

December 15 2024
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Advent



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

WITH MARY, WE BRING PEOPLE TO CHRIST TO LIVE THE LOVE OF GOD
THIRD 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.

Half and Half from Msgr. Gary Smetanka

We are now in the final ten days of the Advent season. The days of Christmas will be here soon. Even in these sometimes challenging and certainly hectic 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?

Our theme this Advent has been, "When Christ enters, home begins." Do we often restrict Jesus from coming into our life, our heart? When we let Christ enter, peace, security, and companionship begins within us because of Christ's presence. There is a comfort when we know Christ is present and that gives us true deep joy and peace, especially when being challenged by life's issues.

** Invite others to join us here at Star for our Christmas liturgies. It is wonderful to see so many people who are friends or family of parishioners. Patience, consideration and hospitality are always good virtues to practice, especially as so many gather to celebrate these holy days.

** Remember to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) this Advent. This is another important way to let Christ enter deeper into your heart and bask in the forgiveness and mercy he bestows upon us, the reason why he came to save us. This week I have added two afternoon times (2-3 pm on Tuesday and 1-2 pm on Thursday) plus an evening time 6:30-7:30 pm on Monday for individual confession. May you be touched by the powerful presence of the Lord as we prepare and celebrate His coming!

** If you play a musical instrument and would like to share your talent in our liturgies, please see, talk, or contact Aaron. He is always happy to engage other musicians in our liturgies!

May your Advent journey continue to bring you surprises from the Lord and a closeness only He can give!

Msgr. Gary Smetanka



Holiday Office Hours

The Office will be closed

December 24 and 26. and January 1 and 2

We will close at noon on Tuesday December 31

Adoration in the Parish Office will be cancelled:

Wednesday December 25 and January 1

Please pray for:

In memoriam

12/16/1963 Ada Salyers
12/16/1974 Edmund Tomaszewski
12/16/1977 Alice Major
12/16/1993 Thomas J. Zink
12/16/2004 Salvatore Russo
12/16/2007 Lucy Ponczocha
12/17/1955 Mary Gutowski
12/17/1972 John DeVos
12/17/1984 Dominic Marasco
12/17/1994 Ray Laethem, Sr.
12/17/2023 Cameron Piggott
12/18/1963 Martin Hoffmann
12/18/1978 Cletus Welling
12/18/1997 (Pat) Donna Lee
12/18/2003 Terrance Hogan
12/18/2006 Joseph Quasarano
12/18/2008 Francis Blake
12/19/1980 Harold Stock
12/19/1985 Sondra Ayers
12/19/1988 Veronica A. Hourd
12/19/1997 Margery Long
12/19/2005 Vincent Simonelli
12/19/2009 Patricia Raus
12/19/2011 Maria Consuelo Gorski
12/19/2015 Katherine Tazzia
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 Shammass
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
12/22/2022 Stephen Coates
12/22/2023 Aurora Goetz



St Vincent de Paul is in search of volunteers to transcribe and email phone requests for assistance from our East Side neighbors. Volunteers work at home on a scheduled rotation. A phone and email capability is all that is required. If you are interested or have questions, please call Brian Scott 586 354 7974. This work serves Star of the Sea and all St. Vincent conferences in our parish family.

the sick


Jennie Barzotti
Jeanne Collins
Barbara Drader
Kaynoa Dunn
Mary Anne Gargaro
Patricia Hanna
Christine Mathis
Tom Mocer
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

Private Confessions

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

**We warmly welcome the newly baptized**
Baptized
December 1, 2024
by Msgr. Gary Smetanka

Caroline Roux Janse Van Rensburg

Child of: Paul & Kimberly (Loch)
Janse Van Rensburg
Godparents: Heath Loch
Christian Witness:
Rouxanne Janse Van Rensburg

Kevin Patrick Moore

Child of: Kevin & Samantha (Llaneza)
Moore
Godparent: Amanda Mok
Christian Witness: Kyle Akers

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 16
7:30 a.m. +Lori Spindler

Tuesday, December 17
7:30 a.m. +Nancy Fodell
+Vito Cusenza

Wednesday, December 18
7:30 a.m. +Deceased Members of
the Ronzi Family

Thursday, December 19
7:30 a.m. +Elsie & William Connors

Friday, December 20
8:30 a.m. +Jazzmin Spindler

Saturday, December 21
4:00 p.m. +Darlene Sowa
+Carol Cummins
+Robert Nesom

Sunday, December 22
8:00 a.m. OLSOS Parishioners

9:30 a.m. +Catherine Jaboro
+Suzanne Sielinski
+Dorothy Gordon

11:30 a.m. +Virginia Mushenski
+Lori Spindler

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.

This prayer that Fr. Brian often uses at the end of the intercessions at Mass is a prayer of St. John Henry Newman (1801-1890):

May the Lord support us all the day long,
till the shades lengthen
and the evening comes,
and the busy world is hushed,
and the fever of life is over,
and our work is done.
Then in his mercy
may he give us a safe lodging,
and holy rest,
and peace at the last.
Christ our Lord. Amen.

