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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.

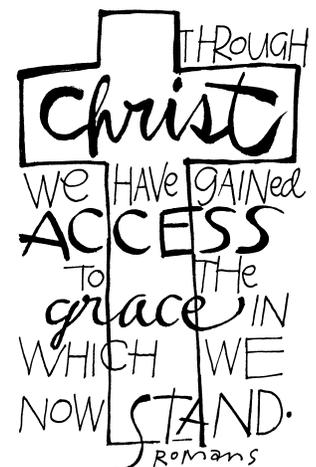
March 8, 2026
Third Sunday of Lent



~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

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

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





“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.

This weekend is our Diocesan Services Appeal (DSA) Commitment Weekend. All members of our parish community are invited to join in support of our annual appeal. If this is your first time giving to our DSA, please join us. Your DSA gifts help the Church to be the hands and feet of Jesus - giving care and support to those who need it most. Our parish goal is \$28,622. No gift is too small. Every dollar donated helps those in our parish and in our unified efforts in the wider church. Further, one-half of all paid contributions received, over and above our parish goal, will be returned for our local use here at Light of Christ Parish.

You can submit your DSA pledge envelope during Mass this weekend - or take your DSA envelope home to prayerfully consider your DSA gift. Those giving a DSA gift by cash or check are invited to return their completed pledge form in the DSA envelope to our parish office. Those who wish to pay by credit card or electronic funds transfer may enter your gift online at www.dioceseoflansing.org/appeal.

SWEEPSTAKES WINNER

The **\$250 Sweepstakes** winner for **February 2026** is **John (Mike) Haddix of Blissfield**, with ticket #26-3273. The ticket was sold by **John**, so he received an additional **\$20**, as well. Good luck to everyone in the March 2026 drawing!

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!**

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

Cristal J. Milner of Blissfield passed away on February 16 and her funeral was February 24 in Blissfield. Please keep Cristal and her family in your thoughts and prayers.



LENTEN 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!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

The ministry scheduling for **April-June** will begin soon. Please contact Leanne Goodin at lgoodin@cass.net or 734 637-4555 or enter in the online scheduler any dates you will **NOT** be available **by noon on 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 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.

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.

Jesus said, "But I say to you that hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. Judge not and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven. LUKE 6:27,28,37. Please ask God for a generous increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated religious. Let us pray for PEACE in the USA, Israel, Iran, Russia, and Ukraine.

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, 160 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.

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visit www.kofc.org. For a FREE Knights of Columbus membership, visit www.kofc.org/joinus, and enter Promo Code 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 8, 2026
 El. & MS Religious Education Class
 Blissfield, 9:50-10:50AM

Wednesday, March 11, 2026
 Reconciliation/Confession
 7:00PM: Deerfield

Friday, March 13, 2026
 Stations of the Cross
 7:00PM in Deerfield

Sunday, March 15, 2026
 El. & MS Religious Education Class
 Confirmation Class
 Blissfield, 9:50-10:50AM

-STEWARDSHIP REPORT-

February 22, 2026

Sunday \$3,440 - 71 env
 Loose \$212
 Mercy Fund \$65 - 4 env
 Home Missions \$238 - 12 env
 Total \$3,955

Online Giving

Sunday \$2,116 - 28 env
 Mercy Fund \$5 - 1 env
 Monthly Pledge \$5 - 1 env
 Home Missions \$10 - 1 env
 Total \$2136

Overall total for 2/22 \$6,091

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March 1, 2026

Sunday \$5,525 - 75 env
 Loose \$208
 Mercy Fund \$313 - 17 env
 Easter \$50 - 1 env
 Easter Flowers \$20 - 1 env
 Home Missions \$95 - 3 env
 Total \$6,211

Online Giving

Sunday \$1,856 - 29 env
 Mercy Fund \$25 - 2 env
 Monthly Pledge \$5 - 1 env
 Total \$1,886

Overall total for 3/1 \$8,097

SATURDAY 4:30 PM MASS

SITE LOCATION
2025-26 SCHEDULE
 March 14 Deerfield
 March 21 Blissfield
 March 28 Deerfield

LENTEN SCHEDULE 2026

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

DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY
ONLINE FEBRUARY 17- March 31

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.

-MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK-

Tues., March 10- 9:00am, St. Peter
 † *the People of the Parish*

Wed., March 11- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus
 † *Billy Witt & William Witt*
 by family

Thurs., March 12- 9:00am, St. Peter
 † *Dorothy Burgermeister*
 by family

Fri., March 13- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus
 † *Ken Smolka*
 by Russ & Jane Bolster

Sat., March 14- 4:30pm, St. Alphonsus
 † *Terry Diver*
 by Ron & Leanne Goodin

Sun., March 15- 8:00am, St. Alphonsus
 † *Charles Hearl*
 by Bob & Barb Rains

11:00am, St. Peter
 † *Marvin Johnson*
 by Joe Mlcek

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 Breitner | Chuck Reed |
| Larry Brenke | Eva Ricker |
| Doris Bussing | Brendan Robaszekiewicz |
| 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 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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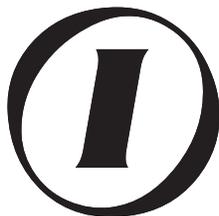
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