



# 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!

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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.

January 12, 2025  
The Baptism of the Lord



### ~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

**The Baptism of the Lord**  
**January 12, 2025**  
Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11  
Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7  
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**January 19, 2025**  
Isaiah 62:1-5  
1 Corinthians 12:4-11  
John 2:1-11

JESUS CHRIST  
SAVED US  
THROUGH  
THE BATH OF  
REBIRTH  
-TITUS-

## -STEWARDSHIP REPORT-

**January 5, 2025**

Sunday \$4,820 - 75 env  
Loose \$158  
Initial Offering \$325 - 12 env  
Mercy Fund \$143 - 11 env  
Solemnity of Mary \$390 - 16 env  
Christmas \$275 - 4 env  
Christmas Flowers \$5 - 1 env  
Immaculate Conception \$5 - 1 env  
Total \$6,121

### Online Giving

Sunday \$851 - 20 env  
Monthly Pledge \$50 - 1 env  
Mercy Fund \$5 - 1 env  
Total \$906

**Overall Total \$7,027**

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

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**Stay safe!**

### THANK YOU!

We would like to thank all the Ladies & Gentleman that worked or donated to the Ted Forgiel funeral luncheon on January 2nd. Without your help, we could not have had a beautiful tribute for him.

Thanks so much,

Ann Curtis

### SWEEPSTAKES WINNER

The **\$250 Sweepstakes** winner for **December 2024** is **Juanita McMahon of Deerfield**, with ticket **#24-2045**! The ticket was sold by **Juanita herself**, so she received an additional **\$20**, as well.

Good luck to everyone in the **January 2025** drawing! It's not too late to purchase your tickets to be included in the monthly drawings for 2025!

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

<b>January 18</b>	<b>Deerfield</b>
January 25	Blissfield
February 1	Deerfield
February 8	Blissfield

*Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.*

**Thaddeus "Ted" Forgiel** of Deerfield passed away on December 25 and his funeral was January 2 in Deerfield. Please keep Ted and his family in your thoughts and prayers.



### Dine and Discuss Book Focuses on U.S. Justice System

The next session of Weber Center's Dine and Discuss Book Club focuses on Dan Slepian's book, *The Sing Sing Files: One Journalist, Six Innocent Men, and a 20-Year Fight for Justice*. Dinner and the discussion are at 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at Weber Retreat and Conference Center. The book details the experience of Dan Slepian, a veteran producer for NBC's *Dateline*, as he investigates an allegation that two men were serving 25 years to life in prison for a 1990 murder they had not committed.

The \$25 price includes the book, dinner, and discussion. If you purchase this hard-cover book for this reduced cost, please commit to attending the dinner and discussion. The book is available at Weber Center beginning on January 13, 2025.

Registration is required. Visit [www.webercenter.org](http://www.webercenter.org) and click on "programs," call 517-266-4000, or email [webercenter@adriandominicans.org](mailto:webercenter@adriandominicans.org). Limited scholarships are available.

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.



## KNIGHTS NEWS

As soon as Jesus was baptized, he came up out of the water. Then heaven opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God coming down like a dove and lightning on him. Then a voice said from heaven, "This is my own dear Son, with whom I am pleased." Mathew 3:16-17. Let us pray for a generous increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated religious.

**ALL available Knights are invited to attend the Exemplification of new Knights this Sunday, January 12 after the 11:00 AM Mass.** All 3 Degrees of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity can be conferred at the same time. Family members and guests are welcome to attend. Online members can participate and transfer their membership to Council 7832. For more details or to join locally please contact GK Nicolas Martinez at 517 442-3868. For a FREE online membership please sign up at [www.kofc.org/join\\_and](http://www.kofc.org/join_and) enter Promo Code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY. St. John the Baptist pray for us.

**Scholarships are available from the Knights of Columbus.** Most recipients are the children of Knights or Knights themselves attending Catholic colleges and universities. For more information, please visit [www.kofc.org/scholarships](http://www.kofc.org/scholarships). St. Elizabeth Ann Seton pray for us.

**Did you know the Knights of Columbus offers a complete portfolio of affordable top-quality products?** Fraternal benefits may include Whole Life, Permanent Life, or Term Life Insurance options, Long Term Care, Disability Income Insurance, IRA, Roth IRA, and tax deferred Retirement Annuities. For details, please call our local Field Agent, Nicolas Novak at 810 620-4240, email [Nicolas.Novak@kofc.org](mailto:Nicolas.Novak@kofc.org), or visit [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org). St. John the Apostle pray for us.

