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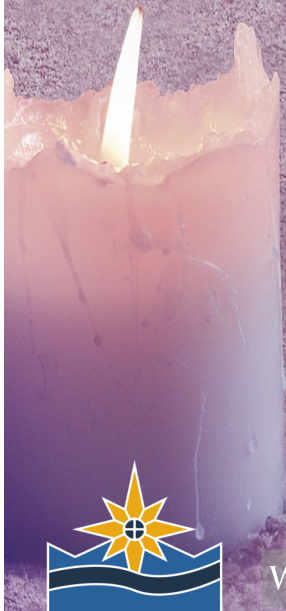
OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

BULLETIN

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Advent



WITH MARY, WE BRING PEOPLE TO CHRIST TO LIVE THE LOVE OF GOD

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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.

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.

Happy Advent! Happy New (Liturgical) Year! There is always much excitement this time of the year. There is the planning, the shopping, the baking, the different activities and gatherings. Hopefully, in the midst of it all, we can still remember the priorities and reason of the season.

Let's try to celebrate the season of Advent this year, even as we naturally combine and blend it with the season of Christmas. (Last year we had four full weeks of Advent. This year we have three full weeks plus one day.) It is easy to celebrate Christmas all before Christmas Day and then think the season is over on Dec. 26. Advent is the time to *prepare* for Christmas. 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 the Christmas season that begins Dec. 25. 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. Gather the family around and still sing some Advent songs, waiting to sing the Christmas Carols until Christmas. Let Advent be Advent and rejoice with the arrival of Christmas!



So the bottom line would be this. There is nothing wrong with surrounding ourselves with the Christmas decorations and music. If you love the season, like I do, enjoy it all. Just keep it going in the actual Christmas season instead of taking it all down Dec. 26 or even before New Year's Day or the feast of Mary, Mother of God. The encouragement would be to keep celebrating until the celebration of Epiphany. Enjoy the season!!

**** St. Philomena Parish** closed last week after many years of wonderful worship, formation and service to the community. There is always sadness when a parish closes and parishioners then seek to find "home." We offer a warm welcome to any St. Philomena parishioners who are with us. I know you will find Star of the Sea to be a friendly neighborhood community. Feel free to ask for a tour or any questions you might have about the parish. We continue to pray for you.

St Vincent de Paul

Our Lady Star of the Sea

Thank you Star of the Sea parishioners!



St. Vincent de Paul
Detroit

for your contributions to our conference totaling a little over \$10,000. Your generosity allowed us to provide rent, beds, clothing and utility assistance to over 60 needy people in our area.

We purchased winter coats and boots for a single mom with 5 children.

Another single mom with a 13 year old son asked for DTE assistance last December. During our visit we saw no furniture or Christmas decorations and she had no gifts for her son. We helped with DTE and gave her Target cards so her son would have a Christmas.

We expect our need to be greater this year. We hope you will consider donating to our conference through the blue envelopes in your quarterly package or simply use a plain envelope.



**** Monday night** we have our monthly Eucharistic Holy Hour at 7:30 pm. **Thursday night** we have a special Advent prayer of music, readings, reflection, etc. at 7 pm.

**** This Saturday is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a Holyday of Obligation.** We will have Mass for the Holyday on Friday evening at 7 pm and on Saturday at 9:30 am. (Sorry, but Mass Saturday afternoon is for Sunday, not the Holyday.)

**** Next weekend is the annual appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious.** As I think you are aware, our religious

have, for so many years, served the Church at great sacrifice to themselves and their religious communities to the benefit of the institutions and people they served. Now, the vast majority of religious orders have many more retired and infirmed in their order than those "out in the field" of ministry. Most of us have probably been beneficiaries of their service in some way or another. Their service today is equally significant. They all need our help. In the midst of all the other charities asking, your generosity is very much appreciated by all the retired religious orders of sisters, brothers and priests. (Diocesan priests are not included in this collection.)

**** As regular church goers know,** Christmas is a time when hundreds more people come to church to celebrate the Lord's birth. Let's start praying for them now that they feel drawn to the Lord and know His love and care especially through us!

Have a blessed week preparing for the coming of the Lord.
Msgr. Gary Smetanka

this week...

