

December 9 | 2018

# OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA | BULLETIN

Catholic Church

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*Peace*



*Advent*



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

## 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.**

Thanks for your generosity to the Religious Retirement Fund and the Giving Tree and so much more. Special thanks to you for your increased thoughtfulness and generosity with the Sunday offering during the past few weeks. May you be rewarded for all that you do. Thanks to all of you who have done so much to make our parish so beautiful and so vibrant. Be sure to spread the word and invite others to be with us!

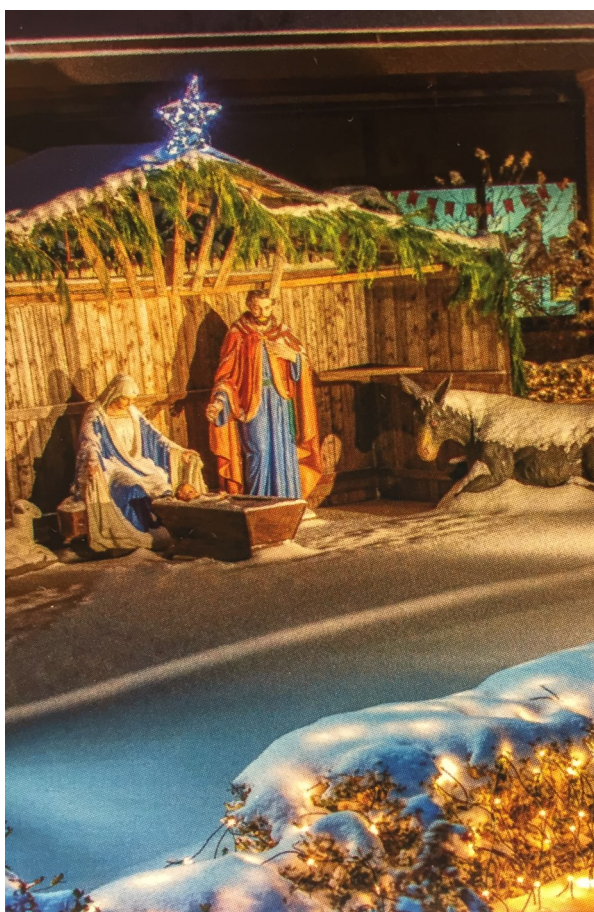
\*\* A special welcome to our brothers and sisters from St. Philomena Parish. We know the closing of such a beloved community is difficult. We hope that you find the community of Star of the Sea welcoming and a good place of worship. If you have any questions, please ask! We are here to help you in your transition.

\*\* You might be seeing ads and promotions by the Archdiocese of Detroit reminding Catholics to attend Mass for Christmas. The AoD has been taking the lead by helping all parishes promote and be ready for all the special "Christmas Guests" who will visit us. Please say a prayer for all those who will visit us for Christmas. We want it to be a true encounter with the Lord, through the Mass



and us, so they might return and continue to be nourished and welcomed.

\*\* Wednesday night, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, I will be available for private confessions from 6:30-8:00p.m. [I realize that sometimes Saturday at 3 pm is not always a good time for most people. So I will periodically, throughout the year, make myself available for other times.] As you notice on the Advent-Christmas schedule, there are two upcoming Penance Services with individual confession, for those who prefer, Tuesday, Dec. 18. These will take place at St. Barnabas Church and St. Joan of Arc.



## Prayer for our Christmas Guests

Dear Lord,

As we prepare for your coming,  
let us reflect on the journey  
Mary and Joseph took on their way  
to Bethlehem. They were tired  
and alone, and there was  
no room for them at the inn.  
Help us to open the doors of our hearts  
and our parish as we welcome guests  
this Christmas. We pray that those  
who come will feel welcome  
and experience your great love  
and peace through each of us.  
Help us to see with your eyes,  
serve with your hands,  
and to embrace those  
who will come into our midst.

