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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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(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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We reserve the right to edit articles for clarity
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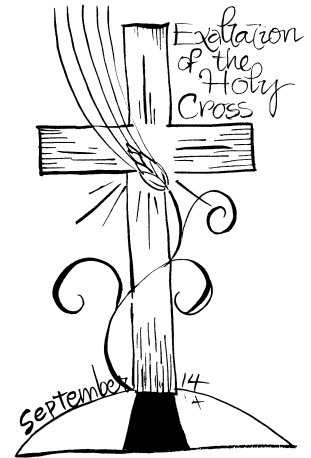
PASTORAL COUNCIL
Please call the parish office for contact info.

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.

September 14, 2025
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross



~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
September 14, 2025
Numbers 21:4b-9
Philippians 2:6-11
John 3:13-17

Twenty-Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 21, 2025
Amos 8:4-7
1 Timothy 2:1-8
Luke 16:1-13

At the name
of
jesus
every knee
should bend.

Workshop Explores Struggles of Loneliness

Are you struggling with loneliness or concerned about the effects of loneliness on people you love or on society as a whole? An experienced chaplain leads the workshop, *Looking into Loneliness*, that explores the social context of loneliness, why it is so widespread, and practical ways to build stronger relationships and communities.

Looking into Loneliness is offered in person at Weber Retreat and Conference Center and via livestream from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, September 27, 2025. The facilitator, Bryan Gregory, draws research and his perspectives as a Chaplain for the Adrian Dominican Sisters and from 20 years in pastoral ministry. He earned his doctorate in ministry from Fuller Theological Seminary.

The cost of \$35 includes lunch for those attending in-person. Registration is required. Visit www.webercenter.org and click on "programs," call 517-266-4000, or email 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.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

OCIA or Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (formerly RCIA) is the process of entering the Catholic Church. OCIA is for adults who are searching for a deeper understanding of God and the mystery of faith at work in their lives. It is a spiritual journey open to the baptized, unbaptized, Catholic and non-Catholic alike. Do you attend the Catholic Church with a loved one and are willing to come and ask questions and learn more? Responding to God's call and His grace, "Inquirers" come together in regularly scheduled sessions to explore their faith.

If you or someone you know may be interested in learning more about this process, please speak to Fr. Jeff or contact the parish office.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM 2025-2026 WELCOME BACK TO CLASS!

Religious Education **1st-8th Grade & Confirmation** classes return on **Sunday, September 28th**. All families that were registered in RE last year should have received 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. Registration forms were due by **Sunday, September 7th**, so if you haven't returned them, please return them asap so we may be prepared for everyone. We look forward to another great year together!

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

September 20	Blissfield
September 27	Deerfield
October 4	Blissfield
October 11	Deerfield



MIGRANT MINISTRY MASS AND RECEPTION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Sunday, October 5th, 2025 6:00PM in Deerfield

The annual Migrant Ministry Mass and Dinner will be held on Sunday, October 5th. Mass with Bishop Boyea is at 6:00 PM at St. Alphonsus Church with dinner following in the SALT Center in Deerfield. The migrant workers in our area appreciate our ministry and hospitality while they are here.

Please contact Fr. Jeff or the Parish Office (517 447-3500 or lightofchristparish@gmail.com) if you would like to help with the dinner in the SALT Center. We are in need of help in the kitchen and dessert donations. **Thank you!**

KNIGHTS' NEWS



Jesus said "For God so loved the world he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16. Let us continue to

ask the Holy Spirit for a generous increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated religious. Our Lady of Fatima, Queen of Angels, pray for us.

A Prayer for Students and Teachers: "Dear Lord, help students develop their special talents and work to their full potential, and grant teachers the love and understanding needed to teach and guide students entrusted to their care. We pray that all students grow intellectually as they listen to Your words and follow Your example during their school years and throughout their lives. Amen." St. Carlo Acutis pray for us.

WANTED: Scrap Metal. The **Knights Scrap Metal Drive** to help Holiday Food Distribution and Christmas Basket program and more is **Saturday, October 18, 8:00 AM-Noon, at the St. Peter Church Hall parking lot**. All metals including brass, bronze, copper, aluminum, carbide, stainless steel, cast iron, tin, iron, and steel are needed. Auto, truck, boat, and lawn tractor batteries as well as electric motors are accepted. Please call Nicolas Martinez at 517 442-3868 for details. St. Pier Giorgio Frassati pray for us.

