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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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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.

February 15, 2026  
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



### ~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**February 15, 2026**  
Sirach 15:15-20  
1 Corinthians 2:6-10  
Matthew 5:17-37

**First Sunday of Lent**  
**February 22, 2026**  
Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7  
Romans 5:12-19  
Matthew 4:1-11



**LITTLE BOOKS FOR LENT  
FROM THE DIOCESE OF SAGINAW**

The Little (black) Books for Lent are available at each church. They contain 6-minute scripture passages and reflections for each day during Lent. The **Little Book for Lent** begins **this** weekend on **Sunday, February 15**, the Sunday before Ash Wednesday (beginning of Lent).  
**Please help yourself!**



**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 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.

**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
First Day of Lent



**Wednesday, February 18**  
9:00am Mass, Deerfield  
7:00pm Mass, Blissfield

**LENTEN SCHEDULE 2026**

**Wednesday February 18:**

**Ash Wednesday:**  
9:00am Mass: Deerfield  
7:00pm Mass: Blissfield

**Friday, February 20:**

**Stations of the Cross:** 7:00pm Blissfield

**Wednesday, February 25:**

**Soup Supper:** 6:00pm  
**Substance: Video:** 6:30pm  
**Reconciliation/Confession:** 7:00pm  
Deerfield

**Friday, February 27:**

**Stations of the Cross:** 7:00pm Deerfield

**Tuesday, March 3:**

**Eucharistic Adoration:**  
9:30am-10:30am Blissfield

**Wednesday, March 4:**

**Reconciliation/Confession:** 7:00pm  
Blissfield

**Friday, March 6:**

**Stations of the Cross:** 7:00pm Blissfield

**Wednesday, March 11:**

**Reconciliation/Confession:** 7:00pm  
Deerfield

**Friday, March 13:**

**Stations of the Cross:** 7:00pm Deerfield

**Wednesday, March 18:**

**Soup Supper:** 6:00pm  
**Substance: Video:** 6:30pm  
**Reconciliation/Confession:** 7:00pm  
Blissfield

**Friday, March 20:**

**Stations of the Cross:** 7:00pm Blissfield

**Wednesday, March 25:**

**Reconciliation/Confession:** 7:00pm  
Deerfield

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

February 21 Blissfield  
February 28 Deerfield  
March 7 Blissfield  
March 14 Deerfield



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**MEMBER NEWS**

**Happy St. Valentine's Day!**

Love is patient and kind; Love is not jealous or boastful; Love is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; Love is not irritable or resentful; Love does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. We pray for all children, that they may know the love of Jesus!

**Help save lives by praying to end abortion during our 40 Days for Life campaign**

**February 18 through March 29.** We can participate in 3 different ways including prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil, and community outreach. Our participation since 2007 has contributed to 26,144 lives being saved, the closing of 184 abortion centers, and 275 abortion workers quitting. To sign up for a nearby vigil, visit [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com) or contact Kevin Jorrey at 419 214-4933 or email [kjorrey@toledodiocese.org](mailto:kjorrey@toledodiocese.org). Our Lady of Guadalupe pray for us.

**Do you know someone who is ill or homebound?**

They can recite the Rosary with the pilgrims at Lourdes France. The Rosary is recited "LIVE" in English, 9:00 AM daily at the place the Immaculate Conception appeared to Bernadette beginning February 11, 1858. Join them by visiting [www.lourdes-france.org](http://www.lourdes-france.org) or stream on YouTube at TV Lourdes Live. St. Bernadette pray for us.

**Win \$15,000. Cash or a Great Lakes Cruise for 2 on the Viking Cruise Line for 8 days!**

Our Knights are selling Knights of Columbus Michigan State Council Raffle tickets to support many charities and worthy causes in our state. 1ST PRIZE: \$15,000. Cash or 8 Day Great Lakes Cruise for 2. 2ND PRIZE: \$4,000. Cash. 3RD PRIZE: \$3,000. Cash. 4TH PRIZE: \$2,000. Cash. There are 36 other Cash Prizes available and all Prizes will be awarded April 16, 2026. Please purchase your tickets from any Knight. Suggested donation is \$5.00 each.

**Scholarships are available from the Knights of Columbus.**

Most recipients are children of Knights or Knights themselves attending Catholic colleges and universities. For more information, please visit [www.kofc.org/scholarships](http://www.kofc.org/scholarships). Not a Knight? No problem. To join the Knights online go to [www.kofc.org/join](http://www.kofc.org/join), enter Promo Code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY, and receive a FREE online membership or join locally by calling GK Nicols Martinez at 517 442-3868. St. Bridgid of Ireland 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, February 15, 2026**

