

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-FRI: 8:00 a.m 5:00 p.m.		
SAT	Closed	
SUN	Closed	
Holidays - Closed		

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE HOURS MON-THU 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

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.



A very blessed Christmas to you and to your family! We rejoice in the great gift of our Savior, the Word made Flesh, for our Salvation! May the Christ Child always be a source of strength for us so that we may draw others to Him.

Many years ago when I was a young boy, I liked laying on the floor in our living room. Sometimes it was to look up the Christmas tree with all the colored lights. Most of the time, it

was to get a ground level view of the nativity crèche My dad built a free standing one, which the base was made out of thin plywood, about an inch or so high, maybe 18 inches wide by 20 inches deep, with the last 8 inches deep being the stable, with it's sloped roof, and a little inset crib for the Baby Jesus. Inside were a number of the figures "outside," on the extended platform, would be others, like the three kings and some animals. Of course there was a light that was inside, shining down on Jesus and the "occupants" of the stable. I loved laying on the floor and looking at all those figures. (Honestly, it was the only way to see them!). I wondered what it might have been like way back when the birth of Jesus took place.

My remembrance of the our crèche of course only goes back a few score years ago! Thanks to St. Francis Assisi, he inspired the very first nativity crèche 800 years ago, in 1223, in the poor little town of Greccio in central Italy. Before Francis went to Greccio to celebrate the Nativity, he instructed a friend and the mayor of the town to prepare a recreation of the Nativity. Francis was always focused on the Incarnation and the Passion of Jesus. He instructed his friend, "I want to make a memorial of that Christ who was born in Bethlehem, and in some sort behold with bodily eyes his infant hardships: how he lay in a manger on the hay, with the ox and the ass standing by." (Back then, Francis could not make a "reel," or video, or some other animation of the Nativity, he could only present it "live" with real people and animals.). This was Francis' way of bringing the Gospel Story to life! Thanks be to God for in inspiration and passion of St. Francis!

Hopefully, in every home there is some nativity set in a prominent place for our reflection and reminder in the humble beginning of our Lord and Savior, born in the humblest of places, and laid in a feeding trough, only a foretaste of Christ, the Bread of Life, giving himself, in his Body and Blood, for our salvation. If you have not yet had a blessing on your nativity set in your house, here is one for you.

"Blessing Prayer for the Christmas Crib"

Lord, as we pray before this our Christmas crib-shrine and celebrate the feast of the Birth of the Holy Child, call forth the dormant child from within each of us; cause us to wonder and to rejoice again in this most ancient feast.

As the Magi came bearing gifts, may we, this Christmas, gift one another with the gold of charity, the myrhh of kindness and the incense of prayer.

With the shepherds, we come to the birth of Christ seeking a simple celebration, where the greatest gift will be ourselves given to You, our God, and to each other.

May the star of Bethlehem which shone brightly over the first crib stand guard over our home, filling it and all the earth with light and peace.

We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You because of Your holy birth You give hope to all the world.

(Prayers for the Domestic Church, Edward Hays)

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Half and Half continued... ** Thanks to everyone who helped to make our liturgies and environment so beautiful: Our music ministers, our maintenance staff, our liturgical ministers, our parish staff and the volunteers who helped to decorate the church. Their extra efforts are very much appreciated.

** If you are new to the parish or have not been around for a while welcome! To all those who used to go here—welcome home! You are all welcome to be here anytime! Let this Christmas season be a renewal of the practice of the faith. We have a great parish, a great school and a great staff serving the many needs of the parishioners. We have many great programs and ministries and we would love to have you a part of them. Come and encounter the Lord, come let us adore Him!

May the Christ Child continue to bless each and every one of you and give you His Peace and Love.

Msgr. Gary Smetanka



Mary, Holy Mother of God Monday, January 1, 2024 9:30 a.m.

