







OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA WITH MARY. WE BRING PEOPLE TO CHRIST TO LIVE THE LOVE OF GOD SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

# Mass times & information

SAT	4:00 p.m. (Vigil)
SUN	8:00 a.m.
	9:30 a.m.
	11:30 a.m.
MON - THU	7:30 a.m.
FRI	8:30 a.m.

#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

 MON - THU 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

 FRI 8:00 a.m.—Noon

 SAT
 Closed

 SUN
 Closed

 Holidays
 Closed

FAITH FORMATION 313-884-5554

#### 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

Must be a registered member, in good standing, of OLSOS. Archdiocesan law requires advance notice of at least six months.

#### PARISH REGISTRATION

Newcomers to the parish may register in the Parish Office or online at OLSOS.org. 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.



I realize there might be some confusion about today, Dec. 8, normally the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a holyday of obligation. However we are not celebrating it! What's the deal?

First of all, the Sundays of Advent take precedence over other feasts. [To help guide the Church in her liturgical celebrations, there is a "table of liturgical celebrations" that lists the order of

priority and precedence of all celebrations. That is why we find some liturgical feasts move to anther day if, for example, they fall during holy week or the Paschal Triduum.] Therefore, the second Sunday of Advent is celebrated today, not the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. However, because of the importance of the Immaculate Conception, the liturgical celebration of the solemnity gets pushed to Monday, Dec. 9 in order that the Church celebrates this great event.

Second, in past years, when the feast got moved to the next day, we celebrated the solemnity (the holyday) but the obligation was not transferred with the celebration. So for this year, this was the expected course of action. Then a few months ago other news came forth.

Upon inquiry of a bishop about the transfer of the obligation with the celebration, a affirmative ("yes") came from the Dicastery of Legislative Texts. So that meant Monday would be a holyday of obligation. However, Archbishop Vigneron, as with some other bishops, **dispensed the faithful from the obligation** to participate in Mass to celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception this year. (I hope you followed all that... tests will be forthcoming!)

\*\* Thanks for your generosity to the **Religious Retirement Fund** and the **Giving Tree** and so much more. Special thanks to you for your increased thoughtfulness and generosity with the Sunday offering during the past few weeks. May you be rewarded for all that you do. Thanks to all of you who have done so much to make our parish so beautiful and so vibrant. Be sure to spread the word and invite others to be with us for these Sundays of Advent and the Christmas season. (Remember all Giving Tree gifts need to be back, unwrapped, by today, Dec. 8 at 12:30pm.)

\*\* Advent is a time when people are on a journey. Their journey is just not to the stores and websites but, a spiritual journey to prepare our hearts again for the coming of the Lord at Christmas. I know that many people have their routines of holiday decorating, activities, schedules, and the like. Advent is a time to take a look again at some of our routines and see what might be adjusted. Have you slipped into a routine of getting to Mass late? Or perhaps the routine of leaving Mass early, whether Mass ends in 55 minutes or 32 minutes? The Mass is not over once you receive Holy Communion but when the priest says, "the Mass ended." Let's look at our routines and make adjustments to get us back where Christ wants us to be.

\*\* A good routine is "going to confession" during Advent. I will be available for private confessions on Tuesday night from 6:30 - 7:30 pm in church. (That is addition to the normal 3 pm on Saturdays, until all have been heard.)

May your Advent journey welcome Christ into your heart and establish a true home of peace and joy.

Msgr. Gary Smetanka

## Please pray for:

## In memoriam

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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
12/9/2021	Florence Bernhardt
12/9/2021	Kathleen Tomaszycki
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 Piecoro
12/11/2022	Delores Otey
12/12/1962	Peter Zuliani
12/12/1980	Barbara DeYoung
12/12/1980	Jennie Moceri
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
12/13/1977	Antionette
12/13/19//	
12/12/1070	Schoenmakers
12/13/1978	Isabella Smith
12/13/1982	Florence MacLelland
12/13/1994	Barbara Boqusz
12/13/1995	Gloria DaDeppo
12/13/2000	Louis Polombit
12/13/2006	Cecelia Ellis
12/13/2016	Gordon Snow
12/13/2020	Jeff Kraus
12/14/1975	Josephine Niedeck
12/14/1983	Mary Karpinski
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12/14/1989	Ralph Cadieux
12/14/2009	Mildred Maertens
12/14/2014	Marie Caldwell
12/14/2019	James Eckerman
12/15/1982	William Hendricks
12/15/2002	Daniel Fricker
12/15/2012	Susan Amine

