



# LIGHT OF CHRIST

## CATHOLIC PARISH

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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!

### PARISH STAFF

#### PASTOR

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#### Music Coordinator

Rose Piotter

#### SECRETARIAL STAFF

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Susan Cousino: lightofchristparish@gmail.com

#### Sacramental Records, Parish Data, & Bulletin Editor

Deanna Burke: deannabdre@gmail.com

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

We reserve the right to edit articles for clarity  
and length. Please email material to:  
[deannabdre@gmail.com](mailto:deannabdre@gmail.com)

#### Ministry Scheduling

Leanne Goodin: lgoodin@cass.net

#### MAINTENANCE STAFF

Jeff Simpson  
Jake Burke

#### 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.

January 18, 2026  
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



### ~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 18, 2026

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

John 1:29-34

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 25, 2026

Isaiah 8:23-9:3

1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

Matthew 4:12-23



**COFFEE & DONUTS**  
*hosted by the Knights of Columbus*  
**Sunday, January 25**  
**after 11:00 Mass in Blissfield**

**ALL parishioners are invited to enjoy Coffee & Donuts served by the Knights at St. Peter Church Hall on January 25 after the 11:00 AM Mass. All children are welcome.**

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

January 24 Blissfield  
January 31 Deerfield  
February 7 Blissfield  
February 14 Deerfield  
February 21 Blissfield

**2026 SWEEPSTAKES TICKETS**

All annual Light of Christ Parish Sweepstakes tickets remaining in the church will be mailed out this week!

The donation for each ticket is **STILL ONLY \$10**. It's a great value because each ticket has **12 chances to win \$250.00 every month of 2026**.

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.

# WOMEN'S RETREAT

## COURAGE, COMPASSION AND CONFIDENCE

**with Sr. Dorothy Ederer, O.P.**

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**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2026**

**9:30 AM DOORS OPEN**

**10:00 AM RETREAT STARTS**

**12:00 TO 1:30 LUNCH**

**3:00 PM RETREAT ENDS**

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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBER NEWS

Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God, and he who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God: for God is love. 1 JOHN 3:7,8. Let us ask the Holy Spirit for a generous increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated religious. Blessed Virgin Mary pray for us.

**ALL parishioners are invited to enjoy Coffee & Donuts served by the Knights at St. Peter Church Hall on January 25 after the 11:00 AM Mass.** All children are welcome.

St. Alphonsus & St. Peter the Apostle pray for us.

**We are an active council as long as we give a helping hand to others, including clearing away ice and snow, picking up dead limbs, or shopping for the elderly or homebound. Donating to the Food Pantry, sharing a good joke, and checking on the well-being of others is dearly appreciated.**  
**The Red Cross will be collecting Blood Donations on Thursday, February 12, from 11:30 AM to 5:30 PM, at the Blissfield American Legion.** To schedule your appointment please call 1 800 733-2767 or visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). St. John Neumann pray for us.

**Scholarships are available from the Knights of Columbus.** Most recipients are the children of Knights or Knights themselves attending Catholic colleges and universities. For details, please visit [www.kofc.org/scholarships](http://www.kofc.org/scholarships). To join the Knights for FREE please visit [www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus), enter Promo Code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY, and pay no dues for 12 months. To learn more about joining our Council in person with a FREE Membership please call GK Nicolas Martinez at 517 442-3868. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton pray for us.

**Every Catholic gentleman 18 years or older is invited to join the Knights.** Becoming a Knight includes eligibility to purchase top quality Life Insurance, Long Term Care Insurance, and Disability Income Insurance. Safe secure investments include IRA, Roth IRA, and Tax Deferred Annuities. The Knights of Columbus has earned the highest possible rating for financial

strength from A.M. Best and Standard & Poor's. For details, please visit [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org), contact Nicolas Novak at 810 620-4240, email [Nicolas.Novak@kofc.org](mailto:Nicolas.Novak@kofc.org), or visit [www.youtube.com/@MichiganKnightsOfColumbus.com](http://www.youtube.com/@MichiganKnightsOfColumbus.com).

St. Anthony pray for us.

