

December 15 | 2019

# OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA BULLETIN

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## 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** 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
**TUE** 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
**WED** 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
**THU** 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
**FRI** 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 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

**SAT** 3:00 p.m. until all have been heard and 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 or online at [olsos.org](http://olsos.org). Please notify the Parish Office of address changes.

**Hearing devices are available for use during Mass. Please ask an usher for assistance.**

**Bulletin articles are due by 10:00 a.m. on Friday. Submitted bulletin content is subject for approval.**

Over half of the Advent season is over. The days of Christmas will be here soon. 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?

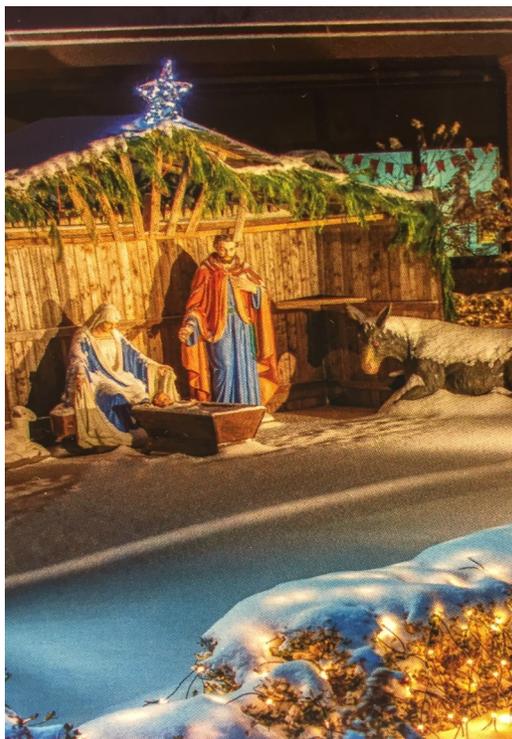
The legend of the Christmas tree in our homes is meant to remind us of the connection of heaven and earth as the tree points straight up with the star or angel on top and the village or nativity under the



tree. Let the lights of your tree remind you of the acts of kindness needed to help transform our individual lives and the world. If you have your nativity set under the tree, lay on the floor with the children (you might need them later to help you get up!) and talk about the awe of Christ's birth and the wonder of heaven. Look at the amazement on the faces of your children and thank God for the blessings and gifts children bring to us. Thank God for the great gift of the baby that has brought all of us salvation and grace – the Christ Child!

Take these last days of Advent to welcome Christmas. As the Christmas season begins next Tuesday evening, may we continue to be a blessing to all we encounter and keep Christ as the reason for the season!

\*\* Thanks to all of you who have done so



## Prayer for our Christmas Guests

Dear Lord,  
As we prepare for your coming,  
let us reflect on the journey  
Mary and Joseph took on their way  
to Bethlehem. They were tired  
and alone, and there was  
no room for them at the inn.  
Help us to open the doors of our hearts  
and our parish as we welcome guests  
this Christmas. We pray that those  
who come will feel welcome  
and experience your great love  
and peace through each of us.  
Help us to see with your eyes,  
serve with your hands,  
and to embrace  
those who will come into our midst.  
Amen.



from  
**Msgr. Gary  
 Smetanka**

much to make our parish so beautiful and so vibrant. Be sure to spread the word and invite others to be with us! Let's continue to pray and prepare for our "Christmas Guests." Think now who you can invite to celebrate "Christmas at Star" and let them know our Mass schedule. We want to be warm and welcoming to all those who come to celebrate Christmas with us. We thank God that they chose to come to Star of the Sea so let's give them our best so they want to return! Let's help them have a wonderful encounter with

Jesus not only through our liturgies but especially through us!! Notice the "Christmas Dos and Don'ts" put them into action.