December 2 - December 9

SUN 2	First Sunday of Advent Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast 8:00 a.m. Mass 9:30 a.m. Mass 10:45 a.m. Spirit & Life 11:30 a.m. Mass
MON 3	7:30 a.m. Mass 7:30 p.m. Advent Holy Hour
TUE 4	7:30 a.m. Mass 8:00 a.m. St. Nick Shoppe 4:00 p.m. Religious Ed 6:30 p.m. Religious Ed 6:30 p.m. Spirit & Life 7:30 p.m. Rosary and Chaplet
WED 5	7:30 a.m. Mass 8:00 a.m. St. Nick Shoppe 11:00 a.m. Adoration until 2:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. Light of Mercy Prayer
THU 6	6:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship 7:30 a.m. Mass 8:00 a.m. St. Nick Shoppe 7:00 p.m. Advent Prayer "With Mary" 7:30 p.m. Teen Bible Study
FRI 7	8:30 a.m. Mass 7:00 p.m. Holy Day Vigil Mass
SAT 8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception 9:30 a.m. Holy Day Mass 3:00 p.m. Confessions 4:00 p.m. Mass (Vigil)
SUN 9	Second Sunday of Advent Fellowship Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass 9:30 a.m. Mass 10:45 a.m. Spirit & Life 11:30 a.m. Mass 3:00 p.m. Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

It starts at the evening meal on the Saturday before the first Sunday in Advent with the blessing of the wreath. (The head of the household is the one designated to say the prayers, following which various members of his family light the candles. If the group is not a family, then a leader may be selected to say the prayers and others appointed to light the candles.) The following prayer can be used.



Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All: Who made heaven and earth.

Leader: O God, by whose Word all things are sanctified, pour forth Your blessing upon this wreath and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from You abundant graces. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The wreath would then be sprinkled with water. Then follows the prayer which is said before the evening meal each night of the first week in Advent.

FIRST WEEK The following prayer should be repeated each day during the first week. After the prayer the family's youngest child lights the first purple candle. (Family members can also take turns lighting and blowing out the candles on each night.)

Leader: O Lord, stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, and come, that by Thy protection we may deserve to be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins and saved by Thy deliverance. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The candle is allowed to burn during evening meals for the first week.

Welcome

St. Philomena Parishioners!

We keep you in our prayers for we know transitions can be difficult.

With Mary, we will journey with you to live the love of God through worship, formation and service.

Don't be afraid to ask questions to know more about this community!

Christian Service

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COMMUNITY SERVICE



Monthly Service Project

Giving Tree

RIGHT TO LIFE

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Our Right to Life Christmas Cards will be on display and ready to purchase in the Gathering Space after all Masses: December 8 & 9.

Donate your car to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The car will be picked up within 24 hours, the tax paperwork will be sent to you, and the donation stays in the community:

www.svdpusacars.com,
or call (800) 322-8284.

www.advanc-ed.org



Our Lady Star of the Sea School has been a Nationally Recognized School of Excellence since 1998

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH ADVENT - 2018

Giving Tree Gifts

Return unwrapped gifts Dec. 1 and 2
so they can be distributed Dec. 3

Advent Holy Hour

Adoration and Benediction
Monday, Dec. 3 7:30 pm

"With Mary, we prepare for Christmas"

With Mary, we prepare for the coming of the Lord in this special hour of prayer and music.

Thursday, Dec. 6 7:00 pm

Grosse Pointe Symphony

Christmas Pops Concert

Includes a Sing-a-long!

Sunday, Dec. 9 3:00 pm

Tickets available through gpsymphony.org

Judelaire's Christmas Concert

The joyful sounds of the season!
Friday, Dec. 21 7:00 pm
Free will donation



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays at 3 pm until all have been heard.

Wed. Dec. 12: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Vicariate Services

Communal Celebration with
Individual Confession

St. Barnabas Church

Tuesday, Dec. 18 at 1 pm

St. Joan of Arc Church

Tuesday, Dec. 18 at 7 pm



SIGN UP FOR ADVENT REGISTRATION ON FORMED

- Register at www.olsos.formed.org

OTHER INTERNET ADVENT RESOURCES:

Watch: "Advent in Two Minutes" at www.bustedhalo.com

A daily email program that will help you slow down and focus on what matters most in the midst of the holiday bustle:

www.dynamiccatholic.com then "Free resources" then "Best Advent Ever."

