



LIGHT OF CHRIST CATHOLIC PARISH

ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH
ST. PETER THE APOSTLE CHURCH

222 CAREY ST., DEERFIELD, MI 49238
309 S. LANE ST., BLISSFIELD, MI 49228

517-447-3500
WWW.LIGHTOFCHRISTPARISH.COM
LIGHTOFCHRISTPARISH@GMAIL.COM

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

PASTOR
Rev. Jeff Poll
jeffreypoll44@gmail.com

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Deanna Burke: deannabdre@gmail.com

MUSIC DIRECTOR
Karen Nevins: nevinskaren@yahoo.com
734-730-0007

SECRETARIAL STAFF
Business Manager/Bookkeeper
Susan Cousino: lightofchristparish@gmail.com

Sacramental Records, Parish Data, & Bulletin Editor
Deanna Burke: deannabdre@gmail.com

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday at noon. We reserve the right to edit articles for clarity and length.
Please email material to:
deannabdre@gmail.com

Ministry Scheduling
Leanne Goodin: lgoodin@cass.net

MAINTENANCE STAFF
Jeff Simpson
Logan Kastel

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 22, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Advent



~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

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

The Nativity of the Lord
December 25, 2024
Isaiah 52:7-10
Hebrews 1:1-6
John 1:1-18

The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
December 29, 2024
1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28
1 John 3:1-2, 21-24
Luke 2:41-52



-STEWARDSHIP REPORT-

December 15, 2024

Sunday \$4,722 - 85 env

Loose \$46

Immaculate Conception \$45 - 2 env

Christmas \$110 - 1 env

Christmas Flowers \$97 5 env

Initial Offering \$20 - 1 env

Mercy Fund \$110 - 6 env

World Wide Evangelization \$20 - 1 env

Total \$5,170

Online Giving

Sunday \$1,336 - 21 env

Christmas Flowers \$140 - 3 env

Mercy Fund \$11 - 2 env

Retired Religious \$10 - 1 env

Immaculate Conception \$10 - 1 env

Christmas \$25 - 2 env

Total \$1,532

Overall Total \$6,702

Lunch and Learn Sessions Focus on Various Topics

Weber Retreat and Conference Center's Winter 2025 monthly Lunch and Learn series is offered from **12:15 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Wednesdays.**

Dates and topics this season are: **Looking for Some New and Easy Recipes?**, January 15, 2025; **Technology Update**, February 12, 2025; **Oh, My Aching Back!**, March 12, 2025; and **Spice Up Your Cooking**, April 9, 2025.

Bring your own lunch and enjoy drinks and desserts provided by Weber Center. You may also purchase a lunch for \$7 – your choice of egg salad, turkey and cheese, or chicken salad croissant sandwiches with chips – by registering at least two days in advance. Visit www.webercenter.org and click on "programs," call 517-266-4000, or email webercenter@adriandominicans.org. Registration is not necessary if you bring your own lunch.

Weber Center is on the campus of the Adrian Dominican Sisters Motherhouse, Adrian, Michigan. On East Siena Heights Drive, turn into the driveway between 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.



DIocese OF LANSING
MICHIGAN

A new report by the Michigan Department of Attorney General suggests that the 1970s and 80's were the peak decades for alleged instances of sexual misconduct involving clerics of the Diocese of Lansing – with over half of all such alleged incidents, since 1950 until now, said to have occurred during those two decades.

The report, published last Monday, also confirms that the Diocese of Lansing has long cooperated with law enforcement in referring allegations of clerical sexual abuse of minors to the civil authorities. Such referrals have been mandatory since the adoption of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* by the U.S. Bishops in 2002 but also occurred, as today's report confirms, in prior years too.

For more information regarding the report, please find a printed copy of the statement from the Diocese available at both of our churches or go to the Diocese of Lansing website: <https://www.dioceseoflansing.org/news/read-attorney-general-report-suggests-1970s-and-80s-peak-decades-alleged-instances-abuse>

** The Diocese of Lansing is committed to cooperating with law enforcement and supporting victims of abuse. If anyone has reason to suspect physical, sexual or emotional abuse of any person of any age, please contact Protective Services or the police, as appropriate. If clerical abuse is suspected, contact the office of the Michigan Attorney General Investigation hotline at 844-324-3374. For healing and support, please also contact the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (888) 308-6252 or email: vac@dioceseoflansing.org.*

FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED

After sharing most of the items in our pantry for the annual Christmas Baskets, our Food Pantry is in need of several staple items. Donations of the following can be dropped off at either church on the weekends or in the Parish Office on Tuesday or Thursday from 9am-5pm:

- Boxed Potatoes
- Canned Chili
- Rice-a-Roni
- Tuna
- Tuna Helper
- Canned Fruit & Vegetables
- Ravioli
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Kleenex
- Canned Chicken
- Peanut Butter
- Cereal

Thank you for your generosity to those in need!