\*\* There are a few opportunities for the Sacrament of Penance or confession this week. Fr. Brian Meldrum and I will be in our church "with the light on" from 6:30 -8:00 pm. Monday night. Tuesday, we have two SERF Vicariate penance services: St. Pio Church (13 Mile west of Gratiot) at 1 pm and St. Joan of Arc at 7 pm. These are services with individual confessions.

\*\*Remember that any donations for the "Christmas collection" must be marked **Christmas**, or in the special Christmas envelope, and/or dated as such.

May you be touched by the powerful presence of the Lord as we prepare and celebrate His coming!

Msgr. Gary Smetanka

**this week...**

December 15 - December 22

<b>SUN</b> 15	<b>Third Sunday of Advent Fellowship Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m. Mass 9:30 a.m. Kingdom Kids Sunday Preschool 9:30 a.m. Little Sailors Child Care 9:30 a.m. Mass 9:30 a.m. RCIA 11:30 a.m. Mass
<b>MON</b> 16	7:30 a.m. Mass 6:30 p.m. Private Confessions Until 8pm
<b>TUE</b> 17	7:30 a.m. Mass 4:00 p.m. NO Religious Education 6:30 p.m. NO Religious Education 7:30 p.m. Rosary and Chaplet
<b>WED</b> 18	7:30 a.m. Mass 11:00 a.m. Adoration until 2:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. Light of Mercy Prayer 7:00 p.m. High School Chosen
<b>THU</b> 19	6:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship 7:30 a.m. Mass
<b>FRI</b> 20	8:30 a.m. Mass
<b>SAT</b> 21	9:00 a.m. Blanket Making Ministry 1:00 p.m. CarePointe 3:00 p.m. Confessions 4:00 p.m. Mass (Vigil)
<b>SUN</b> 22	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent Fellowship Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m. Mass 9:30 a.m. NO Kingdom Kids Sunday Preschool 9:30 a.m. Little Sailors Child Care 9:30 a.m. Mass 9:30 a.m. RCIA 11:30 a.m. Mass

**Prayer for  
 Blessing of a Manger**

God of every nation and people,  
 from the beginning of creation  
 you have made manifest your love;  
 when our need for a Savior  
 was great  
 you sent your Son to be born of  
 the Virgin Mary.  
 To our lives be brings joy and peace,  
 justice, mercy, and love.

Lord,  
 bless all you look upon this manger;  
 May it remind us of  
 the humble birth of Jesus,  
 and raise up our thoughts to him,  
 who is God-with-us and Savior of all,  
 and who lives and reigns for ever  
 and ever.  
 Amen. [From Book of Blessings]

**Prayer for the Blessing of  
 a Christmas Tree**

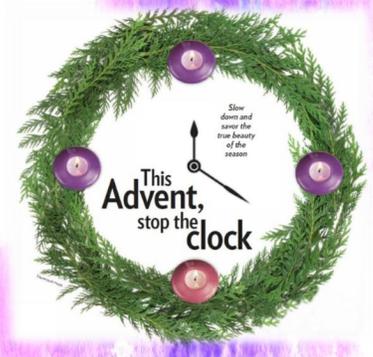
Lord our God,  
 we praise you for the light of creation:  
 the sun, the moon, and the stars of  
 the night.

We praise you for the light of Israel:  
 the Law, the prophets,  
 and the wisdom of the Scriptures.

We praise you for Jesus Christ,  
 your Son: he is Emmanuel,  
 God-with-us, the Prince of Peace,  
 who fill us with the wonder of  
 your love.

Lord God,  
 Let your blessing come upon us  
 as we illumine this tree.  
 May the light and cheer it gives  
 be a sign of the joy  
 that fills our hearts.  
 May all who delight in this tree  
 come to the knowledge  
 and joy of salvation.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
 Amen. [From Book of Blessings]



## Christian Service

COMMUNITY SERVICE



### Homebound Ministry

If you or someone you know are unable to attend Mass and would like to share in the Eucharist, please call the Parish Office at 884-5554 to schedule a volunteer to bring you Holy Communion.