Daily reflections from Bishop Robert Barron, Aux. Bishop of LA, internationally known evangelist at www.adventreflections.com.

Catch a Lucky Star Winners 2018

			Ticket #	Winner
1st	Grand Prize	\$10,000	D 207	Raul Tomas
2nd	Grand Prize	\$5,000	C 198	Janet Rozelle
1.	\$1,000 Prize		A 502	Ray & Joan Kettel
2.	\$1,000 Prize		A 325	G & B Pendolino
3.	\$1,000 Prize		C 670	John Lovasco
4.	\$1,000 Prize		D 146	Linda & Ed Olejniczak
5.	\$1,000 Prize		C 092	Delores Bradway
6.	\$1,000 Prize		A 835	Beth Ahee
7.	\$1,000 Prize		D 224	Curt & Ann Weiermiller
8.	\$1,000 Prize		D 116	John & Amy Lambrecht
9.	\$1,000 Prize		A 340	Bob Smetanka
10.	\$1,000 Prize		D 204	Alexander Wagner
11.	\$1,000 Prize		B 107	Sandra D. Rezze
12.	\$1,000 Prize		A 447	Mark Lucchese
13.	\$1,000 Prize		D 025	Nicholas & Andra Bournias
14.	\$1,000 Prize		D 150	Mr. & Mrs. Perrin
15.	\$1,000 Prize		C 694	Raul Tomas

scripture readings

WEEK OF DECEMBER 2

SUNDAY

First Sunday of Advent
Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12—4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

MONDAY

Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest
Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9;
Mt 8:5-11

TUESDAY

Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
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

Saint Nicholas, Bishop
Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

FRIDAY

Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;
Mt 9:27-31

SATURDAY

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

SUNDAY

Second Sunday of Advent
Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

NEW PARISHIONERS

James and Blanca Paonessa
Children: Valentina & Santiago

Men's Club Christmas Holiday Meeting

All OLSOS Men's Club current members, potential members, and past members are encouraged to attend the Men's Club meeting and Christmas Holiday Social

Thursday, December 6th

7:00 to 10:30 PM

Grosse Pointe Yacht Club Tower Pub

Complimentary dinner and drinks provided.

As you know, Men's club events during the school year, raise funds for the OLSOS Youth Athletic Programs.

OLSOS Men's Club Activities throughout the year support Star Youth Athletic Programs.

Refer your questions to Bob Ament,
Communications & Hospitality Chair,
OLSOS Men's Club,
amentrobertj@gmail.com.
Text or Call: 313-608-3184



FORMING OUR FAITH

Thank you to our National Evangelization Team (NET)
for two wonderful *Spirit filled* retreats!



Saturday, Nov. 17th, our 8th graders met at St. Lucy's Church to explore the theme of "**With Great Power**" (Confirmation and the Holy Spirit).

Guided by the NET Team, our students learned that with great power comes great responsibility! That at Confirmation, the grace of Pentecost is unleashed and we receive greater access to the gifts of the Holy Spirit. That God can do incredible things with us if we are open to His action and that their lives will look different when living in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Sunday, Nov. 18th, our 7th graders met here at Star to explore the theme
of
"**In His Image**" (Identity in Baptism).

Our students discussed who they are. Are they a soccer player, dancer, the funny guy, or nice girl? The NET Team members helped them to see that there is one identity as a Child of God that you don't have to earn and that cannot be taken away. They discussed our inclination to identify ourselves by what we do rather than who we are as God's sons and daughters.



At the close of both retreats, the students were taught that there are four things that we are called to do. They are: PRAYER, SACRAMENTS, SERVICE, and FELLOWSHIP. *We pray that all of them will learn it and live it!*

LITTLE SAILORS CHILD CARE



Do you remember sitting at Mass and being able to look to the altar for the ENTIRE Mass? No distractions from your child asking when will this be over??? Do you dream of being able to pay attention to the prayers and fully participating again? We have the answer to your prayers!!

BUT, IT'S A LIMITED TIME OFFER!!

Little Sailors Childcare is held every Sunday during the 9:30 am Mass in room 29 of the school. This program is

intended for children aged 12 months to 3 years and is a PILOT program for the months of October through December. ***IF YOU THINK YOU'D LIKE TO HAVE THIS AVAILABLE FOR YOUR FAMILY SO THAT YOU CAN REALLY PARTICIPATE IN MASS***, be sure to take advantage of this opportunity so that we can have a good base to assess the level of interest of continuing to offer it throughout the year.

