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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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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 23, 2025  
The Third Sunday of Lent



### ~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

**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

**The Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
**March 30, 2025**  
Joshua 5:9a, 10-12  
2 Corinthians 5:17-21  
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

WHOEVER  
THINKS HE IS  
STANDING  
SECURE  
SHOULD  
TAKE CARE  
NOT TO  
FALL

**-STEWARDSHIP REPORT-**

**March 16, 2025**

Sunday \$3,120 - 61 env

Loose \$132

Easter Flowers \$25 - 1 env

Mercy Fund \$10 - 1 env

Total \$3,287

**Online Giving**

Sunday \$741 - 19 env

Mercy Fund \$5 - 1 env

Total \$746

**Overall total \$4,033**

**DSA**

Goal - \$27,455

Total Pledges - 13,276

% of Goal - 48.35%

Total Donors - 71

Participation Rate - 12.14%

**Creative Writers Invited to Hybrid Writing Workshop**

Beginning and experienced creative writers are invited to a hybrid writing workshop from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday, April 12, 2025, at Weber Retreat and Conference Center or via Zoom. Come spend this time with other writers: writing, reading, and giving feedback to other writers about the strengths you notice in their work.

The workshop is facilitated by Sister Tarianne DeYonker, OP, a certified Amherst Writers and Artists Facilitator. The cost is \$35. A Zoom link will be sent closer to the workshop event for those who plan to attend virtually.

Registration is required. Visit [www.webercenter.org](http://www.webercenter.org) and click on "programs," call 517-266-4000, or email [webercenter@adriandominicans.org](mailto: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.

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

**March 29 Deerfield**  
April 5 Blissfield  
April 12 Deerfield

*April 17 Holy Thursday Blissfield*  
*April 18 Good Friday Blissfield*  
*April 19 Holy Saturday, Deerfield*  
April 26 Deerfield

**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!!**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION  
Hosted by the Women of Prayer**

Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration the first Tuesday or Wednesday of the month (alternating sites after 9:00am Daily Mass)

from 9:30-10:30am.

**The next adoration will be:  
Wednesday, April 2, 2025**

**St. Alphonsus Church, Deerfield  
9:30-10:30am**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**Holy Week Retreat: Praying the Passion**

Journey through the sacred days of Holy Week and experience the passion and death of Jesus through his mother. Holy Week Retreat: Praying the Passion begins at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, April 13, 2025, and concludes at 10:15 a.m. Thursday, April 17, 2025, at Weber Retreat and Conference Center.

The retreat is facilitated by Sister Patricia Harvat, OP. A Dominican Sister of Adrian, she has served in a variety of ministries: engaging in pastoral work in Puerto Rico, directing the Congregation's ministry program in the Dominican Republic; and serving as Director of Formation for the Congregation.

The cost is \$180 for commuters, \$325 per person double occupancy, and \$425 single occupancy. Registration is required. Visit [www.webercenter.org](http://www.webercenter.org) and click on "programs," call 517-266-4000, or email [webercenter@adriandominicans.org](mailto:webercenter@adriandominicans.org). Limited scholarships are available.

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**KNIGHTS' NEWS**

"For with God nothing will be impossible." And Mary said, "Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her. Luke 1:37,38. Let us ask God for the grace to surrender our own plans and to trust in His perfect will for us. Immaculate Conception 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; [lenawee2l@gmail.com](mailto:lenawee2l@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.

**What Would Jesus Do?** 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 who quit, and closed 162 abortion centers. For more information about local participation please visit [www.40daysforlife.com/Toledo](http://www.40daysforlife.com/Toledo), contact Kevin Jorrey at 419 214-4933 or email [kjorrey@toledodiocese.org](mailto:kjorrey@toledodiocese.org). St.

Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Patrick, Bishop, pray for us.

**Win \$12,000.00 Cash!** Our Knights are selling Knights of Columbus Michigan State Council Raffle tickets to support many charities in our state. **1ST PRIZE:** \$12,000.00 Cash & Grand Hotel Vacation for 4. **2ND PRIZE:** \$3,000.00 Cash &

Soaring Eagle Waterpark & Hotel Vacation for 4. **3RD PRIZE:** \$2,000.00 Cash & Hot Air Balloon Ride for 4. **4TH PRIZE:** \$1,000.00 Cash & Detroit Helicopter Tour for 2. **Other CASH prizes** are available and all will be awarded April 10, 2025. Please purchase your tickets from any Knight. Suggested donation is \$ 5.00 each.

Please pray for speedy recovery for our Holy Father, Pope Francis, and for the health and well-being of our priests, deacons, and consecrated religious. "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray

for us who have recourse to thee. Amen."

*\*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!*

**MASS INTENTIONS  
FOR THE WEEK**

**Tues., March 25- 9:00am St. Peter**  
† Stacey & Carl Ulich  
by Ava Bennette

**Wed., March 26-9:00am, St. Alphonsus**  
† Robert Forgiel  
by Henry & Ann Curtis

**Thurs., March 27- 9:00am, St. Peter**  
† the People of the Parish

**Fri., March 28-9:00am, St. Alphonsus**  
† Joe Jankowski  
by family

**Sat., March 29- 4:30pm, St. Alphonsus**  
† Larry Schadewald  
by Michele Edelbrock

**Sun., March 30-  
8:00am, St. Alphonsus**  
† Joe Frank  
by Doug & Deanna Burke

**11:00am, St. Peter**  
† Gustave J. Laroy  
by family

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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 next soup supper will be:  
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!**

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**Olivia Lou Gust**, daughter of **David and Allison (Lafleur) Gust**, was baptized on Sunday, March 16, at Light of Christ-Blissfield. **God Bless you, Olivia!**

**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**

**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 25**  
**✠First Eucharist Class✠**  
SPRING BREAK

**Wednesday, March 26**  
**✠Reconciliation/Confession✠**  
7:00pm St. Alphonsus Church, Deerfield

**Friday, March 28**  
**✠Stations of the Cross✠**  
7:00pm Deerfield

**Sunday, March 30**  
**✠EL. & MS Religious Education✠**  
**1st-8th Grade**  
9:50-10:50am, Blissfield

**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          |
| Larry Brenke        | Karen Nevins         |
| Doris Bussing       | Ken Nevins           |
| Danny Butcher       | Bev Pifer            |
| Linda Butcher       | Bob Rains            |
| Nicole Cassidy      | Eva Ricker           |
| Stephen Cassidy     | Brendan Robaszkiwicz |
| Liam Cherry         | Joseph Savarin       |
| Mary Clemes         | Sharon Schadewald    |
| Karen Coopshaw      | Jeannie Schroeder    |
| Isabelle DeLaCruz   | Harold Sears         |
| Madeline Denecker   | Pat Sears            |
| Colin Dietrich      | Steve Shields        |
| Webb Drew           | Becky Shusta         |
| George Eastwood     | Margaret Smith       |
| Elaine Esper        | Kenneth Smolka       |
| Kenneth Faust       | Melissa Stasko       |
| Cristee Gilson-Ando | 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 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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