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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

When schools in either Blissfield or Deerfield (Britton-Deerfield) are on a 2-hour delay or canceled, daily mass and any evening 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.

March 30, 2025
The Fourth Sunday of Lent



~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

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

The Fifth Sunday of Lent
April 6, 2025
Isaiah 43:16-21
Philippians 3:8-14
John 8:1-11

*I continue
my pursuit
toward the goal,
the prize of God's
upward calling.*
PHIL

-STEWARDSHIP REPORT-

March 23, 2025

Sunday \$3,179 - 73 env

Loose \$212

Easter Flowers \$5 - 1 env

Mercy Fund \$25 - 3 env

Catholic Relief Services \$25 - 1 env

Home Missions \$55 - 3 env

Catholic School Teaching \$80 - 1 env

Total \$3,581

Online Giving

Sunday \$2121 - 29 env

Mercy Fund \$15 - 2 env

Catholic Relief Services \$20 - 1 env

Easter Flowers \$20 - 1 env

Total \$2,176

Overall Total \$5,757

DSA

Goal - \$27,455

Total Pledges - 18,278

% of Goal - 66.57%

Total Donors - 88

Participation Rate - 14.97%

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Our Food Pantry is in need of a few items. If you are able, please consider donating:

cereal	spaghetti sauce
instant potatoes	macaroni & cheese
canned chicken	peanut butter
vegetable oil	ravioli
tuna	soup

Thank you for your generosity to those in need!

Adrian Dominican Sisters Launch Podcast Series

The Adrian Dominican Congregation launched two podcasts to tell the stories of individual Sisters and to assist young women who might be deciding, or discerning, whether they are called to religious life.

The two shows, each with new episodes published weekly, are now available on Apple, Spotify, Amazon, and the host site, Lisbyn [add URL].

A Sister's Story, which is available in video format on YouTube, features interviews with individual Sisters who reminisce on what drew them to the Congregation and on some of their experiences in ministry. In *A Sister Reflects*, members of the Congregation's Vocations Team share discernment strategies and reflections.

SAVE THE DATE!! Light of Christ Parish VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION 1950'S SOCK-HOP

(theme only, no socks required)
Saturday, April 26, 5:30pm
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.

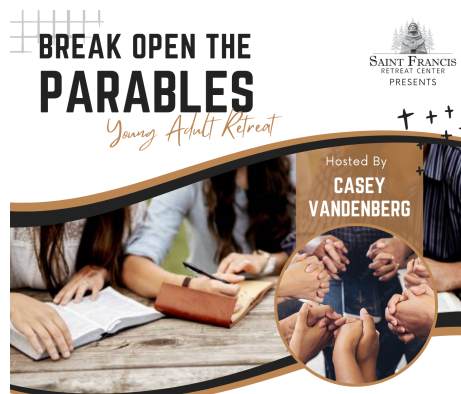
The next adoration will be:
THIS Wednesday, April 2, 2025
St. Alphonsus Church, Deerfield
9:30-10:30am

ALL ARE WELCOME!

SAVE THE DATE! SOLANUS CASEY CENTER DEANERY BUS TRIP Holy Family, Light of Christ, & St. Elizabeth Parishes Wednesday, June 4

"Inspired by the life and example of our brother, Blessed Solanus Casey, this Center strives to be a place of pilgrimage, healing, reconciliation and peace." solanuscasy.org

Details, as we receive them,
will be shared in future bulletins!



Take your faith to a deeper level as we unravel the secrets contained within the parables.

APR | 11-12 | 2025

This retreat includes:
• Mass, Confession, & Adoration
• Individual Reflection Time

PLUS

Special video teachings created for this retreat featuring:
Fr. Sebastian Walsh Bishop Earl Boyea Dr. Mary Healy
Author/Catholic Answers Live Contributor Disciple of Lonnie Author/International Speaker

Suggested Donation: \$50

Register at www.stfrancis.ws/weekend-retreats

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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; 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.

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, contact Kevin Jorrey at 419 214-4933 or email 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., April 1- 9:00am St. Peter
† The People of the Parish

Wed., April 2- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus
† Liz Parros
by Women of Prayer

Thurs., April 3- 9:00am, St. Peter
† Charles & Josephine Szymanowski
by the Estate of Elizabeth G. Rost

Fri., April 4- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus
† Connor Ramsey
by Kathy Barta

Sat., April 5- 4:30pm, St. Peter
† John Burgermeister
by family

**Sun., April 6-
8:00am, St. Alphonsus**
† Darlene Forche
by Leo Forche & family

11:00am, St. Peter
† Gus Laroy
by Pat Bischoff

**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 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!**

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

April 5 Blissfield
April 12 Deerfield
April 17 Holy Thursday Blissfield
April 18 Good Friday Blissfield
April 19 Holy Saturday, Deerfield
April 26 Deerfield

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 and take away** 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, 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

Sunday, March 30

✠El. & MS Religious Education✠
1st-8th Grade
9:50-10:50am, Blissfield

Tuesday, April 1

✠First Eucharist Class✠
6:30-7:30pm, Blissfield

Wednesday, April 2

✠Eucharistic Adoration✠
9:30am St. Alphonsus, Deerfield

✠Reconciliation/Confession✠

7:00pm St. Peter, Blissfield

Friday, April 4

✠Stations of the Cross✠
7:00pm Blissfield

Sunday, April 6

✠El. & MS Religious Education✠
1st-8th Grade & Confirmation Class
9:50-10:50am, Blissfield

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

Kathleen Adams	Traci Knaggs
Rita Bausman	Gale LaVoy
Aiden Beauregard	Debbie Marietta
Linda Beham	Vinny Martinez
Mike Bomia	Joseph Mueller
Ella Borowski	Muriel Mueller
Ginger Borowski	John Musielewicz
Becky Branscum	Brenda Nagy
Darlene Breitner	Karen Nevins
Larry Brenke	Ken Nevins
Doris Bussing	Bev Pifer
Danny Butcher	Bob Rains
Linda Butcher	Eva Ricker
Nicole Cassidy	Brendan
Stephen Cassidy	Robaszkievicz
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
Carmen Garcia	Emily Stevens
Cristee Gilson-Ando	Dana Strickler
Jennifer Gilson	David Stucker
Reagan Gobel	Stacey Ulrich
Katy Goodman	Stewart VanPelt
Makenzie Greer	Alice Van Staveren
Tammy Jarvis	Franz Van Staveren
Susan Johnson	Flo Wentworth
CJ Karpinski	Rita Woods
Norma Kelly	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.



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