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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!

PARISH STAFF

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PASTORAL COUNCIL
Please call the parish office for contact info.

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.

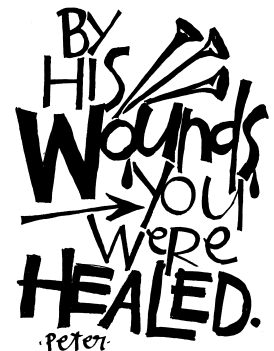
April 26, 2026
Fourth Sunday of Easter



~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2026
Acts 2:14a, 36-41
1 Peter 2:20b-25
John 10:1-10

Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2026
Acts 6:1-7
1 Peter 2:4-9
John 14:1-12



HAPPY EASTER SEASON
from Fr. Jeff & Staff!

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, April 26, 2026

✽**EL. & MS Religious Education
Year-End Class**✽

✽**Confirmation Year-end Class**✽
Blissfield, 9:50-10:50AM

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

Wednesday, April 29, 2026

✽**First Eucharistic Practice with Parent**✽
St. Peter Church, Blissfield
6:30PM-7:30PM

Saturday/Sunday, May 2/3, 2026

✽**First Holy Communion
Celebrations at Masses**✽

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

May 2 Blissfield
May 9 Deerfield
May 16 Blissfield
May 23 Deerfield

Writing Workshop: 'Tiny Seed' from Memory or Imagination

Every piece of writing starts from the "tiny seed" of a thought, feeling, or the imagination. This writing workshop, "From a Tiny Seed," is from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday, May 23, 2026, in person at Weber Retreat and Conference Center or virtually through Zoom.

Come join with others to see where your imagination will take you. Participants will write, read their work, and receive feedback on their strengths from one another. Sister Tarianne DeYonker, OP, a certified leader of Amherst Writers and Artists Workshops, will facilitate.

The cost is \$35 and registration is required. Visit www.webercenter.org and click on "programs," call 517-266-4000, or email webercenter@adriandominicans.org. Limited scholarships are available. A Zoom link will be sent closer to the workshop date.

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.

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

Norma Poll of Deerfield passed away on April 14 and her funeral was Friday, April 24 in Deerfield. Please keep Norma and her family in your thoughts and prayers.



Religious Education Program 2025-2026 Catechists & Assistants

It's been a great year of classes and it's hard to believe that our final class is this Sunday! It's always bittersweet to end the year, but we'll see each other at church and enjoy our summer until next fall brings the return of our classes.

If you have a child going into first grade or a new student joining our Religious Education Program next year, please contact Deanna Burke, DRE, at deannabdre@gmail.com or call the Parish Office at 517 447-3500 so we can include them in our order for student materials for next year. We appreciate your help :)

Thank you for sharing your time, talent, and faith with the children and youth in our parish family. We could not have a religious education program for our parish youth without your help. We are blessed by your goodness and generosity!

**Deanna Burke
Fran Hensen
Dee Jensen
Janet Lee
Hank Martinez
Tammie Martinez
Karen Waggoner
Jennifer Yape
Jill Yape**

**God Bless You and
Happy Summer Break!**

EUCHARISTIC 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**. Will you spend an hour with the Lord?

**The next adoration will be:
Tuesday, May 5, 2026
St. Peter the Apostle Church, Blissfield
9:30-10:30am**

ALL ARE WELCOME!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBER NEWS

Jesus said, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation." MARK 16:15. Blessings and Congratulations for all students receiving Confirmation and 1ST Holy Communion this Spring. "Jesus loves you and wants you to be happy." All Knights are asked to pray a rosary for you and your families. St Mark, Evangelist, pray for us.

Wanted: Metal! The Knights Scrap Metal Drive to help Holiday Food Distribution, Christmas Basket Program, and more is May 16, St. Peter Church Parking lot, 8:00 AM to Noon. All metals including brass, bronze, copper, aluminum, carbide, stainless steel, cast iron, tin, iron, and steel are needed. Auto, truck, tractor, boat, and lawn tractor batteries as well as electric motors are accepted. For details, please call Nicolas Martinez at 517 442-3868. No donation is too small. St Joseph the Worker pray for us.

All parishioners, students and Knights are invited to the recitation of the Thursday Rosary May 7, 6:30 PM at St. Peter the Apostle Church. Extra Rosaries are available for those in need. Let us remember those dealing with the after effects of the recent tornadoes and floods. Our Lady of Fatima pray for us.

