

# Our Lady Star of the Sea

Catholic Church

January 31, 2021

# BULLETIN

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*Building Strong Minds and Faithful Hearts through Christ.*



**OUR LADY  
STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL**



With Mary , we bring people to Christ to live the love of God

## mass times & information

**SAT** 4:00 p.m. (Vigil)  
**SUN** 8:00 a.m.  
9:30 a.m.  
11:30 a.m.  
**MON** 7:30 a.m.  
**TUE** 7:30 a.m.  
**WED** 7:30 a.m.  
**THU** 7:30 a.m.  
**FRI** 8:30 a.m.

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**MON** 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
**TUE** 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
**WED** 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
**THU** 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
**FRI** 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
**SAT** Closed  
**SUN** Closed  
**Holidays** — Closed

### BAPTISMS

Please call the parish office during the last months of pregnancy to arrange for Baptism classes and schedule the Sacrament. Everyone has a right to their own sacramental certificate. No one has the right to another person's certificate, except the parent/guardian of a minor child. (Archdiocese of Detroit)

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 3:00 pm or by appointment

### ANOIDTING OF THE SICK/ MINISTRY TO THE SICK

The Church strongly encourages people to receive the Sacrament (Anointing) of the Sick at the early stages of serious sickness or before serious surgeries.

In emergency situations needing the prompt attention of a priest, please call the parish office.

### MARRIAGE

Archdiocesan law requires advance notice of at least six months.

### PARISH REGISTRATION

Newcomers to the parish may register in the Parish Office during regular office hours. Others, please notify the Parish Office of address changes. **Adults over 21** need to be registered as an individual member to be considered a Catholic in Good Standing.

Hearing devices are available for use during Mass. Please ask an usher for assistance.

## Half and Half



This week is Catholic Schools Week. It is a time to highlight the many good things that comprise a Catholic school. The first thing that might come to mind for people is the tradition of discipline. That discipline might be in terms of a stronger code of conduct or academic rigor. Another aspect of Catholic school has been the use of uniforms. (In my earlier days I have some *vague* memories of the girls wearing a beanie.) In addition to all of that, there is certainly the infusion of the Catholic faith. What is taught in religion class is brought to life in many ways through the other classes and activities. It is also wonderful how the children so often have a way of bringing their religion or faith to the rest of the family. This is often done through the various service “projects” of the school children and by sharing what they learn in religion class. It is great to see the children and the parents grow in the faith together!

I have so many great memories of my 22 years of Catholic education, especially grade school. I enjoyed walking back and forth to school every day with my friends. For me it was two round trips a day since we all walked home for lunch every day. I knew many of my teachers were tough but the challenge was good. Some of my teachers were lots of fun. Overall I was well prepared to be a good thinker in all situations, not simply being prepared for high school. As in any catholic school, everyone had to pitch in to make it great. I think I was in 6th grade when we did our part to let the voters of Michigan know we needed “proposal C” so that some tax dollars might help in the education of the children. Unfortunately, after its defeat, the financial picture of catholic schools only grew more dire. Consequently that is when so many of the schools started to close. It has always been a struggle since then to “compete.” Nonetheless, it has always been through the partnership of many people, i.e., parents, teachers, staff, and, in the case of “parish schools,” the parishioners, that a Catholic school forms a terrific community which is its ultimate strength. It is a community of caring, giving people who bring the Good News to others in word and deeds. I am so thankful that here at Star, as in so many other parish schools, people find this as a primary reason to be in a Catholic school.

I would not give up my years of Catholic school education for anything. I might not have had all the bells and whistles along the way but I knew I was in a caring community that was preparing me for the future with a solid foundation.

We do have a school of excellence that is evaluated annually for such a distinction. While some schools can hoist a banner acknowledging a mark of distinction for one year, our distinction is EVERY year! For that I am very grateful for all who help to make Star of the Sea School this school of distinction!

\*\* Our monthly Holy Hour is Monday night, the first Monday of the month, at 7:30 pm A nice time to spend with our Lord in Adoration and Benediction.

\*\* Looking ahead...as with most things during this pandemic, the distribution of ashes on Ash Wednesday will be slightly different this year. As we continue to strive to be “contactless,” as they do in most of Europe and other parts of the world, I will sprinkle a pinch of ashes on top of your head instead of making a sign of the cross on our forehead. More will be explained next week but wanted to give you a “heads up” this week!

