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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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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.

January 10, 2021
The Baptism of the Lord

PROMISES FULFILLED

In today's liturgy, Jesus is baptized by John, and God's voice proclaims Jesus to be the Beloved Son of God with the visible presence of the Holy Spirit bearing witness. Do you remember your baptism? Have you ever witnessed someone else's baptism?

What do you recall from these baptismal liturgies? In today's Scriptures, we do well to listen for echoes of our own baptism and the baptisms we have witnessed: water, Spirit, the Trinity, a faith-lined community gathered.



This gospel recounts the final event we celebrate in the Christmas season. The Christmas season looks beyond the baby in Bethlehem. Each feast peels back the layers a little further, each revealing the truth of Jesus of Nazareth from a different perspective. Jesus is the One whom God keeps the promises made through Isaiah. He will show to the world the glory, justice, power, and abundant love of God. And us? Through baptism into Christ, we share in his life in God and his promise-keeping mission in the world. Do you celebrate your baptism date anniversary? Today is a fitting time to do so.

HELP NEEDED TO UN-DECORATE THE CHURCHES

All of the Christmas decorations will be taken down this weekend after the Sunday masses. Please feel free to take home a poinsettia or two! If you are able to stay for a bit after mass and help pack things up, we could use your help! Thank you in advance.

God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. Hebrews 6:10

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!

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK



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.

Diocese of Lansing Seminarian
Christian Salata, 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 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.

Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matara'
Sr. Mary of the Holy Family Wohlfert

FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED

Our Food Pantry is in need of several staple items. Donations of the following can be dropped off at either church on the weekends or in the SALT Center on Tuesday or Thursday from 9am-5pm:

- Boxed Potatoes
- Rice-a-Roni
- Tuna
- Canned Fruit
- Ravioli
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Kleenex
- Hamburger Helper

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 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

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

Mary Josephine Sedlacek of Blissfield passed away on January 3 and a scripture service was held January 8. Please keep Mary and her family in your thoughts and prayers.



KNIGHTS' NEWS



As soon as Jesus was baptized, He came up out of the water. Then heaven opened up to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God coming down like a dove and lighting on Him. Then a voice said from heaven, "This is my own dear Son, with whom I am well pleased." Matthew 3:16-17. We pray for forgiveness and for purity through the inspiration of the life of Jesus.

Congratulations Knights and your families for many accomplishments during 2020. Now we need to complete the process by reporting our charitable acts, service hours, and rosaries recited during November and December to Frank, 517 264-6174, or Mike, 517 486-5966, so they can be included in our Annual Report for the Supreme. God bless you all. St. Joseph pray for us.

Please pray for a generous increase in vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life.

The annual March for Life in Washington D.C. will go on as planned on January 29, 2021. All the action begins with Mass at 8:00 AM then the March begins at 9:30 AM, and can be viewed in its entirety live on EWTN or at www.ewtn.com. For a list of Michigan March for Life events, please visit <https://mikofc.org/news>. O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.

New Knights Needed! The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic fraternal organization and our main goals are Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. We focus on supporting Father Jeff, and protecting the widows and children of our members through our fraternal benefits program. All men at least 18 years old are eligible to join. For details, please contact Mark at 734 637-9254, Stefano at 734 777-0393, or visit www.kofc.org/join. Questions about our fraternal benefits program can be answered by our Field Agent, Nicolas Novak, 810 620-4240 or email Nicolas.Novak@kofc.org. St. Alphonsus and St. Peter the Apostle, pray for us.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, January 12 - 9:00am, St. Peter
No Mass

Wed., Jan. 13 - 9:00am, St. Alphonsus
† People of the Parish

Thur., Jan. 14 - 9:00am, St. Peter
† Dorothy Burgermeister
by family

Fri., Jan. 15 - 9:00am, St. Alphonsus
† Nora Cannon Forche
by family

Sat., Jan. 16 - 4:30pm, St. Alphonsus
† Eileen Perry
by Ron & Leanne Goodin

**Sunday, January 17 -
8:00am, St. Alphonsus**
† Florine Forche
by family

11:00am, St. Peter
† Deacon Jim Hashman
4th Anniversary
by family



~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

The Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 2021

Isaiah 55:1-11

1 John 5:1-9

Mark 1:7-11

Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

January 17, 2021

1 Samuel 3:3b-10,19

1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a,17-20

John 1:35-42

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.

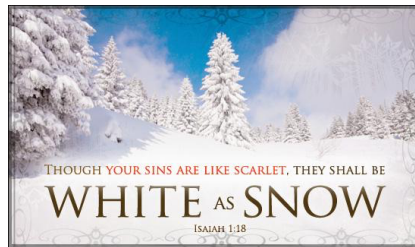
SWEEPSTAKES NEWS

The winner of the December Sweepstakes drawing is Brad Payne of Deerfield, lucky



ticket #20-2317, sold by him and Leanne. Hopefully the Sweepstakes will return in 2022.

Thank you all for your support of this successful fundraiser!



-STEWARDSHIP REPORT-

January 3, 2021

Sunday- \$3,830.00

Loose- \$25.00

Christmas- \$180.00

Initial Offering- \$60.00

Mercy Fund- \$85.00

Solemnity of Mary- \$395.00

Worldwide Evangelization Appeal- \$40.00

Home Mission- \$20.00

Total Collection- \$4,635.00

Envelopes- 100

Online Giving- \$20.00 Initial Offering, \$30.00

Mercy Fund, \$20.00 Solemnity of Mary,

\$1,664.00 Sunday

Total: \$1,734.00

25 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!

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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	Jerry Sekulski
Dale Graham	Jim Sheldon
Makenzie Greer	Becky Shusta
Joan Hamilton	Lena Silva
Carrie Hartley	Alice Van Staveren
Kristie Horkey	Christopher Warner
Ed Jacobson	Kristine Wells
Susan Johnson	Flo Wentworth
Norma Kelly	Mark Willaert
Marie Kieplinski	David Woods
Jonah Kornberg	Rita Woods
Donna LaMonde	

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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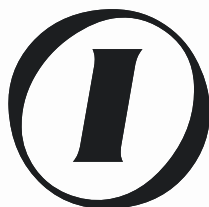
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