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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**

## 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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We reserve the right to edit articles for clarity  
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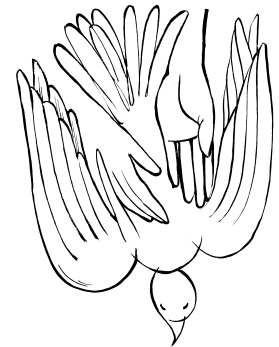
**PASTORAL COUNCIL**  
Please call the parish office for contact info.

**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.

May 10, 2026  
Sixth Sunday of Easter



## ~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
May 10, 2026  
Acts 8:5-8, 14-17  
1 Peter 3:15-18  
John 14:15-21

**Ascension of the Lord**  
May 17, 2026  
Acts 1:1-11  
Ephesians 1:17-23  
John 28:16-20



## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Saturday/Sunday, May 9/10  
✽**First Holy Communion Celebrations at Masses**✽

✽**Happy Mother's Day!**✽

Saturday May 16, 2026  
✽**Scrap Metal Drive by the Knights of Columbus**✽  
St. Peter Church parking lot,  
Blissfield  
8:00AM-Noon

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

May 16 Blissfield  
May 23 Deerfield  
May 30 Blissfield  
June 6 Deerfield

### SWEEPSTAKES WINNER

The **\$250 Sweepstakes** winner for **April 2026** is **Natalia Wilson of Blissfield**, with ticket #**26-4135** The ticket was sold by **Robert Wilson**, so he received **\$20**, as well.

**Good luck to everyone in the May drawing!**

### 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.

### REMINDER OF SUMMER HOURS:

**Sunday Mass in Blissfield**  
Beginning **Sunday, May 31**, the **Sunday 11:00am Mass in Blissfield** will move to the summer schedule of **10:00am** until the Sunday after **Labor Day, September 13**.

### Parish Office Summer Hours

The Parish Office, located in Deerfield, will remain open our regular hours: **Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00pm—5:00pm**. We're no longer changing to summer hours since we rarely closed at 4:00 anyway!

## DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL WE MADE OUR PARISH GOAL!!

Thank you to everyone who has made a gift or pledge to DSA. **This week we surpassed our goal of \$28,622!** Now that we have reached our goal, **one-half of all additional contributions received** will be returned to our local parish for our use. No gift is too small! Together it's big.

If you have not yet made a pledge, please consider supporting our appeal with a gift that will benefit the work of Christ in our parish and through the wider church. You may submit your gift online at [www.dioceseoflansing.org/appeal](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/appeal) or with a DSA pledge envelope to the parish office.

### HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE RECOGNITION: BULLETIN & MASS

Dear High School Graduates,

Congratulations on your graduation! Your parish also celebrates this important milestone in your life. We would like to honor you by listing the high school graduates in the parish bulletin and weekly email post.

If you'd like to be included, please email Deanna Burke, DRE at [deannabdre@gmail.com](mailto:deannabdre@gmail.com)

**NO LATER THAN Thursday, May 21**, in order to be in the weekend bulletin of May 31, a few sentences including:

- **Your name as you'd like it to appear**
- **Parents/guardian's names**
- **High School you are graduating from**
- **Future plans (university/college you plan to attend or other future plans you'd like to share)**
- **Please limit to a few sentences so there is room for all.**

The parish will also recognize and bless the graduates in their cap and gown at Mass. This year it will be at the **8:00 Mass on Sunday, May 31**.

Please email Deanna Burke ([deannabdre@gmail.com](mailto:deannabdre@gmail.com)) your information to share and **whether or not you will attend the 8:00 Mass on May 31**.

**WE ARE PROUD OF YOU!**



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBER NEWS

### Happy Mother's Day!

And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the child leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed be the fruit of your womb!" LUKE 1:41-42. May all mothers be blessed with abundant love and joy today and throughout the year. Our Lady of Fatima pray for us.

**Pope Leo's Intention:** That Everyone Might Have Food - Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food. Let us pray for peace.

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**We Need New Knights!** The Knights of Columbus is a family-oriented fraternal service organization whose main principals are Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. Would you like to join us? To join for FREE please call Nicolas Martinez at 517 442-5868 or visit [www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus), and enter Promo Code BLESSEDMCGNIVNEY. To learn about the Knights Fraternal Benefits Program please visit [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org), call Nicolas Novak at 810 620-4240, email [Nicolas.Novak@kofc.org](mailto:Nicolas.Novak@kofc.org), or visit [www.youtube.com/@MichiganKnightsOfColumbus.com](http://www.youtube.com/@MichiganKnightsOfColumbus.com). Pope St. John Paul II pray for us.

