

LABOR DAY

Together with a culture of work, there must be a culture of leisure as gratification. To put it another way: people who work must take the time to relax, to be with their families, to enjoy themselves, read, listen to music, play a sport.

Pope Francis



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

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



Happy Labor Day Holiday! We all know that this marks the “unofficial” end of the summer. How fast time has flown!! Hopefully everyone can take that additional break on Sunday and Monday and enjoy at least two days of rest and relaxation from the fruits of our labors.

I want to thank all those on our staff. They all labor so hard for the good of the parish and the school. They are very dedicated in what they do and strive to bring the best to the people of Our Lady Star of the Sea. There are also a host of super volunteers who labor and give their all through a wide variety of ministries and volunteer opportunities to enhance the parish, bring people closer to the Lord and help build a stronger community. There are many who go above and beyond the call of duty and give countless of hours without counting the cost! To the staff and all these volunteers – a very grateful thanks for all you do and I hope that this Labor Day God will continue to bless you and reward you for your goodness!

As we celebrate our work and rest from it this weekend, perhaps we might be a little more aware of some of the economic and work related injustices that are present in our society and world. Our faith calls us to form economic policies that protect human dignity, promote strong families and create active, vibrant communities. One fundamental moral test in any society is how well the poor, the weak and the vulnerable are faring.

Labor Day is a day to remember that a person is more valuable for what she or he *is* then for what they *have*. We all come together — workers and employers, entrepreneurs and union leaders, trades people and policy makers — to build a society that respects each person and their work. May we enjoy this Labor Day weekend as we rest from our labors and pray for an increase of respect for all people, no matter what they do, because they all created in God's image and love.

**** Please join for Mass on Labor Day. We will celebrate the day at St. Lucy Church at 9 a.m. We will also have our monthly Holy Hour at 7:30 pm Labor Day night in church.**

**** God's blessings on all of our students returning to school, no matter they are attending. I know it is still a crazy environment in any institution of learning especially during this pandemic. There are great challenges for students, teachers, staff and families in keeping everyone safe and healthy. Some schools are still looking for teachers. Substitute teachers are now a rare commodity. Schools can't find bus drivers, or aides or any help! This year there are so many fights over masks where last year the greatest concern was the assurance of in-person learning all year! Let us please continue to pray for one another and ask our Blessed Lady for her guidance and intercession.**

**** I am so happy to have with us next weekend Fr. Jeremy Davis, SOLT. Fr. Jeremy was ordained with Fr. Brian Meldrum and Fr. Mario Amore (who was our weekend help a few years ago) and is a terrific priest. He is presently down in Mexico at a very special place that becomes a safe home for the youth and even the elderly who live in challenging life situations. Fr. Brian and Fr. Mario visited this special mission a month ago and were so impressed with the work and ministry of Fr. Jeremy. We have not had our usual “mission appeal” for two years but I thought this is a worthy one with a local priest serving the poor and neglected. Please see elsewhere in this paper more information regarding this ministry. Any help you may be able to give would be appreciated.**

**** Have a good, safe and restful holiday weekend.**

Msgr. Gary Smetanka



Holy Hour

Monday, September 6

7:30 - 8:30 pm

in the Church

Dear parish family of Our Lady Star of the Sea,

Thank you to Monsignor, the staff, and the parish family for your warm welcome, gracious hospitality, and incredible generosity to me when I was home in the summer. I have two years left of coursework and writing for my doctoral studies in Sacred Scripture. Know that there are days when I accomplish just a little more than I thought possible, knowing that I am sustained in my work by your prayers. Know of my prayers for you throughout the school year. God bless. Please keep in touch!

