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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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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.

February 22, 2026
First Sunday of Lent



~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

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

Second Sunday of Lent
March 1, 2026
Genesis 12:1-4a
2 Timothy 1:8b-10
Matthew 17:1-9

THROUGH
ONE MAN'S
OBEDIENCE
ALL SHALL
BECOME
JUST
ROM

-STEWARDSHIP REPORT-

February 15, 2026

Sunday \$3,198 - 61 env
Loose \$272
Mercy Fund \$40 - 5 env
Total \$3,510

Online Giving

Sunday \$906 - 22 env
Mercy Fund \$21 - 3 env
Worldwide Evanization \$10 - 1 env
Monthly Pledge \$5 - 1 env
Total \$942

Overall Total \$4,452

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Hosted by the Women of Prayer

Please join us for Eucharistic adoration the first Tuesday or Wednesday of the month (alternating sites after 9:00AM Daily Mass) from **9:30-10:30AM**. The next adoration will be **Tuesday, March 3 in Blissfield from 9:30-10:30AM**. All are welcome!

**SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY
Food Pantry Volunteers Needed
"For I was hungry..." Matthew 25:35**

Our parish food pantry is available to help those in need in our surrounding communities of Blissfield, Britton, Deerfield, Dundee, and Petersburg. The food pantry is located in the office building in Deerfield and is open the second Wednesday of the month from 1:00-2:00pm. During the month of November Thanksgiving Baskets are distributed and in December Christmas Baskets are distributed in lieu of the regular distribution schedule.

We have a wonderful group of volunteers that organize the food pantry and help distribute food to our patrons in need as they arrive at the food pantry once a month. **Please consider joining the group to help in this important ministry.** Volunteers can help each month or as their schedule allows; three volunteers are needed each month during food distribution.

Please contact the parish office at 517 447-3500 or lightofchristparish@gmail.com for more information or to volunteer.

For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.'
Matthew 25:35-36

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

Loraine Marie Brieschke of Blissfield passed away on January 24 and her funeral was February 12 in Blissfield. Please keep Loraine and her family in your thoughts and prayers.



LENTEN SCHEDULE 2026

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

Friday, March 27:

Stations of the Cross: 7:00pm Deerfield

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

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



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
MEMBER NEWS**

Jesus said, "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." MATTHEW 25:40. Let us pray: "Eternal Father, I offer Thee the most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the Universal Church, Those in my own home and within my family. Amen." Your sincere prayer has just released 1,000 souls from Purgatory. Vivat 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 or contact Kevin Jorrey at 419 214-4933 or email 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 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. Not a Knight? No problem. To join the Knights online go to 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 22, 2026

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

✽**Confirmation Class**✽

Blissfield, 9:50-10:50AM

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

✽**SOUP & SUBSTANCE: Deerfield**✽

6:00PM Soup Supper

6:30PM Substance: Video

7:00PM: Reconciliation

Friday, February 27, 2026

✽**Stations of the Cross**✽

7:00PM in Deerfield

Sunday, March 1, 2026

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

✽**Confirmation Class**✽

BREAK



Lottie Kate Bunge, daughter of **Jim and Haley (Howard) Bunge**, was baptized at Light of Christ-Blissfield on Sunday, February 15.

God Bless you, Lottie!



SURVEY RUNS: ONLINE FEBRUARY 17- March 31

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 are also available at both churches for those who do not have the ability to complete the survey online.

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SAVE THE DATES!

LENTEN SOUP & SUBSTANCE
Feed Your Body and Your Soul!

THIS 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 24- 9:00am, St. Peter
† **NO MASS**

Wed., February 25- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus
† **Jim DeCocker**
by David & Denna Walters

Thurs., February 26- 9:00am, St. Peter
† **NO MASS**

Fri., February 27- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus
† **Urvin Reau**
by the Knights of Columbus

Sat., February 28- 4:30pm, St. Alphonsus
† **Robert "Spunk" Payne**
by family

Sun., March 1- 8:00am, St. Alphonsus
† **Joe Frank**
by family

11:00am, St. Peter
† **the People of the Parish**

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

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|---------------------|----------------------|
| Kathleen Adams | Wendy Moore |
| Ned Ahleman | Joseph Mueller |
| Helen Bateson | Muriel Mueller |
| Rita Bausman | John Musielewicz |
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| Linda & Dan Butcher | Joseph Savarin |
| Liam Cherry | Sharon Schadewald |
| Mary Clemes | Jeannie Schroeder |
| Webb Drew | Harold Sears |
| Elaine Esper | Pat Sears |
| Kenneth Faust | Patricia Shannon |
| Carmen Garcia | Steve Shields |
| Jennifer Gobel | Becky Shusta |
| Reagan Gobel | Margaret Smith |
| Ginger Goodin | Sue Spinazze |
| Katy Goodman | Emily Stevens |
| Makenzie Greer | Dana Strickler |
| Mike Haddix | David Stucker |
| Penny Hashman | Mike Trabbic |
| 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 |

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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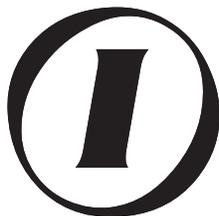
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