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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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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 1-2 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.

January 15, 2023

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Behold, the Lamb of God

I today's gospel, we hear these familiar words from John the Baptist: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." During each Eucharistic celebration we hear these words and then repeat them three times—personalizing, affirming, and professing—"Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world." The triple repetition of these words is purposeful: for the emphasis, following long-standing tradition, and the spiritual significance of the number three.



Can we truly believe this? Did Jesus take away the sin of the world? John the Baptist knew Jesus, and his testimony and his experience convinced his listeners, including us today, that it is indeed true. The power of such an act—taking away the sin of the world—is quite beyond comprehension. As believers, we have faith that this is true. Jesus' sacrifice was for the world and for each one of us. With this knowledge of our forgiveness, we can also believe Isaiah—that the Lord formed each one of us from the womb. We can also pray with St. Paul that the peace of Christ can be ours.

PLEASE RETURN SWEEPSTAKES TICKETS

All Sweepstakes Tickets that were not picked up in church have been mailed to parishioners.

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!!

SAVE THE DATE!!
~EUCHRE NIGHT~
Saturday, January 21
after 4:30pm Mass

St. Peter's Church Hall
A light lunch will be served and
Euchre will begin at 6:00pm.

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

DAILY DOSE OF MERCY



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

"My daughter, your struggle will last until death. Your last breath will mark its end. You shall conquer by meekness." (St. Faustina Diary, 1597)

FOOD PANTRY

Just a reminder that our Light of Christ Food Pantry will resume normal monthly operation, the second Wednesday of the month, from 1:00-2:00pm inside the parish office in Deerfield. Anyone in the Deerfield, Petersburg, Blissfield, Britton area in need is welcome to use the Pantry. Donations of food, paper products, and toiletries are always welcome!

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES LOST

January/February envelopes were lost in mailing and the envelope company has provided us with unlabeled envelopes; they are available at the back of church.

Please be sure to legibly print your name and include your envelope number if you know it, or use a loose check. You may also designate "Sunday" collection, "Mercy Fund", etc. on your envelope.

THANK YOU for your understanding and generosity!

LITURGICAL MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

With many of our ministers away for the winter (lucky dogs!), we welcome any new volunteers. **We're especially in need of Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors for every Mass.** Please contact Fr. Jeff or call the Parish Office at 517 447-3500 for more information; **scheduling is controlled by you** through our online system or by contacting the office!

Free training provided and many rewards in heaven!!

PARISH YOUTUBE "LIGHT OF CHRIST CHURCH BLISSFIELD-DEERFIELD"

Our parish has a YouTube page to live-stream masses!

Please go to www.youtube.com and put "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.

On Sundays,
the 8:00am and 11:00am Masses will be
live-streamed at the TIMES OF MASS
ONLY (not saved online).

NOTE: DAILY MASS CANCELLATION POLICY FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER

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KNIGHTS' NEWS



Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Matthew 2:13. We pray for refugees, newborns, and homeless people.

All parishioners and their guests are invited to join the fun at Euchre Night next Saturday, January 21, St. Peter Hall, after the 4:30 PM Mass. A light lunch will be served and play will begin at 6:00 PM.

On Friday, January 20, 9:30 AM, EWTN will air the 50th Annual March for Life "live" from Washington D.C. . EWTN can be viewed at D&P Cable 213, Dish 261, DIRECT TV 370, and live streamed at www.ewtn.com/tv. On Monday, January 23, the Day of Prayer For The Legal Protection of Unborn Children, we are asked to gather with friends and families to pray, fast, and sacrifice to save the lives of the unborn. St. Vincent, Deacon & Martyr, and St. Marianne Cope, Virgin, pray for us.

Red Bird ministries (RBM) is a non-profit, pro-life, and pro-family, Catholic grief support ministry serving individuals and couples who have experienced the loss of a child beginning with pregnancy through adulthood. RBM helps families who have been given an extraordinary cross to carry. For details and to get started on the healing process, please visit <https://www.redbird.love>. O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Amen.