### Pray the Rosary Daily

and we will have peace in the world.

Watch the video at [www.peacebyprayer.com](http://www.peacebyprayer.com)

### Donate your car to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The car will be picked up within 24 hours, the tax paperwork will be sent to you, and the donation stays in the community:

[www.svdpusacars.com](http://www.svdpusacars.com),  
or call (800) 322-8284.

[www.advanc-ed.org](http://www.advanc-ed.org)



Our Lady Star of the Sea School has been a Nationally Recognized

# CHRISTMAS

## Christmas Eve

4:00 pm- Youth Chorale + Trumpet

4:15 pm (In Gymnasium) -

Contemporary Ensemble

6:00 pm- Contemporary Ensemble

11:00 pm- Choir + Brass + Cello

*Musical Prelude at 10:30 pm*

## Christmas Day

9:30 am - Brass Ensemble

11:30 am - Choir + Brass

## Mary, Holy Mother of God

*Holy Day of Obligation*

Tuesday, December 31, 4:00 pm

Wednesday, January 1, 9:30 am

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

### At Our Lady Star of the Sea

Saturdays @ 3:00 p.m. until all have been heard.

### Special Evening for Individual Confessions

**Monday, Dec. 16 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**



### Vicariate Services—Tuesday, Dec. 17

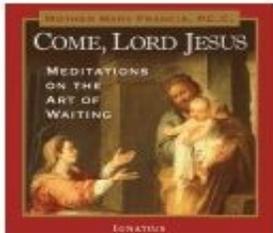
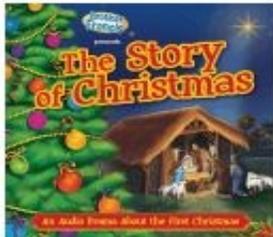
Communal Celebration  
with Individual Confession

St. Pio Church  
1:00 p.m.

St. Joan of Arc Church  
7:00 p.m.



# ADVENT



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Register at [www.olsos.formed.org](http://www.olsos.formed.org)

food for thought...

Papal Tweet



- Corruption undermines the dignity of the person and shatters all good and beautiful ideals. All of society is called upon to make a concrete commitment to combat the cancer of corruption which, with the illusion of quick and easy profits, in reality impoverishes everyone.

<https://twitter.com/Pontife>



Our Lady  
Star of the Sea  
Catholic Parish

@StarOfTheSeaGP

## Stay in Touch

Below is a list of websites to help you stay current with your faith journey

- † [aodonline.org](http://aodonline.org) - information concerning the Archdiocese of Detroit
- † [usccb.org](http://usccb.org) - United States Conference of Catholic Bishops ~ liturgical readings, news and calendar
- † [discovermass.com](http://discovermass.com) - View OLSOS bulletins by typing in our zip code ~ click on view bulletins
- † [massimes.org](http://massimes.org) - use this website to find locations and times of Masses when traveling and on the road.

## Christmas Concert

December 28

7:30 pm

Featuring: Angela Theis,  
Aaron Caruso,  
Fr. Brian Meldrum &  
Dr. Sara Chiesa



# FORMING OUR FAITH

## *Turning Pink With Joy on Gaudete Sunday*

As we enter the third week of Advent, you might be asking *why is the candle this week PINK?* You know that the four candles represent the four weeks of Advent, and one candle is lit each Sunday but did you know that each of the candles also have their own special significance? Three of the candles are purple because the color violet is a liturgical color that signifies a time of prayer, penance, and sacrifice.

