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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 after 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

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(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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We reserve the right to edit articles for clarity
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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.

September 28, 2025
Twenty-Sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time



~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

Twenty-Sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 28, 2025

Amos 6:1a, 4-7
1 Timothy 6:11-16
Luke 16:19-31

Twenty-Seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time
October 5, 2025

Hebrews 1:2-3, 2:2-4
2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14
Luke 17:5-10

PURSUE
Righteousness
Devotion
Faith
Love
Patience
Gentleness
1 Timothy

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

OCIA or Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (formerly RCIA) is the process of entering the Catholic Church. OCIA 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.

Aquinas College Open Houses – Saturday, October 4 and November 1

Aquinas College welcomes all high school students and their families to our Fall Open Houses on **Saturday, October 4** and **Saturday, November 1**! Explore academic programs, connect with our supportive faculty, staff & students, chat with admissions & financial aid experts, and tour our scenic campus. Details and registration information can be found at aquinas.edu/openhouse.

ANNUAL TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

"Help us help them." The Knights' annual M.I. "Tootsie Roll" Drive to help Michigan Citizens with developmental/intellectual disabilities is Columbus Day weekend, **October 10/11/12, 2025**.

Knights will be at various locations locally and statewide collecting donations for this most worthy cause. Please be generous.

THE CENACLE OF EUCHARISTIC APOSTLES OF THE DIVINE MERCY

Excerpts from Our Lord found in the Diary of St. Faustina Kowalska:

Oh, what great graces I will grant to souls who say this chaplet; the very depths of My tender mercy are stirred for the sake of those who say the chaplet. (St. Faustina Diary, 848)

SATURDAY 4:30 PM MASS SITE LOCATION 2025-26 SCHEDULE

October 4	Blissfield
October 11	Deerfield
October 18	Blissfield
October 25	Deerfield

Mass for Domestic Violence Awareness 4 October 2025 9:30 & 11:30 St. Mary Cathedral, Lansing

The Third annual Domestic Violence Awareness Mass in observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month will be October 4, 2025 at 9:30 AM at St. Mary Cathedral, Lansing. Fellowship in the parish hall following Mass.

Inquiries: contact Kim Ferguson at HisSparrows@proton.me or call the parish office at 517-484-5331. One in four women and one in seven men experience severe physical violence in intimate relationships. Visit CatholicsforFamilyPeace.org and the USCCB document "When I Call for Help" for more information.

If you experience any form of abuse, call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233 for help.

EGG CARTON PROJECT COMPLETE

Thank you for donating egg cartons. We've completed our project and are no longer in need of egg cartons.

We appreciate your generosity!

Writing Workshop Focuses on Letting Go

Every Fall brings us great teachers in the leaves and plants that do their "work" and then let go and move on. The next Writing Workshop at Weber Retreat and Conference Center focuses on Nature's Teaching on Letting Go. Offered in person and via Zoom, the workshop is from **1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday, October 18, 2025, at Weber Center**. This workshop gives participants the opportunity to explore their own and others' process of letting go.

Adrian Dominican Sister Tarianne DeYonker, OP, a certified Amherst Writers and Artists Facilitator, facilitates the session.

The cost is \$35, and registration is required. The Zoom link will be sent closer to the workshop date for those registering for virtual attendance. Visit www.webercenter.org and click on "programs," call 517-266-4000, or email webercenter@adriandominicans.org. Limited scholarships are available.

Weber Center is on the campus of the Adrian Dominican Sisters Motherhouse, Adrian, Michigan. On East Siena Heights Drive, turn into the driveway between Adrian Rea Literacy Center and the solar panel-covered carport. Follow the signs to Weber Center. For information, call the Weber Center at 517-266-4000.



KNIGHTS' NEWS

Saint Michael the Archangel defend us in battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray: and you O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God cast down to hell Satan and the other evil spirits, who prowl through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

All students, parishioners, and Knights are invited to the recitation of the Thursday Rosary, October 2, 6:30 PM, at St. Peter the Apostle Church. Rosaries are available for those who need one. There will be a meeting for all Knights after the rosary at 7:00PM. Our Lady of Fatima, Queen of Angels, pray for us.

Defend Life! 40 Days for Life, a peaceful, prayerful, campaign to end abortion through prayer, fasting, sacrificing, and peaceful vigil, continues through November 2, 2025. Since its 2007 inception 25,695 babies' lives are known to have been saved, 181 abortion facilities have closed, and 274 abortion workers have had a conversion and quit. In the USA and globally, 1 million volunteers and 20,000 churches will participate during 13,721 campaigns this year. For details, please visit www.40daysforlife.com/Toledo, contact Kevin Jorey at kjoury@toledodiocese.org, or call him at 419 214-4933. St. Michael, St. Gabriel, and St. Rafael, Archangels, intercede for us.