Please pray for a generous increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated religious. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and St. Anthony pray for us.

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



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Tuesday, Jan. 17- 9:00am, St. Peter
✠ Tom Bischoff
by Frank & Mary Ann Dobberstein

Wed., Jan. 18- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus
✠ Jimmy Barta
by Ramona Scholl

Thursday, Jan. 19- 9:00am, St. Peter
✠ the People of the Parish

Friday, Jan. 20- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus
✠ Rose Forgiel
by Bob & Barb Rains

Saturday, Jan. 21- 4:30pm, St. Peter
✠ Nora Cannon Forche
by Kevin Kucera

**Sunday, January 22-
8:00am, St. Alphonsus**
✠ Mike Prochaska
by Warren O'Leary

11:00am, St. Peter
✠ Tom Bischoff
by Linda & Steve Brown



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

~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 15, 2023**
Isaiah 49:3, 5-6
1 Corinthians 1:1-3
John 1:29-34

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 22, 2023**
Isaiah 8:23-9:3
1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17
Matthew 4:12-23

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 on **Wednesday, February 1 in Deerfield** and alternating sites each month. All are welcome!

Virtual Presentation Focuses on Thomas Aquinas and his 'Fierce Wisdom' for Hard Times

St. Thomas Aquinas, a Dominican Friar, was a fierce proponent of science and religion working together in the revelation of God's creation. Episcopal priest and theologian Rev. Matthew Fox, PhD, explores the relevance of St. Thomas Aquinas for our world today during a live stream presentation, *The Tao of Thomas Aquinas: Fierce Wisdom for Hard Times*. The program is offered by Weber Retreat and Conference Center from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. EST on Thursday, January 26, 2023.

In his presentation, Rev. Fox explores a number of Thomas Aquinas' rich teachings, including the "original goodness" and love of God in everyday things; the primacy of conscience; the common good; compassion and justice; and non-dualism.

The cost for the presentation is \$20. Registration is required to receive the live stream link. Registration is available at www.webercenter.org; click on "programs." Registrations may also be made by calling 517-266-4000 or emailing webercenter@adriandominicans.org. Limited scholarships are available.

~STEWARDSHIP REPORT~

January 1, 2023
Sunday- \$2,712.00
Christmas- \$725.00
Loose- \$122.00
Solemnity of Mary- \$570.00
Total- \$4,129.00
90 Envelopes
Online Giving-
Sunday- \$1,268.00
Mercy Fund- \$5.00
Total- \$1,273.00
25 Envelopes

January 8, 2023
Sunday- \$2,923.00
Christmas- \$50.00
Loose- \$71.26
Mercy Fund- \$17.00
Solemnity of Mary- \$196.00
Total- \$3,257.26
68 Envelopes
Online Giving-
Sunday \$1,138.00
Mercy Fund \$5.00
Total- \$1,143.00
22 Envelopes

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, January 15
✠Religious Education Break✠

Sunday, January 21
✠K of C Euchre Night✠
after 4:30 PM Mass
light lunch, Euchre at 6:00 PM

Sunday, January 22
✠El. & MS Religious Education✠
Deerfield, 9:00-10:00 AM
Blissfield, 9:50-10:50 AM
NO HS/Confirmation

SATURDAY 4:30 PM MASS SITE LOCATION 2023 SCHEDULE

January 14	Deerfield
January 21	Blissfield
January 28	Deerfield
February 4	Blissfield
February 11	Deerfield
February 18	Blissfield
February 25	Deerfield
March 4	Blissfield
March 11	Deerfield
March 18	Blissfield
March 25	Deerfield

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

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

Please call the parish office if you would like to receive the sacrament of 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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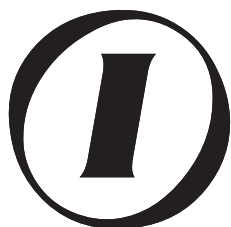


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