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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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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.

November 30, 2025 First Sunday of Advent



~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

First Sunday of Advent November 30, 2025

Isaiah 2:1-5
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:37-44

Second Sunday of Advent December 7, 2025

Isaiah 11:1-10
Romans 15:4-9
Matthew 3:1-12



-STEWARDSHIP REPORT-

November 23, 2025

Sunday \$3,642 - 74 env

Loose \$214

Mercy Fund \$10 - 1 env

Christmas Flowers \$20 - 1 env

Catholic Social Teaching \$105 - 7 env

Total \$3,991

Online Giving

Sunday \$2,141 - 29 env

Mercy Fund \$15 - 2 env

Monthly Pledge \$5 1 env

Catholic Social Teaching \$10 - 1 env

Total \$2,171

Overall Total \$6,162

2026 SWEEPSTAKES TICKETS

Our Annual Light of Christ Parish Sweepstakes are now available for you to pick up in church! The money raised by this raffle has helped us finance major capital improvements in the parish. Your support brought in **\$15,790 last year! The donation for each ticket is STILL ONLY \$10, with a total of 12 chances to win during 2026!**

Please **save the parish postage** and pick up your tickets, which are available this weekend in alphabetical order at the church you normally attend! **Thank you!**

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

December 6 Deerfield

December 13 Blissfield

December 20 Deerfield

December 27 Blissfield

FUNERAL LUNCHEON VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED IN BLISSFIELD

Our parish is blessed by the generosity of the volunteers that prepare the funeral luncheons for grieving families in their time of need. We as a parish family provide and are sometimes in need ourselves of this great gift.

The funeral committee members have taken care of this for many years, but they need additional help in order to provide funeral luncheons in Blissfield.

Please consider volunteering for this important ministry if you are able. We need your help in order to continue to provide funeral luncheons in the future. Please contact the parish office if you would like to volunteer.

UPDATE: We gratefully received a call from one volunteer! We are hopeful to receive a

few more to create a team that consists of enough people to accommodate for the fact that not everyone will always be available. Please prayerfully consider this ministry if you are able. **Thank you!**

LITTLE BOOKS OF THE DIOCESE OF SAGINAW FOR ADVENT

The Little (blue) Books for Advent (beginning this weekend) containing 6-minute daily scripture and reflections throughout Advent, are available at both churches. **Please help yourself!**

2026 Calendars will be available soon, compliments of Anderson-Marry Funeral Homes! **Please help yourself when they arrive!**



ADVENT EVENTS

Eucharistic Adoration:

Wednesday, December 3: Deerfield
after 9:00am Mass, 9:30am-10:30am

Reconciliation/Confession:

Wednesday, December 3: Blissfield
7:00pm: Reconciliation

Wednesday, December 10: Deerfield
7:00pm: Reconciliation

Wednesday, December 17: Blissfield
7:00pm: Reconciliation

Decorating our Churches for Christmas Sunday, December 21

Please join your parish family as we prepare our churches for Christmas! The "regulars" might not be available this year...it's a busy time for everyone. It doesn't take long (usually less than an hour) to decorate and whatever time you can spend is appreciated by all.

St. Alphonsus Church, Deerfield
after 8:00 Mass

St. Peter the Apostle Church, Blissfield
after 11:00 Mass

✽HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary✽

Monday, December 8
9:00AM Mass: St. Alphonsus, Deerfield
7:00PM Mass: St. Peter the Apostle, Blissfield

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve: Wednesday, Dec. 24:
3:30pm Christmas Carols &
4:00pm Mass: Deerfield
6:00pm Mass: Blissfield

Christmas Day: Thursday, Dec. 25:
9:00am Mass: Deerfield
11:00am Mass: Blissfield



KNIGHTS' NEWS

And Jesus answered them, "Have faith in God." MARK 11:22. "God, we come before You with grateful hearts for the

Gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ. We thank You for His sacrifice on the cross and for the hope of eternal life that His resurrection brings. May we never take for granted the magnitude of Your love for us, and may we always be filled with gratitude for Your blessings. In Jesus's name. Amen.a" Let us pray for our deceased Knights and their families.

Our Christmas Basket project is in full swing and all food donations and wrapped Giving Tree Toys with tags attached need to be at either church by Sunday, December 7. Please see bulletin ads for details. God bless you all.

We need MANY volunteers on December 7, 12, & 14. Please choose as many things to do as you wish. Our Lady of Guadalupe & St. Nicolas pray for us.

Sunday, December 7:

Put away tables and chairs after the 11:00 AM Mass, then set up St. Peter Hall for the Christmas Baskets.

Friday December 12:

FOOD - 9:00AM - Knights with pickups and vans meet at St. Peter parking lot and then pickup groceries and gifts from donating churches and generous benefactors. No truck? Not a Knight? No Problem! We need at least 8 people to unload vehicles. For details, please contact Rudy at 517 270-2232.

GIVING TREE - 9:00AM- We need many volunteers throughout the morning and early afternoon to organize and wrap gifts. "There is no such thing as too much help."

UNPACK & SORT GROCERIES - 9:00AM+ - We need many parishioners to unpack and sort the many grocery bags. All work should be finished during the afternoon. There will be no nightwork this year.

