



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



We are now in the final six days of the Advent season. The days of Christmas will be here soon. Even in these challenging times, we have probably done much during these past weeks to prepare for Christmas through our decorating, shopping, baking, cooking and much more. Now more than ever is the time to focus on Jesus and the joy that we should have as the Word of God becomes flesh for us.

There are many little ways in which we can certainly keep the focus of Christ in Christmas. For instance, if you still have some gifts to wrap, say a little prayer for the person who will receive the gift. Think about their good qualities and characteristics. Think of little ways you might continue to help them throughout the year. Maybe a note or phone call every now and then. As you might receive gifts from others and place them under your tree, thank God for the gift of these people in your life. How in some way have they brought you closer to Jesus? How do they challenge you through their lives to be a bit more Christ-like in yours?

The legend of the Christmas tree in our home is meant to remind us of the connection of heaven and earth as the tree points straight up with the star or angel on top and the village or nativity under the tree. Let the lights of your tree remind you of the acts of kindness needed to help transform our individual lives and the world. If you have your nativity set under the tree, lay on the floor with the children (you might need them later to help you get up!) and talk about the awe of Christ's birth and the wonder of heaven. Look at the amazement on the faces of your children and thank God for the blessings and gifts children bring to us. Thank God for the great gift of the baby that has brought all of us salvation and grace – the Christ Child!

Take these last days of Advent to **Prepare Him Room**. As the Christmas season begins at 4pm on Friday afternoon, may we continue to be a blessing to all we encounter and keep Christ as the reason for the season!

** Please remember that church might likely be crowded for Christmas. Yes, many of the people here are not parishioners but probably family members of parishioners that are proud of our church and parish. By all means wear a mask if it makes you feel a bit more safe. Patience, consideration and hospitality are always good virtues to practice. I do have to remind you to please observe the **no parking areas** with the slanted yellow strips near the main entrance of the church. This is to guarantee accessibility for emergency vehicles and is not for handicapped vehicles.

** I have taken a few questions already about Christmas being on Saturday this year. In specific, some wanted to know if going to church on Christmas is good for the weekend. (My first response was, "excuse me?") So let's be clear. The Church teaches that we have the responsibility, the **obligation**, to participate in the Eucharist (Mass) each and every Sunday. No where does it say to participate in Mass once a week, or on some days close to Sunday, like Friday or Monday, or when we don't have sports, shopping or other things. That being said, Christmas is Christmas, a Holyday of Obligation. So "going to Mass" on Christmas, whether it is after 4 pm on Christmas Eve or Christmas morning, fulfills one's obligation for Christmas. It has nothing to do with Sunday. "Going to Mass" on Sunday morning fulfills the obligation for Sunday, the Feast of the Holy Family. So sorry to disappoint many of you but this year it is "going to church" Friday afternoon/evening or Saturday morning and then coming back on Sunday morning. (Next year will be easier since Christmas is on Sunday!)

** Please note: **after 3:30 pm people will no longer be able to save seats** in the church in consideration of the people who are coming in to the church. At some point when the crowd for the 4 pm Mass in church reaches its capacity, the doors will be locked (usually shortly after 3:30 pm) and others will be directed to the 4:15 Mass in the gym.

** Thanks to the choir and all the liturgical ministers at this time of year! We appreciate your service now and throughout the year.

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Half and Half continued...

** Thanks to all of you who have done so much to make our parish so beautiful and so alive. Be sure to spread the word and invite others to be with us! Remember that any donations for the "Christmas collection" must be marked **Christmas**, or in the special Christmas envelope, and/or dated as such.

** There will be one more chance this week to go to confession: Tuesday from 7- 8:30 pm in church.

** Please be extra careful driving out there these days and weeks. We all know that we more often need to look after the other drivers than ourselves.

** Many thanks to all of you who offered Christmas greetings, blessings, prayers, cookies or other gifts. Your kindness and thoughtfulness is so very much appreciated. It is a great honor and privilege being here to serve you, being a part of your family and I very much appreciate the opportunity to serve you. Know that you are in my prayers and the Masses I celebrate.

