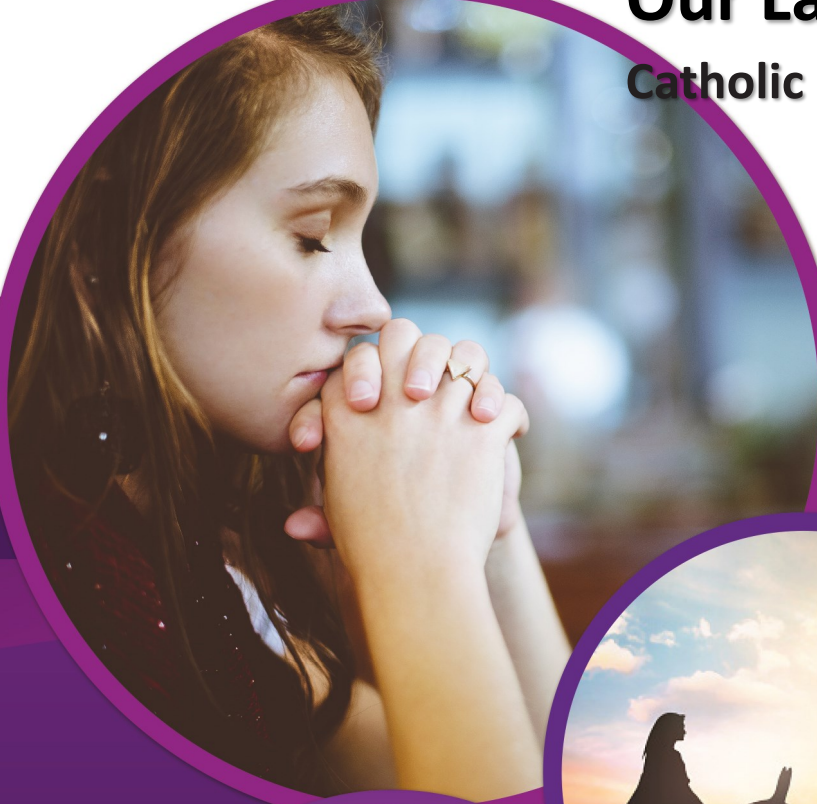


Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church

Olsos.org

December 20, 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

ANOIDING 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

Here we are in the final days of Advent season that I bet has not been "normal" for you. We have found ourselves being restricted in our time of socializing, our way of socializing, and perhaps in our times and ways of sharing the joy of this season with family and friends.

Despite how different and awkward this time during the pandemic, we can not forget the abiding presence of Jesus. I hope during these months, especially during this Advent season, you have taken the time to pause and ask yourself, "Where is God leading me/us in these troubled times? What is God trying to tell me this Advent? What good will be of our benefit through all this time?" Now more than ever is the time to focus on Jesus and the joy that we should have as the Word of God becomes flesh for us.

There are many little ways in which we can certainly keep the focus of Christ in Christmas. For instance, if you still have some gifts to wrap, say a little prayer for the person who will receive the gift. Think about their good qualities and characteristics. Think of little ways you might continue to help them throughout the year. Maybe a note or phone call every now and then. As you might receive gifts from others and place them under your tree, thank God for the gift of these people in your life. How in some way have they brought you closer to Jesus? How do they challenge you through their lives to be a bit more Christ-like in yours?

Take these last five days of Advent to welcome Christmas. As the Christmas season begins late Thursday afternoon, may we continue to be a blessing to all we encounter and keep Christ as the reason for the season!

** I hope by this time you have become aware that reservations for all our Christmas Masses are required this year. It seems to be the only fair way of preparing for the unknown. Capacity at each of our Masses will be limited to 250 or under, depending how we can keep appropriate distance between households/families. To make reservations please go to our website, www.olsos.org. A few things to remember: the one entry point will be the main canopy church doors (except obviously for the gym Mass) where you will then be seated in an assigned pew. **Everyone must wear a face covering, over the nose and mouth, entering, during and leaving church. If you are inviting others to join you, please tell them of this requirement.** It is our best way to try and keep everyone safe during this crisis. If you are uncomfortable being a part of a larger crowd, caring for a sick loved one, have a compromised health condition, please stay home and watch one of our own live-streamed Masses, or that from another church. If you really want to fulfill your desire to physically be present for a Christmas Mass, consider coming to Sat. Dec. 26 at 4 pm or Sunday Dec. 27 at the 8 am, 9:30 am or 11:30 am Masses. In the past three months we have had about 125 people at those Masses.

** I ask for your special prayers this week. There will be additional tension due to the pandemic. Let's pray for each other and do our best to cooperate with safety protocols and have Christian charity in keeping everyone safe. Pray for the true joy and peace of Jesus come into the hearts of those who seek him this Christmas.

** The parish office will be closed starting Wednesday, December 23rd at 5:00pm for the Holiday. We will reopen Monday, December 28th at 8am.

May our prayers for each other keep us united in the Lord's love.

