

CHRIST THE KING



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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 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

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



This week I hope we will put aside time to give God thanks for the many blessings we have received from Him and from others. (Hopefully our gratitude and thanksgiving lasts more than on Thanksgiving Day!) I think it is also appropriate for such thanks as we celebrate the great Feast of Christ the King this weekend while getting ready for the Advent Season which begins next Sunday.

I thank God for you and the gift of faith He has given to each one of us. Our faith is such a tremendous resource when we are faced with challenges, difficulties, and doubts. We have been in difficult times and maybe our Covid fatigue takes us down a path thinking God has left us. I am afraid many people have taken that path and placing themselves at the center of the universe instead of God! Let us never forget, in good times or in challenging times, that God is great and wonderful and never leaves us!

Thanks for the ways in which you pray for the parish. Thanks for the times you allow your faith to be challenged and try to see beyond the limitations we impose on ourselves. I thank you for your stewardship of time and talent. Thanks for the pride you have in your parish, all 67 years of it, and in your awesome school!! Thanks for the support you give to me and to the dedicated staff that is very committed in serving you. Thanks to all of you who have cooperated in our safety protocols this past year, whether in church or in our school as we protect our youth. Your willingness to perform some simple tasks for the safety and health of others displays your understanding of the image we took on at our baptism...dying to self for the sake of others.

The thanks we express to God, and to each other, remind us of how we are so connected to each other. Let us remember how our salvation is not only dependent on Christ but how our salvation is also based upon relationship – our relationship with God and with each other. I know I am blessed being here at Star and being a part of your life. {You undoubtedly have noticed I often prefer to stay and quietly work on the sidelines, off stage, in the kitchen, not in the forefront. I may not always take the opportunity to let each and every one of you know how much I care for you and appreciate what you do. Likewise I am sorry for times I might have disappointed or offended you in some way. My only wish is that we all come closer to the Lord, to know Him and to serve Him.) On this Feast of Christ the King, and as we gather around God's table, we know that our true transformation into the image of Christ is dependent upon the acceptance of God's transforming power in our hearts, in the Eucharist and in the world around us. Especially in a world that at times can be very terrifying, we especially need each other with the Lord as King of our hearts.

Today is a good day to renew our hearts, individually as well as a family and a parish, and to claim Christ as our Lord and King. As we open our hearts for His reign, we become more ready for the season of Advent and the coming of Christ.

** Thanksgiving morning at 9 am we join with our sister parishes (and members of our "family of parishes, St. Lucy and St. Joan of Arc) at St. Joan of Arc Church. (There is no morning Mass this Friday at Star of the Sea.)

Blessings upon you and your family - and keep an attitude of gratitude this week!

Msgr. Gary Smetanka



Thanksgiving Vigil Mass

November 24th

at St Lucy at 7:00 pm

Thanksgiving Day Mass

November 25th

St Joan of Arc at 9:00 am

Scripture Readings

Readings for the Week of November 21, 2021

Sunday	Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37
Monday	Memorial of Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday	Saint Clement I, Pope and Martyr; Saint Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro, Priest and Martyr Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday	Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74; Lk 21:20-28 Thanksgiving Day Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
Friday	Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81; Lk 21:29-33
Saturday	Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87; Lk 21:34-36
Sunday	First Sunday of Advent Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12—4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36



Monday, November 22

7:30 a.m. +Jack Szpytman
+Catherine Jaboro

Tuesday, November 23

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

Wednesday, November 24

7:30 a.m. Homebound

Thursday, November 25

7:30 a.m. NO MASS

Friday, November 26

8:30 a.m. NO MASS

Saturday, November 27

4:00 p.m. +Carmela Brucia
+OLSOS Parishioners
+Joanne Meldrum
+Steve McVey

Sunday, November 28

8:00 a.m. +Maureen Blair

9:30 a.m. +Catherine Jaboro
+Marilyn Bourgoin
+Don Mattes

11:30 a.m. +Virginia Mushenski
+Eugene Ignasiak
+William Collins
+Robert LeFevre
+Winifred Tanney
+Dick Flynn
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*Prepare room for Christ this season -
in your home and in your heart.*

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30
7:00 - 8:00 PM IN THE CHURCH

Join us for an evening of fellowship,
reflection, and activities, readying ourselves
for a meaningful Advent.