May you be touched by the powerful presence of the Lord as we prepare and celebrate His coming!
Msg. Gary Smetanka

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday, Dec. 21, 7:00 –8:30 pm
In the Church

Scripture Readings

Readings for the Week of December 19, 2021

Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Advent Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45
Monday	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday	Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Wednesday	1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Thursday	Saint John of Kanty, Priest Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66
Friday	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Lk 1:67-79 Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25
Saturday	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14
Sunday	Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 20

7:30 a.m. +Donald R. Jaeger
Fran Maxey

Tuesday, December 21

7:30 a.m. Maria Bruno
+Joseph Bauer
+Leo Dunne

Wednesday, December 22

7:30 a.m. +Dorothy Giordano
+Patrick Scoggin
+Eugene Ignasiak

Thursday, December 23

7:30 a.m. +Leonard, Ethel and Helen Hart

Friday, December 24

4:00 p.m. +Frank & Ella Fox
+Edward Nowak
+Kay Abram
+Jacob Biernat
+Kristina Mulder
4:15 p.m. OLSOS Parishioners
6:00 p.m. +Nunzio Ortisi
+Marilyn Bourgoin
+Dolores Bradway
11:00 p.m. +Cecylia Majewski
+Henry Wholihan
+Joan Armbruster
+Pat & Reet Baggot

Saturday, December 25

9:30 a.m. +Veronica Yuhase
+Donald R Jaeger
+Timothy Diem
+Catherine Jaboro
11:30 a.m. +Virginia Mushenski
+Carmela Brucia
+William J. Cosgrove, Sr.
+Nora Wyröd
+Eugene Ignasiak

Sunday, December 26

8:00 a.m. OLSOS Parishioners
+John & Virginia Reardon
+Margrit McFarlane
+Suzanne Carolan
9:30 a.m. +Jack Szyman
+Marilyn Bourgoin
+Marie Pierre Brady
+Terry Trimmer
11:30 a.m. +Virginia Mushenski
+Eugene Ignasiak
+William Collins
+Dick Flynn
+Bill & Loraine Glynn

Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish

2021 Christmas Schedule

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, and 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.**



Masks are suggested for your safety at all Christmas Masses, but are not required.

**Thursday Morning
Men's Fellowship**



**Start your day with the Word of God
and the fellowship of other Catholic men**

Every Thursday morning at 6:30 a.m.
in The Pointe

We hope you'll join us.

- The Amen



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 the Mary Garden Vestibule.

For more information, please contact:
Dennis Hyduk at 313.969.7650

Christmas Day **Do's** and **Don'ts**

Do's

- Smile!
- Welcome people around you to the parish, especially if they are visitors.
- Guide non-Catholics (or visitors) to where the Order of Mass may be found in the Sunday Word booklets
- Invite people to explore our bulletin, website or Facebook page to connect with the parish.
- Extend warm Christmas greetings to those around you and invite them join us again.

Don'ts

- Get mad if someone is sitting in your regular seat.
- Get mad if people are talking before Mass.
- Get mad if babies are crying.
- Get annoyed if it is hot and crowded.
- Give dirty looks to people who do not know what to do in church or during Mass.

REMINDER TO:



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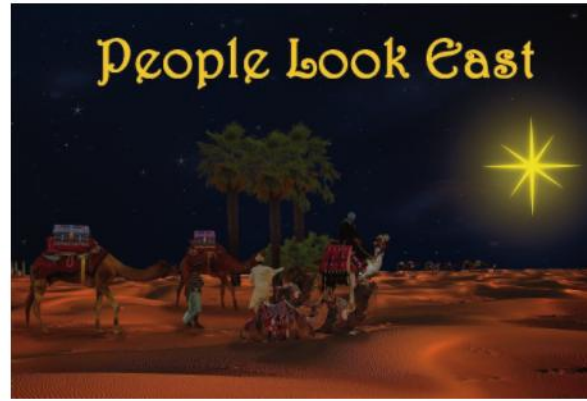
Wednesday, December 22

3:00 pm –6:00 pm

Under Church Canopy



Music Notes from Glenn Miller



Musical Musings

People, Look East!

