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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

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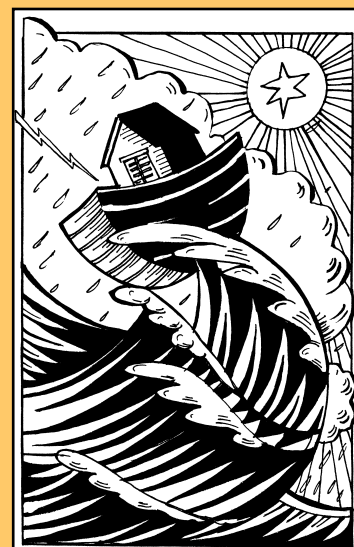
Open the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 1-2 PM at the Parish Center in Deerfield. Food will be delivered to vehicles parked in the church parking lot or in front of the building.

November 27, 2022

First Sunday of Advent

Connecting with God

We can easily get caught up in the events of life. These moments may be as mundane as driving children to activities, or as serious as a health crisis. These matters can cut us off from the presence of God in our lives.



In today's readings, Isaiah, Paul, and Matthew urge us to pay attention to the present moment and to be aware of the presence of God in our lives. When we pay attention to our experiences, we can start to see God's hand in everything. That will change the way we see ourselves and how we relate to the world around us. Our situation may not change, but our ability to move through the situation will change. We will live in a way that is different from the world around us, as Isaiah, Paul, and Matthew teach in the readings.

As we celebrate the Eucharist today, let us pray for the grace to turn our thoughts constantly towards God. Whether we are sitting in traffic, or experiencing stress and crisis, every moment is an opportunity to connect with God and change our attitudes, values, and actions.

BELOVED DEAD

November 2021-October 2022

In November we remember in a special way those who have gone before us in death in the past year. A candle will be lit in remembrance of each individual at every weekend liturgy throughout the month. We especially remember those who have been buried from our parish since last November:

Michael Fouts

Joan Hamilton

Rose Forgiel

Diana Dusa

Sharon Cambal

Mary Jane Estes

Helen Moreno

Arlene Mueller

Jerome Foley

Marie Woodbury

Thomas Bischoff

Michael "Mick" Prochaska

Jimmy Barta

Luann Noelanders

Paul Dusney

Sharon Wells Brown

Emilia "Emily" Martinez

Mildred Larson



RECONCILIATION OPPORTUNITIES

**Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00pm
during Advent**

All Parishioners are invited to come for individual confession.

The following schedule alternates sites:

**November 30: Blissfield
December 7: Deerfield
December 14: Blissfield
December 21: Deerfield**

NEW BREAKING BREAD MISSAL!

2 Books in 1

Our missals now include music, so there will be only 1 book in the pews beginning with Advent.

SWEEPSTAKES TICKETS ARE HERE!

Our Annual Light of Christ Parish Sweepstakes has returned! The money raised by this raffle has helped us finance major capital improvements in the parish. Your support brought in **\$17,750** last year! **Thank you!**

Please find your 2023 sweepstakes tickets in alphabetical order in the boxed envelopes at both churches. Please take the envelope with your name on it and save the parish the expense of high-postage mailing costs. 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**. It's a great value because each ticket has **12** chances to win!

The holder of each ticket is eligible to **win \$250.00 every month of 2023**. 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**. **They make super stocking stuffers and Christmas gifts! A recent winner received their ticket as a Christmas gift last year.** Winners will receive a check in the mail and will be announced in the bulletin each month.

Please return ticket stubs with legible and complete information and make checks payable to **"Light of Christ Parish"**; please return any unused tickets as well. Tickets and payment should be returned to the Parish Office in Deerfield, in the offertory basket, or the drop boxes at both churches no later than **January 18, 2023**, to be included in the January drawing. Good luck and thank you for your support of our parish!!

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, December 7 in Deerfield** and alternating sites each month. All are welcome!

The Cenacle of Eucharistic Apostles of The Divine Mercy

I desire that you make an offering of yourself for sinners and especially for those souls who have lost hope in God's mercy. (*St. Faustina Diary, 308*)

KNIGHTS' NEWS



"My Jesus mercy." Our Christmas Basket project is in full swing and all Food Donations as well as Giving Tree Toys with tags attached

need to be returned to either church by the end of each Mass on Sunday, December 4. We need many volunteers on December 4, 9, 11. All helpers who choose to wear masks and gloves will be respected at all times. Please choose as many things to do as you wish. For more information, please see the Giving Tree & Grocery Bags ad in the bulletin or contact Rudy at 517 270-2232. St. Elizabeth of Hungary pray for us.

Sunday, December 4-

Put away tables and chairs after the 11:00 AM Mass, then set up St. Peter Hall for the Christmas Baskets.

Friday, December 9-

FOOD- 9:00 AM - Knights with pickups and vans meet at the St. Peter parking lot and then pickup groceries and gifts from the donating churches and generous benefactors. No Truck? Not a Knight? No Problem! We need at least 8 people to unload vehicles.

GIVING TREE - 9:00 AM - We need many volunteers throughout the morning and early afternoon to organize and wrap gifts. "There is no such thing as too much help!"

UNPACK & SORT GROCERIES - 10:00 AM - We need many parishioners to unpack and sort the many grocery bags. All work should be finished during the afternoon. There will be no network this year.

