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OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA BULLETIN Catholic Church

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mass times & information

SAT SUN	4:00 p.m. (Vigil) 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
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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. Others, 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. "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 the 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.

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 many situations that bring difficult decisions to make. 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.

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis has said that Christmas is a time to encounter Jesus. "Christmas is an encounter between God and His people." It is also a mystery of consolation. Christmas speaks to us about tenderness and hope. Let us continue to seek out and be open for all the ways in which we can encounter Christ: in our prayers, our liturgies, our sacraments, and in our families. And the opportunity for us to be that instrument of God encountering His people!

** 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.

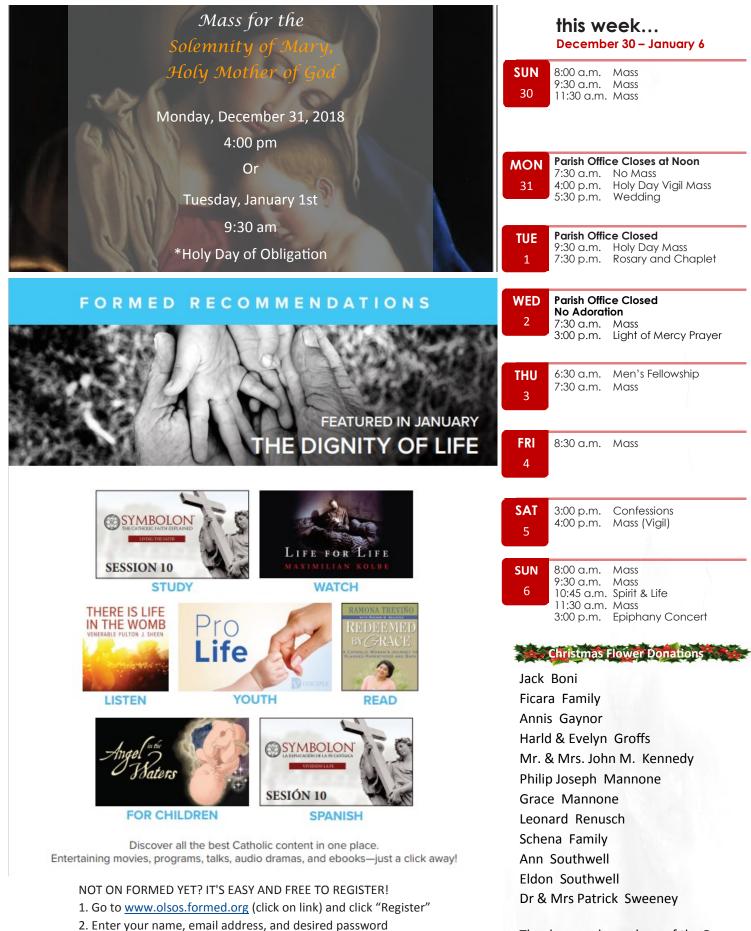
** Many, many thanks to all of you who offered Christmas greetings, blessing, prayers, cookies, or other gifts. Your kindness and thoughtfulness is always very much appreciated. Please know that all of you are a very special family1 I am very happy and proud to be a part of it. You are certainly in my thoughts, prayers and the Masses I celebrate.

** During the Christmas season we always find individuals and families who return to Our Lady Star of the Sea. To all of you – Welcome! Know you are welcome and, if you come often, why not consider joining the family!?? If you have questions please contact us by phone, email or personally after Mass.

** 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 in church!

Msgr. Gary Smetanka



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Christian 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.

Our Lady Star of the Sea School is continuing to collect Box Tops For Education.

Box Tops can be sent to the school office or put in to the collection container In the back of the Church.



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, or call (800) 322-8284.

www.advanc-ed.org



Our Lady Star of the Sea School has been a Nationally Recognized School of Excellence since 1998 You're Invited! What: Middle School Information Meeting When: January 14, 2019 at 6:30 pm Where: Star of the Sea's School Library

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We look forward to speaking with you about the wonderful opportunities here at your parish school. We are very fortunate that our students learn in a safe and faith-filled environment which offers excellent religious, academic and special elective programs.

