

March 22, 2020

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

And the angel said to her in reply,
"The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the
Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be
born will be called Holy, the Son of God."

Luke 1:35

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

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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

SAT 3:00 p.m. until all have been heard and by appointment

ANointing 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.

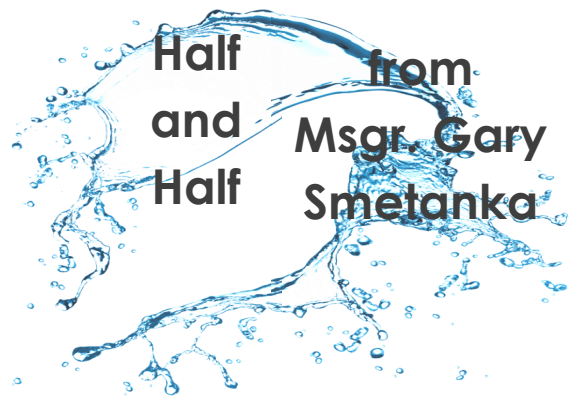
What unprecedented times we are in! I know many people are quite unsettled by what is happening regarding the Coronavirus (Covid-19). We have been watching this virus sweep across the world and now it is in our country and own backyard. It has frightened many people to the point where they are hoarding important items for basic living, e.g., masks, gloves, alcohol wipes, sanitizer, etc., that are necessary for those health care professionals to help take care of the sick. It has been amazing to see so many of the store shelves that once had toilet paper, cleaners, eggs, meat - all empty!

Unfortunately, while many have been stockpiling, I worry about those who truly need items now and can't find any, like the elderly. If only everyone would be considerate of others, and not take everything for themselves, everyone would be less stressed! We need to look after and care for others through kindness and sharing. We, likewise, need to pray for each other.

The difficulty of this situation is the fluidity and how fast things change. One day we can be limited to 100 people gathering, then the next day 50, then ten, and who knows if it may go down to two! Making the decisions for such a large group of people is difficult. You have to think about the facts of this hour and this day.

There is no sense telling you in this article what we are doing here at the parish because I am sure by the time you read this thing may have changed! I can only tell you that we will make decisions to help the common good and the community, to stop the spread of this virus and not put others in harm's way. I believe the inconvenience will be worth it if we can create a healthy and stabilized environment for all.

As it appears now, our parish Holy Week services will be closed to the public, even Easter Mass. I know these services will most likely be live-streamed from the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament. We will keep you informed as to the specifics through our parish website (www.olsos.org), our social media accounts, Facebook: www.facebook.com/StarOfTheSeaGP/ Instagram: www.instagram.com/staroftheseagp/ and by calling the office (presuming our office is open). We will continue to publish this bulletin with a few printed copies but obviously posted



on-line. Watch our webpage for some further messages from me as we journey through Lent and this crisis. You can also find great resources and information through the archdiocesan website (www.aod.org).

Do not lose hope! We know our Lord is with us and Our Lady is watching out for us. This is a perfect time to engage in more prayer to Our Lady Star of the Sea as she guides us through the stormy water into safe harbor. See the additional prayers to Our Lady of Lourdes and the prayers Archbishop Vigneron has requested that we pray, a spiritual communion, in the absence of not being able to receive Holy Communion, and the Memorare as we petition Our Blessed Mother. I pray for you as I, and Fr. Brian, continue to celebrate the requested Masses privately. Continue praying and we will be amazed by the blessings on this community!

** During the COVID-19 pandemic and the temporary suspension of public Masses in the Archdiocese of Detroit, Our Lady Star of the Sea still needs your support. Although we are not celebrating Mass as a parish community, we still have a need to pay our staff, maintain the church building, and continue our outreach ministries. We ask that, to the best of your ability, you continue to make your weekly offertory donations, either by mailing them to the parish, dropping them off at the office, or via our website www.olsos.org.

Your help, based upon your situation as you are able during this crisis, is very much appreciated. Thank you.

May Our Lady of Lourdes and Our Lady Star of the Sea heal us and guide us!

Msgr. Gary Smetanka

The Memorare

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known
that anyone who fled to thy protection,
implored thy help, or sought thy intercession
was left unaided.
Inspired with this confidence,
I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother;
to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful.
O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
despise not my petitions,
but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.



Prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes

O Holy Virgin,
in the midst of your days of glory,
do not forget the sorrow of this earth.
Cast a merciful glance upon those who are suffering,
struggling against difficulties,
with their lips constantly pressed against life's bitter cup.
Have pity on those who love each other and are separated.
Have pity on our rebellious hearts.
Have pity on our weak faith.
Have pity on those we love.
Have pity on those who weep, on those who pray, on those who
fear.
Grant hope and peace to all. Amen

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 23

7:30 a.m.

