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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!

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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. Food will be delivered to vehicles parked in the church parking lot or in front of the building.

March 9, 2025
The First Sunday of Lent



~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

The First Sunday of Lent
March 9, 2025
Deuteronomy 26:4-10
Romans 10:8-13
Luke 4:1-13

The Second Sunday of Lent
March 16, 2025
Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
Philippians 3:17-4:1
Luke 9:28b-36

The Word
IS NEAR
you
IN YOUR
MOUTH
AND
IN YOUR
HEART

-STEWARDSHIP REPORT-

March 2, 2025

Sunday \$4,716 - 78 env
Loose \$42
Mercy Fund \$330 - 19 env
Home Mission \$5 - 1 env
Catholic Relief Services \$20 - 1 env
Total \$5,113

Online Giving

Sunday \$1891 - 28 env
Mercy Fund \$5 - 1 env
Total \$1,896

Overall Total \$7,009

SATURDAY 4:30 PM MASS SITE LOCATION 2024-25 SCHEDULE

March 15	Deerfield
March 22	Blissfield
March 29	Deerfield
April 5	Blissfield

SWEEPSTAKES WINNER

The **\$250 Sweepstakes** winner for **February 2025** is **Nancie Van Black of Deerfield**, with ticket **#25-2649!**

The ticket was sold by **Nancie herself**, so she received an additional **\$20**, as well.

Good luck to everyone in the **March 2025** drawing!

FRESH FOOD FRIDAY

Perishable (Fresh) Food Baskets

By the Knights of Columbus

in conjunction with St. Paul Lutheran Church, Blissfield & Blissfield Homeschool Association
Second Friday of Each Month
4:00pm until they run out

All in need are welcome to come **Friday, March 14**, to the **St. Peter the Apostle Church parking lot in Blissfield** to receive a box of fresh food beginning at 4:00pm until it's all gone, first-come first-served.

NO INCOME QUALIFIERS

SAVE THE DATE!!

Light of Christ Parish
VOLUNTEER

APPRECIATION

1950'S SOCK-HOP

Saturday, April 26
at the SALT Center

Fat Axe Grill Food Truck
is coming!

Invitations going out
soon! IT WILL BE A BASH!!

2025 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

"You are my Chosen Witnesses"

Thank you to everyone who has made a pledge to the Diocesan Services Appeal this year. If you have not yet made your gift decision, please consider doing so today. Envelopes are available in the pews and may be placed in the collection basket or returned to the parish office. Those wishing to make their commitment online may do so at www.dioceseoflansing.org/appeal. Remember, 50% of all contributions in excess of our parish goal will come back to our parish for local use.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

The ministry scheduling for **April-June** will begin soon. Please contact Leanne Goodin at lgoodin@cass.net or 734 637-4555 or enter in the online scheduler any dates you will **NOT** be available **by noon THIS Tuesday, March 11**.

We are looking for more Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Altar Servers. Please contact the office or Fr. Jeff for more information and to be included in the next April-June schedule. **Thanks!**

STEWARDSHIP FOR SAINTS AND SCHOLARS CAMPAIGN VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

How Can I Volunteer for the Stewardship for Saints and Scholars campaign?

The Stewardship for Saints and Scholars campaign invites every Catholic diocesan-wide to play a role in securing the future of our beloved faith. As a campaign volunteer, individuals/couples will assist Light of Christ in reaching our goals. Together, with other leaders at our parish, volunteers will serve as ambassadors on behalf of Bishop Boyea to fellow parishioners.

As a volunteer, you will:

- Only commit to three months of active campaigning.
- Attend two meetings during the campaign, which may involve travel to a neighboring parish.
- Personally follow-up with fellow parishioners to

answer their questions, share your passion for the initiatives and assist them in filling out a pledge card to the campaign if requested.

- Receive comprehensive campaign volunteer training.
- Attend meetings to learn about the progress of the campaign and report on the status of your visits.
- If you feel called to volunteer to help our parish in this landmark effort, please contact Father Jeff Poll or our Parish Office at 517 447-3500 or email lightofchristparish@gmail.com and we will provide you with additional details.

