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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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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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Leanne Goodin: lgoodin@cass.net

MAINTENANCE STAFF

Jeff Simpson
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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.

September 6, 2026
Twenty-Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time



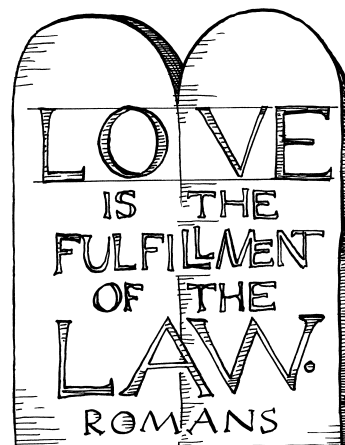
~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

Twenty-Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 6, 2026

Ezekiel 33:7-9
Romans 13:8-10
Matthew 18:15-20

Twenty-Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 13, 2026

Sirach 27:30-28:7
Romans 14:7-9
Matthew 18:21-35



-STEWARDSHIP REPORT-

August 30, 2026

Sunday \$4,601 - 73 env
Loose \$130
Mercy Fund \$40 - 1 env

Total \$4,771

Online Giving

Sunday \$1,396 - 26 env
Mercy Fund \$5 - 1 env
Monthly Pledge \$5 - 1 env

Total \$1,406

Overall Total \$6,177

WORKSHOP ON SPIRITUALITY AND NEUROSCIENCE

Would you like to learn about spiritual habits that can slow the aging in your cells, keep your brain healthy, reduce stress, and bring more happiness and compassion into your life? Popular speaker Anne Kertz Kernion will offer these tips and perspectives in her workshop, *Spirituality and Neuroscience: Nourishing our Well-Being at Weber Retreat and Conference Center*. The weekend program is scheduled to begin at **6:30 p.m. Friday, September 18, 2026, and conclude at 10:00 a.m. Sunday, September 20, 2026**. In addition to talks, the weekend will include contemplative time and optional creative art projects. No art skills are required.

The cost, including meals, is \$130 for commuters, \$250 per person double occupancy, and \$350 single occupancy. Registration is required. Visit www.webercenter.org and click on "programs," call 517-266-4000, or email webercenter@adriandominicans.org. Limited scholarships are available.

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM CATECHISTS & ASSISTANTS VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED 1st/2nd Grade Assistant & 5th Grade Catechists

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 and love for Jesus.

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!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBER NEWS

"Prayer can truly change your life. For it turns your attention away from yourself and directs your mind and heart toward the Lord." St. John Paul II. Please pray for the conversion of heretics, atheists, and agnostics. St John Paul II, Pope, pray for us.

A Prayer for Students and Teachers:

"Dear Lord, help students develop their special talents and work to their full potential, and grant teachers the love and understanding needed to teach and guide students entrusted to their care. We pray that all students grow intellectually as they listen to Your words and follow Your example during their school years and throughout their lives. Amen. St. Bartholomew the Apostle, pray for us.

Our Holy Father's September Intention: For

The Care of Water - Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

Knights are needed to give a Helping Hand to others including doing yard work, mowing lawns, or shopping for the homebound and elderly. Donating to the Food Pantries, sharing a good joke, and checking on the well-being of others is dearly appreciated. Delivering Meals on Wheels, collecting and saving scrap metal, or donating blood can be time well spent. To schedule your blood donations, please visit www.redcrossblood.org or call 800-733-2767. St. Rose of Lima pray for us.

Everyone is invited by the Knights of Columbus State Faith Director, Kevin Duffy, to join us for the LIVING ROSARY, at the State Capital lawn, Lansing Michigan, on September 13 at 2:00 pm. For details, please visit www.youtube.com/@mikofc7488. Our Lady of Lourdes pray for us.

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULING DEADLINE

The ministry scheduling for **October-December** will be completed soon. Please enter any dates that you are **NOT available** in the scheduling program **by NOON on Tuesday, September 15.**

You may also email those dates to lgoodin@cass.net or text/call Leanne at 734 637-4555.

Anyone interested in joining a new ministry should also contact Leanne. All are welcome and training is provided!

SWEEPSTAKES WINNER

The **\$250 Sweepstakes** winner for **August 2026** is of **Jane Brenke**, with ticket **#26-2709**. The ticket was sold by **Jane herself**, so she received an additional **\$20** as well.

Good luck to everyone in the September drawing!