The first candle, which is purple, symbolizes **hope**. It is sometimes called the “Prophecy Candle” in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

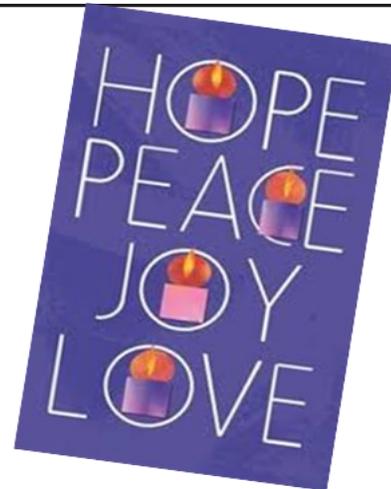
The second candle, also purple, represents **faith**. It is called the “Bethlehem Candle” as a reminder of Mary and Joseph’s journey to Bethlehem.

The third candle is pink and symbolizes **joy**. It is called the “Shepard’s Candle,” and is pink because rose is a liturgical color for joy. The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent.

On the fourth week of Advent, we light the final purple candle to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our Savior. This final candle, the “Angel’s Candle,” symbolizes **peace**. It reminds us of the message of the angels: “Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men.”

Some Advent wreaths also include a white candle, which is placed in the middle of the wreath and lit on Christmas Eve. This candle is called the “Christ Candle” and represents the life of Christ. The color white is for purity—because Christ is our sinless, pure Savior.

*Many blessings this Advent season “... As we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.”*



## Religious Education Calendar

### Grades 1-8—Tues.

Dec. 17, 24, 31 –NO CLASS = Merry Christmas!

Classes resume January 7, 2020

### High School Chosen –Weds.

Dec. 18—Class

Dec. 25—NO CLASS– Merry Christmas!

Classes resume January 8, 2020



## Rejoice Sunday

## Men's Club Christmas Holiday Meeting

All OLSOS Men's Club current members, potential members, and past members are encouraged to attend the Men's Club meeting and Christmas Holiday Social

**Thursday, December 19th**

7:00 to 10:30 PM

Grosse Pointe Yacht Club Tower Pub

Complimentary dinner and drinks provided.

As you know, Men's club events during the school year, raise funds for the OLSOS Youth Athletic Programs.

**OLSOS Men's Club Activities throughout the year support Star Youth Athletic Programs.**

Refer your questions to Bob Ament,  
Communications & Hospitality Chair,  
OLSOS Men's Club,  
[amentrobertj@gmail.com](mailto:amentrobertj@gmail.com).  
Text or Call: 313-608-3184



'TIS THE SEASON TO

JINGLE  
& MINGLE

Our Lady Star of the Sea

CAROLING  
COCOA  
&  
GAMES

Friday, December 27  
6:30-8PM  
The Pointe  
467 Fairford GPW

RSVP by 12/20 [j.umbarger@stargp.org](mailto:j.umbarger@stargp.org)

# Christmas Day Do's and Don'ts

## Do's

- Smile!
- Welcome people around you to the parish, especially if they are visitors.
- Guide non-Catholics (or visitors) to where the Order of Mass may be found in the Sunday Word booklets
- Invite people to explore our bulletin, website or Facebook page to connect with the parish.
- Extend warm Christmas greetings to those around you and invite them join us again.

## Don'ts

- Get mad if someone is sitting in your regular seat.
- Get mad if people are talking before Mass.
- Get mad if babies are crying.
- Get annoyed if it is hot and crowded.
- Give dirty looks to people who do not know what to do in church or during Mass.



## UNLEASH THE GOSPEL

### go and make disciples

Ready or not Christmas is less than two weeks away.

As our parish Advent liturgies continue to develop the theme of preparation we have been involved in the hectic pace of a different kind: decorating, baking, shopping for and wrapping gifts, preparing for family meals and gatherings and attending parties.

Each year when Advent begins I think it'll be different this year. I'll get all my shopping done early. I'll have everything so organized that getting ready for Christmas will be calm and joyful.

And those are just the secular expectations. There is another whole list of spiritual goals that I set for myself.

As we celebrate the Advent liturgies we are told to be watchful, to repent, to do penance, to slow down, be silent and listen. And we have every intention of doing that.

Then life happens. All the planned events are now crammed into a full schedule of unexpected events. By the third Sunday of this short season, it seems as though we won't be ready.

