



Advent

~ a time for 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 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



Next weekend is the annual appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious. As I think you are aware, our religious have, for so many years, served the Church at great sacrifice to themselves and their religious communities to the benefit of the institutions and people they served. Now, the vast majority of religious orders have many more retired and in-firmed in their order than those “out in the field” of ministry. Most of us probably have been beneficiaries

of their services in some way or another. Their service or ministry today is equally significant. They all need our help. In the midst of all the other charities asking, your generosity is very much appreciated by all the retired religious orders of sisters, brothers and priests. (Retired Diocesan priests are not included in this collection.)

**** Monday** is the feast of St. Nicholas. St. Nicholas lived and was a bishop in the late third century is what we know today to be Turkey. He shared his resources through his generosity of anonymous gifts through the land, especially to those in need. This tradition is the foundation of that great guy from the North Pole! St. Nick is the patron saint of children. So on Sunday night remember to put out a shoe, or have your children put out a shoe, and see if St. Nick will leave some treats if they are good or some coal if the need improvement in the “good category.”

**** Monday night, Dec. 6**, you are invited to spend some time before our Eucharistic Lord during our monthly Holy Hour, beginning at 7:30 pm. These holy hours are a combination of readings, music, prayer and a good dose of quiet so the Lord can really speak to us. Advent is a prime opportunity to spend some quiet time with the Lord in the midst of all the business!

**** Wednesday** is a Holyday of Obligation, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is the patronal feast day for our country.

The Holydays of the Church are significant solemnities or feasts celebrating certain mysteries of the Lord, our Blessed Mother or the Saints that are to be celebrated by all the people. They still have their purpose of drawing us together into the one Body of Christ. Please take the time to observe the Holydays of Obligation. This Wednesday we have Mass at 7:30 am, 10 am and 7:00 pm.

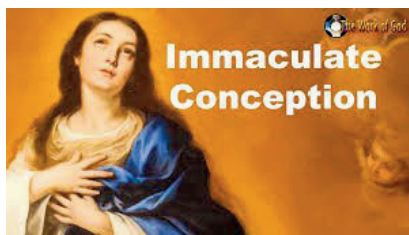
**** Thursday night** our younger school children will present a little “concert,” beginning at 6:30 pm outside in the gym courtyard. All are invited to see, hear, and join in the joyous sounds of the season. Bring a fold chair if you like and some hot cocoa for yourself!

**** Next Sunday, Dec. 12, at 7:30 pm**, the Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra will perform their holiday concert in our church, Go to their website for ticket information.

**** Thank you** for your Giving Tree generosity. Many people, young and old, appreciate what you have done to make their life a bit warmer and happier.

Have a blessed week. Draw close to the Lord. Seek His wisdom. Know His love. Prepare Him room!

Msgr. Gary Smetanka



HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION
Wednesday, December 8th
7:30 am, 10:00 am and 7:00 pm



Holy Hour

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



Monday, December 6

7:30 a.m. +Catherine Brock
+Thomas Ritter

Tuesday, December 7

7:30 a.m. +Marie Brady

Wednesday, December 8

7:30 a.m. Drew Jerome
10:00 a.m. For all the sick and those
that care for them
7:00 p.m. +Donald R. Jaeger

Thursday, December 9

7:30 a.m. +Fred Karolski
+Kristina Mulder
+Marie Brady
+Yusuf Antone

Friday, December 10

8:30 a.m. OLSOS School Families

Saturday, December 11

4:00 p.m. +Charles Myslinski
+Carmela Brucia
+Abraham Knott
+Salvatore Vitale
+Rosalie Fix
+Emeline Fikany

Sunday, December 12

8:00 a.m. Max Morrison
9:30 a.m. +Catherine Jaboro
+Marilyn Bourgojn
+Don Mattes
11:30 a.m. +Virginia Mushenski
+Eugene Ignasiak
+William Collins
+Edmund Ahee, Sr.
+Nora Wyrod
+Susan Amine
+Bill & Carmella Veltri