For the Week of December 24, 2023 Sunday Fourth Sunday of Advent 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38 Monday The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Vigil Mass: 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 Mass During the night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 Mass at Dawn: Is 62: 11-12; Ps 97: 1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3: 4-7; Lk 2: 15-20 Mass during the 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	
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Tuesday Feast of Saint Stephen, First Martyr	
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 & 8ab, 16bc & 17;	
Mt 10:17-22	
Wednesday Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist	
1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a & 2-8	
Thursday Feast of Holy Innocents, Martyrs	
1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18	
Friday Memorial of Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr	
1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35	
Saturday 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40	
Sunday Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12,	



Monday, Dec 9:30 a.m.	ember 25 - Christmas +Veronica Yuhase +Catherine Jaboro +Jack Szpytman	
11:30 a.m.	+Virginia Mushenski +Doug Abood +Connie Denison	
Tuesday, Dec 7:30 a.m.	ember 26 +Bill & Lorraine Glynn	
Wednesday, 7:30 a.m.	December 27 +Deacon Kevin Breen	
Thursday, De 7:30 a.m.	cember 28 Keegan Palczewski	
Friday, Decen 8:30 a.m.	n ber 29 +David Zalenski	
Saturday, Deo 4:00 p.m.	c ember 30 +Lynda Bucciero +Margaret Marcy	
Sunday, Dece 8:00 a.m.	m ber 31 OLSOS Parishioners +Gil Pendolino	
9:30 a.m.	+Catherine Jaboro +Marilyn Bourgoin +Deceased Members of the Spezia and Vogler Families	
11:30 a.m.	+Virginia Mushenski +Bettejean Ahee +Dick Flynn +George Topper, Jr.	
Monday, January 1, 2024 9:30 a.m. +Edmund Ahee, Jr.		

Mass Intentions - Please Note:

Mass intentions may be arranged by coming into the parish office. According to Archdiocesan Policy, the suggested donation is \$10 per Mass per person. Masses can be for the deceased (+) and the living, so please don't assume that a Mass being said for a living person, means that they are ill, please respect the privacy of all individuals. Mass intentions must be received 14 days prior to publication to be published and read at Mass.



Christmas Decoration Donations in Honor/Memory of...

Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Ahee Susan Amine James G. Andary Consuelo Argel Aaron Blair Ted & Lilian Bogdanski Thomas Bogdanski Betty Bolton Paul & Lottie Bossack Dennis Bossack **Deneen Boulus** In memory of the Brinkman Family Walter Bryzik Ms. Mary Beth Burke Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Butts Suzanne Carolan Mrs. Genevive Carron Patrick Carron Sarah Catalfio Jim Champion JoAnn Cichecki Theodore Cichecki William & Elsie Connors George Dakmak Deceased Members of the Danko Family Ms. Patricia David DeLoof Family Fr. Richard Dorsch Mrs. Barbara Drader Emma Mr. & Mrs. Michael Eugenio **Roy Eugenio** Mrs. Diane Evola Ms. Patricia Fayad **Benny Ficaro** Carmella & Roy Ficaro **Emeline Fikany** George Fikany Ray & Rose Fix Frank and Ella Fox

Ms. Teresa Gallotti Annis Gaynor Mr. and Mrs. Brian Gerachty Deceased Members of the Grech Family Harold & Evelyn Groff **Robert Hallman** Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Hanna Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hartman Mr. & Mrs. Brandon Helms Mr & Mrs. Dennis Herman Elaine Hernwick Mark Houle Marshall Houle Mike Houle Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Hyduk The lacobell Family **Catherine Itchue** Jason Jamieson **Ruth & Richard Jantz** Thomas Jasinski Stanley & Rita Jasinski Ms. Celine Jasinski Brian and Sheilah Kelly Deceased Members of the Kosch Family Katherine Kryk Patricia Kurtz Gino Lamberti Deceased Members of the Lampar Family Mr. Sedone Ledesma & Mrs. Aimee Argel Mr. Michael LeFevre **Robert LeFevre** Deceased Members of the Lentine Family Charles Licata Elizabeth Licata Ms. Lillian Licata Lombardi Family **Edward Magreta** Irene Magreta Dr. Anthony Malcoun Lucy & Frank Mallat Philip Joseph Mannone