Amen.



from  
**Msgr. Gary  
 Smetanka**

\*\* If you have not brought an ornament for the tree in The Pointe the past two years, you can still do so. Simply bring the ornament to The Pointe and place it on the tree or leave on a table and we would be happy to hang it for you.

\*\* After the 11:30 am Mass on Sunday, Dec. 23, we will put out the poinsettia and finish our Christmas environment in the church. If you are able to help for 30 minutes or so, please come to church around 12:30 pm.

\*\* Remember that any donations for the "Christmas collection" must be marked Christmas, or in the special

Christmas envelope, and/or dated as such. If you could kindly make an offering for the 4th Sunday of Advent that would be greatly appreciated since our budget counts on it OR add your Sunday offering with your Christmas offering and make it as one for Christmas.

\*\* We are still calling forth musicians in the parish to help enhance our liturgies during the next few weeks (or beyond). Horns, woodwinds, percussion, strings...all are welcome! Give me or Matthew Jakubisin a call or see us after Mass.

\*\*Many thanks to our Knights of Columbus for sponsoring the pancake breakfast last Sunday. They always do such a good job!

May you be touched by the powerful presence of the Lord as we prepare and celebrate His coming. Let us also be more aware of our own experience of God's mercy and helping others experience the same!

Msgr. Gary Smetanka

**this week...**

December 9 - December 16

<b>SUN</b> 9	<b>Second Sunday of Advent Fellowship Sunday</b> 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
<b>MON</b> 10	7:30 a.m. Mass
<b>TUE</b> 11	7:30 a.m. Mass 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
<b>WED</b> 12	7:30 a.m. Mass 11:00 a.m. Adoration until 2:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. Light of Mercy Prayer
<b>THU</b> 13	6:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship 7:30 a.m. Mass 1:30 p.m. Christmas Concert 4:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Christmas Dinner 6:30 p.m. Christmas Concert 7:30 p.m. Teen Bible Study
<b>FRI</b> 14	8:30 a.m. Mass
<b>SAT</b> 15	3:00 p.m. Confessions 4:00 p.m. Mass (Vigil)
<b>SUN</b> 16	<b>Third Sunday of Advent Fellowship Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m. Mass 9:30 a.m. Mass 11:30 a.m. Mass

**Prayers for the Advent Wreath  
 Second week**

**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.

**Second Week:** After the prayer the family's youngest child lights the first two purple candles. (Family members can also take turns lighting and blowing out the candles on each night.)

**Leader:** God of power and mercy open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**All:** Amen.

The candles are allowed to burn during evening meals for the second week.



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COMMUNITY SERVICE



Homebound Ministry

If you or someone you know are unable to attend Mass and would like to share in the Eucharist, please call the Parish Office at 884-5554 to schedule a volunteer to bring you Holy Communion.

Pray the Rosary Daily

and we will have peace in the world.

Watch the video at [www.peacebyprayer.com](http://www.peacebyprayer.com)

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](http://www.svdpusacars.com), or call (800) 322-8284.

[www.advanc-ed.org](http://www.advanc-ed.org)



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

Giving Tree



Thank you!



Your generous contribution to our Giving Tree will go to help many families this year. Our parish collected over 1000 items for the following organizations:

**Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan**  
Coats and Baby Products (approx. 395 items)

**Our Lady of Rosary**

Toys for their Christmas Store plus gift cards (approx. 273 items)

**Mary's Children**

Supplies to help their programs for special need adults plus gift cards (approx. 50 items)

**Franciscan Ministries**

sweatshirts and socks (approx. 132 items)

**Our Lady Star of the Sea**

gift cards, hats and gloves (approx. 178 items)

God bless you for your continued support.



# ADVENT REFLECTIONS

PREPARING FOR THE BIRTH OF OUR SAVIOR

## SIGN UP FOR ADVENT REGISTRATION ON FORMED

- Register at [www.olsos.formed.org](http://www.olsos.formed.org)

## OTHER INTERNET ADVENT RESOURCES:

Watch: "Advent in Two Minutes" at [www.bustedhalo.com](http://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](http://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](http://www.adventreflections.com).

## Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation

### At Our Lady Star of the Sea

Saturdays @ 3:00 p.m. until all have been heard.

### Special Evening

Wed. Dec. 12: 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

### Vicariate Services

Communal Celebration  
with Individual Confession

St. Barnabas Church

Tues. Dec. 18 @ 1:00 p.m.

St. Joan of Arc Church

Tues. Dec. 18 @ 7:00 p.m.



## scripture readings

### WEEK OF DECEMBER 9

#### 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

#### MONDAY

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

#### TUESDAY

**Saint Damasus I, Pope**  
Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13; Mt 18:12-14

#### WEDNESDAY

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

#### THURSDAY

Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr  
Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

#### FRIDAY

**Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church**  
Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19

#### SATURDAY

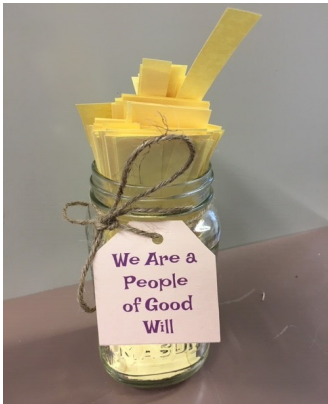
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

#### SUNDAY

**Third Sunday of Advent**  
Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

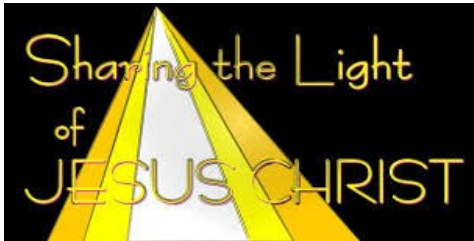
# FORMING OUR FAITH

## School Outreach



As our Advent Outreach this year, our school students are purchasing new books for the kindergartners at a Detroit charter school. They are demonstrating that they are "People of Good Will" by choosing a Kindergarten reading level book for students who may not have any books at their home. What a

wonderful way to spread the light of Jesus to all parts of our neighborhood! Please pray, not only for the children of our parish but also for those in our greater community.



## LITTLE SAILORS CHILD CARE

### 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** 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.

### QUESTIONS?

Contact Judy Zedan @ [j.zedan@stargp.org](mailto:j.zedan@stargp.org)  
-OR- 313-884-7407

## The Meaning of Advent Candles

As a Christian tradition, the wreath holds the four Advent candles. The candles represent Jesus coming as the light in darkness. One candle is lit each Sunday until all four candles are lit, and sometimes a fifth candle is lit on Christmas. As Christmas draws nearer, each candle brings a little more light into the darkness.

Each of the candles represents an aspect of preparation during the season of Advent:

**The Candle of Hope** Color: Purple. Purple is the primary color associated with Advent. Within the Catholic Church it symbolizes penance, preparation, and sacrifice. During the first week of Advent, we look forward to Jesus' coming with hope.

**The Candle of Peace** Color: Purple. During this second week of Advent, we reflect on our lives and work on becoming better-versions-of-ourselves in preparation for Jesus' coming.

**The Candle of Joy** Color: Pink. This third candle is pink, symbolizing anticipation and rejoicing. During the third week of Advent, we are filled with joy for the near arrival of Jesus on Christmas day.

**The Candle of Love** Color: Purple. During this final week of Advent we rejoice in the endless love that God has for us, which is made apparent in the birth of his Son:

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." - John 3:16*

*From Dynamic Catholic, Best Advent Ever*



# 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. 9<sup>th</sup>-March 27<sup>th</sup>**

**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](mailto:c.haubert@stargp.org)  
or  
(313) 884-7407, ext. 2061**

## CHRISTMAS

### Christmas Eve

4:00 pm, 4:15 pm (in gym), 6:00 pm  
and 11:00 pm

### Christmas Day

9:30 am and 11:30 am

### Mary, Holy Mother of God

*Holy Day of Obligation*

Monday, December 31, 4:00 pm

Tuesday, January 1, 9:30 am

### Epiphany Concert

Sunday, January 6, 3:00 pm





# THANK YOU!

for your support  
with the Ray Wiegand's and Srodek Fundraisers!  
All money raised helps support  
Our Lady Star of the Sea School.



