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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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Deanna Burke: deannabdre@gmail.com

Bulletin Deadline: **Tuesday at 9:00am.**

We reserve the right to edit articles for clarity
and length. Please email material to:

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MAINTENANCE STAFF

Jeff Simpson

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PASTORAL COUNCIL

Please call the parish office for contact info.

PARISH COMMISSIONS

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Education Commission
Social Ministry Commission
New Evangelization Commission

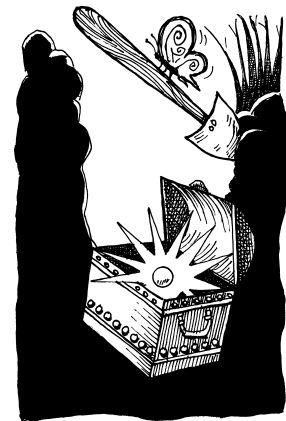
PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

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.

July 26, 2026
Seventeenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time



~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

Seventeenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
July 26, 2026

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Romans 8:28-30

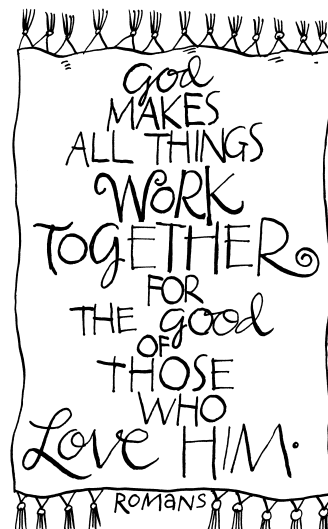
Matthew 13:44-52

Eighteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
August 2, 2026

Isaiah 55:1-3

Romans 8:35, 37-39

Matthew 14:13-21



**SATURDAY 4:30 PM MASS
SITE LOCATION
2026-27 SCHEDULE**

August 1 Deerfield
August 8 Blissfield
August 15 Deerfield
August 22 Blissfield
August 29 Deerfield

**DAILY DOSE OF MERCY
The Cenacle of Eucharistic Apostles
of The Divine Mercy**

A Cenacle of Divine Mercy has been set up at St. Mary Cathedral in Lansing to make us more aware of God's amazing mercy. The following is an excerpt from St. Faustina's Diary:

"Here the misery of the soul meets the God of mercy. Tell souls that from this fount of mercy souls draw graces solely with the vessel of trust. If their trust is great, there is no limit to My generosity. The torrents of grace inundate humble souls. The proud remain always in poverty and misery, because My grace turns away from them to humble souls." (St. Faustina Diary, 1602)



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
MEMBER NEWS**

"Sacrifice yourselves for sinners and say many times, especially when you sacrifice, 'O Jesus this is for love of Thee, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.'" - Third Apparition of Our Lady Of Fatima - July 13, 1917. Please visit The True Story of Fatima at www.fatima.org.

Put your faith into action by giving a Helping Hand to others, including mowing lawns, doing yardwork, or shopping for the elderly and homebound. Donating blood, donating to the Food Banks, sharing a good joke, helping with Meals on Wheels, and checking on the well-being of others is dearly appreciated. Saving metals for the next Scrap Metal Drive is time well spent. To schedule your much needed blood donations please call 800-733-2767 or visit www.redcrossblood.org. Our Lady of

Mount Carmel pray for us.

Let us pray for the health and well-being of Native Americans, Missionaries, and the many people dealing with natural disasters. Pray for Peace! St. Kateri Tekakwitha and Saint Junipero Serra pray for us.

New Knights Needed! We need Knights helping others in every possible way. If you are 18 years old or older and a Catholic in good standing you are invited to join the Knights of Columbus. For a FREE online membership please visit www.kofc.org/joinus, enter Promo Code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY, or for a FREE in person membership please call Nicolas Martinez at 517 442-3868. St. Benedict, Abbot pray for us.

Knights of Columbus members and their families have exclusive access to our top-quality Life Insurance, Long-term Care Insurance, Disability Income Insurance, and Annuities. Our unwavering commitment to our Catholic faith and to the Catholic families entrusted to our care also means that we must do business the right way. As a matter of principal, we will not invest in companies that deal in abortions, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem research, for-profit health care that pays for any of the aforementioned, and pornography. For more information, please contact our local Field Agent, Nicolas Novak at 810 620-4240, email Nicolas.Novak@kofc.org, or visit www.kofc.org/insurance. St. James the Apostle pray for us.