Complete a Child Information Form the first time you bring your child to us. Each week, parents must sign in/sign out their child and will be required to show proof of identity at pick up. You will be provided with our Little Sailors Child Care Guidelines when you drop off your child the first time. ***GIVE IT A TRY!***

QUESTIONS? Contact Judy Zedan @ j.zedan@stargp.org -OR- 313-884-7407

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 your envelope that is included in with your weekly offering or place your donation in a plain envelope marked "holiday decoration donation" with the name of the person(s) you would like remembered. All names will be listed in the Christmas bulletin. Please return by **Friday, December 14th.**

Donation made in memory/honor of :



UNLEASH THE GOSPEL

go and make disciples

Why?

That's a favorite question of toddlers. The grass is green. Why? We're having chicken for dinner. Why? Time for your nap. Why? It can drive one to want to scream and say because I said so.

Last week we talked about realizing that we are all Christ's disciples. Why? Because that is the most important part of sharing the Good News. We are called to continue Jesus' ministry and grow His church. We have been called to holiness.

Why is always a good question. Sometimes, I think some of us outgrow that natural curiosity to question the happenings and things around us. We ask what, how, when but not always why. We want to jump to the details before we really know why we are doing something.

But it's the why that's important in our lives and in our faith journey. Asking why is an important part of understanding the world around us.

Why are we, as baptized Catholics, all disciples? Baptism empowers all of us to make Jesus' ministry our own.

Why is being a disciple essential?

The Church exists to evangelize, to share the Gospel. That's the why of everything we do personally, as a parish and as a Church—to bring Christ to others.

Why do we strive to make our parish campus inviting and welcoming? Why do we work to make the Sunday experience amazing, uplifting and inspiring? Why do we want our school to be the best? Why do we want to offer inspiring spiritual programs and events? Bible study? Why do we have RCIA? Why do we have a vibrant religious education program? Why do we have community building

events, coffee and donuts after Mass, dinners, fish fries, etc., etc., etc.

The basic and only reason is that all of these provide us the opportunity to encounter Jesus and build a personal relationship with Him. An opportunity to Encounter, Grow and Witness.

Faith is the process in which Christ becomes the central person in our lives.

Each one of us is a unique son or daughter of God. Each of us will have a different experience when we encounter Jesus. Those experiences will surely change as we go through life and those experiences will change us.

It's the why that changes everything. We do what we do to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Why? Because of Jesus, who is the visible image of the invisible God, we come to see God as love. This love transforms all our relationships.

Today is the first Sunday of Advent. It is the season for spiritual preparation for the birth of our Savior.

Begin or enrich your encounter with Jesus Christ.

Why? Personal encounters have the power to change who we are.

Let's pray for the grace to be Christ centered in all that we do. Living God's love is the Why of our lives.

One in the Spirit,
Joanne Mualem
Evangelization Commission

A Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe



Virgin of Guadalupe,
Patroness of unborn children,
we implore your intercession
for every child at risk of abortion.
Help expectant parents
to welcome from God
the priceless gift
of their child's life.

Console parents who have lost
that gift through abortion,
and lead them to forgiveness
and healing
through the Divine Mercy
of your Son.

Teach us to cherish
and to care for family and friends
until God calls them home.
Help us never to see others
as burdens.

Guide our public officials
to defend each and every
human life through just laws.
Inspire us all to bring our faith
into public life,
to speak for those who have
no voice.

We ask this in the name
of your Son,
Jesus Christ, who is Love
and Mercy itself.
Amen.

--- 2010 Respect Life Liturgy
Guide, [USCCB Secretariat of Pro-
Life Activities.](#)



THANK YOU!!

Thank you to the many volunteers that helped before, during and after the Taste. Without your support we could not host such a wonderful community event.

Our Lady Star of the Sea would like to thank all of the vendors that supported The Taste. Please remember to thank them when you visit. We would also like to thank the 300+ attendees, without you there would not be such an event.

