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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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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 22, 2026  
Fifth Sunday of Lent



## ~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

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

**Palm Sunday**  
**of the Passion of the Lord**  
**March 29, 2026**  
Matthew 21:1-11  
Isaiah 50:4-7  
Philippians 2:6-11  
Matthew 26:14-27:66



## 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.

### VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WESTERN ROUND-UP

**Kick off your boots and stay awhile!**

**Save the date: Saturday, April 25**

**5:30pm (after 4:30 Mass)**

**SALT Center, Deerfield**

**Invitations will be mailed out soon!**

#### WANTED:

**CALLING ALL LOC VOLUNTEERS**

**We're thankful you "GIT R DONE"!**

#### REWARD:

**DINNER & FELLOWSHIP**

**BOOT STOMPIN' FUN!**

**YEE HAW!!**

**"City BARBEQUE" is coming!**

#### COWBOY WISDOM:

**Always drink upstream from the herd**

**IT WILL BE A  
ROOTIN' TOOTIN' GOOD TIME!**

**Writing Workshop offers Options to  
Encourage More Regular Writing**

Are you a writer who sometimes faces writer's block, or have you gotten too busy to write? The next creative writing workshop explores options that encourage writers to show up and write more regularly, including accountability links and joining or creating a writer's group.

The workshop, *Too Busy to Write?*, is offered from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET on Saturday, April 11, 2025, in person at Weber Retreat and Conference Center and via Zoom. Beginning and experienced writers are welcome. The workshop is facilitated by Sister Tarianne DeYonker, OP, MSW, a certified leader of Amherst Writers and Artists workshops.

The cost is \$35. 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 located 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

#### 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

### OLD PALMS

Boxes are available at both churches to collect your old palms. According to the *Code of Canon Law*, blessed items are to be treated with respect and reverence and not discarded in the trash. At Mass, these palm branches were blessed by a priest and became a "sacramental," which is an object that is meant to draw us closer to God.



## 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.*

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

March 28 Deerfield  
April 4 **Easter Vigil** Deerfield  
April 11 Deerfield  
April 18 Blissfield

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**Sunday, March 22, 2026**  
 \*EL & MS Religious Education Class\*  
**SPRING BREAK**

**Wednesday, March 25, 2026**  
 \*1st Eucharist Class\*  
**SPRING BREAK**

\*Reconciliation/Confession\*  
 7:00PM in Deerfield

**Friday, March 27, 2026**  
 \*Stations of the Cross\*  
 7:00PM in Deerfield

**Saturday, March 28, 2026**  
 \*Chili Dinner by Knights of Columbus\*  
 SALT Center, Deerfield  
 after 4:30PM Mass

**Sunday, March 29, 2026**  
 \*EL & MS Religious Education Class\*  
 \*Confirmation Class\*  
 Blissfield, 9:50-10:50AM

\*Coffee & Donuts by Knights of Columbus\*  
 Blissfield Hall, after 11:00 Mass

**-STEWARDSHIP REPORT-**

**March 15, 2026**

Sunday \$3,511 - 83 env  
 Loose \$145  
 Mercy Fund \$120 - 8 env  
 Catholic Relief Services \$330 - 10 env  
 World Wide Evan. \$5 - 1 env  
 Easter Flowers \$155 - 5 env  
 Home Missions \$5 - 1 env  
 Total \$4,271

**Online Giving**

Sunday \$1,526 - 24 env  
 Mercy Fund \$21 - 3 env  
 Catholic Relief Services \$10 - 1 env  
 Monthly Pledge \$5 - 1 env  
 Total \$1,562

**Overall Total \$5,833**

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

Mary LaRoy of Blissfield passed away on March 10 and her funeral was March 16 in Blissfield. Please keep Mary and her family in your thoughts and prayers.



**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 **Wednesday, April 1 in Deerfield from 9:30-10:30AM**. All are welcome!

**MAY WE WASH YOUR FEET?**

During the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening we will experience the Washing of Feet. **As we remember Jesus' command to do as he has done, we will wash the feet of parishioners.** During this ceremony Fr. Jeff will wash the feet of those who volunteer. Those who volunteer find that it can be a very emotional way to enter into these three holy days.

There is no set number of people needed. In fact the more that volunteer, the better the impact this symbolic action will have. We are all people of God, the church! Everyone is welcome to participate. **Mass on Holy Thursday will take place on April 2nd at 7:00 pm in Blissfield.**

If you would like to volunteer or have questions, please contact the office at 517 447-3500 or [lightofchristparish@gmail.com](mailto:lightofchristparish@gmail.com) by **TUESDAY, March 31st**.

**If you spontaneously feel called by the Holy Spirit to participate, please come forward when called during Mass.**

**-MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK-**

**Tues., March 24- 9:00am, St. Peter**  
 † *the People of the Parish*

**Wed., March 25- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus**  
 † *Harold Iott*  
 by Dick & Barb Iott

**Thurs., March 26- 9:00am, St. Peter**  
 † *John Jankowski*  
 40th Anniversary  
 by family

**Fri., March 27- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus**  
 † *Robert Forgiel*  
 by Tom Marzec

**Sat., March 28- 4:30pm, St. Alphonsus**  
 † *Philip "Red" McMahon*  
 by Women of Prayer

**Sun., March 29- 8:00am, St. Alphonsus**  
 † *Larry Schadewald*  
 by family

**11:00am, St. Peter**  
 † *Madeline Denecker*  
 by Tom & Carol Vereecke

**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      |
| Aiden Beauregard    | Brenda Nagy           |
| Mike Bomia          | Karen Nevins          |
| Ella Borowski       | Ken Nevins            |
| Ginger Borowski     | Bev Pifer             |
| Becky Branscum      | Bob Rains             |
| Darlene Breitter    | Chuck Reed            |
| Larry Brenke        | Eva Ricker            |
| Doris Bussing       | Brendan Robaszkievicz |
| 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 Gilson     | 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 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.*

**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.*



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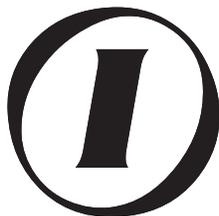
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