Every Catholic gentleman 18 years or older is invited to join the Knights. Becoming a Knight includes eligibility to purchase top quality Life Insurance, Long Term Care Insurance, and Disability Income Insurance. Safe secure include IRA, Roth IRA, and Tax Deferred Annuities. The Knights of Columbus has earned the highest possible rating for financial strength from A.M. Best and Standard & Poor's. For more information, please visit www.kofc.org, contact Nicolas Novak at 810 620-4240 or email Nicolas.Novak@kofc.org. To join the Knights for FREE please visit www.kofc.org/joinus, enter Promo Code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY, and pay no dues for 12 months or call Nicolas Martinez at 517 442-3868. St. Anthony pray for us.

Prayer for Purity of Intention. "O St. Philomena, virgin and martyr, pray for us that through your powerful intercession we may obtain that purity of mind and heart which leads us to the perfect love of God. Amen." Pray each day for 13 days, one for each year of her life. Novena Prayer cards with the Story of St. Philomena are available at our parish office and both churches.

**The Knights of Columbus meet in Blissfield at 7:00pm every first Thursday of the month.*

-STEWARDSHIP REPORT-

April 19, 2026

Sunday \$4,641 - 88 env
 Easter \$50 - 1 env
 Loose \$255
 Mercy Fund \$109 - 14 env
 Peter Pence \$20 - 1 env
 Total \$5,075

Online Giving

Sunday \$676 - 19 env
 Mercy Fund \$5 - 1 env
 Monthly Pledge - \$5 - 1 env
 Total \$686

Overall Total \$5,761

DSA

Goal - \$28,622
 Total Pledges - \$20,337
 % of Goal - 71.05%
 Total Donors - 91
Participation Rate - 17.09%



Left to Right: Fr. Jeff Poll, Kara Staelgraeve, Bishop Earl Boyea

Congratulations to Kara Staelgraeve who was Confirmed with the Holy Spirit on Tuesday, April 14 at St. Dominic Chapel at Siena Heights in Adrian.

God Bless You!

-MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK-

Tues., April 28- 9:00am, St. Peter

† **Madeline Denecker**
 by Julie Lewandosh Delrue

Wed., April 29- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus

† **Kenneth Smolka**
 by Beverly Anderson

Thurs., April 30- 9:00am, St. Peter

† **the People of the Parish**

Fri., May 1- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus

† **Jim DeCocker**
 by Henry & Ann Curtis

Sat., May 2- 4:30pm, St. Peter

† **Frank J. Lipford**
 by Janice & John Lipford

Sun., May 3-

8:00am, St. Alphonsus
 † **Robert "Spunk" Payne**
 by Renelda Latondress

11:00am, St. Peter
 † **Silvino Magallano**
 by the Fink Family

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

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| Kathleen Adams | Wendy Moore |
| Helen Bateson | Joseph Mueller |
| Rita Bausman | Muriel Mueller |
| Aiden Beauregard | John Musielewicz |
| Mike Bomia | Brenda Nagy |
| Ella Borowski | Karen Nevins |
| Becky Branscum | Ken Nevins |
| Larry Brenke | Bev Pifer |
| Doris Bussing | Bob Rains |
| Linda & Dan Butcher | Eva Ricker |
| Liam Cherry | Brendan Robaszkievicz |
| Mary Clemes | Joseph Savarin |
| Webb Drew | Sharon Schadewald |
| Elaine Esper | Harold Sears |
| Kenneth Faust | Pat Sears |
| Carmen Garcia | Patricia Shannon |
| Jennifer Gilson | Steve Shields |
| Reagan Gobel | Becky Shusta |
| Ginger Goodin | Margaret Smith |
| Katy Goodman | Sue Spinazze |
| Makenzie Greer | Emily Stevens |
| Mike Haddix | Dana Strickler |
| Penny Hashman | David Stucker |
| Lisa Hauser | Mike Trabbic |
| Tammy Jarvis | Stacey Ulrich |
| Janet Jensen | Alice Van Staveren |
| Susan Johnson | Franz Van Staveren |
| Karen Kaufman | Heidi Vkar |
| Norma Kelly | Flo Wentworth |
| Traci Knaggs | Harry Woodbury |
| Gale LaVoy | Rita Woods |
| Debbie Marietta | Debbie Wright |
| Vinny Martinez | |

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.

Priests Vs. Seminarists

SPECIAL GUEST ANNOUNCERS - FR. JOE KRUPP & FR. TIM MACDONALD!

Watch Lansing Priests take on Detroit Seminarists in a charity basketball game! All proceeds help restore the outdoor Stations of the Cross at St. Joseph Shrine.

FRIDAY, MAY 8TH, 2026 6 PM

Lumen Christi Catholic School
 3483 Spring Arbor Road, Jackson, MI

TICKETS \$15

FAMILY (4 OR MORE) \$50
 (Plus small processing fee)

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 TICKETS HERE**





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