



# LIGHT OF CHRIST

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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 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

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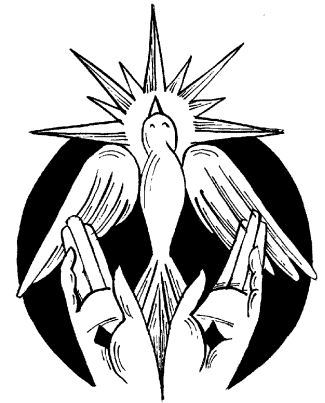
**PARISH COMMISSIONS**  
Finance Commission  
Education Commission  
Social Ministry Commission  
New Evangelization Commission

**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.

**May 25, 2025**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**



### ~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 25, 2025**  
Acts 15:1-2, 22-29  
Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23  
John 14:23-29

**The Ascension of the Lord**  
**June 1, 2025**  
Acts 1:1-11  
Ephesians 1:17-23  
Luke 24:46-53



## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**Monday, May 26**  
**✽HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!✽**  
**8:00AM MASS**

St. Alphonsus Cemetery  
 In case of rain, St. Alphonsus Church  
 Coffee & Donuts afterwards

**Wednesday, May 28**

**✽Adult Bible Study✽**

St. Peter, Blissfield  
 6:00pm-7:00pm

**Sunday, June 1**

**✽ Blessing of High School Graduates!✽**

**8:00AM MASS**

**Congratulations to all Graduates!**

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

May 31	Blissfield
June 7	Deerfield
June 14	Blissfield
June 21	Deerfield

**• • • • • REMINDER OF SUMMER HOURS: •**  
**Beginning June 1, the Sunday Mass in •**  
**Blissfield will move to the summer •**  
**schedule of 10:00am. •**

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**is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays: •**  
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**through Labor Day: 8:00 AM-4:00 PM •**  
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## -STEWARDSHIP REPORT-

**May 18, 2025**

Sunday \$4,113 - 81 env  
 Loose \$175  
 Mercy Fund \$55 - 4 env  
 Total \$4,343

### Online Giving

Sunday \$811 - 21 env  
 Mercy Fund \$5 - 1 env  
 Ascension \$20 - 1 env  
 Total \$836

**Overall Total \$5,179**

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

## UPDATE FROM LAST WEEK'S BULLETIN:

Due to the Solanus Casey Bus Trip on June 4th, adoration has been **cancelled**. Please see the article for the bus trip in this bulletin. We apologize for any inconvenience!

Please see the article in this bulletin for our 40-hour adoration for the jubilee year and prayerfully consider signing up to attend for an hour or more if you're able!

## A EUCHARISTIC JOURNEY FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR

**40-HOURS OF INTERCESSORY ADORATION**

**All 10 Deaneries in the Diocese of Lansing**  
**June 8 (Pentecost)-June 21 (Corpus Christi)**

Our parish is participating in cooperation with our Deanery. Our scheduled hours are:

**Sunday, June 8-Monday, June 9 at Midnight**

**St. Peter the Apostle Church, Blissfield:**

**Sunday, June 8, 11:00am- Monday June 9, 6:00am**

**St. Alphonsus Church, Deerfield:**

**Monday, June 9, 7:00am-12:00 midnight**

**Eucharistic adoration** is the act of worshipping God as He is present in the consecrated Eucharist. Spending time before the Blessed Sacrament, in prayer and devotion, is exactly the same as spending time before the living God.

**Please prayerfully consider spending an hour (or more) with the Lord. Sign-up sheets with one-hour time slots are available at both churches.**

• Because the Blessed Sacrament cannot be left unattended, we are asking **at least 2** parishioners to sign up for each hourly time slot on both days to remain in the church in adoration of our Lord.

• If both spots are taken, please add your name anyway, because it will be helpful to know how many are coming each hour in case someone must cancel. We need to be certain we always have two people present.

• If you're unable to attend due to unforeseen circumstances, please email Deanna Burke at [deannabdre@gmail.com](mailto:deannabdre@gmail.com).

