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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!

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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

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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.

August 2, 2026
Eighteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time



~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

Eighteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
August 2, 2026

Isaiah 55:1-3
Romans 8:35, 37-39
Matthew 14:13-21

Nineteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
August 9, 2026

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:22-23

*Who
will
Separate
us
from
the
Love
of Christ?*
ROMANS

HOLY ROSARY led by the Knights of Columbus

All parishioners, students, and Knights are invited to the recitation of the Holy Rosary on Thursday, August 6, 6:30 PM, at St. Peter the Apostle Church.

Extra rosaries are available for those in need.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY & HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to all celebrating in August!

MANY BLESSINGS TO YOU.



EFFECTIVE ECCLESIAL INTEGRATION A HANDS-ON APPROACH



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COST

Free for all Parish leaders from the Diocese of Lansing
\$25 for Parish leaders from neighbor dioceses and parishioners

FOCUS

This event will equip the participants on how to be a leader who knows how to foster unity in culturally diverse parishes. The session offers practical ways to communicate, build relationships, and work more effectively with people from other cultures.

CONTENT

A pastoral roadmap for strengthening a sense of welcome, belonging, and shared responsibility within the parish community and other Catholic organizations.



WHAT

Join us for a special presentation from Alejandro Aguilera Titus and increase your understanding on how to strengthen ecclesial integration in shared parishes, learn how integration is fostered, and the type of leadership needed to achieve it.

WHEN & WHERE

Friday, September 4th, 2026
9AM-4PM
Saint Agnes Parish, Fowlerville



ALEJANDRO AGUILERA TITUS
USCCB OFFICE OF HISPANIC
AFFAIRS

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

Elwood Reau from Petersburg passed away on July 14 and his funeral was on Tuesday, July 28 at St. Alphonsus Church in Deerfield. Please keep Elwood and his family in your thoughts and prayers.



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

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



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBER NEWS

The Transfiguration: But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." MATTHEW 17:7. All parishioners, students, and Knights are invited to the recitation of the **Holy Rosary on Thursday, August 6, 6:30 PM, at St. Peter the Apostle Church.** Extra rosaries are available for those in need. St. Alphonsus Liguori pray for us.

Red Cross Needs Blood! You can donate lifesaving blood at the Blissfield American Legion on Thursday, August 13, from 11:30 AM to 5:30 PM. You can donate at Flower Hospital, Sylvania, OH on Wednesday, August 12 from 10:30 AM to 3:00 PM. To schedule your appointment or to find other days and locations please call 1 800 733-2767 or visit www.redcrossblood.org. St. Jane Frances de Chantal pray for us.

Our Holy Father's August Intention: For Evangelization in the City - Let us pray that in large cities, often marked by anonymity and loneliness, we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

Scholarships are available from the Knights of Columbus. Most recipients are children of Knights or Knights themselves attending Catholic colleges and universities. For more information, please visit www.kofc.org/scholarships. **Not a Knight? No problem.** To join the Knights online go to www.kofc.org/join, enter Promo Code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY, and receive a FREE online membership or join locally by calling GK Nicolas Martinez at 517 442-3868. St. Brigid of Ireland pray for us.

Preparing for retirement is essential. As your Catholic partner for financial services the Knights of Columbus can help you reach your financial goals in retirement. With over \$100 Billion of life insurance in force, \$24 Billion of assets under management, and 42 consecutive years of superior ratings for financial strength from A.M. Best, you can be confident in the guarantees that you receive from the Knights of Columbus. For details, please visit www.kofc.org/liveyourfaith or call Nicolas Novak at 810 620-4240, his office at 877 857-6237, or email Nicolas.Novak@kofc.org. St. Maximilian Kolbe pray for us.

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



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-STEWARDSHIP REPORT-

July 26, 2026

Sunday \$3,864 - 75 env

Loose \$178

Mercy Fund \$115 - 8 env

Total \$4,157

Online Giving

Sunday \$2,446 - 31 env

Mercy Fund \$5 - 1 env

Monthly Pledge \$5 - 1 env

Total \$2,456

Overall Total \$6,613



Julian & Jordan Fonguh,
son and daughter of

Jude and Alyssa (White) Fonguh,
were baptized at Light of Christ-
Blissfield on Sunday, July 26.

God Bless you, Julian & Jordan!

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., August 4- 9:00am, St. Peter
† *the People of the Parish*

Wed., August 5- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus
† *Joe Frank*
by Scott & Rebecca Klemm

Thurs., August 6- 9:00am, St. Peter
† *Madeline Denecker*
by John & Debbie VanBelle

Fri., August 7- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus
† *Ted Forgiel*
by Tom, Kathy, & Chelsea Forgiel

Sat., August 8- 4:30pm, St. Peter
† *Joseph F. Clements*
by family

**Sun., August 9-
8:00am, St. Alphonsus**
† *Alice Hearl*
by Bob & Barb Rains

10:00am, St. Peter
† *Lorraine Brieschke*
by Frank & Donna Riley

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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