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

**BREAK: Presidents' Day Weekend**

**Tuesday, February 17, 2026**

✠**DMI Survey Begins Online**✠

<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/pcy958>

**Wednesday, February 18, 2026**

✠**ASH WEDNESDAY**✠

9:00AM Mass in Deerfield

7:00PM Mass in Blissfield

**Friday, February 20, 2026**

✠**Stations of the Cross**✠

7:00PM in Blissfield

**Sunday, February 22, 2026**

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

✠**Confirmation Class**✠

Blissfield, 9:50-10:50AM

**-STEWARDSHIP REPORT-**

**February 8, 2026**

Sunday \$5,687 - 72 env

Loose \$171

Mercy Fund \$50.00 - 3 env

Total \$5,908

**Online Giving**

Sunday \$901 - 21 env

Mercy Fund \$30 - 2 env

Monthly Pledge \$185 - 3 env

Total \$1,116

**Overall Total \$7,024**



**SURVEY BEGINS: ONLINE THIS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

Light of Christ Parish is on a journey to know, love, and serve Christ in our parish community. Together we must embrace Christ's vision for missionary discipleship so our parish can thrive and be a place for others to grow together in faith.

The very first step in this process involves **assessing our greatest strengths and opportunities**, and that is where the **Disciple Maker Index (DMI)** comes in! The DMI is an important survey tool that invites you to reflect on your discipleship journey here at Light of Christ. The Disciple Maker Index is designed to:

- Invite parishioners to reflect on their journey of discipleship.
- Enable parish leadership to make data-driven decisions.
- Help parishioners grow in their faith.

The 10-15-minute survey can be accessed through an online link **from February 17 through March 31** and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide your perspective on our parish's efforts to help you grow in relationship with Christ. All responses will be confidential, and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. The link is <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/pcy958>. Paper surveys will also be available for those who do not have the ability to complete the survey online.

Together we must embrace Christ's vision for missionary discipleship so our parish can thrive and be a place for others to grow together in faith.

**SAVE THE DATES!**

**LENTEN SOUP & SUBSTANCE**  
**Feed Your Body and Your Soul!**

**Wednesday, Feb. 25, Deerfield & Wednesday, March 18, Blissfield**

**6:00pm Soup Supper**

**6:30pm Substance (Video)**

**7:00pm Reconciliation (Confession)**

**Want to share your special soup?**

- Please join us and, if you're able, consider signing up to bring a soup so we have enough and a variety for all.
- There are **sign up sheets** available in the back of each church **Please sign up beforehand so we know how many soups to expect and can plan accordingly.** Everyone is also appreciative for the **unexpected soups** that appear the night of the supper.
- **Thank you for your generosity!** We're usually blessed with many different types of soup, so why not join in on the fun!

- **Not a cook?** Come enjoy some delicious soup with us! There's always enough for everyone to share together as a parish family. **The Parish will provide bread, butter, and beverages.**

**Please join us!**

- **We look forward to seeing you at our Lenten Soup & Substance evenings!**

**-MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK-**

**Tues., February 17- 9:00am, St. Peter**

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

**Wed., February 18-ASH WEDNESDAY 9:00am, St. Alphonsus**

† **Ted Forgiel** by Yvonne Gainsley & Family

**7:00pm, St. Peter**

† **Madeline Denecker** by Gail & Frank Vereecke

**Thurs., February 19- 9:00am, St. Peter**

† **the People of the Parish**

**Fri., February 20- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus**

† **Robert Forgiel** by Tom Marzec

**Sat., February 21- 4:30pm, St. Peter**

† **Mike & Teri Pienta**

by Doug & Deanna Burke

**Sun., February 22-**

**8:00am, St. Alphonsus**

† **Ila Salenbien**

by family

**11:00am, St. Peter**

† **Marvin Johnson**

by Duwayne Spiegel Family

**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    | Chuck Reed           |
| Larry Brenke        | Eva Ricker           |
| Doris Bussing       | Brendan Robaszkiwicz |
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| Webb Drew           | Harold Sears         |
| Elaine Esper        | Pat Sears            |
| Kenneth Faust       | Patricia Shannon     |
| Carmen Garcia       | Steve Shields        |
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| Reagan Gobel        | Margaret Smith       |
| Ginger Goodin       | Sue Spinazze         |
| Katy Goodman        | Emily Stevens        |
| Makenzie Greer      | Dana Strickler       |
| Mike Haddix         | David Stucker        |
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| Tammy Jarvis        | Stacey Ulrich        |
| Janet Jensen        | Stewart VanPelt      |
| Susan Johnson       | Alice Van Staveren   |
| Karen Kaufman       | Franz Van Staveren   |
| Norma Kelly         | Heidi Vikar          |
| Traci Knaggs        | Flo Wentworth        |
| Gale LaVoy          | Harry Woodbury       |
| Debbie Marietta     | Rita Woods           |
| Vinny Martinez      | Kristen Wright       |
| Red McMahan         |                      |

*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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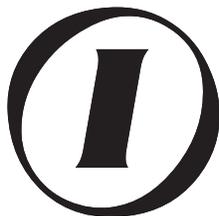
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