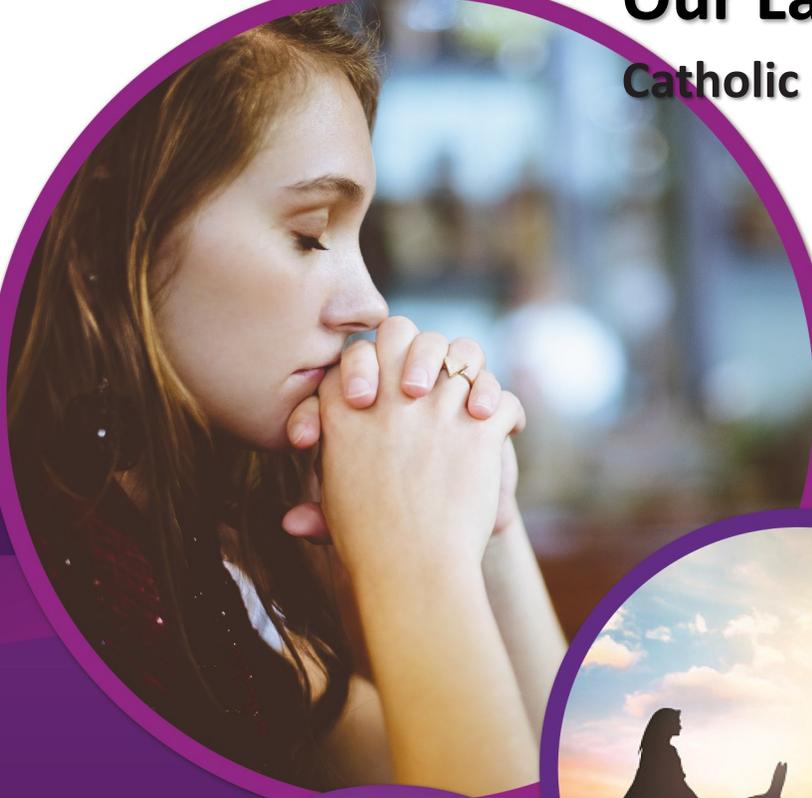


Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church

Olsos.org

November 29, 2020



Advent is a time of
Hopeful longing, Joyful expectation,
Prayerful penance and Spiritual
Preparation.



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

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.

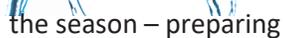
PARISH REGISTRATION

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.

Half and Half from Msgr. Gary Smetanka



Happy Advent! Happy New (Liturgical) Year!

I would normally say, "There is always much excitement this time of the year." However, things are not normal this year! Yes, there can and should be some excitement at this time of the year and hopefully people will still engage in their usual Advent activities like baking, decorating and even a little shopping just with extra safety precautions. Let's still remember the reason of the season – preparing for the Nativity of the Lord.

I think more so this year, than in previous years, people are seeking the warmth, hope, comfort and festivity that we find in the holiday season. As I write this article (10 days before Thanksgiving due to printing deadlines) I already see Christmas lights lit outside people's home and even a few trees up inside. We need warmth, hope, togetherness joy as we struggle with this pandemic. We need something to lift our spirits out of Covid fatigue. Advent, and the hope it brings, can be some of the medicine we need!

Advent is the time to *prepare* for Christmas. (Remember the "Christmas season" does not end Dec. 25 but only begins Dec. 25.) We see the days get shorter and the darkness of the night start sooner. With Christmas, the days get longer and brighter – just as the presence of Christ sheds light in our life. Even as we might put up the tree and decorations around the house, and as we light up the outside of our homes, let us be mindful how we are preparing for Christmas. Say little prayers as you decorate that the spirit of peace of Christmas will permeate your heart and enliven your spirit to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. As you put up the Nativity set in your house, maybe leave the infant out of the manger until Christmas Day. Focus on those people most special in your life and treasure the gift they are to you. Let Advent be Advent and rejoice with the arrival of Christmas!

** I hope you had a good Thanksgiving break with family and friends. Continue to have a grateful heart and see all the good and wonderful things our awesome God has done for us.

** Thank you for your generosity with the "Giving Tree." We have processed the donations for each designated organization so they can now proceed with their work in helping others. If you have not yet returned the Giving Tree envelopes, you can still turn them in and we will process any remaining gifts in a week. Thanks for your generosity!