Ray Wiegand's NURSERY  
SINCE 1941

**Please note:** Srodek order pick-up is **Friday, December 14** -- 3:15-3:45 p.m. & 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
in church Gathering Space

Last Sunday morning St. Nicholas (Santa) stopped by at the K of C Pancake Breakfast in The Pointe and the children sang Christmas Carols during his visit.





## 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 :*

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## UNLEASH THE GOSPEL

### go and make disciples

"With Mary, we bring people to Christ to live the love of God."

This is our parish mission and it defines who we are as a parish. It is a statement of our purpose and what we are pursuing.

Thinking about this, one cannot help but notice the relationship to what we have been learning about "Unleash the Gospel", the road map for the future of the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Bringing Christ to others is exactly what unleashing the Gospel is all about. In doing that, we are living the love of God and hopefully they will also. We do this with Mary's powerful intercession.

This alignment of missions brings out an important point. While it is the individual who makes the commitment to missionary discipleship, it is the parish that plays a very critical role.

The parish provides food for our discipleship in the form of His Word and the Eucharist. And it is from the parish community we are able to: learn thorough homilies, faith development, and the testimonies of others; share ideas and encouragement; and join in prayer for our mission.

As we anticipate celebration of the Birth of Jesus, we also remember that it was Mary's "yes" that helped bring Christ into the world.

This was Mary's response to her invitation to discipleship. It was followed by other examples of her discipleship recorded in Scripture.

Mary has been called a model of discipleship and the first disciple. Her visit to her cousin Elizabeth was an act of outreach, an encounter. At Cana, Mary's involvement in her Son's miracle showed concern for others.

During Christ's passion and death, Mary's presence demonstrated her deep compassion for those who are suffering.

After the Ascension and awaiting the Holy Spirit, Mary and Christ's disciples prayed together. The gift of the Spirit empowered them to spread the Good News of our salvation.

That same Spirit is available to help us in our discipleship.

One in the Spirit,  
Jean Wersching  
Evangelization Commission



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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

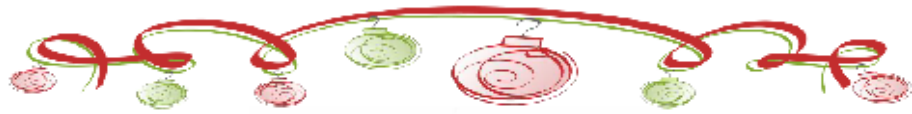
Below is a list of websites to help you stay current with your faith journey

- † [aodonline.org](http://aodonline.org) - information concerning the Archdiocese of Detroit
- † [uscpcb.org](http://uscpcb.org) - United States Conference of Catholic Bishops ~ liturgical readings, news and calendar
- † [discovermass.com](http://discovermass.com) - View OLSOS bulletins by typing in our zip code ~ click on *view bulletins*
- † [masstimes.org](http://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 Faller
- 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 Piccoro
- Terry Ryba
- Len Stoehr
- Alexis Suppanz
- Kelly Suppanz
- Fr. Francis Weingartz
- Hannah Wheatley



*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](mailto:TheJudelaires@yahoo.com)

Or visit The Judelaires on Facebook!



[www.judelaires.com](http://www.judelaires.com)



**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 Shetter, III
- Robert Skowronski
- Antonio Spindler
- Michael Trondle
- Michael Ullman
- John Walker



## Calling all OLSOS Alumni High School & Elementary

Star is expanding our alumni data bank. Please submit this form with the following information to the parish or school office:

Please print

Name

\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail

\_\_\_\_\_

Address

\_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Year: \_\_\_ high school

\_\_\_ elementary school

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## Teacher Feature—Mrs. Trudel

The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade science students at Star are hard at work this quarter. We are exploring many topics within the theme of STREAM (science, technology, religion, engineering, art, and mathematics). I am very proud of the work and effort my students have put forth this year.