All are welcome!





Music Notes from Glenn Miller

Come, let us sing to the Lord...let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. (Psalm 95: 1, 2)

This is one of many verses in the Psalms in which the faithful are commended (and even commanded) to sing, and how singing, whether by choirs or the assembly, is integral to the act of worship. For those who are not actively in a choir but might even classify one's self as being a "non-singer," meaning that for them singing is a talent which has been bestowed on them, the very act of singing certainly calls one out their comfort zone, and feels like a burden or a cross one would rather not bear.

One of the greatest joys for me in the liturgy is accompanying the assembly in its song, whether it be the hymns or the pieces in the Mass called the Ordinary (the "Glory to God in the Highest," or the "Holy, Holy, Holy," or the "Lamb of God.") Know that hearing you all sing together gladdens my heart and the hearts of all gathered together, enriches the Sacred Liturgy, and connects us with the angels singing around the Heavenly Throne.

In accompanying hymns the role the accompanist has is to be encouraging. This is done by how one plays the organ or piano, through the selection of sounds that are used to support the assembly, which should never be blatant or strident but always smooth and usually sustained. Have you noticed that often times the melody is being soloed out on the organ? This is one of the simplest but most effective ways to help inspire and lead congregational singing.

By our engaging fully in singing we connect ourselves with the admonition of the Psalmist. Jesus Himself was a singer, as he sang the Psalms and the liturgy with His disciples and in the Temple. Imagine – some of the texts we sing, specifically the Psalms, were actually sung by Our Lord!

Singing actually is something most everyone can do, though in this day and age it is something that isn't part of everyday life in the home as it was a couple of generations ago, when for entertainment families would gather around the piano (every home had one) and sing, young and old, together. Still, everyone knows and sings such commonplace songs in family life, such as "Happy Birthday," or at Christmas time familiar carols, or hymns such as "Amazing Grace," or national songs such as "My country, 'tis of thee."

Singing binds a community together, and with simple, regular exercise one's voice becomes stronger and able. It is a physical act that requires attention to one's posture, breath, aural and mental focus in order for the skill and one's confidence to grow. Just as going to the gym regularly tones the muscles of one's body and strengthens one's physical health, so to does working at one's singing make one's ability to sing grown in confidence and strength.

Each Friday before school Mass I engage all of the students (and the teachers!) in some vocal warm ups to not only prepare and better equip them for their participation in the liturgy but also to strengthen their singing skills. Hearing how these skills and confidence have grown in the past few months since school began is such a great joy.

We start with focusing on posture, sitting tall and at the edge of their seats, as there is a direct connection between how one holds one's instrument – which is their entire body – and what kind of sound is made. We then do some exercises to energize and manage their breath flow, as in order for a voice to sound the breath has to be steady and even. Next we make sounds, opening up the high and low ranges of the voice, and then sustain a unison pitch – usually the note A or B flat above middle C, - getting everyone to listen to make sure everyone is on key and making a beautiful, smooth sound. It is such a joy hearing all of the voices sounding "spot on" making this sound; not only does it teach everyone how to listen but it also reminds us that we are part of a one community. To finish we sing a part of one of the hymns that will be sung in the liturgy.

When you, the assembly, are called upon to sing in worship, I encourage you to:

be aware of how you hold your body. Sit or stand tall, and make sure you take a good, deep breath before you sing.
Your breath is what powers your voice, and without a good breath your voice simply won't work!
be bold and go for it!

Recently at the weeknight rehearsal of the Star Choir, the following words about singing by the great 18th century English Methodist pastor John Wesley were shared. Wesley wrote them not for a choir, but for congregations in their worship:

1. Sing all. See that you join with the congregation as frequently as you can. Let not a single degree of weakness or weariness hinder you. If it is a cross to you, take it up, and you will find it a blessing.

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Music Notes from Glenn Miller continued

2. Sing lustily and with good courage. Beware of singing as if you were half dead, or half asleep; but lift up your voice with strength.

clear melodious sound.

4. Sing in time. Whatever time is sung be sure to keep with it.

5. Above all sing spiritually. Have an eye to God in every word you sing. Aim at pleasing him more than yourself, or any other creature. In order to do this attend strictly to the sense of what you sing, and see that your heart is not carried away with the sound, but offered to God continually; so shall your singing be such as the Lord will approve here, and reward you when he cometh in the clouds of heaven.