** Thank you for the ways you help our parish and school organizations with their little fundraisers. Our parish Knights of Columbus council is having a Christmas Ham sale so they can continue to help their various charities. Your support is very much appreciated!

** Your donations for the Advent Blue books and parish calendars will go to our St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Have a blessed Week and prepare the Way of the Lord!

Msgr. Gary Smetanka

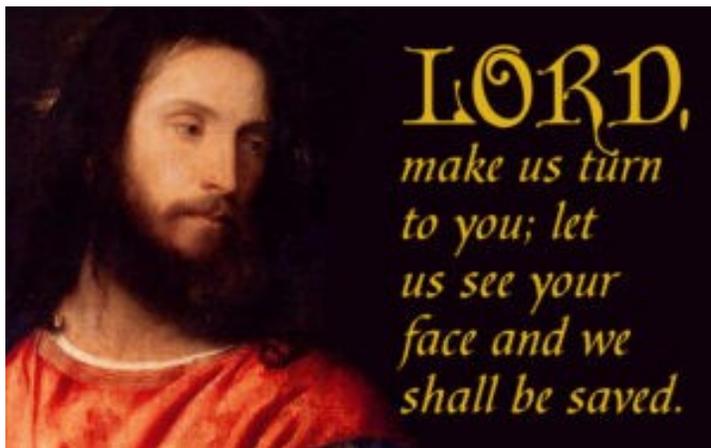


Advent Holy Hour

Monday, December 7

7:30 - 8:30 pm

in the Church



Scripture Readings

Readings for the Week of November 29, 2020

Sunday

First Sunday of Advent
 Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7
 Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
 1 Cor 1:3-9
 Mk 13:33-37

Monday

Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle
 Rom 10:9-18
 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11
 Mt 4:18-22

Tuesday

Is 11:1-10
 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
 Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday

Is 25:6-10a
 Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
 Mt 15:29-37

Thursday

Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest
 Is 26:1-6
 Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a
 Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday

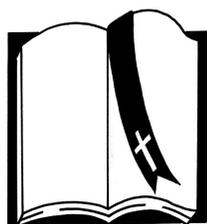
Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
 Is 29:17-24
 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14
 Mt 9:27-31

Saturday

Is 30:19-21, 23-26
 Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;
 Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday

Second Sunday of Advent
 Is 40:1-5, 9-11
 Ps 85: 9-10, 11-12, 13-14;
 2 Pt 3:8-14
 Mk 1:1-8



Mass Intentions

Monday, November 30

7:30 a.m. +Frank and Josephine M Colombo
 +Mary Klobuchar
 +Patrick Korth

Tuesday, December 1

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

Wednesday, December 2

7:30 a.m. Maria Bruno
 +Georgette Zahar

Thursday, December 3

7:30 a.m. Janice Abdenour

Friday, December 4

8:30 a.m. +Anthony Vitale
 +Lorraine Brosteaux
 Mariann Bolton

Saturday, December 5

4:00 p.m. +Anthony Ciaravino
 +Carmela Brucia
 +William J Cosgrove, Sr.
 +Richard Martin
 +Vincent Leheny
 +Emeline Fikany

Sunday, December 6

8:00 a.m. Increase in Vocations
 For healing of all cancer patients
 OLSOS Parishioners
 +Bettejean Ahee

9:30 a.m. +Catherine Jabaro
 +Marilyn Bourgoin
 +Anthony Ciaravino
 +Shirley Fisher
 +Vince Fisher

11:30 a.m. +Virginia Mushenski
 +Kevin Collins
 +Art & Dorothy Spindler
 +Robert Boesiger
 +Aaron Blair



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**Please place this order form in an envelope marked HAM
and drop off in the church offering box, parish office or school office.**

Our Lady Star of the Sea K of C. thanks you for your support

All orders are due no later than Monday, December 14th



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PICK UP

Monday Dec. 21

3:30 pm –7:00 pm

Under Church Canopy

PAPER NEEDED FOR THE SCHOOL

Did your business change address, or get a new look, and you have paper, letterhead, etc. that you no longer need....please consider donating to the school.

If you have any extra paper around that you would like to donate, we would love to have it!

Please only donate paper that is 8.5 x 11, blank on one side, to be used for copying or printing.

Drop the paper off in the School office between 8-3 Monday—Friday.

For more information contact Jaime Schomer at j.schomer@stargp.org or 313-884-1070



In case you missed it...



Tune into our new **LIVE Masses** on our Facebook page or our

website at olsos.org.

