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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office, located in Deerfield, is open on  
**Tuesdays and Thursdays:**  
**Regular hours 9:00 AM-5:00 PM**  
**Summer hours from Memorial Day through**  
**Labor Day: 8:00 AM-4:00 PM**

### 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 (10:00 AM Summer Schedule  
between Memorial Day and Labor Day)

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

Please contact the Parish Office: 517 447-3500.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays, 3:00-4:00 PM, at the alternating 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 LIST

Please contact the office if you'd like to be added  
(or add someone with their permission) 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

#### PASTOR

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#### SECRETARIAL STAFF

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**Bulletin Deadline:** Tuesday at noon. Please  
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#### Ministry Scheduling

Leanne Goodin: lgoodin@cass.net

### MAINTENANCE STAFF

Kim Diver - Director  
Logan Kastel  
Jeff Simpson

### 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.

April 14, 2024  
Third Sunday of Easter



### ~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

Third Sunday of Easter  
April 14, 2024

Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19  
1 John 2:1-5a  
Luke 24:35-48

Fourth Sunday of Easter  
April 21, 2024

Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12

*We have an  
Advocate with  
the Father  
Jesus Christ  
the Righteous  
One*  
1 Jn.



Happy Easter Season from Jr. Jeff & the staff!

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**Sunday, April 14**

✠*El. & MS Religious Education*✠

Deerfield, 9:00-10:00 AM

Blissfield, 9:50-10:50 AM

**Confirmation Class in Deerfield: 9:00-10:00am**

**Tuesday, April 16**

✠*1st Eucharist Class*✠

Blissfield 6:30-7:30 PM

**Thursday, April 18**

**Volunteer Appreciation Hawaiian Luau**

**RSVP DUE TODAY**

**Sunday, April 21**

✠*El. & MS Religious Education*✠ Final Class

Deerfield, 9:00-10:00 AM

Blissfield, 9:50-10:50 AM

## Weekend Retreat Offers Time for Women and Men to Discern Call to Vowed and Associate Life

Are you – or is someone you know – discerning whether God is calling you to vowed religious life or a lay association? The Adrian Dominican Sisters offer the opportunity to pray and share experiences with other seekers during their Learn, Pray, Share, Celebrate Weekend, beginning with lunch on **Saturday, April 27, 2024, and concluding at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, April 28, 2024.**

Learn, Pray, Share, Celebrate is open to women at least 19 years of age who are discerning a call to religious life and to women and men who are discerning lay association with the Adrian Dominican Congregation.

During the program, participants will discover the role that 14th-century Dominican mystic and reformer St. Catherine of Siena played in the Church of her day – and how they can follow her example to “set the world on fire” through service. The weekend includes the celebration of the Feast of St. Catherine of Siena with Adrian Dominican Sisters and Associates at common prayer and Eucharistic Liturgy and a visit with Sisters, other members of the Dominican Family, and people who are discerning a call for their lives.

Learn, Pray, Share, Celebrate is offered for free; you are our guests. The event is hosted at Weber Retreat and Conference Center, 1257 E. Siena Heights Drive, Adrian, Michigan, on the Adrian Dominican Sisters Motherhouse Campus.

Register online at <https://tinyurl.com/ADSDiscern>. For more information, email Sister Katherine Frazier, OP, at [kfrazier@adriandominicans.org](mailto:kfrazier@adriandominicans.org) or call or text her at 260-229-3045.



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THE JUST ENRICHES  
*the altar*”

**Thank you** to everyone who has made a gift or pledge commitment to our Diocesan Services Appeal.

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](http://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.

**Light of Christ Parish  
VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION  
HAWAIIAN LUAU PARTY  
Saturday, April 27th, 5:30 PM  
SALT Center in Deerfield  
Invitations were mailed out  
on April 3rd.**

**PLEASE RSVP NO LATER THAN  
THURSDAY, APRIL 18,  
SO WE MAY PREPARE ENOUGH  
FOOD FOR ALL**

**(The 1950s Sock Hop has been  
postponed due to catering  
unavailability. Let's Limbo instead!)**

## -STEWARDSHIP REPORT- April 7, 2024

Collection figures were unavailable at the time of print and will be reported next week.

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

April 20	Blissfield
April 27	Deerfield
May 4	Blissfield
May 11	Deerfield
May 18	Blissfield
May 25	Deerfield



## KNIGHTS NEWS

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit." John 20:21,22. Please pray a rosary for all the students in our parish receiving Confirmation and 1ST Holy Eucharist. Our Lady of Lourdes pray for us.

**We pray for a generous increase in children, parishioners, and Knights.** The Knights of Columbus is a family oriented fraternal service organization whose main principals are Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. We protect widows and children of members with our fraternal benefits programs. For details, please call Nicolas Martinez at 517 442-3868 or join FREE at [www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus) by entering code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY. St. Scholastica pray for us.

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**Our "Metal into Meals" Scrap Metal Drive is COMING SOON, 8:00 AM to Noon, at St. Peter parking lot in Blissfield.** All metals are needed including brass, copper, bronze, cast iron, stainless steel, aluminum, iron, carbide, and steel. Auto, truck, tractor, lawn tractor, and marine batteries are accepted. This is a major fundraiser for their Holiday Food distribution and Christmas Basket program. No donation is too small. St. Matthias the Apostle pray for us.