Richard & Shirley Martin Sophie Matranga Ralph & Helen Mastay Anthony Matranga In Memory of the Mattina Family Robert M. Maxey Ken & Helen Merrill Gil & Eva Metry Madeline Masseso Marun R. Mualem Mr. Theodore Mushenski Deceased Members of the Nagurka Family Mr. & Mrs. David Nielubowicz J & A Nowak Geraldine Nowakowski Norbert & Irene Nowinski Dr. Peter & Lady Judith Nwoke Mr. & Mrs. Paul Oliver Dale Olshesky Nunzio Ortisi O' Shea Family Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Paluzzi Mr. Michael Patten Louise Pretto John Reardon Virginia Reardon Leonard Renusch Sonia Renusch Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Rheaume Ms. Joanne Roose Dr. Lech & Dr. Beata Ruprecht Nathan Ryan Deceased Members of the Sapiano Family **Cathy Schafer** Ted Schafer Mr. & Mrs. George Schena Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Schena Mrs. Serafina Schorer



Christmas Donations Continued....

Alfred & Margaret Schulte Paul Schulte Joe & Catherine Smetanka Mr. & Mrs. Jim Snyder Gloria Solomon Jessica Anne Solomon Jessica Solomon William B. Solomon, Sr. Ann Southwell Eldon Southwell Spezia Family Ms. Joanne Spring Stark Family John Stephens Kathleen Stephenson Dr & Mrs. Patrick Sweeney The Taiariol Family Deceased Members of the Therssen Family Anne Andary Tishuck John E. Tishuck Antoni Tluczek Stefania Tluczek James & Eleanor Tranchida James Tranchida, Jr. Mr. & Mrs. Al Vansteenkiste Gino Verona Mr. & Mrs. Vito Viviano **Vogel Family** Joe Wasik Ms. Liz Watta Mary Lou Wenz George & Kitty Wilson Maria Witek Edward Wujek In memory of the Youngblood Family Stella Zablocki Mrs. Lorna Zalenski Joe & Mary Zelenak Dr & Mrs. Robert Zink

Parish Office will be closed Tuesday, December 26th and Tuesday, January 2nd. The office will close at noon on December 29th.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Heavenly Father, The whole meaning of Christmas can be explained in one little four-letter word...LOVE. You sent your gift of pure love to us that first Christmas. Love descended from heaven to be born of a virgin. Love lay in the scratchy hay of a manger in a meager barn in Bethlehem. All of your love, God, was robed in the delicate skin of a baby and wrapped in swaddling clothes. This final week of Advent, help us to reflect on the magnitude of love that was made manifest in Jesus.





OUR LADY Star of the Sea School

OPEN HOUSE + ART SHOW

January 28, 2024 | 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM 467 Fairford. Rd. Grosse Pointe Woods





THESE DAYS AT STAR...



It's been a packed first half of the year at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic School. We look forward to see what's to come in 2024!



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Living Under the Influence

Adore and Distractions

Merry Christmas!

Last week I wrote about the nature of repenting, and that the continual returning to God is what opens up the heart to be transformed into saints. In fact, this is the heart of the Christian life - continually turning our heart and will to God, receiving grace and becoming like his Son. Dr. Torkington noted that this is what happens in prayer. But what about all the distractions we experience in prayer? Have you ever tried to pray and the monkey brain kicks in and starts jumping all over the place, moving from one idea to the next. Or, like me, you might wonder "what am I supposed to do here in prayer, in the silence?" Let's consider these questions and make a connection from last week.