שלום
(Peace)
Fr. Brian Meldrum

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Scripture Readings

Readings for the Week of September 5, 2021

Sunday	Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37
Monday	Col 1:24—2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday	Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday	Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab, 6c; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Thursday	Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 6:27-38
Friday	1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42
Saturday	1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7; Lk 6:43-49
Sunday	Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 50:4c-9a; Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35



Monday, September 6

7:30 a.m. No Morning Mass

9:00 a.m. Mass at St Lucy

Tuesday, September 7

7:30 a.m. Fr. Andrew & his Mom

Wednesday, September 8

7:30 a.m. Watta Family & Friends

Thursday, September 9

7:30 a.m. +John LaVasco

Friday, September 10

8:30 a.m. +Timothy Mulligan

Saturday, September 11

4:00 p.m. +Virginia Mushenski
+Jack Szpytman
+Nora Wyrod
+Dolores Bradway
+Nick Krizmanich
Janice Rmales

Sunday, September 12

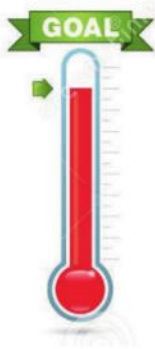
8:00 a.m. OLSOS Parishioners
+Sharon DeLong
+Patrick Carron

9:30 a.m. +Terry Trimmer
+Stephen & Veronica Yuhase
+Jack Szpytman
+Catherine Jaboro
+Marilyn Bourgoin

11:30 a.m. +Edmund Ahee, Sr.
+Virginia Mushenski
+Irene Spryszak

FUEL THE MISSION

CSA 2021



May we Continue to Heal

Good and gracious God,

Today we come before you with heavy hearts as we remember the events of 9/11.

For some of us today is a mixed bag of emotions. We hurt deeply for those who lost their lives and those who lost their loved ones. We mourn the nearly 3,000 who died that day. We are humbled by the bravery of the first responders.

We continue to grieve with our neighbors in the loss of our national innocence—our false sense of constant safety. As we think of the way New York and D.C. responded, as churches, synagogues, and temples opened their doors to ALL people, as strangers carried each other out of buildings, as those who had shared with those who had lost—as we remember the bravery of the passengers and crew of United Airlines Flight 93 our pride wells up in us.

Yet, we struggle today, not wanting to get caught up in the macabre celebration, this sometimes too-prideful remembrance of loss. We still remember how the world responded, supporting us and even declaring us one people. "Today We Are ALL Americans," the headlines read. And we remember the immediate call to war. And the more than 100,000 deaths from it.

God of all people, teach us to be patriotic, but humbly so. Teach us to see the frailty, beauty, and value of life in light of this tragedy rather than using it to elevate trivial difference to the heights of divisive reasons for hatred.

Remind us of the response of the American people and not the response of the government and its war machine. Remind us of the way the true heart of this nation's people was revealed in open doors, open arms, and open hearts. May we never forget that on that day we did not focus on nationality, wealth, education, sex, or sexuality. We focused on need. On humanity. On love.

Call us back to that place in our hearts. Instill in us the deepest sense of call to be that people once again.

We lift up to you all those who, even today, [20] years later, suffer from the loss. From N.Y.C. to Iraq, the tragedy has deeply and profoundly affected millions. May we continue to heal and help each other just as we did that day.

Amen.
- Mark Sandlin

CSA 2021 UPDATE *	
pledges to date	\$140,234.10
% of goal	84.2%
no. of families who pledge	302
% of families	25.4%
no. of families still to respond	866
Short	\$ 26,285.90

**as of August 30, 2021*

Thank you to those who have already pledged.

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.



**Fr Jeremy Davis will be here the Weekend of September 11-12
Please help support his Mission**



Hello! My name is Fr. Jeremy Davis, S.O.L.T. and I've had the privilege of serving at Santa Maria del Mexicano for six years. For over 40 years Santa Maria has been a home and a family to the poor, disadvantaged, neglected and abandoned youth of Mexico. The mission also includes a home for the elderly who come from challenging life situations.