## the sick

Jennie Barzotti Jeanne Collins Barbara Drader Kavnoa Dunn Mary Anne Gargaro Patricia Hanna **Christine Mathis** Tom Moceri **Cathy Spindler** JoAnne Spring Mary Surmont E. Noreen Szymborski Joyce Tranchida Suzanne Underwood Christopher Urban James Victor Martha Victor Mary Eileen Wehrmann Elaine Westerman Pam Wilson Thomas J. Youngblood

## those in the military

Connor Barthel James Patrick Carrier Josh Duffy Richard Shetler, III William Sottrel John Walker

The faithful departed Rosa Perez-Borja Donald G. (Gene) Franck

Mass	Intentions

Monday, December 9 7:30 a.m. +Deceased Members of The Rosary Altar Society

#### Tuesday, December 10

**7:30 a.m.** +Jazzmin Spindler +Vito Cusenza

#### Wednesday, December 11

**7:30 a.m.** +Tarcisio Vivian Msgr. Gary Smetanka

#### Thursday, December 12

**7:30 a.m.** +Edmund Ahee, Sr +Jazzmin Spindler

Friday, December 13

8:30 a.m. +Veronica Yuhase

#### Saturday, December 14

4:00 p.m. +Emeline Fikany +Maria Alicia Oxholm +Vito Cusenza +Christine Kreuter

#### Sunday, December 15

8:00 a.m.	OLSOS Parishioners +M. Roy & Delores Spezia
9:30 a.m.	+Catherine Jaboro +Cameron Piggott +Walt Bryzik +Richard Burnham
11:30 a.m.	+Virginia Mushenski +Jazzmin Spindler +Lori Spindler +Susan Amine

**Mass Intentions - Please Note:** Mass intentions may be arranged by coming into the parish office or online at *www.olsos.org/mass-intentions*. 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.



## We warmly welcome the newly baptized

Baptized November 24, 2024 by Msgr. Gary Smetanka

## Emma Grace Thummala

**Child of:** Nithin & Julie (Hrabovsky) Thummala **Godparents:** Ryan Hastings & Tracy Hastings



# ADVENT AT STAR

Where Christ enters, home begins

Dec. 8, 7:00 PM	
Dec. 12, 6:30 PM	
Dec. 14, 6:00 PM	
Dec. 19, 7:30 PM	



Dec. 10, 6:30 PM | Dec. 16, 6:30 PM Dec. 17, 2:00 PM | Dec. 19, 1:00 PM



# FORMED ADVENT CALENDAR 2024

SUNDAY December 15	MONDAY December 16	TUESDAY December 17	WEDNESDAY December 18	THURSDAY December 19	FRIDAY December 20	SATURDAY December 21
Rooted Day 15	Rooted Day 16	Rooted Day 17	Rooted Day 18	Rooted Day 19	Rooted Day 20	Rooted Day 21
Week Three   Adore w/ Fr. John Burns	The True Meaning of Christmas w/ Dr. Michael Barber	Week Three   Behold w/ Sr. Miriam James, SOLT	The Chosen Christmas Special   Catholic Commentary on	Adventus	Joseph of Nazareth	<u>The Birth of the</u> <u>Messiah w/ Brant Pitre</u>
CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	the Chosen	CHILDREN	CHILDREN Day 20   The Days of	CHILDREN
Day 15   The Days of Advent	Day 16 The Days of	Day 17   The Days of Advent	CHILDREN	Advent	Advent	Day 21   The Days of Advent
Light the Third (Rose) Advent Candle!	The Journey to	The True Meaning of Christmas   Lukas	Advent	A Heavenly Surprise   Zack and Yalla	The Shepherds in the Field   Drawing Closer to God	Marcam Follows the Star   Marcam
Marcam	Bethlehem   Drawing Closer to God	Storyteller	<u>The Christmas Pageant</u> that Almost Wasn't			

daily.formed.org/advent or For other videos check out watch.formed.org/advent



Thresholds of Hope Family of Parishes Christmas Mass Times

## **ST BASIL THE GREAT**

Fr. Eric Fedewa 586-777-5610 Christmas Eve: 4 pm Christmas: 12 am (midnight), 9:30 am

