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OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

BULLETIN

Catholic Church

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Fourth of July



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 7:30 a.m. (summer only)

SUMMER 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. - 12:00 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.

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.

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

Bulletin articles are due by 10:00 a.m. on Friday. Submitted bulletin content is subject for approval.

Imagine flying over the United States in a small private plane at twilight Wednesday night. You could watch fireworks going off beneath you in all directions, as every town celebrates the birthday of the nation. They celebrate because, on July 4, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was announced publicly.

The Declaration was basically a list of the reasons why the 13 colonies had broken ties with their mother country, Great Britain. It was written by a committee headed by Thomas Jefferson. It stated that all people have a right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. By the time the Declaration was produced, the Revolutionary War had already been going on for some months. It would take eight years for the colonists to win the independence they prized so greatly.

Traditional celebrations for Independence Day include torchlight parades, bell ringing, picnics, family reunions, band concerts, and, of course, fireworks. It's a time for fun and a time for reflection, too. People give thanks today for a beautiful country and for a system of government that is admired all over the world.

Even in the United States, the poor and some minority citizens are often robbed of



their basic rights. Frederick Douglass, the great anti-slavery writer, was once asked to give a speech on the Fourth of July. Pointing out that many African Americans were still held as slaves, he told those who had asked him to speak, "The blessings for which you on this day rejoice are not held in common."

Our bright celebrations this day are done in the hope that one day all will be free, that one day the earth itself will shine with liberty.

[Mary Ellen Hynes, Companion to the Calendar, Liturgy Training Publications, 1993.]

*Father of the family of nations,
open our hearts to greater love of your Son.
Grant that the boundaries of nations
will not set limits to our love,
and give us the courage to build a land*

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

Maria Goretti

Witness the Mercy of a Young Martyr

Persevering faith, sacrificial love, and extraordinary mercy. This is the story of eleven-year-old Maria Goretti, one of the Church's youngest martyrs and canonized saints. You're sure to be inspired by this young girl's unwavering commitment to Christ and her family's heroic faithfulness amidst tragedy.



Watch on formed.org

FORMED THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.



"Perfect for families . . . Maria was such an amazing soul. We can all work hard to grow in the direction she was living."

—Kyla L.

NOT ON FORMED YET? IT'S EASY AND FREE TO REGISTER!

1. Go to www.olsos.formed.org and click "Register"
2. Enter your name, email address, and desired password

All Star of the Sea parishioners, and other catholic parishes are invited every Wednesday at 3:00 PM to join the: "**Light of Mercy Prayer Group**" at the OLSOS adoration Chapel to pray the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and miscellaneous other prayers. All are welcome!



from Msgr. Gary Smetanka

that serves you in truth and justice.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

[Roman Missal]

** Have a blessed Independence Day holiday and let's continue to pray for our country. It seems we are in a critical time with so much division, questions, and discord. There is not a day that goes by where we are confronted with challenges to our freedom, especially freedom of religion. We are faced with immigration issues and how to treat people who come to our land seeking life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, just as our founders

did. Let us also remember our troops who are fighting to protect and give freedom to others around the world.

Our parish joins in prayer for Mass on Wednesday with our sister parishes of St. Lucy and St. Joan of Arc, at St. Joan of Arc church, at 9 am. Please join us. (Our parish office is closed Wednesday and Thursday.)

** We will have a monthly holy hour Monday night at 7:30 pm. Come and join us for a special time with the Lord. Don't forget the outdoor rosary Thursday nights, weather permitting.

** I know you might be looking for more evidence of "construction" but there is work being done inside with the men's rest room. Hopefully you will see something outside at the front of school. (Many of you know how construction is...it rarely seems to go as planned!)

Have a great week in the Lord's peace and love.

Msgr. Gary Smetanka

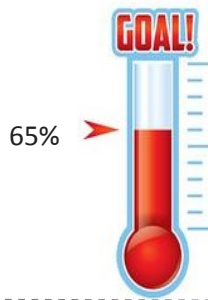
this week... July 1—July 8

SUN 1	Peter's Pence 8:00 a.m. Mass 9:30 a.m. Mass 11:30 a.m. Mass
MON 2	7:30 a.m. Mass 7:30 a.m. Holy Hour in Church
TUE 3	7:30 a.m. Mass 7:30 p.m. Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy
WED 4	Independence Day Parish Office Closed 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joan of Arc 11:00 a.m. No Adoration in Parish Office Chapel 3:00 p.m. Light of Mercy prayer group
THU 5	Parish Office Closed 6:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship 7:30 a.m. Mass 7:30 p.m. Outdoor Rosary (weather permitting)
FRI 6	7:30 a.m. Mass
SAT 7	3:00 p.m. Confessions 4:00 p.m. Mass
SUN 8	8:00 a.m. Mass 9:30 a.m. Mass 11:30 a.m. Mass

4th of July Mass
at St. Joan of Arc at 9:00 a.m.