Santa Maria is served by my religious community: the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity (S.O.L.T.). I serve as the assistant director of the institution and as the director of the house for the middle school and high school boys. Santa Maria is a private, Catholic institution that offers elementary, middle school, and high school education to children without any resources or options. Our children learn vocational skills and some are even offered the opportunity to study in college.

Witnessing God's goodness in these children and sharing the person of Jesus Christ with them are my greatest joys. Their traumatic life experiences cannot stifle or suppress God's goodness in them. Our heavenly Father preserves their innocence and reveals it in their smiles. Praying with them, offering Mass for them, teaching them, accompanying them to the doctor, teaching them soccer, cutting their hair have become the beautiful gifts to me that form us in the family of God. Each day these children teach me to be a disciple, a dad, and a spiritual father. Thank you for being part of our family.



Music Notes from Glenn Miller

Speak among yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual canticles, singing and reciting psalms to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks always for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to God the Father. (Ephesians 5: 19, 20)

One of the many things I enjoy most about music ministry is hymnody, studying and praying the content message of hymns, exploring the resources of hymnbooks and learning more about specific hymns, their background, their authors and composers and what inspired them, as well as to see how they have evolved across the centuries and how texts and tunes themselves are even altered from book to book.

I'm an avid collector of hymnbooks and hymn collections. Having most recently had to pack my old office I was reminded yet again of how much I've accumulated across the span of my career in church music. Heaven help the person that ultimately will inherit my collection! I suppose one can describe me as being a hymn geek.

Exploring and learning more about the music we sing in liturgy as an assembly will be a recurring theme of these columns, something which I hope will edify and enrich your spiritual lives.

Our opening hymn today, "Praise, my soul, the King of heaven" is a metrical paraphrase of Psalm 103. What is a metrical paraphrase? A metrical paraphrase is when an author (or rather, a poet) takes a scripture text (often times a psalm) and recasts it into a specific metric form, meaning that each line is a consistently recurring number of syllables to allow for the text to be attached most easily to a tune. In the case of this hymn, the number of syllables of the verses of each stanza is 8 in the first line, 7 in the second, 8 in the third, 7 in the fourth, 8 in the fifth, and 7 and in the sixth. For the most part hymn texts are written independently from their tunes, so when one is trying to match up a text with a tune all one has to do is look for tunes which have a matching number of notes in each of its phrases to coincide with that of the verses (the term is called "poetic meter") of the text. Many hymnals and sacred song collections actually have what is called a metrical index, where tunes are organized accordingly. Yes, this is all very academic, but from a hymn and songwriters perspective it is invaluable.

Just because a tune has the same number of notes as the same number of syllables of a text doesn't mean that it is a good match for the text, as just as a tune has a high point and a low point with its melody, so too does a poetic text have a high point or high points and low points, words that are more important than others which need to be emphasized.

A case in point is our opening hymn (number 684 in *Ritual Song*) and notice how the word "Alleluia" is repeated towards the very end of each stanza, and notice how the notes for this word start at the top of the musical scale and descend, and then they are repeated for emphasis. This moment in the hymn is the climax of each stanza! The word "Alleluia" or "Hallelujah" is a transliteration of the Hebrew phrase of which the first part ("All-le") means to praise *Jah* (from the Hebrew word for "praise"), *hallel* (from the Hebrew word for "joyous praise in song"), and the second part, *Yah*, is a shortened form of YHWH, or Yahweh in modern English, the Hebrew name for God, the Creator – all the more reason for the tune to be a fitting match to this great text. Of course the word "alleluia" needs to be raised up melodically!

One of the things which is especially rich about this hymn text is the breadth of its message from stanza to stanza, how it, as it unfolds, speaks of God's abiding care and love through thick and thin, of our mortality (stanza 4), culminating in the final stanza with the angels and all creation singing praise to God.

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King!

2. Praise him for his grace and favor
to his people in distress.
Praise him, still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness!

3. Fatherlike he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows.
In his hand he gently bears us,

rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Widely yet his mercy flows!