The Red Cross Needs Blood! You can donate at **Lourdes University, Sylvania, on Monday, September 22, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM**. On **Thursday, September 25**, you can donate at **Blissfield High School, 8:15 AM-2:15 PM**, or wait until **Thursday, October 9** and donate at the **Blissfield American Legion, 11:30 AM-5:30 PM**. To schedule your appointment or to find other dates and locations please call 1 800 733-2767 or visit www.redcrossblood.org. Our Lady of Sorrows pray for us.

Preparing for retirement is essential. Are you prepared? As your Catholic partner for financial services, the Knights of Columbus can help you reach your financial goals in retirement. Take the first step by visiting www.kofc.org/liveyourfaith or call Nicolas Novak, our local field agent, at his office 877 857-6237, his cell 810 620-4240, or email Nicolas.Novak@kofc.org. To join the Knight for FREE please visit www.kofc.org/joinus, and enter Promo Code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY, or to join in-person please call Nicolas Martinez at 517 442-5868. St. Peter Claver, Priest, pray for us.

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

THE CENACLE OF EUCHARISTIC 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)

-STEWARDSHIP REPORT-

September 7, 2025

Sunday \$5,500 - 87 env
Loose \$135
Mercy Fund \$318 - 19 env
Total \$5,953

Online Giving

Sunday \$1,211 - 22 env
Monthly Pledge \$215 - 4 env
Mercy Fund \$5 - 1 env
Total \$1,431

Overall Total \$7,384

FIRST GRADE – HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM 2025-2026 CATECHISTS & ASSISTANTS

Thank you for volunteering to share your time, talent, and faith with the children and youth in our parish family. We could not have a religious education program for our parish youth without your help. We are blessed by your goodness and generosity!

1st-2nd Grade: Dee Jensen/Karen Waggoner
3rd-5th Grade: Jennifer Yape/Janet Lee/Fran Hensen
6th-8th Grade: Tammie/Hank Martinez
Confirmation 1 & 2: Deanna Burke

It's not too late to join this team of wonderful volunteers!
We would appreciate catechist assistants to help in the classrooms when they can. Please contact Deanna Burke at the parish office at 447-3500 or email deannabdre@gmail.com for more information.



BRRMMMMM...
MEALS ON WHEELS
OCTOBER 6-17, 2025

Light of Christ Parish will be responsible for Meals on Wheels delivery **October 6-17**. Three drivers are needed each day. Delivery begins at 11:00am (arrive by 10:30 am) and takes approximately 1 and 1/2 hours. Your help is greatly appreciated by these homebound seniors! Please call/ text **Leanne Goodin at 734 637-4555** to sign up for the date you would like to volunteer.

-MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK-

Tues., September 16- 9:00am St. Peter
✠ the People of the Parish

Wed., September 17- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus
✠ Jack Gainsley
by Yvonne & family

Thurs., September 18- 9:00am, St. Peter
✠ Jack Pieh
by Dick & Barb Iott

Fri., September 19- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus
✠ Ted Forgiel
by Leanne & Ron Goodin

Sat., September 20- 4:30pm, St. Peter
✠ Lena Silva
by family

Sun., September 21- 8:00am, St. Alphonsus
✠ Ramona Scholl
by Doug & Deanna Burke

11:00am, St. Peter
✠ Gustave J. LaRoy
by Mary Ann Dobberstein

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

Kathleen Adams	Debbie Marietta
Ned Ahleman	Vinny Martinez
Helen Bateson	Wendy Moore
Rita Bausman	Joseph Mueller
Aiden Beauregard	Muriel Mueller
Jane Bolster	John Musielewicz
Mike Bomia	Brenda Nagy
Ella Borowski	Karen Nevins
Ginger Borowski	Ken Nevins
Becky Branscum	Mike Pienta
Darlene Bretnier	Bev Pifer
Larry Brenke	Bob Rains
Doris Bussing	Eva Ricker
Danny Butcher	Brendan Robaszkievicz
Linda Butcher	Joseph Savarin
Liam Cherry	Sharon Schadewald
Mary Clemes	Jeannie Schroeder
Isabelle DeLaCruz	Harold Sears
Madeline Denecker	Pat Sears
Webb Drew	Patricia Shannon
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	Heidi Vikar
Karen Kaufman	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 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.

HOLY FAMILY, LIGHT OF CHRIST & ST. ELIZABETH PARISH JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FELLOWSHIP AND FUN!



PRIZES | HOTDOGS & ICE CREAM | FUN

Sunday, September 28, 2025
1:00 TO 3:00 PM
Doors open at 12:30 PM

St. Elizabeth Parish Center
512 N. Union Street
Tecumseh, MI 49286





Wagley Funeral Home, Tagsold Chapel
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