A key part of our prayer time is experiencing and getting to know God, and we do this in part by *continually turning* ourselves toward him, like we mentioned last week when it comes to "repenting." The distraction, amazingly, can provide the opportunity for this turning, the turning of our will and heart, our attention towards God – this is a secret to fruitful prayer! Don't resist the distractions, embrace them as an opportunity to turn once more to God! "Perfect" prayer if there is such a thing, is a gift of grace, and relationship, it is an encounter in the heart. Our job is to make ourselves available and turn to him constantly. Here is how Dr. Torkington puts it:

"Here is the secret of prayer that has to be learned from the outset. The very distractions that you think are preventing you from praying are the very means that enable you to pray. That is why St Teresa of Avila said that you cannot pray without them. Each time you turn away from a distraction to turn back to God, you are in fact performing an act of selflessness; you are saying no, to self and yes, to God. If in fifteen minutes you have a hundred distractions, it means that one hundred times you have made one hundred acts of selflessness. Gradually, if you continue to do this day after day, then acts of selflessness lead to a habit of selflessness that helps you to pray better and better." -Torkington, David. Prayer Made Simple.

This Christmas Season, and beyond, we can practice adoring the Lord, and each other, with grace in the distractions. Know that every time you choose to refocus your attention on the Lord, and your loved ones, you are making an act of selflessness to the Lord, you are choosing to be like one of his disciples. You are practicing the mission of the Mass – to be sent and to proclaim the Lord with your life. So come and let us adore Him, and embrace our distractions as a path of virtue, constantly returning our attention and love to one another and the Lord.

Merry Christmas Michael King Mission and Vision



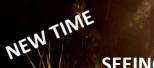
Presence The Mystery of the Eucharist begins February 15, 2024!

Presence explores the radical mystery of God's love expressed in the Eucharist and shows us how in this sacrament God is really present to help and strengthen us at every step of life's journey. By diving into the story of God's

love for his people in Scripture and the Church's teaching on this sacrament, *Presence* invites each one of us into a deeper, more intimate union with God

Join us for **Presence The Mystery of the Eucharist** beginning February 15. This 4-week study will be held on Thursdays 9:30-11 AM in the Parish Office, or 7-8:30 PM in The Pointe. For more information or to register for the study, call Meredith Nesom at (313) 884-7407 ext. 2061 or email m.nesom@stargp.org.

Bereavement Group



SEEING THE LIGHT OF DAY

A faith based group meeting Our Lady Star of the Sea First Sunday of the Month **1:00 pm - In the Pointe** Contact the Parish office (313-884-5554) for more information





Our Lady Star of the Sea Prayer and Eucharistic Chapel

Open 6am - 11:30pm

God is full of love: to him be praise and glory forever! God is peace: let us ask him to help us to be peacemakers each day, in our life, in our families, in our cities and nations, in the whole world. Let us allow ourselves to be moved by God's goodness." (Pope Francis, Urbi et Orbi message, Christmas 2013)

"O Come Let Us Adore Him"

He lies in a manger, but holds the world; He is nursed by Mary, but feeds the Angels; He is wrapped in swaddling clothes, but vests us with immortality; He found no place in the inn, but makes for Himself a temple in the hearts of all who believe in Him.

He who so loves us, that for our sakes He was made in time, through Whom all times were made; Was in the world less in age than His servants, though older than the world itself in His eternity; Was made man, who made man; was created by a mother, whom He created; Was carried by hands that He formed; Cried in the manger in wordless infancy; He is the Word, without Whom all human Eloquence is mute. (St. Augustine) Make a personal commitment of a day to pray in His Eucharistic presence.