Catholic Services Appeal 2018

Goal: \$185,000
Pledged: \$121,000
Number of Donors: 348



Please make a pledge or gift!



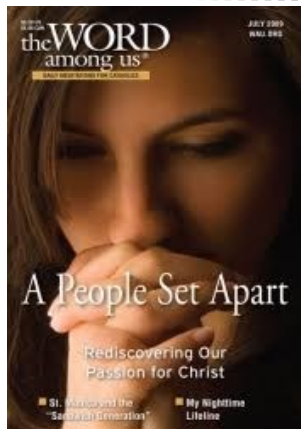
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NEWS FLASH!

The Word Among Us, Mass Edition is a monthly devotional that has been available to our parish families free of charge for the past several years. Our Lady Star of the Sea parish has paid the subscription for you in the hope that more people would be aware of this great resource and find it helpful in reading and reflecting on the daily Mass readings. Effective July 1st, we will no longer be providing this subscription. If you would like to continue to use **The Word Among Us** for your personal reading and reflection, you may order it online at www.wau.org/new4. The cost is \$34.95 for a one year subscription.

We hope and pray that you have enjoyed **The Word Among Us** and know that it is well worth the price of the annual subscription!! *God Bless!*



Christian Service

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COMMUNITY SERVICE



Monthly Drive

July – Sundry Sunday – sample size Hygiene products

Monthly Drive

August – Back Pack Drive

School Supplies

July/August Service Sunday

We need these items by early to mid August



Backpacks - All Sizes

Notebooks

Spiral & Composition

Pencils

Mechanical Pencils

Pencil Sharpeners

Ballpoint Pens

Binders

Loose Leaf Paper

Markers

Color Pencils

Folders

Pencil bags/boxes

Dry Eraser Markers

Hand Sanitizer

Disinfectant Wipes

NO CRAYONS PLEASE!!!

Items can be dropped off any-time to the gathering space in the big white box



go and make disciples

People say they go to or belong to Our Lady Star of the Sea. What does that mean to you?

Is it a church, a parish, a community, or a family?

Church can mean a building or the Church that Jesus established.

Parish brings to mind a place of worship, perhaps with a school and more. Community usually refers to a group of people having something in common.

Family denotes a group that is more connected, related, or otherwise tied together.

The answer is "all of the above". However, it is important to recognize that not everyone would think or respond in this way.

We know from the Acts of the Apostles, that the early Christians lived in close communities and treated one another like a family. They encouraged one another in love and good works. (see Hebrews 10:24-25)

UNLEASH THE GOSPEL

Not everyone today thinks of the parish as a family. However, it is still true that "In love, he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ..." (Ephesians 1:4-5) So, if we are adopted, then we are all part of the same family.

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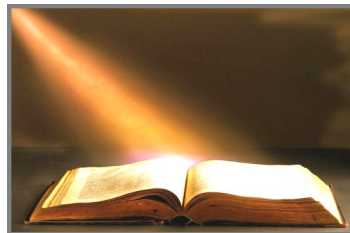
In discussing the importance of the parish family and ways it can be fostered, Unleash the Gospel ties all of this together very well:

The Church is the context given by God in which we encounter Jesus Christ God relates to his people not as isolated individuals but as a people, a family, united with one another in deep bonds of love (Eph 4:1-6). We learn to give and receive God's love in and through our relationships with one another.

One in the Spirit,
Jean Wersching
Evangelization Commission

Thursday Morning Men's Fellowship

Start your day with the Word of God and the fellowship of other Catholic men.