**Pease pray** for a generous increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconry, and consecrated religious. St Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr, pray for us.

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



# Upcoming Events

AT ST. FRANCIS RETREAT CENTER IN DEWITT, MI

**APRIL  
12-14**

The Gift of the Eucharist Retreat for Men

This retreat **for men** will explore several aspects of the Eucharist from its Jewish roots through how it is meant to transform every one of us.

**JUNE  
17-19**

**FORGED:** Camping Retreat for Young Men Participants aged 13-16 will gain important outdoor skills such as plant identification, how to pitch a tent, how to chop wood and start a proper campfire.

**APRIL  
27**

The Interior Life: One Day Seminar

Join us for a one day seminar focused on prayer and the necessity of continuing to develop our own Interior Life.

**JUNE  
28-30**

Silent Ignatian Weekend Retreat

This weekend for men and women offers an introduction to Ignatian Spirituality, while working through St. Ignatius' 14 Rules of Discernment.

**MORE INFORMATION AT [WWW.STFRANCIS.WS/RETREATS](http://WWW.STFRANCIS.WS/RETREATS)**

## 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, look into the abyss of My mercy and give praise and glory to this mercy of Mine. Do it in this way: Gather all sinners from the entire world and immerse them in the abyss of My mercy. I want to give Myself to souls; I yearn for souls, My daughter. On the day of My feast, the Feast of Mercy, you will go through the whole world and bring fainting souls to the spring of My mercy. I shall heal and strengthen them" (St. Faustina Diary, 206)*

**REQUEST ~** The Diocese of Lansing Catholic Lawyers Guild would like you to save the dates for the following events:

- **Tuesday, May 14** at 12noon ~ Spring Luncheon, St. Mary Cathedral Parish Hall;
- **Saturday, June 22** at 12noon, Mass, St. Mary Cathedral, business lunch, election of officers, to follow Mass;
- **Tuesday, October 8** at 6pm, Red Mass, dinner to follow.

Thank you! Questions? Call or Text Diane Arzberger 517-402-1562.

## High School Scholarship for St. Thomas the Apostle Classical Catholic School:

As St. Thomas the Apostle School in Ann Arbor continues to grow to be a full K-12 classical Catholic school, we are excited to spread the news

that an anonymous donor has graciously offered to cover full tuition for any new incoming high schooler (9th, 10th, or 11th grades) for the 2024-2025 school year. You can learn more about the school by reaching out to Michael Sauter at (734)

**769-0911; [msauter@sta2.org](mailto:msauter@sta2.org)**

## Pre-K – High School Religious Education Program 2023-2024 Catechists & Assistants

It's been a great year of classes and it's hard to believe that our final class is next week! It's always a little sad to end the year, but we'll see each other at church and enjoy our summer until next fall brings the fun return of our classes.

Thank you for sharing 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!

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

**God Bless You and Happy Summer Break!**

## "METAL FOR MEALS" COMING SOON on a Saturday, 8am-12pm

The Knights of Columbus will be having a Scrap Metal Drive at Light of Christ in Blissfield parking lot very soon. 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., April 16 - 9:00am St. Peter**  
✠ the People of the Parish

**Wed., April 17 - 9:00am, St. Alphonsus**  
✠ Ramona Scholl  
by Sue Cousino

**Thurs., April 18 - 9:00am, St. Peter**  
✠ Raymond Tack  
by Wayne & Arvilla Ruetz

**Fri., April 19 - 9:00am, St. Alphonsus**  
✠ Tom & Juanita Garrett  
by Mike & Sheila Garrett

**Sat., April 20 - 4:30pm, St. Alphonsus**  
✠ Shirley Schmidt  
by family

**Sun., April 14 - 8:00am, St. Alphonsus**  
✠ Darlene Forche  
by Leo & family

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



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

Kathleen Adams	Norma Kelly
Rita Bausman	Marie Kieplinski
Aiden Beauregard	Traci Knaggs
Mike Bomia	Gale LaVoy
Ella Borowski	Debbie Marietta
Ginger Borowski	Joseph Mueller
Becky Branscum	John Musielewicz
Larry Brenke	Karen Nevins
Doris Bussing	Bev Pifer
Danny Butcher	Bob Rains
Linda Butcher	Dan Reed
Nicole Cassidy	Eva Ricker
Stephen Cassidy	Brendan Robaszekiewicz
Liam Cherry	Joseph Savarin
Isabelle DeLaCruz	Sharon Schadewald
Madeline Denecker	Jeannie Schroeder
Colin Dietrich	Harold Sears
Webb Drew	Pat Sears
Elaine Esper	Jim Sheldon
Kenneth Faust	Becky Shusta
Brenda Flowers	Lena Silva
Carmen Garcia	Margaret Smith
Jennifer Gilson	Kenneth Smolka
Katy Goodman	Alice Van Staveren
Makenzie Greer	Franz Van Staveren
Fr. Martin Iott, O.P.	Janet Venturelli
Ed Jacobson	Flo Wentworth
Tammy Jarvis	Rita Woods
Susan Johnson	Kristen Wright
CJ Karpinski	

*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*





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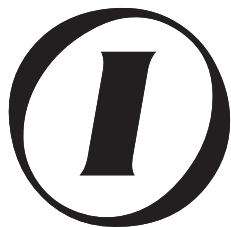
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