



**OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA** With Mary, we bring people to Christ to live the love of God

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

# 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 313-884-7407

#### 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.



"God, our Father, you are the guardian and guide of our lives. Your word is joy, your will is life, your commands bring peace. Watch over and guide us as you did your Son's earthly family. Through the celebration of this feast help us to respond to your word and will, that we may grow together as people of faith and enjoy the peace of your kingdom."

### Christmas Blessings to you and yours!

The Christmas season is finally upon us and hopefully some of the rush is over. This is also a time for families to hopefully have the time to spend together and strengthen their bonds. I think many families are quite lucky to have additional time off between Christmas and New Year's Day to rest, to play in the snow, to read, to watch movies, to visit friends, etc. Some of our visits might also bring some tears as we tell stories and remember family and friends who have gone to their glory.

This Feast of the Holy Family gives us much to ponder. Pope Francis said, "Today our gaze on the Holy Family lets us also be drawn into the simplicity of the life they led in Nazareth. It is an example that does our families great good, helping them increasingly to become communities of love and reconciliation, in which tenderness, mutual help, and mutual forgiveness is experienced. Let us remember the three key words for living in peace and joy in the family: <u>"may I"</u>, <u>"thank you"</u> and <u>"sorry"</u>. (Dec. 29, 2013)

As we celebrate this feast of the Holy Family, let us remember to take the time to pray to them for our guidance and inspiration. We often find ourselves in situations that bring us to make difficult decisions. Our prayers to the Holy Family can greatly assist us in our lives. Especially in our world today when there might be an increase of fear in all walks of life, we can use their help! Let's not underestimate the power of our prayer. Mary, Joseph and Jesus certainly had times of anxiety and shared some of the same frustrations as we share today. Just as Christ's presence brought joy to Mary and Joseph, may we find that some peace and joy in our own family this Christmas season and beyond.

\*\* Be safe this New Year's Eve - watch out for the intoxicated drivers out on the road. We have to watch out for them since they probably don't watch out for us! Remember Masses for the Holyday of Obligation are 4 pm on New Year's Eve and then 9:30 am on New Year's Day. New Year's Day is the Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God.

\*\* Many, many thanks to all of you who offered Christmas greetings, blessing, prayers, cookies, or other gifts. Your kindness and thoughtfulness is always very much appreciated. Please know that all of you are a very special family! I am very happy and proud to be a part of it. You are certainly in my thoughts, prayers and the Masses I celebrate.

\*\* Are not our church and grounds beautiful? Many thanks to those who took the many hours to put the lights on the trees, put up the nativity set, and to decorate the church. We certainly appreciate all that you did!!

\*\* End and begin the year in peace, joy and good wishes. See you at Mass next year! Msgr. Gary Smetanka

# Please pray for:

## In memoriam

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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
1/2/1964	Elizabeth Gleason
1/2/1966	William J. Geis
1/2/1983	Virginia Motter
1/2/1998	Theodore J. Manning
1/2/2000	Clement Zmyslowski
1/2/2003	Rosemary DeGrieck
1/2/2018	Emilie Marshall
1/2/2021	Marie Vanderpool
1/2/2023	Barbara Weiss

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.

1/3/1987	Rose Byrne
1/3/2008	George Young
1/4/1969	Grace Gorman
1/4/1977	Pauline VulTaggio
1/4/1997	David Griffin
1/4/2004	Mary Maher
1/4/2007	Robert E. Brown
1/5/1985	Cyrilla Reichling
1/5/1986	Peter Kaspari
1/5/1998	Kathleen Qualls
1/5/2007	Rosemary Elias
1/5/2016	John Reuter
1/5/2021	Mary Ann Leto
1/5/2022	Joseph Drader

# the sick

Jennie Barzotti Jeanne Collins Sam D'Anna **Greg DeMars** Barbara Drader Kaynoa 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

# Mass Intentions

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

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Tuesday, Dec 7:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	NO MASS	
Wednesday, . 9:30 a.m.	<b>January 1</b> +Jazzmin Spindler +Edmund Ahee, Jr.	
Thursday, Jan 7:30 a.m.	u <b>ary 2</b> +Emilie Marshall +Dan Howell	
Friday, Janua 8:30 a.m.	<b>ry 3</b> +Lori Spindler	
Saturday, Jan 4:00 p.m.	<b>uary 4</b> +David Graham Michael David	
Sunday, January 5 8:00 a.m. OLSOS Parishioners Increase in Religious Vocations +Gil Pendolino		
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9:30 a.m.	+Luciano Argel The Wawrzasek Family	
11:30 a.m.	+Virginia Mushenski +John Ahee +Jazzmin Spindler	

+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.