**Let us pray for a safe and successful planting season** with timely rains and gentle winds for our farmers and gardeners. St. Isadore the Farmer, pray for us.

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

**MEMORIAL DAY MASS**  
**St. Alphonsus Cemetery**  
**Monday, May 25, 8:00AM Mass**  
**Coffee & Donuts after Mass**



**In the case of rain, Mass will be celebrated at St. Alphonsus Church**

## -STEWARDSHIP REPORT-

**May 3, 2026**

Sunday \$5,347 - 95 env  
Loose \$227.66  
Mercy Fund \$169 - 11 env  
Total \$5,743.66

### Online Giving

Sunday \$1,346 - 24 env  
Mercy Fund \$105 - 2 env  
Monthly Pledge \$5 - 1 env  
Total \$1,456

**Overall Total \$7,199.66**

### DSA

Goal - \$28,622  
Total Pledges - \$28,979  
% of Goal - 101.25%  
Total Donors - 132  
Participation Rate - 24.73%

**Single Catholic Women  
Invited to Dominican Sisters'  
Immersion Experience**

Single Catholic women, ages 20 to 45 who are discerning a call to religious life as a Dominican Sister, are invited to the hometown of President Lincoln in June for a national event hosted by the Springfield Dominican Sisters. The collaborative event is co-sponsored by the Dominican Sisters of Adrian, Sinsinawa, and Peace.

Applications are being received now, and up to 15 women will be selected to participate in this event, scheduled for **Tuesday, June 16, 2026, through Saturday, June 20, 2026**. The group will live at Sacred Heart Convent and experience the rhythms of apostolic religious life, including community life, prayer, active service, and theological reflection. They will have the opportunity to serve at local nonprofit organizations.

Sister Nancy Jurecki, OP, Coordinator of the Vocation Team for the Adrian Dominican Sisters, said the program is "an opportunity for young women who believe God might be tapping them on the shoulders to meet Dominican Sisters in person and experience, with them, the pillars of Dominican life."

**The application deadline is Monday, June 1, 2026**, and interested women are encouraged to apply as soon as possible at <https://springfieldop.org/events>

The \$50 registration fee should not be a barrier for any applicant. Scholarships are available for those who need them.

## FIRST EUCHARIST CELEBRATIONS MAY 2026

Congratulations to the following children as they receive their First Holy Communion this spring:

**Alayna Bunge  
Allie Bunge  
Austin Fonguh  
Maximus Ford  
Archie Gust  
Jovi Kempa  
Kenzie LaRoy  
Sonny Sieler  
Ainsley Wenninger  
Gabriel Wilhelm**

**God Bless You!**



*May God, who brought you to  
this special day continue to  
direct your life in His perfect way.*

### SPECIAL THANKS

**Thank you** to the Knights of Columbus for the gift of Children's Bibles for the children who celebrated their First Communion and the rosary for the Confirmation celebrant this spring!

**Thank you** to Fr. Jeff Poll for the rosaries he made for all of the children who celebrated their First Communion this year!

### Religious Education Program 2026-2027 First Grade & New Students

While our Religious Education registration paperwork for next year isn't mailed out until mid-August, we'll order our student materials **before the end of May**. We try to estimate an approximate number, but first grade is always tricky because starting kindergarten depends on when their birthday falls. **We'd like your help in this regard.**

**If you have a child going into first grade or a new student joining our Religious Education Program next year**, please contact **Deanna Burke** at [deannabdre@gmail.com](mailto:deannabdre@gmail.com) or call the Parish Office at 517 447-3500 **at your earliest convenience** so we can include them in our order for student materials for next year. Please also let me know if your child/ren are **NOT** returning next year ( we hope they are!) so we know not to order materials for them and save the parish resources.

**We appreciate your help :)**

**Thank You and Happy Summer Break!**

## -MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK-

**Tues., May 12- 9:00am, St. Peter**  
† **Norma Poll**  
by Carol Ludolph & Sharon Dusseau

**Wed., May 13- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus**  
† **Fr. Dennis John Howard**  
by the Parish

**Thurs., May 14- 9:00am, St. Peter**  
† **the People of the Parish**

**Fri., May 15- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus**  
† **Ted Forgiel**  
by Yvonne Gainsley & family

**Sat., May 16- 4:30pm, St. Peter**  
† **Joseph F. Clements**  
by family

**Sun., May 17-  
8:00am, St. Alphonsus**  
† **Joe Frank**  
by Sue Cousino

**11:00am, St. Peter**  
† **Sue Willaert**  
by the Fink family

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

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 Robaszkiwicz
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 Vikar
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.*



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