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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 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 8, 2024

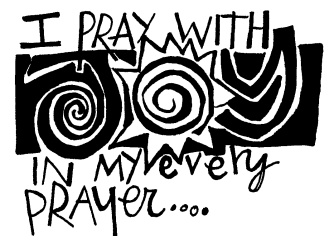


Second Sunday of Advent

~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

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

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



That your Love
may INCREASE
ever MORE and more.
St. Paul

-STEWARDSHIP REPORT-

December 1, 2024

Sunday \$5,849 - 82 env

Christmas \$10 - 1 env

Loose \$125

Christmas Flowers \$535 - 31 env

Mercy Fund \$265 - 15 env

Total \$6,784

Online Giving

Sunday \$1,531 - 25 env

Mercy Fund \$5 - 1 env

Monthly Pledge \$200 - 1 env

Total \$1,736

Overall Total \$8,520

Immaculate Conception

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception falls on December 9 this year.

Whereas the previously issued USCCB *Liturgical Calendar for the Dioceses of the United States of America 2024* stated that Monday, December 9, 2024, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patronal Feast Day of the United States of America, is "not a Holy Day of Obligation this year", Most Reverend Earl Boyea, Bishop of Lansing, has dispensed the faithful from obligation for this year alone.



KNIGHTS NEWS

And Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaiden of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the Angel departed her. Luke 1:38. We pray for the unborn and expecting mothers and fathers, that they may celebrate God's gift of life. "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. 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.

LESSONS & Carols

An Afternoon of Scripture & Song
Recounting the Fall,
the Promise of a Messiah,
the Incarnation &
the Great Commission to Preach the Good News

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024, 3 P.M.

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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Wednesday, December 11

☘**Soup & Substance & Reconciliation**☘
SALT Center, Deerfield
6:00pm Soup, 6:30 Scott Hahn Video,
7:00 Reconciliation

Sunday, December 15

☘**EL. & MS Religious Education**☘
1st-8th Grade
9:50am-10:50am Blissfield
☘**Confirmation Class at the Christmas
Basket Assembly**, see below☘

☘**Christmas Basket Assembly &
Distribution**☘ by *Knights of Columbus*
Blissfield Hall
Noon- Lunch, fill boxes, & load vehicles

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

December 14	Blissfield
December 21	Deerfield
December 28	Blissfield
January 4, 2025	Deerfield



Women's Discernment Retreat April 11-13th, 2025

This Diocesan Discernment Retreat is for women ages 16-39 who are seeking God's will for their life. Consecrated virgins and religious sisters from various religious communities will be giving talks on discerning God's will, leading small groups, giving their testimonies of their calling, and providing a joyful witness of what it means to be a consecrated to the Lord as Brides of Christ in service to his

Church. Mass, Adoration, Confession, Spiritual Mentorship, & meals will be part of this retreat.

When: April 11-13th, 2025 (The retreat will start at 7pm on Friday April 11th (dinner on your own before you arrive) and

end after lunch on Sunday, April 13th around 1pm)

Where: St Francis retreat center, Dewitt MI.

Deadline to Register: April 4th, 2025

*Women who are under 18 years of age (16 & 17 years old) will need to fill out a parental permission form.

Questions can be directed to Dawn at dhausmann@dioceseoflansing.org
More information can be found at <https://www.dioceseoflansing.org/event/diocesan-womens-discernment-retreat>

SWEEPSTAKES WINNER

The \$250 Sweepstakes winner for November 2024 is **Jennifer Yape of Palmyra**, with ticket #24-3032! The ticket was sold by **James Yape**, so he received \$20, as well. Good luck to everyone in the December drawing!

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!

ADVENT EVENTS

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!

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**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tues., December 10 - 9:00am St. Peter
✠ Tom & Juanita Garrett
by Mike & Sheila Garrett

Wed., December 11 -9:00am, St. Alphonsus
✠ Larry Schadewald
by Mr. & Mrs. William Howard

Thurs., December 12- 9:00am, St. Peter
✠ the People of the Parish

Fri., December 13 -9:00am, St. Alphonsus
✠ Charles & Josephine Szymanowski
by the Estate of Elizabeth G. Rost

Sat., December 14- 4:30pm, St. Peter
✠ Dan Reed
by Cheryl Reed

**Sun., December 15-
8:00am, St. Alphonsus**
✠ Terry Diver
by Leo Forche

11:00am, St. Peter
✠ Lena Silva
by family

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	John Musielewicz
Ginger Borowski	Brenda Nagy
Becky Branscum	Karen Nevins
Darlene Breitner	Ken Nevins
Lary Brenke	Liz Parros
Doris Bussing	Bev Pifer
Danny Butcher	Bob Rains
Linda Butcher	Eva Ricker
Nicole Cassidy	Brendan Robaszkievicz
Stephen Cassidy	Joseph Savarin
Liam Cherry	Sharon Schadewald
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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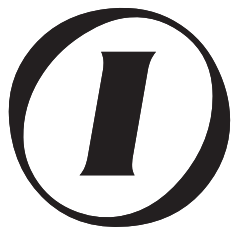
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