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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!

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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.

April 21, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Easter



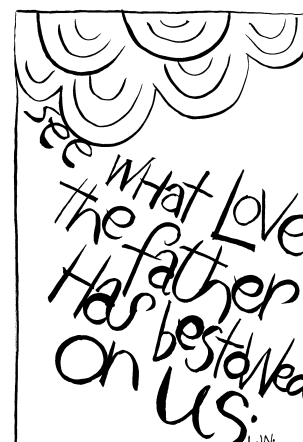
~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21, 2024

Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12
1 John 3:1-2
John 10:11-18

Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 28, 2024

Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31
1 John 3:18-24
John 15:1-8



Happy Easter Season from Jr. Jeff & the staff!

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, April 21

✠*EL. & MS Religious Education*✠
Deerfield, 9:00-10:00 AM
Blissfield, 9:50-10:50 AM

Tuesday, April 23

✠*Confirmation Mass*✠
Sacred Heart, Hudson 6:30 PM

Thursday, April 25

✠*1st Eucharist Class*✠
Blissfield 6:30-7:30 PM

Saturday, April 27

✠*Volunteer Appreciation Party*✠
SALT Center, Deerfield, 5:30 PM

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

Bernard "Bernie" Shusta of Blissfield passed away on March 30 and his funeral was at St. Peter the Apostle Church on April 11. Please keep Bernie and his family in your thoughts and prayers.



Young Single Catholic Women Invited to Discern Religious Life and Participation in Environmental Service

Single Catholic women ages 19 to 25 are invited to a weekend of discernment for religious life and optional participation in a week of environmental service and learning.

During the discernment weekend – Saturday and Sunday, May 11-12, 2024 – participants gather at the Motherhouse of the Adrian Dominican Sisters to learn about discernment and the life of Dominican Sisters, spend time in prayer and contemplation, and meet and pray with Adrian Dominican Sisters. The discernment weekend is offered free of cost.

Participants in the discernment weekend are invited to extend their stay at the Motherhouse to spend the following week – Monday to Saturday, May 13-18, 2024 – learning and serving in the Environmental Leadership Experience. They join students and faculty members of Siena Heights University in Adrian and Barry University in Miami, Florida, for a week of environmental education, stewardship, and hands-on activities. The cost for the Environmental Leadership Experience is \$250. Scholarships are available.

Reserve your space today by contacting Sister Tarianne DeYonker, OP, at tdeyonker@adriandominicans.org. Reservations are due by Friday, May 3, 2024.



"THE OFFERING OF
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.

Your DSA gift will support the vital services and ministries that help bring the love of Christ to all we encounter.

This week we reached 85.19% of our DSA. Thus far 117 families (19.93%) have contributed to this year's appeal. I am grateful for these contributions and invite others to join me and join together to push us over goal for the benefit of our parish and the wider church.

**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.**

**MAHALO (THANK YOU!)
FOR A JOB WELL DONE!!**

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

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



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. Please pray for the families and friends of our deceased Knights.

The Grand Knight, Officers, and brother Knights have selected the family of Mark and Colette Studnicka as the March Family of the Month. Congratulations and thank you for your generous donations of time, talent, and energy to Light of Christ Catholic Parish and St. Peter the Apostle Council 7832. St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, pray for us.

All Knights are asked to prayerfully consider becoming an officer in our Council. Positions include Grand Knight - the highest-ranking officer, Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, Treasurer, Warden, Recorder, Inside/Outside Guards, and Advocate. The term of office lasts 1 year and begins July 1, 2024. A Trustee is elected to a 3-year term. Please notify GK Nicolas Martinez, 517 442-3868, of your intentions to run for office at the May meeting or as 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.

Wanted: Scrap Metal! The Knights Scrap Metal Drive to help fund our holiday food projects is **Saturday, June 1, 8 AM to Noon at the St. Peter parking lot.** All metals as well as automotive style batteries are accepted. For details, please see the Knights Scrap Metal Drive ad in the Bulletin. St. Faustina pray for us.

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

MAY 16

The Three Pillars: One Day Seminar
Presentations cover Theology of the Body, the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, and the Church's teaching on the role of spouses in marriage.

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Hosted by the Women of Prayer

Please join us for Eucharistic adoration on **Wednesday, May 7** after 9:00am Mass from **9:30-10:30am** in Blissfield and alternating sites each month.

All are welcome!

-STEWARDSHIP REPORT-

4/7/2024

Sunday \$5,805 - 99 env
Easter \$440 - 7 env
Loose \$40
Ascension \$30 - 1 env
Easter Flowers \$10 - 1 env
Mercy Fund \$289 - 20 env
Peter Pence \$20 - 1 env
Rice Bowls \$83.90

Total \$6,717.90

4/14/2024

Sunday \$4,000 - 78 env
Loose \$114
Mercy Fund \$145 - 7 env

Total \$4,259

DSA

Goal \$27,455
Estimated Total Pledges \$23,388
Estimate percent of Goal 85.19%
Estimated Donors 117
Estimated Participation Rate 19.93%

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 **this 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!

SCRAP METAL DRIVE Saturday, June 1, 8am-12pm

The Knights of Columbus will be having a Scrap Metal Drive at Light of Christ in Blissfield parking lot on Saturday, June 1st, from 8:00am-12:00 pm. 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 23 - 9:00am St. Peter
✠ Lee Frank Reigle
by Rev. Jeff Poll

Wed., April 24 -9:00am, St. Alphonsus
✠ the People of the Parish

Thurs., April 25 -9:00am, St. Peter
✠ Jack Smith
by Mildred Southward

Fri., April 26 -9:00am, St. Alphonsus
✠ Charles & Josephine Szymanowski
by the Estate of Elizabeth G. Rost

Sat., April 27- 4:30pm, St. Alphonsus
✠ Alice Mueller
by Kevin & Diane Grasley & family

**Sun., April 28 -
8:00am, St. Alphonsus**
✠ Beatrice Rodela
by family

11:00am, St. Peter
✠ Gus LaRoy Sr.
by family

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

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

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.

Lansing Catholic Lawyers Guild Luncheon

Tuesday, May 14, 2024 ~ Spring Luncheon with speaker **Nickolas T. Nikas**, President and General Counsel of the Bioethics Defense Fund. He will be speaking on "Law and Morality". Starts at 12 noon at St. Mary Cathedral Parish Hall, 219 Seymour Ave., Lansing. Please pre-register at www.lansingcatholiclawyersguild.com/events or call or text Executive Director, Diane Arzberger at 517-402-1562 or contact via lclguild@gmail.com



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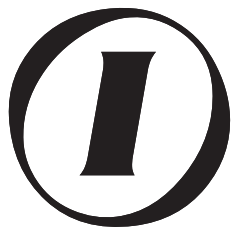


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