

August 23, 2020

# OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

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## Half and Half from Msgr. Gary Smetanka

How much have you had to change during the past 6 months? I bet you have had to change many aspects of your daily routine, your life, your habits, and your desires. One big factor initiating all this change is obviously our global pandemic. Our lives have been so turned upside down that we want to be more “normal.” Think of all the lives that have changed for those who have contracted covid-19 and the family members of those who have died because of it. We have seen funerals postponed or not happen at all. So many wedding couples have had numerous cancellations from venues, bands, caterers, etc. Then just when they think all is okay more changes come because of weather! Naturally, we as a parish had to adjust in many ways, especially with the unfortunate big decline of the Sunday collection. A few months ago, the parish staff was down to three people. Excluding the schoolteachers, all but those few people were furloughed.

As we slowly begin to move forward, we unfortunately have to eliminate the position of Youth Minister in the parish. Carolyn Mikula has done a fabulous job ministering to our youth for the past 13 years. During those years she found herself adapting to the changing winds of youth ministry in its approach and focus. She has worked with some of our youth in early college, high school and, in the most recent years, middle school. Much of what she has done the past few years is now not possible given no in-person contact, the few numbers allowed for activities, etc. So, it is with regret that we must eliminate the position and bid Carolyn farewell. I know she has been very influential in the faith life of many of our youth and I am deeply grateful for her dedicated ministry the past 13 years.

We also bid farewell to Amanda Brewer. Amanda started as our new parish office

receptionist, bulletin editor, facility scheduler and so much more back in February just when all this craziness was starting to develop. She quickly went from a busy office to a very slow office. She was a great addition to our staff with her positive attitude, smile, effectiveness and organization. Unfortunately, she decided to seek a new position. We will miss her in the parish office but wish her well and desire only the best for her.

Change and transitions are difficult, but we do not fail to remember that the Lord is always with us and leading us where He wants us to go! In Him we trust and face the future challenges with hope and the promise of goodness!

\*\* This week our school faculty and staff will have their many meetings in preparation for the upcoming school year. We are planning and hope for a full year of in-person learning with our excellent faculty and staff. Last Spring brought many sudden challenges, but our faculty and administration was fabulous in their response. We heard from many people how great our faculty was in being attentive to our students and families. Given the challenging unforeseen circumstances I don't think things could have been better. The end of the school year also brought the retirement of our principal Julie Aemisegger and a number of other teachers. We are blessed to have Mrs. Meghan Carter as our new principal. As she and the faculty now prepare for a new school year, in-person or an unexpected virtual change, we know we are in a much better place and ready for both possibilities. We are confident that the significant investment we have made in our technology and improvements will produce another exceptional year of learning for our students, “building strong minds and faithful hearts through Christ.”

Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus this week! Msgr. Gary Smetanka

## 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

“And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.”

*Matthew 16:18*

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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** 7:30 a.m.

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**MON** 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
**TUE** 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
**WED** 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
**THU** 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
**FRI** 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
**SAT** Closed  
**SUN** Closed  
**Holidays** — Closed

### BAPTISMS

Please call the parish office 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.**

August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Dear Star Parish Family,

It has been a joy ministering to this faith community for the past 13 years. I am trying to find the words to express my gratitude but am bound to fall short. I will try to summarize the best I can. John Paul II once said, "man is the only creature in the visible world that God willed for its own sake and man can fully discover his true self only in a sincere giving of himself." (JP II General Audience 1/16/1980). That gift of self is agape, true friendship. Thank you for being my friend and walking the journey of faith with me. I have discovered so much about myself and God through ministering to you and with you. I would like to thank Msgr. Gary for his trust in me and for commissioning me to minister to the youth of the parish. His leadership has given me the room to grow and improve. I would also like to thank the parish staff who were there when I needed them. A big thank you to Judy Zedan who was always ready for an adventure and allowed me to be creative and innovative. For Star's middle school teachers who opened their classrooms to me so I could teach religion, words cannot express how profound those moments of faith sharing were for me. For all the middle schoolers and high school students who shared their faith in Rooted (middle school religion class), Bible study, Alpha, at service project, and in prayer sessions, thank you! You are not just the future Church; you are the Church right now and She desperately needs your lively faith and joyful spirit. Witnessing your youthful growth in faith and love of Christ has transformed my life and given me great joy. You have given me hope that the world can be a better place because you are in it.