*People, look east. The time is near
Of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
Trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Guest, is on the way.*

Our closing hymn, *People, Look East*, was written by Eleanor Farjeon, a noted and award winning twentieth century English author of more than eighty children's books. She grew up in a very literate home, surrounded by books and a talented circle of artists, writers, and musicians, and was encouraged at a very young age by her parents to be a writer.

Reflective of her vivid imagination, this hymn is filled with key images of the Advent season. *People, Look East* is the direction of the rising sun and, in the history of Christianity, the direction of the coming Messiah bringing light into the world. In stanza two, the bare earth is waiting for the seed that will flourish in the reign of the Promised One. In stanza three, "Love, the Bird" is a reference to the Holy Spirit coming into the world. In stanza four, the stars that guided the Magi shape the "bowl" of the heavens, giving signs of hope beyond "the frosty weather." The angels' song, in stanza five, sets "every peak and valley humming," an oblique reference to Isaiah 40:4, "Every valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill brought low. . ."

This joyful Advent hymn has the spirit of a Christmas carol, but with an imaginative Advent text. Singing this carol is indeed one way to prepare both our homes and hearts for the coming of the Savior.

Star School Choir records for "Unleash the Gospel!"

Congratulations to the Star School Choir and their director, Jennifer Koester, for a job well done in making a video recording in the church of "Silent Night" for a Christmas feature by the Archdiocese which will be shared throughout Archdiocese media the week prior to Christmas. The choristers did splendidly, and worked very hard and learned a lot about all that is involved in getting things absolutely right in making a video.



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

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St. Veronica Parish

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Please contact the organization BEFORE you drop off the boxes

FORMING OUR FAITH

*"For God so loved the world that He sent His only Son, that those who believe in Him might not perish but have eternal life."
— John 3:16*

The Good News and How to Tell It

Christmas is one of the holiest times of the year, but for many of us it is also the busiest time of the year. Amid all the shopping, exams, and get-togethers, do we remember the reason we celebrate Christmas in the first place?



Popular Catholic speakers Jackie and Bobby Angel briefly summarize the Good News of the Gospel: "That God so loved the world that He sent His only Son." For some inspiration preparing for Christmas, take a look at their video by typing in the link below, or searching "The Good News and How to Tell it (Kerygma)" on YouTube.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mu3t9N0H_aQ

For more of Jackie and Bobby Angel from *Ascension Presents*, find them at their YouTube channel below:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVdGX3N-WIJ5nUvkIBTNhAw>



"Excellent! So very interesting. Food was a bonus. The hosts were very positive . . ."

"I will be suggesting Alpha to all my friends!"

"I can't thank you enough for hosting this event and for all the wonderful food!"

"I have been growing in my spirituality throughout this experience, however, I was really moved during the weekend retreat!"

These are a few of the comments from the participants of our inaugural Alpha here at Star. If you haven't heard of Alpha, it is a process that helps us to understand the basics of who God is, that Jesus loves us, and that the Holy Spirit is with us.

A huge THANK YOU to our hosts, helpers, food preparers, and all those who were praying that the Holy Spirit would give us a big assist in this endeavor.

Coming Soon: Explore with Discovering Catholicism

Look for information about **Explore with Discovering Catholicism**, the next step in the process. We will unpack the Church that Jesus founded, starting **January 20, 2022**.

Faith Formation Office Hours

Monday: **8 AM — 2PM**

Tuesday through Friday: **8AM—4PM**

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Our Lady Star of the Sea Prayer and Eucharistic Chapel

Open 6a - 11:30p

"O Come Let Us Adore Him"

"The Lord comes in the Eucharist to divest us of our selfishness, our fixations which

exclude others, to make us a single body, a single kingdom of peace in a divided world." (Pope Benedict XVI, Oct. 26, 2011, Homily)

Make a personal commitment of a day and hour to spend before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament to grow in virtue, to be taught and to be guided.