Sunday, December 11, Noon-

Lunch and then load vehicles beginning with destination Deerfield. We need any parishioner with a pickup or full-sized van to deliver a group of food and gift boxes to Blissfield, Riga, Palmyra, and the surrounding countryside. Vehicles will line up at the south end of the church hall and exit the church driveway. Later we will need a separate cleanup crew. Please contact Rudy for more details. God Bless everybody. St. Nicholas pray for us.

Please say a prayer of thanksgiving for all those volunteers who generously contribute their time, talents, energy, and funds to our parish throughout the year.

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Tuesday, Nov. 29- 9:00am, St. Peter
† Charles & Josephine Szymanowski
by the Estate of Elizabeth G. Rost

Wed., Nov. 30- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus
† The Barta Family
by Kathy Barta

Thursday, Dec. 1- 9:00am, St. Peter
† Frederick J. Rost
by Ursula & Fred Rost, II

Friday, Dec. 2- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus
† the People of Parish

Saturday, Dec. 3- 4:30pm, St. Alphonsus
† Adrian & Nona Reed
by Dan & Cheryl Reed

**Sunday, December 4
8:00am, St. Alphonsus**
† Carl & Florine Forche
by family

11:00am, St. Peter
† Luann Noelanders
by Greg & Diane Slack

~ HOLY DAY & CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE ~

**Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday, December 8**
9:00am, Blissfield
7:00pm, Deerfield

**Christmas Eve
Saturday, December 24:**
4:00pm, Blissfield
6:00pm, Deerfield

**Christmas Day
Sunday, December 25:**
9:00am, Deerfield
11:00am, Blissfield

~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

**First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2022**
Isaiah 2:1-5
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:37-44

**Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2022**
Isaiah 11:1-10
Romans 15:4-9
Matthew 3:1-12

GIVING TREE & GROCERY BAGS

The Giving Trees are set up at each site now. Please take a gift tag or two and bring the corresponding wrapped gift with tag attached back to church by the **end of mass on Sunday, December 4.** (all tags are for toys only)

Empty grocery bags with a suggested food list are available at each church also. If you are able, please take home a bag and return it with non-perishable food items for the K of C Christmas basket project by **December 4.** The Knights of Columbus appreciate your kindness!

PART-TIME CUSTODIAL POSITIONS

Light of Christ Parish has two part-time custodial positions available to provide basic cleaning (i.e. sweep, mop, vacuum, clean bathrooms) for the church, office, hall, and classrooms in Blissfield and Deerfield.

The positions are for two separate individuals, one for each location. If one person would like to do both locations (Blissfield and Deerfield), just let us know.

Please contact Fr. Jeff or the Parish Office at 517 447-3500 for more information.

-STEWARDSHIP REPORT-

November 13, 2022

Sunday- \$3,239.00
Loose- \$90.00
Mercy Fund- \$75.00
Total Collection- \$3,404.00
75 Envelopes

Online Giving:
Sunday- \$1,043.00
Mercy Fund- \$11.00
Total Online Collection- \$1,054.00
23 Envelopes

November 20, 2022

Sunday- \$3,890.00
Loose- \$86.00
Mercy Fund- \$90.00
Christmas Flowers- \$75.00
All Saints- \$5.00
Military Services- \$315.00
Total Collection- \$3,404.00
112 Envelopes

Online Giving:
Sunday- \$1,545.00
Mercy Fund- \$15.00
Monthly Pledge- \$7.50
Total Online Collection- \$1,568.00
29 Envelopes

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, November 27
✠No Religious Education✠
Thanksgiving Break

Wednesday, November 30
✠Individual Reconciliation✠
Blissfield, 7:00-8:00 PM

Sunday, December 4
✠El. & MS Religious Education✠
Deerfield, 9:00-10:00 AM
Blissfield, 9:50-10:50 AM
HS/Confirmation, Deerfield 9:00-10:00 AM

✠Giving Tree & Grocery Bags Due✠
Please bring to masses



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

Rita Bausman	Susan Johnson
Carolyn Bielski	Norma Kelly
Ella Borowski	Marie Kieplinski
Becky Branscum	Jonah Kornberg
Larry Brenke	Gale LaVoy
Doris Bussing	Shelly Molaro
Linda Butcher	Joseph Mueller
Robert Cannon	John Musielewicz
John Carrizales	Bev Pifer
Nicole Cassidy	Dan Reed
Stephen Cassidy	Eva Ricker
Liam Cherry	Mary Rowe
Isabelle DeLaCruz	Joseph Savarin
Webb Drew	Jeannie Schroeder
Kenneth Faust	Pat Sears
Carmen Garcia	Jim Sheldon
Ron Gerber	Becky Shusta
Katy Goodman	Lena Silva
Judy Curtis Governo	Jack Smith
Carmen Graham	Alice Van Staveren
Dale Graham	Franz Van Staveren
Makenzie Greer	Christopher Warner
Mike Haddix	Kristine Wells
Carrie Hartley	Flo Wentworth
Kristie Horsey	Mark Willaert
Ed Jacobson	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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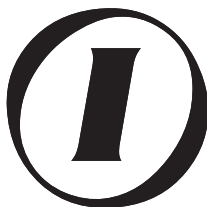


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