"Help us help them." The Knights' annual M.I. "Tootsie Roll" Drive to help Michigan Citizens with developmental/intellectual disabilities is Columbus Day weekend, **October 10/11/12, 2025**. Knights will be at various locations locally and statewide collecting donations for this most worthy cause. Please be generous. St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church, pray for us.

The Knights Scrap Metal Drive to help Holiday Food Distribution, Christmas Basket program, and more is **Saturday, October 18, 8:00 AM-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 information or to volunteer please call Nicolas Martinez at 517 442-3868. St. Vicent de Paul, priest, pray for us.

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

**Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary
to all celebrating in October!**

MANY BLESSINGS TO YOU!

-STEWARDSHIP REPORT-

September 21, 2025

Sunday \$2,995 - 70 env

Loose \$225

Mercy Fund \$5 - 1 env

Help Spread The Faith Appeal \$10 - 2 env

Total \$3,235

Online Giving

Sunday \$1726 - 27 env

Mercy Fund \$15 - 2 env

American Evangelization \$10 - 1 env

Monthly Pledge \$5 - 1 env

Total \$1,756

Overall total \$4,991

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 **October 11 and October 12**. 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.

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Interactive Zoom Session Focuses on Transforming Consciousness

Diarmuid O'Murchu, a member of the Sacred Heart Missionary Order and a retired missionary, facilitates an interactive Zoom session on Transforming Consciousness from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. ET on Saturday, October 25, 2025.

The workshop explores how the evolutionary consciousness of our time is changing our understanding of religion and leading people toward a more adult appropriation of faith. The session includes presentations by Diarmuid O'Murchu, group discussion, and interaction with Diarmuid.

A social psychologist living in Dublin, Ireland, Diarmuid has devoted much of his life and ministry to adult faith development. His 20 books are outlined on his website, www.diarmuidomurchu.com.

The cost is \$55, and registration is required. Visit www.webercenter.org and click on "programs," call 517-266-4000, or email webercenter@adriandominicans.org. Limited scholarships are available.

-MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK-

NO DAILY MASSES THIS WEEK DUE TO THE PRIESTS' CONVOCATION

Tues., September 30- 9:00am St. Peter
† NO MASS

Wed., October 1- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus
† NO MASS

Thurs., October 2- 9:00am, St. Peter
† NO MASS

Fri., October 3- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus
† NO MASS

Sat., October 4- 4:30pm, St. Peter
† Joseph F. Clements
by family

Sun., October 5- 8:00am, St. Alphonsus
† Terry Diver
by Virgil & Donna Diver

11:00am, St. Peter
† the People of the Parish

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

Kathleen Adams	Debbie Marietta
Ned Ahleman	Vinny Martinez
Helen Bateson	Wendy Moore
Rita Bausman	Joseph Mueller
Aiden Beauregard	Muriel Mueller
Jane Bolster	John Musielewicz
Mike Bomia	Brenda Nagy
Ella Borowski	Karen Nevins
Ginger Borowski	Ken Nevins
Becky Branscum	Mike Pienta
Darlene Bretnier	Bev Pifer
Larry Brenke	Bob Rains
Doris Bussing	Eva Ricker
Danny Butcher	Brendan Robaszkievicz
Linda Butcher	Joseph Savarin
Liam Cherry	Sharon Schadewald
Mary Cledes	Jeannie Schroeder
Isabelle DeLaCruz	Harold Sears
Madeline Denecker	Pat Sears
Webb Drew	Patricia Shannon
Elaine Esper	Steve Shields
Kenneth Faust	Becky Shusta
Carmen Garcia	Margaret Smith
Jennifer Gilson	Sue Spinazze
Reagan Gobel	Emily Stevens
Ginger Goodin	Dana Strickler
Katy Goodman	David Stucker
Makenzie Greer	Mike Trabbic
Penny Hashman	Stacey Ulrich
Tammy Jarvis	Stewart VanPelt
Janet Jensen	Alice Van Staveren
Susan Johnson	Franz Van Staveren
CJ Karpinski	Heidi Vikar
Karen Kaufman	Flo Wentworth
Norma Kelly	Harry Woodbury
Traci Knaggs	Rita Woods
Gale LaVoy	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 at 517 447-3500.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18TH



Join us for the 2025 convent visiting

A special opportunity to explore religious life up close. Meet sisters, ask questions, and take time to pray, learn, and discern. Register by scanning the QR code or visiting www.dioceseoflansing.org/nun-run.



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