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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!

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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.

August 17, 2025
Twentieth Sunday in
Ordinary Time



~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

Twentieth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
August 17, 2025

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10
Hebrews 12:1-4
Luke 12:49-53

Twenty-First Sunday in
Ordinary Time
August 24, 2025

Isaiah 66:18-21
Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13
Luke 13:22-30



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
PROGRAM 2025-2026
WELCOME BACK!**

Summer isn't quite over yet, but fall is right around the corner! Religious Education **1st-8th Grade** classes return on **Sunday, September 28th**. All families that were registered in RE last year will receive a registration packet in the mail. **New students (1st grade or older)** please call the parish office (517 447-3500) or email Deanna Burke, Director of Religious Education, at deannabdre@gmail.com and we'll mail you a registration packet (and, if needed, a parish registration form).

We'll process registrations through the mail to **Light of Christ Parish, 222 Carey Street, Deerfield MI 49238** or you may utilize the black drop boxes at either site: next to the office door in Deerfield and at the side of the church in Blissfield. Please return your registration forms no later than **Sunday, September 7th** so we may prepare for everyone. We look forward to another great year together!

**THE CENACLE OF
EUCCHARISTIC APOSTLES OF
THE DIVINE MERCY**

Excerpts from Our Lord found in the Diary of St. Faustina Kowalska:

"Say the chaplet I have taught you, and the storm will cease. Through the chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will."

(St. Faustina Diary, 1731)

*Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon her.*

Donna Sortor of Deerfield passed away on July 28th and her funeral was in Deerfield on August 12th.

Please keep Donna and her family in your thoughts and prayers.



**LIGHT OF CHRIST PARISH
FEATHER BINGO PARTY
PLEASE JOIN OUR TEAM!**

We have an **awesome team** that has helped for many years and it has become an annual event for them. It's a lot of fun to work together for the evening and it's a great fundraiser for the parish. A few members of the team are unable to help this year. **We need your help to proceed with planning.** Our Bingo chairperson, Sue Cousino, can't do it alone. Plus, it's more fun together! **Let's keep our Bingo tradition alive!**

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THANK YOU
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TO THE VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE
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CALLED TO SIGN UP!
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***We need a few more Team Volunteers:**

***Michigan State Law Requires:**

- 1. You must be 18 or older to volunteer or attend Bingo**
- 2. Volunteers are not allowed to play Bingo the entirety of the event :(**

Runners: collect quarters for each game -walk a row of tables & get your steps in!

Food Cashier: collect money for food and drink items —price chart provided that does the math for you!

Kitchen Helper: help prepare and/or serve turkey sandwiches, pickles, chips, drinks, & desserts —there's always something simple to be done.

When: Saturday, November 8, 2025

Set Up 4:00PM (doors open 5:15) until 10:30PM-ish including clean-up;

many hands = light work

Where: SALT Center, Deerfield

What: Help as a Volunteer Team Member during a night of

***Bingo*Raffle*Turkeys*Refreshments**

Join our team! Please contact:

Sue Cousino or Deanna Burke at the Parish Office **517 447-3500** or email lightofchristparish@gmail.com.

We appreciate your help!

**SATURDAY 4:30 PM MASS
SITE LOCATION
2025-26 SCHEDULE**

August 23	Blissfield
August 30	Deerfield
September 6	Blissfield
September 13	Deerfield
September 20	Blissfield



KNIGHTS' NEWS

"And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord." Luke 1:45. Let us pray for those with Muscular Dystrophy, Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinson's Disease, Polio, Cancer, and for those with mental, physical, or spiritual illnesses. Our Lady of Lourdes pray for us.

Scrap Metal Needed: The Knights Scrap Metal drive to help fund our Holiday Food Distribution, and Christmas Basket Program is scheduled for **October 4, 2025**. All Metals including brass, bronze, copper, aluminum, carbide, stainless steel, cast iron, tin, iron, and steel are needed. Auto, truck, tractor, boat, and lawn tractor batteries as well as electric motors are accepted. Please call Nicolas Martinez at 517 442-3868 for details. St. Stephen of Hungary pray for us.

Prayers for Vocations Work! Congratulations thank you to the 7 young men who have laid down their lives for Christ and His Holy Church by being ordained by Bishop Earl Boyea. This is the largest priestly ordination in our diocese in 47 years. Let us continue to ask the Holy Spirit for a generous increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated religious. St. Claire, Virgin and St. John Vianney pray for us.

