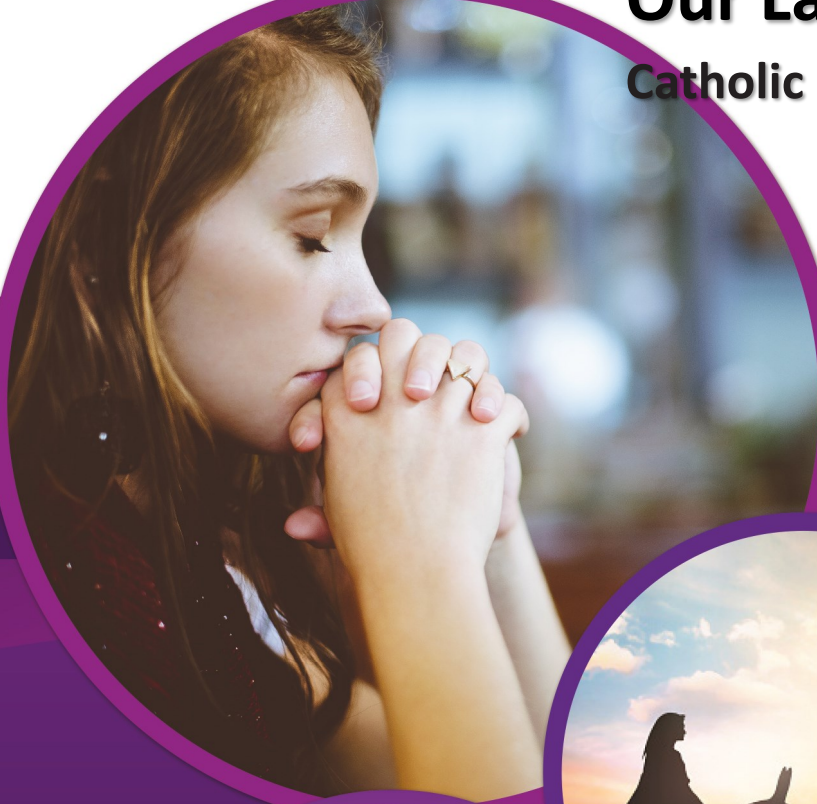


Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church

Olsos.org

December 6, 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

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 in-firmed in their order than those "out in the field" of ministry. Most of us probably have 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. (Retired Diocesan priests are not included in this collection.)

**** Please consider coming to our special Advent Holy Hour this Monday night at 7:30 pm.** We will focus on the role of Mary in our preparation of the coming of Jesus. It also gives us the opportunity to just spend some quiet time that is desperately needed in a very busy and angst filled time.

**** Tuesday is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** Unfortunately, for many and various reasons, most people seem to dismiss Holydays and don't bother to participate in Mass, even though they are days of "obligation" (like Sundays). I know in recent years the Church has eased the "obligation" of 2 or 3 Holydays when they fall on Saturday or Monday and maybe that has some people thinking they never have to attend Mass on any Holyday. However, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is not one of those Holydays, primarily because it is the patronal feast day for our country. Nonetheless, we have always tried to make it clear what Holydays are days of obligation and when, in certain instances, the obligation has been lifted.

I know the Archbishop has dispensed people from the obligation of Sunday and Holy Days, until Ash Wednesday, but for those who are able, are out and about, our Masses are at 7:30 am. 10 am and 7 pm.

**** Please always check our website (www.olsos.org) for the latest updates regarding Masses, confessions, etc.** At this time of the year, we usually have to send our bulletin to the printer about 9 days before the publication date. As you know, things can change daily due to our health crisis. As I write this article, it is before Thanksgiving. We are unsure, as of this date, whether to have some type of reservation system for the Christmas Masses. Masses will be limited to no more than 250 people. When we reach the capacity our doors will have to be locked. Please also know that everyone must wear a mask or facial covering over their nose and mouth the entire time while in church, except for receiving Holy Communion. It is important to tell any guests you invite of this necessity.