ADVENT FAMILY NIGHT
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3RD
WEATHER WAS PERFECT FOR THE ANNUAL GATHERING





**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



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Private Confessions

Saturdays at 3 pm until all have been heard.

Monday, Dec. 16: 6:30-7:30 pm

Tuesday, Dec. 17: 2:00-3:00 pm

Thursday, Dec. 19: 1:00-2:00 pm

Other Concerts

Judelaire

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
Monday, January 1, 2025: 9:30 am**

For more information
please call the parish office
313-884-5554 or visit olsos.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



Jubilee 2025

Rome | Vatican City

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



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
in the Parish Office Chapel

APRES SKI Auction 2025

We are shouting it from the mountain top! This year's Honorary Chairs are Carl & Roberta Henrichs!

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Become a patron, sponsor, advertiser, or auction donor. Contact the auction office for details.

OLSOSAuction.org
313.423.9104



The War Memorial
March 1, 2025

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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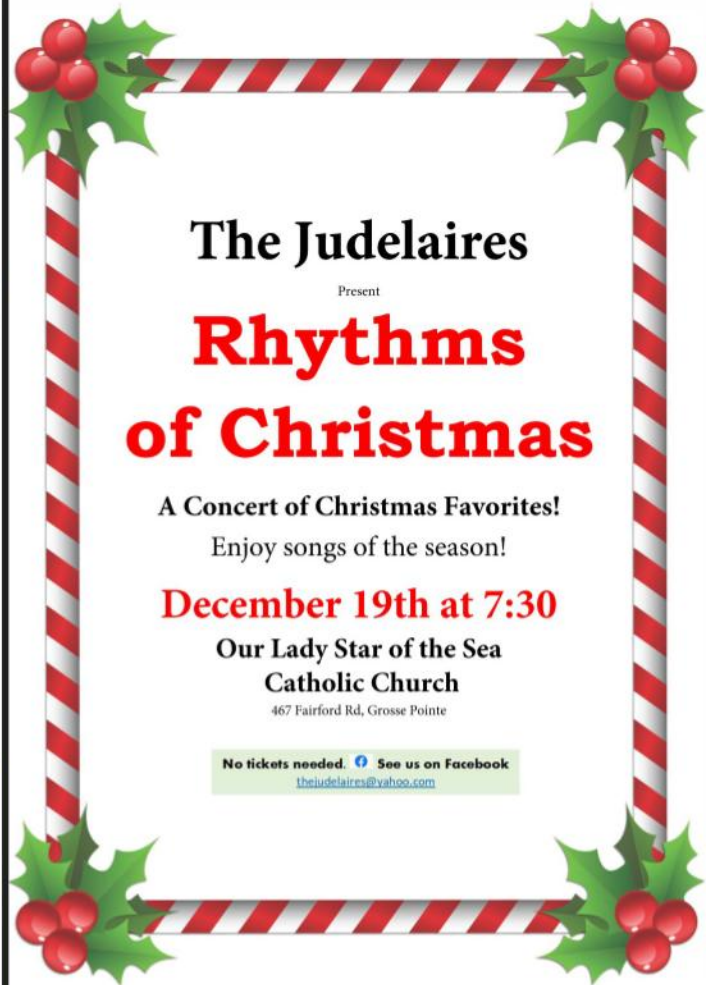


Our Sunday Coffee & Donut Ministry

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, jil.zedan@gmail.com for more information.

**Make plans to join us soon! January 26 /
February 23 / March 23 / April 27 / May 18**



The Judelaires

Present

Rhythms of Christmas

A Concert of Christmas Favorites!
Enjoy songs of the season!

December 19th at 7:30

**Our Lady Star of the Sea
Catholic Church**

467 Fairford Rd, Grosse Pointe

No tickets needed. See us on Facebook
thejudelaires@yahoo.com



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 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.

Wednesdays

we distribute communion at the Rivers at 11:00 am

Fridays

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

Stewardship Thoughts

In today's Gospel from St. Luke, the crowds seek moral direction from John the Baptist, asking, What should we do? In a spirit of giving, which pleases the Lord, John instructs them to be generous with their clothing and food to the less fortunate, and warns tax collectors and soldiers to be true to their positions. The prophet Zephaniah and St. Paul, in his Letter to the Philippians, express joy in the coming of the Lord. During this joyous Advent season, follow St. John's declarations on charity and fairness toward our most vulnerable brothers and sisters. Evangelize through your stewardship, such as donating food to a family in need or participating in a parish "giving tree."