Scripture Readings

Readings for the Week of December 5, 2021

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 **Saint Nicholas, Bishop**
Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday **Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church**
Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**
Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;
Lk 1:26-38

Thursday **Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin**
Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Friday **Our Lady of Loreto**
Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday **Saint Damasus I, Pope**
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19;
Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday **Third Sunday of Advent**
Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

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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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



Music Notes from Glenn Miller

O Come, Divine Messiah

Our opening hymn,

“O Come, Divine Messiah, is a French carol which dates from the eighteenth century. It was written by Simon-Joseph Pellegrin, whose career path originally was in a Roman Catholic order, but he later unfolded as a poet and playwright, including texts for operas. He was best known for his great goodness of heart, cheerful nature, and simplicity of manner, as is evidenced in this hymn text. Originally written in French, it was translated in the nineteenth century by Sister Mary of St. Philip, who was one of the first English members of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, which was based in Liverpool, England, where this community established a training college in about 1850. The tune is a joyful French carol which dates from the sixteenth century.

Welcome to Catherine Prowse...

who is playing our Masses this weekend. Mr. Miller is in Portland, Oregon, this weekend where he is singing as a soloist with Cappella Romana, an internationally acclaimed and Grammy nominated, professional chamber choir. Mr. Miller is well-known internationally for his basso-profundo voice and is a highly sought-after specialist in choral music of the Orthodox liturgical tradition, with many recordings to his credit. Music of this tradition calls for deep low basses, singers whose range extends well below the bass staff, and the most rare of all the voice parts. In Portland and Seattle he will be performing the west coast premiere of Benedict Sheehan’s Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom under the direction of the composer. Mr. Miller recorded this work with the St. Tikhon’s Chamber Choir under Sheehan’s direction prior to the pandemic; this recording was named in November as one of the five finalists in the 2022 Grammy awards for best choral recording. This recording is available on YouTube and can be found simply by doing a search for Benedict Sheehan Liturgy. The Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom is the Eucharistic liturgy of the Orthodox Church. Many composers, including Sergei Rachmaninov and Peter Tchaikovsky, have composed settings of the Liturgy though in Church Slavonic; Sheehan’s setting is one of the very few settings in English.

20th Anniversary of the Star Organ concert

Many thanks to all who made possible the 20th Anniversary Star Organ Concert on November 19. We had a very large crowd in attendance, and the performers – Dr. Ronald Prowse, Matthew Jakubisin, Angela Theis, and Joseph Balistreri, along with myself, showcased the great and varied resources of our organ.

Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish 2021 Christmas Schedule

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays at 3 pm
until all have been heard.

Monday Dec 13, 6:00–8:00 pm
Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2:00–4:00 pm
Thursday, Dec. 16, 1:00 –2:00 pm
Tuesday, Dec. 21, 7:00 –8:30 pm

Christmas Eve

4:00 pm, 4:15 pm (gym), 6:00 pm and
11:00 pm

Musical prelude begins at 10:30 pm

Christmas Day

9:30 am and 11:30 am

Feast of the Holy Family

Sunday, Dec. 26
8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am

Mary, Holy Mother of God

Not a Holyday of Obligation this year
Friday, Dec. 31, 4:00 pm

Solemnity of the Epiphany

Saturday, Jan. 1, 4:00 pm
Sunday, Jan. 2, 8:00 am, 9:30 am and
11:30 am.

Please visit our website www.olsos.org
for the latest information or updates to
this schedule or call the parish office at
313-884-5554.

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

Advent Activities for Kids

Loyola Press has many great resources to help you celebrate the season of Advent with your children and grandchildren!

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Activities

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/advent/activities/>

Online and Print-out Advent Calendars

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/advent/calendars/>

The Jesse Tree

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/advent/the-jesse-tree/>

Inspiration



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

Formed.org (Dr. Tim Gray)

<https://daily.formed.org>

My Catholic Life

<https://mycatholic.life/email-subscription/>

EWTN (Fr. Joseph)

<https://www.ewtn.com/missions/fr-josephs-advent-reflections-223>

Ignatian Spirituality

<https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/advent> — *these are weekly reflections*

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!

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.