So, in the words of the Psalmist, "I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being."

We warmly welcome the
newly baptized

Baptized:
November 14, 2021
by Msgr. Gary Smetanka

Sophia Lynn Solomon

Child of:

Thomas & Megan (Michaux) Solomon
Godparents: James Solomon & Erin Jankowski



Parish Giving Tree

Please return all gifts **UNWRAPPED**
no later than December 5th at 12:30pm

ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVING OUR GIFT:

Fr Marko's—Christmas Family Store

St Aloysius—Neighborhood Services

**\$25 Gift cards to Walmart and Meijer
are also appreciated for both of the organizations.

We warmly welcome the
newly baptized

Baptized:
November 14, 2021
by Fr. Jacob Van Assche

Eliza Joan Schunior

Child of:

David & Anne (Breen) Schunior
Godparents: Patrick Slattery & Colleen Slattery



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"Adore and praise the immense love Jesus has for you in this Sacrament of Himself. In order not to leave you a lonely orphan in this land of exile and misery, He comes from heaven for you personally, to offer you companionship and consolation. Thank Him therefore with all your love and all your strength; thank Him in union with all the Saints." (St. Peter Julian Eymard)

Spend an hour per week in the Eucharistic Presence of Our Lord by your own personal commitment of the day and the hour.

If you are able to help sort the gifts please join us after
the 11:30 am Mass on December 5th
I am also in need of people to help deliver the gifts, if
you are able to deliver on Monday or Tuesday please
email Debby at d.veltri@stargp.org



JOIN US IN AN ADVENT FOOD DRIVE

Everyday during the month of December, place an item from the list below in a box and pray for those listed in red. After Christmas, donate the box to one of the organizations listed below.

1. Box of cereal The homeless	2. Peanut Butter Underprivileged children	3. Jelly Farmers	4. Boxed potatoes Unemployed	5. Mac-&-cheese Underemployed
6. Canned fruit Seniors	7. Canned tomatoes The poor	8. Canned tuna Struggling families	9. Dessert mix Those affected by storms	10. Applesauce Shelters
11. Canned yams The sick	12. Toothpaste Understanding of God's will	13. Bar of soap The hungry	14. Saltines Those with addictions	15. Rice Those released from prison
16. Oatmeal Single parents	17. Pasta Victims of abuse	18. Spaghetti sauce Sick children	19. Chicken Noodle Soup Mentally ill	20. Tomato Soup Those caring for homeless
21. Canned corn The dying	22. Canned carrots Those seeking basic needs	23. Green beans Those in foster care	24. Deoderant Displaced families	25. Blessed Christmas!

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Please contact the parish before you drop off your boxes

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

Our Faith Formation food drive was a success! Thank you to everyone who helped us support St. Vincent de Paul's by bringing in food for people in need. We raised:

- 14 boxes of pasta
- 17 jars of pasta sauce
- 8 boxes of macaroni and cheese
- 14 boxes of cereal
- 32 cereal bars
- 23 cans of tuna
- 19 cans of soup



Thank you, everyone, for your generosity! Please pray for all of our brothers and sisters who will receive these donations!

Faith Formation Office Hours

Monday: 8 AM — 2PM

Tuesday through Friday: 8AM—4PM

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Student Spotlight



Elliana Orlando

Q: We started a new program this year for our Confirmation Prep: Youth Alpha. How has your experience been so far?

A: "Faith formation in 7th grade has been super fun so far! My favorite part is discussing all the questions with my friends in class. Looking forward to our retreat as well."

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!



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All orders are due no later than Wednesday, December 15



