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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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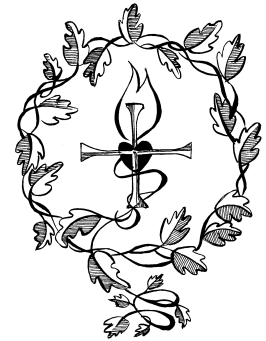
PARISH COMMISSIONS
Finance Commission
Education Commission
Social Ministry Commission
New Evangelization Commission

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 28, 2024
Fifth Sunday of Easter



~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 28, 2024
Acts 9:26-31
1 John 3:18-24
John 15:1-8

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2024
Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
1 John 4:7-10
John 15:9-17

LET US
Love
NOT IN
WORD OR
SPEECH
BUT IN DEED
AND
Truth
1 Jn.



Happy Easter Season from Jr. Jeff & the staff!

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Tuesday, April 30

✠*First Eucharist Parent/Student Practice*✠
St. Peter, Blissfield 6:30 PM

Wednesday, May 1

✠*Finance Committee Meeting*✠
Deerfield 7:00 PM

Saturday, May 4 & Sunday, May 5

✠*First Communion*✠
All Masses

INAI: A Retrospective, showcasing the artwork of Adrian Dominican Sisters and Associates, is open to the public from Friday, April 26, 2024, through Sunday, July 28, 2024. The artists will gather for a reception with the public from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Sunday, April 28, 2024.

INAI: A Retrospective features a variety of media used by Adrian Dominican Sisters and Associates, including painting, sculpture, quilting, weaving, and photography. "The creative contributions of Dominican Sister and Associate artists have a long history and have enriched the local community, Siena Heights University, Weber Center, residents, and all who visit the Adrian Dominican Sisters' campus," said Sister Suzanne Schreiber, OP, Coordinator of INAI.

INAI (pronounced in-EYE and meaning "within" in Japanese) is a ministry of Weber Center on the Motherhouse Campus of the Adrian Dominican Sisters, 1257 E. Siena Heights Drive, Adrian, Michigan. Enter the campus in the eastern driveway by the solar parking lot and follow the signs for Weber Center/INAI. INAI Gallery is next to Weber Center. Watch for the bright green door.

INAI is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. or by appointment. Contact Sister Suzanne Schreiber, OP, at 517-266-4090 or inaispace@adriandominicans.org.

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

May 4 Blissfield
May 11 Deerfield
May 18 Blissfield
May 25 Deerfield



"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 93.79% of our DSA. Thus far 127 families (21.60%) 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.

Days of Mindfulness Focus on Honesty, Wonder, and Uncertainty

All are invited to join the mindfulness community at Weber Retreat and Conference Center to gather monthly in an effort to deepen their understanding of and commitment to a daily meditation practice. **Days of Mindfulness are in person from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays.**

Upcoming Days of Mindfulness are as follows:

May 4, 2024, Learning to Be Honest; June 1, 2024, Thirsty for Wonder; and August 3, 2024, Welcome Uncertainty.

Days of Mindfulness are facilitated by Sister Esther Kennedy, OP, a Dominican Sister of Adrian, a retreat leader, and a spiritual director. The cost is \$35 per session and includes lunch. Each session is limited to 30 participants.

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.



KNIGHTS NEWS

Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. John 14: 27. We pray for our sick and shut-ins and their caregivers.

Parishioners, students, and Knights are invited to join us for the recitation of the 1ST Thursday Rosary, 6:30 PM, May 2 at St. Peter Church. Free rosaries are available for those who need one. Our Lady of Knock 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.

Do you know someone who is ill or homebound? They can recite the Rosary with pilgrims at Lourdes, France. The Rosary is recited "LIVE" in English, 9:00 AM daily at the place the Immaculate Conception appeared to Bernadette beginning February 11, 1858. Join them by visiting www.lourdes-france.org or stream on YouTube at TV Lourdes Live. St Bernadette pray for us.

Please pray for peace in Israel and the Ukraine. Lord make me an instrument of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me so love. Where there is injury, pardon. Where there is discord, union. Where there is doubt, faith. Where there is despair, hope. Where there is darkness, light. And where there is sadness, joy. O Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned. And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. St. Francis pray for us.

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

SAVE THE DATE!
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!!

-STEWARDSHIP REPORT-

4/21/2024

Sunday \$4,183 - 85 env
 Easter \$10 - 1 env
 Loose \$65
 Mercy Fund \$2 - 1 env
 Rice Bowl \$12.76
 Catholic Relief Service \$20 - env
 Total \$4,292.76

Online Giving

Sunday
 Mercy Fund \$15 - 2 env
 Monthly Pledge \$7.50 - 1 env
 Sunday \$1,763.50 - 26 env
 Total \$1,786

DSA

Goal \$27,455
 Estimated Total Pledges \$25,749
 Estimated Percent of Goal 93.79%
 Estimated Total Donors 127
 Estimated Participation Rate 21.60%

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Hosted by the Women of Prayer

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

All are welcome!



L-R: Rev. Jeff Poll, Cody Staelgraeve, Bishop Boyea

Congratulations to **Cody Staelgraeve, son of Ryan and Jennifer Staelgraeve**, who was Confirmed with the Holy Spirit on Tuesday, April 23, at Sacred Heart Parish in Hudson.
God Bless you, Cody!

ASCENT OF MOUNT CARMEL - MORNING REFLECTION,

presented by Fr. Roger Chikri, OMM.
Saturday May 18, 8a-12:30p
 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Brighton*

Journey to the summit of Mount Carmel! Follow Fr. Roger as he walks the path of the perfect spirit "to the land of Carmel to eat of its fruit and its good things" (Jer. 2,7). He will share knowledge and insights as he guides us along the way to union with God. Begins at 8am with Morning Prayer followed by a Continental Breakfast and Talk 1; then celebration of the Holy Mass and Talk 2; dismissal at 12:30p. Hosted by: Our Lady of Mount Carmel Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites Hamburg Community.

RSVP by May 13 susanwid01@comcast.net.

*Please be aware that there is road construction in the area. Keep this in mind when planning your route and prepare for possible delays.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tues., April 30 - 9:00am St. Peter
 † Larry Bielski
 by Frank & Gail Vereecke

Wed., May 1 -9:00am, St. Alphonsus
 † Tom & Juanita Garrett
 by Mike & Sheila Garrett

Thurs., May 2 -9:00am, St. Peter
 † the People of the Parish

Fri., May 3 -9:00am, St. Alphonsus
 † Bob Shettleroe
 by sister

Sat., May 4- 4:30pm, St. Peter
 † Norman & Madonna LaVoy
 by family

Sun., May 5 - 8:00am, St. Alphonsus
 † Mary Rowe
 by Ron & Leanne Goodin

11:00am, St. Peter
 † Joseph F. Clements
 by Brian & Gaylene Dabell

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

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| 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 Schadewald |
| 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.



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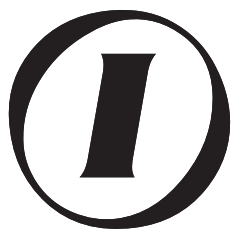


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