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

ST. MARY PARISH

**RUMMAGE
SALE**

\$5 PER PAPER GROCERY BAG

**Thursday & Friday
Aug. 6-7 | 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.**

**Saturday
AUG. 8 | 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

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LOCATION: SCHOOL GYM

**10601 DEXTER-PINCKNEY RD.
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-STEWARDSHIP REPORT-

July 12, 2026

Sunday \$4,675 - 91 env
Loose \$145
Mercy Fund \$147 - 12 env
Peter Pence \$70 - 5 env
Total \$5,037

Online Giving

Sunday \$1,171 - 22 env
Mercy Fund \$11 - 2 env
Monthly Pledge \$135 - 2 env
Total \$1,317

Overall Total for 7/12/26 - \$6,354

July 19, 2026

Sunday \$4,507 - 81 env
Loose \$105
Mercy Fund \$45 - 4 env
Total \$4,657

Online Giving

Sunday \$816 - 22 env
Mercy Fund \$5 - 1 env
Monthly Pledge \$25 - 2 env
Total \$846

Overall Total for 7/19/26 - \$5,503

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've already ordered our student materials. 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 or call the Parish Office at 517 447-3500 **at your earliest convenience** so we can order additional student materials. Please also let us 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!**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM 2026-2027

CATECHISTS & ASSISTANT CATECHISTS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Religious Education Program: We provide classes for 1st-8th Grade & High School students most Sunday mornings (off on holiday weekends) from late September to early May.

Our young parishioners need your help assisting in their faith formation, helping them to grow into the future as faithful adults in our church. We need to be prepared for the fall, as classes will begin on **Sunday, September 27, from 9:50-10:50am in Blissfield.**

Catechist & Assistant Catechists:

But I'm not a teacher. A "catechist" is someone who "echoes God's Word", so teaching experience isn't necessary.

Catechists must be a confirmed catholic in good standing with the church and 18 years old or older. Assistant catechists can be in high school or a confirmed adult in good standing. **It's really easy to follow the Catechist Guide for the weekly Gospel-based lessons that coincide with the Gospel at Mass each week and share your faith.**

What if I need a Sunday off?

We accommodate your schedule when you need to be away. We understand when you have a conflict and have to miss a class throughout the year. We always work it out by either finding a substitute or covering for each other. We all work together as a team.

Class Size: Our class sizes are small (10-15 students), but we have an **increase in new students (God is Good!)** to accommodate this year. We already have experienced catechists, but **we need two adults in each classroom**, and we need your help. **We may need to create an additional class to accommodate everyone.** It's nice to have two catechists to team teach or assist, so you're not alone and can help each other.

Safe Environment: In order to keep all children safe, **all volunteers working with children and youth are required by the Diocese to complete the Virtus Protecting God's Children training (a one-time online training) including a criminal background check.** Participants will learn how to become safer adults and how to become better protectors of children. The more trained adults we have, the **safer** our children will be!

For more information, please contact **Deanna Burke, Director of Religious Education:** Parish Office: 517 447-3500 ext. 3 or email deannabdre@gmail.com.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration for a one-year commitment to this calling!

-MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK-

Tues., July 28- 9:00am, St. Peter
† **Marvin Johnson**
by Charlene & Roger Williams

Wed., July 29- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus
† **Jim DeCocker**
by Jon & Shirley Gobba

Thurs., July 30- 9:00am, St. Peter
† **the People of the Parish**

Fri., July 31- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus
† **Norma Poll**
by Cheryl Reed

Sat., August 1- 4:30pm, St. Alphonsus
† **John Witt**
by family

**Sun., August 2-
8:00am, St. Alphonsus**
† **Kenneth Smolka**
by Beverly Anderson

10:00am, St. Peter
† **Darlene Forche**
by Leo Forche & Boys

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	Fr. Bob Pienta
Doris Bussing	Bev Pifer
Linda & Dan Butcher	Bob Rains
Liam Cherry	Eva Ricker
Mary Clemes	Brendan Robaszkievicz
Webb Drew	Joseph Savarin
Elaine Esper	Sharon Schadewald
Kenneth Faust	Harold Sears
Carmen Garcia	Pat Sears
Jennifer Gilson	Patricia Shannon
Reagan Gobel	Steve Shields
Ginger Goodin	Becky Shusta
Katy Goodman	Margaret Smith
Makenzie Greer	Sue Spinazze
Mike Haddix	Emily Stevens
Penny Hashman	Dana Strickler
Lisa Hauser	David Stucker
Tammy Jarvis	Mike Trabbic
Janet Jensen	Stacey Ulrich
Susan Johnson	Alice Van Staveren
Karen Kaufman	Franz Van Staveren
Norma Kelly	Heidi Vikar
Traci Knaggs	Flo Wentworth
Gale LaVoy	Harry Woodbury
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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