Have a great week in the Lord’s peace. Spread the word about our excellent school this week.

Msgr. Gary Smetanka

Scripture  
Readings

**Readings for the  
Week of January 31, 2021**

**Sunday**

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Dt 18:15-20;

Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9;

1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

**Monday**

Heb 11:32-40;

Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24;

Mk 5:1-20

**Tuesday**

**Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**

Mal 3:1-4;

Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2:14-18;

Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

**Wednesday**

**Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr;**

**Saint Ansgar, Bishop**

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; P

s 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a;

Mk 6:1-6

**Thursday**

Heb 12:18-19, 21-24;

Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11;

Mk 6:7-13

**Friday**

**Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin  
and Martyr**

Heb 13:1-8;

Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc;

Mk 6:14-29

**Saturday**

**Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and  
Companions, Martyrs**

Heb 13:15-17; 20-21;

Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6;

Mk 6:30-34

**Sunday**

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7;

Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23;

Mk 1:29-39

**A prayer for  
Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus,  
I believe that you are present  
in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love you above all things  
and I desire to receive you in my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment  
receive you sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace you as if you were already  
there  
and unite myself wholly to you.  
Never permit me to be separated from  
you. Amen.



We warmly welcome the newly  
baptized into our  
Parish

Baptized:  
January 24, 2021  
by Msgr. Gary Smetanka

**Ashton Zane Matus**

Parents:  
Alex & Bethany (DeMars)  
Matus

Godparent:  
Daniel Myers and Mary Trost

**Henry Richard Felcyn**

Parents:  
Kurtis Felcyn and  
Marissa Nichols

Godparents  
Erik LaBelle & Stephanie LaBelle

**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, February 1**

7:30 a.m. +Edmund Ahee, Jr.

**Tuesday, February 2**

7:30 a.m. +Robert J. Cerwin  
+Nino Vitale

**Wednesday, February 3**

7:30 a.m. +Floyd Johnson

**Thursday, February 4**

7:30 a.m. +Catherine Smetanka  
Carmen Matugan

**Friday, February 5**

8:30 a.m. OLSOS Students & Staff

**Saturday, February 6**

4:00 p.m. +Dominic Graziani  
+Kathleen Mech  
+Estelle Gudenau  
+Pat Fleischmann  
OLSOS Ushers  
Jo Fontana

**Sunday, February 7**

8:00 a.m. +Bettejean Ahee  
+John Ahee  
Increase in Vocations

9:30 a.m. OLSOS Parishioners  
+Marilyn Bourgoin  
+Catherine Jaboro

11:30 a.m. +Aaron Blair  
+Robert J. LeFevre  
+Joseph Neuwirth  
+John Ahee  
+Virginia Mushenski  
+Elizabeth Licata

**Holy Hour**



Monday  
February 1st  
7:30 - 8:30 pm  
in the Church





# MYSTERY *at* STAR MANOR

Auction Gala and Live Streamed Event  
February 27, 2021

[www.OLSOS-Auction.org](http://www.OLSOS-Auction.org)

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## A Virtual Evening Of Intrigue & Mystery

We are excited to spend the evening with you at the upcoming Mystery at Star Manor Auction Gala. Although it may look a bit different this year, many aspects of the annual event remain the same. There still will be incredible Silent and Live auction items and raffles. Befitting the mystery theme, we will bring the classic board game, *CLUE* to life to solve the Mystery at Star Manor!

With the virtual venue of Star Manor, the unique opportunity of attending from any location brings many possibilities. Will you attend from home or choose to gather with a few friends for a Detective Viewing Party? Visit [OLSOS-Auction.org](http://OLSOS-Auction.org) for available Viewing Party packages or view the event invitation for details. Whichever option you choose, be sure to plan on being there--let's pack the "Manor!"



### Clue-Me-In Raffle

First Prize

\$5,000 in Cash

or

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Second Prize

\$1,000 from Local  
Restaurants

Third Prizes:

Four prizes of \$500 each

Tickets @ \$25 each, 5 for \$100, or 20 for \$300

#### THANK YOU "MYSTERY AT STAR MANOR" PATRONS

The list below reflects donation received by January 24th. Patron donations are gratefully accepted through February 27, 2021. Those received before February 4th will be recognized in the printed event program.