Maybe that is what the unexpected happenings are meant to do. Remind us to slow down, shift our focus, be silent and invite Jesus in.

From experience, I know that no matter how far in advance we know something is coming we are still taken by

surprise at the suddenness of it all.

The scripture tells us that Mary gave birth to Jesus even when "there was no room for them in the inn" (Luke 1:27). I have no doubt that if Mary were to have planned the time and place of the birth of her Son, she wouldn't have chosen a stable in a strange city.

The birth we celebrate on December 25<sup>th</sup> comes to us whether we are ready or not. And thank God. If left up to us, I would guess we would still be saying to God, "Wait, I need a little time to become more deserving. Don't come yet. I'm not quite ready."

The gift of the Incarnation will be handed to us all by a God who is less interested in our readiness than in our faithfulness. A God who loves us just the way we are.

Christmas is ten days away. Be ready to receive the newborn Christ child given to us.

Ready or not.  
One in the Spirit  
Joanne Mualem  
Evangelization Commission

**Sunday, January 26**

**12-3pm**

**467 Fairford**

**GPW**

**313-884-1070**



# Open House

Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic School  
Pre-k- 8th Grade  
Tour Classrooms Art Studio Tech Lab Resource Rm



**Art  
and  
Science Fair**

## Baptism

**December 8, 2019**

**Liliana Rose Kilberg**

Daughter of Daniel & Catherine (Lancaster)  
Kilberg

Godparent: Michael Kosch

Christian Witness: Dana Schultz



Our Lady Star of the Sea Middle School Students gathered at Starbucks and wrote every retired priest in the Archdiocese of Detroit a Christmas card. Our parish family is truly blessed to have such caring youth as part of our community.



**Monday, Dec. 16th**

**7:40am-8:10am**

**Bible Study**

At Starbucks  
(Mack Ave. & Allard Ave.)

**Contact: Carolyn Mikula**

**313-884-7407 Ext. 208 or**

**C.Mikula@stargp.org**

## Please pray for

### the sick

Angela Agrusa  
Daniel Ament  
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  
Linda Keschl  
Steve Kocsis  
Luke Lleshaj  
Phyllis Marek  
Rev. Timothy Mazur  
Bill Minoletti  
Mary Ann Montpetit  
Kristina Mulder  
Laura Murphy  
Dan Murphy  
Sue Nelson  
Don Nelson  
Marilyn O'Bryan  
Sylvia Panicara  
Jim Panicara  
Lilian Rogers  
Terry Ryba  
Josh Simon  
Joseph Simon  
Carmela Veneri  
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  
Dan Sheppard  
Richard Shetter, III  
Robert Skowronski  
Antonio Spindler  
Donte Spindler  
Michael Trondle  
Michael Ullman  
John Walker

### the faithful departed

Rosemary Otlowski

# scripture readings

## WEEK OF DECEMBER 15

### SUNDAY

#### Third Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

### 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

#### Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

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

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

**\*\*The Mass Intention Book for 2019 is closed.**

**Please call the parish office for the availability of dates.**

## Teacher Feature by Emily Theis

On Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, students in the fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth grades at Our Lady Star of the Sea competed in the Eastside Catholic Forensics tournament at Saint Mary Catholic School. Forensics is a club offered at Star and other schools in the Archdiocese of Detroit, where students memorize a speech or story and perform it during an annual tournament. These students are judged on poise, tone, volume, articulation, eye contact, and stage presence while giving their speech.

