



LIGHT OF CHRIST

CATHOLIC PARISH

ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH
ST. PETER THE APOSTLE CHURCH

222 CAREY ST., DEERFIELD, MI 49238
309 S. LANE ST., BLISSFIELD, MI 49228

517-447-3500
WWW.LIGHTOFCHRISTPARISH.COM
LIGHTOFCHRISTPARISH@GMAIL.COM

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 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!

PARISH STAFF

PASTOR

Rev. Jeff Poll
jeffreypoll44@gmail.com

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Deanna Burke: deannabdre@gmail.com

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Karen Nevins: nevinskaren@yahoo.com
734-730-0007

Music Coordinator

Rose Piotter

SECRETARIAL STAFF

Business Manager/Bookkeeper

Susan Cousino: lightofchristparish@gmail.com

Sacramental Records, Parish Data, & Bulletin Editor

Deanna Burke: deannabdre@gmail.com

Bulletin Deadline: **Tuesday at 9:00am.**

We reserve the right to edit articles for clarity
and length. Please email material to:
deannabdre@gmail.com

Ministry Scheduling

Leanne Goodin: lgoodin@cass.net

MAINTENANCE STAFF

Jeff Simpson
Logan Kastel

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. Food will be
delivered to vehicles parked in the church parking
lot or in front of the building.

April 6, 2025
The Fifth Sunday of Lent



~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 6, 2025

Isaiah 43:16-21

Philippians 3:8-14

John 8:1-11

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

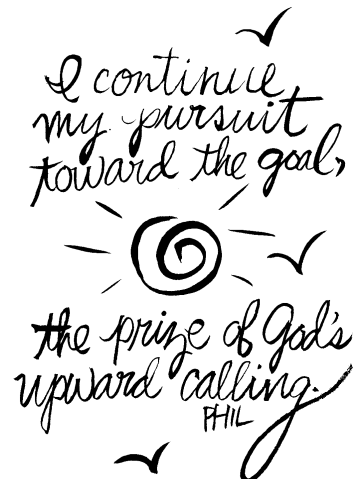
April 13, 2025

Luke 19:28-40

Isaiah 50:4-7

Philippians 2:6-11

Luke 22:14-23:56



-STEWARDSHIP REPORT-

March 30, 2025

Sunday \$2,979 - 65 env

Loose \$124.10

Easter \$100 - 1 env

Easter Flowers \$50 - 3 env

Mercy Fund \$30 - 1 env

Catholic Relief Services \$252 - 16 env

Total \$3535.10

Online Giving

Sunday \$1,461 - 25 env

Mercy Fund \$5 - 1 env

Total \$1,466

Overall Total \$5,001.10

DSA

Goal - \$27,455

Total Pledges - 18,328

% of Goal - 66.76%

Total Donors - 89

Participation Rate - 15.14%

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY &
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO ALL
CELEBRATING IN APRIL!!**

MANY BLESSINGS TO YOU!

MAY WE WASH YOUR FEET?

During the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening we will experience the Washing of Feet. **As we remember Jesus' command to do as he has done, we will wash the feet of parishioners.** During this ceremony Fr. Jeff will wash the feet of those who volunteer. Those who volunteer find that it can be a very emotional way to enter into these three holy days.

There is no set number of people needed. In fact the more that volunteer, the better the impact this symbolic action will have. We are all people of God, the church! Everyone is welcome to participate. **Mass on Holy Thursday will take place on April 17th at 7:00 pm in Blissfield.**

If you would like to volunteer or have questions, please contact the office at 517 447-3500 or

lightofchristparish@gmail.com by **TUESDAY, APRIL 15TH.**

If you spontaneously feel called by the Holy Spirit to participate, please come forward when called during Mass.

What is the Stewardship for Saints and Scholars campaign?

The campaign is an extraordinary opportunity for all parishioners to play a role in strengthening the Catholic Church diocesan-wide.

The campaign will focus on raising \$70 million to address these priorities:

- Strengthening our Catholic schools by enhancing teacher and administration compensation.
- Increasing the financial aid capacity to serve more families by growing the financial aid endowment.
- Attending to special needs of some of our scholars in our Catholic schools.
- Supporting each of the four diocesan high schools that each may attend to local needs.
- Supporting our parishes to attend to their local needs for their school and faith formation programs.

Bishop Boyea will call on the entire diocese to make a gift to the **Stewardship for Saints and Scholars** campaign. Your support for this campaign will impact the future of the Diocese of Lansing for years to come.