Christian Financial Credit Union

- Alexander's Premiere Banquet Facility
- Applebee's Grill & Bar (Team Schostak)
- Cadillac Coffee
- Capuchin Soup Kitchen Catering
- Chocolate Bar Café
- The Da Edoardo Restaurants
- Ferlito's Family Dining & Pizza Parlor
- Great Lakes Wine & Spirits
- Licavoli's Market
- Merchant's Fine Wine & Spirits
- Old World Gluten – Free Pierogi

Pointe's Pantry

- Telly's Place
- Trader Joe's
- Trattoria Serventi
- Verace Pasta e Olio
- Wildtree
- Valet Professionals

Music by: Madigan's Attic
Caricatures : Jack Hawkins
Bartenders: TM Catering

Hour Media

Please support our sponsors

Need more information on a vendor please call Debby Veltri 313-884-5554 for help. Or check out our website at www.olsos.org



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

MIDDLE SCHOOL

HONOR ROLL

First Quarter, 2017-2018

PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL

8th GRADE

Alexis Burson - Olivia Dodenhoff - Madison Lucido - Christina Shea

7th GRADE

Sofie Ancona - Kate Bania - Grace Cleary - Joseph Drawbaugh

John Francis - Gabriella Miller - Joseph Olejniczak - Elle Quinlan

William Seymour - Lauren Shipe

6th GRADE

Ava Lambiris - Chizy Nwoke - Kerith Short

HONOR ROLL

8th GRADE

Eryn Cosgrove - Olivia Dimuzio - Reghan Haley

7th GRADE

Lorenzo Cavaliere - Emily Giffer - Chloe McFarlane

Audrey Schena - Luke Schena - Amelia Streberger

6th GRADE

Addie Ancona - Elizabeth Hey - Pano Xenos



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Knights of Columbus'
Council 7780



Annual Christmas Party

December 13, 2018

Members and guests
are invited.

Cost: \$20/person

Event starts at 5:00 pm

Where: In The Pointe

Dinner at 6:00 pm.

RSVP: Vito Cusenza
313-886-8598



Stay in Touch

Below is a list of websites to
help you stay current with
your faith journey

- † aodonline.org - information concerning the Archdiocese of Detroit
- † uscgb.org - United States Conference of Catholic Bishops ~ liturgical readings, news and calendar
- † discovermass.com - View OLSOS bulletins by typing in our zip code ~ click on *view bulletins*
- † masstimes.org - use this website to find locations and times of Masses when traveling and on the road.

Please pray for

the sick

- Connor Baratta
- Lisa Belcoure
- Bruce Belcoure
- Marie Brady
- Robert Caldwell
- Cassidy Christie
- Sharon De Long
- Virg Ditty
- Joseph Drader
- James Fallor
- Anthony Fodale
- Peter John Hanna
- Linda Keschl
- Steve Kocsis
- Chris Kreuter
- Dr. Mike Luberto
- Bill Minoletti
- Maryann Montpetit
- Kristina Mulder
- Laura Murphy
- Sue Nelson
- Don Nelson
- Marilyn O'Bryan
- Sylvia Panicara
- Jim Panicara
- Biagio Picoro
- Terry Ryba
- Len Stoehr
- Alexis Suppanz
- Kelly Suppanz
- 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
- Antonio Spindler
- Michael Trondle
- Michael Ullman
- John Walker

the faithful departed

- Catherine Jaboro

**ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY —
Christmas Luncheon**

Wednesday, December 12, 2018 ~
Lochmoor Club
Lunch at 11:30 a.m.

All Women of the parish are invited to attend this joyful occasion. The price per person is \$25.

Our entertainment for this luncheon will be the Tuesday Children's Choir from our School.

To assure your reservation, please make your check payable to the Rosary Altar Society.

The check must be sent in with your reservation.

