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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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PASTORAL COUNCIL

Please call the parish office for contact info.

PARISH COMMISSIONS

Finance Commission
Education Commission
Social Ministry Commission
New Evangelization Commission

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Funeral Luncheon Committees
Knights of Columbus
Heritage Garden Club
Women of Prayer

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.

September 10, 2023

The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Palpably present

My young family went on a trip without me. It was the first time I'd ever been away from my youngest child for any substantial time. As my crew exuberantly burst through the front door upon their return, I was overcome by the reality of being with them. To be present contained a goodness and a fullness of life that was a bit staggering, especially after many days apart.

Anyone reunited with others after an absence on account of work, school, or pandemic lockdowns can undoubtedly relate to what it means to be physically with someone—really, tangibly present. It enables a unique, restful confidence in their love, a delight in their person, a peace and unmistakable joy at being together. Such presence is priceless.



Jesus assures in today's gospel, when we gather with others in his name, he is there. Really there. Like my kids at their homecoming, Jesus is palpably present—and with no less exuberance. He's teeming with life and blessings. We can rejoice in his person, relax in his nearness, trust in his unfathomable love.

SWEEPSTAKES RAFFLE

The **\$250 Sweepstakes** winner for August 2023 is **Joshua Nowak**, with ticket **#23-2306**! The ticket seller is **Terri Nowak**, with a **\$20** prize for her, as well.

Good luck to everyone in the September drawing!

MAINTENANCE POSITION OR POSITIONS AVAILABLE

The parish is looking for part time maintenance help at both sites; one

person can do both or only one site if they prefer. For more information, please contact Fr. Jeff.



ALL SENIORS (AGES 55 & OLDER) OF:

Holy Family Parish • Light of Christ,
Sacred Heart Parish • St. Mary on the Lake
St. Anthony of Padua • St. Elizabeth

INVITED TO JOIN US

Senior Appreciation MASS & LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY

OCT
4

10:30 AM

HOLY FAMILY PARISH - ST. MARY'S CAMPUS
305 DIVISION ST, ADRIAN, MI

Please join Bishop Boyea for this special celebration as an expression of thanks for your service, dedication, prayers, and devotion throughout the years.

Please make your reservation by Friday, September 29th by calling the Parish you attend.

NOTE: There's **NO COST** to you, but please **rsvp by Tuesday, September 26th** so we can report an accurate number for lunch from our parish when our office is open.
Thank you!

BULLETIN ADVERTISING AVAILABLE

Advertising space on the backside of the bulletin is available. Please call the parish office 517 447-3500 for more information.

APPLE FEST PARISH PICNIC

Because you're the apple
of His eye!

NEXT Sunday, September 17, 2023
MASS AT 10:30 AM IN THE PARK

Bachmayer Park Pavilion
113 S. Monroe Street, Blissfield
(St. Peter Hall if inclement weather)

Please RSVP: by **THIS Tuesday,**
September 12 by calling the Parish
Office at 517 447-3500 or
email lightofchristparish@gmail.com.
You may consider bringing a lawn chair.

PICNIC AFTER MASS: hotdogs &
hamburgers, pasta salad, potato salad,
coleslaw, baked beans, potato chips

Drinks: apple cider, lemonade, iced tea,
coffee, water

Apple Pie Baking Contest
Children's Crafts & Games

Cornhole
Door Prize Raffle

Q: Why did the apple pie go to the
dentist?

A: Because it needed a filling!

BONUS: A truck driver stopped at a roadside diner for lunch and ordered a cheeseburger, coffee and a slice of **apple pie**. As he was about to eat, three bikers walked in. One grabbed the trucker's cheeseburger and took a huge bite from it. The second one drank the trucker's coffee, and the third wolfed down his **apple pie**. The truck driver didn't say a word as he paid the waitress and left. As the waitress walked up, one of the motorcyclists growled, "He ain't much of a man, is he?"

"He's not much of a driver, either," the waitress replied. "He just backed his 18-wheeler over three motorcycles."

Please join your parish family
for a fun afternoon!

THANK YOU!

A special **thanks** goes out to
Doug Burke, Jeff & Casey Molnar,
Nick Scholl, and Fr. Jeff for putting down
new mulch around the rectory in
Blissfield. It looks great and we appreciate
your hard work!

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Beginning **THIS Tuesday, September**
12, the Parish Office in Deerfield will
return to the regular schedule on
Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00am
until 5:00pm.



Happy Birthday Blessed Virgin Mary! And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God

my Savior, for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden. For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me and holy is his name." Luke 1:46-49. We pray for childless couples and all family members.

A Prayer for Students and Teachers:

"Dear Lord, help students develop their special talents and work to their full potential, and grant teachers the love and understanding needed to teach and guide students entrusted to their care. We pray that all students grow intellectually as they listen to Your words and follow Your example during their school years and throughout their lives. Amen."

Come one, come all, and join the fun at **Euchre Night on Saturday, September 23, after the 4:30 PM Mass at St. Peter's Church Hall**. A light lunch will be served and Euchre will begin at 6:00 PM.

Wanted: Scrap Metal! The Knights' Scrap Metal Drive to help fund our holiday food projects is **Saturday, October 7, 8:00 AM to Noon, at the St. Peter Church Hall parking lot**. All metals including brass, bronze, copper, aluminum, carbide, stainless steel, cast iron, tin, iron, and steel are needed. Auto, truck, tractor, boat, and lawn tractor batteries as well as electric motors are accepted. For details, please call Mark at 734 637-9254. No donation

is too small. St. Teresa of Calcutta, pray for us.