• Please feel free to come, even if you're not signed up, and be in the presence of God for as long as you wish!

## Some suggestions for what to do during private Eucharistic Adoration:

1. Pray the Psalms or the Liturgy of Hours
2. Pray with Jesus, as he asked the disciples to stay with him an hour in the Garden of Gethsemane
3. Pray the "Our Father" and other prayers
4. Meditate using Scripture
5. Read the life of a saint and pray with him/her
6. Pour out your heart to Christ and adore Him
7. Ask for forgiveness and intercede for others
8. Pray the Rosary
9. Sit quietly and just "be" in God's presence

**How will you spend an hour with the Lord?**



## KNIGHTS' NEWS

Jesus said, "Love one another as I love you." John 15:12 On Memorial Day we pray to Jesus for those courageous men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice during their service to our country. We ask the Holy Spirit to comfort the family members and friends who mourn their loss. Our Lady of Lourdes pray for us.

**Congratulations to all Graduates!** May all of God's blessings be yours, and may you be able to say "I am blessed" each and every day. We invite all Knights and parishioners to pray a Rosary for you, your families, and your intentions. Our Lady of Fatima pray for us.

**Scholarships are available** from the Knights of Columbus. Most recipients are children of Knights or Knights themselves attending Catholic colleges and universities. For more information, please visit [www.kofc.org/scholarships](http://www.kofc.org/scholarships). Not a Knight? No problem. To join the Knights online go to [www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus), enter Promo Code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY, and receive a FREE online membership or join locally by calling GK Nicolas Martinez at 517 442-3868. St. James & St. Philip, Apostles, pray for us.

**Support Your Future Priests!** Our Knights are selling raffle tickets to support the Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit. The Grand Prize is \$25,000 cash. Suggested donation is \$10 and the drawing is June 12, 2025. For more details, please email [raffle@shms.edu](mailto:raffle@shms.edu), or call 313 596-7424. Please pray for Pope Leo XIV and for a generous increase in priests, deacons, and consecrated religious. St Mathias, Apostle, pray for us.

**Our Council's Officer Election is June 5, 2025, at the scheduled 7:00 PM Council meeting.** All Knights are asked to prayerfully consider becoming an officer in our Council. Positions include Grand Knight - the highest-ranking officer of his council, Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, Treasurer, Warden, Recorder, Inside/Outside Guards, and Advocate. The term of office is 1 year and begins July 1, 2025. A Trustee is elected to a 3-year term. Please notify GK Nicolas Martinez of your intentions before or at the meeting. Online and on-the-job training is available. St. Alphonsus & St Peter the Apostle pray for us.

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

**Congratulations and Best Wishes to**  
**Joseph Jones and Sabrina Sage**

who were married at Light of Christ Parish in Deerfield on Saturday, May 17 by Fr. Jeff. May God bless, keep and guide you the rest of your lives!



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK-

**Mon., May 26- 8:00am, Memorial Day**  
**St. Alphonsus Cemetery, Deerfield**  
 † In memory of those who died  
 in service to our country

**Tues., May 27- 9:00am St. Peter**  
 † Charles & Josephine Szymanowski  
 by the Estate of Elizabeth G. Rost

**Wed., May 28- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus**  
 † Ramona Scholl  
 by Denise M. Zilke

**Thurs., May 29- 9:00am, St. Peter**  
 † the People of the Parish

**Fri., May 30- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus**  
 † Daniel Reed  
 by Cheryl Reed

**Sat., May 31- 4:30pm, St. Peter**  
 † LaVern Cousino  
 by family

**Sun., June 1-**  
**8:00am, St. Alphonsus**  
 † Intentions of 2025 High School Graduates

**10:00am, St. Peter**  
 † Intentions of 2025 High School Graduates

## JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE Solanus Casey Center Deanery Bus Trip

Please join us Wednesday, June 4, 2025 for a pilgrimage to the Solanus Casey Center ([solanuscasy.org](http://solanuscasy.org)) located at St. Bonaventure in Detroit, Michigan. This trip is being planned with St. Elizabeth in Tecumseh and Holy Family in Adrian Parishes and includes roundtrip bussing from **St. Elizabeth (506 N. Union St., Tecumseh)** to Detroit and back.