# Holiday Hours

## Holiday Office Hours

The Office will be closed January 1 and 2 We will close at noon on Tuesday December 31 Adoration in the Parish Office will be cancelled: Wednesday, January 1



# **OPEN HOUSE** + ART SHOW

# January 26, 2025 | **12:00 - 3:00 PM** 467 Fairford. Rd. Grosse Pointe Woods





# 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>il.zedan@gmail.com</u> for more information.

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



## Christmas Flowers In memory/in Honor of:

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Kennedy

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ambrose

The Grzesik Family

+Ron - "The Unicorn Man"

# 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

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

December 31, 2024 4:00pm January 1, 2025 9:30 am

# **Care**Pointe

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

#### WHEN

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

#### WHERE

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

#### WHAT TO EXPECT

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

# All Are Welcome

For more information, visit us at CarePointeSupport.org

TrarePointeSupport Email: info@CarePointeSupport.org Phone: 313.884.5554

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





# DEEF CAVINS and JEFFREY MORROW

**Every Thursday:** 

February 6th - March 27th

**Morning Session:** 

9:30-11:00am

**Evening Session:** 

7:00-8:30pm

# ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled

The Gospel of Luke highlights key moments in salvation history, from John the Baptist's foretold birth to Jesus' ascension. Unique elements include the road to Emmaus story and parables like the Prodigal Son and Good Samaritan, showcasing Jesus' mercy. An 8-part study by Jeff Cavins and Dr. Jeffrey Morrow explores Luke's Biblical connections to Mary, the Rosary, and the Mass, deepening prayer and faith.

Ways to Sign Up:

Option 1: Scan the QR code Option 2: Cut out and return slip



\$35 Per Person

Questions directed to Jack Novak: j.novak@stargp.org

Name:\_\_\_\_\_

Email:

CIRCLE YOUR SESSION MORNING EVENING

Phone Number:

Please return to parish office with payment of \$35 in the form of cash or check.

# AN EPIC WEEKEND RETREAT

# JANUARY 17-19, 2025

ALL HIGH SCHOOL TEENS WELCOME

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT JACK NOVAK: J.NOVAK@STARGP.ORG

THE Fdgf



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





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Compass aims to anticipate the needs of Catholic parents, accompany them through the trials and joys of family life, and point them to faithful answers to life's difficult questions.

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# 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

Stewardship Thoughts

The topics of family honor and obedience connect today's Scripture passages. The Book of Sirach instructs those who respectfully honor their father and revere their mother atone for their sins and in turn, store up riches. Those who are caregivers for aging parents are also remembered — their generosity is an offering against sin. In St. Luke's Gospel, Mary and Joseph find Jesus in the Temple after a frantic three-day search. The evangelist tells of their return to Nazareth, where Jesus is obedient to them. Pope St. John Paul II emphasized the family as the "Domestic Church." Archbishop Allen Vigneron also discusses the importance of the "Domestic Church" in his pastoral letter, Unleash the Gospel (see: Guidepost 7, Families. https://www.unleashthegospel.org). Please pray for faith-filled families, as their discipleship is the foundation for vocations to the priesthood, religious life, permanent diaconate, and other ministries to the Church.

Scripture Readings		
For the Week of December 29, 2024		
Sunday	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 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24;	
	Lk 2:41-52	
Monday	1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40	
Tuesday	1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18	
Wednesday	Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary,	
	the Mother of God	
	Num 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5,6,8; Gal 4:4-7;	
	Lk 2:16-21	
Thursday	Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and	
	Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and	
	Doctors of the Church	
	1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28	
Friday	1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34	
Saturday	Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton,	
	Religious	
	1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1:35-42	
Sunday	The Epiphany of the Lord	
	Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13;	
	Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12	



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

Raise the Roof update as of December 16, 2024

Donations received to date

% of goal shortage for project

\$700,811.11 28%

28% \$1,799,188.89

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

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





#### STRUGGLING WITH CHALLENGES IN YOUR MARRIAGE?

We provide spiritual and practical tools to help **couples** realize the marriage God desires for **them!** 

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Confidential, no fee help for your marriage: 313.237.4680 familyministry@aod.org

More information at AOD.ORG/MARRIAGECOACHING

DETROIT

# **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 - <u>11am - 2pm</u> in the Parish Office Chapel NO ADORATION DECEMBER 25 and JANUARY 1

# **Holy Hour**

**January 6** 7:00 pm in the church

# APRES SKI Auction 2025

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

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

The War Memorial March 1, 2025

# OLSOSAuction.org 313.423.9104

December 29, 2024



## 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 Dailyn MS 0:00 a m

**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 Saturday: 4:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:00, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. 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

## DIRECTORY

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