## **ST JOAN OF ARC**

Msgr. G. Michael Bugarin Fr. Bob Voiland 586-777-3670 Christmas Eve: 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm, 10:00 pm Christmas: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm

## **ST LUCY**

Fr. Jim Commyn 586-771-8300 Christmas Eve: 4:30 pm Christmas: 10:00 am

## **ST VERONICA**

Fr. Stan Pachla 586-777-0331 Christmas Eve: 4:30 pm Christmas: 9:00 am, 11:00 am



## OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA Private Confessions

Saturdays at 3 pm until all have been heard. Tuesday, Dec 10: 6:30-7;30 pm Monday, Dec. 16: 6:30-7:30 pm Tuesday, Dec. 17: 2:00 – 3:00 pm Thursday, Dec. 19: 1-2 pm

## **Other Concerts**

One Voice Saturday, Dec. 14 6:00 pm Judelaires Thursday, Dec. 19 7:30 pm

## Christmas - 2024

## **Christmas Eve**

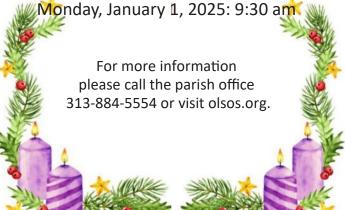
4:00 pm, (Children's chorale) 6:00 pm, and 11:00 pm (Adult Choir) Note: NO 4:15 overflow Gym Mass

## **Christmas Day**

9:30 am and 11:30 am

## Mary, Holy Mother of God A Holyday of Obligation

Tuesday, December 31, 2024: 4:00pm





2025 is a Jubilee year, and we will be going to Rome to celebrate with millions of other Catholic youth and the Pope!



Any interested High Schoolers or Young Adults, please contact Jack Novak: j.novak@stargp.org

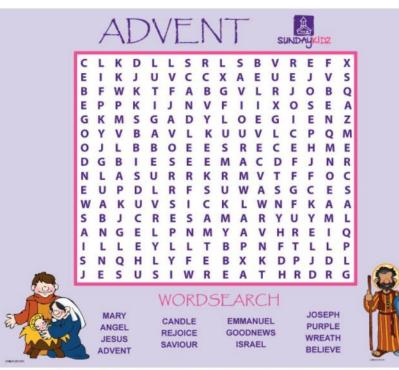




every Wednesday at 3:00 pm in the O.L.S.O.S. prayer and Eucharistic chapel on Morningside, to pray the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. We pray for world peace and all the parish intentions

### Adoration

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



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## WOMEN AND MEN SOCK AND UNDERWEAR DONATIONS

Let's help the less fortunate. by donating socks and underwear.

Women - all sizes needed Socks - any color, any style Underwear - any color any style

Men - all sizes needed Socks - dress and casual any color white athletic crew socks Underwear - boxers, briefs, boxer briefs

Please bring in new socks and underwear. Place in the white box in the gathering space. The donations will go to a different organization each month.

We will continue to collect throughout the year

All donations this month will be going to Neighborhood services

A Community Support Group for Family and Friends of Loved Ones with **Memory Loss** 



Email: info@carpointesupport.org

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





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Phone		 	
Email			

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Cash or Check payable to: Knights of Columbus Council 7780 Please place this order form in an envelope marked HAM and drop off in the church offering box, parish office Our Lady Star of the Sea K. of C. thanks you for your support

## All orders are due no later than Tuesday, December 10th



[[ Cut here and save as your reminder ]]

PICK UP Wednesday, December 18th 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm Under Church Canopy

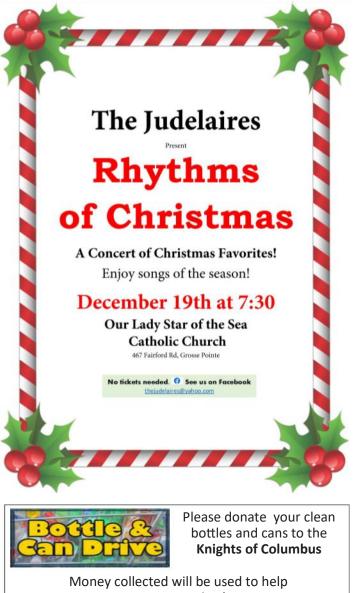


## Our Sunday Coffee & Donut Ministry

This monthly treat of fresh goodies and hot coffee is an opportunity to catch up with old friends, meet new

ones, and enjoy the company of your fellow parishioners.