Msgr. Gary Smetanka

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

The following date will be "drive up"

Monday, Dec 21, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Scripture Readings

Readings for the Week of December 20, 2020

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

Monday

Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21
Lk 1:39-45

Tuesday

1 Sm 1:24-28
1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd
Lk 1:46-56

Wednesday

Saint John of Kanty, Priest

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24
Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14
Lk 1:57-66

Thursday

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29
Lk 1:67-79

Vigil: Is 62:1-5

Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25
Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25

Friday

Feast of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Night: Is 9:1-6
Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13
Ti 2:11-14
Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12

Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12
Ti 3:4-7
Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10

Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6
Heb 1:1-6
Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Saturday

Feast of Saint Stephen, First Martyr

Acts 6:8-10, Acts 7:54-59;
Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17;
Mt 10:17-22

Sunday

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or
Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3;
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9;
Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17 or
Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19;
Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22, 39-40



Mass Intentions

Monday, December 21

7:30 a.m. +Frank and Josephine Colombo
+Ann Chevalier

Tuesday, December 22

7:30 a.m. +Dorothy Giordano
+Elsie & William Connors

Wednesday, December 23

7:30 a.m. +Leonard, Ethel, Helen Hart

Thursday, December 24

4:00 p.m. +Frank & Ella Fox, +Michael Bolton
+Kay Abram
4:15 p.m. +Michael Bolton, +Edward Nowak
6:00 p.m. +Nunzio Ortisi, +Marilyn Bourgoin
11:00 p.m. OLSOS Parishioners

Friday, December 25

9:30 a.m. +Veronica Yuhase, +Terry Trimmer
+Timothy Diem,
+William J Cosgrove, Sr.

11:30 a.m.

+Virginia Mushenski
+Carmela Brucia
+Alphonse Baratta
+Agnes Baratta
+Michael Sulsarick

Saturday, December 26

4:00 p.m. +James & Evelyn Louwer
+Bettejean Ahee, +Roy Spezia
Bob and Nancy Zink

Sunday, December 27

8:00 a.m. OLSOS Parishioners
+Art & Dorothy Spindler
9:30 a.m. +Steven Tironi
+Catherine Jaboro
+Marilyn Bourgoin
+Manny Moroun
+Virginia Mushenski
+Bettejean Ahee
+Mary Ann Montpetit
+Dick Flynn

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses at Star

Reservations are Required

Limited to 250 people per Mass



Here is what you need to know:

- ◆ To make reservations for your household or those willing to sit together at Mass, please visit our website, www.olsos.org,
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 or **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
- ◆ **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 another 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 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.**



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reflect on the Sunday Gospel
explores the lives of the Saints
and
suggestions for food and family fun

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or in the parish office



MYSTERY *at* STAR MANOR

Auction 2021 to benefit the students of
Our Lady Star of the Sea

WE'RE GOING VIRTUAL!

This year's auction has been reimagined and will be brought to you virtually! Although it may look a bit different, many aspects of the annual event remain the same. There still will be incredible Silent and Live auction items, and raffles, and keeping with this year's mysterious theme, some unexpected discoveries! With the virtual venue of "Star Manor," the unique opportunity of attending from any location brings many possibilities. Will you attend from home or gather with a few friends for a Mystery Viewing Party? Whichever location, be sure to invite friends and family who may want to support Star, to join us for the live broadcast on the evening on February 27, 2021. Let's pack the Manor!

ANNOUNCING THE AUCTION HONOREES

This unpredictable year has brought many challenges; however, it has also provided many blessings. We have been given the opportunity to deepen our faith, focus on the constants in our life of family, and to recognize those who truly make an impact on our lives. It is in this spirit, we are honored to share the news of this year's Auction Honorees, the educational heroes of Our Lady Star of the Sea!

teach lessons remotely, and to nourish the spiritual education of our students. They were the "touch-stone" that our students and families needed to maintain some normalcy in a not so normal environment. Their commitment has built on the strong academic reputation Star has among the community, which has resulted in several new students being welcomed to the Star family this year. Their demonstrated fortitude and resolve have been extraordinary and is something of which we all can be proud. Please join us with heartfelt gratitude for all the teachers and staff by honoring them at the Mystery at Star Manor!

True to their vocation, the teachers and staff are integral in making Star an outstanding school. In 2020, this became even more apparent as collectively, they quickly adapted and worked selflessly to provide home-learning resources, to

WAYS TO SUPPORT

Advertising and Donating

Do you own a business or know of someone who may be interested in donating or advertising? We offer a great amount of visibility to their business!

Become an Auction Patron

Join the teachers of Our Lady Star of the Sea as Auction Patrons. If you did not receive your letter in the mail, additional ones are available in the parish office.

Support our Local Businesses

Each year, the businesses of our community are so generous in supporting Star by becoming sponsors,

advertisers, and donors. With the impact of current circumstances, some may not be able to contribute in the same way this year. So now more than ever, we encourage you to support them and to let them know how much we appreciate them.