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



## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**Sunday, January 18, 2026**

✠**EL. & MS Religious Education Class**✠

**BREAK:** Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend

**Thursday, January 22, 2026**

✠**Sweepstakes Tickets Due**✠

*to be included in the January Drawing*

Parish Office, Deerfield

**Sunday, January 25, 2026**

✠**EL. & MS Religious Education Class**✠

Blissfield, 9:50-10:50AM

✠**Confirmation Class**✠

✠**Coffee & Donuts**✠

*hosted by the Knights of Columbus*

Blissfield Hall

after 11:00 Mass

## -STEWARDSHIP REPORT-

**January 11, 2026**

Sunday \$4,610 - 80 env

Christmas \$70 - 2 env

Solemnity of Mary \$160 - 5 env

Loose \$210

Initial Offering \$35 - 4 env

Mercy Fund \$175 - 10 env

Total \$5,260

**Online Giving**

Sunday \$701 - 19 env

Mercy Fund \$11 - 2 env

Monthly Pledge \$135 - 2 env

Total \$847

**Overall Total \$6,107**

## Workshop Illuminates Perils and Promises of our Time

Daily, the media tell us of a world fracturing along the lines of violence, war, and division, and, under that chaos, a world of unprecedented global connectivity, emerging planetary awareness, and technology that could unite us.

In her presentation, *Hope in a Time of Crisis: Evolution and Religion*, Sister Ilia Delio, OSF, speaks of these realities as two faces of the same evolutionary moment. Her hybrid presentation – held as an interactive Zoom event and an in-person event – is from **9:00 a.m. to noon EST on Saturday, February 21, 2026.**

In her talk, Sister Ilia speaks of the vision of the theologian Teilhard de Chardin that we are living through the birth pangs of a new consciousness and of how his vision illuminates the perils and promises of our present threshold. We are living in a time of scientifically- grounded hope, rooted in evolution's deepest patterns.

The cost is \$45, including lunch for in-person participants. Registration is required. Visit [www.webercenter.org](http://www.webercenter.org) and click on "programs," call 517-266-4000, or email [webercenter@adriandominicans.org](mailto: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.

## -MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK-

**Tues., January 20- 9:00am St. Peter**  
✠ *the People of the Parish*

**Wed., January 21- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus**  
✠ **Jim DeCocker**  
by family

**Thurs., January 22- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus**  
✠ **Tom & Juanita Garrett**  
by Mike & Sheila Garrett

**Fri., January 23- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus**  
✠ **Ted Forgiel**  
by John & Denise Forgiel

**Sat., January 24- 4:30pm, St. Peter**  
✠ **Marvin Johnson**  
by Penny Hashman

**Sun., January 25- 8:00am, St. Alphonsus**  
✠ **Doug & Ramona Scholl**  
by Nick & Jody Scholl & family

**11:00am, St. Peter**  
✠ **Madeline Denecker**  
by Frank & Donna Riley

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

Kathleen Adams	Wendy Moore
Ned Ahleman	Joseph Mueller
Helen Bateson	Muriel Mueller
Rita Bausman	John Musielewicz
Aiden Beauregard	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 Robaszkiewicz
Doris Bussing	Joseph Savarin
Linda & Dan Butcher	Sharon Schadewald
Liam Cherry	Jeannie Schroeder
Mary Clemes	Harold Sears
Webb Drew	Pat Sears
Elaine Esper	Patricia Shannon
Kenneth Faust	Steve Shields
Carmen Garcia	Becky Shusta
Jennifer Gilson	Grace Simpson
Reagan Gobel	Margaret Smith
Ginger Goodin	Sue Spinazze
Katy Goodman	Emily Stevens
Makenzie Greer	Dana Strickler
Penny Hashman	David Stucker
Tammy Jarvis	Mike Trabbic
Janet Jensen	Stacey Ulrich
Susan Johnson	Stewart VanPelt
Karen Kaufman	Alice Van Staveren
Norma Kelly	Franz Van Staveren
Traci Knaggs	Heidi Vikar
Gale LaVoy	Flo Wentworth
Debbie Marietta	Harry Woodbury
Vinny Martinez	Rita Woods
Red McMahon	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.*

## PARISH CLUSTER CHILI COOK-OFF

**Saturday, February 7, 2026**



Calling all chili lovers! St. Elizabeth is hosting a Parish Cluster Chili Cook-off on Saturday, February 7, 2026, following the 5:00 PM Mass, in the St. Elizabeth Parish Center. Guests attending the event will be voting on the winners. So dust off your favorite recipe, and line up your spices!!

If you would like to participate, please signup with the Parish Office so we know how many entries to expect.



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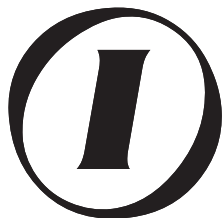
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