We are always looking for friendly faces to join our Hospitality Team – it's a great way to support your parish and be a welcoming presence! Contact Judy Zedan, <u>jl.zedan@gmail.com</u> for more information. *Make plans to join us soon! December 22 / January 26 / February 23 / March 23 / April 27 / May 18* 



Money collected will be used to help numerous organizations. Donations may be brought to Mary's Garden Vestibule. For more information, please contact: Dennis Hyduk at 313.969.7650



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED To bring Holy Communion to the sick and the homebound of our parish.

We are in need of help on 2 days you will be added to a rotating schedule.

## <u>Wednesdays</u>

we distribute communion at the Rivers at 11:00 am

<u>Fridays</u> we distribute communion to the homebound in their homes. We start around 9:00 am

Please contact the Parish Office (313-884-5554). All volunteers must have completed The Virtus Training

> THE KIDS' BULLETIN https://thekidsbulletin.com

A fun way for Catholic kids to learn about the Faith every week.

Available in the gathering space or at olsos.org

Scripture Read For the Week	dings of December 8, 2024
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	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
Tuesday	Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13;
	Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday	Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10;
	Mt 11:28-30
Thursday	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
	Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Friday	Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
	Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday	Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest and
	Doctor of the Church
	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; ls 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7;
	Lk 3:10-18



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

## Raise the Roof update as of November 26, 2024

\$613,096.85	Donations received to date
24.52%	% of goal
\$1,886,903.15	shortage for project



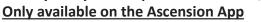
join Fr. Mike Schmitz in a journey through the daily readings as he confronts our doubts and reveals God's love with app-exclusive **daily video reflections and scripture passages.** Discover who God is, who we are, and how we are made worthy to stand in his presence. What if you knew that December 25th, Christmas Day was the day that you were going to die? The way we live Advent would have to change.

We'd have to live with intentionality. We'd have to live it with purpose. We'd have to live it with grace.

Too often, we live life by "default". We forget that we are on a journey to an eternal destination of joy that we were made for.

We are burdened by fears and questions: what if I am not worthy? What if I am not enough?

Live Advent differently this year. Prepare to meet God, face to face.





As parishioners of Star, you can be a part of the funeral ministry by:

- Being part of the wake ministry team Praying a rosary or a scripture service at the funeral home
- † as adult altar servers
- † Cantor
- † Lector
- † Eucharistic Ministers
- † Being part of the choir

We pray, serve, and assist the family in praying their family member home to eternal life. It is a time to help those who are hurting to know the love and comfort of God through the care and support of the community. If interested, please contact Debby Veltri at D.veltri@stargp.org

#### **FAITH DIRECT** Support Our Lady Star of the Sea

through online giving



To enroll scan the QR code, Text "ENROLL' to 313-887-6612 or visit Faith.direct/M1044

## Stewardship Thoughts

In today's Scripture readings, both the prophet Baruch and the evangelist St. Luke declare that every valley be filled, every mountain and hill leveled, and all paths made straight in the Lord. St. Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, urges us, through the love of Jesus, to value only those things that truly matter so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ. These inspiring texts remind us that, through our Lord and Savior, we can find true fulfillment; reconciliation and healing can happen in the most trying circumstances; and all can find spiritual wholeness. What a beautiful message for faith-filled stewards during this holy Advent season. As we again prepare to celebrate Christ's birth, partake in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.





## ST BASIL THE GREAT

PRIEST IN SOLIDUM Fr. Eric Fedewa 586-777-5610 Mass Times

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Daily: MWFS 8:30 a.m. T 7:00 p.m.

> ST JOAN OF ARC PRIESTS IN SOLIDUM Msgr. G. Michael Bugarin Fr. Bob Voiland 586-777-3670 Mass Times

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:00, 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Daily: MTWTHF 7:00 a.m. W 6:00 p.m.

ST LUCY PRIEST IN SOLIDUM Fr. Jim Commyn 586-771-8300 Mass Times Saturday: 4:30 p.m. Sunday: 10:00 am

**Daily: MF** 9:00 a.m. **W** 12:00 p.m.

#### **ST VERONICA**

PRIEST IN SOLIDUM Fr. Stan Pachla 586-777-0331 Mass Times

Saturday: 4:30 p.m. Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Daily: TWTH 7:45 a.m. (Convent)

#### OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

PRIEST IN SOLIDUM (Moderator) Msgr. Gary Smetanka 313-884-5554 Mass Times

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