+Frank & Josephine M. Colombo
+Leonard, Ethel & Helen Hart

Tuesday, March 24

7:30 a.m.

+Bill & Loraine Glynn

Wednesday, March 25

7:30 a.m.

The Sick

Thursday, March 26

7:30 a.m.

+Elsie & William Connors

Friday, March 27

8:30 a.m.

Living and Deceased members
of the Yuhase Family

Saturday, March 28

4:00 p.m.

+Stanley Rembelski

Sunday, March 29

8:00 a.m.

+Art & Dorothy Spindler
Fran Bauer
OLSOS Parishioners

9:30 a.m.

+Bonnie Kitchen
+Catherine Jaboro

11:30 a.m.

+Lou Iacobell
+Virginia Mushenski
+Kevin Collins
+Edward Nowak

Mass will be offered daily. All
Mass intentions that are
scheduled will be fulfilled. Thank
you for your understanding
during this unfamiliar time.

ALMSGIVING

The three traditional pillars of Lenten observance are prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Almsgiving: It is a sign of our care for those in need and an expression of our gratitude for all that God has given to us. Works of charity and the promotion of justice are fundamental components of the Christian way of life we began when we were baptized.

Please *take an envelope* and place your donation to one or more of the organizations in the envelope and *return* your envelope during the *Holy Thursday Service or on Palm Sunday*.



St Aloysius – Detroit, MI

Please Make Checks payable to OLSOS or to St Aloysius. www.stalsdetroit.org

Dear friends at OLSOS,

I offer my words of gratitude to you for making me feel so welcome at your parish. It is true that I only get to see a fraction of you because of my responsibilities at St. Aloysius, but the kindness and generosity of the entire parish is evident most especially through your support of the ministries that I oversee through St. Aloysius Neighborhood Services and St. Dominic Outreach Center. The school supplies, cleaning products, canned food, and donations to both organizations at Christmas is a true testament of your dedication to the works of mercy.

The Lenten season provides us with another opportunity for almsgiving. This year, your Christian Service Commission has graciously chosen St. Aloysius Parish as one of the ministries to support. This is distinct from Neighborhood Services and St. Dominic as this collection will go directly to support the ministry of the parish. Specifically, your donations will be used for liturgical items to be used at Mass. Altar linens and new ancillary chalices for the distribution of Holy Communion are at the top of the list. Additionally, because of our proximity to the Chancery (diocesan offices), the Archbishop celebrates Mass here during Advent and on Ash Wednesday each year. I would like to have a set of matching purple vestments (1 chasuble and 1 dalmatic) for these times and to be used during these seasons.

I appreciated all your support, and especially your prayers. Know that I keep my extended Star family in my prayers!

Fr. Mario Amore



Gianna House: Gianna House is a Pregnancy and Parenting Residence and Center whose mission is to provide a safe residence for pregnant teens and their newborn infants and while providing spiritual, educational, and parenting support and resources to underserved women in our program. Teens may come to reside with us anytime during their pregnancy and remain up to 1 year after giving birth, if they so desire, during which time they continue their high school education and gain parenting and life skills.

Our Community Outreach Program serves mothers of any age by offering parenting, personal growth, spiritual journey, life skills, and enrichment classes. By attending classes, mothers earn "Baby Bucks" to obtain needed items from our baby shop, as well as gain social support from one another. Here is how one mother explains why she participates in our program. "My name is Monique and I have a beautiful, happy, daughter, Serenity, who is 15 months old. I have been attending Gianna House since the beginning of my pregnancy. The reason I continue to come to Gianna House after having my child is because they are a support group and family. The classes they offer here are the classes I need to be a better me and to be as good a mom that I can be. I also meet some other mothers here I can relate to or whom I can share my story with – someone who is now going through what I went through during my pregnancy and after my pregnancy. Before I came to Gianna House, I didn't have anyone to vent to, and the ones I did vent to judged me. But here we don't judge each other no matter what. We try to build one another up. I can honestly say I am happy that Gianna House came into my life when it did, and I'm happy that I met the wonderful moms who come here as well. Thank you for everything that you do for us and will do for us. We truly appreciate you all." Please make checks payable to OLSOS or to Gianna House.

www.giannahouse.org



Fight4Wellness: Grosse Pointe Woods, MI

Breathe a Better Life

Daniel Ament's nonprofit

Please make checks payable to OLSOS or to Fight4wellness. www.fight4wellness.com

Mission: To educate people about the dangers of vaping and other substance abuse, to improve overall mental wellness through providing ways to cope with the pressures of being a teenager, and to inspire our youth to live a healthier, happier lifestyle.

Vision: A world with healthy and confident children and young adults living free from substance abuse.

