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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Closed to the public. Please phone or email staff.

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

Saturday Mass alternates sites at 4:30 PM. (See website for schedule.)

Weekend 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.

Saturday, Sunday

✠Private Individual Prayer✠

St. Alphonsus & St. Peter the Apostle Churches

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

BAPTISM - Contact the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays, 3:00-4:00 PM, at the 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 CHAIN

Contact Person - Millie Larson: 517-447-3636
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DAILY MASS CANCELLATION POLICY

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Please call the parish office for contact info.

PARISH COMMISSIONS

Finance Commission
Education Commission
Social Ministry Commission
New Evangelization Commission

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Altar Rosary Society
Knights of Columbus
Heritage Garden Club
Women of Prayer
Walking With Purpose

FOOD PANTRY

Open the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 1-3 PM at the Parish Center in Deerfield. Food will be delivered to vehicles parked in the church parking lot.

December 27, 2020

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

FAMILY TIME

The family is a jewel of God's creation. Our God---Father, Son and Holy Spirit---is a family. Just as individual humans are made in the image and likeness of God, so is the human family. For this reason, Satan seeks to destroy both the institution and our personal families. This is evident in the cultural and spiritual war against the family we see all around us. Many of us are also disheartened by discord in our own families.



Let us turn to the Holy Family for help. In Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, we see the human family as God intends it to be. Their home was uncorrupted by sin. Contemplate the harmony, warmth, love, and peace in the home of the Holy Family.

If there is pain, anger, or discord in your own family, call upon Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. If you feel discouraged by the apparent demise of the family in our society, pray to the Holy Family and know that the gates of hell shall not prevail.

DAILY & WEEKEND MASS ATTENDANCE

The obligation upon all Catholics to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended across the Diocese of Lansing until, at least, **FEBRUARY 16, 2021** at which time the dispensation may be extended.

Light of Christ Parish has prepared our churches and buildings to accommodate social distancing practices (and wearing face masks) for Daily and Weekend Masses as mandated by the State of Michigan and adhered to by the Diocese of Lansing.

Bishop Boyea has confirmed that public Masses – and sacraments and devotions – will continue under the present liturgical guidelines which accord with the highest standards of public health and hygiene relating to COVID-19.

In light of these new restrictions, parish halls will be closed and all parish gatherings prohibited. Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Patroness of the Diocese of Lansing, pray for us!

SATURDAY 4:30 PM MASS SITE LOCATION 2020-21 SCHEDULE

As a reminder, October 5, 2019 began our new rotating Saturday mass schedule with mass time at 4:30 pm.

A printed schedule is available at both sites, posted in the weekly bulletin, and on a link in the parish website at

www.lightofchristparish.com

to help keep everyone on track.

December 26

January 2, 2021
January 9
January 16
January 23
January 30
February 6
February 13
February 20
February 27
March 6
March 13
March 20
March 27
April 3 Easter Vigil:
April 10
April 17
April 24
May 1
May 8
May 15
May 22
May 29
June 5
June 12
June 19
June 26

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START THE NEW YEAR WITH A MINDFUL PAUSE

Begin the New Year with a healthy new practice: mindfulness. Participate in directed online mindfulness sessions that help you calm your mind and open your heart.

Sister Esther Kennedy, OP, offers four half-hour virtual sessions of A Mindful Pause at 4:00 p.m. EST on Thursdays, January 7, 14, 21, and 28. A Dominican Sister of Adrian, retreat leader, and spiritual director, Sister Esther has facilitated monthly Mindfulness Days at Weber Center for years.

Sessions can be accessed through live stream, <https://webercenter.org/mindful-pause/>. Recordings can be found at the same link on the day after each session.

A Mindful Pause is open to all people free of charge; donations are appreciated.

KNIGHTS' NEWS



Merry Christmas! And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:10-12. We pray for all the children, that they may know the love of Jesus!

We need new Knights. The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic fraternal organization and our main goals are Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. We focus on supporting our pastor, and protecting the widows and children of our members through our fraternal benefits program. All men in our parish are eligible to join. For details, please contact Stefano at 734 777-0393, Mark at 734 637-9254, or visit www.kofc/join for an online membership and use the code MCGIVNEY2020 before December 31 to receive one year of free dues.

The Knights of Columbus offers a complete portfolio of affordable top-quality products to our members and their eligible family members including Permanent Life Insurance, Term Life Insurance, Retirement Annuities including IRA and Roth IRA, Long Term Care Insurance, and Disability Income Insurance. For more information, please contact our Field Agent, Nicolas Novak at 810 620-4240 or email Nicolas.Novak@koc.org. Interested parishioners and all Knights can call our new General Agent, Benjamin J. Borrelli, at 877 857-6237.

Our next Council Meeting is scheduled for January 7, 2021 at 7:30 PM. We need to review the Faith, Family, Community, and Life Activities completed during 2020, and start developing an action plan for 2021. "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee."

"Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, I give you thanks and praise for all your many gifts and blessings, especially the love you shower upon me. Be with me, Lord, and bless me." Amen



Welcome to Forest Fabian LaVoy, son of Travis LaVoy and Rachael Clements who was baptized on Sunday, December 20 in Blissfield. May God bless you, Forest!

REALIGN RESOURCES FOR MISSION MEETING RESCHEDULED

On Thursday, January 7th at 7 PM the Diocese of Lansing Realign Resources for Mission Committee will VIRTUALLY meet with staff and parishioners in an effort to explain the reason, rationale and methodology of the Realign Resources for Mission process and, most importantly, to listen to parishioners response of the process and how it could, potentially, impact upon your parish positively or negatively.