Currently we are investigating Cells in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and Energy in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Thus far this year, 7<sup>th</sup> grade has explored topics in motion and force. They combined their engineering skills and knowledge on force and motion to build a Newton Scooter. This quarter they will use the engineering design process to build a small windmill. On the other hand, 8<sup>th</sup> grade began the year with chemistry and are now transitioning to the cell and the processes they undergo. Both classes, are challenged throughout the year to Identify where they witness OLSOS's vision statement: "Building Strong Minds and Faithful Hearts through Christ". In fact, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade created the front page of a newspaper where they had to not only write about where they see the vision statement being incorporated in the school but also discuss how a Catholic priest, brother, or nun dedicated their life to both Christ and to Science. Furthermore, this year's Invention Convention and Engineering Design projects will both require the students to reflect more deeply on "Building Strong Minds and Faithful Hearts through Christ."



In addition, the students will be using our newest technology, the 3D printer, in their Engineering Design project and their Invention Convention project. This technology as well as many of our science supplies would not be available if it weren't for your generous support of our students. Thank you!!!

I am truly blessed to be a part of the Star faith/school community and to work with budding scientists and leaders of the future.



Thank you for your continued support of Star's STREAM program. Mrs. Trudel

## In memoriam

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
12/12/1962	Peter Zuliani
12/12/1980	Barbara DeYoung
12/12/1980	Jennie Mocerri
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 Antionette Schoenmakers
12/13/1977	Isabella Smith
12/13/1982	Florence MacLelland
12/13/1994	Barbara Boqusz
12/13/1995	Gloria DaDeppo
12/13/2000	Louis Polombit
12/13/2006	Cecelia Ellis
12/13/2016	Gordon Snow
12/14/1975	Josephine Niedeck
12/14/1983	Mary Karpinski
12/14/1989	Ralph Cadieux
12/14/2009	Mildred Maertens
12/14/2014	Marie Caldwell
12/15/1982	William Hendricks
12/15/2002	Daniel Fricker
12/15/2012	Susan Amine
12/16/1963	Ada Salyers
12/16/1974	Edmund Tomaszewski
12/16/1977	Alice Major
12/16/1993	Thomas J. Zink
12/16/2004	Salvatore Russo
12/16/2007	Lucy Ponczocha

**\*\*The Mass Intention Book for 2018 is closed.**

**Early January dates need to be requested early.**

**Please call the parish office for the availability of dates.**

food for thought...  
Papal Tweet



- **Advent is a time for renewing the faith, for purifying it, so that it can be more authentic.**

<https://twitter.com/Pontife>

## Mass Intentions

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

**7:30 a.m.**

† Frank & Josephine M. Colombo  
 Msgr. Gary Smetanka

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

**7:30 a.m.**

Rachel Ahrens Scotella  
 Msgr. Gary Smetanka  
 James Lahood

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

**7:30 a.m.**

† Edmund Ahee, Sr  
 † Otto Warmbier  
 Grace Torre

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

**7:30 a.m.**

† Ann Marie Rogier  
 † Veronica Yuhase  
 † Rosalee Fix  
 † Elsie & William Connors

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

**8:30 a.m.**

† John Ross  
 † Louise Aemisegger  
 Margaret Spindler

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

**4:00 p.m.**

† Gregory Palmer  
 † Pete & Connie Cracchiolo  
 † Susie Cerwin  
 † Gordon Snow

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

**8:00 a.m.**

Msgr. Gary Smetanka  
 † Catherine Jaboro

**9:30 a.m.**

† Mr. & Mrs. Joe Rabault  
 † Art & Dorothy Spindler  
 † Catherine Jaboro

**11:30 a.m.**

† Virginia Mushenski  
 † Ann & Ray Oleszko  
 † Susan Amine  
 † Gerry Zaglaniczny

