



# LIGHT OF CHRIST

## CATHOLIC PARISH

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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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**Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday at 9:00am.**  
We reserve the right to edit articles for clarity  
and length. Please email material to:  
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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.

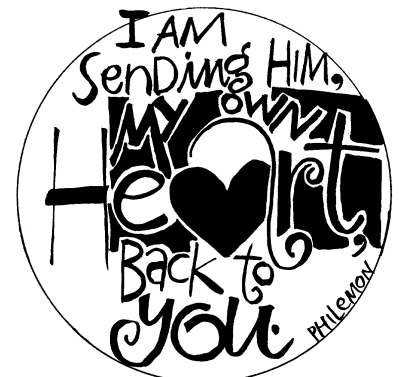
September 7, 2025  
Twenty-Third Sunday  
in Ordinary Time



### ~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

Twenty-Third Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
September 7, 2025  
Wisdom 9:13-18b  
Philemon 9-10, 12-17  
Luke 14:25-33

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



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

**September 13 Deerfield**  
September 20 Blissfield  
September 27 Deerfield  
October 4 Blissfield

**SWEEPSTAKES NEWS**

Congratulations to **Barbara Branscum of Deerfield**, ticket #25-1131, the winner of the **\$250 August Sweepstakes** drawing. The ticket was sold by **Barbara herself**, so she received an additional **\$20**.

**Good luck to all in September!**

**REGULAR PARISH OFFICE HOURS**  
Beginning this **Tuesday, September 9**, the Parish Office in Deerfield will return to regular hours of **9:00am until 5:00pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays**.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULING DEADLINE**

The ministry scheduling for **October-December** will be completed soon. Please enter any dates that you are **NOT** available in the scheduling program **by noon THIS Tuesday, September 9**. You may also email those dates to [lgoodin@cass.net](mailto:lgoodin@cass.net) or text/call Leanne at 734 637-4555. Anyone interested in joining a new ministry should also contact Leanne or the Parish Office. All are welcome and training is provided!

**KNIGHTS PICNIC**

You are invited to the **Knights Picnic Lunch on Saturday, September 13, starting at Noon at the Ricker Pavilion in Bachmayer Park in Blissfield**. Anyone interested in joining the Knights may attend with their families. Meat and drinks will be furnished. Please bring a dessert or side dish. For information or to **RSVP** please call Nicolas Martinez at 517 442-5868.

**-STEWARDSHIP REPORT-**

**August 31, 2025**

Sunday \$3,020 - 55 env  
Loose \$86  
Mercy Fund \$30 - 2 env  
Total \$3,136

**Online Giving**

Sunday \$1,286 - 25 env  
Mercy Fund \$5 - 1 env  
Total \$1,291

**Overall Total \$4,427**

**Weber Center Marks 25 Years of  
Labyrinth Walking**

For the past 25 years, Weber Retreat and Conference Center has offered a special place for people to find peace, calm, and awareness in its outdoor walking labyrinth.

- All are invited to gather with Sisters Kathleen Schanz, OP, and Esther Kennedy, OP, to walk peace and hope into our world from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, September 13, 2025. The event is free and open to all. No registration is required.
- Labyrinths have been used throughout the centuries to help people become centered and prayerful. The labyrinth is not a maze but includes one meandering path from the periphery to the center and back again. There is no wrong way to walk a labyrinth, but one suggestion is to quiet your mind, soul, and body during the walk to the center, spend some reflection time in the center, and walk out again with a renewed and refreshed spirit.

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.

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

**Fall is right around the corner!** 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](mailto: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!



**KNIGHTS' NEWS**

Jesus said, "Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me, cannot be my disciple. Luke 14:27. Let us pray for Pope Leo and his intention: For our relationship with all of creation - Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

**Attention ALL Knights & their families:** You are invited to the **Knights Picnic Lunch on Saturday, September 13, starting at Noon at the Ricker Pavilion in Bachmayer Park in Blissfield**. Anyone interested in joining the Knights may attend with their families. Meat and drinks will be furnished. Please bring a dessert or side dish. For information or to **RSVP** please call Nicolas Martinez at 517 442-5868. St. Augustine pray for us.

**COMING SOON!** The **Knights Scrap Metal Drive** to help Holiday Food Distribution and Christmas Basket Program and more is on **Saturday, October 18th**. 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. Bernard pray for us.

**We pray for** a generous increase in parishioners and Knights. The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic fraternal service organization and our main principals are Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. We focus on supporting our pastor, and protecting the widows and children of our members through our Fraternal Benefits Program. All Catholic men in good standing are eligible to join. For a **FREE** online membership visit [www.kofc.org/joinus](http://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. Monica pray for us.

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

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

**BINGO  
GAMES**

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& 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

**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](mailto: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!**



**Save the Date:**  
**Faith in Action Fundraising Event**

Tuesday 9/23:  
Mass and Dinner to Follow  
Free Admission

**RSVP Required**

Call 517-262-0466 or  
Email [bcraft@catholiccharitiesjlhc.org](mailto:bcraft@catholiccharitiesjlhc.org)  
to reserve your spot today



Guest Speaker: Adam Janke  
COO at St. Paul Street Evangelization

**-MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK-**

**Tues., September 9- 9:00am St. Peter**  
✠ Donna Shane  
by Sharon Dusseau

**Wed., September 10- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus**  
✠ John Witt  
by Barb Laberde

**Thurs., September 11- 9:00am, St. Peter**  
✠ the People of the Parish

**Fri., September 12- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus**  
✠ Ramona Scholl  
by Denise M. Zilke

**Sat., September 13- 4:30pm, St. Alphonsus**  
✠ Urvin Reau  
by Bob & Barbara Rains

**Sun., September 14-  
8:00am, St. Alphonsus**  
✠ Joe Frank  
by Scott & Rebecca Klemm

**11:00am, St. Peter**  
✠ Bishop Carl F. Mengling  
by the Parish

**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 Breitner	Bev Pifer
Larry Brenke	Bob Rains
Doris Bussing	Eva Ricker
Danny Butcher	Brendan Robaszkiewicz
Linda Butcher	Joseph Savarin
Liam Cherry	Sharon Schadewald
Mary Clemen	Jeannie Schroeder
Isabelle DeLaCruz	Harold Sears
Madeline Denecker	Pat Sears
Webb Drew	Steve Shields
Elaine Esper	Becky Shusta
Kenneth Faust	Margaret Smith
Carmen Garcia	Sue Spinazze
Jennifer Gilson	Emily Stevens
Reagan Gobel	Dana Strickler
Ginger Goodin	David Stucker
Katy Goodman	Mike Trabbic
Makenzie Greer	Stacey Ulrich
Penny Hashman	Stewart VanPelt
Tammy Jarvis	Alice Van Staveren
Janet Jensen	Franz Van Staveren
Susan Johnson	Heidi Vikar
CJ Karpinski	Flo Wentworth
Karen Kaufman	Harry Woodbury
Norma Kelly	Rita Woods
Traci Knaggs	Kristen Wright
Gale LaVoy	

*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.*





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