The meeting will take place VIRTUALLY through Zoom and will be approximately 90 minutes long. The link to join the meeting through Zoom will be shared as soon as we receive it from the diocese. The meeting will consist of two components: First, a presentation on behalf of the Realign Resource for Mission Committee; Second, small group discussion followed by feedback from parishioners on your hopes and fears for the process; what you love or feel needs to be known about your parish; and any specific suggestions you may have for the future of your parish or the future of the diocese. All are most welcome. For more information please visit: <https://www.dioceseoflansing.org/realign-resources-for-mission>.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, December 29 - 9:00am, St. Peter

† Deacon Jim Martinez
by the Knights of Columbus

Wed., Dec. 30 - 9:00am, St. Alphonsus

† Theresa Alcott Emery
by Mick Payne

Thur., December 31 - 4:00pm, St. Peter

† Nora Cannon Forche
by Les & Cynthia Miller

Fri., Jan. 1 - Mary, the Holy Mother of God

9:00am, St. Peter

† Vivian Tack
by John & Anne Malburg

11:00am, St. Alphonsus

† Chester Stasko
by Bob & Cindie Kominek

Sat., Jan. 2 - 4:30pm, St. Peter

† Ramona Meyer
by Judy Long

Sunday, January 3 -

8:00am, St. Alphonsus

† Doug Scholl
by Doug & Deanna Burke

11:00am, St. Peter

† Joseph F. Clements
by Douglas & Alice Miller

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~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 27, 2020

Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3

Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

Luke 2:22-40

Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Friday, January 1, 2021

Numbers 6:22-27

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:16-21

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 3, 2021

Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

WORKSHOP FOCUSES ON INCARNATION

as Christianity's New Horizon

Noted writer, speaker, and workshop leader Diarmuid O'Murchu offers a virtual presentation, "Incarnation: Christianity's New Horizon," from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. EST Saturday, January 16, 2021, through Weber Retreat and Conference Center.

Diarmuid, a member of the Sacred Heart Missionary Order and a graduate of Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland, presents incarnation as a celebration of God's embodied presence – not only in the person of Jesus but in all forms of embodied presence that adorn creation. This newly expanded horizon carries several implications for how we are called to live out our faith today.

The cost to attend is \$30 and registration is required to receive the live stream link. Limited scholarships are available. Register at www.webercenter.org and click on "programs." Registrations may also be made by calling 517-266-4000 or emailing webercenter@adriandominicans.org.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK



Diocese of Lansing Seminarian
Brett Ivey, St. Mary, Williamston

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks and praise for your Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit to inspire holy, faithful men to minister as priests. Lord, we pray for your grace to encourage and support our seminarians as they endeavor to become priests. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Sisters of Mary, Morning Star
Sr. Theresa Immaculata Ohaeri

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks and praise for Your Son, Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit to inspire holy, faithful women to become Brides of Christ and serve your people. Lord, we pray that your grace and love be enough for this woman in discernment of consecrated life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

-STEWARDSHIP REPORT-

December 20, 2020

Sunday- \$3,477.00

Loose- \$30.00

Christmas- \$820.00

Christmas Flowers- \$80.00

Mercy Fund- \$120.00

Immaculate Conception- \$30.00

Retired Religious- \$80.00

CCHD- \$20.00

Initial Offering- \$50.00

Total Collection- \$4,657.00

Envelopes- 83

Online Giving- Sunday \$2,103.50, Mercy Fund \$10.00, Monthly Pledge \$7.50,

Total: \$2,121.00

31 envelopes

PARISH YOUTUBE "LIGHT OF CHRIST CHURCH BLISSFIELD-DEERFIELD"

Our parish now has a YouTube page to [livestream](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCv8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8) masses!

Please go to www.youtube.com and type "Light of Christ Church Blissfield-Deerfield" in the search bar. You can click on "subscribe" on our page for easy access in the future. The symbol for the page is a green circle with an L in the middle. Masses will be live-streamed into the halls for additional seating when the churches are filled to capacity; you can also watch **live** from home **during the regular mass times**. Masses and other parish events will **eventually** be recorded and accessible from home in this way!



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

Rita Bausman	Patricia Malmquist
Ella Borowski	JoAnn McKelvey
Becky Branscum	Emily Martinez
Audrey Brown	Shelly Molaro
Ron Coopshaw	Joseph Mueller
Isabelle DeLaCruz	John Musielewicz
Ann DeNudt	Bev Pifer
Webb Drew	Dan Reed
Carmen Garcia	Eva Ricker
Katy Goodman	Mary Rowe
Carmen Graham	Mary Sedlacek
Dale Graham	Jerry Sekulski
Makenzie Greer	Jim Sheldon
Joan Hamilton	Becky Shusta
Carrie Hartley	Lena Silva
Kristie Horkey	Alice Van Staveren
Ed Jacobson	Christopher Warner
Susan Johnson	Kristine Wells
Norma Kelly	Flo Wentworth
Marie Kieplinski	Mark Willaert
Jonah Kornberg	David Woods
Donna LaMonde	Rita Woods

Please call the parish office if you would like to receive the sacrament of Anointing 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.



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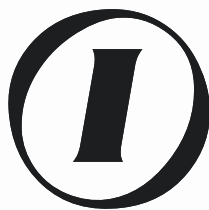
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