Please pray for a generous increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconry, and consecrated religious, and pray for the victims of floods, fires, wind storms and hurricanes. St. Januarius, pray for us.

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tues., Sept. 12- 9:00am, St. Peter
† Tom Bischoff
by Delores Thorn

Wed., Sept. 13- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus
† Florine Forche
by family

Thur., Sept. 14- 9:00am, St. Peter
† Emma Jean Brown
by family

Fri., September 15- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus
† Charles & Josephine Szymanowski
by the Estate of Elizabeth G. Rost

Sat., September 16- 4:30pm, St. Alphonsus
† Elva Rau
by Brad, Jenni, & Sophie Witt

Sun., September 17- 8:00am, St. Alphonsus
† Rose Forgiel
by Marie Kasperek

10:30am, Bachmayer Park, Blissfield
† the People of the Parish

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2023-2024 WELCOME BACK!

We're proud to offer an affordable Religious Education Program that provides formation opportunities for the children and youth of Light of Christ Parish to grow in their faith. We support each family in their role as the primary instructors to their children, demonstrating how to live our Catholic faith on a daily basis. Together, we work to

develop disciples of Christ.

REGISTRATION: All families that were registered in RE last year received a registration packet in the mail. If you're a new student, please call the office and we'll mail you a registration packet. We'll process registrations through the mail to **Light of Christ Parish, 222 Carey Street, Deerfield MI 49238** or you may utilize the black drop

boxes at either site. Please return your registration forms by **THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.**

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (4 & 5 year olds at Deerfield Site) and 1st-8th

Grade: classes begin on **Sunday, September 24th** from 9:00-10:00 in **Deerfield** and from 9:50-10:50 in **Blissfield**.

Please feel free to contact Deanna Burke (Office: 517 447-3500, email deannabdre@gmail.com) with any questions you may have regarding our programs.

Happy Back-to-School!

SATURDAY 4:30 PM MASS SITE LOCATION 2023-24 SCHEDULE

September 9 Blissfield
September 16 Deerfield
September 23 Blissfield
September 30 Deerfield
October 7 Blissfield

-STEWARDSHIP REPORT- September 3, 2023

Sunday \$5,088 - 89 env
Loose \$62
Mercy Fund \$212 - 15 env
Help Spread The Faith \$20 - 1 env
Divine Mercy Sunday \$170 - 4 env
Total \$5552.00

Online Giving
Sunday \$1326 - 24 env
Mercy Fund \$5 - 1 env
Total \$1,331.00

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

RCIA or Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process of entering the Catholic Church. RCIA is for adults who are searching for a deeper understanding of God and the mystery of faith at work in their lives. It is a spiritual journey open to the baptized, unbaptized, Catholic and non-Catholic alike. Do you attend the Catholic Church with a loved one and are willing to come and ask questions and learn more? Responding to God's call and His grace, "Inquirers" come together in regularly scheduled sessions to explore their faith.

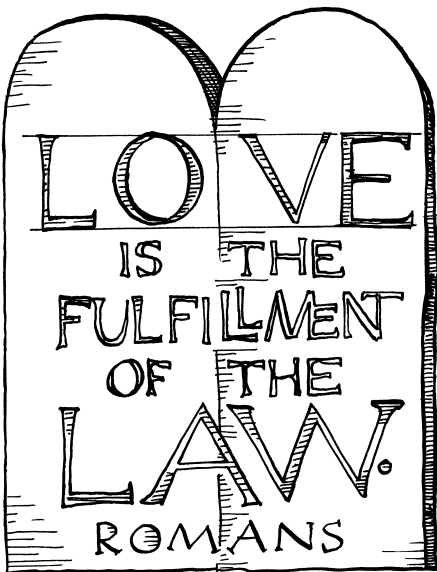
If you or someone you know may be interested in learning more about this process, please speak to Fr. Jeff or contact the parish office.

HAPPY Birthday and HAPPY Anniversary to all celebrating in September! MANY BLESSINGS TO YOU!

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

Rita Bausman	Norma Kelly
Aiden Beauregard	Marie Kieplinski
Larry Bielski	Traci Knaggs
Ella Borowski	Gale LaVoy
Ginger Borowski	Debbie Marietta
Becky Branscum	Shelly Molaro
Larry Brenke	Alice Mueller
Doris Bussing	Joseph Mueller
Linda Butcher	John Musielewicz
John Carrizales	Bev Pifer
Nicole Cassidy	Dan Reed
Stephen Cassidy	Eva Ricker
Liam Cherry	Joseph Savarin
Isabelle DeLaCruz	Sharon Schadeewald
Colin Dietrich	Jeannie Schroeder
Webb Drew	Harold Sears
Kenneth Faust	Pat Sears
Carmen Garcia	Jim Sheldon
Jennifer Gilson	Becky Shusta
Katy Goodman	Lena Silva
Judy Curtis Governo	Jack Smith
Carmen Graham	Alice Van Staveren
Dale Graham	Franz Van Staveren
Makenzie Greer	Janet Venturelli
Ed Jacobson	Kristine Wells
Susan Johnson	Flo Wentworth
CJ Karpinski	Kristen Wright
	Mark Willaert
	Rita Woods

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.



~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 10, 2023
Ezekiel 33:7-9
Romans 13:8-10
Matthew 18:15-20

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 17, 2023
Sirach 27:30-28:7
Romans 14:7-9
Matthew 18:21-35



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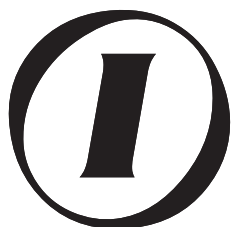


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