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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.

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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.

www.OLSOS-Auction.org

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

2022 Parish Directory

We will be printing the 2022 Directory in February. If you did not fill out an updated registration form earlier this year and need to update your information, please email Debby, d.veltri@stargp.org, with your updated information. This included phone numbers, and addresses, if you want or don't want them published. The directory information will be sent to the publisher in early January.

2021 DIRECTORY OF PARISHIONERS

"The new 2022 Our Lady Star of the Sea Grosse Pointe Woods Membership Directory will be ready for publishing in February. Anyone interested in placing an advertisement for their business, or a personal message in support of our new directory should call Jake Allport at 248-545-4330 or email him at jallport@cathedraldirectories.com. A business card can be used in creating a new ad. Many times members have small businesses and other members aren't aware, but would love to support them. Also, advertisers do not need to be members of our church, so feel free to pass this information along to others."

In memoriam

12/20/1960 Helen Jaglowicz
 12/20/1964 Abbie Westrick
 12/20/1967 William S. Flowers
 12/20/1985 Jane Fitzgerald
 12/20/1986 Katherine Smith
 12/20/1989 Raymond Lynch
 12/20/2012 Roger Damman
 12/20/2016 Mary Shammas
 12/21/1999 Brian Smith
 12/21/2002 George Touchton
 12/21/2013 Barbara Martin
 12/21/2016 Marcella Keisic
 12/21/2019 Ann Chevalier
 12/22/1962 Edwin Nebel
 12/22/1965 Wilfred Doetsch
 12/22/1982 Vito Crimando
 12/22/1993 Louis J. DePerro
 12/22/2015 Giovanni Cavaliere
 12/22/2017 Rose "Betty" Laperriere
 12/22/2017 Kathleen Stone
 12/23/1980 Laura Evans
 12/23/1982 Robert Burchett
 12/23/1993 John Addison
 12/23/1996 Marvin Brinkman
 12/23/2014 William Rogers
 12/23/2016 Larry Fleischmann
 12/23/2020 Hubert Montpetit
 12/24/1958 Elizabeth Weiler
 12/24/1965 Christina Nolan
 12/24/1967 Christopher Rollins
 12/24/1974 Russell Sears
 12/24/1977 Catherine Cernick
 12/24/1980 Cecilia Frost
 12/24/1986 Francis Breen
 12/24/1989 John R. DiLorenzo
 12/24/1993 Louise Wilt
 12/24/1998 George Jennings
 12/24/2005 Eva Kleefuss
 12/24/2007 Angela Cafagna
 12/24/2019 Michael Bolton
 12/25/1965 Roland Ritter
 12/25/1965 Sophie Voight
 12/25/1978 Rudolph Schuler
 12/25/1983 Gabriel O'Connor
 12/25/1986 Anna Premro
 12/25/2002 Mitchell Pieronek
 12/25/2004 Joan Schulte
 12/25/2011 Veronica Yuhase
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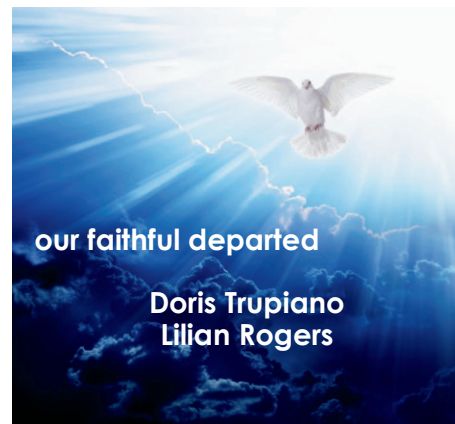
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 Mike "Duke" DeLong,
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