



As we now enter the Christmas season, we rejoice in the fulfillment of God's promise: the birth of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Advent was a season of preparation and anticipation, and now, in this joyful season, we celebrate that *Christ has come*.

Our Advent theme, "*When Christ enters, home begins,*" reminded us that Jesus transforms every heart, family, and community into a place of belonging, warmth, and peace. His birth in Bethlehem was not just the start of His earthly journey but the beginning of a homecoming for all of humanity—a home rooted in His love and mercy.

Our parish is blessed to be a home for so many, a place where Christ dwells and welcomes all. As we gaze upon the manger this Christmas, let us reflect on how Jesus calls each of us to make our hearts His dwelling place, sharing His love with our families and neighbors.

May this Christmas be filled with the hope, peace, and joy that only Christ can give. Thank you for being part of our parish family. Together, let us live out the truth that "*When Christ enters, home begins.*"

Merry Christmas and blessings to you and your loved ones, now and always.

Msgr. Gary Smetanka

*May the example of the Holy Family  
bring joy to your house  
that you may delight one day in eternal rewards.*



**OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA**

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 - THU	7:30 a.m.
FRI	8:30 a.m.

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MON - THU 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
FRI 8:00 a.m. — Noon

SAT	Closed
SUN	Closed
Holidays	Closed

FAITH FORMATION  
313-884-5554

### BAPTISMS

Please call the Faith Formation Office (313-884-7407) 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

**Must be a registered member, in good standing, of OLSOS.**

Archdiocesan law requires advance notice of at least six months.

### PARISH REGISTRATION

Newcomers to the parish may register in the Parish Office or online at OLSOS.org. 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.

*This prayer that Fr. Brian often uses at the end of the intercessions at Mass is a prayer of St. John Henry Newman (1801-1890):*

May the Lord support us all the day long,  
till the shades lengthen  
and the evening comes,  
and the busy world is hushed,  
and the fever of life is over,  
and our work is done.  
Then in his mercy  
may he give us a safe lodging,  
and holy rest,  
and peace at the last.  
Christ our Lord. Amen.



## Mary, Holy Mother of God A Holyday of Obligation

**Tuesday, December 31, 2024: 4:00 pm**  
**Monday, January 1, 2025: 9:30 am**

For more information  
please call the parish office  
313-884-5554 or visit [olsos.org](http://olsos.org).

### THE KIDS' BULLETIN

<https://thekidsbulletin.com>

*A fun way for Catholic kids  
to learn about the Faith every week.*

Available in the gathering space  
or at [olsos.org](http://olsos.org)

### FAITH DIRECT

Support Our Lady Star of the Sea  
through **online giving**

To enroll scan the QR code, Text  
"ENROLL" to 313-887-6612 or  
visit [Faith.direct/M1044](http://Faith.direct/M1044)



## Prayer Group

**every Wednesday at 3:00 pm** in the  
O.L.S.O.S. prayer and Eucharistic chapel  
on Morningside,  
to pray the Rosary and the Divine Mercy  
Chaplet.

We pray for world peace and  
all the parish intentions

## Adoration

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Every Wednesday - 11am - 2pm**

*in the Parish Office Chapel*

## Holy Hour

**January 6th**

7:00 pm in the church

## Parish Newsletter

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

Have you been getting our weekly  
newsletters via email?

Sign up for the newsletters by  
visiting our website under get  
connected, scan the QR code or call  
the office.

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



Please donate your  
clean bottles and  
cans to the

**Knights of Columbus**

Money collected will be used to help  
numerous organizations.  
Donations may be brought to Mary's  
Garden Vestibule.

For more information,  
please contact: Dennis Hyduk at  
313.969.7650



## Christmas Decoration Donations in Honor/Memory of...

Mr & Mrs Robert Allaer	Mrs. Fatin Graham	+ Jerry Partridge
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Kevin Backus	+ Bro. Marcel Groth	+ Leonard Renusch
+ Anne Baron	+ Allison Claire Hakerem	+ Sonia Renusch
+ Deceased Members of the Beandri Family	Mr & Mrs Robert Hartman	Ms. Joanne Rose
+ Deceased Members of the Berge Family	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hathaway	Dr. Lech and Dr. Beata Ruprecht
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+ Walt Bryzik	+ Jason Jamieson	+ Abigail Mary Schorer
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Ms. Patricia Fayad	+ Deceased Members of the Lampar Family	+ Ann Southwell
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+ Carmella & Roy Ficaro	+ Elizabeth Licata	+ Deceased Members of the Suppanz Family
+ Benny Ficaro	+ Charles Licata	+ Mr & Mrs Felix Tavern
+ Emeline Fikany	+ Lombardi Family	+ James Tranchida, Sr.
+ George Fikany	+ Ralph Mastay	+ James & Eleanor Tranchida
+ Eileen Finazzo	+ Helen A. Mastay	Mr & Mrs. Al Vansteenkiste
+ Ray & Rose Fix	Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas McGowan	+ Gino Vernona
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		+ Joe & Mary Zelenak
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# ADULT BIBLE STUDY

*Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled*



*The Gospel of Luke highlights key moments in salvation history, from John the Baptist's foretold birth to Jesus' ascension. Unique elements include the road to Emmaus story and parables like the Prodigal Son and Good Samaritan, showcasing Jesus' mercy. An 8-part study by Jeff Cavins and Dr. Jeffrey Morrow explores Luke's Biblical connections to Mary, the Rosary, and the Mass, deepening prayer and faith.*

**Every Thursday:  
February 6th - March 27th**

**Morning Session:  
9:30-11:00am**

**Evening Session:  
7:00-8:30pm**

**Ways to Sign Up:**

Option 1: Scan the QR code

Option 2: Cut out and return slip

**\$35 Per Person**



Questions directed to  
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**CIRCLE YOUR SESSION**

**MORNING**

**EVENING**

Please return to parish office with payment of \$35 in the form of cash or check.



**AN EPIC WEEKEND RETREAT**

**JANUARY 17-19, 2025**

**ALL HIGH SCHOOL TEENS WELCOME**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT JACK NOVAK: [J.NOVAK@STARGP.ORG](mailto:j.novak@stargp.org)**



2025 is a Jubilee year, and we will be going to Rome to celebrate with millions of other Catholic youth and the Pope!

Any interested High Schoolers  
or Young Adults, please contact  
Jack Novak: [j.novak@stargp.org](mailto:j.novak@stargp.org)



[magisterium.com](https://magisterium.com)



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## COMPASS

Compass aims to anticipate the needs of Catholic parents, accompany them through the trials and joys of family life, and point them to faithful answers to life's difficult questions.



[compassforparents.org](https://compassforparents.org)



# OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL

## OPEN HOUSE + ART SHOW

**January 26, 2024 | 12:00 - 3:00 PM**  
467 Fairford. Rd. Grosse Pointe Woods



### Preschool

*3 Year - Young 5*

- Aftercare available for all students
- Play-based program + introduction to basic academics
- Builds independence, confidence, emotional regulation



### Elementary

*Kindergarten - 5th Grade*

- 1:15 Teacher to Student ratio
- Differentiated, one-on-one instruction
- Special classes include Spanish, music, art, gym, and computers for all grades



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- Unique leadership opportunities

LEARN MORE

(313) 884-5554

[www.starschoolgrossepointe.org](http://www.starschoolgrossepointe.org)

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# CarePointe

A Community Support Group for Family and Friends of Loved Ones with Memory Loss



## WHEN

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of Every Month  
from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m

## WHERE

Our Lady Star of the Sea  
Catholic Church  
467 Fairford Rd.  
Grosse Pointe Woods

## WHAT TO EXPECT

- ◆ Meet Other Caregivers
- ◆ Share Your Experiences
- ◆ Learn from Others
- ◆ Find Support in a Welcoming Environment



**All Are Welcome**

No Registration Required

For more information, visit us at [CarePointeSupport.org](http://CarePointeSupport.org)

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# Bereavement Group



## SEEING THE LIGHT OF DAY

A faith based group meeting  
Our Lady Star of the Sea  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**  
1:00 pm - in the Pointe  
Questions? Contact the Parish office 313-884-5554



## The Knights of Columbus at Our Lady Star of the Sea

Recognized as a Star Council for 2023-24

Thank You for Supporting Our

St. Nick Breakfast – Tootsie Roll Drive – Ham Sales

Bottle and Can Drive – Free Throw Contest



Knights at the St Nick Pancake Breakfast



District Deputy Knight presenting the Star Plaque to Alex Franx OLSOS Grand Knight

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**We are shouting it from the mountain top! This year's Honorary Chairs are Carl & Roberta Henrichs!**

**Support OLSOS! Become a patron, sponsor, advertiser, or auction donor. Contact the auction office for details.**

**OLSOSAuction.org  
313.423.9104**



**The War Memorial  
March 1, 2025**

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Mass Times

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Daily: MWFS 8:30 a.m. T 7:00 p.m.

### ST JOAN OF ARC

Mass Times

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00, 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Daily: MTWTFH 7:00 a.m. W 6:00 p.m.

### ST LUCY

Mass Times

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 10:00 am

Daily: MF 9:00 a.m. W 12:00 p.m.

### ST VERONICA

Mass Times

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Daily: TWTH 7:45 a.m. (Convent)

### OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

Mass Times

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

Daily: MTWTH 7:30 a.m. F 8:30 a.m.



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