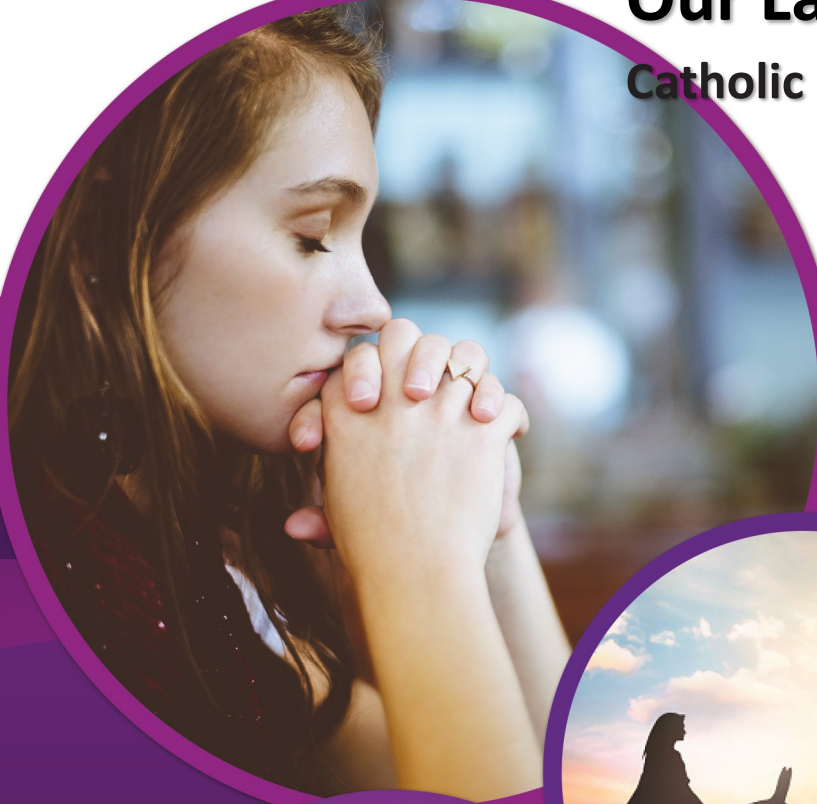


# Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church

Olsos.org

December 13 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

Thanks to all of you who have been supportive of the parish in so many ways especially during the past 9 months of this pandemic. I especially applaud all of you who have been coming to church, even with some of your fears, and have been showing your care for one another. As I look out at those present for Mass I am very happy to see that people are wearing masks and keeping safe distance from other households. (A reminder that masks are to be worn over the nose and mouth.) Such cooperation and care has made Star a place where many feel "safe" coming to Mass compared to other places.

As you know, Archbishop Vigneron has extended the dispensation of the Sunday and Holy Day obligation until Ash Wednesday, 2021. This dispensation is granted "so as not to unduly bind the consciences of those who are greatly troubled by the destructive potency of the coronavirus, and to care for the most vulnerable among us, such as the elderly. At the same time, one should not take advantage of the dispensation without a true need. Catholics who have already begun to engage in non-essential activities, such as widening one's social circle or going out to eat, should return to Sunday Mass – an essential activity – as church capacity allows."

Trying to plan for Christmas is challenging. Presuming our safe capacity will still be 50% or 250 people, with physical distance between households, how do we plan? It is hard to know if the usual crowds will stay away from Mass or if "tradition" will compel them to attend. There seems to be one solution that can be helpful and hopefully reduce some stress. **We will be asking people to make a reservation.** This can be done by you online or by calling the parish office if you do not have a computer or have difficulty maneuvering such programs. **Please note: reservations will not begin until December 15th starting at 9:00am .** When you register, you then print out your "ticket." It is also important to inform members of your family or invited guests **they must wear a mask entering church, throughout the Mass, and leaving church.** When the reservation system reaches the capacity of 250 people, you will then be placed on a waitlist and will be called if others cancel their reservation. We have never had to do this previously but it seems to be the only fair way this year. All of this is our best attempt to keep everyone safe by limiting the number, consistent wearing of masks, and keeping distance between households during our liturgies. [In between all the Masses we also have to disinfect the church in preparation for the following Mass.] Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. (See more information regarding this process elsewhere in the bulletin.)