In memoriam

3/22/1968 Adele Melvin
3/22/1976 Cyril Lingeman
3/22/1982 John Louisgnau
3/22/1998 John Binder
3/22/2004 Lillian Cusmano
3/22/2004 Joseph Versical
3/23/1961 William Coulter
3/23/1966 Adolph Podelt
3/23/1971 John Brennon
3/23/1994 Delores A. Rea
3/23/2012 Kevin Boyle
3/24/1963 Louise Davidson
3/24/1970 Anna Barker
3/24/1974 Edward Szymanski
3/24/1980 Frank Karpinski
3/24/1985 David Kus
3/24/1991 Clara Marco
3/24/1992 Robert G. Seward
3/24/2010 Marie Jo Sullivan
3/25/1958 James Cleary
3/25/1971 Lovell Elsey
3/25/1973 Elizabeth Wagner
3/25/1981 Stephanie Gibasiewicz
3/25/1981 Michael Jacks
3/25/1999 Marjorie Daoust
3/25/2015 Donald Hudec III
3/25/2017 Michael Haas
3/26/1973 Walter Holland
3/26/1977 Albert Bershback
3/26/1999 Daniel Healy
3/26/2018 Kippy Kosorski
3/27/1970 Adolph Dammon
3/27/1980 Carrie Clements
3/27/2000 Richard Flynn
3/28/1962 Ignacy Szymanski
3/28/2002 Ruth Jantz
3/28/2003 Donna Issa
3/28/2005 Roger Naeyaert
3/28/2015 Patrick Wines
3/28/2015 Richard Rinke
3/28/2019 Jennie Carion
3/29/1985 Robert Pfeffer
3/29/1989 Helen Wild
3/29/1993 Marie Kopitzke
3/29/1999 Elettra Alteri

scripture readings

WEEK OF MARCH 22

SUNDAY

Fourth Sunday of Lent

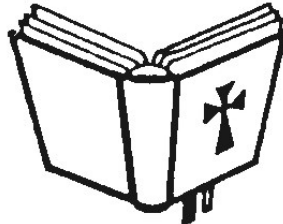
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
Eph 5:8-14
Jn 9:1-41

Monday

Is 65:17-21
Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a, 13b
Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday

Ez 47:1-9, 12
Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9
Jn 5:1-16



Wednesday

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord
Is 7:10-14, 8:10
Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11
Heb 10:4-10
Lk 1:26-38

Thursday

Ex 32:7-14
Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23
Jn 5:31-47

Friday

Wis 2:1a, 12-22
Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday

Jer 11:18-20
Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12
Jn 7:40-53

Sunday

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ez 37:12-14
Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
Rom 8:8-11
Jn 11:1-45

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.

FORMING OUR FAITH



Gospel Reading

John 9:1-41

Jesus heals the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man.

While we are unable to be together at Mass to hear the Scripture, spend time as a family reading and discussing the Word of the Lord in your domestic Church.

TAKE TIME TO CHAT

In today's Gospel, blindness symbolizes lack of faith.

- Why do you think that some people in Jesus' day did not believe that he was the Son of God and long-awaited Messiah even though they witnessed miracles like the one in today's Gospel?
- What makes me blind to seeing Jesus in my life?
- Why do you think some people today don't believe in Jesus? What can be done to help people believe in him?

FAMILY FUN

Think Spring!

- Make bird feeders and hang them outside.
- Make cookies shaped like spring flowers.
- Decorate indoor containers and plant seeds in them (i.e. flowers, vegetables, etc.).



<https://www.52sundays.com/sundays/march-22-2020>

Religious Education Update

In light of measures being taken to contain the COVID-19 outbreak and avoid further illness, Religious Education classes have been suspended for the time being. Families will be contacted with more information as it becomes available.

Please continue to prayer for all of our students and families, especially those being prepared for the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.



Lord, when life changes, help me to adjust well. Sometimes it is just little things, like a change in routine or schedule for the day. But sometimes the changes are much bigger and life-altering. Lord, I praise You for walking with me through the hard and happy. I will cling to You, trust You, and receive Your grace for the journey.

Amen.

Online Lent Resources:

Magnificat is offering free online access. Visit us.magnificat.net

Word on Fire offers daily Mass as well as online videos and other resources to help us journey through Lent.

<https://www.wordonfire.org/>

The Archdiocese of Detroit website has a list of Mass times that will be streamed online and on TV. www.aod.org

The OLSOS Bulletin can be delivered to your email. Visit DiscoverMass.com to sign up.

