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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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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.

March 16, 2025
The Second Sunday of Lent



~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

The Second Sunday of Lent
March 16, 2025
Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
Philippians 3:17-4:1
Luke 9:28b-36

The Third Sunday of Lent
March 23, 2025
Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15
1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12
Luke 13:1-9

HE
WILL
CHANGE
YOUR
BODY
TO
CONFORM
WITH
HIS
heavenly
BODY.
Phil

-STEWARDSHIP REPORT-

March 9, 2025

Sunday \$4,231 - 78 env
 Loose \$120
 Christmas \$10 - 1 env
 Easter Flowers \$20 - 1 env
 Mercy Fund \$77 - 8 env
 Solemnity of Mary \$10 - 1 env
 Home Mission \$253 - 12 env
 Total \$4,721

Online Giving

Sunday \$981 20 env
 Mercy Fund \$11 - 2 env
 Monthly Pledge \$180 - 2 env
 Total \$1,172

Overall Total \$5,893

DSA

Goal - \$27,455
 Total Pledges - \$9,849
 % of Goal - 35.87%
 Total Donors - 55
 Participation Rate - 9.35%

SAVE THE DATE!!

Light of Christ Parish
VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

1950'S SOCK-HOP

(theme only, no socks required)

Saturday, April 26

at the SALT Center

Fat Axe Grill Food Truck

is coming!

**Invitations going out soon! IT
 WILL BE A BASH!!**

**SATURDAY 4:30 PM MASS
 SITE LOCATION
 2024-25 SCHEDULE**

March 22 Blissfield

March 29 Deerfield

April 5 Blissfield

April 12 Deerfield

April 17 Holy Thursday Blissfield

April 18 Good Friday Blissfield

April 19 Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil Deerfield

April 26 Deerfield

KNIGHTS' NEWS



"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16. Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ to my right, Christ to my left, Christ in me. Amen. Let us pray for all those suffering the loss of a loved one. St. Patrick, Bishop, and St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, pray for us.

ALL Knights, parishioners, families, and friends are invited to the Focus on Life 2025 Annual Benefit Dinner, April 3, at the Center Merillat Room, 1800 W. US 223, Adrian, MI. Doors open at 5:30 PM, Dinner & Program at 6:00 PM with special guest speaker Pastor Ken Stults. Reservations can be made by contacting Julie Moore at 517 902-3099, email; lenawee21@gmail.com or by mail at PO Box 264, Adrian, MI 49221. Suggested donations are \$20 Student, \$50 Individual, or \$320 Table for 8. St Casimir pray for us.

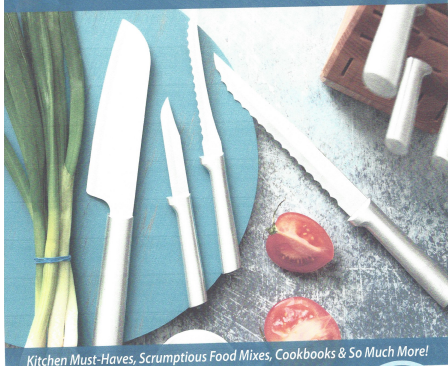
Knights are Pro-Life! 40 Days for Life, March 5 - April 13 is a peaceful prayerful campaign to end abortion through prayer, fasting, sacrificing, and peaceful vigil. Since 2007 we have helped save 25,386 lives, converted 268 abortion workers who quit, and closed 162 abortion centers. For more information about local participation please visit www.40daysforlife.com/Toledo, contact Kevin Jorrey at kjorrey@toledodiocese.org, or call him at 419 214-4933. St. Perpetua and St. Felicity, Martyrs, pray for us.

The Red Cross Needs Blood! You can donate at Blissfield High School from Noon to 6:00 PM this Tuesday, March 18, or at the Christian Family Center from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM, or at the Blissfield American Legion on Thursday, April 10 from 11:30 AM to 5:30 PM. To schedule your appointment or to find other days and locations please call 1 800 733-2767 or visit www.redcross.org. St. Rita, Patron Saint of Surgery, pray for us.

Looking to save money on taxes? The Knights of Columbus offers Tax Deferred Annuities, IRA, and Roth IRA options that are safe, simple, and secure with a guaranteed lifetime interest rate providing a long-term accumulation of wealth. Additionally, Fraternal Benefits including Whole Life, Permanent, Term Life, Long Term Care, and Disability Income Insurance are available for the Knight and his family. For details, please call our local Field Agent, Nicolas Novak at 810 620-4240 or email Nicolas.Novak@kofc.org. St. John of God pray for us.

**The Knights of Columbus meet in Blissfield at 7:00pm every first Thursday of the month. *Due to the Focus on Life Annual Benefit Dinner on April 3, the Knights will meet on the second Thursday in the month of April. See you on April 10th!*

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SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE FOOD, FUN, FRIENDSHIP! WE STILL NEED YOU!

Please join us to brainstorm some fun special events for parish social gathering opportunities at both sites of our parish.

We'd like to have YOU join our team for fun meetings (minimal commitment) and to be a part of adding some new fun events to our parish calendar.