EPIPHANY CONCERT MUSIC FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

Featuring the choirs of ST. LUCY ST. JOAN OF ARC OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

SUNDAY JANUARY 6, 2019 3:00 PM

Our Lady Star of the Sea 467 Fairford Rd. Grosse Pointe Woods, MI

Free will offering to benefit Better Way Detroit

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

For over 60 years, Our Lady Star of the Sea School has been dedicated to teaching and engaging students beyond standards.

We are committed to prepare students for their next academic endeavor and for their continued faith formation. Since 1998, we have proudly earned national accreditation through AdvancEd.

What our families value about us:

- Faith formation, respect and personal responsibility
- Excellence in education, encouraging individual talents
- Critical thinking skills
- A safe and nurturing learning environment
- Service to others
- Achievement and leadership opportunities
- A strong sense of family & community



SAVE the DATE OPEN HOUSE Sunday, January 27th 12-3pm

Tour the School

Meet Staff, Students and Parents Student Art & Science Fair

> Parents of 5th grade student

Middle School Orientation Tuesday, January 14th 6:30pm~ Library Kindergarten Round-up Monday, March 4th 6:30pm~ Rm. 25



FORMING OUR FAITH

Spirit & Life and Christmas

Our Spirit & Life (7th and 8th grade) Confirmation Preparation students spent their last session in December learning and discussing the two ways that the Word of God is revealed to us; through the creation of the world and in the person of Jesus, when the Word became flesh. We discussed what the Incarnation is and why it is important to us today. That through the Incarnation, Jesus gave us back our identity so we can live in God's image once again. We remembered that the joy of Christmas is not for a day or season. It is an eternal joy that no one can take from us because it is the joy of Jesus Christ himself made present in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who dwells within us. We meditated on the First Nativity. We experienced being right there with Joseph, Mary, and Jesus. In small groups, the students also looked at Traditional Christmas Carols and how they come directly from the Gospels.

We ended our session with Music and Cookies.

Each small group sung one verse from a Traditional Christmas Carol to "earn" their Christmas Cookies!





LITTLE SAILORS CHILD CARE

Little Sailors Childcare is held every Sunday during the 9:30 am Mass in room 29 of the

school. This program is intended for children aged 12 months to 3 years. Our youngest parishioners can play and be cared for while you can fully participate at Mass.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Judy Zedan @ j.zedan@stargp.org -OR- 313-884-7407



FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

Classes Resume on

Kingdom Kids Preschool – January 6th

Grades 1-6—January 8th

Spirit & Life Grades 7 & 8- Jan. 6th and 8th

Many blessings in the New Year!



IF YOU WERE ASKED ABOUT....

THE INQUISTION, "THE DARK AGES", THE GALILEO AFFAIR,

WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Many in our society misunderstand and even attack our Church for the supposed misdeeds of the past. Topics such as the Crusades, the "Inquisition", and Galileo are used in an attempt to discredit the Church and her role in the world. What is the truth concerning these events and persons? How can you answer the objections?

Join us for this exciting journey through Church history and you will:

- Learn about the major people, places, and events of the last thousand years of Church history.
- Remember the 12 time periods of Church history using a unique color-coded system.
- Discover the revolutionary character of the Protestant Reformation.
- Discover the massive persecution of Christians in the 20th century.
- See the workings of the Holy Spirit throughout Church history and much more!

EPIC – A Journey Through Church History By Steve Weidenkopf

Steve Weidenkopf has a gift for making Catholic Church history come alive for any audience. He currently serves as a lecturer in Church History for the Notre Dame Graduate School of Christendom College.

★ Calling all OLSOS Alumni High School & Elementary

Star is expanding our alumni data bank. Please submit this form with the following information to the parish or school office:

Please print

Name

E-mail

Address

Graduation Year: ___high school

____ elementary school



Dates, Time, Location

Wednesdays Jan. 9th-March 27th

9:30-11:00am in the Parish Office OR 7:30-9:00pm in The Pointe

Registration \$35.00 for Student Workbook

For More Information:

Contact Colleen Haubert at <u>c.haubert@stargp.org</u> or (313) 884-7407, ext. 2061

food for thought... Papal Tweet

- "O Wisdom from the mouth of the Most High, you fill the whole world.
 With strength and gentleness you order all things: come to teach us the way of prudence."
- Our life spreads light when it is given in service. The secret of joy is living to serve.

https://twitter.com/Pontife

In memoriam

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 Rosemary DeGrieck 1/2/2003 Emilie Marshall 1/2/2018 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 **Rosemary Elias** 1/5/2007 1/5/2016 John Reuter 1/6/1963 Celia Gardecki 1/6/1966 Adelaide Whiffler 1/6/1977 Sam Serra 1/6/1978 Lawrence McCormick 1/6/1983 Dominic Pacini 1/6/1988 Robert Graul 1/6/2008 Agnes Baratta Lillian Bogdanski 1/6/2009 1/6/2012 Frederick Stone 1/6/2016 Ann Warren 1/6/2018 Inez Burke

Rosary Altar Society Christmas Party at Lochmoor Club.