Sunday, December 14: NOON - Lunch, then fill boxes and load vehicles beginning with destination Deerfield. We need any parishioner with a pickup or full-sized van which can handle a sizable load to deliver 3 groups of food and gift boxes to Blissfield, Riga, Palmyra, and the surrounding countryside. Vehicles will line up at

the south end of the Church Hall and exit the Church driveway. Later, we need a separate cleanup crew to restore the hall to its former glory. Please see Rudy for details.

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

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, November 30

✱**EL & MS Religious Education**
THANKSGIVING BREAK✱

Tuesday, December 2

✱**1st Reconciliation Practice,**
Parent Attends✱

St. Peter the Apostle Church, Blissfield
6:30PM

Wednesday, December 3

✱**Eucharistic Adoration✱**

St. Alphonsus Church, Deerfield
after 9:00AM Mass
9:30AM-10:30AM

✱**Reconciliation/Confession✱**

St. Peter the Apostle Church, Blissfield
7:00PM

Sunday, December 7

✱**EL & MS Religious Education Class✱**
Blissfield, 9:50-10:50AM

✱**Christmas Basket Project✱**

Food and gift donations due at either church

Monday, December 8

✱**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION:**
✱**The Immaculate Conception of the**
Blessed Virgin Mary✱

9:00AM Mass: St. Alphonsus, Deerfield
7:00PM Mass: St. Peter, Blissfield

THANKSGIVING BASKET DONATIONS

The Social Concerns Commission was able to provide plentiful Thanksgiving baskets to **19** families from Deerfield, Blissfield, and the surrounding areas this past week!

A special **Thank You** goes out to all of our parishioners and the Knights of Columbus who donated turkeys, nonperishable items, and cash. Many **THANKS** to the volunteers who man the Food Pantry all year and organize/distribute the Thanksgiving Baskets. We feel truly blessed by the heartfelt generosity of our parish family and community! Wishing you and yours an equally blessed Advent!

Weber Center Celebrates Winter Solstice

Come join a ritual celebration of **Winter Solstice from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, December 21, 2025, at Weber Retreat and Conference Center.**

The celebration is facilitated by Sister Esther Kennedy, OP, a Dominican Sister of Adrian, a retreat leader and spiritual director, and the facilitator of Weber Center's monthly Days of Mindfulness. The Winter Solstice celebration is free and open to all. Registration is not required.

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.

CHRISTMAS BASKET PROGRAM GIVING TREE/GROCERY BAGS

The **Giving Trees** filled with **ornamental tags** are available for the purchase of children's gifts. **Empty grocery bags with a suggested food list** are available at each church also. If you are able, please take home a bag and return it with non-perishable food items for the Knights of Columbus Christmas basket project.

Wrapped gifts with tags attached as well as your food donations need to be brought to either church **no later than Sunday, December 7**, so they can be included in this year's Christmas Baskets to help families in need. The Knights appreciate your kindness!

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

James "Jim" E. DeCocker of Deerfield passed away on November 12 and his funeral was November 28 in Deerfield. Please keep Jim and his family in your thoughts and prayers.



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

Madeline Marie Denecker of Blissfield passed away on November 19 and her funeral was November 25 in Blissfield. Please keep Madeline and her family in your thoughts and prayers.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH, 2025, 3 PM

St. Thomas, Ann Arbor

Our fifth annual Festival of Lessons & Carols includes nine scripture readings that tell the story of the birth of the Christ Child. Each reading is followed by corresponding music sung by our choirs and the congregation.

St. Thomas Choir & String Quartet
Father Gabriel Richard High School Madrigals
King's Choir from Christ the King Parish

All are welcome! This event is hosted by the St. Cecilia Society for Sacred Music at St. Thomas Parish.

Before and after the concert, please join us outside the church for delicious food, live music, and vendors at our annual Christkindlmarkt. On the same day, there will also be a celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe in the parish hall.

<https://sta2.org/church/news/festival-of-lessons-carols/>

-MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK-

Tues., December 2- 9:00am St. Peter

† Jack Pieh
by Dick & Barb Iott

Wed., December 3- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus

† Lawrence & Eldenia Reau
by Elwood Reau

Thurs., December 4- 9:00am, St. Peter

† Charles & Josephine Szymanowski
by the Estate of Elizabeth G. Rost

Fri., December 5- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus

† Jack Gainsley
by Martha Horak

Sat., December 6- 4:30pm, St. Alphonsus

† Larry Schadewald
by Michele Edelbrock

**Sun., December 7-
8:00am, St. Alphonsus**

† Daniel Reed
by Cheryl Reed

11:00am, St. Peter

† the People of the Parish

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

Kathleen Adams	Vinny Martinez
Ned Ahleman	Wendy Moore
Helen Bateson	Joseph Mueller
Rita Bausman	Muriel Mueller
Aiden Beauregard	John Musielewicz
Jane Bolster	Brenda Nagy
Mike Bomia	Karen Nevins
Ella Borowski	Ken Nevins
Ginger Borowski	Bev Pifer
Becky Branscum	Bob Rains
Darlene Breitner	Eva Ricker
Larry Brenke	Brendan Robaszkiwicz
Doris Bussing	Joseph Savarin
Danny Butcher	Sharon Schadewald
Linda Butcher	Jeannie Schroeder
Liam Cherry	Harold Sears
Mary Clemes	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
Debbie Marietta	

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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