



Advent

~ a time for preparation ~



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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.
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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

Happy Advent! Happy New (Liturgical) Year! There is always much excitement this time of the year. There is the planning, the shopping, the baking, the different activities and gatherings. Hopefully, in the midst of it all, we can still remember the priorities and reason of the season. Our Advent theme this year is, "**Prepare Him room.**"

It was pointed out on a Catholic radio show recently that Advent is now more "secular." Before it belonged more to Catholics or Christians. Now, you can find "Advent" calendars for dog treats, chocolate, perfume, food, almost anything. (I say "advent" because those are more "counting down the days to Christmas in December" than Advent because those calendars start with Dec. 1 and thereby missing a few days of Advent.) The good news is that more people will realize Christmas *begins* on Dec. 25 and does not end on Dec. 25!) So the highlighting this time of Advent as a preparation is a good thing in secular society.

Let's try to celebrate the season of Advent this year, even as we naturally combine and blend it with the season of Christmas. Advent is the time to *prepare* for Christmas. We see the days get shorter and the darkness of the night start sooner. With Christmas, the days get longer and brighter – just as the presence of Christ sheds light in our life. Even as we might put up the tree and decorations around the house, and as we light up the outside of our homes, let us be mindful how we are preparing the Christmas season that begins Dec. 25. Say little prayers as you decorate so that the spirit of peace of Christmas will permeate your heart and enliven your spirit to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. As you put up the Nativity set in your house, maybe leave the infant out of the manger until Christmas Day. Gather the family around and sing some Advent songs, waiting to sing the Christmas Carols until Christmas. Let Advent be Advent and rejoice with the arrival of Christmas!

A great way to start Advent right is to come **Tuesday night at 7:00 pm** for **Unwrapping Advent**. It will be a time to come to a greater understanding of the season through some music, explanations regarding Advent customs and traditions, and more! We would like to help you understand more about advent and to help you celebrate it well by even providing a little goodie bag! It is a time for the whole family to enjoy!

****** I hope you had a good Thanksgiving break with family and friends. Have a grateful heart and see all the good and wonderful things our awesome God has done for us. St. Augustine stressed gratitude as a first step in our faith of God. If we are not filled with gratitude we do not acknowledge God. If we think everyone owes us, that others exist to satisfy me and serve me and we have an entitlement attitude, then we are not acknowledging God and have no need of a Savior! (Something to think about: if we don't believe in the need of a Savior, then there is no need for us to celebrate Christmas, the birth of Christ!)

****** Thank you for your generosity with the Giving Tree. The recipients are so thankful for what you do. Remember, return the UNWRAPPED gifts next weekend, Dec. 5. They will be sorted that Sunday afternoon, and then delivered Monday, Dec. 6.

Have a blessed Week.

Msgr. Gary Smetanka



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.

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

Scripture Readings

Readings for the Week of November 28, 2021

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	Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday	Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 4:18-22
Wednesday	Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday	Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday	Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday	Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday	Second Sunday of Advent Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6



Monday, November 29

7:30 a.m. +Norman J. Dwaihy

Tuesday, November 30

7:30 a.m. +Bettejean Ahee
+Patrick Korth
+Marie Abood
+James M. LaLonde
+Bill & Loraine Glynn

Wednesday, December 1

7:30 a.m. +Edmund Ahee, Jr.

Thursday, December 2

7:30 a.m. +Sarkis & Susan Hanna

Friday, December 3

8:30 a.m. Homeless

Saturday, December 4

4:00 p.m. +Anthony Vitale
+Nora Wyrod
Joyce Janowski
+Donald Mattes
+George Fikany
+Colin Jones

Sunday, December 5

8:00 a.m. Increase in Vocations
OLSOS Parishioners

9:30 a.m. +Catherine Jaboro
+Marilyn Bourgojn
+Vincent & Shirley Fischer
+William Cosgrove, Sr

11:30 a.m. +Virginia Mushenski
+Eugene Ignasiak
+William Collins
+John Ahee
+Aaron Blair



Holy Hour

**December 6th
at 7:30pm**

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UNWRAPPING ADVENT

*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!