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SAT 4:00PM	SUN 8:00AM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 11:30AM	December 15/16
Msgr. Gary Smetanka	Msgr. Gary Smetanka	Fr. Marko Djonovic	Fr. Marko Djonovic	<b>CELEBRANT</b>
Beline Obeid	Chris Gassen	Karen Gagnier	Mary Ann Scholtz	<b>LECTOR</b>
Saturday Team Dave Barthel Randy Eissa Mary Ann Fox Bill Quinlan Joe Rabaut Paul Ventimiglia	Team A John Carnaghi Vito Cusenza Mike McNamee Rob Sattler Margaret Spindler Jerry Varani <b>Ron Wehrmann</b>	Team C <b>Greg Bourgoin</b> Paul Mazzara Jerry Moore Tim Northey Jack Szpytman Ernest Valentino	Team E Pat Arsenault Martin Ellis Tom McDonald <b>Matt Savage</b> George Schena Bill Viviano	<b>USHERS</b>
K. Scott R. Felcyn C. Felcyn	S. Michael D. Michael T. Cueter	M. Lucido M. Walter L. Cavaliere	C. Nwoke C. Nwoke K. Schorer	<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>
Cathy Schaeffner Donald & Leanne Wisniewski	Kay Abram Debby Veltri	Chris & Grace Tranchida John & Kathy Trupiano	Jerry & Ann Vier Marie Stines	<b>GREETERS</b>
Annette Myslinski	Dennis & Mary Hyduk	Annette Cusenza	Scott & Chris Morrison	<b>SACRISTAN</b>
Kerry Vlahantones Midge Culos		Ray & Joan Kettel Marie Miller		<b>PRAYER MINISTERS</b>

### Holy Water Care



**December 12** Charlotte Ellis  
**December 21** Anita Barger  
**December 28** Liz Abood

Please contact Elsie Surmont  
 at 313-884-3084

### Altar Servers

**Monday, December 10**  
**7:30 a.m.** C. Nwoke, C. Nwoke

**Tuesday, December 11**  
**7:30 a.m.** C. Nwoke, C. Nwoke

**Wednesday, December 12**  
**7:30 a.m.** A. Schena, L. Schena

**Thursday, December 13**  
**7:30 a.m.** A. Schena, L. Schena

**Friday, December 14**  
**8:30 a.m.** L. Cavaliere, W. Seymour, J. Drawbaugh

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



### HOLY HOUR

**January 7, 2019**  
**7:30pm - 8:30pm**  
 In Church

### Wednesdays

**11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**  
 Chapel in the Parish Offices  
 (Enter through the Parish Office Lobby)

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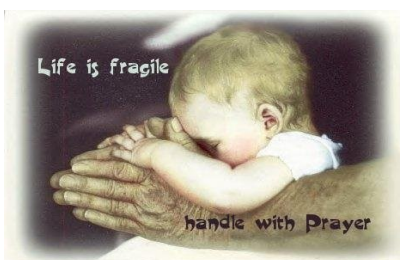
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## News in our Community

“Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother. Not sure how to help or what to say?” Learn ten tips at [www.usccb.org/support-her](http://www.usccb.org/support-her).”

### “10 Ways to Support Her When She’s Unexpectedly Expecting”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities



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Last month, hundreds of missionaries in parishes across the Detroit encouraged parishioners to take the six-day “Unleash the Gospel Challenge.” Inspired by Archbishop Vigneron’s pastoral letter, the challenge asks Catholics to devote five minutes per day to learn and pray about what it means to be a Church on mission filled with joyful, missionary disciples.

Your CSA gifts support innovative new communications in the Archdiocese. You can join this movement at any time at [utchallenge.com](http://utchallenge.com). Each morning, you will receive an email with a two-minute video and a three-minute reflection, presenting an opportunity to learn more about the action of God in our region and the role you have in this great mission.

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