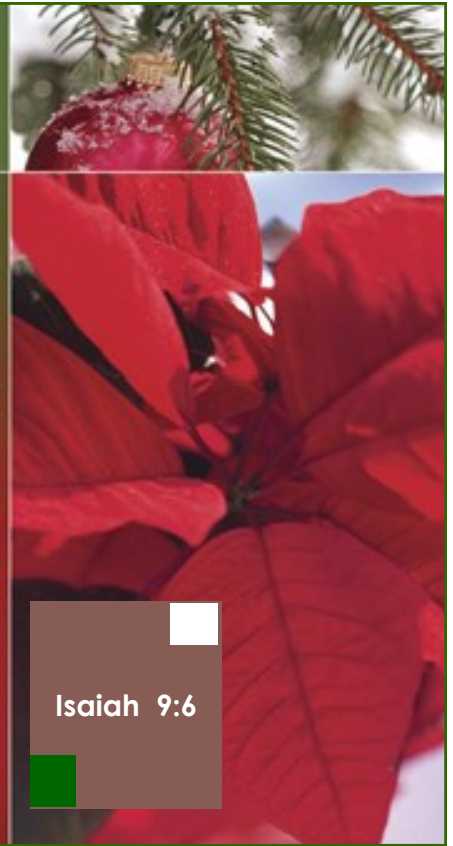
If you want to have friends sit with you, please include their names with your payment.

Send your check and reservation request to:
Marianne Carlisle ~
1070 Fairholme Rd.
Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

**Deadline for reservations is Wednesday,
December 5, 2018**

** Attention Rosary Altar Society: We will be having our Mass for all living and deceased members of the R.A.S. at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 8, 2018, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary.

CELEBRATE



Isaiah 9:6

IF YOU WERE ASKED ABOUT....

THE INQUISITION,
"THE DARK AGES", THE GALILEO AFFAIR,
WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Many in our society misunderstand and even attack our Church for the supposed misdeeds of the past. Topics such as the Crusades, the "Inquisition", and Galileo are used in an attempt to discredit the Church and her role in the world. What is the truth concerning these events and persons? How can you answer the objections?

Join us for this exciting journey through Church history and you will:

- Learn about the major people, places, and events of the last thousand years of Church history.
- Remember the 12 time periods of Church history using a unique color-coded system.
- Discover the revolutionary character of the Protestant Reformation.
- Discover the massive persecution of Christians in the 20th century.
- See the workings of the Holy Spirit throughout Church history and much more!

EPIC – A Journey Through Church History
By Steve Weidenkopf

Steve Weidenkopf has a gift for making Catholic Church history come alive for any audience. He currently serves as a lecturer in Church History for the Notre Dame Graduate School of Christendom College.



Dates, Time, Location

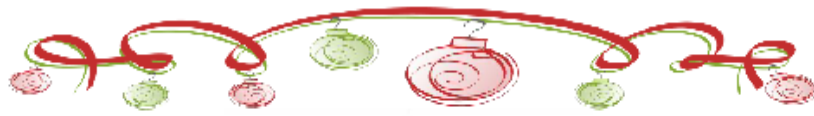
**Wednesdays
Jan. 9th-March 27th**

**9:30-11:00am
in the Parish Office
OR
7:30-9:00pm
in The Pointe**

**Registration
\$35.00
for Student Workbook**

For More Information:

**Contact Colleen Haubert
at c.haubert@stargp.org
or
(313) 884-7407, ext. 2061**



Cordially Invites You to Our

HOLIDAY MAGIC!

Enjoy an evening of song with *The Judelaires!*
Featuring many Christmas favorites

Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church
Friday, December 21; 7:00 PM
467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods, 48236

No tickets required!

For more information, email: TheJudelaires@yahoo.com

Or visit The Judelaires on Facebook!



www.judelaires.com



News From Eighth Grade Literature and Writing Class

Our eighth grade students are currently studying the legend of King Arthur. They are being introduced to a novel that has a theme of good vs. evil and paganism vs. Christianity. While we read and discuss the legend, we focus on the development of Christianity in England in the sixth century and its effects on peace, a government enforced by the Knights of the Round Table, and the values of the Oath of Chivalry. The students witness the power of prayer and belief in God and the downfall of evil in the story. I am fortunate that I can focus my lessons on God and our faith in Him in our Catholic school.

Mrs. Dandy, Teacher



PASSPORT TO EUROPE
Navigating by the Stars

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- 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
- 12/5/1959 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
- 12/6/1968 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
- 12/6/2016 Robert Rahaim
- 12/7/1979 William Ulrich
- 12/7/1982 Jennie Thieman
- 12/7/1984 Leo Doyle
- 12/7/1996 Robert Arthur
- 12/7/2000 Adeline O'Berski
- 12/7/2004 Mary Ellen Van Assche
- 12/7/2005 Marie Luber
- 12/8/1982 Alfred Fiori
- 12/8/2002 Mary Jane Shayer
- 12/8/2002 Evelyn Wayne
- 12/8/2003 Paul Schwanitz
- 12/8/2007 Marie Venditti
- 12/8/2014 Ann Kratochwill
- 12/9/1957 Henry Conerton
- 12/9/1972 Margaret Halpin
- 12/9/1980 Catherine Bernert
- 12/9/1995 Howard Halpin
- 12/9/2000 Frances Blachowiak
- 12/9/2010 Kathryn
Quinlan-Schneider
- 12/9/2012 JoanneEkin

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

7:30 a.m.