KNIGHTS NEWS

Merry Christmas! "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; for He has looked with favor on His lowly servant. From this day, all generations will call me Blessed; the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is His Name. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty." Luke 1:46-49. Mary, your trust in the Lord opened the door to God in a precious way. Teach us to trust in God so that we can bring the real presence of Jesus to others. Help us to discover the joy you knew at the birth of Jesus! Amen.

"Thank, Thank you, Thank you," and Congratulations to all the people who contributed to the Knight's Christmas Basket Project. Your generous contributions of time, gifts, food, and the money needed to purchase food and toys, as well as your hard work that is essential to making this project a complete success, is dearly appreciated. A special "Thank you!" goes out to all those who wrap gifts as well as those who load and deliver boxes. Everyone's efforts provided a glimmer of hope and the possibility of a Merry Christmas to many children and their family members in our communities. May God bless each and every one of you!

Keep Christ in Christmas by saying a prayer of thanksgiving for all those individuals, families, local service clubs, parish organizations & secretarial staff, students and student athletes, Confirmation candidates, teachers, our priests, and our Knights and their families who contributed gifts, time, talents, money, transportation, or prayers to the Christmas Basket Project. Please say a special prayer for Father Jeff whose unwavering support is dearly appreciated.

Please pray for families of deceased children. Red Bird ministries (RBM) is a non-profit, pro-life, and pro-family Catholic grief support ministry serving individuals and couples who have experienced the loss of a child beginning with pregnancy through adulthood. RBM helps families who have been given an extra ordinary cross to carry. For details, and to get started on the healing process, please visit <https://www.redbird.love>. O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Amen

Please pray for a generous increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated religious. St John the Baptist, 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., December 24- Christmas Eve -
4:00pm St. Peter
✠ the People of the Parish

6:00pm, St. Alphonsus
✠ Juanita Jones
by Mike & Sharon Jones

Wed., December 25 -Merry Christmas!
9:00am, St. Alphonsus
✠ John Cousino
by Sue Cousino

11:00am, St. Peter:
✠ Jack Smith
by Mark & Sandy Draper

Thurs., December 26- 9:00am, St. Peter
✠ Tom & Juanita Garrett
by Mike & Sheila Garrett

Fri., December 27 -9:00am, St. Alphonsus
✠ Darlene Forche
by Leo Forche & family

Sat., December 28- 4:30pm, St. Peter
✠ Joseph F. Clements
by family

Sun., December 29-
8:00am, St. Alphonsus
✠ Ramona Scholl
by Doug & Deanna Burke family

11:00am, St. Peter
✠ LolaLee Reau
by the Fink family

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve: Tuesday, Dec. 24:
4:00pm Mass: Blissfield [Live-streamed](#)

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

Christmas Day: Wednesday, Dec. 25:
9:00am Mass: Deerfield [Live-streamed](#)
11:00am Mass: Blissfield

**NOTE: DAILY MASS
CANCELLATION POLICY
FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER**

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!

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**. 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.**



TIME TO SIGN UP!
MEALS ON WHEELS
December 30, January 2, 3, & Jan. 6-10

If you are able to help deliver Meals on Wheels, please call or text **Pat Reau at 517 673-1270**. Pack a thermos of hot cocoa, bundle up and hit the road delivering!! Thank you!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Hosted by the Women of Prayer

Please join us for Eucharistic adoration the first Tuesday or Wednesday of the month (alternating sites after 9:00AM Daily Mass) from **9:30-10:30AM**. The next adoration will be **Tuesday, January 7 in Blissfield from 9:30-10:30AM**. All are welcome!

CHRISTMAS PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Parish Office Hours will be: OPEN 9-5 on Monday, December 23 since we'll be

CLOSED Tues., Dec. 24 & Thurs., Dec.26.

**A Blessed Christmas and Prosperous
New Year are wished to you on behalf of
Fr. Jeff and the Parish Staff.**



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, December 23
Parish Office OPEN from 9 to 5

Tuesday, Dec. 24 & Thursday, Dec. 26
Parish Office CLOSED

Sunday, December 29
EL. & MS Religious Education
1st-8th Grade
BREAK-Happy New Year!