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

September 12 Deerfield
September 19 Blissfield
September 26 Deerfield
October 3 Blissfield
October 10 Deerfield

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

OCIA or Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (formerly RCIA) is the process of entering the Catholic Church. OCIA is for adults who are searching for a deeper understanding of God and the mystery of faith at work in their lives. It is a spiritual journey open to the baptized, unbaptized, Catholic and non-Catholic alike. Do you attend the Catholic Church with a loved one and are willing to come and ask questions and learn more? Responding to God's call and His grace, "Inquirers" come together in regularly scheduled sessions to explore their faith.

If you or someone you know may be interested in learning more about this process, please speak to Fr. Jeff or contact the parish office.

REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE RETURNS NEXT WEEKEND

Beginning the **Sunday after Labor Day, September 13th**, the summer schedule 10:00am Mass will **return to 11:00am Mass** to accommodate the return of our Religious Education classes this year. Please be aware of this time change and plan accordingly.

YEAR OF THE FAMILY with Bishop Earl Boyea

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The family is the domestic church and the foundation of society. It is where future generations are born, educated, and formed, and where vocations to the priesthood and religious life most often take root. So, how can we help our families grow in holiness and happiness?

Beginning this September, I invite you to join me in a **Year of the Family**.

This new weekly catechetical series, introduced by me, will feature short films showcasing families from across the Diocese of Lansing. Each family will share how they are striving to live the Catholic faith more fully in their daily lives. Throughout the year, the series will explore family prayer, education, liturgical living, hospitality, discipline, and works of charity.

My sincere prayer is that the Year of the Family will encourage and inspire our families to live in ever greater harmony with God and with one another.

To sign up, simply text **YOTF** to **84576** or subscribe by email at www.dioceseoflansing.org/family.

I am, sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Earl Boyea
Bishop of Lansing

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

Gale LaVoy from Deerfield passed away on Wednesday, August 26 and her funeral was on Monday, August 31 at St. Alphonsus Church in Deerfield. Please keep Gale and her family in your thoughts and prayers.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Welcome back! Religious Education **1st-8th Grade** classes return on **Sunday, September 27th**. All families that were registered in RE last year were sent a registration packet in the mail. **New students (1st grade or older) please call the parish office** (517 447-3500) or email Deanna Burke, Director of Religious Education, at deannabdre@gmail.com and we'll mail you a registration packet and, if needed, a parish registration form.

We'll process registrations through the mail to **Light of Christ Parish, 222 Carey Street, Deerfield MI 49238** or you may **utilize the black drop boxes** at either site: next to the office door in Deerfield and at the side of the church in Blissfield. **Please return your registration forms no later than THIS Sunday, September 6th** so we may prepare for everyone. **We look forward to a great year ahead!**

-MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK-

Tues., September 8- 9:00am, St. Peter
† **Karen Wilson**
by Terry & Pat Reau

Wed., September 9- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus
† **Ted Forgiel**
by Jason & Megan Woods

Thurs., September 10- 9:00am, St. Peter
† **James Bramble Jr.**
by the Knights of Columbus

Fri., September 11- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus
† **the People of the Parish**

Sat., September 12- 4:30pm, St. Alphonsus
† **John Witt**
by family

Sun., September 13- 8:00am, St. Alphonsus
† **C.J. Karpinski**
by Pat Bischoff

11:00am, St. Peter
† **Mary LaRoy**
by John & Sue LaRoy

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	Ed Pifer
Mary Clemens	Kindt Pifer
Chris Dewart	Bob Rains
Shirley Dewart	Eva Ricker
Webb Drew	Brendan Robaszkievicz
Elaine Esper	Joseph Savarin
Kenneth Faust	Sharon Schadowald
Yvonne Gainsley	Harold Sears
Carmen Garcia	Pat Sears
Jennifer Gilson	Patricia Shannon
Ginger Goodin	Steve Shields
Katy Goodman	Becky Shusta
Makenzie Greer	Margaret Smith
Mike Haddix	Sue Spinazze
Penny Hashman	Dana Strickler
Lisa Hauser	David Stucker
Tammy Jarvis	Mike Trabbic
Susan Johnson	Stacey Ulrich
Karen Kaufman	Alice Van Staveren
Norma Kelly	Franz Van Staveren
Traci Knaggs	Heidi Vikar
Debbie Marietta	Flo Wentworth
Vinny Martinez	Harry Woodbury

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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