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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

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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 29, 2024
Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph



~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

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

The Epiphany of the Lord
January 5, 2025
Isaiah 60:1-6
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12



**-STEWARDSHIP REPORT-
December 22, 2024**

Sunday \$3,385 - 74 env
Christmas \$305 - 10 env
Loose \$275
Christmas Flowers \$5 - 1 env
Retired Religious \$25 - 1 env
Mercy Fund \$10 - 2 env
Total \$4,005

Online Giving

Sunday \$2,143.50
Mercy Fund \$15 - 2 env
Monthly Pledge \$7.50 - 1 env
Total \$2,166

Overall Total \$6,171

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

**Presentation Explores Ecological
Matters in Light of Faith**

Do you see Earth as God's beloved creation? What would it take to expand our sense of community to include all human beings and all creatures as neighbors worthy of our loving care? These matters and more will be explored in a livestream presentation, *God and the Earth: A Conversation with Elizabeth Johnson, CSJ*, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. EST on Thursday, January 30, 2025. The presentation is drawn from Sister Elizabeth's latest book, *Come Have Breakfast*.

A widely translated author, editor, and mentor, Sister Elizabeth is Professor Emerita of Theology at Fordham University in New York. She served as President of both the Catholic Theological Society and the ecumenical American Theological Society. She has lectured to church and academic groups at home and abroad.

The cost is \$35 and registration is required to receive the livestream link. Visit www.webercenter.org and click on "programs," call 517-266-4000, or email webercenter@adriandominicans.org. Limited scholarships are available.

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!**

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



Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s):

Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the St. Francis Retreat Center, in DeWitt, MI (10 miles north of Lansing), on February 21-23, 2025. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$230 for meals and a single room. Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, e-mail reflect.michigan@gmail.com, or call (586) 770-1772 for details.



**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!

KNIGHTS NEWS



**Merry Christmas and Happy
New Year!**

"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 31- *New Year's Eve* -
9:00am St. Peter**
† the People of the Parish

**Wed., January 1 -*New Year's Day* -
9:00am, St. Alphonsus**
† Jack Gainsley
by Jerry & Marilyn Iott

Thurs., January 2- 9:00am, St. Peter
† Elsie Demey
by Brad W. Iffland

Fri., January 3 -9:00am, St. Alphonsus
† Larry Schadewald
by Michele Edelbrock

Sat., January 4- 4:30pm, St. Alphonsus
† Bill & Alberta Payne
by family

**Sun., January 5-
8:00am, St. Alphonsus**
† Terry Diver
by Bob & Barb Rains

11:00am, St. Peter
† Charles & Josephine Szymanowski
by the Estate of Elizabeth G. Rost

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FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER**

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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.**

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!

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

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

Tuesday, January 7
‡**Eucharistic Adoration‡**
Hosted by the Women of Prayer
Blissfield
after 9:00 Mass
9:30am-10:30am

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

January 4, 2025	Deerfield
January 11	Blissfield
January 18	Deerfield
January 25	Blissfield

**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
Liam Cherry	Robaszkievicz
Mary Clemes	Joseph Savarin
Isabelle DeLaCruz	Sharon Schadewald
Madeline Denecker	Jeannie Schroeder
Colin Dietrich	Harold Sears
Webb Drew	Pat Sears
George Eastwood	Steve Shields
Elaine Esper	Becky Shusta
Kenneth Faust	Margaret Smith
Ted Forgiel	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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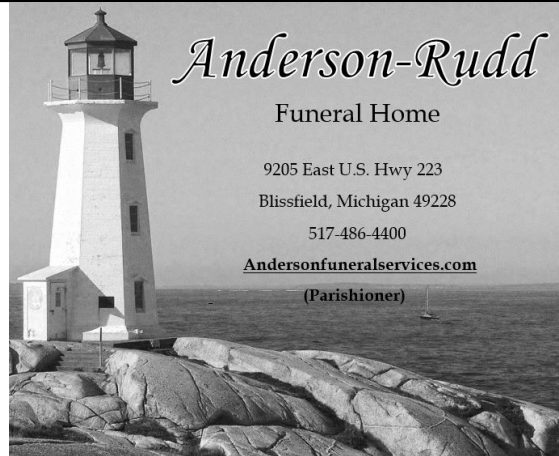
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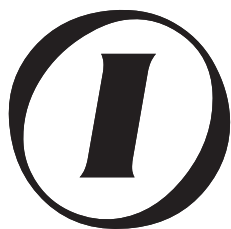
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