



# LIGHT OF CHRIST

## CATHOLIC PARISH

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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

#### PASTOR

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#### MAINTENANCE STAFF

Kim Diver - Director  
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Jeff Simpson

#### 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.

January 7, 2024  
The Epiphany of the Lord



### ~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

The Epiphany of the Lord  
January 7, 2024

Isaiah 60:1-6  
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6  
Matthew 2:1-12

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 14, 2024

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19  
1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20  
John 1:35-42

Gentiles  
are  
co-partners  
in the  
promise  
in  
Christ Jesus  
through  
the  
Gospel.  
ephesians

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**Sunday, January 7**

✠*El. & MS Religious Education*✠

Deerfield, 9:00-10:00 AM

Blissfield, 9:50-10:50 AM

**Confirmation Class in Deerfield**  
9:00-10:00am

**Thursday, January 11**

**Parish Office Temporarily Closed**

11:00am-2:00pm

**Saturday, January 13**

✠*Euchre Night*✠

*hosted by the Knights of Columbus*

Blissfield Hall

after 4:30pm Mass

Light lunch will be served

Cards begin at 6:00pm

**Sunday, January 14**

✠*El. & MS Religious Education*✠

**BREAK (MLK Jr. Weekend)**

## SATURDAY 4:30 PM MASS

### SITE LOCATION

### 2023-24 SCHEDULE

January 6	Deerfield
January 13	Blissfield
January 20	Deerfield
January 27	Blissfield
February 3	Deerfield

## THERE'S STILL TIME FOR TICKETS

### 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 **\$16,925 last year!**

Please find your 2024 sweepstakes tickets at both churches. The suggested donation of each ticket is **STILL ONLY \$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 2024**. 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**. 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 Sunday, January 14, 2023, to be included in the January drawing.** Good luck and thank you for your support!



## KNIGHTS NEWS

### Happy New Year!

When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshipped him. Then opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. Mathew 2:10,11. We pray unceasingly for newborns and their families.

**We need "New" Knights to join us** as we help others in every possible way. If you are 18 years old or older and a Catholic in good standing, you are invited to join the Knights. Becoming a Knight includes eligibility to purchase top quality Life Insurance, IRA, Roth IRA, and Tax Deferred Annuities. Knights and their children can apply for scholarships to Catholic colleges and universities. Would you like to join and receive a FREE membership? Please contact GK Nicolas Martinez at 517 442-3868 or visit [www.kofc.org/join](http://www.kofc.org/join), enter Promo Code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY, and receive a free online membership. To learn more about or extensive Fraternal Benefits Program please contact our local field agent Nick Novak at 810 620-4240 or email [Nicolas.Novak@kofc.org](mailto:Nicolas.Novak@kofc.org), or visit [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org). St. Joseph, foster-father of Jesus, pray for us daily. Amen.

**All Parishioners and their guests are invited** to join us for **Euchre Night on Saturday, January 13, at St. Peter Hall.** A light lunch will be served after the 4:30 PM Mass and play will begin at 6:00 PM.

**Knights are Pro-Life.** On Friday, January 19, 9:30 AM, EWTN will air the 51<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.ewtn.com/tv). On Monday, January 22, 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. For details, please visit [www.usccb.org/January22](http://www.usccb.org/January22). St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and St. Andre' Bessette pray for us.

**Our Holy Father's Intention:** For the Gift of Diversity in the Church - Let us Pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

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



# Upcoming Events

AT ST. FRANCIS RETREAT CENTER IN DEWITT, MI

JAN.  
5-6

### Engaged Couples Retreat

This retreat for engaged couples is designed to prepare them for receiving the sacrament of Holy Matrimony.

JAN.  
26-28

### The Gift of the Eucharist Retreat for Men

This retreat **for men** will explore several aspects of the Eucharist from it's Jewish roots through how it is meant to transform every one of us.

JAN.  
12-14

### The Gift of the Eucharist for Women

This retreat **for women** will explore several aspects of the Eucharist from it's Jewish roots through how it is meant to transform every one of us.

FEB.  
2-4

### Married Couples Weekend

Married couples are encouraged to join us for a weekend away from the busyness of daily life to reconnect with their spouse.

JAN.  
19-21

### The Gift of the Eucharist Retreat for Men

This retreat **for men** will explore several aspects of the Eucharist from it's Jewish roots through how it is meant to transform every one of us.

