



LIGHT OF CHRIST

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ST. PETER THE APOSTLE CHURCH

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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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Bulletin Deadline: **Tuesday at 9:00am.**

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.

December 7, 2025 Second Sunday of Advent



~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

Second Sunday of Advent December 7, 2025

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

Third Sunday of Advent December 14, 2025

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

ACCEPT
ONE
ANOTHER
AS CHRIST
ACCEPTED
YOU.
ROMANS

-STEWARDSHIP REPORT-

November 30, 2025

Sunday \$2,915 - 52 env

Loose \$175

Mercy Fund \$25 - 1 env

Flower Money Donation \$160 - 6 env

Total \$3,275

Online Giving

Sunday \$1466 - 26 env

Mercy Fund \$5 - 1 env

Monthly Pledge \$5 - 1 env

Overall Total \$4,751

SWEEPSTAKES WINNER

The **\$250 Sweepstakes** winner for **November 2025** is **Bob Rains of Temperance**, with ticket #25-2254! The ticket was sold by **Bob himself**, so he received an additional **\$20** as well. Good luck to everyone in the **December** drawing!

MINISTRY SCHEDULING

The ministry schedule for January, February and March will be completed next week.

Please enter any dates you are **NOT available in the online program** or email Leanne at lgoodin@cass.net or call the office, 447-3500 by **noon on Monday, December 15**. Thank you!

With many of our ministers away for the winter (lucky dogs!) and our **need for more** Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters, Sacristans, Altar Servers, etc., as always we **welcome** any new volunteers. Free training provided, you control your schedule, and many rewards in heaven!!

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 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!**

SATURDAY 4:30 PM MASS

**SITE LOCATION
2025-26 SCHEDULE**

December 13 Blissfield

December 20 Deerfield

December 27 Blissfield

January 3, 2026 Deerfield

THANK YOU!

We would like to thank all of the Ladies and Gentleman that worked or donated to Jim DeCocker's funeral luncheon on November 28th. Without your help, we could not have had such a beautiful tribute for him. **Thank you, Thank you,** Ann Curtis

Happy 2nd week of Advent!



ADVENT EVENTS

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

Reconciliation/Confession

Wednesday, December 10:

7:00pm: Reconciliation, **Deerfield**

Wednesday, December 17:

7:00pm: Reconciliation, **Blissfield**

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**

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 Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaiden of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the Angel departed her. LUKE 1:38. We pray for the unborn and expecting mothers and fathers, that they may celebrate God's gift of life. "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Amen"

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, 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

Wednesday, December 10

✱**Reconciliation/Confession**✱

St. Alphonsus Church, Deerfield
7:00PM

Sunday, December 14

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

✱**Confirmation Class at the Christmas Basket Assembly, see below**✱

✱**Christmas Basket Assembly & Distribution**✱
by Knights of Columbus

Blissfield Hall

Noon- Lunch, fill boxes, & load vehicles

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!**

Please find your 2026 sweepstakes tickets at both churches. The donation for each ticket is **STILL ONLY \$10**. It's a great value because each ticket has **12 chances to win!** The holder of each ticket is eligible to **win \$250.00 every month of 2026**. Each month the winning ticket will be returned to the drawing for the following months. The seller of each winning ticket will win **\$20.00**. They make super **stocking stuffers** and **Christmas gifts!** Winners will receive a check in the mail and will be announced in the bulletin each month.

Please return ticket stubs with legible and complete information and make checks payable to **"Light of Christ Parish"**; please return any **unused tickets as well**. Tickets and payment should be returned to the Parish Office in Deerfield, in the offertory basket, or the drop boxes at both churches **no later than January 22, 2026**, to be included in the January 2026 drawing.

-MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK-

Monday, Dec. 8- The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00am, St. Alphonsus:

† **Ted Forgiel** by Gaynell Sharrock

7:00pm, St. Peter

† **Ramona Scholl** by Denise M. Zilke

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

† **Urvin Reau** by the Knights of Columbus

Wed., December 10- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus

† **Liz Parros** by Ron & Leanne Goodin

Thurs., December 11- 9:00am, St. Peter

† **Tom & Juanita Garrett** by Mike & Sheila Garrett

Fri., December 12- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus

† **Joe Frank** by Brad & Leanne Payne

Sat., December 13- 4:30pm, St. Peter

† **Tom Bischoff** by family

Sun., December 14-

8:00am, St. Alphonsus

† **Rosemary Prielpip** by Mike & Sharon Jones

11:00am, St. Peter

† **the People of the Parish**

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

Kathleen Adams
Ned Ahleman
Helen Bateson
Rita Bausman
Aiden Beauregard
Jane Bolster
Mike Bomia
Ella Borowski
Ginger Borowski
Becky Branscum
Darlene Bretnier
Larry Brenke
Doris Bussing
Danny Butcher
Linda Butcher
Liam Cherry
Mary Clemes
Webb Drew
Elaine Esper
Kenneth Faust
Carmen Garcia
Jennifer Gilson
Reagan Gobel
Ginger Goodin
Katy Goodman
Makenzie Greer
Penny Hashman
Tammy Jarvis
Janet Jensen
Susan Johnson
Karen Kaufman
Norma Kelly
Traci Knaggs
Gale LaVoy
Debbie Marietta

Vinny Martinez
Wendy Moore
Joseph Mueller
Muriel Mueller
John Musielewicz
Brenda Nagy
Karen Nevins
Ken Nevins
Bev Pifer
Bob Rains
Eva Ricker
Brendan Robaszkievicz
Joseph Savarin
Sharon Schadewald
Jeannie Schroeder
Harold Sears
Pat Sears
Patricia Shannon
Steve Shields
Becky Shusta
Margaret Smith
Sue Spinazze
Emily Stevens
Dana Strickler
David Stucker
Mike Trabbic
Stacey Ulrich
Stewart VanPelt
Alice Van Staveren
Franz Van Staveren
Heidi Vikar
Flo Wentworth
Harry Woodbury
Rita Woods
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.

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GIFT GOD HAS EVER GIVEN, CONSIDER ENRICHING THE
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March 6-8 Center for Ministry - Saginaw;

April 10-12 St. Francis Retreat Center - DeWitt.

For more info, contact Amy & Joe at 517-667- 0433.





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