

# LIGHT OF CHRIST

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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!

### PARISH STAFF

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#### MAINTENANCE STAFF

Kim Diver - Director

#### PASTORAL COUNCIL

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 or in front of the building.

May 1, 2022  
Third Sunday of Easter

### MEETING THE LORD

There are times when we feel like the disciples in today's gospel. We're not sure when or if the Lord might return and we don't know what we are supposed to do as we wait. For me, this was the case during the pandemic, when I was not able to enter a church. I related to the disciples, not knowing what to do without my routine connection to the Lord.



When reading how Jesus appeared to the disciples after the resurrection, I reflect on times when I did not initially recognize Jesus' presence in my own life. I am reminded that it is not always through his presence in the flesh, but rather the compassionate action of others that we see Jesus in our lives.

Today's gospel is not just about the challenges of recognizing the Lord. It is also about how Jesus approached Peter, reminding him that he is forgiven and still invited to follow. It is not only about seeing Jesus through the actions of others, but is about responding to Jesus' invitation, so that those whom we meet may also see the Lord.

## 2022 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

*Getting close to goal!!*

This week we reached 78.35% of our DSA goal. Thus far 113 families have contributed to this year's appeal. We are grateful for these contributions and invite others to join together to push us over goal for the benefit of our parish and the wider church.

If you have not yet made a gift or a pledge, we invite you to do so today. Gift envelopes are available in church or the parish office. Or you may submit your gift online at [www.dioceseoflansing.org/appeal](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/appeal). Your DSA gift will support the vital services and ministries that help bring the love of Christ to all we encounter.

Goal- \$27,164.00  
Pledges- \$21,281.00  
Percent of Goal- 78.35%  
Estimated Donors- 113  
Estimated Participation Rate- 22.66%

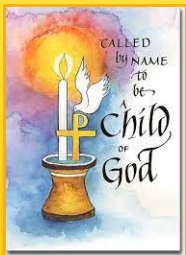
*Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.*

Marie Woodbury of Deerfield passed away on April 25 and her funeral was April 29. Please keep Marie and her family in your thoughts and prayers.



## Congratulations!

Welcome to Lucy Jo Bunge, daughter of Joel and Shelby (Bay) Bunge, who was baptized on Saturday, April 23, in Deerfield. May God bless you, Lucy!



Welcome to Carter Lee Payne, son of Tyler and Jenna (Manor) Payne, who was baptized on Sunday, April 24, in Deerfield. May God bless you, Carter!

## 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 this Wednesday, **May 4** in Blissfield, alternating sites each month. All are welcome!

## FIRST EUCHARIST CELEBRATION

### MAY 2022

Congratulations to the following children as they receive their First Holy Communion this spring:

Jack Franzen  
Brooklyn Hensen  
Zoja Lewandowski  
Cody McCleary  
Brynn Salenbien  
Klayton St. Clair  
Noah Zeigler

God Bless You!



*May God, who brought you to this special day continue to direct your life in His perfect way.*



O Mary,  
we crown thee with flowers today,  
Queen of the Angels and  
Queen of the May!

## "METAL FOR MEALS"

Saturday, May 14, 8am-12pm

The Knights of Columbus will be having a Scrap Metal Drive at Light of Christ in Blissfield parking lot on May 14. This is a major fundraiser for their Holiday Food distribution and Christmas Basket program.

All metals are needed including brass, copper, aluminum, stainless steel, cast iron, bronze, steel, iron, and carbide. Auto, truck, tractor, marine, and lawn mower batteries are accepted. No donation is too small. Your generosity is appreciated!!



## KNIGHTS' NEWS



The disciples had rowed about three or four miles when they saw Jesus walking on the water, coming near the boat, and they were terrified. "Don't be afraid," Jesus told them, "It is I!" John 6: 19, 20.

The Holy Father's Intentions: Faith Filled Young People - We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service. Peace in the Ukraine - Our Father, Hail Mary, O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.

The Scrap Metal Drive to raise funds for our holiday food programs is Saturday, May 14, 8:00 AM to Noon at the St. Peter parking lot. All metals including brass, copper, steel, carbide, iron, bronze, stainless steel, and aluminum are needed. Auto, truck, tractor, marine, and lawn tractor batteries are accepted. Please see the "Metal for Meals" ad for more details. St. Mark, Evangelist, pray for us.

Help Wanted! Knights will be needed to help with the Scrap Metal Drive. Please volunteer at the May 5, 7:00 PM, meeting or come to the St. Peter parking lot on Saturday morning, May 14. A 2-hour donation of your time is greatly appreciated. St. Phillip & St. James, Apostles, pray for us.

Supreme Knight Kelly calls on all Knights worldwide to pray for peace and stand in solidarity with the Ukrainian people. To give your gift for temporary shelter, food, clothing, medical supplies, communications, and religious supplies to displaced Ukrainian people, please donate to the Ukrainian Solidarity Fund. These items will be immediately distributed and 100% of your gift will go directly to these displaced people. For more information or to make an online donation, please visit [www.kofc.org/Ukraine](http://www.kofc.org/Ukraine). To donate by mail, make your checks out to Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc., and write on the memo line "Ukraine Solidarity Fund" then send it to Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc., P.O. Box 1966, New Haven, CT 06510-1966. Thank you!