After practicing their speeches for months, the students were able to perform their pieces at the competition. Many of our students received awards for excellence in their category. In the category of Poetry, Bella McKeown received a second place and two third places and Tyler Morrison received a third place. In the category of Drama, Amelia Streberger received two first places and a third place, Kate Bania received a first place and two second places, and Gisele Bourbeau received a first and second place. In the category of Storytelling, Brady Ancona received a third place, Brennan Short received a third place, and Jack Griffin received an Honorable Mention. In the category of Prose, Gabby Miller received two first places and a second place, Addie Ancona received two second places, Maddelyn Walter received a third place, and Emily Bania received an Honorable Mention. In the category of Declamation, Emily Giffer received two third places and Katelyn Tomas received two third places. In the category of Impromptu, Joey Drawbaugh received a second place and Lorenzo Cavaliere received a second place. A team of Ava Lambiris and Kerith Short received a second place, a team of John Francis and Mallory McKeown received two third places, and a team of Chizy and Chisom Nwoke received an Honorable Mention in the category of Duo. Grace Cleary, Elle Quinlan, Audrey Schena, Lauren Shipe, and Sarah Tomas all received two first places and a third place in the category of Multiple.

A special congratulations goes to Gabby Miller who received a second-place award overall in the category of Prose, to Kate Bania and Amelia Streberger who both received a second-place award overall in the category of Drama, and to the Multiple team of Grace Cleary, Elle Quinlan, Audrey Schena, Lauren Shipe, and Sarah Tomas who received a second-place award overall in their category.

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Forensics competition this year!



# SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2020

7:00 - 11:30 PM • GAME START: 8:00 PM • 467 FAIRFORD

**SECURE YOUR SEAT BY REGISTERING ONLINE AT: [WWW.OLSOS.ORG](http://WWW.OLSOS.ORG)**



## 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.
- 12/18/1963 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 Rauss
- 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
- 12/22/1962 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

### Auction 2020 THE DERBY

Place Your  
Bet on a Star



The Kentucky Derby is often referred to "the most exciting two minutes in sports." We are fortunate that THE DERBY-Auction 2020 will bring an entire evening of excitement and an impact that lasts throughout the year for our school! Be sure to plan to be there on February 29th at the Country Club of Detroit to "Place Your Bet on a Star."

With only two months to go, we ask you to consider contributing to the success of this year's Auction by advertising, donating, or joining Honorary Auction Chair, Patti Stumb as an Auction Patron by making a monetary contribution. We are grateful for all levels of support--each one will benefit each Star student for years to come. To discuss any of these opportunities or any Auction question, please contact Danielle Brousseau at 313-423-9104 or by emailing: [danielle@olsos-auction.org](mailto:danielle@olsos-auction.org)

### Thank you Auction 2020 Patrons Patty Stumb, Honorary Auction Chair

Dave and Pam Barthel	Joe & Barbara Drader	Mark & Mary Ann Rusch
Catherine Boyle	Susan Kenney	Patrick & Luann Ryan
Dave & Annette Cataldi	Mary Kathleen Luberta	Carolyn Wujek
The Cusenza Family	Dr. & Mrs. Arthur H. Molitor	Ellen Zaccardelli
John Ryder Dillon	Joanne Mualem	David & Lorna Zalenski
	John & Sheila Roarty	

(Listing includes all contributions received by December 9th. Contributions received by January 30th will be acknowledged in the auction catalog)

[www.OLSOS-Auction.org](http://www.OLSOS-Auction.org)

## Mass Intentions

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

7:30 a.m.

† Frank & Josephine M. Columbo

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

7:30 a.m.

† James McDonnagh

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

7:30 a.m.

† Angelo Ronzi  
† Robert Ronzi  
† Angeline Ronzi Diedo

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

7:30 a.m.

† Elsie & William Connors

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

8:30 a.m.

† Kathleen Delia

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

4:00 p.m.

† Carmela Brucia  
† Pete & Connie Cracchiolo  
† Margaret Schulte  
† Thomas P. Casey

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

8:00 a.m.

† Kevin Collins  
† Art & Dorothy Spindler  
OLSOS Parishioners

9:30 a.m.

† Dorothy Gordono  
† Marilyn Bourgoin  
† Catherine Jaboro  
† Christine Kreuter  
Lowell Ahee Family

11:30 a.m.

