldon
Jennifer Gilson	Becky Shusta
Katy Goodman	Lena Silva
Judy Curtis Governo	Jack Smith
Carmen Graham	Alice Van Staveren
Dale Graham	Franz Van Staveren
Makenzie Greer	Janet Venturelli
Rick Holmes	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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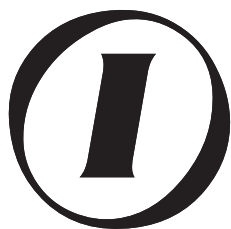
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