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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday and Thursday, 9:00AM-5:00PM, in Deerfield.

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.)

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 - 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

Not available at this time. Please contact the office to have someone added 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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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

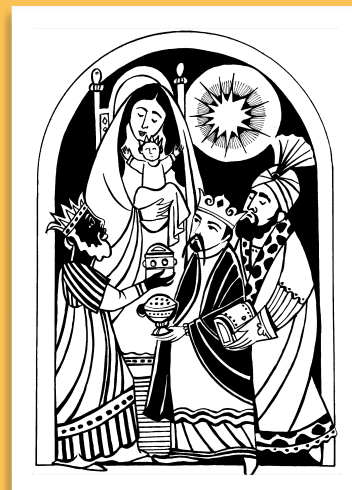
Open the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 1-3 PM at the Parish Center in Deerfield. Food will be delivered to vehicles parked in the church parking lot.

January 2, 2022
The Epiphany of the Lord

THE GREATEST LOVE STORY

When we fall in love with someone, we look for signs that they love us too. We want to show them our love. We shower them with gifts as tokens of our love. We also want it to be reciprocal, a two-way street. That is human nature.

The ancient world placed a lot of emphasis on signs. Sometimes they trusted signs more than the written or spoken word. The Scriptures contain many passages about signs. Today's gospel is full of signs and tokens of love. It is also a love story.



In it we see King Herod and astrologers, people whose job it is to interpret signs, looking for signs in the stars of the promised messiah. Herod sends the astrologers to follow a star and when they do, they find the baby Jesus. Recognizing the fulfillment of God's promise, they are filled with love and shower Jesus with signs of that love in the form of precious gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

But the greatest love story is in the baby the wise men find. This child is none other than God's only Son, the promised Messiah, the light to guide all of humankind out of darkness. What greater sign of love could God give to the world? Salvation through God's own Son!

SWEEPSTAKES TICKETS

Our Annual Light of Christ Parish Sweepstakes has returned this year! The money raised by this raffle has helped us finance major capital improvements in the parish and will also help with improvements at our cemetery.

Please find your tickets in alphabetical order in the boxed envelopes at both churches. Please take the envelope with your name on it. Each family has been given 12 tickets in the anticipation that you will be able to sell all of them. The suggested donation of each ticket is \$10.

The holder of each ticket is eligible to win \$250.00 every month of 2022. Each month the winning ticket will be returned to the drawing for the following months. The seller of each winning ticket will win \$20.00. Thank you for your support of our parish!!

Please return your sweepstakes tickets no later than January 16 to be included in the drawing on January 31. Thank you!

SATURDAY 4:30 PM MASS SITE LOCATION 2021 SCHEDULE

January 1	Deerfield
January 8	Blissfield
January 15	Deerfield
January 22	Blissfield
January 29	Deerfield
February 5	Blissfield
February 12	Deerfield
February 19	Blissfield
February 26	Deerfield

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION Hosted by the Women of Prayer

Please join us for Eucharistic adoration the first Wednesday of the month from 1:00-2:00PM. The next adoration will be Wednesday, **January 5** in Blissfield, alternating sites each month. All are welcome!

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

Joan Hamilton of Riga passed away on December 23 and her funeral was December 28. Please keep Joan and her family in your thoughts and prayers.



FUNERAL LUNCHEON VOLUNTEERS

The parish would like to resume the service of providing funeral luncheons for our parish family as soon as we are able. This important ministry is vital in helping families in mourning and taking care of our beloved dead.

Please prayerfully consider volunteering for this ministry, which involves setting up the hall, preparing the meal, baking cakes, serving during the luncheon, and cleaning up afterwards. **The more help we have, the easier it will be to provide this service that we will all appreciate having in our time of need.**

If you'd like more information or would like to be added to our volunteer list for this ministry, please contact the Parish Office at 517 447-3500.

DAILY DOSE OF MERCY

A Cenacle of Divine Mercy has been set up at St. Mary Cathedral in Lansing to make people more aware of God's amazing mercy. The following is an excerpt from St. Faustina's Diary:



"I want to give Myself to souls and to fill them with My love, but few there are who want to accept all the graces My love has intended for them. My grace is not lost; if the soul for whom it was intended does not accept it, another soul takes it."

NOTE: DAILY MASS CANCELLATION POLICY FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER

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TORNADO RELIEF COLLECTION January 8 & 9

Next weekend, January 8/9, we will be taking up a special collection to aid those affected by the recent tornado disasters. There will be a separate collection basket at each church. Checks should be made payable to Light of Christ Parish with Tornado Relief noted. Thank you for prayerfully considering this much needed aid.

KNIGHTS' NEWS



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year! The Word became a human being and, full of grace and truth, lived among us. We saw His glory, the glory which He received as the Father's only Son. John 1:14. We pray for all children, that they may know the love of Jesus.

Congratulations and thanks again to all those who contributed their time, talents, prayers, food, toys, transportation, muscle power, ingenuity, money, and energy to make our Christmas Basket & Giving Tree project a complete success. Let us continue to give a helping hand to others, including praying rosaries, donating blood, shopping for the elderly and homebound, sharing a good joke, and checking on the well-being of others. To donate blood, please contact the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or www.redcross.org. St. Nicholas pray for us.