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PICK UP

Wednesday, December 22
3:00 pm –6:00 pm
Under Church Canopy

In memoriam

11/22/1972 Helen Agnes Ulrich
 11/22/1977 Jean Edwards
 11/22/1983 Hazel Geist
 11/22/1989 Madelyn DeSostoa
 11/22/1995 John L. Vanker, Jr.
 11/22/2005 David Dennis
 11/23/1969 Harry F. Platz
 11/23/1973 Anna Decker
 11/23/1982 Charles Rutan
 11/23/1985 William Cunningham
 11/23/1989 Elise Busch
 11/23/1990 Gizella R. Vujovich
 11/24/1974 Mary Biddleman
 11/24/1978 Alice Pettine
 11/24/1981 Fred LaFond
 11/24/1982 Leo Fitzpatrick
 11/24/1990 Elmer S. Gliniecki
 11/24/1997 Vito Salvaggio
 11/24/1997 Helene Kaplita
 11/24/1999 Monica Taylor
 11/24/2013 Rita DeSpirt
 11/25/1958 Jack Heitz
 11/25/1962 Mary Sarcona
 11/25/1973 Matthew Hudson
 11/25/1988 Agnes Mazzei
 11/25/1991 Gladys Summerhoff
 11/25/1996 Loretta Smith
 11/25/2006 Frank Duross
 11/26/1969 Dorothy Boase
 11/26/1974 William Lavigne
 11/26/1979 June Burke
 11/26/1986 Mary Altese
 11/26/1991 Josephine Iacobell
 11/26/1992 George Shaway
 11/26/1994 Kathleen McCarthy
 11/26/1997 Evelyn M. Groff
 11/26/1997 Sam Ficarra
 11/26/2008 Donald Martin
 11/26/2008 Jimmie Bloink, Jr.
 11/26/2013 Richard Edgington
 11/26/2013 Winifred Tanney
 11/26/2014 Regina Lesinski
 11/26/2017 Irma Stevens
 11/27/1956 Albert DiPaola
 11/27/1958 Edward Weeks
 11/27/1972 Agnes Gardiner
 11/27/1974 Stephen Olesak
 11/27/1974 Robert Werner
 11/27/1988 Richard Broomham
 11/27/1988 Dorothy Mansfield
 11/27/1992 Joseph Malisse
 11/27/1995 Thomas LaHood
 11/27/2006 Josephine Kuzmicki
 11/27/2019 Rosemary Otlowski
 11/28/1970 Lynn M. Bartlett
 11/28/1984 Julia B. DeBaeke

In memoriam (continued)

11/28/1984 Veronica Magielski
 11/28/1984 Emmett McNamara
 11/28/1998 Vincent Szymborski
 11/28/1998 Clarice Grob
 11/28/2004 Mark Schmidt
 11/28/2010 Rose Horne
 11/28/2016 Patricia Golla

Please pray for:

the sick

Angela Agrusa, Robert Caldwell,
 Harriet Carron, Cassidy Christie,
 Adam Cole, Noah Cole,
 Mike "Duke" DeLong,
 Virg Ditty, Joseph Drader,
 Angela Harris, Joyce Janowski,
 Linda Keschl, Phyllis Marek,
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 Marilyn O'Bryan, Catherine Pentis,
 Joe Ross, Terry Ryba,
 Josh Simon, Joseph Simon,
 Bill Scholtz, Cathy Spindler,
 Charlotte Weekes, Fr. Francis Weingartz,

those in the military

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 Justin Kelly, Paul Koss, Matt Lacy,
 Kyle Lechner, Thomas Miller,
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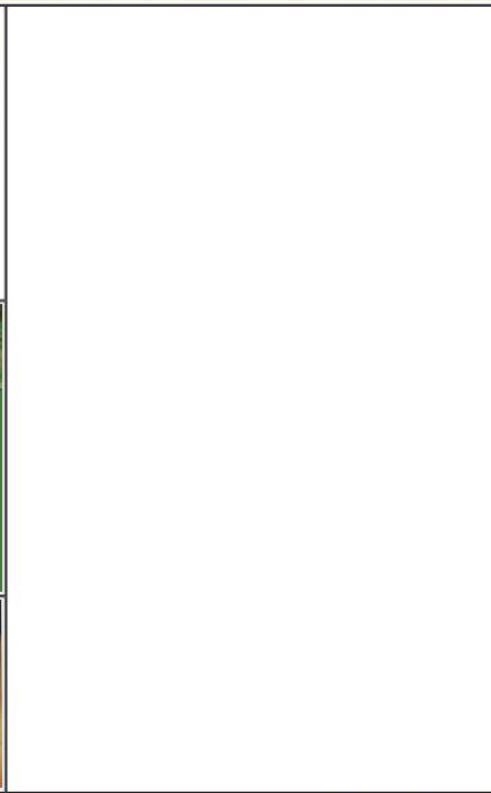
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