\*\* Archbishop Vigneron has announced the "Family of Parishes" for the Archdiocese of Detroit. Much has been written and it available on the AoD website for more complete information. Basically each "family" will have a team of clergy and lay ministers to shepherd and serve the needs of the parishes within the family. For the first number of years, there should be little change as each parish still maintains its own independence and finances. As the need changes over the years, appropriate measures will then be taken. [After we get through the Christmas season, more will be shared and explained as it relates to Star of the Sea,]

**Half and Half continued** \*\* Don't forget the K of C needs your Christmas Ham order by Monday afternoon!  
Thanks.

\*\* Many of the parishes in our vicariate are having confessions at the same time this week: Monday from 6 - 8 pm and Tuesday from 2-4 pm. The plan here is to make these "drive up" confessions along the Fairford side of the church wall. [If weather changes this plan, they will take place in church. See posted signs for directions.]

May we continue our Advent discovery of God the Father's faithfulness with joy this week.

Msgr. Gary Smetanka

### A prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,  
I believe that you are present  
in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love you above all things  
and I desire to receive you in my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment  
receive you sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace you as if you were already there  
and unite myself wholly to you.  
Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

### Scripture Readings

#### Readings for the Week of December 13, 2020

##### 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

##### Monday

##### Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a  
Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9  
Mt 21:23-27

##### Tuesday

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13  
Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23  
Mt 21:28-32

##### Wednesday

Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25  
Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14  
Lk 7:18b-23

##### Thursday

Gn 49:2, 8-10  
Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17  
Mt 1:1-17

##### Friday

Jer 23:5-8  
Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19  
Mt 1:18-25

##### Saturday

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a  
Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17  
Lk 1:5-25

##### Sunday

##### Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16  
Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29  
Rom 16:25-27  
Lk 1:26-38

### Mass Intentions

#### Monday, December 14

7:30 a.m. +Frank and Josephine Colombo  
+Jim Eckerman

#### Tuesday, December 15

7:30 a.m. +Susie Pifer Cerwin

#### Wednesday, December 16

7:30 a.m. +Judy DeFauw  
+Rita Radecki

#### Thursday, December 17

7:30 a.m. +Nancy Fodell

#### Friday, December 18

8:30 a.m. +Angelo Ronzi,  
+Robert Ronzi  
+Angeline Ronzi Diedo

#### Saturday, December 19

4:00 p.m. +Frank Cairns  
+Nancy Daniels  
+Mary Ann Montpetit  
+Roy Spezia  
+Mary Asher

#### Sunday, December 20

8:00 a.m. OLSOS Parishioners  
For healing of all Cancer Patients  
+Bettejean Ahee  
+John Ahee

#### 9:30 a.m.

+Ann Chevalier  
+Catherine Jaboro  
+Marilyn Bourgoin  
+Anthony Ciaravino

#### 11:30 a.m.

+Virginia Mushenski  
Jacob Biernat  
+Art & Dorothy Spindler  
Paul Spindler  
+John Ahee  
+Mary Ann Montpetit

## Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses at Star

# Reservations are Required

## Limited to 250 people per Mass



Here is what you need to know:

- ◆ Beginning **Tuesday, Dec. 15 at 9 am**, go to our website, [www.olsos.org](http://www.olsos.org), to make reservations for your household or those willing to sit together at Mass.  
*If you do not have access to the internet, call the parish office @313-884-5554 and we can assist you with reservations.*
- ◆ Print your Eventbrite tickets or have them available on your phone. Bring them with you when you come to Mass so you may be seated with safe distancing.
- ◆ Doors will open 45 minutes prior to Mass. Please arrive no later than 15 minutes prior to Mass so people can be seated safely.
- ◆ **Face masks, covering both nose and mouth, must be worn at all times entering, during, and leaving Mass. Please inform all guests of this requirement.**
- ◆ **Deadline to register:** Eventbrite will remain open until 2 hours prior to Mass time or at Dec. 23 at noon if calling the parish office.
- ◆ Please use Eventbrite to **cancel your reservations** so others can register. If reservations were made through the parish office, please call the office.
- ◆ There are large white boxes in church for your **Christmas Offering** envelopes. We highly recommend online giving, please see our website at [www.olsos.org/give](http://www.olsos.org/give)
- ◆ **Safe alternatives for high risk health individuals:** If you are uncomfortable for any reason to be in a larger Christmas crowd, caring for a sick person, or feeling sick yourself, consider watching our livestreamed Masses or a Mass on TV. You may also feel more comfortable at a Mass with fewer people. Saturday, Dec. 26 at 4 pm or Sunday at 8, 9:30 or 11:30 am are good alternatives for you.

**Let's show our care for everyone and do our part to keep everyone safe & healthy!**



## 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](http://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*

# 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 — Apostolic Boldness***

Archbishop Allen Vigneron has encouraged us to be innovative and confident. He urges us to dismiss temptations towards fear and lethargy. Now he calls us to APOSTOLIC BOLDNESS. What does he mean by that?

