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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

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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 9, 2022

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 can listen for echoes of our own baptism and the baptisms we have witnessed: water, Spirit, the Trinity, a faith-filled 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 in 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 in his promise-keeping divine declaration: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Do you celebrate your baptism date anniversary? Today is a fitting time to do so.

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.

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!!

Tickets that were not picked up have been mailed. 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 8	Blissfield
January 15	Deerfield
January 22	Blissfield
January 29	Deerfield
February 5	Blissfield
February 12	Deerfield
February 19	Blissfield
February 26	Deerfield
March 5	Blissfield
March 12	Deerfield
March 19	Blissfield
March 26	Deerfield
April 2	Blissfield
April 9	Deerfield

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 an informational letter will be mailed soon to those currently using online giving. If you are interested in signing up, please call the office. Thank you for your patience.

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:



"Oh, how much I am hurt by a soul's distrust! Such a soul professes that I am Holy and Just, but does not believe that I am Mercy and does not trust in My Goodness. Even the devils glorify My Justice but do not believe in My Goodness. My Heart rejoices in this title of Mercy."

NOTE: DAILY MASS CANCELLATION POLICY FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER

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KNIGHTS' NEWS



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

January Rally For Life! On Monday, January 17, 2022, 11:30 AM, Pro-Lifers will gather at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 415 Ormsby St., Adrian for an inspirational message. We will then proceed to the courthouse steps to show our support for LIFE and hear from local dignitaries. No registration, Just Show Up! Vans available for those unable to walk. Email R2Lenawee@gmail.com or Facebook: Right to Life of Lenawee county Michigan.

Charity is our first principal. The Knights of Columbus is a family oriented fraternal service organization whose main principals are Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. We protect the widows and children of members through our fraternal benefits programs. Would you like to join us? For details, please contact Stefano Zanger, Nicolas Martinez, or visit www.kofc.org.

The Holy Father's 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.

The Knights of Columbus offers IRA, Roth IRA, and Tax Deferred Annuities that are safe, simple, secure and offer a guaranteed interest rate providing a long-term accumulation of wealth. For more information, please contact our local field agent, Nicolas, at 810 620-4240, email Nicolas.Novak@kofc.org, or visit www.kofc.org.

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

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, **February 2** in Deerfield, alternating sites each month. All are welcome!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, January 11- 9:00am, St. Peter
† Kenneth & Audrey Brown
by family

Wed., January 12- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus
† Florine Forche
by family

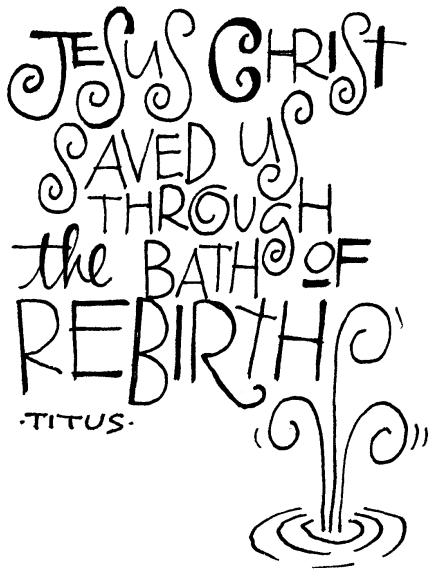
Thur., January 13- 9:00am, St. Peter
† People of the Parish

Fri., January 14- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus
† Charles & Josephine Szymanowski
by the Estate of Elizabeth G. Rost

Sat., January 15- 4:30pm, St. Alphonsus
Vigil
† Deceased members of DeCocker family
by John & Jeanne DeCocker

**Sun., January 16-
8:00am, St. Alphonsus**
† Patricia Brosamer Malmquist
by the Malmquist family

11:00am, St. Peter
† Jesse A. Escobedo
by Luis & Angie Escobedo



~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 16, 2022
Isaiah 62:1-5
1 Corinthians 12:4-11
John 2:1-11

FATHER DAVID HUDGINS



Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Father David Hudgins, Judicial Vicar of the Diocese of Lansing and Pastor of Saint Joseph Shrine in Brooklyn, who was killed in a car accident January 3. He was 53-years-old.

*Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest in peace. Amen.*

*May his soul and the souls of all the
faithful departed, through the mercy of
God, rest in peace. Amen.*

Workshop Focuses on Pursuit of Justice

Dominican Saints Thomas Aquinas and Catherine of Siena both wrote extensively on the need for virtue in the life of a Christian. Pope Francis also focused on virtue in his letter, *Rejoice and Be Glad*.

Sister Geneal Kramer, OP, a Dominican Sister of Adrian, explores these insights and the ways we can internalize virtues in our life journey. Her presentation, *The Pursuit of Justice and Other Needed Virtues*, is offered via live stream from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. EST on Tuesday, January 18, 2022. Sister Geneal, a retreat director and spiritual director, was a Professor of Practical Theology for St. Norbert College and Mount St. Mary Seminary in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The workshop is free and donations are appreciated. Registration is not required. The live stream is available at <https://webercenter.org/justice>.

For information, contact Weber Center at webercenter@adriandominicans.org or 517-266-4000.

-STEWARDSHIP REPORT- January 2, 2022

Sunday- \$2,473.00
Christmas- \$165.00
Mercy Fund- \$55.00
Loose- \$30.00
Retired Religious- \$30.00
Initial Offering- \$36.00
Solemnity- \$421.00

Total- \$3,210.00
85 Envelopes

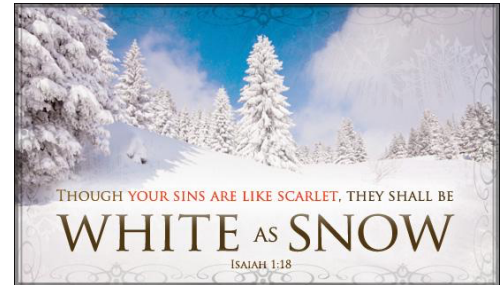
Online Giving-
Sunday- \$1,588.50
Christmas- \$20.00
Mercy Fund- \$30.00
Undesignated- \$20.00
Total- \$1,658.50

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

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

Wednesday, January 12
✱Food Pantry Open✱
Deerfield, 1:00-3:00 PM

Sunday, January 16
✱All Religious Education✱
Break, no classes.



**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
Katy Goodman	Becky Shusta
Kim Gordon	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.



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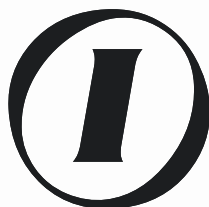


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