**Volunteer Orientation is THIS
Tuesday, March 11, 6:30-7:30pm, SALT Cr.**



KNIGHTS' NEWS

Peter began to say to Jesus, "We have given up everything and followed you." Mark 10:28. Let us pray for a generous increase of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated religious. Our Lady of Fatima pray for us.

ALL Knights, parishioners, families, and friends are invited to the Focus on Life 2025 Annual Benefit Dinner, April 3, at The Center Merillat Room, 1800 W. US 223, Adrian, MI. Doors open at 5:30 PM, Dinner & Program at 6:00 PM with special guest speaker Pastor Ken Stults. Reservations can be made by contacting Julie Moore at 517 902-3099, email lenaweer21@gmail.com or by mail at PO Box 264, Adrian, MI, 49221. Suggested donations are \$20 Student, \$50 Individual, or \$320 Table for 8. To go with the Knights please contact GK Nicolas Martinez at 517 442-3868. St. Casimir pray for us.

Knights are Pro-Life! 40 Days for Life, March 5 - April 13, is a peaceful prayerful campaign to end abortion through prayer, fasting, sacrificing, and peaceful vigil. Since 2007 we have helped save over 25,000 babies' lives, converted over 250 abortion workers, and closed over 150 abortion centers. For more information about local participation please visit www.40daysforlife.com/Toledo, contact Kevin Jorrey at kjorrey@toledodiocese.org, or call him at 419 214-4933. St. Perpetua and St. Felicity, Martyrs, pray for us.

Looking to save money on taxes? The Knights of Columbus offers Tax Deferred Annuities, IRA, and Roth IRA options that are safe, simple, and secure with a guaranteed lifetime interest rate providing a long-term accumulation of wealth. Additionally, Fraternal Benefits including Whole Life, Permanent, Term Life, Long Term Care, and Disability Income

Insurance are available for the Knight and his family. For details, please call or local Field Agent, Nicolas Novak at 810 620-4240 or email Nicolas.Novak@kofc.org. St. John of God pray for us.

Let us ask the Holy Spirit to change the hearts and minds of those people waging war in Russia and the Ukraine. Since the war began nearly 150,000 people have lost their lives and about 10,000,000 innocent men, women, and children including the families of many Knights have been displaced. To learn more or to make a donation to directly help these people please visit www.kofc.org/Ukraine. St. Katherine Drexel, Virgin, pray for us.

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

**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK**

Tues., March 11- 9:00am St. Peter
† Leslie Iott
by Dick & Barb Iott

Wed., March 12-9:00am, St. Alphonsus
† William Witt & Billy Witt
by family

Thurs., March 13- 9:00am, St. Peter
† the People of the Parish

Fri., March 14-9:00am, St. Alphonsus
† Joe Frank
by Sue Cousino

Sat., March 15- 4:30pm, St. Alphonsus
† Daniel Reed
by Chuck & Kathy Urban

**Sun., March 16-
8:00am, St. Alphonsus**
† Ted Forgiel
by Doug & Deanna Burke

11:00am, St. Peter
† Gustave J. Laroy
by Jim & Donna Reaume

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FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER**

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LENTEN SCHEDULE 2025

Wednesday, March 12:
Reconciliation/Confession: 7:00pm Deerfield

Friday, March 14:
Stations of the Cross: 7:00pm Deerfield

Wed., March 19: Soup & Substance Blissfld.
Soup Supper: 6:00pm
Scott Hahn Video: 6:30pm
Reconciliation (Confession): 7:00pm

Friday, March 21:
Stations of the Cross: 7:00pm Blissfield

Wednesday, March 26:
Reconciliation/Confession: 7:00pm Deerfield

Friday, March 28:
Stations of the Cross: 7:00pm Deerfield

Wednesday, April 2:
Eucharistic Adoration: 9:30am Deerfield
Reconciliation/Confession: 7:00pm Blissfield

Friday, April 4:
Stations of the Cross: 7:00pm Blissfield

Wed., April 9: Soup & Substance Deerfld.
Soup Supper: 6:00pm
Scott Hahn Video: 6:30pm
Reconciliation/Confession: 7:00pm

Friday, April 11:
Stations of the Cross: 7:00pm Deerfield

Sunday, April 13:
Palm Sunday, Beginning of Holy Week,
regular Mass times

EASTER TRIDUUM
The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum—from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery.

