



# LIGHT OF CHRIST CATHOLIC PARISH

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office, located in Deerfield, is open on **Tuesdays and Thursdays:**  
**Regular hours 9:00 AM-5:00 PM**  
**Summer hours after Memorial Day through Labor Day: 8:00 AM-4:00 PM**

## 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 (**10:00 AM Summer Schedule between Memorial Day and Labor Day**)

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

Please contact the Parish Office: 517 447-3500.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays, 3:00-4:00 PM, at the alternating 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 LIST

Please contact the office if you'd like to be added (or add someone with their permission) 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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**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.

**December 1, 2024**  
**First Sunday of Advent**



## ~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

**First Sunday of Advent**  
December 1, 2024  
Jeremiah 33:14-16  
1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2  
Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

**Second Sunday of Advent**  
December 8, 2024  
Baruch 5:1-9  
Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11  
Luke 3:1-6

ABOUND in  
Love  
FOR ONE ANOTHER  
& FOR ALL  
Thessalonians

## -STEWARDSHIP REPORT-

November 17, 2024

Sunday \$3,889 - 84 env  
Loose \$115

All Saints Day \$10.00 1 env  
Christmas \$20 - 1 env  
Mercy Fund \$40 - 6 env

Catholic Social Teaching \$231 14 env  
Immaculate Conception \$2 - 1 env  
Christmas Flowers \$5 - 1 env  
Total \$4,312

### Online Giving \$811

Sunday \$806 - 20 env  
Mercy Fund \$5 - 1 env

November 24, 2024

Sunday \$3986 - 80 env  
Loose \$98

Christmas Flowers \$55 - 5 env  
Mercy Fund \$15 - 3 env  
Catholic Social Teaching \$45 - 3 env  
Total \$4,199

### Online Giving \$2466

Sunday \$2,433.50  
Mercy Fund \$15 - 2 env  
Catholic Social Teaching \$10 - env  
Monthly Pledge \$7.50 1 env

**Break Open the Parables: Men's Retreat**  
St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt, MI

**December 13-14, 2025 -  
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The suggested donation is \$215 (\$135 for the one night option). To register or find more information, please visit <https://www.stfrancis.ws/weekend-retreats>.

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



Jesus taught the crowds by using stories they could understand, but for His closest disciples, He taught them how to

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## WOMEN'S RETREAT DATES

SEPT. 13-15, 2024   NOV. 15-17, 2024   APR. 25-27, 2025  
OCT. 4-6, 2024   JAN. 10-12, 2025   **Suggested Donation: \$215**

Special 2 day 1 night version: March 14-15, 2025, \$135 suggested donation

REGISTER AT [WWW.STFRANCIS.WS/WEEKEND-RETREATS](http://WWW.STFRANCIS.WS/WEEKEND-RETREATS)

St. Francis Retreat Center 703 E. Main Street, DeWitt, MI 48820

## KNIGHTS NEWS



And Jesus answered them, "Have faith in God." 11 Mark 22. God, we come before You with grateful hearts for the Gift

of Your Son, Jesus Christ. We thank You for His sacrifice on the cross and for the hope of eternal life that His resurrection brings. May we never take for granted the magnitude of Your love for us, and may we always be filled with gratitude for Your blessings. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**Our Christmas Basket project** is in full swing and all food donations and wrapped Giving Tree Toys with tags attached **need to be returned to either church by Sunday, December 8.** God Bless everybody.

**We need many volunteers on December 8, 13, & 15.** Please choose as many things to do as you wish! St. Nicolas pray for us.

### Sunday, December 8:

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

### Friday, December 13:

FOOD - 9:00 AM - Knights with pickups and vans meet at St. Peter parking lot and then pickup groceries and gifts from donating churches and generous benefactors. No truck? Not a Knight? No Problem! We need at least 8 people to unload vehicles. For details, please contact Rudy at 517 270-2232.

**GIVING TREE - 9:00AM** - 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 - 9:00 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 night work this year.

**Sunday, December 15 - NOON** - Lunch, fill boxes, and then load vehicles beginning with destination Deerfield. We need any

parishioner with a pickup or full-sized van which can handle a sizable load to deliver 3 groups 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 to restore the hall to its former glory. Please see Rudy for details.

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

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Tuesday, December 3

✳️**1st Reconciliation Practice**✳️

St. Peter Church, Blissfield at 6:30pm

Wednesday, December 4

✳️**Eucharistic Adoration**✳️

St. Alphonsus, Deerfield  
after 9:00am Daily Mass  
9:30am-10:30am

✳️**Soup & Substance & Reconciliation**✳️

Blissfield Hall

6:00pm Soup, 6:30 Scott Hahn Video,  
7:00 Reconciliation

Sunday, December 8

✳️**Christmas Basket Food & Gifts DUE**✳️

Either Church no later than 9:00am

✳️**El. & MS Religious Education**✳️

1st-8th Grade

9:50am-10:50am Blissfield

## 2025 SWEEPSTAKES 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 **\$16,605 last year!**

Please find your 2025 sweepstakes tickets at both churches. The suggested donation for 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 2025**. 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!** 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 23, 2025**, to be included in the January drawing.