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# FORMING OUR FAITH

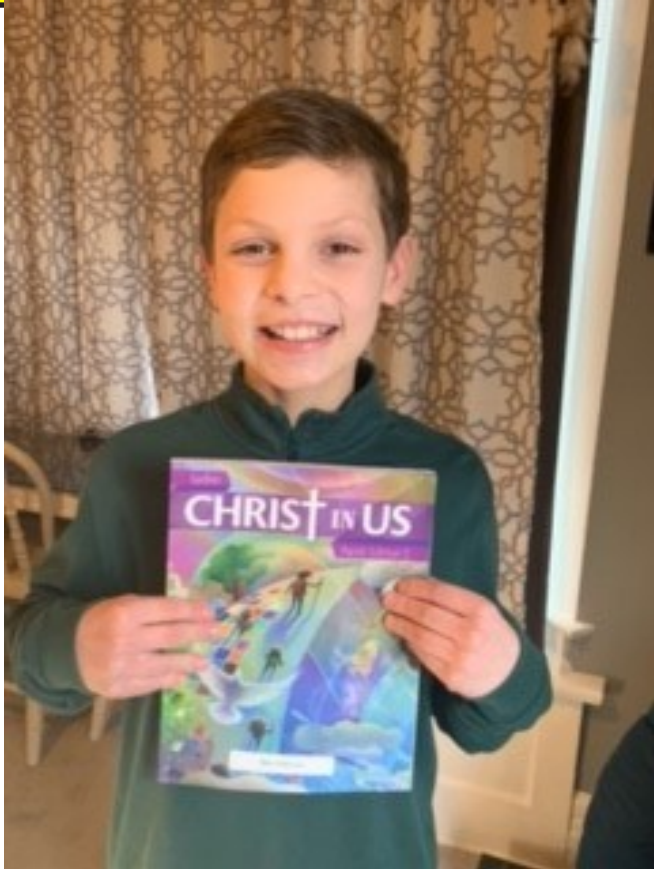
*"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life." — 1 John 1:1*

Last week in Faith Formation: *How do we respond to God's love?*

This past week, our OLSOS Faith Formation students have been focused on how God's love leads to eternal happiness and inspires us to love others. Because God loves us, we love others, work for the common good, and develop a better and better relationship with the Blessed Trinity.

Please pray for our young people in Faith Formation!

## Student Spotlight



Jack Babcock — OLSOS Faith Formation (Grade 5)

Q: What part of Mass do you enjoy most?

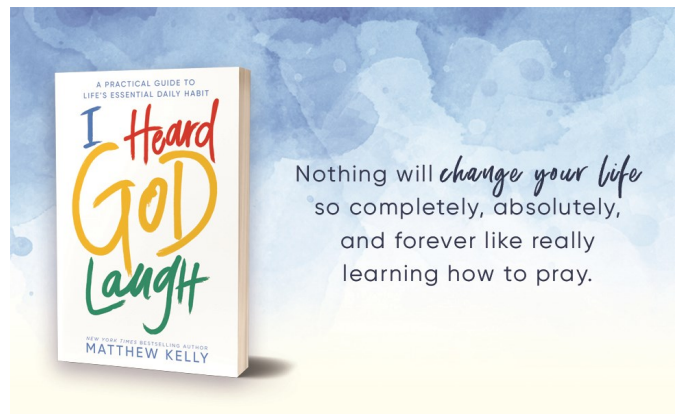
"The homily is my favorite part of the mass. It is interesting. I like hearing the lesson and how it applies to my life."

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Ever thought, "I need to pray more," but don't know where to start? How to pray. That's the question Matthew Kelly answers in his new book *I Heard God Laugh*. He shares his own experience with prayer, and provides a clear-cut course of action to improve your prayer life and your relationship with God.

**If you have not picked up a copy in the back of the church, please be sure to do so!**

**Do you have students in Faith Formation at Our Lady Star of the Sea? Do you have any questions or concerns?**

**Email Curtis Schuelke at [c.schuelke@stargp.org](mailto:c.schuelke@stargp.org) to set up a time to meet virtually one-on-one! We are here to help!**





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# ASH WEDNESDAY - February 17th

Masses: 7:30 am, 10:00 am & 7:00 pm

With distribution of ashes after the homily

Liturgy of the Word Services: 12:15 pm & 3:15 pm

With distribution of ashes after the homily

Self imposition of ashes in NOT ALLOWED

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are Days of Fast and Abstinence\*

Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence\*

\*The law of abstinence obliges those 14 years or age and older not to eat meat. The law of fast obliges all those 18-59 years old to refrain from eating between meals and to limit eating to one full meal and two lighter meals for the entire day

## CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

### Contributions Statements

Statements have been mailed to all parishioners who have contributed \$300 or more in 2020.