4/17: HOLY THURSDAY
Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00pm Blissfield

4/18: GOOD FRIDAY
Passion of the Lord, 7:00pm Blissfield

4/19: HOLY SATURDAY
Easter Vigil, 8:30pm Deerfield

4/20: EASTER SUNDAY
Resurrection of the Lord
8:00am Deerfield, **11:00am** Blissfield

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Tuesday, March 11
✱Saints & Scholars Campaign✱
Volunteer Orientation Meeting
6:30pm-7:30pm SALT Cr., Deerfield

Wednesday, March 12
✱Reconciliation/Confession✱
7:00pm Deerfield

Thursday, March 13
✱First Eucharist Class✱
Parent & Student Meeting
6:30pm Blissfield Hall

Friday, March 14
✱Stations of the Cross✱
7:00pm Deerfield


Sunday, March 16
✱El. & MS Religious Education✱
1st-8th Grade & Confirmation
9:50am-10:50am Blissfield

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

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|-------------------|----------------------|
| Kathleen Adams | Traci Knaggs |
| Rita Bausman | Gale LaVoy |
| Aiden Beaugard | Debbie Marietta |
| Linda Beham | Vinny Martinez |
| Mike Bomia | Joseph Mueller |
| Ella Borowski | Muriel Mueller |
| Ginger Borowski | John Musielewicz |
| Becky Branscum | Brenda Nagy |
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| Doris Bussing | Bev Pifer |
| Danny Butcher | Bob Rains |
| Linda Butcher | Eva Ricker |
| Nicole Cassidy | Brendan Robaszkiwicz |
| Stephen Cassidy | Joseph Savarin |
| Liam Cherry | Sharon Schadowald |
| Mary Clemes | Jeannie Schroeder |
| Karen Coopshaw | Harold Sears |
| Isabelle DeLaCruz | Pat Sears |
| Madeline Denecker | Steve Shields |
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| Webb Drew | Margaret Smith |
| George Eastwood | Kenneth Smolka |
| Elaine Esper | Melissa Stasko |
| Kenneth Faust | Emily Stevens |
| Jennifer Gilson | Dana Strickler |
| Reagan Gobel | David Stucker |
| Katy Goodman | Stewart VanPelt |
| Makenzie Greer | Alice Van Staveren |
| Tammy Jarvis | Franz Van Staveren |
| Susan Johnson | Flo Wentworth |
| CJ Karpinski | Rita Woods |
| Norma Kelly | Kristen Wright |

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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**SAVE THE DATES!
LENTEN SOUP & SUBSTANCE
Feed Your Body and Your Soul!**

Want to share your special soup?
There are **sign up sheets** in the back of each church so you can **bring a crockpot of soup** to one of our soup suppers. We're usually blessed with many different types of soup, so why not join in on the fun! **The Parish will provide bread, butter, and beverages.**

The soup suppers will be:
Wednesday, March 12, Blissfield &
Wednesday, April 2, Deerfield
6:00pm Soup Supper
6:30pm Substance (Scott Hahn Video)
7:00pm Reconciliation (Confession)

Please join us and, if you're able, consider signing up to bring a soup so we have enough and a variety for all.

**We look forward to seeing you at our
Lenten Soup & Substance!**



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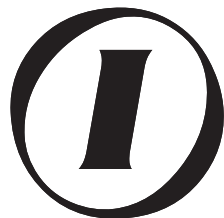
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