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(Fr. Mateo Crawley).*

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



**We warmly welcome
the
newly baptized**

Baptized:

November 28, 2021

by Msgr. Gary Smetanka

Margaret Kristine McGregor

Child of:

Corey & Lauren (Beaver) McGregor

Godparents:

Benjamin Demsky & Kristen Caoagas

Francesca Marie Kiburz

Child of:

Rob & Leah (Baratta) Kiburz

Godparent: Lindsay Baratta

Christian Witness: Peter Baratta

Gabrielle Kristine Kiburz

Child of:

Rob & Leah (Baratta) Kiburz

Godparent: Matthew Devine

Christian Witness: Christina Devine

Alexandra Elizabeth Kiburz

Child of:

Rob & Leah (Baratta) Kiburz

Godparent: Andrew Geers

Christian Witness: Gina Geers



**Christmas
Flower and
Decoration
Donations**

As the holidays approach we are giving you an opportunity to

remember your loved ones who have passed away by making a monetary donation for flowers or decorations. Please use the envelope that is included in your Sunday offering packet or place your donation in a plain envelope marked "Christmas Flowers" with the name of the person(s) you would like remembered. All names will be listed in the Christmas bulletin of December 26th. Please return envelopes by **Friday, December 10th.**

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- Share Your Experiences
- Learn from Others
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In memoriam

12/6/1968	Edward Ruth
12/6/1977	Charles Flemion
12/6/1979	Anna Poust
12/6/1986	Marie Connelly
12/6/2000	Catherine Viviano
12/6/2002	Tony Bufalino
12/6/2016	Robert Rahaim
12/7/1979	William Ulrich
12/7/1982	Jennie Thieman
12/7/1984	Leo Doyle
12/7/1996	Robert Arthur
12/7/2000	Adeline O'Berski
12/7/2004	Mary Ellen Van Assche
12/7/2005	Marie Luber
12/8/1982	Alfred Fiori
12/8/2002	Mary Jane Shayer
12/8/2002	Evelyn Wayne
12/8/2003	Paul Schwanitz
12/8/2007	Marie Venditti
12/8/2014	Ann Kratochwill
12/9/1957	Henry Conerton
12/9/1972	Margaret Halpin
12/9/1980	Catherine Bernert
12/9/1995	Howard Halpin
12/9/2000	Frances Blachowiak
12/9/2010	Kathryn Quinlan-Schneider
12/9/2012	Joanne Ekin
12/10/1973	Marie Petz
12/10/1989	Maria F. Farrugia
12/10/1992	Grace Cusumano
12/10/2006	Betty L. Brown
12/10/2017	Richard Bauser
12/11/1967	Mary Teipel
12/11/1970	Carrol Traxler
12/11/1973	Ralph J. Seiloff
12/11/1974	Joseph Theis
12/11/1975	Theresa Koenig
12/11/2003	Clara Sumeracki
12/11/2013	Helen Krol
12/11/2019	Biagio Piccoro
12/12/1962	Peter Zuliani
12/12/1980	Barbara DeYoung
12/12/1980	Jennie Mocerri
12/12/1982	William Miller
12/12/1982	Gregory Palmer
12/12/1987	Joseph Vulpetti
12/12/1992	Walter J. Verpoort
12/12/2002	Susan Walny

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

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,
Sue Nelson, Don Nelson,
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

Joshua Bielak, Paul David Boni,
James Patrick Carrier, Kyle Cone,
Emily de Brun, Jason T. Erbecker,
Ramon Lopez Garcia, Dylan Goitz,
Kevin Hanley, Matt Helm,

Matt Hoffman, Matthew Johnston,
Justin Kelly, Paul Koss, Matt Lacy,
Kyle Lechner, Thomas Miller,
Joseph Misuraca, Michael Mott,
Daniel Otten, Vincent Scalabrino,
Meghan Servais, Dan Sheppard,
Richard Shetler, III, Robert Skowronski,
Michael Trondle, Michael Ullman,
John Walker



our faithful departed

Joyce Roehl
Donald Jaeger
Ralph Lampar

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