Sunday, January 5
EL. & MS Religious Education
1st-8th Grade & Confirmation
9:50am-10:50am in Blissfield

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

December 28	Blissfield
January 4, 2025	Deerfield
January 11	Blissfield
January 18	Deerfield

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

The Ministry Schedule for **January-March** will be completed soon. You will receive your schedule by either email or a paper copy in the mail.

Thank you for all you do!

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

Kathleen Adams	Traci Knaggs
Rita Bausman	Gus LaRoy
Aiden Beauregard	Gale LaVoy
Linda Beham	Debbie Marietta
Mike Bomia	Joseph Mueller
Ella Borowski	Muriel Mueller
Ginger Borowski	John Musielewicz
Becky Branscum	Brenda Nagy
Darlene Breitner	Karen Nevins
Larry Brenke	Ken Nevins
Doris Bussing	Liz Parros
Danny Butcher	Bev Pifer
Linda Butcher	Bob Rains
Nicole Cassidy	Eva Ricker
Stephen Cassidy	Brendan Robaszkievicz
Liam Cherry	Joseph Savarin
Mary Clemes	Sharon Schadewald
Isabelle DeLaCruz	Jeannie Schroeder
Madeline Denecker	Harold Sears
Colin Dietrich	Pat Sears
Webb Drew	Steve Shields
George Eastwood	Becky Shusta
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 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.



Wagley Funeral Home, Tagsold Chapel

301 S. Lane Street
Blissfield, Michigan 49228
517.486.2133
Doug Tagsold

Wagley Funeral Home

1501 W. Maumee Street
Adrian, Michigan 49221
517.263.1400
David W. Wagley

WHERE FAMILY VALUES MATTER



shradertireandoil.com

Shrader Tire & Oil
Truck Tire Center
8687 E. US-223
Blissfield, MI



Keeping the Transportation Industry Rolling & Safe

Joe Shrader, parishioner

800-589-6589

Flowers are blooming in Blissfield

Olivia's Garden
GALLERY

Custom Designed Floral Arrangements for...

- Weddings
- Sympathy
- All Occasions
- Seasonal Plants

Just give me a call for that special something, for a special someone!

517.486.1255
Barbara Abbenzeller, Designer

Thank you!

Papenhagen CONSTRUCTION

"Your Start-to-Finish Contractor"

LICENSED • INSURED

Scott & Steve Papenhagen

8411 E. U.S. 223

Blissfield, MI 49228

(517) 486-4624 (517) 486-6312 FAX

NEED TO BUY OR SELL?



NEED A REAL ESTATE PROFESSIONAL

**MAKE THE CLEAR CHOICE
CALL KRISTIE MCCLEARY
(517) 215-0655**



PARISHIONER AT LIGHT OF CHRIST

29 S. MONROE ST. STE 201 MONROE, MI. 48161



Residential • Commercial • Irrigation
Pump & Tank Sales & Service
Geothermal Loop Installation.

734-279-9355 • Fax 734-279-9356

Toll Free 866-385-9355

sandw@cass.net

Parishioners



**MAKE YOUR FAMILY
PART OF OURS**

Serving Since 1981

**KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS
(734) 637-9254**



Anderson-Rudd

Funeral Home

9205 East U.S. Hwy 223

Blissfield, Michigan 49228

517-486-4400

Andersonfuneralservices.com

(Parishioner)

PIZZA - PASTA - SUBS - SALAD



Parishioners

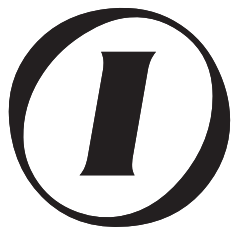
214 E. Adrian Street

Blissfie'd

(517) 486-4385

www.eatatlenas.com

LIFE • HOME • AUTO • BUSINESS



IOTT

INSURANCE AGENCY, INC.

Petersburg • 141 Saline St.
800-468-8214

Lambertville • 3558 Sterns Rd.
800-468-8216

Blissfield • 9017 East U.S. 223
800-468-8217

IOTT Insurance can offer the best possible premiums...visit IOTT.com

**You can now book
your tee time!!
(734) 279-1151**



17655 Albain Road
Petersburg, MI 49270

www.demeacres.com

"Bolster Family Golf"

Parishioners