**Good News! Our Council is having a Knights & Wives Dinner after the 4:30 PM Mass on February 22, 2025.** All Knights & Wives are welcome, along with Widows of Knights, and anyone interested in becoming a Knight. Please see future bulletins for more details. St. Joseph pray for us.

**Thank you to Papenhagen Construction for donating their time and sending crews to put up the large Christmas wreath in St. Peter the Apostle Church in Blissfield. We really appreciate your help!!**

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

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Tues., January 14- 9:00am St. Peter**  
† Charles & Josephine Szymanowski  
by the Estate of Elizabeth G. Rost

**Wed., January 15 - 9:00am, St. Alphonsus**  
† Darlene Forche  
by Leo Forche & family

**Thurs., January 16- 9:00am, St. Peter**  
† the People of the Parish

**Fri., January 17 -9:00am, St. Alphonsus**  
† Jack Gainsley  
by Terry & Deborah Beurer

**Sat., January 18- 4:30pm, St. Alphonsus**  
† Deceased members of the Zellner,  
Dunn, & Studnicka families  
by Mark & Colette Studnicka

**Sun., January 19-  
8:00am, St. Alphonsus**  
† Patricia Brosamer Malmquist  
by the Malmquist & Brosamer families

**11:00am, St. Peter**  
† Deacon James Hashman  
*8th Anniversary*  
by Penny Hashman

## SAVE THE DATES

The Diocese of Lansing Catholic Lawyers Guild invites you to save the date for their 2025 events:

**Lenten Retreat** Saturday, March 15, 9am to 4pm, at St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt. Registration information will follow soon regarding the Lenten Retreat.

**Spring Luncheon** Tuesday, May 6, at 12 noon, at St. Mary Cathedral Parish Hall, Lansing with guest speaker Joseph P.

McGill, State Bar of Michigan President and former President of Catholic Lawyers Society of Metro Detroit.

**Red Mass and St. Thomas More Award** Tuesday, October 7 at 6pm at St. Mary Cathedral, with Bishop Earl Boyea as main celebrant, reception dinner to follow.

**Advent Retreat** Saturday, December 6, 9am to 4pm, at Miles Christi Family Center, 25300 Johns Road, South Lyon, 48178.

Any questions, call/text Guild executive director Diane Arzberger 517-402-1562.

## 2025 SWEEPSTAKES TICKETS THERE'S STILL TIME TO GET YOUR 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.**

## Days of Mindfulness Encourage Attending to the Present Moment

All are welcome to join Weber Retreat and Conference Center's mindfulness community in person from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays. Sister Esther Kennedy, OP, a Dominican Sister of Adrian, a retreat leader, and a spiritual director, conducts the mindfulness sessions. Upcoming days are: The Practice of Transformative Love, Saturday, February 1, 2025, and Why We Meditate, Saturday, March 1, 2025.

Each session, which includes lunch, is limited to 30 participants. The cost is \$35 per session, and registration is required. Visit [www.webercenter.org](http://www.webercenter.org) and click on "programs," call 517-266-4000, or email [webercenter@adriandominicans.org](mailto:webercenter@adriandominicans.org). Limited scholarships are available.

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## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**Sunday, January 19**  
**\*El. & MS Religious Education\***  
**1st-8th Grade**  
BREAK—MLK, JR. WEEKEND

**Sunday, January 26**  
**\*El. & MS Religious Education\***  
**1st-8th Grade**  
9:50am-10:50am in Blissfield

**Sunday, February 2**  
**\*El. & MS Religious Education\***  
**1st-8th Grade & Confirmation**  
9:50am-10:50am in Blissfield

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

Kathleen Adams	Gus LaRoy
Rita Bausman	Gale LaVoy
Aiden Beauregard	Debbie Marietta
Linda Beham	Joseph Mueller
Mike Bomia	Muriel Mueller
Ella Borowski	John Musielewicz
Ginger Borowski	Brenda Nagy
Becky Branscum	Karen Nevins
Darlene Breitner	Ken Nevins
Larry Brenke	Liz Parros
Doris Bussing	Bev Pifer
Danny Butcher	Bob Rains
Linda Butcher	Eva Ricker
Nicole Cassidy	Brendan
Stephen Cassidy	Robaszkiewicz
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
Traci Knaggs	

*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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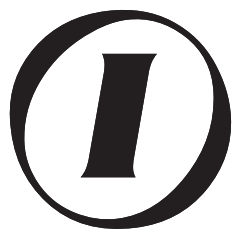
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