**Good luck and thank you for your support!**

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Tues., December 3 - 9:00am St. Peter**

✠ Rev. Richard William Knopf  
by Parish

**Wed., December 4 -9:00am, St. Alphonsus**

✠ The People of the Parish

**Thurs., December 5- 9:00am, St. Peter**

✠ Elsie Demy  
by Bert & Karen Braman (Iffland)

**Fri., December 6,-9:00am, St. Alphonsus**

✠ Ramona Scholl  
by Ron & Leanne Goodin

**Sat., December 7- 4:30pm, St. Alphonsus**

✠ LaVern & Mary Ann Cousino  
by family

**Sun., December 8-  
8:00am, St. Alphonsus**

✠ Jack Gainsley  
by Ron Cousino

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

✠ Jack Smith  
by Jim & Janice Johnston

## CHRISTMAS BASKET DONATIONS

Our Christmas Basket project is in full swing and **all food donations** and **wrapped Giving Tree Toys with tags attached** need to be returned to either church by

**9:00am on Sunday, December 8**  
God Bless everybody.

**SATURDAY 4:30 PM MASS**

**SITE LOCATION  
2024-25 SCHEDULE**

December 7	Deerfield
December 14	Blissfield
December 21	Deerfield

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**hosted by Women of Prayer**

**St. Alphonsus Church, Deerfield**

**THIS Wednesday, December 4**

**following 9:00am Mass**

**Join Us to 'Light the Fire'  
of Winter Solstice**

As we mark the darkest night of the year, all are welcome to join in the celebration of the **Winter Solstice from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, December 22, 2024, at Weber Retreat and Conference Center.** The celebration is free and open to all. Registration is not required.

Sister Esther Kennedy, OP, a Dominican Sister of Adrian, leads this ritual of "Calling forth the Wisdom of the Ancestors" and gathering in a circle to sing and dance with hearts full of gratitude.

Weber Center is on the campus of the Adrian Dominican Sisters Motherhouse, Adrian, Michigan. On East Siena Heights Drive, turn into the driveway between the Adrian Rea Literacy Center and the solar panel-covered carport. Follow the signs to Weber Center. For information, call the Weber Center at 517-266-4000.

## ADVENT EVENTS

**Eucharistic Adoration:**

**THIS Wednesday, December 4: Deerfield**  
after 9:00am Mass, 9:30am-10:30am

**Soup Supper & Substance:**

There are **sign-up sheets** in the back of each church so you can **sign up to bring a crockpot of soup** to any of our soup suppers! We are usually blessed with many different types of soup, so why not join in on the fun? Please join us either way, there's always enough soup for everyone. God is good!

**THIS Wednesday, December 4: Blissfield**

6:00pm: Soup Supper  
6:30pm: Substance: Scott Hahn video  
7:00pm: Reconciliation/Individual Confession

**Wednesday, December 11: Deerfield**

6:00pm: Soup Supper  
6:30pm: Substance: Scott Hahn video  
7:00pm: Reconciliation/Individual Confession

**Wednesday, December 18: Blissfield**

7:00pm: Reconciliation/Individual Confession

**Christmas Decorating:**

**Please join your parish family  
as we prepare our churches for Christmas!**

**Sunday, December 22**

**~St. Alphonsus Church in Deerfield  
after the 8:00 Mass**

**~St. Peter the Apostle Church in Blissfield  
after the 11:00 Mass**

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:**

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

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

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

Kathleen Adams	Traci Knaggs
Rita Bausman	Gus LaRoy
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Lary Brenke	Liz Parros
Doris Bussing	Bev Pifer
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Linda Butcher	Eva Ricker
Nicole Cassidy	Brendan Robaszkievicz
Stephen Cassidy	Joseph Savarin
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Mary Clemes	Jeannie Schroeder
Isabelle DeLaCruz	Harold Sears
Madeline Denecker	Pat Sears
Colin Dietrich	Steve Shields
Webb Drew	Becky Shusta
George Eastwood	Margaret Smith
Elaine Esper	Kenneth Smolka
Kenneth Faust	Melissa Stasko
Jennifer Gilson	Dana Strickler
Katy Goodman	David Stucker
Makenzie Greer	Alice Van Staveren
Ed Jacobson	Franz Van Staveren
Tammy Jarvis	Flo Wentworth
Susan Johnson	Rita Woods
CJ Karpinski	Kristen Wright
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 at 517 447-3500.*





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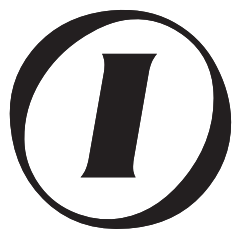
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