Please pray for

the sick

Angela Agrusa
Daniel Ament
Jim Amori
Bruce Belcoure
Lisa Belcoure
Marie Brady
Rod Brown
Robert Caldwell
Cassidy Christie
Dr. William Collins
Sharon De Long
Virg Ditty
Joseph Drader
Dave Galbenski
Peter John Hanna
Linda Keschl
Steve Kocsis
Lynn Land
Luke Lleshaj
Phyllis Marek
Rev. Timothy Mazur
Mary Ann Montpetit
Kristina Mulder

Laura Murphy
Dan Murphy
Sue Nelson
Don Nelson
Marilyn O'Bryan
Sylvia Panicara
Jim Panicara
Lilian Rogers
Joe Ross
Terry Ryba
Josh Simon
Joseph Simon
Carmela Veneri
Charlotte Weekes
Fr. Francis Weingartz
Joshua Bielak

those in the military

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
Paul Koss
Matt Lacy
Kyle Lechner
Thomas Miller
Joseph Misuraca
Michael Mott
Vincent Scalabrino
Meghan Servais
Dan Sheppard
Richard Shetler, III
Robert Skowronski
Antonio Spindler
Donte Spindler
Michael Trondle
Michael Ullman
John Walker

the faithful departed

Connie Brooks
Edouard Stines



UNLEASH THE GOSPEL

go and make disciples

Want to spend time in a desert? Can you be without your phone or other electronic device for a while? Pope Francis suggests we do both during Lent.

We can understand the benefit of spending less time using our electronic devices. But why would we want to spend time in a desert? Well, think of it more as withdrawing to a place with fewer distractions, a quieter place.

He said "It is a place of silence, where we are interiorly free to hear the Lord's word and to experience his loving call. In our busy world, how much we need that kind of silence, in order to grow in prayerful openness to God, to cultivate ecology of the heart and to center our lives on the things that really matter."

In previous articles, we've talked about various ways to encounter Jesus, such as in prayer, scripture, and works of mercy. This is what Pope Francis had to say about the importance of each of type of encounter as we observe Lent 2020.

"Even more than a duty, prayer is an expression of our need to respond to God's love which always precedes and sustains us....Prayer can take any number of different forms, but what truly matters in God's eyes is that it penetrates deep within us and chips away at our hardness of heart, in order to convert us ever more fully to God and to his will."

Regarding scripture, he said "The more fully we are engaged with his word, the more we will experience the mercy he freely gives us."

He had this to say about works of mercy. We need to share what we have "with those most in need, as a means of personally participating in the building of a better world."

Let's try to find our own "desert" and focus on the "things that really matter".

One in the Spirit,

Jean Wersching

Evangelization Commission



On behalf of the Our Lady Star of the Sea Knights of Columbus Council, thank you to School Principal Ms. Aemisegger, English Teachers Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Ascencio, the Students of Grades 5 through 8 and the School Parents for their renewed dedication and partnership in conducting the 2019 – 2020 Annual K of C Spelling Bee Competition. Many hours of faculty preparation and planning as well as Student study efforts and efforts of their Parents should not be left unmentioned or under appreciated. The following are the School Competition Winners and Runners-up as well as the Regional Competition results at St. Lawrence K of C Council.

Grade 5:

Madeline Ament
Jack Griffin
Brady Ancona

Grade 6:

Chisom Nwoke
Chase Felcyn
Brady Collins

Grade 7:

Delaney Clark
Maggie Weiss
Chizy Nwoke
Maddelyn Walter

Grade 8:

Audrey Schena
Joseph Drawbaugh
Sofie Ancona
Eleanor Takach

In the Competition at St. Lawrence, Chisom Nwoke was the 6th Grade Regional Champion. Brady Ancona, Sophie Ancona, and Audrey Schena also participated in their respective Grade Competitions as Our Lady Star of the Sea local Finalists. Brady Ancona finished in 3rd Place in the 5th Grade and Sofie Ancona finished in 3rd Place in the 8th Grade Regional Events.

Thank You – Congratulations – Continued Success
to All Participants!

Dennis Janowski, Trustee
Knights of Columbus,
Our Lady Star of the Sea Council



Congratulations to those who have been baptized by Msgr. Gary Smetanka

On Sunday, February 23, 2020

Brayden Jensen

Son of Michael & Laura Jensen

Godparent: Michael Tindall

Dominic Tindall

Son of Michael & Chelsea Tindall

Godparents: David Tindall and Molly Tindall

On Sunday, March 8, 2020

Henry Augsburg

Son of Derek and Alison Augsburg

Godparents: Charles Trost & Mary Chase

Gavin Hickman and Dominic Misuraca

Sons of Joseph Misuraca

Godparents: Daniel Misuraca & Katie Misuraca-Busscher

James Sexton

Son of Mario and Lauren Sexton

Godparents: Jacob Sexton and Leslie Burke

Oliver Sexton

Son of Mario and Lauren Sexton

Godparents: Carl Chalou and Audrey Chalou



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