4. Frail as summer's flower we flourish,
blows the wind and it is gone;
but while mortals rise and perish
God endures unchanging on.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the High, Eternal One.

5. Angels, help us to adore him;
you behold him face to face.
Sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace!

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Music Notes continued...

Not only is this hymn a fitting way to focus our thoughts and hearts as we begin our worship, but it alludes to the care shown by Jesus in today's Gospel lesson. While this hymn was written almost two centuries ago (1834, to be exact) using as its basis a Psalm that was written thousands of years ago, it still speaks to us in our own time and place and all that unfolds in our lives.

So as we are reminded in Ephesians 5: 19 and 20, may all that we sing among our selves "in psalms and hymns and spiritual canticles" before the Throne of Grace give "thanks always for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to God the Father."

Men's Weekend Retreat

Manresa Jesuit Retreat House
1390 Quarton Road ~ Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 4830
www.manresa-sja.org ~ 248-644-4933

October 29-31

Arrival time is anytime after 5pm
Dinner at 7pm followed by evening Mass

All men are invited and welcome. Please join us!!



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October 29-31

The theme this year is: "I will be with you always"

(Matthew 28:20)

This silent retreat begins on Friday night with orientation at 7:30pm and finishes with the noon meal on Sunday.

Accommodations include newly renovated private room and bathrooms with linens.

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- + attend the Healing service
- + attend Seminars
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- + Eucharistic Adoration, Daily Mass, Rosary
- + Private time...to enjoy the beautiful gardens or to sit in the lounge

The Cost for the weekend is \$225, which includes a \$50 deposit to confirm your reservation. Scholarships are available.

Please Contact Debby Veltri to register...d.veltri@starg.org or call the parish office 313-884-5554. Registrations must be received by October 10th.

For more information please visit capretreat.org

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

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The Faith Formation Office is open again!

Monday: 8 AM — 2PM

Tuesday through Friday: 8AM—4PM

If we can help you in any way, please contact us!

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Faith Formation

Registration is Open!

If you have young people in grades 1—8, sign them up for Faith Formation today!

Sessions will be held during the following time slots:

Grades 1—6: Tuesday afternoons, 4—5:30 PM

Grades 7—8: Tuesday evenings, 6—7 PM

Please contact c.schuelke@stargp.org with any questions, and register by visiting : <https://www.olsos.org/faith-formation-1/religious-education-forms-schedules>



Is the Lord Calling You to Serve as a Catechist?

We are grateful to everyone who has said 'yes' to the call for Catechists! We are still in need of catechists for the time slots: **4-5:30PM** and **6-7PM**. .

Faith Formation classes begin on **October 5th** and run on Tuesdays throughout the year.

If you feel God calling you to take part, serve as a disciple and strengthen your own faith, call the office at (313) 884-7407 and express your interest!

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GOD HAS FOR YOU THROUGH

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—Celesta D.



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 9/6/2005 Florence Hanna
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 9/7/1967 Arthur Burchett
 9/7/1984 Rosemund Rahaim
 9/7/1989 Henry Kafarski
 9/7/2001 Louise Birmingham
 9/7/2015 Josphine Colombo
 9/7/2018 Mary Bourget
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 9/8/1997 Vincent Ryszewski
 9/8/2008 Ilene Sattler
 9/8/2014 Marie Roberts
 9/8/2017 James Daoust
 9/9/1969 William Bogdanski
 9/9/1971 Cordelia Kessler
 9/9/2004 Arthur Baker
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 9/11/1983 Filippo Veneri
 9/11/1985 Edmund Gallagher
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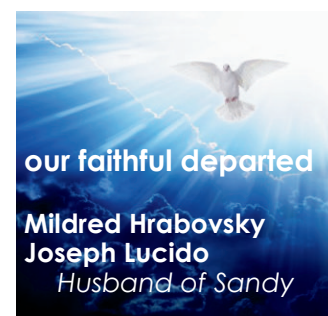
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