Georgette Zahar was honored and school kids sang Christmas carols with the guidance of Jen Koester and Matt Jakubisin.



Photos by



Rosary Altar Society

Salad Luncheon & Meeting

Monday, January 7, 2019 Parish Offices - Barton Room at 12 p.m.

Please bring a salad, appetizer, or dessert to pass around.

Following the luncheon, we will have our first meeting of the new year.

All women of the parish are invited to participate.

Marianne Carlisle and Lil Rogers, Co-Presidents



UNLEASH THE GOSPEL

go and make disciples

"Today we celebrate the feast of The Holy Family. It comes on the first Sunday following Christmas, when a lot of people have started to overdose on family. Some, in fact, after the parties and cooking and visiting and obligations have had about as much "family" as they can take.

This feast challenges us to look at what it means to be family. A lot has been written and will be written about the importance of family in society. But let's talk about our bigger family.

The Catholic Church is a family; in fact, the Catholic Church is one big family. We are all adopted sons and daughters of God and we all have the same God as Father. This means we are all brothers and sisters in Christ!

Today there are those who believe but don't want church, those who want God but want to be His only child. Can you define a Catholic without mentioning the Church? No.

The church is not a place. It's a people— God's people in Christ. It's the body of Christ. This is one of the many beauties of being Catholics. We all have a family of



faith. Our home is in the Catholic Church. The Catholic Church is universal and covers the entire world. We have brothers and sisters everywhere! Church is a safe place to come to share in joy, sorrow and doubt, to draw strength from each other, to make sense out of our lives, and to receive the grace of the sacraments to help make us better people.

Families should be a place of life, love, community as well as a place to grow in holiness. But we know that in reality families often fail.

Members of the Catholic Church aren't perfect either, but through grace and the sacraments we can strive to be the best we can be here on earth. We need the Church as our family, with all its faults and failures. We know how the ideal family should function, but we also know that no family is perfect and without human weakness.

Let's do our best to love and be an example of Christ to those in our families, both domestic and the Church.

One in the Spirit Joanne Mualem

Evangelization Commission

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

Help Launch Catholic Schools Week

The OLSOS Italian Dinner – Saturday January 26, 2019 5:00 – 7:30 at The Pointe

The Our Lady Star of the Sea Knights of Columbus Council is sponsoring its Annual Italian Dinner for the benefit of the OLSOS School Tuition Assistance Program.

In partnership, the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is again sponsoring a desert table for this event.

See next week's Bulletin for additional details.

scripture readings

WEEK OF DECEMBER 30

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 Col 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

MONDAY

Saint Sylvester I, Pope 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18

TUESDAY Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

WEDNESDAY 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28

THURSDAY The Most Holy Name of Jesus 1 Jn 2:29—3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34

FRIDAY 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1:35-42

SATURDAY

1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Jn 1:43-51

SUNDAY

Solemnity of 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

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the sick

Connor Baratta Lisa Belcoure Bruce Belcoure Marie Brady Robert Caldwell Cassidy Christie Dr. Bill Collins Sharon De Long Virg Ditty Joseph Drader James Faller Patricia Fayad Anthony Fodale Peter John Hanna Linda Keschl Steve Kocsis Chris Kreuter Dr. Mike Luberto Bill Minoletti Maryann Montpetit Kristina Mulder Laura Murphy Sue Nelson Don Nelson Marilyn O'Bryan Sylvia Panicara Jim Panicara Biagio Piecoro Terry Ryba Len Stoehr Alexis Suppanz Kelly Suppanz Fr. Francis Weingartz Hannah Wheatley

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 Kellv Paul Koss Stephen La Barge Matt Lacy Kyle Lechner Thomas Miller Joseph Misuraca Vincent Scalabrino Meghan Servais Dan Sheppard Richard Shetler, III Robert Skowronski Antonio Spindler Michael Trondle Michael Ullman John Walker

Save the Date to Join Greg and Phyllis DeMars Honorary Auction Chairs

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March 2, 2019 Country Club of Detroit

Thank you Auction Patrons (all contributions received by December 14th are listed below. Contributions received by January 30th will be acknowledged in the auction catalog.)

