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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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PARISH COMMISSIONS

Finance Commission

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New Evangelization Commission

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

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Women of Prayer

Walking With Purpose

FOOD PANTRY

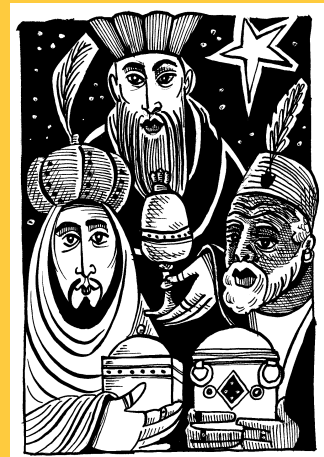
Open the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 1-3 PM at the Parish Center in Deerfield. Food will be delivered to vehicles parked in the church parking lot.

January 3, 2021

The Epiphany Of The Lord

SHARING THE LIGHT

"Your light has come," Isaiah says. He calls us to know God's presence, God's light on and around us. Isaiah tells the people of Israel that the light of God's blessings shines on them and beyond them. Some Israelites thought God's favor was exclusively theirs.



But God's light can be shared without diminishing it. Every year at Easter, the paschal candle, the Light of Christ, comes into a dark church, and its light is shared so the whole church glows. We proclaim a light divided but never dimmed. Epiphany celebrates God's light being revealed to all nations. The gospel, Paul says, has spread to the Gentiles. They have seen and received the light of Christ. Matthew tells of even earlier Gentile observers of that light, the Magi; "we saw his star at its rising, and have come to do him homage." The light that shone on the Magi shines on us. Jesus shares his light with us, and asks us to share it. The light of our faith may seem fragile but a small light can set the world on fire! Sharing the light of God's love, God's blessings, does not diminish it---it grows in strength as it is shared. Let's keep it burning brightly!

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.

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

**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



Happy New Year! When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshipped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. Mathew 2:10, 11. We pray for all who seek the Lord.

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."

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 Nicols.Novak@kofc.org. Interested parishioners and all Knights can call our new General Agent, Benjamin J. Borrelli, at 877 857-6237.

The Holy Father's Evangelization Intention: Human Fraternity - May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

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.org/join. St. Joseph pray for us.

THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to all who helped decorate the churches for Christmas this year, especially Finola Campbell and her crew of helpers from International BrassWorks who hung the large wreath in Blissfield. Everything looks so beautiful!

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, January 5 - 9:00am, St. Peter
† the People of the Parish

Wed., Jan. 6 - 9:00am, St. Alphonsus
† Julius Brown
by Rita Condron

Thur., Jan. 7 - 9:00am, St. Peter
† Paul & Sharon Dusseau
by Sharon Dusseau
60th Anniversary

Fri., Jan. 8 - 9:00am, St. Alphonsus
† Theresa Alcott Emery
by the Mueller Family

Sat., Jan. 9 - 4:30pm, St. Peter
† Eileen Perry
by Ron Svestka

**Sunday, January 10 -
8:00am, St. Alphonsus**
† Martha Brown
by Richard & Frances Rousseau

11:00am, St. Peter
† Carol Burgermeister
by DuWaine & Alice Miller

*Gentiles
are
co-partners
in the
promise
in
Christ Jesus
through
the
Gospel.
Ephesians*

~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

The Epiphany of the Lord
January 3, 2021
Isaiah 60:1-6
Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6
Matthew 2:1-12

Baptism of the Lord
January 10, 2021
Isaiah 55:1-11
1 John 5:1-9
Mark 1:7-11

**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.

**PARISH YOUTUBE
"LIGHT OF CHRIST CHURCH
BLISSFIELD-DEERFIELD"**

Our parish now has a YouTube page to [livestream](#) 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!

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KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK



Diocese of Lansing Seminarian
Daniel LaCroix, Christ the King, Ann Arbor

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.



Servants of God's Love
Sr. Lisa Zelfa

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 24/25, 2020
Sunday- \$27.00
Loose- \$331.00
Christmas- \$1,945.00
Total Collection- \$2,303.00

Envelopes- 47

December 26/27, 2020
Sunday- \$2,927.00
Loose- \$25.00
Christmas- \$240.00
Immaculate Conception- \$50.00
Mercy Fund- \$4.00
Retired Religious- \$20.00
Total Collection- \$3,266.00

Envelopes- 48

Online Giving- \$2,526.00, 26 Envelopes

**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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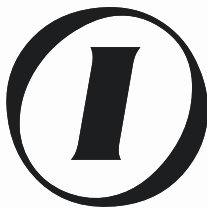
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