



# LIGHT OF CHRIST

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday and Thursday, 8:00AM-4:00PM, in  
Deerfield. (summer hours)

### 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: 10:00 AM (starting June 4)

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

#### PASTOR

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email material to: lgoodin@cass.net

#### 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

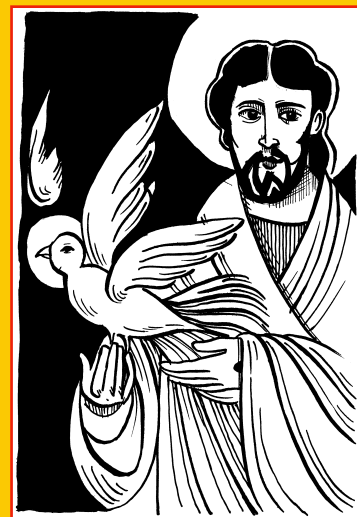
#### FOOD PANTRY

Open the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 1-2  
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.

May 28, 2023  
*Pentecost Sunday*

### Kites and possibilities

A long, tight bundle of brightly colored paper,  
wrapping two narrow lengths of flexible  
wood, cost one shiny quarter 50 years ago.  
Carefully unroll it, place the slotted ends of  
the sticks into string loops glued into place on  
the outer seam of the flattened diamond-  
shaped paper, then tie string where the sticks  
crossed and .... voila! You had a kite! Add  
some long strips of sheet from the rag bin for a  
tail, then off to the park!



The breeze caught the kites as we ran. Our  
spirits soared along with our paper flyers.  
Anything seemed possible. "We were all  
made to drink of one Spirit." Somewhere  
along our lives' path, fear joined us, dreams  
dimmed. Like those women and men gathered  
together so long ago, we also worry about  
what will become of us. Like them, we need  
to hear a sound "like a strong driving wind"  
and see, as they did, "tongues, as of fire." The  
Spirit touched them, breaking the bonds of  
their fear. It touches us too! As St. Paul says,  
"the manifestation of the Spirit is given for  
some benefit." Hear him say, "Peace be with  
you."

Dear Bothers and Sisters of Light of Christ Parish,

I would like to thank you all for your continued prayers, support, and contributions over the years. As you know, the parish has been doing a lot of renovations and maintenance the last several years, tuck-pointing, plastering, painting, lighting, electrical, heating, and air conditioning units totaling \$132,588.53.

We are now looking at our largest expense to date, repairing and replacing roofs at both of our locations. The roof on St. Alphonsus church is in need of repair and the St. Peters church roof and a rubber roof at St. Peters needs to be replaced. The estimated cost is approximately \$211,000.00, possibly more if there any underlying issues with water damage or dry rot. This is a large amount of money for our small parish, but we have also been saving as much as we can for these situations. Roofs are a top priority, essential to keeping our buildings structurally sound. The repairing and replacement is going to reduce our savings by almost half, but it is something that is needed for the longevity of the parish. Our savings accounts at TLC and Lansing total \$450,405.00.

Unfortunately, our buildings will always have issues that need to be taken care of, and that leads me to asking for your continued support. Just as everyone has experienced over the last few years the price increases in insurance, utilities, payroll, and taxes, the parish shares in that experience. The yearly expenses for the parish in 2015-2016 averaged just over \$158,000 and in 2022-2023 our average expenses are just over \$226,000, a \$68,000 increase. The ability to put money back into our savings is becoming harder every year. I would like to encourage everybody to prayerfully discern increasing your Sunday contributions, and only if you are able, as every little bit helps. My desire is that Light of Christ parish continues to be a light for others. Thank you for your consideration.

God Bless,  
Fr. Jeff

#### A Note of Thanks...

Thank You for the prayers, cards and visits during my stays in the hospital and rehab and at home. I am getting better.

Elwood Reau

#### FIRST EUCHARIST CELEBRATIONS MAY/JUNE 2023

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

Jacob Bieber  
Cody McCleary

God Bless You!



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

#### MEMORIAL DAY MASS St. Alphonsus Cemetery Monday, May 29, 2023 8:00AM Mass



Coffee & Donuts afterwards  
In case of rain, Mass will be at  
St. Alphonsus Church

#### SUMMER SCHEDULE REMINDER (after Memorial Weekend until after Labor Day Weekend)

Beginning this Tuesday, **May 30**, the  
Parish Office hours in Deerfield will move  
to **8:00am-4:00pm** for the summer.

Beginning next Sunday, **June 4**, the  
Sunday Mass in Blissfield will move to the  
summer schedule of **10:00am**.



#### KNIGHTS' NEWS



"Welcome Holy Spirit!"  
And there appeared to them  
tongues of fire, distributed  
and resting on each one of  
them. And they were filled  
with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in  
tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.  
Acts 2:3,4. We pray for our Confirmed and  
First Communicants as well as all of their  
intentions.

On Memorial Day we remember. "It is  
rather for us to be here dedicated to the  
great task remaining before us -- that from  
these honored dead we take increased  
devotion to the cause for which they gave  
their last full measure of devotion -- that we  
highly resolve that these dead shall not have  
died in vain -- that this nation, under GOD,  
shall have a new birth of freedom -- that the  
government of the people, by the people, for  
the people, shall not perish from the earth."  
*President Abraham Lincoln*. We pray for  
those courageous men and women who  
made the ultimate sacrifice during their  
service to our country.

Congratulations to all Graduates! May all  
of God's blessings be yours, and may you be  
able to say "I am blessed" each and every  
day. We invite all Knights and parishioners  
to say a Rosary for you and your families.  
Our Lady of Fatima pray for us.