First Friday Evening Vigil of Reparation You are invited to participate in a 5-hour night vigil of reparation modeled after the vigils at Fatima to console the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. When: January 5, 2024 from 7 pm to 12 midnight

Where: Saint Basil the Great Church, 22800 Schroeder, Eastpointe, 48021

December 25, 2023

Prayer Group

every Wednesday at 3:00 pm

in the O.L.S.O.S. prayer and Eucharistic chapel on Morningside, to pray the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. We pray for world peace and all the parish intentions

Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Every Wednesday - 11am - 2pm Parish Office Chapel





PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

Recertification and/or Certification is mandatory for <u>ALL VOLUNTEERS</u>

To complete the workshop visit www.virtusonline.org For questions or help logging in contact 1-888-847-8870

Parish Newsletter

Don't miss the latest news from the Parish!

Have you been getting our weekly newsletters via email?

Sign up for the newsletters by visiting our website under get connected, scan the QR code or call the office.

We don't want you to miss out on the latest news or events.

If you haven't seen the newsletter in a while, check your spam/junk folder

If you unsubscribed to any of the newsletters, that unfortunately removed you from all newsletters. If you would like to be reinstated please call the parish.



Holy Hour

No January Holy Hour Will resume February 5, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. In the Church

Stewardship Thoughts

In the ancient prophecy, Isaiah refers to the Christ-child as Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. St. Paul proclaims Christ as God our Savior, while St. John's Gospel pronounces Jesus, as the Word became flesh. John further refers to Jesus as ...the Light... Who pierces the darkness. We know He is our hope and strength. In St. Luke's Gospel, the angel of the Lord proclaims to the shepherds: ... A savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. The Gospel of St. Matthew professes: ... They shall name him Emmanuel which means God is with us. On this Holy Christmas Day, let us, as Christ's disciples, stand in awe and thanksgiving to God for the tremendous gift of His Son, Jesus. For our Lord is the path to eternal salvation. As Jesus was born in lowly surroundings, let us say a prayer for our needy brothers and sisters among us today.



Job opening: After School Latchkey Aide

Time involved is 3pm - 6pm Monday -Friday, follows the School Calendar Job entails supervising students in K-8 grades

Please contact Cheryl Kanka (c.kanka@stargp.org) or Dawn Dobija (D.dobija@stargp.org) For more information or if you are interested.

> BUILDING STRONG MINDS AND FAITH-FUL HEARTS THROUGH CHRIST.

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Jonderland Auction 2024

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March 9, 2024 The War Memorial

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Office: 313.423.9104 DLSOSAuction.org Join in the Madness Support Star through the annual Auction Become a sponsor, donor, advertiser, or patron. For more infornatioon, contact the auction office, visit the website, or scan the QR code.

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's Garden Vestibule. For more information, please contact: Dennis Hyduk at 313.969.7650



3 year (2022 - 2025) goal is \$2,500,000.

Raise the Roof update	
Donations received to date	\$439,656.57
% of goal	21%
shortage for project	\$2,060,343.43

Thank you to those who have already given!

Thursday Morning

Men's Fellowship



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

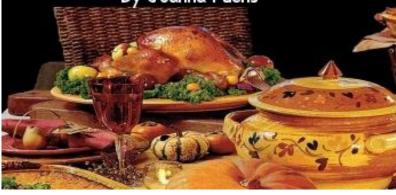
Every Thursday morning at 6:30 a.m. in The Pointe

We hope you'll join us.

- The AMen

Christmas Dinner Prayer

Dear Lord, we are thankful for this day, set aside to honor all the ways You bless us with Your goodness, love, and grace. We are thankful for the people at this table who add a variety of wonderful things to our lives just by being who they are. We are thankful for the food we are about to eat, which You created for our nourishment and pleasure. Most of all, Lord, we thank You for always being there for us, guiding us, encouraging us, comforting us and blessing us. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen. By Joanna Fuchs







