



LIGHT OF CHRIST CATHOLIC PARISH

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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 5, 2025
The Epiphany of the Lord



~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

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

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

We Are
Co-Partners
IN the
PROMISE.
ephesians3

-STEWARDSHIP REPORT-

Christmas

Christmas \$4,248 - 72 env
 Sunday \$730 - 19 env
 Loose \$521
 Total \$5,499

December 29, 2024

Sunday \$2,250 - 78 env
 Christmas \$400 - 1 env
 Loose \$115
 Mercy Fund \$40 - 3 env
 Retired Religious \$40 - 2 env
 Help Spread The Faith \$10 - 1 env
 Catholic School Teaching \$10 - 1 env
 Immaculate Conception \$10 - 1 env
 All Saints Day \$15 - 2 env
 World Mission \$10 - 1 env
 Solemnity of Mary \$123 - 6 env
 Ascension \$5 - 1 env
 Total \$3,028

Online Giving

Sunday \$1,386 - 24 env
 Christmas \$100 - 1 env
 Mercy Fund \$5 - 1 env
 Total \$1,491

Overall Total \$10,018

EUCHARISTIC 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!

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!

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

SATURDAY 4:30 PM MASS

SITE LOCATION 2024-25 SCHEDULE

January 11	Blissfield
January 18	Deerfield
January 25	Blissfield
February 1	Deerfield

HELP NEEDED TO UN-DECORATE THE CHURCHES

All of the Christmas decorations will be taken down **NEXT weekend** after the 8:00am in Deerfield and 11:00am in Blissfield Sunday Masses. Please feel free to take home a poinsettia or two! If you are able to stay for a bit after mass and help pack things up, we could use your help! Thank you in advance.

God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. Hebrews 6:10

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.



KNIGHTS NEWS

When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary, his mother, and they fell down and worshipped him. Then opening their treasures they offered him gifts, gold, frankincense and myrrh. Mathew 2: 10,11 . Let us pray for the conversion of all non-believers to Christianity. To learn more about the Epiphany of the Lord please read the book "Mystery of the Magi" by Father Dwight Longenecker, or visit <https://www.vaticannews.va>.

We need new Knights! The Knights of Columbus is a family oriented fraternal service organization whose main principals are Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. Would you like to join us? Sign up now at www.kofc.org/join, enter Promo Code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY, and pay no dues for 12 months. For more details about our FREE membership plan, please call GK Nicolas Martinez at 517 442-3868. St. Mathew the Apostle 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. 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 Insurance, 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, or visit www.kofc.org. St. John the Apostle pray for us.

Holy Father's Intention: For the right to an education - Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

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

**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK**

Tues., January 7- 9:00am St. Peter
† Elsie Demey
by Bert & Karen Braman (Iffland)

Wed., January 8 - 9:00am, St. Alphonsus
† John Witt
by family

Thurs., January 9- 9:00am, St. Peter
† Tom & Juanita Garrett
by Mike & Sheila Garrett

Fri., January 10 -9:00am, St. Alphonsus
† Ramona Scholl
by Barb Laberde

Sat., January 11- 4:30pm, St. Peter
† the People of the Parish

**Sun., January 12-
8:00am, St. Alphonsus**
† Carl & Florine Forche
by Jeff & Sharon Simpson

11:00am, St. Peter
† Vivian Tack
by Karen Coopshaw

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

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**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.**

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

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

Sunday, January 12
‡**Un-decorate the Churches‡**
Many Hands Make Light Work!
After 8:00am Mass in Deerfield
Afte 11:00am Mass in Blissfield

‡**El. & MS Religious Education‡**
1st-8th Grade
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 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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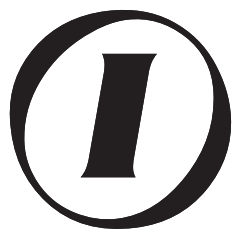
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