Invite Others

Finally, we are striving to host the largest ever event attendance! The virtual venue does come with the benefit of a limitless capacity and can be attended at **no charge** from any location! Extend the invitation to family and friends. We look forward to seeing you on February 27!

Auction 2021 Team

Here's a Clue

Do you remember the board game, CLUE? We will bring the game to life as we solve the Mystery at Star Manor! Could it be "Msgr. Mustard in the Conservatory with the Candlestick?" Bring your detective skills to discover who is the culprit!

More Details

Visit the auction website at www.OLSOS-Auction.org for event information, Sponsorship, Advertising, and Donating options, and all the latest news! You can also access the site by scanning the below QR code with your smart device.



Questions?
Danielle@olsos-auction.org
(313) 423-9104

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



In the 2017 Pastoral Letter, “Unleash the Gospel,” Archbishop Allen Vigneron gives the Catholic Faithful of Detroit certain guidelines on how to live our Faith fully and boldly. Are we getting the most out of Church-life? If a non-believer had a conversation with us about our faith, would they hear Christ through our words? We will go through one point of the Letter every week, asking Our Lord to help us not be afraid of letting the Gospel message overwhelm us.

Guidepost 1 Marker 1.2: Repent ...

One theme in Unleash the Gospel is a theme repeated throughout Advent: **Repent!** What does the Church mean by “repent”? Is it a harsh term? Definitely not.

Repent means “to change one’s mind.”

It means If there is any part of our lives which we have withheld from God, then we change our mind; *we trust Him with that part of our lives!*

We can trust God with everything we’ve got. He is totally and completely Good.

Remember His Love for you this Advent season!

Remember how He has your life in His hands!

To see the Archbishop’s Letter, please visit:

www.unleashthegospel.org

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The fourth candle of Advent represents LOVE.

Love is thrown out there to mean just about anything these days. But when Christians talk about love, what should they mean? Is it equivalent to just “being a good person,” or “being nice”?

**LOVE
CONQUERS
ALL**

**MICHAEL
AQUILINA**



Take a look at “Love Conquers All” at olsos.formed.org. Popular Catholic teacher Mike Aquilina discusses the transformative power of Love—true Christian love. Go to Formed.org—the “Catholic Netflix”—for a huge variety of Catholic talks, teachings and inspiration.

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!

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.

Help us Stock our Pantry

Our food pantry is low
and needs the following items:

- cereal
- pasta and sauce
- mac and cheese
- soup
- canned tuna - canned chicken
- canned fruit - canned vegetables,
canned pasta
- peanut butter and jelly
- crackers (Saltines, Ritz, Townhouse)
- personal care (soap, toothpaste, deodorant)



Please drop off items in the
gathering space, during Mass times.

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



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**Monday Dec. 21
3:30 pm – 7:00 pm
Under Church Canopy**



In memoriam

12/21/1999 Brian Smith
12/21/2002 George Touchton
12/21/2013 Barbara Martin
12/21/2016 Marcella Keisic
12/21/2019 Ann Chevalier
12/22/1962 Edwin Nebel
12/22/1965 Wilfred Doetsch
12/22/1982 Vito Crimando
12/22/1993 Louis J. DePerro
12/22/2015 Giovanni Cavaliere
12/22/2017 Rose "Betty" Laperriere
12/22/2017 Kathleen Stone
12/23/1980 Laura Evans
12/23/1982 Robert Burchett
12/23/1993 John Addison
12/23/1996 Marvin Brinkman
12/23/2014 William Rogers
12/23/2016 Larry Fleischmann
12/24/1958 Elizabeth Weiler
12/24/1965 Christina Nolan
12/24/1967 Christopher Rollins
12/24/1974 Russell Sears
12/24/1977 Catherine Cernick
12/24/1980 Cecilia Frost
12/24/1986 Francis Breen
12/24/1989 John R. DiLorenzo
12/24/1993 Louise Wilt
12/24/1998 George Jennings
12/24/2005 Eva Kleefuss
12/24/2007 Angela Cafagna
12/24/2019 Michael Bolton
12/25/1965 Roland Ritter
12/25/1965 Sophie Voight
12/25/1978 Rudolph Schuler
12/25/1983 Gabriel O'Connor
12/25/1986 Anna Premro
12/25/2002 Mitchell Pieronek
12/25/2004 Joan Schulte
12/25/2011 Veronica Yuhase
12/26/1969 Edmund Sikorski
12/26/1982 Silverio Franco
12/27/1980 Edmund Pazgrat
12/27/1986 John Broderick
12/27/1994 Naldo Monacelli
12/27/2010 Peter Cubba
12/27/2011 William Glynn
12/27/2017 Virginia Reardon

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
Lynn Land
Phyllis Marek
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Laura Murphy

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Sue Nelson
Don Nelson
Marilyn O'Bryan
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Jim Panicara
Joe Ross
Terry Ryba
Josh Simon
Joseph Simon
Cathy Spindler
Raul Tomas
Charlotte Weekes
Fr. Francis Weingartz

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Joshua Bielak
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