**** Thanks your support of the Catch a Lucky Star Raffle!** We don't have the final numbers but we know it has been the most successful raffle we have had in a number of years! Thanks also to all who came to the "Gather Under the Stars" event. Unfortunately, two food trucks did not honor their commitment but the two who were here had a fantastic night! Thank you for your patience and standing in line. It was great to see so many people on campus!

Have a blessed Week and a wonderful, prayerful Advent!

Msgr. Gary Smetanka



Advent Holy Hour

Mary, models for us Advent Waiting

Monday, December 7

7:30 - 8:30 pm
in the Church



We warmly welcome the newly baptized into our Parish

Baptized:
November 21, 2020
by
Msgr. Gary Smetanka

Gianna Sofia Hinkle

Parents:
Jeff & Jennifer (Enekes)
Hinkle

Godparent:
Kyle Gorny

Christian Witness:
Nicole Gorny

Scripture Readings

Readings for the Week of December 6, 2020

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

Monday Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Is 35:1-10
Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14;
Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday 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

Wednesday
Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin
Is 40:25-31
Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10
Mt 11:28-30

Thursday
Our Lady of Loreto
Is 41:13-20
Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab
Mt 11:11-15

Friday
Saint Damasus I, Pope
Is 48:17-19
Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6
Mt 11:16-19

Saturday
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a,
Rv 12:1-6a, 10ab
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19
Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Sunday
Third Sunday of Advent
Is 61:1-2a, 10-11
Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54
1 Thes 5:16-24
Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 7

7:30 a.m. +Frank and
Josephine Colombo
+John Watson

Tuesday, December 8

7:30 a.m. Drew Jerome
10:00 a.m Don Sitarski
7:00 p.m. OLSOS Parishioners

Wednesday, December 9

7:30 a.m. Fran Bauer
+Georgette Zahar
+Bettejean Ahee
+John Ahee

Thursday, December 10

7:30 a.m. Judy Armbruster
Msgr. Gary Smetanka

Friday, December 11

8:30 a.m. Msgr Gary Smetanka
+Lorraine Brosteaux

Saturday, December 12

4:00 p.m. +Rosalie Fix
+Jean Schlosser
+George Fikany
+Joseph Taddia

Sunday, December 13

8:00 a.m. OLSOS Parishioners
For healing of all Cancer
Patients
+Art & Dorothy Spindler
Msgr. Gary Smetanka

9:30 a.m. + Veronica Yuhase
+Catherine Jaboro
+Marilyn Bourgoin

11:30 a.m. +Virginia Mushenski
+Edmund Ahee, Sr
+Susan Amine
Paul Spindler
+Kevin Collins
+Bettejean Ahee



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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

Catch a Lucky Star XXXIX

		Ticket #	Winner
1 st Grand Prize \$10,000		<u>00396</u>	<u>Sarah Griffith</u>
Seller			_____
2 nd Grand Prize \$ 5,000		<u>11882</u>	<u>Mary Beth Burke</u>
Seller			<u>Bennett Burke</u>
1. \$1,000	Prize	<u>00509</u>	<u>Karen Pagonas</u>
2. \$1,000	Prize	<u>06365</u>	<u>Mary Lou Trombly</u>
3. \$1,000	Prize	<u>11074</u>	<u>Mary Lombardi</u>
4. \$1,000	Prize	<u>03343</u>	<u>Pamela Wilson</u>
5. \$1,000	Prize	<u>00515</u>	<u>Liz Korte</u>
6. \$1,000	Prize	<u>03074</u>	<u>Frank Zimmer</u>
7. \$1,000	Prize	<u>06250</u>	<u>Frank Tymrak, Jr.</u>
8. \$1,000	Prize	<u>03344</u>	<u>Pamela Wilson</u>
9. \$1,000	Prize	<u>09212</u>	<u>Dennis Janowski</u>
10. \$1,000	Prize	<u>15209</u>	<u>Rosalie Soosik</u>



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



**May God Bless You
in Your Ministry**

Many Blessings to
Msgr. Smetanka
on the 38th Anniversary
of his Ordination to the Priesthood.
(December 11, 1982)

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!