T'was the Night Before Christmas A different version

T'was the night before Christmas, God glanced over the earth. He looked to and fro, All over it's girth. They missed it again He said with a sigh, A heavy heart and a tear in his eye. I gave them my son, So they could be free. My greatest gift, To them from me. They traded me in, For a man in red. A little tree. And horse drawn sled. How do I save them. And make them see. My love is complete, My grace is free. How do I help them, When all they know. Is a talking snowman, And a box with a bow. Maybe next year, they will stop and see. The biggest gift of Christmas, Is the little child from me.

author unknown

Please pray for:

In memoriam

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 12/26/1969 Edmund Sikorski 12/26/1982 Silverio Franco 12/26/2022 **Benny Ficaro** 12/27/1980 **Edmund Pazgrat** John Broderick 12/27/1986 12/27/1994 Naldo Monacelli 12/27/2010 Peter Cubba 12/27/2011 William Glynn 12/27/2017 Virginia Reardon 12/28/1972 **Casimer Schafer** 12/28/1975 Frank Sendstock 12/28/1985 Joseph Piccirells 12/28/1996 Michalina Napier 12/28/2012 **Thomas Burke** 12/28/2013 Angelo Spezia Paul S. Schwanitz 12/29/1982 12/29/1991 Augusta Screpnek 12/29/2002 Hope Brophy 12/29/2009 **Daniel McKinley** 12/29/2010 Luis Charbonier 12/29/2020 David Zalenski 12/30/1962 **Robert Meier** 12/30/1977 James Duncan 12/30/1993 Joseph Howard 12/30/1996 Bernice VanTiem 12/30/2006 **Elaine Frontera** 12/30/2014 Mary Reuter 12/30/2020 Margaret Ahee 12/31/1967 **Kevin Fossie** 12/31/1973 Hiliare P. Coussement 12/31/1973 **Richard Wiggins** 12/31/1981 Harry J. Rogers 12/31/1983 Nicholoas Chrylinski 12/31/1988 Cecilia Gignac 12/31/1988 Leonard Salvaggio 12/31/1997 Alfred Bourget 12/31/2007 George Topper 12/31/2015 John Reardon 12/31/2015 Thomas P. Casey 1/1/1964 Elizabeth Knabe 1/1/1977 Ralph DiCicco

1/1/1983	Catherine Lynch
1/1/1986	Bud Locke
1/1/1993	Mary O'Malia
1/1/1998	Viola Murphy
1/1/2000	Daniel Brown
1/1/2014	Albert Paglia, Sr.
1/1/2015	Robert Kissel

the sick

Harrison Ahee Pam Barthel Jennie Barzotti Jeanne Collins Rose DiCicco Aurora Goetz Patricia Hanna Christine Mathis Virginia Merchant Carol Nowinski Charles Roehl Marie Schulte **Delores** Spezia **Cathy Spindler** Mary Surmont James Victor Linda Vitale Fr. Francis Weingartz **Elaine Westerman** Thomas J. Youngblood

those in the military

James Patrick Carrier Perry Carter Josh Duffy Richard Shetler, III John Walker

The faithful departed Thomas Neych

PLEASE NOTE

Names will remain on the sick list for one (1) month unless the parish is notified otherwise.

For those in Military, we would like to pray for those who are active, Please contact us to add names to our list.



Our **food pantry** needs the following items:

Cereal-pasta and

sauce - Soup - mac and cheese - canned tuna - canned chicken - canned fruit canned vegetables - canned pasta peanut butter and jelly - crackers (Saltines, Ritz, Townhouse) personal care (soap, toothpaste, deodorant)

Please drop off items in the gathering space.

FAITH DIRECT

Support Our Lady Star of the Sea through *online giving*

To enroll scan the QR code below, Text "ENROLL"

to 313-887-6612 or visit faith.direct/ M1044



CarePointe

WHEN

3rd Saturday of Every Month from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Meet Other Caregivers
- Share Your Experiences
- Learn from Others
- Find Support in a Welcoming Environment

WHERE

Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church 467 Fairford Rd. Grosse Pointe Woods

All Are Welcome No Registration Required

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