Catholic radio and TV are available for your listening and viewing pleasure including live broadcasts of Mass for the homebound. Tune into Annunciation Radio at 89.7 FM or visit www.annunciationradio.com. Many Catholic TV experiences are available on YouTube including the Eternal Word Television Network. EWTN is also available on cable channel 213, dish, Roku or watch it live at www.ewtn.com. St. Claire of Assisi pray for us.

Looking to secure your family's future? 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, many Life Insurance options are available for the Knight and his family members. For details, please contact our local field agent, Nicolas, at 810 620-4240, email Nicolas.Novak@kofc.org, or visit www.kofc.org.

Conscience Rights for Healthcare Workers - We pray that governments will respect the consciences of all people who care for the sick and the vulnerable. "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee."

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



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, January 4- 9:00am, St. Peter
† Nora Cannon Forche
by family

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

Thur., January 6- 9:00am, St. Peter
† Joseph F. Clements
by American Legion Post 325

Fri., January 7- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus
† Julius Brown
by Terry & Deb Beurer & family

Sat., January 8- 4:30pm, St. Peter
Vigil
† Ronald Coopshaw
by Sharon Dusseau

**Sun., January 9-
8:00am, St. Alphonsus**
† Karl LaVoy
by Sue Cousino

11:00am, St. Peter
† Stephen Coopshaw
by the Knights of Columbus

THE WISDOM OF FULTON SHEEN

Please help yourself to a copy of the book "The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen" as a gift from the parish this Christmas season.

Fulton Sheen was one of the greatest communicators to ever live. He is famous for reminding millions of television viewers each week that "Life is worth living!" and was literally the face of Catholicism in the United States for forty years.

"The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen" is a powerful collection of writings that will encourage you to think differently about who you are, how your life is unfolding, what God is calling you to next, and what priorities will lead you to the peace and purpose you desire.

It contains daily quotes from Fulton Sheen for 365 days of inspiration. **Merry Christmas!**

ONLINE GIVING

Our online giving program format has changed a bit, so if you were previously able to log into the system you will need to log in and select "forgot password" and reset your password. We are still working out some glitches in the new system and will share further information next week. Thank you for your patience.

-STEWARDSHIP REPORT- December 24/25, 2021

Christmas- \$3,386.00
Sunday- \$975.00
Loose- \$288.00
Christmas Flowers- \$10.00
Initial Offering- \$140.00
Immaculate Conception- \$10.00
Solemnity of Mary- \$10.00

Total- \$4,819.00
95 Envelopes

December 26, 2021

Sunday- \$1,029.00
Christmas- \$265.00
Loose- \$95.00
Retired Religious- \$20.00

Total- \$1,409.00
39 Envelopes

Online Giving-

Sunday- \$1,976.00
Monthly Pledge- \$32.50
Mercy Fund- \$10.00

32 Envelopes

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Saturday, January 1
Happy New Year!



Sunday, January 2
✱No Religious Education✱
Break

Wednesday, January 5
✱Eucharistic Adoration✱
Blissfield, 1:00-2:00 PM

Thursday, January 6
✱Knights of Columbus Meeting✱
Blissfield, 7:00 PM

Sunday, January 9
✱El. & MS Religious Education✱
Deerfield, 9:00-10:00 AM
Blissfield, 9:50-10:50 AM
High School/Confirmation, 6:30-8:00 PM,
Deerfield

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY &
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO ALL
CELEBRATING IN JANUARY!!
MANY BLESSINGS TO YOU.**

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

Andrew Barrett	Norma Kelly
Rita Bausman	Marie Kieplinski
Rayna Beach	Jonah Kornberg
Ella Borowski	Gale LaVoy
Ginger Borowski	JoAnn McKelvey
Dale Bowman	Emily Martinez
Becky Branscum	Shelly Molaro
Larry Brenke	Arlene Mueller
Doris Bussing	Joseph Mueller
Robert Cannon	John Musielewicz
Sue Cozat	Lisa Osburn
Isabelle DeLaCruz	Bev Pifer
Ann DeNudt	Dan Reed
Webb Drew	Eva Ricker
Rose Forgiel	Mary Rowe
Carmen Garcia	Jim Sheldon
Ron Goodin	Becky Shusta
Katy Goodman	Lena Silva
Judy Curtis Governo	Jack Smith
Carmen Graham	Linda Staub
Dale Graham	Alice Van Staveren
Makenzie Greer	Christopher Warner
Mike Haddix	Kristine Wells
Carrie Hartley	Flo Wentworth
Jake Holmes	Mark Willaert
Kristie Horkey	Marie Woodbury
Ed Jacobson	Rita Woods
Susan Johnson	

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.

**We Are
Co-Partners
IN the
PROMISE.**
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~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

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

**The Baptism of the Lord
January 9, 2021**
Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22



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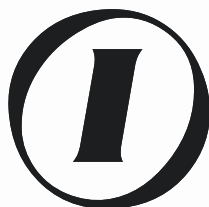
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