- ◆ Thursday mornings at 6:30 in The Pointe
- ◆ Stay for Mass at 7:30 if your time permits
- ◆ Breakfast and continued fellowship after Mass at a nearby restaurant

Capuchin Retreat Center, Washington, MI

September 28 – 30, 2018

Check in is Sept. 28th from 6:30pm—7:30pm

Opening prayer will begin at 8:00pm

The retreat ends Sunday, September 30th around 1:00pm

The requested donation for the retreat is **\$170 per person (includes the deposit). \$50.00 deposit due with your registration.** Scholarships are available

Join other women from our parish in a weekend Women's Retreat

We can car pool if needed. - To register please contact Debby Veltri in the Parish Office 313.884.5554 ext 2161 or email d.veltri@stargp.org

Principal and Honor Roll

Quarter 4



6th Grade

Principal's Honor

Sofie Ancona
Kate Bania
Lorenzo Cavaliere
Grace Cleary
Joseph Drawbaugh
John Francis
Gabriella Miller
Joseph Olejniczak
Elle Quinlan
Audrey Schena
Lauren Shipe

Honor Roll

Emily Giffer
Chloe McFarlane
William Seymour

7th Grade

Principal's Honors

Alexis Burson
Eryn Cosgrove
Olivia Dodenhoff
Madison Lucido
Danny Michael
Christina Shea

Honor Roll

Reghan Haley
Michael Slusser



8th Grade

Principal's Honors

Caden Ancona
Amanda Campo
Gianni Carlino
Gino Cavaliere
Paul Ciaravino
Thomas Drawbaugh
Jack Gehlert
James Streberger
Aidan Sloan

Honor Roll

Ben Bessert
Gianlorenzo Cavallo
Louden Fuchs
Aidan Quinlan
Grace Wesley
Joseph Wisniewski
PJ Wortman



Travel with Msgr. Gary Smetanka, Star of the Sea parishioners, and other Catholic parishes to the Grand Hotel! Since 1887, the Grand Hotel beckons guests to a bygone era of old-world hospitality and charm. Incredible group price offered for this all-inclusive excursion. Highest category of rooms reserved especially for our group.

Sept.10-12, 2018

\$605.00 per person (dbl. occ)

Highlights:

- 2 nights accommodation at the Grand Hotel
- All transportation needs to/from/on the Island
- Full breakfast & Five-Course Dinner daily at the Grand
- Complimentary private Cocktail hour on the East Front Porch
- Mass at Indian River's, Cross in the Woods and at the Hotel

Full brochure in parish office or in back of Church. Limited space...don't wait to sign-up!

Register/questions at:

tbirney@cabriniparish.com

313-381-5601 ext.1048



Family Fun Day took place last Sunday with Vacation Bible School in the afternoon. More pictures on our website.

Photos
Tom Kliber

FORMING OUR FAITH

Be the Domestic Church-Part II

The term “Domestic Church” refers to the family, the smallest body of gathered believers in Christ. Though recovered only recently, the term dates all the way back to the first century AD. The Greek word ecclesiola referred to “little church.” Our Early Church Fathers understood that the home was fertile ground for discipleship, sanctification, and holiness.

In the second article in our series on Domestic Church, we will look at creative ways to connect our faith with everyday activities. Encourage your child to explore their spiritual side through play. Ask your child what they think heaven looks like and have them draw a picture of it. Have your child make up a prayer to thank God for a beautiful flower or sunset.



Expose your child to Scripture through board books such as Bible Animals, videos such as Veggie Tales, stories of the saints—heroes of our faith. Formed.org (info elsewhere in bulletin on how to sign on) has many videos for children such as the Brother Francis series, Jesus Stories, and videos on various saints. Also take advantage of the spiritual lessons in secular TV shows and movies. One dad uses *Star Wars* DVDs with his twins to reinforce the presence of God. “I tell them Yoda is my favorite character, because he calls on a higher power that enables him to do great things in life,” he says.



REGISTRATION FOR FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

We are now accepting registrations for the upcoming academic year with offerings for those aged 3 years through high school. Classes begin in September.

◆ **Kingdom Kids**—Sundays, 9:15—10:35 am. For children aged 3 years-Kindergarten. **FREE!**

◆ **Grades 1-6**

Session I – Tuesdays, 4:00—5:30 pm for grades 1-5

Session II - Tuesdays, 6:30—8:00 pm for grades 1-6

◆ **Grades 7 & 8 Spirit & Life Confirmation Preparation**

Sunday Session – 10:45 am - 12:15 pm

Tuesday Session— 6:30 pm —8:00 pm

◆ **High School students who have not yet been Confirmed**—*Contact Col-*

Haubert for more information

c.haubert@stargp.org -OR- 313-884-7407



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Registration forms and more information is available online at www.olsos.org. Click on About Us>

Faith formation> Religious Ed. Forms and Schedules. Forms also available in the Parish Offices and Gathering Space of church.