Thank you and Congratulations to all who  
contributed to a very successful Scrap Metal  
Drive. A special "Thank you" goes out to  
the Knights and parishioners who helped  
sort, load, and procure the metal and  
batteries. Another special "Thank you"  
goes out to those who used their trucks and  
trailers to take metals to the recycler. God  
bless everybody.

We need Knights for the Memorial Day  
Parade this Monday, May 29, 10:30 AM, St.  
Peter parking lot. St. Francis of Assisi, pray  
for us.

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

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon., May 29- 8:00am, Memorial Day**

**St. Alphonsus Cemetery**

† In memory of those who died  
in service to our country

**Tues., May 30- 9:00am, St. Peter**

† Emma Jean Brown  
by family

**Wed., May 31- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus**

† the People of the Parish

**Thur., June 1- 9:00am, St. Peter**

† Tom Bischoff  
by Richard & Linda Judson

**Fri., June 2- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus**

† Richard Laberdee  
by family

**Sat., June 3- 4:30pm, St. Peter**

† Joseph F. Clements  
by Mark & Leslie Lloyd

**Sun., June 4-  
8:00am, St. Alphonsus**

† Connor Ramsey  
by Bill & Marian Howard

**11:00am, St. Peter**

† In Honor of all 2023 Graduates

## SATURDAY 4:30 PM MASS SITE LOCATION 2023 SCHEDULE

<b>June 3</b>	<b>Blissfield</b>
June 10	Deerfield
June 17	Blissfield
June 24	Deerfield
July 1	Blissfield
July 8	Deerfield
July 15	Blissfield
July 22	Deerfield
July 29	Blissfield

## ~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

### Pentecost Sunday

**May 28, 2023**

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11  
1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13  
John 20:19-23

### The Most Holy Trinity

**June 4, 2023**

Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9  
2 Corinthians 13:11-13  
John 3:16-18

## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Dear High School Graduates,

Congratulations on your graduation! Your parish also celebrates this important milestone in your life. We would like to honor you by listing the high school graduates in the parish bulletin and weekly email post.

If you'd like to be included, please email  
Deanna Burke, DRE at  
[deannabdre@gmail.com](mailto:deannabdre@gmail.com)

**NO LATER THAN Sunday, May 28,  
(Pentecost Sunday)**

in order to be in the weekend bulletin of  
June 4, a few sentences including:

- **Your name as you'd like it to appear**
- **Parents/guardian's names**
- **High School you are graduating from**
- **Future plans (university/college you plan to attend or other future plans you'd like to share)**
- **Please limit to a few sentences so there is room for all.**

The parish will also recognize and bless the graduates in their cap and gown at Mass. Since we alternate sites and in 2022 the Mass was in Deerfield, this year it will be at

**10:00 Mass on Sunday, June 4, in  
Blissfield.**

Please email Deanna Burke  
([deannabdre@gmail.com](mailto:deannabdre@gmail.com)) your  
information to share and whether or not  
you will attend the 10:00 Mass on  
June 4.

## -STEWARDSHIP REPORT-

### May 21, 2023

Sunday- \$3,609.00  
Loose- \$90.00  
Mercy Fund- \$72.00  
Ascension- \$205.00  
Total- \$3,976.00  
92 envelopes

### Online Giving-

Sunday- \$2,173.50  
Mercy Fund- \$15.00  
Monthly Pledge- \$7.50  
Ascension- \$10.00  
Total- \$2,206.00  
35 envelopes

### DSA-

Goal- \$26,718.00  
Pledges- \$31,311.00  
117.19% of goal  
Estimated donors- 149  
Estimated participation rate- 28.99%

## DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL 2023

"Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving." This text from the Book of Psalms reminds each of us of how we are to respond to the many gifts we have been given by God, and that *greatest gift*: the gift of His Son in the Holy Eucharist. Many blessings from God call forth from us many thanks, even sacrificial thanks.

Thank you to everyone who has made a gift or pledge to DSA. This week we surpassed our goal of \$26,718. Now that we have reached our goal, one-half of all additional contributions received will be returned to our local parish for our use. If you have not yet made a pledge, please consider supporting our appeal with a gift that will benefit the work of Christ in our parish and through the wider church. You may submit your gift online at [www.dioceseoflansing.org/appeal](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/appeal) or with a DSA pledge envelope to the parish office.



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

Rita Bausman	Marie Kieplinski
Aiden Beauregard	Traci Knaggs
Ella Borowski	Gale LaVoy
Ginger Borowski	Debbie Marietta
Becky Branscum	Shelly Molaro
Larry Brenke	Joseph Mueller
Doris Bussing	John Musielewicz
Linda Butcher	Bev Pifer
John Carrizales	Dan Reed
Nicole Cassidy	Eva Ricker
Stephen Cassidy	Mary Rowe
Liam Cherry	Joseph Savarin
Isabelle DeLaCruz	Sharon Schadewald
Larry Denecker	Jeannie Schroeder
Colin Dietrich	Harold Sears
Webb Drew	Pat Sears
Kenneth Faust	Jim Sheldon
Carmen Garcia	Becky Shusta
Jennifer Gilson	Lena Silva
Katy Goodman	Jack Smith
Judy Curtis Governo	Alice Van Staveren
Carmen Graham	Franz Van Staveren
Dale Graham	Nancie Van Black
Makenzie Greer	Janet Venturelli
Mike Haddix	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 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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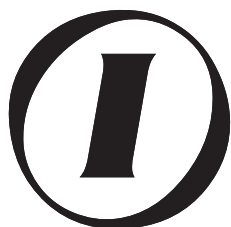


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