We already had one meeting with fellow parishioners that had some great ideas for events. **Our next meeting will be Thursday, March 20th at 6:30pm in the Blissfield Hall.**

Our meeting agenda will include more event suggestions and planning for event possibilities:

- * **Volunteer Appreciation Party**
- * **Toledo Mud Hens Baseball Game**
- * **Mardi Gras Party**
- * **Corn Hole Tournament**
- * **Trunk or Treat & more**

Please contact:

Deanna Burke (deannabdre@gmail.com) or Sue Cousino (lightofchristparish@gmail.com) or call the Parish Office at 517 447-3500

for more information. Or, please attend the meeting and join us for refreshments, fellowship, & fun:)

**We look forward to hearing from you!
 Be Not Afraid**

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tues., March 18- 9:00am St. Peter
† The People of the Parish

Wed., March 19-9:00am, St. Alphonsus
† John Witt
by family

Thurs., March 20- 9:00am, St. Peter
† Tom & Juanita Garrett
by Mike & Sheila Garrett

Fri., March 21-9:00am, St. Alphonsus
† Jack Gainsley
by Martha Horak

Sat., March 22- 4:30pm, St. Peter
† John F. Clements
by family

**Sun., March 23-
8:00am, St. Alphonsus**
† Ramona Scholl
by Heidi Mueller-Vallie

11:00am, St. Peter
† Lena Silva
by Jim Diebel

NOTE: DAILY MASS CANCELLATION POLICY FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER

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LENTEN SOUP & SUBSTANCE Feed Your Body and Your Soul!

Want to share your special soup?

There are **sign up sheets** in the back of each church so you can **bring a crockpot of soup** to one of our soup suppers. We're usually blessed with many different types of soup, so why not join in on the fun! **The Parish will provide bread, butter, and beverages.**

The soup suppers will be:
THIS Wednesday, March 19, Blissfield & Wednesday, April 9, Deerfield
6:00pm Soup Supper
6:30pm Substance (Scott Hahn Video)
7:00pm Reconciliation (Confession)

Please join us and, if you're able, consider signing up to bring a soup so we have enough and a variety for all.

We look forward to seeing you at our Lenten Soup & Substance!

CEMETERY CLEAN UP

As a reminder, per our St. Alphonsus Cemetery policy, all winter decorations **should be removed as soon as possible** in preparation for mowing season. Please remove all decorations you have placed on a loved-one's grave. **The lawn care service doesn't remove decorations.**

If you'd like to volunteer to help Fr. Jeff remove any remaining items, please contact the parish office (517 447-3500). Spring decorations may be placed in the cemetery beginning April 1.

LENTEN SCHEDULE 2025

Wed., March 19: Soup & Substance Blissfld.

Soup Supper: 6:00pm

Scott Hahn Video: 6:30pm

Reconciliation (Confession): 7:00pm

Friday, March 21:

Stations of the Cross: 7:00pm Blissfield

Wednesday, March 26:

Reconciliation/Confession: 7:00pm Deerfield

Friday, March 28:

Stations of the Cross: 7:00pm Deerfield

Wednesday, April 2:

Eucharistic Adoration: 9:30am Deerfield

Reconciliation/Confession: 7:00pm Blissfield

Friday, April 4:

Stations of the Cross: 7:00pm Blissfield

Wed., April 9: Soup & Substance Deerfld.

Soup Supper: 6:00pm

Scott Hahn Video: 6:30pm

Reconciliation/Confession: 7:00pm

Friday, April 11:

Stations of the Cross: 7:00pm Deerfield

Sunday, April 13:

Palm Sunday, Beginning of Holy Week, regular Mass times

EASTER TRIDUUM

The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum—from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery.

4/17: HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00pm Blissfield

4/18: GOOD FRIDAY

Passion of the Lord, 7:00pm Blissfield

4/19: HOLY SATURDAY

Easter Vigil, 8:30pm Deerfield

4/20: EASTER SUNDAY

**Resurrection of the Lord
8:00am Deerfield, 11:00am Blissfield**

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Tuesday, March 18

✠First Eucharist Class✠

6:30pm, Classroom, Blissfield

Wednesday, March 19

✠SOUP & SUBSTANCE✠

✠Soup Supper✠

6:00pm Blissfield Hall

✠Scott Hahn Video✠

6:30pm Blissfield Hall

✠Reconciliation/Confession✠

7:00pm St. Peter Church, Blissfield

Thursday, March 20

✠Special Events Committee Meeting✠

6:30pm Blissfield Hall

Friday, March 21

✠Stations of the Cross✠

7:00pm Blissfield

Sunday, March 23

✠EL & MS Religious Education✠

1st-8th Grade

SPRING BREAK

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

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|---------------------|----------------------|
| Kathleen Adams | Norma Kelly |
| Rita Bausman | Traci Knaggs |
| Aiden Beauregard | Gale LaVoy |
| Linda Beham | Debbie Marietta |
| Mike Bomia | Vinny Martinez |
| Ella Borowski | Joseph Mueller |
| Ginger Borowski | Muriel Mueller |
| Becky Branscum | John Musielewicz |
| Darlene Breitner | Brenda Nagy |
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| Stephen Cassidy | Brendan Robaszkiwicz |
| Liam Cherry | Joseph Savarin |
| Mary Clemes | Sharon Schadewald |
| Karen Coopshaw | Jeannie Schroeder |
| Isabelle DeLaCruz | Harold Sears |
| Madeline Denecker | Pat Sears |
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| George Eastwood | Margaret Smith |
| Elaine Esper | Kenneth Smolka |
| Kenneth Faust | Melissa Stasko |
| Cristee Ando-Gilson | Emily Stevens |
| Jennifer Gilson | Dana Strickler |
| Reagan Gobel | David Stucker |
| Katy Goodman | Stewart VanPelt |
| Makenzie Greer | Alice Van Staveren |
| Tammy Jarvis | Franz Van Staveren |
| Susan Johnson | Flo Wentworth |
| CJ Karpinski | 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 at 517 447-3500.



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