OLSOS Men's Club

Christmas Meeting and Social

Thursday, December 9th, 2021,
7:30 - 10:30 PM

Grosse Pointe Yacht Club,
Tower Pub, 3rd Floor

Open to all Members, Potential Members
and Past Members

Food and Drinks Complimentary

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.

SAVE THE DATE



We are excited to return to the Country Club of Detroit for this year's Auction. As always, there will be incredible Silent and Live auction items, raffles, and keeping with the five-star resort theme, some unexpected luxuries! Doesn't a tropical resort vacation sound good right now? Be sure to pack your resort-wear in preparation for your arrival at the Seaside Resort on March 5, 2022.

For event information, to make a donation, or purchase an advertisement or sponsorship, please visit the website, call 313.423.9104 or use your device to scan the QR code.



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The chapel is open many hours for prayer. The hour is filled with graces that pour out to you, your family, our parish, our community, and our world. Please do not underestimate your sacrifice of time. Our Lord cannot be outdone in generosity when we give to Him of ourselves in prayer.



Music Notes from Glenn Miller

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

With the season of Advent we are gifted with some of the richest and deepest hymns in the repertoire, hymns that give voice to the

deepest yearnings in our lives - the desire by our spirits for the coming of Christ into our world and our souls, all in anticipation of Christmas.

One of the most well-known Advent hymns is “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (*Ritual Song*, no. 493). It is a very ancient hymn, and dates from the ninth century.

The text actually is based on a series of Advent antiphons (refrains) that were sung at Vespers (the evening worship of the Church) the week prior to Christmas before and after the Magnificat (The Song of Mary, Luke 1: 46-55, *My soul doth magnify the Lord*.) In Vespers the Magnificat is sung after the reading of the Gospel lesson, and symbolically represents the coming of Christ into the world through the Blessed Virgin Mary.

These antiphons are known as the “O” antiphons, simply because they each begin with the word “O,” followed by a Biblical title for the Messiah:

1. “O Sapientia” - O Wisdom (Proverbs 8: 23-31, Sirach 24: 3, Wisdom 8: 1, I Corinthians 1: 24, 30) stanza 2;
2. “O Adonai” - O Lord (Exodus 3: 2-6, 19: 18-20, Psalm 24: 8), stanza 3;
3. “O Radix Jesse” - O Root of Jesse (Isaiah 11:10, 52: 15, Romans 15: 12), stanza 4;
4. “O Clavis David” - O Key of David (Isaiah 22: 22, Revelation 3: 7), stanza 5;
5. “O Oriens” - O Dayspring (Malachi 4: 2, Isaiah 9: 2, Luke 1: 78-79), stanza 6;
6. “O Rex gentium” - O King of the nations (Isaiah 28: 16, Jeremiah 10: 7, 10, Haggai 2: 7, Ephesians 2: 14, 20) stanza 7;
7. “O Emmanuel” - God with us (Isaiah 7: 14, 32: 22, Matthew 1: 23), stanza 1.

What a wealth of scriptural allusions is contained in this hymn!

Interestingly, when the initial letters of each title are read from last to first, they form an acrostic yielding two Latin words: *ero cras*, meaning “I will be tomorrow.” In other words, looking back at these Vesper antiphons (refrains) from the perspective of December 23 reveals the promise of the birth to be celebrated the evening of December 24.

The refrain, “Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel,” was not a part of the O Antiphons but only emerged centuries later. It may be based on Zechariah 2: 10.

The tune sung today to this text, while sounding very ancient, was only first published in the nineteenth century in a French Missal.

Don’t worry, we won’t be singing this hymn in its entirety in one sitting this weekend, but will nonetheless sing all of the stanzas during the course of the entire Advent season.