Bad — Complaining Attitude

The Archbishop's words on this are straightforward: "A common temptation in reaction to problems is to lament that we no longer have the power or prestige we once had." It is easy to look around at the world and simply feel discouraged. We can complain about this or that ideology that has become popular; we can complain about Christian values being forgotten about. We can complain about a lack of priests, a lack of money, and a lack of support. The Archbishop warns us against feeling sorry for ourselves by pointing to a Biblical parallel: the Israelites wandering in the desert. After their triumphant escape from Egypt, the Israelites travelled through the wilderness, wishing they could return to Egypt, because at least there they had food and a place to sleep! But God's plan for us is never in the past, it is always in the present moment. God urges us to move forward in high spirits, or else we cannot accomplish the mission He has set before us: to Unleash the Gospel in southeastern Michigan!

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



The second candle of Advent represents PEACE.

We go from one thing to another in this world searching for happiness, but Jesus is the only one who can bring us true Peace. As St. Augustine famously said, "Our hearts are restless, Lord, until they rest in you." Jesus grants this by sending us the Holy Spirit, a "river a living water" in the heart of a believer (Jn. 7:38).

NEVER ALONE

LIFE WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

with Nic Gutierrez and Sarah Kaczmarek

Continue to bolster your Advent season on Formed.org.

Check out this short series, *Never Alone: Life with the Holy Spirit*. Catholic speakers discuss the Third Person of the Trinity, His action in the life of a Christian, and the Peace He brings which surpasses anything on earth.

Our Lady Star of the Sea subscribes to Formed, which means *you* have unlimited access!

Simply go to www.olsos.formed.org, find our parish, type in your email, and you are registered.

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

In our First Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, he announces, *A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the Lord! In St. Mark's Gospel, the evangelist echoes these words through St. John the Baptist. Jesus' cousin announces, a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins in preparation of One mightier than I is coming after me. The Baptist goes on to state, I have baptized you with water; He will baptize you with Holy Spirit. What a tremendous gift! St. Peter further instructs us to prepare ourselves to meet the Lord. During this Advent season, are we being faith-filled stewards by asking the Holy Spirit to prepare our hearts, minds, and souls — to seek a closer union with God as we ready ourselves for Christmas? Then, in turn, share Christ's joy and peace with our family members. To learn more about evangelization through the work of the Holy Spirit, go to unleashthegospel.org.*



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

If you would still like to participate in the Giving tree and were not able to, please pick up an envelope in the gathering space or use your own, mark which organization you would like to donate to and return your envelope by placing in the offertory box or dropping off at the Parish Office.

Make checks payable to OLSOS
Please return all donations by December 13th.

In memoriam

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 Joanne Ekin
12/10/1973 Marie Petz
12/10/1989 Maria F. Farrugia
12/10/1992 Grace Cusumano
12/10/2006 Betty L. Brown
12/10/2017 Richard Bauser
12/11/1967 Mary Teipel
12/11/1970 Carrol Traxler
12/11/1973 Ralph J. Seiloff
12/11/1974 Joseph Theis
12/11/1975 Theresa Koenig
12/11/2003 Clara Sumeracki
12/11/2013 Helen Krol
12/11/2019 Biagio Piccoro
12/12/1962 Peter Zuliani
12/12/1980 Barbara DeYoung
12/12/1980 Jennie Mocerì
12/12/1982 William Miller
12/12/1982 Gregory Palmer
12/12/1987 Joseph Vulpetti
12/12/1992 Walter J. Verpoort
12/12/2002 Susan Walny
12/13/1977 Antionette
Schoenmakers
12/13/1978 Isabella Smith
12/13/1982 Florence MacLelland
12/13/1994 Barbara Boquz
12/13/1995 Gloria DaDeppo
12/13/2000 Louis Polombit
12/13/2006 Cecelia Ellis
12/13/2016 Gordon Snow

Please pray for

the sick

Angela Agrusa
Jim Amori
Marie Brady
Robert Caldwell
Cassidy Christie
Adam Cole
Noah Cole
Dr. William Collins
Amer Dabish
Sharon De Long
Virg Ditty
Joseph Drader
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Terry Ryba
Josh Simon
Joseph Simon
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Raul Tomas
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Fr. Francis Weingartz

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