To find out, we only have to turn to the beginning of the Church, recorded in *Acts of the Apostles*. Apostolic Boldness is to proclaim the truth about Jesus with the same faith and zeal that the Twelve Apostles demonstrated themselves after the Holy Spirit descended upon them at Pentecost. From that moment on the Apostles, who had previously been cowards, proclaimed what they had seen without hesitation, even in the face of hostility. From Pentecost onward, the Holy Spirit has not left the Church! He is still here, able to work the same wonders and move peoples' hearts just as He did back then. And He wants to work through you and I. He wants to grant the Church of Detroit with the same unwavering boldness; all we have to do is ask! For a variety of resources, as well as the Letter itself, please visit: [www.unleashthegospel.org](http://www.unleashthegospel.org)

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### **The third candle of Advent represents JOY.**

The pink candle celebrates "Laudate Sunday," which is a day the Church sets aside to remind us of the Joy we have in Christ. We all seek happiness; there is not a single human in history who has not. But what is the difference between the everyday happiness we get from the world, and true, lasting Joy?

## THE FOUR LEVELS OF HAPPINESS

Fr. Robert Spitzer



"A profound talk on how to experience true happiness."  
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Popular Catholic speaker Fr. Robert Spitzer S.J. discusses four different "levels" of happiness in this talk on [Formed.org](http://Formed.org). Fr. Spitzer has devoted his ministry to making sense of Faith, and here he tells what history's greatest thinkers have had to say about humanity's ultimate goal: Joy. Check out him and other profound Catholic teachers at [Formed.org](http://Formed.org).

**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](mailto:c.schuelke@stargp.org) to set up a time to meet virtually one-on-one! We are here to help!**



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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**



[[ Cut here and save your reminder ]]



**PICK UP**

**Monday Dec. 21**

**3:30 pm –7:00 pm**

**Under Church Canopy**

# Third Sunday

Behold, I am sending  
my messenger ahead of  
you; he will prepare  
your way before you.

Matthew 11:10



**Don't miss the  
latest news from  
the Parish!**

Have you been get-  
ting our weekly news-  
letters via email?

**If you haven't seen them in a while,  
check your spam/junk folder**

Sign up for the newsletters by visiting [https://  
olsos.org/get-involved](https://olsos.org/get-involved) or call the office.

We don't want you to miss out on the latest  
news or events.

**If you unsubscribed to any of the newsletters,  
that unfortunately removed you from  
all newsletters.**

**If you would like to be reinstated  
please call the parish.**

## BOTTLE DRIVE

FUNDRAISING



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

## 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 n the School office between 8-3  
Monday—Friday.

For more information contact Jaime Schomer at  
[j.schomer@stargp.org](mailto:j.schomer@stargp.org) or 313-884-1070





## In memoriam

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  
12/14/2019 James Eckerman  
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  
12/17/1955 Mary Gutowski  
12/17/1972 John DeVos  
12/17/1984 Dominic Marasco  
12/17/1994 Ray Laethem, Sr.  
12/18/1963 Martin Hoffmann  
12/18/1978 Cletus Welling  
12/18/1997 (Pat) Donna Lee  
12/18/2003 Terrance Hogan  
12/18/2006 Joseph Quasarano  
12/18/2008 Francis Blake  
12/19/1980 Harold Stock  
12/19/1985 Sondra Ayers  
12/19/1988 Veronica A. Hourd  
12/19/1997 Margery Long  
12/19/2005 Vincent Simonelli  
12/19/2009 Patricia Rauss  
12/19/2011 Maria Consuelo Gorski  
12/19/2015 Katherine Tazzia  
12/20/1960 Helen Jaglowicz  
12/20/1964 Abbie Westrick  
12/20/1967 William S. Flowers  
12/20/1985 Jane Fitzgerald  
12/20/1986 Katherine Smith  
12/20/1989 Raymond Lynch  
12/20/2012 Roger Damman  
12/20/2016 Mary Shammass

## 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  
Peter John Hanna  
Angela Harris  
Linda Keschl  
Steve Kocsis  
Leslie Komlosan  
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Sue Nelson  
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Marilyn O'Bryan  
Sylvia Panicara  
Jim Panicara  
Joe Ross  
Terry Ryba  
Josh Simon  
Joseph Simon  
Cathy Spindler  
Raul Tomas  
Charlotte Weekes  
Fr. Francis Weingartz  
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Matt Lacy  
Kyle Lechner  
Thomas Miller  
Joseph Misuraca  
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