Advent Music Events at Our Lady Star of the Sea:

Grosse Pointe Symphony Concert, Sunday, December 12, 7:30 p.m. Seasonal favorites, including LeRoy Anderson’s *Sleigh Ride*, excerpts from *Hansel and Gretel*, and a sing a-long. Tickets available at www.gpsymphony.org

Detroit Concert Choir Concert, Sunday, December 19, 3:00 p.m. Tickets available at www.detroitconcertchoir.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 organization BEFORE you drop off the 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



On their YouTube channel, *Ascension Press* has posted many videos and reflections on Advent. Take a look at what some of these popular Catholic speakers have to say about how to integrate the season of Advent into your life!

Jackie and Bobby Angel — *Great Family Activities for Advent*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UbiezfmrgRo>

Fr. Mike Schmitz — *Advent: More Than a Chocolate Calendar*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SA-gx-PWB0A>

Bobby Angel — *Advent: New Liturgical Year, New You*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QijijxYGs7c>

LOYOLA PRESS.

Loyola Press has a ton of Advent resources for your family! Go to www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/advent and find:

- Reflections, prayers, and inspiration for Advent
- Instructions on how to make Jesse Trees, Advent Calendars and other Advent traditions
- Books to teach children about the season of Advent

Daily Reflections

Looking for something to guide your prayer life this Advent? Here are a few options for Daily Reflections.



Dynamic Catholic (Matthew Kelly)

[www.dynamiccatholic.com/
advent.html#form-signup](http://www.dynamiccatholic.com/advent.html#form-signup)

Formed.org (Dr. Tim Gray)

<https://daily.formed.org>

My Catholic Life

[https://mycatholic.life/email-
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EWTN (Fr. Joseph)

[https://www.ewtn.com/missions/fr-
josephs-advent-reflections-223](https://www.ewtn.com/missions/fr-josephs-advent-reflections-223)

Ignatian Spirituality

[https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/
advent](https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/advent) — *these are weekly reflections*



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PICK UP

Wednesday, December 22

3:00 pm –6:00 pm

Under Church Canopy

In memoriam

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11/29/1976	David Martin
11/29/1981	Grace Quasarano
11/29/1984	Anthony Cusmano
11/29/1992	Vincent Dunne
11/29/2002	Richard Pieronek
11/30/1972	William A Petzold, Jr.
11/30/1998	Alice Klein
11/30/2002	Dorothy Littley
11/30/2015	Irene Masha
12/1/1958	Russell Cushing
12/1/1973	Bernard Ronan
12/1/2001	Serafina Evola
12/1/2020	Patrick Scoggin
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12/2/1990	Charles W. Moore
12/2/1996	William R.D'Arcy III
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12/3/1992	Margaret Moody
12/3/2002	Alice Yaklin
12/3/2003	Therese Taylor
12/3/2004	Lois Martin
12/3/2012	Nancy Bordato
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12/4/1984	Ralph Daigle
12/4/1985	Mary Ann Resmer
12/4/1993	Jessica M. Barthel
12/4/2002	Mary Hayes
12/4/2018	Marie Koueiter
12/5/1959	Frank Donovan
12/5/1969	John Molloy
12/5/1972	Rose Diem
12/5/1992	Joyce Tuck
12/5/2001	Mary Elizabeth Brinkman
12/5/2004	James Thomas Pendy
12/5/2014	Ralph Hinz
12/5/2018	William Cosgrove, Sr.

Homebound Ministry

If you or someone you know are unable to attend Mass and would like to share in the Eucharist, please call the Parish Office at 884-5554 to schedule a volunteer to bring you Holy Communion.

Please pray for:

the sick

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Harriet Carron, Cassidy Christie,
Adam Cole, Noah Cole,
Mike "Duke" DeLong,
Virg Ditty, Joseph Drader,
Angela Harris, Joyce Janowski,
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Charlotte Weekes, Fr. Francis Weingartz,

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