- If you do not receive a statement, please contact the Parish Office and we will print another one for you to pick or email to you.
- Statements are also available online for you to print yourself.
- Follow this link—<https://olsos.org/parishsoft> And follow the directions

## Help us Stock our Pantry

**Our food pantry is low  
and needs the following items:**

cereal - pasta and sauce - mac and cheese  
Soup - canned tuna - canned chicken  
canned fruit - canned vegetables,  
canned pasta - peanut butter and jelly  
crackers (Saltines, Ritz, Townhouse)  
personal care (soap, toothpaste, deodorant)

**Please drop off items in the  
gathering space, during Mass times.**



## In memoriam

2/1/1978	James Bretz
2/1/1979	Richard Bruneau
2/1/1981	John Bennett
2/1/1987	Walter Wyrod
2/1/1991	Adele Giuliani
2/1/1997	Alice DeSmet
2/1/1999	Carl Scott
2/2/1978	Ruetta DeBaeke
2/2/1989	Josephine Nash
2/2/1991	Anthony Joseph Quasarano
2/2/1992	Eleanore Gorka
2/2/2009	Victor Czerny
2/2/2012	Edwin Gaynor
2/3/1955	Thomas Michael Burke
2/3/1986	Anna Bogdanski
2/3/1989	Alfred Greulich
2/3/1990	Antonette Slubowski
2/3/1992	Mary Bartone
2/3/1993	Frank Kowalski
2/3/1994	Marie Louise Vier
2/3/2010	Joan Kaiser
2/4/1957	Hulda Maesenich
2/4/1963	Edith Woodfill
2/4/1972	Elizabeth Doll
2/4/1984	Cora Doetsch
2/4/1986	Cecilia Buyssee
2/4/2004	William Berry
2/4/2008	Joseph Baldyga
2/4/2011	Catherine Smetanka
2/5/1971	John Clark
2/5/1977	Louis Casinelli
2/5/1994	Edna Schwartz
2/5/1995	Michael Slusarick
2/5/1995	Helena Monacelli
2/5/2009	Patricia Rahaim
2/5/2016	Marianna Tringale
2/6/1966	Gwendolyne Elsey
2/6/1968	John DeYonker
2/7/1958	Francis Wurling
2/7/1963	John Hill
2/7/1974	Eunice Makichuck
2/7/1977	Evelyn Chase
2/7/1977	James Nowak
2/7/1998	Helen Morray
2/7/2002	Susan Kodan
2/7/2003	Virginia Hirschfield
2/7/2012	Alice Mualem
2/7/2016	Tyrus Goodman

## Please pray for:

### the sick

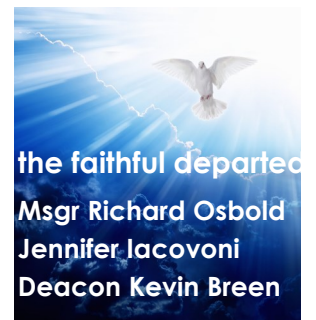
Angela Agrusa  
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Marie Brady  
Robert Caldwell  
Cassidy Christie  
Adam Cole  
Noah Cole  
Dr. William Collins  
Amer Dabish  
Sharon De Long  
Virg Ditty  
Joseph Drader  
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Dan Murphy  
Sue Nelson  
Don Nelson  
Marilyn O'Bryan  
Sylvia Panicara  
Jim Panicara  
Joe Ross  
Terry Ryba  
Josh Simon  
Joseph Simon  
Bill Scholtz  
Cathy Spindler  
Raul Tomas  
Charlotte Weekes  
Fr. Francis Weingartz

### those in the military

Joshua Bielak  
Paul David Boni  
James Patrick Carrier  
Kyle Cone  
Emily de Brun  
Jason T. Erbecker  
Ramon Lopez Garcia  
Dylan Goitz  
Kevin Hanley  
Matt Helm

Matt Hoffman  
Matthew Johnston  
Justin Kelly  
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Matt Lacy  
Kyle Lechner  
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