FEB  
16

### Are You Smarter Than Your 8th Grade Nun?

A fun fundraiser for furniture! This is an interactive comedy game show which takes place at Lansing Catholic High School. Doors open at 6:00, the show begins at 7:00

**MORE INFORMATION AT [WWW.STFRANCIS.WS/RETREATS](http://WWW.STFRANCIS.WS/RETREATS)**

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Tues., Jan. 9 - 9:00am St. Peter**  
✠ Tom Bischoff  
by Joyce, Stan, & CT Karpinski

**Wed., Jan. 10 - 9:00am, St. Alphonsus**  
✠ Frances McWilliam  
by Jack & Yvonne Gainsley

**Thurs., Jan. 11 -9:00am, St. Peter**  
✠ the People of the Parish

**Fri., Jan.12 -9:00am, St. Alphonsus**  
✠ Tom & Juanita Garrett  
by Mike & Sheila Garrett

**Sat., January 13- 4:30pm,  
St. Peter**  
✠ Larry Bielski  
by Joyce & Leonard Schwartz

**Sun., January 14-  
8:00am, St. Alphonsus**  
✠ Mary Rowe  
by Ron & Leanne Goodin

**11:00am, St. Peter**  
✠ George Denecker  
by Frank & Donna Riley

## -STEWARDSHIP REPORT-

### December 24, 2023

Sunday \$3091 - 90 env  
Christmas \$4,590 - 77 env  
Loose \$521  
Immaculate Conception \$25 - 1 env  
Initial Offering \$180 - 2 env  
Mercy Fund \$10 - 1 env  
Retired Religious \$25 - 1 env  
Total \$8,442

### Online Giving

Sunday \$2,031.50 - 30 env  
Monthly Pledge \$8.50 - 2 env  
Rice Bowl \$1 - 1 env  
Mercy Fund \$15 - 2 env  
Total \$2,056

### December 31, 2023

Sunday \$3,680 - 64 env  
Solemnity of Mary \$200 - 11 env  
Christmas \$205 - 4 env  
Loose \$40  
Initial Offering \$50 - 3 env  
Mercy Fund \$33 - 5 env  
Total \$4,208

### Online Giving

Sunday \$1,436 - 21 env  
Total \$1,436

## ROOFING PROJECT

The roofing project in Blissfield is now underway.

Papenhagen Construction will be working **on weekdays**, so **for the next 2-3 weeks please do not park in the back lot** where they're working.

Please **only enter the church from the west doors (Lane Street) entrance**. Thank you for your cooperation.

**We apologize for any inconvenience.**

## HELP NEEDED TO UN-DECORATE THE CHURCHES

All of the Christmas decorations will be taken down **THIS weekend** after the Sunday masses. Please feel free to take home a poinsettia or two! If you are able to stay for a bit after mass and help pack things up, we could use your help! Thank you in advance.

*God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. Hebrews 6:10*

## PARISH OFFICE TEMPORARILY CLOSED FOR STAFF CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The Parish Office will temporarily close on **Thursday, January 11, from 11:00am-2:00pm**. As always, the secure locked black drop boxes located at both sites are available for any parish business at your convenience.

We apologize for any inconvenience.

## EUCHRE NIGHT!

**Saturday, January 13  
after 4:30pm Mass in the  
Blissfield Hall. A light lunch will be served and  
Euchre will begin at 6:00pm.**

*Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus*

## CONGRATULATIONS!

The **\$250 Sweepstakes** winner for December 2023 is **Wynona Shellabarger of Blissfield**, with ticket **#23-5034**! The ticket seller is **Wynona herself** with a **\$20** prize for her, as well. Good luck to everyone in the January drawing!

## BULLETIN ADVERTISING SPACE AVAILABLE

Advertising space on the backside of the bulletin is available. (Just look at the last page to see the available space.) The fee is reasonable for a whole year of advertising for your business, plus it helps the parish towards the bulletin expenses!

Please call the office for more information.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY & HAPPY  
ANNIVERSARY TO ALL  
CELEBRATING IN JANUARY!!**

**MANY BLESSINGS TO YOU.**

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

With many of our ministers away for the winter (lucky dogs!) and our **need**

**for more Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters, Sacristans, Altar Servers, etc.**, as always we welcome any new volunteers. Free training

provided at your convenience, you control your schedule, and many

rewards in heaven!! Please contact the office for more information.

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

Rita Bausman	Norma Kelly
Aiden Beauregard	Marie Kieplinski
Ella Borowski	Traci Knaggs
Ginger Borowski	Gale LaVoy
Becky Branscum	Debbie Marietta
Larry Brenke	Joseph Mueller
Doris Bussing	John Musielewicz
Linda Butcher	Bev Pifer
John Carrizales	Bob Rains
Nicole Cassidy	Dan Reed
Stephen Cassidy	Eva Ricker
Liam Cherry	Brendan
Isabelle DeLaCruz	Robaskiewicz
Colin Dietrich	Joseph Savarin
Webb Drew	Sharon Schadewald
Kenneth Faust	Jeannie Schroeder
Carmen Garcia	Harold Sears
Jennifer Gilson	Pat Sears
Katy Goodman	Jim Sheldon
Judy Curtis Governo	Becky Shusta
Dale Graham	Lena Silva
Makenzie Greer	Margaret Smith
Rick Holmes	Alice Van Staveren
Fr. Martin Iott, O.P.	Franz Van Staveren
Ed Jacobson	Janet Venturelli
Tammy Jarvis	Kristine Wells
Susan Johnson	Flo Wentworth
CJ Karpinski	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.*





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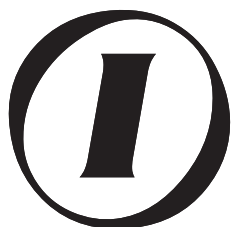


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