



# LIGHT OF CHRIST

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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!

### PARISH STAFF

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**Bulletin Deadline:** Tuesday at noon. We reserve the right to edit articles for clarity and length.  
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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.

December 15, 2024  
Third Sunday of Advent



### ~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

**Third Sunday of Advent**  
December 15, 2024  
Zephaniah 3:14-18a  
Philippians 4:4-7  
Luke 3:10-18

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
December 22, 2024  
Micah 5:1-4a  
Hebrews 10:5-10  
Luke 1:39-45



**-STEWARDSHIP REPORT-**

**December 8, 2024**

Sunday \$3,882 - 80 env

Loose \$47.64

Christmas \$100 - 2 env

Immaculate Conception \$373 - 23 env

Christmas Flowers \$255 - 12 env

Mercy Fund \$85 - 4 env

Retired Religious \$437 - 18 env

Total \$5,179.64

**Online Giving**

Sunday \$851 - 19 env

Mercy Fund \$5 - 1 env

Monthly Pledge \$180 - 2 env

Total \$1,036

**Overall Total \$6,215.64**

**MINISTRY SCHEDULING**

The ministry schedule for January, February and March will be completed next week. Please enter any dates you are **NOT available in the online program** or email Leanne at [lgoodin@cass.net](mailto:lgoodin@cass.net) or call the office, 447-3500 **by noon THIS Monday, December 16. Thank you!**

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, you control your schedule, and many rewards in heaven!!

**KNIGHTS NEWS**



And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the child leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the

Holy Spirit and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! Luke 1:41,42. We pray for the unborn and for expecting mothers and fathers, that they may celebrate God's gift of life. Our Lady of Guadalupe pray for us.

**Christmas Basket Day Has Arrived!!!** All parishioners are invited to load or deliver Christmas Boxes of food and gifts after the 11:00 AM Mass this Sunday, December 15, 2024. First lunch at Noon, then load vehicles beginning with destination Deerfield. We need many hands to load boxes with food, and many more to load vehicles for delivery. We need any parishioner with a full-sized van or pickup to deliver 3 groups of food and gift boxes to Blissfield, Riga, Palmyra, and the surrounding countryside. If you can make more than 1 trip it will be dearly appreciated. Vehicles will line up at the South end of the Church Hall and exit the Church driveway. May God Bless everybody.

**We need a separate cleanup crew Sunday** to restore the Church Hall to its former glory after the loading of the Christmas Baskets. Please contact Rudy at 517 270-2232 for information or to volunteer. St. Juan Diego Cuahtlatotzin pray for us.

**Our Holy Father's Intention:** For Pilgrims of Hope - We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

**Charity is our first principal!** Would you like to join us? The Knights of Columbus is a family oriented fraternal service organization whose main principals are Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. We protect widows and children of members with our Fraternal Benefits

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Martinez at 517 442-3868 or join FREE at [www.kofc.org/join](http://www.kofc.org/join) by entering Promo Code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY. For questions about

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



This retreat satisfies aspects of the Diocese of Lansing marriage catechumenate.



**Engaged Couples Retreat**

**JANUARY 10-11, 2025**

This retreat will include,

- A welcome reception
- Theological and practical presentations
- Blessing of the Couples
- Vigil Mass
- A Special dinner on Saturday
- A ballroom dance lesson from Louis Soma of Our Dance Studio.

Suggested donation: \$250 per couple.

**SPEAKERS INCLUDE:**



Fr. Bob Irish



Fr. Gary Koenigshnecht

Register at [www.stfrancis.ws/engaged](http://www.stfrancis.ws/engaged)

Hosted by Mike & Lisa Kutas!





**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**Wednesday, December 18**

✠**Reconciliation**✠

Blissfield

7:00 Reconciliation/Individual Confession

**Sunday, December 22**

✠**Church Decorating for Christmas**✠

after 8:00am Mass in Deerfield  
after 11:00am Mass in Blissfield

✠**El. & MS Religious Education**✠

**1st-8th Grade  
BREAK**

**Sunday, December 29**

✠**El. & MS Religious Education**✠

**1st-8th Grade  
BREAK-Happy New Year!**

**SATURDAY 4:30 PM MASS  
SITE LOCATION  
2024-25 SCHEDULE**

December 21	Deerfield
December 28	Blissfield
January 4, 2025	Deerfield
January 11	Blissfield

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

**Christmas Eve: Tuesday, Dec. 24:**  
4:00pm Mass: Blissfield

**5:30pm Christmas Carols &**  
6:00pm Mass: Deerfield

**Christmas Day: Wednesday, Dec. 25:**  
9:00am Mass: Deerfield  
11:00am Mass: 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.**

**ADVENT EVENTS**

**RECONCILIATION**

**Wednesday, December 18: Blissfield:**

7:00pm: Reconciliation/Individual Confession

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING**

**Sunday, December 22; Please join your parish family as we prepare our churches for Christmas! "Someone Else" might not be available this year...**

~**St. Alphonsus Church in Deerfield after 8:00 Mass**  
~ **St. Peter the Apostle Church in Blissfield after 11:00 Mass**

**MASS INTENTIONS  
FOR THE WEEK**

**Tues., December 17 - 9:00am St. Peter**  
✠ the People of the Parish

**Wed., December 18 -9:00am, St. Alphonsus**  
✠ Ramona Scholl  
by Sue Cousino

**Thurs., December 19- 9:00am, St. Peter**  
✠ Leo & Elizabeth Forche  
by Leo & family

**Fri., December 20 -9:00am, St. Alphonsus**  
✠ Harley Sharrock  
by family

**Sat., December 21- 4:30pm, St. Alphonsus**  
✠ Alice Mueller  
by Melvin & Muriel Mueller

**Sun., December 22-  
8:00am, St. Alphonsus**  
✠ Jack Gainsley  
by Bob & Barb Rains

**11:00am, St. Peter**  
✠ Elsie Demey  
by Duane & Rebecca Lamley

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

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|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Kathleen Adams    | Traci Knaggs          |
| Rita Bausman      | Gus LaRoy             |
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| Linda Beham       | Debbie Marietta       |
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| Danny Butcher     | Bev Pifer             |
| Linda Butcher     | Bob Rains             |
| Nicole Cassidy    | Eva Ricker            |
| Stephen Cassidy   | Brendan Robaszkievicz |
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| Mary Cemes        | Sharon Schadewald     |
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| Elaine Esper      | Margaret Smith        |
| Kenneth Faust     | Kenneth Smolka        |
| Jennifer Gilson   | Melissa Stasko        |
| Katy Goodman      | Dana Strickler        |
| Makenzie Greer    | David Stucker         |
| Ed Jacobson       | Alice Van Staveren    |
| Tammy Jarvis      | Franz Van Staveren    |
| Susan Johnson     | Flo Wentworth         |
| CJ Karpinski      | Rita Woods            |
| Norma Kelly       | Kristen Wright        |

*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.*



**BE MY WITNESSES**

WITH BISHOP BOYEA

Bishop Earl Boyea invites you to join him on a year-long catechetical journey as – week by week – he teaches us how to respond best to the call of Jesus Christ to “be my witnesses” (Acts 1:8) within contemporary society. Beginning in January 2025, Bishop Boyea will send subscribers a weekly installment – via text or e-mail – focused on four key factors: prayer, learning, belonging, and mission.

**TO SIGN UP TEXT BMW TO 84576**



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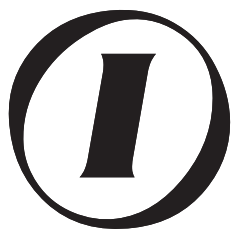
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