Scroll to news—Live Mass beginning at 4pm Saturday or watch at your convenience on Saturday night or Sunday.

We are in need of volunteers to help us live stream during the 4pm Mass, if interested contact the Parish Office—313-884-5554

FAITH DIRECT

Support Our Lady Star of the Sea parish and school through easy, online giving.



TEXT "ENROLL" TO
313-887-6612 OR VISIT
FAITH.DIRECT/MI1044

Please return your Pyx



We are happy to lend parishioners a pyx to take communion home to their family members. If you happen to have a pyx, that you no longer need, please return to the Parish office.



Christmas 2020

Christmas Eve

4:00 pm, 4:15 pm (Gym), 6:00 pm
and 11:00 pm

Christmas Day

9:30 am and 11:30 am

Please Note:

Given the fluctuating status of our health crisis, times or capacity may change.
See our website www.olsos.org for the latest information and updates.

**Masks/facial coverings must be worn
entering, during and leaving all Masses. As we care for each other,
kindly inform family members and guests of this requirement**

**Capacity for each Mass is limited to 250 people.
Distancing between households is necessary.**

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays at 3 pm until all have been heard
in the church

The following dates will be drive up
Monday, Dec. 14 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Tuesday, Dec 15, 2:00 - 4:00 pm
Monday, Dec 21, 7:00 - 8:30 pm



Immaculate Conception
Tuesday, December 8th
7:30 am, 10:00 am and 7:00 pm
live streamed at 10am

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



Good and Bad Habits in the Church

In the 2017 Pastoral

Letter, "Unleash the Gospel," Archbishop Allen Vigneron points out "Good and Bad Habits" of Church life, which describe things that should change as well as the great things the Church can become! We will go through one per week. Let's ask Our Lord for a change of heart, to drop any bad habits and replace them with what He would have us be!

Good — Spirit of Cooperation

One of the deepest truths of the Church is that at her core, the Church is One. St. Paul says, "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all" (Eph 4:1-6). Since we are the Church of the one Lord Jesus Christ, there can be no true division among us. Any Catholic church that you pass on the street has the same Eucharist within its walls. Although we are our own parish, we are on one mission with the Archdiocese of Detroit—the mission to Unleash the Gospel, to proclaim to southeastern Michigan what God has done for us. To this end, we must work together. Alongside other Catholics, must think of ourselves as One Church. How amazing is it that when we attend Mass, the entire Church is there with us! Consider how at any point in our day, Mass is being said somewhere in the world! That's the one and the same Mass we celebrate in our building. That unites us more than anything else. The Archbishop says, "As Christ's apostles had to put aside rivalry and learn to work as a team (Lk 9:46-48), so we are called to a spirit of generous cooperation and sharing of resources."

For a variety of resources, including the letter itself, please visit: www.unleashthegospel.org

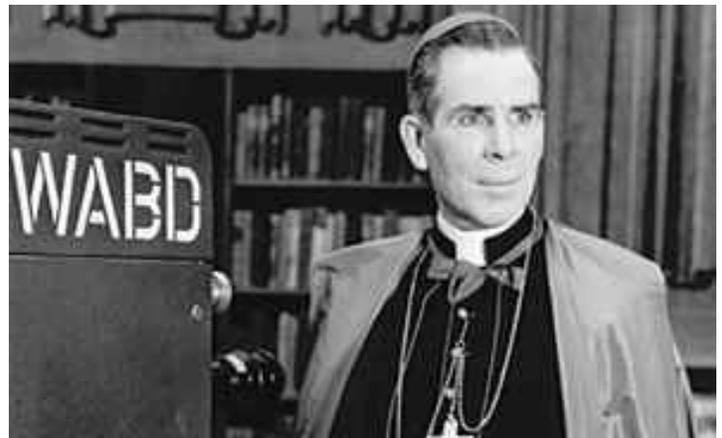
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We begin ADVENT with a conversation on Hope!

The first candle of the Advent wreath represents Hope, so at Our Lady Star of the Sea school we are challenging families to have a conversation about hope, and its place in our lives as Christians.

We say we "hope" in many different things. But can we really have confidence in any of these? Is there such a thing as a hope that cannot fail us? Where do we get real, lasting, certain hope?



On Formed.org, Venerable Fulton Sheen has an answer. Check out his talk, "Love is Hope," part of his award-winning TV show *Life is Worth Living*.

