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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.

March 1, 2026
Second Sunday of Lent



~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

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

Third Sunday of Lent
March 8, 2026
Exodus 17:3-7
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
John 4:5-42

JESUS HAS ROBBED
DEATH OF ITS
POWER AND
HAS BROUGHT
LIFE
INTO CLEAR
LIGHT. *timothy*



“What we give is what we have from the Lord,” taken from 1 Chronicles 29:14, is the theme for our 2026 Diocesan Services Appeal (DSA). The theme is a reminder that all we are and all that we have is a gift from our Lord. In the end, everything belongs to God.

Our DSA offers a time to give of ourselves and generously support the missions and ministries of the Church within our community and across the Diocese of Lansing. Your DSA gifts help the Church to be the hands and feet of Jesus - giving care and support to those who need it most. Through your generosity, we live out our faith in action, demonstrating charity as a reflection of God's love.

Next weekend, our parish will participate in Commitment Weekend for DSA. This is when we will be asking each member of Light of Christ Parish to consider a generous gift to DSA. Our parish goal of \$28,622 can be reached if

each one of us responds to God's call to live a life of generosity and charity, where we share our gifts out of love for God and for our neighbor. Please prayerfully consider how you or your family will respond to this call by living with open hands and hearts directed toward God, offering everything back to Him in love.



Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday, March 8!

**FUNERAL LUNCHEON COMMITTEE
ADDITIONAL 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. **Update: We received a few new volunteers! Thank you!** We have been able to provide funeral luncheons for the latest funerals.

However, we are in need of more volunteers to create a team that consists of enough people to accommodate for the fact that not everyone is always available. The current number on the committee is too low at this time. We also need volunteers to donate a dessert or a side dish for funerals.

Please prayerfully 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 (517 447-3500 or lightofchristparish@gmail.com) if you would like to volunteer. **Thank you!**

LENTE SCHEDULE 2026

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

Sunday, March 29:
Palm Sunday, Beginning of Holy Week,
regular Mass times

EASTER TRIDUUM
The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum—from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery.

April 2: HOLY THURSDAY
Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00pm
Blissfield

April 3: GOOD FRIDAY
Passion of the Lord, 7:00pm Blissfield

April 4: HOLY SATURDAY
Easter Vigil, 8:30pm Deerfield

April 5: EASTER SUNDAY
Resurrection of the Lord
8:00am Deerfield, 11:00am Blissfield

Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary to all celebrating in March!!
Many Blessings to you.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
MEMBER NEWS**

I trust in the Lord, my soul trusts in his word. PSALM 130:5. Our Holy Father's March Intention : For

Disarmament And Peace - Let us pray that nations move to effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence. Our Lady of Fatima pray for us.

Attention ALL parishioners, students, and Knights. You are invited to the recitation of the Thursday Rosary on March 5, 6:30 PM at St. Peter the Apostle Church. Extra rosaries are available for those in need. Students, faculties, and staffs of Lourdes University and Sienna Heights Universities are in need of prayers. "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Amen." Our Lady of Lourdes 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 locally and worthy causes in our state. 1ST PRIZE: \$15,000 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 by April 6, 2026. Suggested donation is \$5.00 each. St. Katherine Drexel pray for us.

Knights are PRO-LIFE! Save lives by praying to end abortion during our 40 Days for Life campaign through March 29. We can participate in 3 different ways including prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil, and community outreach. Prayer vigils are being held in the parking lot near the Toledo Women's Center, 1160 West Sylvania Ave, Toledo, OH. Area Knights have committed to filling the prayer hours on March 14. To participate on this day or any other, please sign up at www.40daysforlife.com, contact Kevin Jorrey at 419 214-4933 or email kjorrey@toledodiocese.org. Our Lady of Guadalupe pray for us.

Looking to save money on Income Taxes? The Knights of Columbus offers IRA, Roth IRA, and Tax Deferred Annuities that are safe, simple, and secure with guaranteed lifetime interest rates providing long term accumulation of wealth. Additionally, Fraternal Benefits including Whole Life, Permanent Life, Long Term Care and Disability Income Insurances are available for the Knight and his family. For details,

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BLESSEDMCGIVNEY, or join in person by calling Nicolas Martinez at 517 442-5868. St. Polycarp 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, March 1, 2026

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

✠**Confirmation Class**✠

BREAK

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

✠**Eucharistic Adoration**✠

after 9:00AM Mass

9:30-10:30AM in Blissfield

Wednesday, March 4, 2026

✠**Reconciliation/Confession**✠

7:00PM: Blissfield

Friday, March 6, 2026

✠**Stations of the Cross**✠

7:00PM in Blissfield

Sunday, March 8, 2026

✠**Daylight Saving Time BEGINS**
Spring Forward One Hour!✠

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

✠**Confirmation Class**✠

Blissfield, 9:50-10:50AM

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 **THIS Tuesday, March 3 in Blissfield from 9:30-10:30AM**. All are welcome!

SATURDAY 4:30 PM MASS

SITE LOCATION

2025-26 SCHEDULE

March 7 Blissfield

March 14 Deerfield

March 21 Blissfield

March 28 Deerfield

DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY

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. 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.

Thank you for helping with this important project and please continue to pray for this intention and for the growth and protection of our parish.

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

Philip "Red" McMahon of Deerfield passed away on February 16 and his funeral was February 21 in Deerfield. Please keep Red and his family in your thoughts and prayers.



LENTEEN SOUP & SUBSTANCE

Feed Your Body and Your Soul!

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!

-STEWARDSHIP REPORT-

February 22, 2026

Collection figures were unavailable at the time of print and will be reported in next week's bulletin.

-MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK-

Tues., March 3- 9:00am, St. Peter

† *the People of the Parish*

Wed., March 4- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus

† *Ted Forgiel*

by Jason & Megan Woods

Thurs., March 5- 9:00am, St. Peter

† *Marvin Johnson*

by Patty Church & Nancy Brock

Fri., March 6- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus

† *Kenneth Smolka*

by Beverly Anderson

Sat., March 7- 4:30pm, St. Peter

† *Joseph F. Clements*

by family

Sun., March 8-

8:00am, St. Alphonsus

† *Robert "Spunk" Payne*

by Keith & Carol Mueller

11:00am, St. Peter

† *Madeline Dedecker*

by John & Carol Pauli

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
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Liam Cherry	Sharon Schroewald
Mary Clemes	Jeannie Schaefer
Webb Drew	Harold Sears
Elaine Esper	Pat Sears
Kenneth Faust	Patricia Shannon
Carmen Garcia	Steve Shields
Jennifer Gibson	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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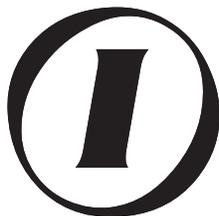
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