REGISTER EARLY TO INSURE YOUR CHOICE OF CLASS DAY/TIME! If you have any questions, contact us .

Please pray for

the sick

Marie Brady
Robert Caldwell
Cassidy Christie
Anthony Ciaravino
Dr. Bill Collins
Sharon De Long
Joseph Drader
Carol Foes
Linda Keschl
Steve Kocsis
Chris Kreuter
Dr. Mike Luberto
Maryann Montpetit
Kristina Mulder
Sue Nelson
Don Nelson
Marilyn O'Bryan
Biagio Piccoro
Terry Ryba
Len Stoehr
Alexis Suppanz
Kelly Suppanz
Mike Trupiano
Fr. Francis Weingartz
Hannah Wheatley

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
Paul Koss
Stephen La Barge
Matt Lacy
Kyle Lechner
Thomas Miller
Joseph Misuraca
Vincent Scalabrino
Meghan Servais
Dan Sheppard
Richard Shetler, III
Robert Skowronski
Michael Trondle
Michael Ullman
John Walker
Joseph Youngblood

the faithful departed

Andrew Olis

In memoriam

7/2/1967 Antonio Liadini
7/2/1975 Joseph Cusenza
7/2/1979 Martha DeSmyter
7/2/1979 Christine VanAssche
7/2/1988 Loretta A. Coughlin
7/2/1991 Margaritha Schmidt
7/3/1959 Nova Catalano
7/3/1971 Ernest Monte
7/3/1975 Mary McCall
7/3/1989 Millard Allard
7/3/1990 Frederick C. Kulka
7/3/1992 Mary Kavanagh
7/3/2001 Frank Trentacosta
7/3/2004 Maxine Clinton
7/3/2005 John C. Phillips
7/3/2006 John Johnson
7/4/1961 Vincent Sigismund
7/4/1988 Lola Dettling
7/4/1989 Anna Saugling
7/4/1990 Florence M. Einheuser
7/4/2003 Warren Quaine
7/4/2004 Grace Fabian
7/4/2013 Alice Kliber
7/4/2014 Wilson Aaron Blair
7/5/1966 John Ortman
7/5/1970 Frank Manzo
7/5/1982 William H. Hosbein
7/5/1982 Graham Michael Piggott
7/5/1986 Peter J. Werde, Sr.
7/5/1992 Grace Frontera
7/5/2013 Wanda Gwozdz
7/6/1957 Mildred Kearins
7/6/1958 Henry Mok
7/6/1986 Joseph Lovely
7/6/1986 Louise McDyer
7/6/1989 Frederick Scully
7/6/1999 Donald Davis
7/6/2000 Joseph Spindler
7/6/2001 Jessica Solomon
7/6/2002 William Laney
7/6/2016 Leo Drolshagen
7/7/1967 Arthur Burchett
7/7/1974 Charles Hanula
7/7/1978 Daniel Rusinow
7/7/1989 Anna Marie (Amy) Vente
7/7/1989 Paul F. Zieger
7/7/1990 Michael J. Kalvelage
7/7/1995 Brian Gorsky
7/7/1999 Sandra Wishart
7/7/2002 Ivy McCarthy
7/8/1958 Clune Walsh
7/8/1971 William Delahanty
7/8/1982 Bernadine Januzzi

In memoriam

(continued)

7/8/1993 Oswald Battista
7/8/1997 Frank Jugaszek
7/8/2002 Victoria Schwall
7/8/2002 Irene Kaczmarek
7/8/2007 Kenneth Barolo
7/8/2008 Virginia Mushenski
7/8/2016 Walter Maciasz

scripture readings

WEEK OF JULY 1

SUNDAY

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

MONDAY

Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Ps 50:16bc-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23; Mt 8:18-22

TUESDAY

Saint Thomas, Apostle

Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 20:24-29

WEDNESDAY

Am 5:14-15, 21-24; Ps 50:7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 16bc-17; Mt 8:28-34

THURSDAY

Saint Anthony Zaccaria, Priest / Saint Isabel of Portugal

... Am 7:10-17; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 9:1-8

FRIDAY

Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr

Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131; Mt 9:9-13

SATURDAY

Am 9:11-15; Ps 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 9:14-17

SUNDAY

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, JULY 2

7:30 a.m.