Parishioners will be asked to consider making a gift above and beyond their existing support for their parish and the annual appeal. Our parish will soon participate in this campaign, which will be kicking off later this month.

Please contact Fr. Jeff or call the parish office for additional details.

JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE Solanus Casey Center

Save the Date: Wednesday, June 4

In recognition of the Jubilee Year, we are planning a day trip pilgrimage to the Solanus Casey Center at St. Bonaventure in Detroit. This trip is being planned with both St. Elizabeth and Holy Family parishes. The trip will include round trip bussing, a tour of the Solanus Casey Center, Mass with Fr. Dan Crosby of the Capuchin Franciscan Province of St. Joseph, and a Healing Service before we return home. Their website is available at solanuscasency.org

Please watch the bulletin for more information.

SWEEPSTAKES WINNER

The **\$250 Sweepstakes** winner for **March 2025** is **Dawn Pirolli of Petersburg**, with ticket #**25-2212**. The ticket seller is **Dawn** herself, with an additional **\$20** prize for her, as well. Good luck to everyone in the April drawing!

KNIGHTS' NEWS



Jesus said, "If you hold to My teaching, you are really My disciples. Then you know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:28. Let us spend extra time and prayer today, asking for the grace to follow Jesus' teachings more closely, and for the new Knights and their families who participated in our recent exemplifications.

We Need New Knights! If you are interested in serving both your Church and your Community, consider becoming a Knight. Our Faith is our Foundation Dedicated to the Catholic Church's good works. We support religious outreach, promote vocations, and provide financial support for seminarians. This helps us support the Church and strengthens our personal Faith. Sound good? Join for FREE in one of two ways. For a Free online membership visit www.kofc.org/join and enter Promo Code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY, or to receive a FREE in person membership please call Nicolas Martinez at 517 442-5868. Our Lady of Fatima pray for us.

The Red Cross Needs Blood Now! You can donate at the Blissfield American Legion on Thursday, April 10, from 11:30 AM to 5:30 PM, or you can go a day earlier on Wednesday, April 9, to Lourdes University, 6832 Convent Blvd, Sylvania, OH from 10:30 AM to 4:00 PM, or to Flower Hospital, Sylvania, OH from 10:30 AM to 3:30 PM. To schedule your appointment or to find other days and locations please call 1 800 733-2767 or visit www.redcrossblood.org/give. St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr pray for us.

Attention All Knights and parishioners! Our 1ST Thursday Rosary is April 10, 6:30 PM, in St. Peter the Apostle Church. Our next Knights' Council Meeting is Thursday, April 10, at 7:00 PM, Fresh Food Distribution is Friday, April 11, about 4:00 PM at Blissfield, and the Stations of the Cross is also Friday, 7:00 PM, at St. Alphonsus Church in Deerfield. The Scrap Metal Drive is scheduled for May 3 so please start saving your scrap metals of all sizes and shapes. St Francis of Paola, Hermit, pray for us.

Our Holy Father's Intention for April: For the use of the new technologies - Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crisis of our times.

**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!*

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

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tues., April 8- 9:00am St. Peter
✠ the People of the Parish

Wed., April 9- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus
✠ John Witt
by family

Thurs., April 10- 9:00am, St. Peter
✠ Carey & Madeline Kahley
by Dick & Barb Iott

Fri., April 11- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus
✠ Ramona Scholl
by Denise M. Zilke

Sat., April 12- 4:30pm, St. Alphonsus
✠ Dan Reed
by Leo Tieppo

**Sun., April 13-
8:00am, St. Alphonsus**
✠ Carl & Florine Forche
by Jeff & Sharon Simpson

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

OLD PALMS

Boxes are available at both churches to collect your old palms. According to the *Code of Canon Law*, blessed items are to be treated with respect and reverence and not discarded in the trash. At Mass, these palm branches were blessed by a priest and became a "sacramental," which is an object that is meant to draw us closer to God.

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:
THIS 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!**

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY *Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table* -Louie Giglio Wednesdays starting April 23, 2025 St. Peter the Apostle, Blissfield 6:00-7:00PM

Our first session will be 6 weeks covering the guide: *Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table* -Louie Giglio. Purchase of a study guide is not a requirement, but it is encouraged. Study guides can be purchased on Amazon or a similar site. Please contact Father Jeff Poll at jeffreypoll44@gmail.com or call the Parish Office 517 447-3500 with questions. We hope to see you there!

