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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.

March 15, 2026  
Fourth Sunday of Lent



### ~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
**March 15, 2026**  
1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a  
Ephesians 5:8-14  
John 9:1-41

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
**March 22, 2026**  
Ezekiel 37:12-14  
Romans 8:8-11  
John 11:1-45





### 2026 DSA Prayer

Heavenly Father,  
All that we are and all that we have comes from You. Heaven and earth are Yours, all of creation cries out to you and proclaims Your glory, and every breath we take is a gift from You. Through your Holy Spirit, teach us to live a life of generosity and charity; to see our possessions, our time, and our money, not as ours to cling to, but as Your gifts entrusted to us for Your purpose. May we live with open hands and hearts directed toward You, offering all back to You in love. Enkindle in our hearts a desire to share Your love and abundant blessings with one another. Please bless and multiply the gifts we give to this Diocesan Services Appeal, and, together, may we boldly bring the Good News of Jesus to all whom we encounter. Through Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

### AN IRISH BLESSING

May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields, and until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of His hand. **Happy St. Patrick's Day!**

### Holy Week Retreat Offers Time for Reflection

Spend time in quiet reflection in the early days of Holy Week, leading up the sacred Triduum of Holy Thursday evening, Good Friday, and the Holy Saturday Vigil of Easter Sunday – at the annual Holy Week Retreat offered at Weber Retreat and Conference Center. The retreat, facilitated by Father John Kaspar, OSFS, is from 6:30 p.m. ET Sunday, March 29, 2026, through 11:00 a.m. ET Thursday, April 2, 2026.

The cost is \$125, including lunches, for commuters; and \$225 per person double occupancy and \$325 single occupancy, including all meals. 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.



Thank you to everyone who has made a gift or pledge commitment to our Diocesan Services Appeal (DSA). Our gifts to DSA enable our diocese to provide services crucial to our parish. The programs and services funded

by DSA offer direct assistance to individuals and families, and to parishes, schools, and Catholic Charities agencies.

If you have not yet made a gift or a pledge, I invite you to do so today. Gift envelopes are available in church or the parish office. Or you may submit your gift online at [www.dioceseoflansing.org/appeal](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/appeal). Through your generosity, we live out our faith in action, demonstrating charity as a reflection of God's love.

### LENTEN SCHEDULE 2026

#### THIS 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**



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBER NEWS

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." LUKE 18: 16,17. Let us pray all parents and children come to know the Love of Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.

**All parishioners, Knights, and their guests are invited to the SALT Center on Saturday, March 28, after Mass for a Chili Dinner.**

Please come and join the fun. For details, please call Nicolas Martinez at 517 442-5868.

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, pray for us.

Everyone is cordially invited for **Coffee and Donuts after the 11:00 AM Mass on Sunday, March 29, at St. Peter Hall.**

St Jacinta and St. Francisco pray for us.

**What would Jesus do?** We can save lives by praying to end abortion during our 40 Days for Life campaign through March 29. There are 3 different ways to participate including prayer & 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. Please sign up at [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com), contact Kevin Jorrey at 419 214-4933 or email [kjorrey@toledodiocese.org](mailto:kjorrey@toledodiocese.org). St. Perpetua and St. Felicity, Martyrs, 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.

**Prayer of St. Patrick:** Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me. We pray for the conversion of all pagans in the USA, Europe, and the Middle East. St. Patrick 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 15, 2026

✽El. & MS Religious Education Class✽  
✽Confirmation Class✽  
Blissfield, 9:50-10:50AM

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

✽HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!✽

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

✽Soup & Substance in BLISSFIELD✽  
6:00PM Soup  
6:30PM Substance: Video  
7:00PM: Reconciliation/Confession

Friday, March 20, 2026

✽Stations of the Cross✽  
7:00PM in Blissfield

Sunday, March 22, 2026

✽El. & MS Religious Education Class✽  
**SPRING BREAK**

## -STEWARDSHIP REPORT-

### March 8, 2026

Sunday \$3,095 - 68 env  
Loose \$140  
Easter Flowers \$10 - 1 env  
Mercy Fund \$30 - 4 env  
Catholic Relief Services \$50 - 1 env  
Total \$3,325

### Online Giving

Sunday \$801 - 20 env  
Mercy Fund \$5 - 1 env  
Monthly Pledge \$185 - 3 env  
Total \$991

Overall total \$4,316

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

March 21 Blissfield  
March 28 Deerfield  
April 4 **Easter Vigil** Deerfield  
April 11 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 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.

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

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

The ministry scheduling for **April-June** will begin soon. Please contact Leanne Goodin at [lgoodin@cass.net](mailto:lgoodin@cass.net) or 734 637-4555 or enter in the online scheduler any dates you will **NOT** be available **by noon THIS Monday, March 16.**

**We are looking for more Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Altar Servers.** Please contact the office or Fr. Jeff for more information and to be included in the next April-June schedule. **Thanks!**

## CEMETERY CLEAN UP

As a reminder, per our St. Alphonsus Cemetery policy, all winter decorations **should be removed as soon as possible** in preparation for mowing season. Please **remove and take away** (do not discard anyplace on the property) all decorations you have placed on a loved-one's grave. **The lawn care service does NOT remove decorations.**

If you'd like to volunteer to help Fr. Jeff remove any remaining items, please contact the parish office (517 447-3500). Spring decorations may be placed in the cemetery beginning April 1.

## -MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK-

Tues., March 17- 9:00am, St. Peter  
✠ Tom & Juanita Garrett  
by Mike & Sheila Garrett

Wed., March 18- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus  
✠ Ted Forgiel  
by Kaye Siering

Thurs., March 19- 9:00am, St. Peter  
✠ Marvin Johnson  
by Patty Church & Nancy Brock

Fri., March 20- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus  
✠ Jim DeCocker  
by Jon & Shirley Gobba

Sat., March 21- 4:30pm, St. Peter  
✠ Frank J. Lipford  
by Janice & John Lipford

Sun., March 22-  
8:00am, St. Alphonsus  
✠ Kenneth Smolka  
by Beverly Anderson

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

## 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 Robaszekiewicz
Linda & Dan Butcher	Joseph Savarin
Liam Cherry	Sharon Schroedald
Mary Clemes	Jeannie Schaedler
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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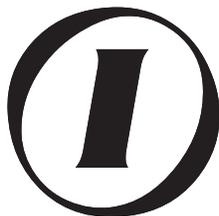
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