Scripture Readings

For the Week of December 15, 2024

- Sunday** **Third Sunday of Advent**
 Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18
- Monday** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 21:23-27
- Tuesday** Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
- Wednesday** Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
- Thursday** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
- Friday** Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
- Saturday** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33-2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
- 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



RAISE the ROOF

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

Raise the Roof update as of December 3, 2024

Donations received to date	\$613,429,99
% of goal	24.54%
shortage for project	\$1,886,570.01



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 a future bulletin.

Donation made in memory/honor of :





**OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA
PRAYER & EUCHARISTIC CHAPEL
open 6am-11:30 pm**

10 Things That Happen When You Go To Adoration More Often

- 1. You develop a sense of awe and wonder:** There is nothing like the atmosphere of a quiet chapel or church, the smell of incense and the splendor of the monstrance to help you understand the truth of what is happening in Adoration. We are truly before Jesus Christ, His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. The more you sink into that silence in front of the Host, the more you'll realize the only response is awe and wonder at the greatness of our God.
- 2. You experience peace in other areas of your life:** Jesus said "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you." (John 14:27) The outward peace we can experience in Adoration (the quiet and the stillness) reaches much deeper. It leads to an inner peace that affects all areas of our lives. It doesn't mean everything in our life will be perfect and without suffering, but Christ's peace means we know the storms of life can't shake us.
- 3. You begin to look outwardly:** Jesus told us to "love one another as I have loved you". (John 13:34) Spending time in Adoration connects us to the whole world – after all, we're spending time with the Creator of all things! More time praising and adoring God means you can look beyond your own concerns and see the needs of others in your life and in the world we live in.
- 4. You get bored sometimes:** There are going to be times when Adoration can feel anything but glorious. You get distracted, your mind begins to wander, you can hear someone else sniffing next to you. Maybe in the beginning, Adoration was full of wonderful feelings! Regular Adoration is when daily life sets in and it can make it feel not so special. But that doesn't devalue or take away from the truth of what [Adoration](#) is. Our faith is more than feelings and God will still be working in you. This is the beauty of the Incarnation—God made man, coming into all our stresses, fears, problems—and yes, boredom. Know that even if an hour spent in Adoration is a continual returning to Him every few minutes when your mind wanders, you are still giving God the best gift you can—your time and company.
- 5. But you become excited going to Adoration:** The more time you spend in Adoration discovering that God is a God who loves you and wants to spend time with you, the more you begin to actually *want* to go. If Adoration once felt like a chore, you might even find yourself becoming excited to go! Adoration is addictive, not just because of the things we can gain for ourselves, but because we were *created* to adore. As we say in the Mass, it is "*right and just*" that we should give thanks to the Lord! Adoration is imprinted on our hearts and "*our hearts are restless until they find our rest in Him*"! (Thanks, St. Augustine!)
- 6. Grace enters your life:** It's amazing how a simple act of committing to even a short time of regular Adoration makes such a huge difference to the rest of your life. You can carry that moment of being in His presence with you long after you've left the church or chapel. His grace sustains you in every moment, especially in moments of temptation. Temptation becomes easier to resist when you're spending more time in Adoration. Sometimes, it really is that straightforward.
- 7. You realize how fortunate you are:** If it is as simple for you as getting in the car and driving to Adoration at church, or even walking to the chapel nearby, you realize how much you can take it for granted. There are those who would love to spend more time with Jesus in Adoration but who are housebound, sick or busy parents. Then there are those around the world who actually risk their lives for the Eucharist, in places where they are persecuted for their faith. When you remember those who walk for hours or days in dangerous situations in order to be present with Jesus, you realize what a gift it is to be able to pray openly, not to mention having a priest to minister the sacraments.
- 8. You realize God has a sense of humor:** The more you are able to sit and let God speak to *you* (instead of spending all your time filling the silence with talking to Him), you'll find that God has a really good sense of humor. He likes a joke or two, and sometimes these moments are funny enough to make you want to laugh out loud. Surprising, maybe, but don't the best fathers show you their love by affectionate good humor?!?
- 9. You want to go to Confession more:** This might sound scary, but it's not. Confession allows us to experience the mighty boundless ocean that is God's mercy. His mercy swallows up all our sins and gives us a true kind of freedom, a freedom without fear, which allows us to make the leap into His love and goodness, complete with all His perfect plans for our life. Time and time again, going to Confession re-enforces the knowledge that we are jumping into the arms of a father who loves us very much and "*never tires of forgiving us.*" (Pope Francis)
- 10. You fall in love:** Ultimately, you can't help this one! When you spend more time with an open heart in Adoration and just let Christ love you, then you'll fall in love too. That love will define you and allow you to be yourself. "*I came that they may have life, life in all its fullness.*" (John 10:10)

<https://catholic-link.org/10-surprising-things-that-happen-when-you-go-to-adoration-more-often/>

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.

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Msgr. G. Michael Bugarin

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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

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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

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Mass Times

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

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Daily: MTWTH 7:30 a.m. F 8:30 a.m.

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

Questions? Contact the Parish office 313-884-5554

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