### The day will include:

- 8:00-8:15AM check-in at St. Elizabeth, Tecumseh
- 8:30AM departure from St. Elizabeth parking lot
- 10:00AM tour and presentation of the Solanus Casey Center
- 11:45AM Mass with Fr. Dan Crosby of the Franciscan Capuchins
- Lunch of soup, sandwich, cookie, and drink
- 2:00PM Healing Service
- There will also be time to visit the gift shop
- 4:30PM (approximately) return to St. Elizabeth parking lot

Cost per person - **\$60** (includes bus, tour & lunch)

**\*First-come first-served basis,**  
 bus seating limit of 100

**Sign-up sheets are available in both churches  
 and the parish office.**

## STEWARDSHIP FOR SAINTS & SCHOLARS CAMPAIGN

The *Stewardship for Saints and Scholars* Campaign is now underway! To date, our campaign has already raised **\$7,925.00 toward our parish target.**

Many thanks to the volunteers who have worked so diligently to get us to this point. I would also like to thank the donors who have given so generously in the early stages of our campaign. While there is much to celebrate, there is also much work to be done.

In the coming weeks, volunteers will be reaching out individually to some members of our parish. I ask that you please keep in mind the following:

### Volunteers – Dual Donation

The volunteers who are contacting families are just that – volunteers. They have graciously agreed to donate their time and talent for the greater good of this effort. They are serving in this role because they believe in the diocesan-wide initiatives and are passionate about our parish. Please treat them with respect and thank them for helping the Church in this important capacity.

### Personal Touch

I have instructed each of our campaign volunteers to personally meet with the members of the faith family. If you receive a call, I kindly ask that you:

- Take the call or return the message. Do not avoid talking to our volunteers. It makes their job more difficult and puts them in a position where they keep calling in an attempt to reach you.
- Meet face-to-face, if possible. If you are asked to meet, please give our volunteers 15 minutes of your time. They are not trying to twist your arm, they just want to briefly explain the campaign initiatives, answer your questions, and receive a decision about your participation.

### Carrying a Pledge Card? Return It!

Please discern your involvement in the campaign, fill out the card and return it in the envelope provided.

### Your Gift Matters!

Remember, the letter you receive includes a financial request. It is not an expectation. It is an invitation. I invite you to pray for this campaign and this diocese. You may not be able to give what was asked. You may be able to give more than asked. Whatever that decision is, know that your commitment is deeply appreciated and is a true blessing to our effort!

**Thank you** for your cooperation, your consideration, and your support of the saints and scholars throughout the Diocese of Lansing!



**MEMORIAL DAY MASS**  
**St. Alphonsus Cemetery**  
**Monday, May 26, 2023**  
**8:00AM Mass**



**Coffee & Donuts afterwards**  
**In case of rain, Mass will be celebrated  
 at St. Alphonsus Church**

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

Kathleen Adams	Gale LaVoy
Rita Bausman	Debbie Marietta
Aiden Beauregard	Vinny Martinez
Linda Beham	Joseph Mueller
Mike Bomia	Muriel Mueller
Ella Borowski	John Musielewicz
Ginger Borowski	Brenda Nagy
Becky Branscum	Karen Nevins
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Doris Bussing	Bob Rains
Danny Butcher	Eva Ricker
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Nicole Cassidy	Joseph Savarin
Stephen Cassidy	Sharon Schadewald
Liam Cherry	Jeannie Schroeder
Mary Clemes	Harold Sears
Isabelle DeLaCruz	Pat Sears
Madeline Denecker	Steve Shields
Colin Dietrich	Becky Shusta
Webb Drew	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
Traci Knaggs	

*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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