The average life of a youth minister is 3 years. By God's grace and through your friendship and enthusiasm for the faith, I have been blessed to exceed that time. All of you have made the difference in my personal faith journey and I hope that I was of assistance in yours. I hope I shed a light on Christ's love for you and His light was so overpowering that you were not able to resist an encounter with Him. I am truly grateful and blessed for all your friendship, your kind words, big hearts, and allowing me to walk with you on your journey of faith. I hope when you see me around town you will say hi and tell me how you are doing. If I do not see you, know that you are in my prayers. I am not saying goodbye, but farewell for now because I hope our paths meet again. Until that time, may the Lord bless you and keep you and may He be gracious to you.

Your Sister in Christ,

Carolyn Mikula

# Scripture Readings

## WEEK OF August 23 SUNDAY

### Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 22:19-23  
Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8  
Rom 11:33-36  
Mt 16:13-20

## MONDAY

### Feast of Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

Rv 21:9b-14  
Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18  
Jn 1:45-51

## TUESDAY

### Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17  
Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13  
Mt 23:23-26

## WEDNESDAY

2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18  
Ps 128:1-2, 4-5  
Mt 23:27-32

## THURSDAY

### Memorial of Saint Monica

1 Cor 1:1-9  
Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7  
Mt 24:42-51

## FRIDAY

### Memorial of Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Cor 1:17-25  
Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11  
Mt 25:1-13

## SATURDAY

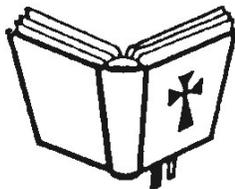
### Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist

1 Cor 1:26-31  
Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21  
Mk 6:17-29

## SUNDAY

### Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 20:7-9  
Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9  
Rom 12:1-2  
Mt 16:21-27



## Mass Intentions

### Monday, August 24

7:30 a.m. +Frank & Josephine M. Colombo

### Tuesday, August 25

7:30 a.m. OLSOS Parishioners

### Wednesday, August 26

7:30 a.m. +Ann Marie Rogier

### Thursday, August 27

7:30 a.m. +John F. Streberger & Family  
+Claire Yuhase Johnson  
+Joe Wasik  
+Steven Tironi  
+Elsie & William Connors

### Friday, August 28

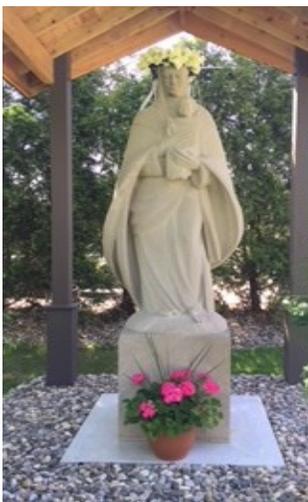
7:30 a.m. +Claire Yuhase Johnson  
Ray & Joan Kettel

### Saturday, August 29

4:00 p.m. +Aaron Blair  
+Kay Abram  
OLSOS Parishioners

### Sunday, August 30

8:00 a.m. +Kay Abram  
  
9:30 a.m. +Vince Fischer  
+Catherine Jaboro  
Charles Bolton  
William Krebs  
  
11:30 a.m. +Virginia Mushenski  
+Lou Iacobell  
+Robert LeFevre  
+Art & Dorothy Spindler



## Outdoor Rosary (weather permitting)

Every Thursday

7:30 pm

*In the Rosary Garden*

*Bring your own lawn chair  
and mask*

*\*The last Outdoor Rosary  
will be September 3<sup>rd</sup>*

## SAVE THE DATE

Our Lady Star of the Sea

Women's Retreat

Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>

Capuchin Retreat Center, Washington, MI

More details to follow



## Our Lady Star of the Sea Men's Retreat

**October 23-25, 2020**

**Manresa Jesuit Retreat House**

1390 Quarton Road ~ Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48013

[www.manresa-sja.org](http://www.manresa-sja.org)

**For information please call:**

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248-644-4933

## Mass Reservations

Currently our Mass attendance average has been staying consistent therefore we are no longer asking for Mass reservations. We thank you for your understanding during this time.