† Frank & Josephine M. Colombo

TUESDAY, JULY 3

7:30 a.m.

Benefactors of OLSOS
Paul Treder, Jr.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4

9:00 a.m.

Mass at St. Joan of Arc

THURSDAY, JULY 5

7:30 a.m.

Increase in Priestly Vocations

FRIDAY, JULY 6

7:30 a.m.

† William Dehr

SATURDAY, JULY 7

4:00 p.m.

† Estelle Gudenau
† Louise Parthum
† Anthony Ciaravino
† Patrick Korth
† Maria Giordano
† Charles Attala
Deceased members of the Attala,
Hokayem and John Families

SUNDAY, JULY 8

8:00 a.m.

† Jessica Ann Solomon

9:30 a.m.

† Inez Burke
† Patricia DeFoe

11:30 a.m.

† Virginia Mushenski
† Marilyn Newa
† Ann & Ray Oleszko
OLSOS Parishioners

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SAT 4:00PM	SUN 8:00AM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 11:30AM	July 7/8
Msgr. Gary Smetanka	Msgr. Gary Smetanka	Fr. Marko Djonovic	Fr. Marko Djonovic	CELEBRANT
Beline Obeid	Tom Kliber	Stephen Knowlton	Elanor Pugliesi	LECTOR
Saturday Team Dave Barthel Randy Eissa Mary Ann Fox Bill Quinlan Joe Rabaut Paul Ventimiglia	Team B Anthony Brinkman Bob Chevalier Jeff Heutter Mike Makowski Jim Solomon Leonard Stoehr Frank Zimmer	Team D Ray Kettel Walter Pokladek Lindsay Rusch Mark Rusch Joe Surmont	Team F Bill Bolton Doug Hawkins Dr. Charlotte Hartzell Ted Kedzierski Dr. Ray Rahi Dr. John Roarty	USHERS
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Dave & Pam Barthel Ron & Mary Eileen Wehrmann	Tony Brinkman Chris & Jeannette Ancona	Jack & Mary Szyptman Bonnie Woods	Jerry & Ann Vier	GREETERS
Maryann & Bob Gesell	Margaret Spindler	Mark & Kathy Higgins	Maureen Lechner	SACRISTIAN
Robbie Henrichs Pam Burke		Kerry Vlahantones Marie Miller		PRAYER MINISTERS

Holy Water Care



July 6
July 13
July 20
July 27

Marie Schwanitz
Charlotte Elliz
Sally Urban
Liz Abood

Please contact Elsie Surmont
at 313-884-3084

Altar Servers

Monday, July 2

7:30 a.m. C. Ancona, S. Ancona

Tuesday, July 3

7:30 a.m. S. Ancona, A. Ancona

Wednesday, July 4

7:30 a.m. No Mass

Thursday, July 5

7:30 a.m. No Servers

Friday, July 6

7:30 a.m. No Servers

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



HOLY HOUR

July 2, 2018
7:30pm - 8:30pm
In Church

No adoration Wednesday, July 4th

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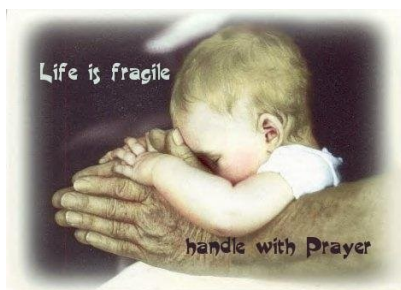
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News in our Community

"Human dignity is the same for all human beings: when I trample on the dignity of another, I am trampling on my own."

Pope Francis, "Message for the Lenten Brotherhood Campaign in Brazil."

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Catholic Services Appeal

The 2018 Catholic Services Appeal is underway. Gifts to the CSA make possible more than 100 ministries, programs, and services that bless the lives of thousands throughout our Archdiocese each day.

This year's CSA theme is Opening Doors to Grow with Christ. As we unleash the Gospel throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit, we grow in our love of Jesus as his missionary disciples.

If you have already pledged your gift to the 2018 CSA, thank you! If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully consider generously supporting this year's effort. You may pledge your gift online at give.aodcsa.org. Your gift has a tremendous impact to countless beneficiaries to CSA-funded services in southeast Michigan and beyond.

For information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, please go to aod.org.



www.advanc-ed.org



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