† Virginia Mushenski  
† John LoVasco  
† Tim Cavanaugh  
† Patricia Kratochwill Lindlauf  
† Gino Cavaliere

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE - ADVENT

SAT 4:00 <sub>PM</sub>	SUN 8:00 <sub>AM</sub>	SUN 9:30 <sub>AM</sub>	SUN 11:30 <sub>AM</sub>	December 21/22
Msgr. Gary Smetanka	Fr. Jeff Allen	Msgr. Gary Smetanka	Fr. Brian Meldrum	CELEBRANT
Camille Walton	Terry Varani	Stephen Knowlton	Marilynn Blair	LECTOR
Saturday Team	Team B	Team D	Team F	USHERS
Randy Eissa Mary Ann Fox Dennis Janowski Bill Quinlan Paul Ventimiglia	<b>Anthony Brinkman</b> Bob Chevalier Jeff Heutter Mike Makowski Jim Solomon Leonard Stoehr Frank Zimmer	Ray Kettel Walter Pokladek Lindsay Rusch Mark Rusch Joe Surmont	<b>Bill Bolton</b> <b>Doug Hawkins</b> Dr. Charlotte Hartzell Ted Kedzierski Dr. Ray Rahi Dr. John Roarty John Shea	
K. Scott C. Nwoke C. Nwoke	J. Drawbaugh J. Francis W. Seymour	J. Griffin B. Collins T. Collins	S. Michael M. Blazejewski M. Siciliano	ALTAR SREVERS
Tom & Sandy Youngblood Jerry & Maureen Berndtson	Chris & Jeannette Ancona	John & Kathy Trupiano Joe & Betty Ahee	Lillian Licata	GREETERS
Maryann & Bob Gesell	Margaret Spindler	Mark & Kathy Higgins	Kathy Hawkins	SACRISTAN
Robbie Henrichs Marianne Carlisle		Ray & Joan Kettel		PRAYER MINISTERS

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE - CHRISTMAS EVE

TUE 4:00 <sub>PM</sub>	TUE 4:15 <sub>PM</sub>	TUE 6:00 <sub>PM</sub>	TUE 11:00 <sub>PM</sub>	December 24
Msgr Gary Smetanka	Fr. Brian Meldrum	Msgr. Gary Smetanka	Msgr. Gary Smetanka	CELEBRANT
Michael Patten	Kerry Schaeffner	Aimee Argel	Tom Kliber	LECTOR
B. Collins T. Collins E. Giffer	S. Ancona A. Ancona TBD	TBD	TBD	ALTAR SERVERS
TBD	Margaret Spindler	Schott & Chris Morrison	TBD	SACRISTIAN

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE - CHRISTMAS DAY

WED 9:30 <sub>AM</sub>	WED 11:30 <sub>AM</sub>	December 25
Fr. Brian Meldrum	Msgr. Gary Smetanka	CELEBRANT
Chris Gassen	Michelle Mualem	LECTOR
TBD	TBD	ALTAR SERVERS
TBD	Kathy Hawkins	SACRISTIAN

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## News in our Community

### Altar Servers

#### Monday, December 16

7:30 a.m. C. Nwoke, C. Nwoke

#### Tuesday, December 17

7:30 a.m. C. Nwoke, C. Nwoke

#### Wednesday, December 18

7:30 a.m. P. Roustemis, M. Roustemis

#### Thursday, December 19

7:30 a.m. P. Roustemis, M. Roustemis

#### Friday, December 20

8:30 a.m. R. McKeown, S. Michael,  
J. Francis

## Holy Water Care



**December 20** Gail Merrill

**December 27** Liz Abood

Please contact Elsie Surmont  
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## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



### HOLY HOUR

**January 6, 2020**

**7:30pm - 8:30pm**

In Church

### Wednesdays

**No Adoration** December 25 & January 1

**11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

*Parish Office Chapel*