Thanks to Formed, we have Archbishop Sheen and countless other profound Catholic speakers ON DEMAND! Check out Formed.org today. It is a great way to boost your Advent!

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 to set up a time to meet virtually one-on-one! We are here to help!



Christmas Flower and Decoration Donations

As the holidays approach we are giving you an opportunity to remember your loved ones who have passed away by making a monetary donation for flowers or decorations. Please use the envelope that is included in your Sunday offering packet or place your donation in a plain envelope marked "Christmas Flowers" with the name of the person(s) you would like remembered. All names will be listed in the Christmas bulletin of December 27th. Please return envelopes by **Friday, December 11th.**

Donation made in memory/honor of :

Stewardship Thoughts

Today's Scripture passages express the Advent topics of hope, vigilance, and repentance. From the Book of Isaiah, the prophet expresses his desire for his people (the ancient Israelites who have returned from Babylonian exile) to atone for their sinful ways and turn their hearts back to the Lord. For God has done great deeds for them. In St. Mark's Gospel, the evangelist quotes Jesus' warning to His disciples, *Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.* Here our Lord and Savior is referring to when He will return at the end of time. St. Paul reminds the Corinthians, and us, that our fellowship in the Lord fortifies us with many spiritual gifts — a timely reminder as we start this Advent season. May we, as faith-filled stewards, put our hope and trust in the Lord, recognize our sins, and seek with contrite hearts, Jesus' mercy and forgiveness. Advent is an excellent time to confess our sins by taking part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



Please donate your clean bottles and cans to the **Knights of Columbus**. Money collected will be used to help numerous organizations.

Donations can be brought to the church during Mass times, and placed in the vestibule by Mary's Garden.

For more information, please contact: Dennis Hyduk at 313.969.7650



Giving Tree Donations

Thank you for your generous donations to the following organizations...

St Aloysius—Neighborhood Services

Mary's Children Family Center

Pope Francis Center

Our Lady Star of the Sea—Christian Services

We collected a total of: \$9500

If you did not turn in your envelope feel free to drop it off and we will forward your donation to your organization of choice.

In memoriam

11/30/1972 William A Petzold, Jr.
11/30/1998 Alice Klein
11/30/2002 Dorothy Littley
11/30/2015 Irene Masha
12/1/1958 Russell Cushing
12/1/1973 Bernard Ronan
12/1/2001 Serafina Evola
12/2/1981 Adele Ahee
12/2/1990 Charles W. Moore
12/2/1996 William R.D'Arcy III
12/2/2007 Emeline Fikany
12/3/1965 Roma Cracchiolo
12/3/1973 Gary Calcaterra
12/3/1987 Henry Martin
12/3/1992 Margaret Moody
12/3/2002 Alice Yaklin
12/3/2003 Therese Taylor
12/3/2004 Lois Martin
12/3/2012 Nancy Bordato
12/3/2015 Ralph Donald Newa
12/4/1964 Marge Birmingham
12/4/1967 James David Petz
12/4/1969 Noma Clapp
12/4/1977 Margaret DeFour
12/4/1978 Rosemary Linde
12/4/1984 Charles E. Beach
12/4/1984 Ralph Daigle
12/4/1985 Mary Ann Resmer
12/4/1993 Jessica M. Barthel
12/4/2002 Mary Hayes
12/4/2018 Marie Koueiter
12/5/1959 Frank Donovan
12/5/1969 John Molloy
12/5/1972 Rose Diem
12/5/1992 Joyce Tuck
12/5/2001 Mary Elizabeth
Brinkman
12/5/2004 James Thomas Pendency
12/5/2014 Ralph Hinz
12/5/2018 William Cosgrove, Sr.
12/6/1968 Edward Ruth
12/6/1977 Charles Flemion
12/6/1979 Anna Poust
12/6/1986 Marie Connelly
12/6/2000 Catherine Viviano
12/6/2002 Tony Bufalino

Please pray for

the sick

Angela Agrusa
Jim Amori
Marie Brady
Robert Caldwell
Cassidy Christie
Adam Cole
Noah Cole
Dr. William Collins
Sharon De Long
Virg Ditty
Joseph Drader
Peter John Hanna
Angela Harris
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Steve Kocsis
Leslie Komlosan
Lynn Land
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Rev. Timothy Mazur
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Sylvia Panicara
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Joe Ross
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Josh Simon
Joseph Simon
Cathy Spindler
Raul Tomas
Charlotte Weekes
Fr. Francis Weingartz

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