Please pray for Pope Leo XIV. The Knights of Columbus supports religious outreach, promotes vocations, and provides financial support for seminarians. Supporting our pastor and protecting the widows and children of our members through our Fraternal Benefits Program is our main focus. If you are interested in serving both your Church and your Community, please consider becoming a Knight. For a FREE online membership visit www.kofc.org/joinus, and enter Promo Code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY, or to receive a FREE in-person membership please call Nicolas Martinez at 517 442-5868. St. Dominic pray for us.

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

REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE & PARISH OFFICE HOURS RETURN SOON

Beginning **Sunday, September 7th**, the 10:00am Mass will return to **11:00am Mass** to accommodate the return of our Religious Education classes this year.

Beginning **Tuesday, September 9th**, the Parish Office in Deerfield will be open from **9:00am until 5:00pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays**.

-STEWARDSHIP REPORT-

August 10, 2025

Collection figures were unavailable at the time of print and will be reported in next week's bulletin.

Wedding Congratulations!

Congratulations and Best Wishes to **Jacob and Kayla (Kormos) Jones** who were married at Light of Christ Parish in Deerfield on Saturday, August 9th by Fr. Jeff.

May God bless, keep and guide you the rest of your lives!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-2026 CATECHISTS & CATECHIST ASSISTANTS NEEDED

Please prayerfully consider helping teach this year as a catechist or assistant; it's really easy to follow the catechist lesson guide and share your faith with the young members of our parish. **Classes begin on Sunday, September 28, from 9:50-10:50am in Blissfield.**

Our class sizes are small and we already have experienced catechists, but we need **two adults** in each classroom, so we need your help. It's nice to have two catechists to team teach or assist. In order to keep all children safe, all volunteers working with children and youth are required to complete the Virtus Protecting God's Children training (a one-time class) including a criminal background check. The more trained adults we have, the safer our children will be!

Please contact **Deanna Burke** by office phone **517 447-3500** or email **deannabdre@gmail.com** for more information. Thank you for your prayerful consideration to this calling!

DAILY MASSES

There will be **NO Daily Masses** the week of **Tuesday, August 26-Friday, August 29** due to Fr. Jeff's well-deserved time away.

Rest well and enjoy, Fr. Jeff!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK-

Tues., August 19- 9:00am St. Peter
† Charles & Josephine Szymanowski
by the Estate of Elizabeth G. Rost

Wed., August 20- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus
† Robert Forgiel
by Tom Marzec

Thurs., August 21- 9:00am, St. Peter
† the People of the Parish

Fri., August 22- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus
† Jack Gainsley
by Doug & Norma Poll

Sat., August 23- 4:30pm, St. Peter
† John Witt
by family

Sun., August 24- 8:00am, St. Alphonsus
† Darlene Forche
by Leo Forche & family

10:00am, St. Peter
† Gustave J. LaRoy
by family

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

Kathleen Adams	Debbie Marietta
Ned Ahleman	Vinny Martinez
Rita Bausman	Joseph Mueller
Aiden Beauregard	Muriel Mueller
Mike Bomia	John Musielewicz
Ella Borowski	Brenda Nagy
Ginger Borowski	Karen Nevins
Becky Branscum	Ken Nevins
Darlene Breitner	Mike Pienta
Larry Brenke	Bev Pifer
Doris Bussing	Bob Rains
Danny Butcher	Eva Ricker
Linda Butcher	Brendan Robaszkievicz
Liam Cherry	Joseph Savarin
Mary Clemes	Sharon Schadowald
Isabelle DeLaCruz	Jeannie Schroeder
Madeline Denecker	Harold Sears
Webb Drew	Pat Sears
Elaine Esper	Steve Shields
Kenneth Faust	Becky Shusta
Carmen Garcia	Margaret Smith
Jennifer Gilson	Sue Spinazze
Reagan Gobel	Emily Stevens
Ginger Goodin	Dana Strickler
Katy Goodman	David Stucker
Makenzie Greer	Mike Trabbic
Penny Hashman	Stacey Ulrich
Tammy Jarvis	Stewart VanPelt
Janet Jensen	Alice Van Staveren
Susan Johnson	Franz Van Staveren
CJ Karpinski	Flo Wentworth
Norma Kelly	Harry Woodbury
Traci Knaggs	Rita Woods
Gale LaVoy	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.



The Most Reverend Earl Boyea
BISHOP OF LANSING

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO

A celebration of your marriage

ON SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 27TH TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE
AT FOUR-THIRTY IN THE AFTERNOON
ST. THOMAS AQUINAS, EAST LANSING

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RSVP dioceseoflansing.org/levent/anniversary-mass



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