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Meet Fr. Bell His humor and melodic voice exudes joy and is a true testament of his faith. He has inspired many as associate director of Busted Halo, a campus minter and a revival leader. Don't miss your chance to meet him.

Parish Mission The Hard and Healing Work of Mercy

Sunday, 2–24: Loving our Enemies Monday, 2–25: The Real Power of Prayer Tuesday, 2–26: Commit your Life to the Lord and He will help you

Mass Intentions

	SAT 4:00pm	SUN 8:00am	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 11:30am	January 5/6		
MONDAY, DECEMBER 31 4:00 p.m. † Frank & Josephine M. Colombo	Fr. Marko Djonovic	Fr. Marko Djonovic	Fr. Brian Meldrum	Msgr. Gary Smetanka	CELEBRANT		
† George Topper 5: 30 p.m. Nedding - Nicholson/Janowski	Marilynn Blair	Tom Kliber	Tom Kliber	David Franks	LECTOR		
UESDAY, JANUARY 1	Saturday Team	Team B	Team D	Team F	USHERS		
7:30 a.m. Edmund T. Ahee, Jr. WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2 7:30 a.m.	Dave Barthel Randy Eissa Mary Ann Fox Bill Quinlan Joe Rabaut Paul Ventimiglia	Anthony Brinkman Bob Chevalier Jeff Heutter Mike Makowski Jim Solomon Leonard Stoehr Frank Zimmer	Ray Kettel Walter Pokladek Lindsay Rusch Mark Rusch Joe Surmont	Bill Bolton Doug Hawkins Dr. Charlotte Hartzell Ted Kedzierski Dr. Ray Rahi Dr. John Roarty			
Ann & Ray Oleszko Emilie Marshall	B. Collins T. Collins M. Blazejewski	E. Michalski J. Michalski S. Latiff	L. Cavaliere B. Short K. Short	C. Nwoke C. Nwoke E. Giffer	ALTAR SERVERS		
HURSDAY, JANUARY 3 30 a.m. Marie Koueiter	Marianne Carlisle Jo Ortisi	Christ & Jeannette Ancona	Chris & Grace Tranchida John & Kathy Trupiano	Anthony & Lindsay Tocco	GREETERS		
RIDAY, JANUARY 4	Mary Ann Fox	Marie Miller	Betty & Joe Ahee	Ron & Marijude Johnson	SACRISTAN		
30 a.m. William Cosgrove, Sr.	Amy Clor Patricia Fayad		Ray & Joan Kettel		PRAYER MINISTERS		
ATURDAY, JANUARY 5	Holy						
00 p.m. Marie Koueiter William Cosgrove, Sr.	Water	Altar Servers					
Aloysius Hrabovsky	Care	Care					

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

8:00 a.m. **OLSOS** Parishioners † Art & Dorothy Spindler

9:30 a.m. † Connie Cracchiolo

- † Catherine Jaboro
- † Charles Stumb

11:30 a.m.

- † Ann & Ray Oleszko
- † Aaron Blair † Virginia Mushenski

WORSHIP SCHEDULE arc

> Tuesday, January 1 9:30 a.m. Need 3

Monday, December 31 **4:00 p.m.** K. Scott; **Need 2**

Please contact Elsie Surmont at 313-884-3084

HOLY HOUR

January 7, 2019

In Church

7:30pm - 8:30pm

Marie Schwanitz

Charlotte Ellis Sally Urban

Liz Abood

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Chapel in the Parish Offices (Enter through the Parish Office Lobby)

January 4

January 11

January 18

January 25

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News in our Community

Stay in Touch

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

- aodonline.org information + concerning the Archdiocese of Detroitusccb.org - United States Conference of Catholic Bishops ~ liturgical readings, news and calendar
- discovermass.com View + OLSOS bulletins by typing in our zip code ~ click on view **bulletins**
- masstimes.ora use this + website to find locations and times of Masses when traveling and on the road.

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