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

## BULLETIN AD

A small ad space is available on the back page of the weekly bulletin. The cost is \$60.00 annually. Please call the office if you are interested or have any questions.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

**Tuesday, May 3- 9:00am, St. Peter**  
✠ Sharon Cambal  
by Jeanne Smith

**Wed., May 4- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus**  
✠ Bob Shettleroe  
by John & Joan Witt

**Thur., May 5- 9:00am, St. Peter**  
✠ the People of the Parish

**Fri., May 6- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus**  
✠ Rose Forgiel  
by Jack & Yvonne Gainsley

**Sat., May 7- 4:30pm, St. Alphonsus**  
*Vigil*  
✠ Norman and Madonna LaVoy  
by family

**Sun., May 8-  
8:00am, St. Alphonsus**  
✠ Beatrice Rodela  
by family

**11:00am, St. Peter**  
✠ John Cousino  
by Sue Cousino

## SATURDAY 4:30 PM MASS SITE LOCATION 2022 SCHEDULE

|              |                  |
|--------------|------------------|
| <b>May 7</b> | <b>Deerfield</b> |
| May 14       | Blissfield       |
| May 21       | Deerfield        |
| May 28       | Blissfield       |

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**Wednesday, May 4**  
✠Eucharistic Adoration✠  
St. Peter, 1:00-2:00 PM

**Thursday, May 5**  
✠Knights of Columbus Meeting✠  
Blissfield, 7:00 PM

## ~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**May 1, 2022**  
Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41  
Revelations 5:11-14  
John 21:1-19

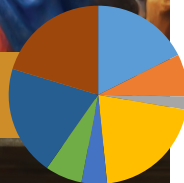
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 8, 2022**  
Acts 13:14, 43-52  
Revelation 7:9, 14b-17  
John 10:27-30



*"STIR UP ONE  
ANOTHER TO  
love and good works"*  
(Hebrews 10:24)



## EXPENSES FISCAL YEAR 2021



MAKE A DONATION ONLINE AT:  
[WWW.DIOCESEOF Lansing.ORG/APPEAL](http://WWW.DIOCESEOF Lansing.ORG/APPEAL)

For assistance, please contact:  
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517.253.8792

## What is the purpose of the Diocesan Services Appeal (DSA)?

The DSA is an annual appeal, meaning gifts are used to sustain the ongoing, day-to-day work of the Church in our Diocese. Our contributions are put to work, right away, in a multitude of ministries and activities. The dollars are not invested or reserved for future use.

## How are DSA contributions used?

Contributions are used to fund the ministries, programs, and services that offer direct assistance to individuals and families and to our parishes, schools, and affiliated Catholic organizations. These include, but are not limited to:

- Adoption and Foster Care Services
- Building and Property Management
- Campus Ministry
- Care for our Priests – Active and Retired
- Catechesis and Catechist Formation
- Catholic Charities Works of Mercy
- Catholic Schools
- Communications and Technology
- Consecrated Vocations
- Diaconate Formation and Support
- Discipleship and Lay Formation
- Evangelization Initiatives
- Faith-Based Counseling
- FAITH Magazine
- Hispanic Ministries
- Hospital Ministry
- Human Resources and Legal Services
- Marriage and Family Programs
- Marriage Tribunal Services
- Natural Family Planning and Life Ministries
- Outreach Ministries
- Parish Financial Services
- Pregnancy Counseling and Services
- Professional Services for Parishes
- Religious Education
- Restorative Justice/Prison Ministry
- Retreats and Conferences
- Sacramental Records and Archives
- Seminarian Education and Formation
- St. Francis Retreat Center
- The Catholic Foundation
- Worship and Liturgical Resources
- Young Adult Vocational Formation
- Youth Formation

DSA contributions are the primary source of income for the Central Services Fund of the Diocese of Lansing. A report of the Central Services Fund expenses in fiscal year 2021 is provided below.

## Is my annual DSA gift really needed?

Yes. The annual support of the faithful across the diocese is critically important to fund our active, ongoing ministries. All gifts, of any size, will provide needed support for ministries that benefit your parish and the mission of the Catholic Church throughout the diocese.

## Will DSA funds be used for costs related to the sexual abuse of minors?

No. DSA funds have not been nor will be used for costs related to abuse. Nor are DSA funds diverted to help pay abuse costs in other dioceses.



## -STEWARDSHIP REPORT- April 24, 2022

Sunday- \$3,160.00  
Loose- \$81.00  
Easter- \$550.00  
Catholic Relief- \$50.00  
Mercy Fund- \$70.00  
Ascension- \$2.00  
Peters Pence- \$50.00  
Home Missions- \$10.00  
Total- \$3,973.00  
105 Envelopes

Online Giving:  
Sunday- \$1,930.50  
Monthly Pledge- \$7.50  
Mercy Fund- \$10.00  
Total- \$1,948.00  
32 Envelopes

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

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

*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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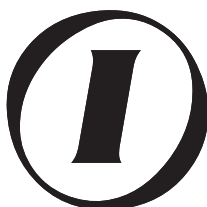


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