We warmly welcome the newly baptized member of

Our Lady Star of the Sea

*Jeremiah William Spagenberg*

Parents: Mark Spagenberg and Rachel Fresard

Godparents: Robert Lilly Jr. and Julie Fresard

Baptized August 16, 2020

By Msgr. Gary Smetanka

## In memoriam

8/24/1965 *Catherine LeFevre*  
8/24/1968 *Ruby Belanger*  
8/24/1992 *Mary Margaret*  
*Touscany*  
8/24/2010 *Eleanor Hammer*  
8/25/1967 *Micheline Szymanski*  
8/25/1974 *Paul Pieronek*  
8/25/1975 *Walter Karal*  
8/25/1978 *Martha Evans*  
8/25/1978 *Joan Rossi*  
8/25/1990 *Florence Calcaterra*  
8/25/1990 *Gregory Ward*  
8/25/1995 *Dorothy Black*  
8/26/1987 *William Juner*  
8/26/1993 *Don Schatzberg*  
8/26/2014 *Fredrick Natter*  
8/27/1991 *Cecilia Torzewski*  
8/27/1998 *Alphonsine Stansberry*  
8/27/2006 *Margaret Quinlan*  
8/27/2012 *Lee Marie Boni*  
8/27/2018 *Anthony Lesha*  
8/28/1981 *John Mannix*  
8/28/1985 *David Gardiner*  
8/28/2000 *Thechly Hawkins*  
8/29/1972 *Anna Pfent*  
8/29/1988 *Joseph Moll*  
8/29/2000 *Mamie Cuomo*  
8/29/2000 *Gertrude Proefke*  
8/29/2009 *Josephine Meyers*  
8/29/2019 *Kay Abram*  
8/29/2019 *Lorraine Brosteaux*  
8/29/2019 *Irene Grossi*  
8/30/1974 *Harold Rademaker*  
8/30/1974 *Edmond Verbeke*  
8/30/1984 *Irene Davis*  
8/30/1997 *Mary Buckel*  
8/30/2007 *Emily Kafarski*

## Please pray for

### the sick

Angela Agrusa  
John Ahee  
Daniel Ament  
Jim Amori  
Bruce Belcoure  
Lisa Belcoure  
Marie Brady  
Rod Brown  
Robert Caldwell  
Cassidy Christie  
Dr. William Collins  
Sharon De Long  
Virg Ditty  
Joseph Drader  
Dave Galbenski  
Peter John Hanna  
Dorothy Ignasiak  
Linda Keschl  
Steve Kocsis  
Lynn Land  
Giuseppe Lico  
Luke Lleshaj  
Phyllis Marek

Rev. Timothy Mazur  
Mary Ann Montpetit  
Kristina Mulder  
Laura Murphy  
Dan Murphy  
Sue Nelson  
Don Nelson  
Marilyn O'Bryan  
Sylvia Panicara  
Jim Panicara  
Lilian Rogers  
Joe Ross  
Terry Ryba  
Josh Simon  
Joseph Simon  
Kathy Spindler  
Raul Tomas  
Carmela Veneri  
Charlotte Weekes  
Fr. Francis Weingartz

### those in the military

Joshua Bielak  
Paul David Boni  
James Patrick Carrier  
Kyle Cone

Emily de Brun  
Jason T. Erbecker  
Ramon Lopez Garcia  
Dylan Goitz  
Kevin Hanley  
Matt Helm  
Matt Hoffman  
Matthew Johnston  
Justin Kelly  
Paul Koss  
Matt Lacy  
Kyle Lechner  
Thomas Miller  
Joseph Misuraca  
Michael Mott  
Vincent Scalabrino  
Meghan Servais  
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