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'll be a blast, including door prizes!

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Tuesday, April 8
**✠Saints & Scholars Campaign
Volunteer Training✠**
6:30-7:30pm, Blissfield Hall

Wednesday, April 9
✠Soup & Substance✠
SALT Center, Deerfield
6:00pm: Soup Supper
6:30pm: Substance: Scott Hahn Video
✠Reconciliation/Confession✠
7:00pm: St. Alphonsus, Deerfield

Thursday, April 10
✠First Eucharist Class✠
6:30-7:30pm, Blissfield

Friday, April 11
✠Stations of the Cross✠
7:00pm Deerfield

Sunday, April 13
✠EL & MS Religious Education✠
1st-8th Grade
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 Robaszkievicz
Stephen Cassidy	Joseph Savarin
Liam Cherry	Sharon Schadewald
Mary Clemen	Jeannie Schroeder
Karen Coopshaw	Harold Sears
Isabelle DeLaCruz	Pat Sears
Madeline Denecker	Steve Shields
Colin Dietrich	Becky Shusta
Webb Drew	Margaret Smith
George Eastwood	Kenneth Smolka
Elaine Esper	Melissa Stasko
Kenneth Faust	Emily Stevens
Carmen Garcia	Dana Strickler
Cristee Gilson-Ando	David Stucker
Jennifer Gilson	Stacey Ulrich
Reagan Gobel	Stewart VanPelt
Katy Goodman	Alice Van Staveren
Makenzie Greer	Franz Van Staveren
Tammy Jarvis	Flo Wentworth
Susan Johnson	Rita Woods
CJ Karpinski	Kristen Wright
Norma Kelly	

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.

LENTEN SCHEDULE 2025

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



Wagley Funeral Home, Tagsold Chapel
301 S. Lane Street
Blissfield, Michigan 49228
517.486.2133

Wagley Funeral Home
1501 W. Maumee Street
Adrian, Michigan 49221
517.263.1400

WHERE FAMILY VALUES MATTER



FAMILY OWNED FOR 77 YEARS

14 LOCATIONS TO SERVICE YOUR FLEET INCLUDING

SHRADER TIRE & OIL
BLISSFIELD TIRE CENTER
8687 E. US 223
Blissfield, MI 49228
800.529.6589

CEO JOE SHRADER 3RD GENERATION &
PROUD PARISHIONER OF LIGHT OF CHRIST PARISH

**THANK YOU TO OUR
ADVERTISERS!**



**MAKE YOUR FAMILY
PART OF OURS**
Serving Since 1981
**KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS**
(734) 637-9254



Residential • Commercial • Irrigation
Pump & Tank Sales & Service
Geothermal Loop Installation
734-279-9355 • Fax 734-279-9356
Toll Free 866-385-9355
sandw@cass.net

Parishioners

Papenhagen CONSTRUCTION

"Your Start-to-Finish Contractor"

LICENSED • INSURED

Scott & Steve Papenhagen

8411 E. U.S. 223
Blissfield, MI 49228
(517) 486-4624 (517) 486-6312 FAX



Anderson-Rudd Funeral Home

Brian Marry, Owner
Jason Ferguson, Manager

9205 E. U.S. Hwy. 223
Blissfield, Michigan 49228
Phone: 517-486-4400
Fax: 517-265-9450

www.andersonfuneralservices.com
Email: info@andersonfuneralservices.com

PIZZA - PASTA - SUBS - SALAD



214 E. Adrian Street
Blissfield
(517) 486-4385

www.eatatlenas.com

Parishioners

NEED TO BUY OR SELL?



NEED A REAL ESTATE PROFESSIONAL

**MAKE THE CLEAR CHOICE
CALL KRISTIE MCCLEARY
(517) 215-0655**

PARISHIONER AT LIGHT OF CHRIST

29 S. MONROE ST. STE 201 MONROE, MI. 48161



LIFE • HOME • AUTO • BUSINESS



IOTT

INSURANCE AGENCY, INC.

Parishioners

Petersburg • 141 Saline St. Lambertville • 3558 Sterns Rd. Blissfield • 9017 East U.S. 223
800-468-8214 800-468-8216 800-468-8217

IOTT Insurance can offer the best possible premiums...visit **IOTT.com**

**You can now book
your tee time!!
(734) 279-1151**



17655 Albain Road
Petersburg, MI 49270

www.demeacres.com

"Bolster Family Golf"
Parishioners