† Frank & Josephine M. Colombo
† Barbara Lovio

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

7:30 a.m.

† Anthony Vitale
Mary Agnes MacDonald

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

7:30 a.m.

Geraldine Korth
Paul Spindler
† Catherine Jaboro

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

7:30 a.m.

† Martha Dudez
† Louise Aemisegger

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

8:30 a.m.

† Louise Aemisegger

7:00 p.m.

OLSOS Parishioners
† Catherine Jaboro

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

9:30 a.m.

Living Bishops, Priests and Deacons
of the Archdiocese of Detroit

4:00 p.m.

† Virginia Mushenski
† Emeline & George Fikany

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:00 a.m.

† Yolanda Bathanti
† Art & Dorothy Spindler

9:30 a.m.

† Elaine Sikorski
† Nadime Malcoun
† Catherine Jaboro

11:30 a.m.

† Virginia Mushenski
† Ann & Ray Oleszko
† James Seagram, Sr.
OLSOS Parishioners

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SAT 4:00PM	SUN 8:00AM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 11:30AM	December 8/9
Fr. Marko Djonovic	Fr. Marko Djonovic	Msgr. Gary Smetanka	Msgr. Gary Smetanka	CELEBRANT
Bill Murray	Jean Wersching	Aimee Argel	Gary Lechner	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 and Pam Barthel Ron & Mary Eileen Wehrmann	Tony Brinkman Chris & Jeannette Ancona	John & Mary Klobuchar Steve & Judy Armbruster	Melissa Walter Lillian Licata	GREETERS
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Patricia Fayad Midge Culos		Ray & Joan Kettel		PRAYER MINISTERS

Holy Water Care



December 7 Maria Schwanitz
December 12 Charlotte Ellis
December 21 Anita Barger
December 28 Liz Abood

Please contact Elsie Surmont
at 313-884-3084

Altar Servers

Monday, December 3

7:30 a.m. S. Michael, M. Tranchida

Tuesday, December 4

7:30 a.m. S. Michael, M. Tranchida

Wednesday, December 5

7:30 a.m. S. Ancona, M. Siciliano

Thursday, December 6

7:30 a.m. S. Ancona, M. Siciliano

Friday, December 7

8:30 a.m. M. Blazejewski, M. Slusser, B. Collins

7:00 p.m. S. Latiff, J. Michalski, E. Michalski

Saturday, December 7

9:30 a.m. N. Kociba, K. Scott, W. Seymour

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



HOLY HOUR

December 3, 2018
7:30pm - 8:30pm
In Church

Wednesdays

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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(Enter through the Parish Office Lobby)

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News in our Community

Retrouaille COREtship - Saturday, December 8 (7 - 9pm) St. Anthony Catholic Church

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or coretship@retrouaille.info

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CSA Youth Ministry

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A workshop focused on "How to Run a Youth Retreat" will be held at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit on Thursday, December 13.

[Mary Wilkerson and Mike Chamberland of BOLD Ministries](#) will share their best practices and tips for planning and executing dynamic retreats. Participants will gain new skills, resources, and renewed confidence to prepare their own youth retreats.

Your CSA gifts allow the Archdiocese of Detroit to minister to those who foster the spiritual and personal growth of our youth and young adults and empower them to become disciples of Jesus Christ and actively witness their faith.

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PRAYER

Jesus, today I lift up the people I know who don't know You. I want to tell them all about You, but haven't found just the right words or timing yet. Lord, prepare our hearts and the hearts of those loved ones to hear the words of life. I ask for the courage to speak of You. I ask You to be obvious about the perfect opportunity to share. Mostly, I ask for those people to encounter Your love whether it comes through me or someone else.

From *Bless My Heart, Prayers and Promises for Living Beautifully*

