

December 11, 2022
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In the Heart of Mary-
The Habit of Advent



Advent

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

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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	8:30 a.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MON-FRI 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

SAT Closed

SUN Closed

Holidays - Closed

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE HOURS

Mon – THU 8:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.

FRI, SAT and SUN - Closed

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

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.

Half and Half from Msgr. Gary Smetanka

Forty years certainly goes by fast!! I know I have been very blessed in my vocation. I remember back in second grade drawing a picture of a priest when the teacher said to draw what we want to do when we grow up. When I began serving in 5th or 6th grade I knew this was something I enjoyed, even at the 6:15 am weekday Mass! It was in 6th or 7th grade I was starting to be the one to set things up for major celebrations and act as the master of ceremonies at certain Masses (something that has continued to this day). The call to service was certainly enforced when I was chosen to be one of two "office boys" in eighth grade. I had responsibilities before, during, and after school, assisting the principal that interacted with the faculty. High school also reinforced serving the Church in various ways. It was my junior year that I seriously felt the call to enter the seminary and see where the Lord was calling. Throughout all those years of formation, as I continued to serve my home parish of Our Lady of Good Counsel (by the city airport, now closed), I continued to feel happy and fulfilled in what I was doing, which was reaffirmed by the people I was ministering with and to. Eight years of seminary formation was good and enlightening on the path to priesthood.

December 11, 1982 was certainly a joy filled day. It was obviously was not the conclusion of formation but only the beginning. My home parish of OLGK formed me over the years in one way and then my internship at St. Martin de Porres in other ways specific to ministry. Certainly you come to realize with every pastoral assignment, the Holy Spirit continues to form us in new ways by a new community and new colleagues in the ministry. That has certainly been true for me through my ministry at St. Angela in Roseville, Divine Child in Dearborn, the extra graduate studies at The Catholic University of America, being on the formation team and faculty at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, pastor of St. Thecla, and certainly here at Our Lady Star of the Sea. In each assignment the Holy Spirit continued to call me to serve the Church in many ways, certainly not the ways I ever thought about when in seminary formation more than 40 years ago.

I have been blessed in bringing the sacraments of the Church to God's people in each parish assignment. Certainly my time forming men for the priesthood, and lay people pursuing other academic certificates and ministry degrees, at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, was an exceptional privilege. I am very happy that the seminary Liturgy and Homiletics Laboratory I formed in the early 1990's is still instrumental in clergy formation today. I am ever thankful to Cardinal Szoka who ordained me and later sent me to CUA for the special liturgical degree which has only enabled me to further serve the broader Church of Detroit, and beyond, in so many different ways.

My years of priestly service have been a time of an abundant blessings because of God's action in the people of God. I am still being formed today by God's people and pray that I am still forming others, drawing them closer to God in their own call of service and sainthood. May God continue to bless all of us and strengthen us to live our life putting God as a priority so we may bring forth His Kingdom and inherit eternal life.

** Please continue to pray for an increase of priestly vocations, I certainly know how these prayers helped me through the years!

** Thank you for your generosity to the Religious Retirement Collection. Our support of them in their time of retirement is greatly appreciated.

Rejoice in the joy God gives us in our life, and the unexpected surprises to delight us!

Msgr. Gary Smetanka

PRIVATE CONFESSIONS – Monday, December 12 - 1:00pm - 2:00pm

MAY GOD BLESS YOU IN YOUR MINISTRY



Many Blessings to Msgr. Smetanka on the 40th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood.

(December 11, 1982)

Advent Table Prayer—Week Three



A family member lights three Advent candles, including the pink or white candle. Alternate prayer leader and candle lighter during the week.

Come, Lord Jesus! Come and stay with our family and friends-and all who are dear to us. May your light shine brightly so we can see you everywhere. Help us to spread your light and joy by giving freely and happily to all we meet.

Family members share who they have seen the light of the Lord Jesus toady.

As we prepare for the coming of your Son, O God, we give you thanks for your light which shines brightly among our family and friends. We Give you thanks for this food and drink, which nourishes us to be your light and strengthens us to share your gifts with the hungry and all who look for your justice and mercy.

Grant this through Christ our Lord, All: Amen

Scripture Readings

For the Week of December 11, 2022

Table with 2 columns: Day and Scripture Readings. Rows include Sunday (Third Sunday of Advent), Monday (Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe), Tuesday (Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr), Wednesday (Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church), Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Advent).

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 12

7:30 a.m. +Edmund Ahee, Sr.

Tuesday, December 13

7:30 a.m. +Veronica Yuhase
Alexis Supnaz

Wednesday, December 14

7:30 a.m. +Martin Reddy

Thursday, December 15

7:30 a.m. +Elsie & William Connors
+Susie Pifer Cerwin

Friday, December 16

8:30 a.m. Increase in Vocations

Saturday, December 17

4:00 p.m. +Nancy Fodell
+Lynda Bucciero
+Amelia Curis
+David Corbet
+Antoinette Wojcik

Sunday, December 18

8:00 a.m. +Deceased Members of the Ronzi Family
+Albert & Irene Masha
+Edward Masha

9:30 a.m. +Marilyn Bourgoin
+Catherine Jaboro
OLSOS Parishioners

11:30 a.m. +Virginia Mushenski
+Susan Amine
+Geri Meldrum
+Gino Cavaliere

Mass Intentions - Please Note:

Mass intentions may be arranged by coming into the parish office. 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.

Adoration

Join us every Wednesday,
Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament
11am –2pm
Parish Office Chapel.

Please enter through the main office doors.

Year of Prayer for Priestly Vocations

Heavenly Father, Lord of the Harvest,
call forth vocations to the priesthood
from our archdiocese and families.

Jesus, Eternal High Priest,
give us men willing to sacrifice and serve.
Make their hearts after your own Sacred Heart.

Holy Spirit, Everlasting Love between Father and Son,
strengthen, inspire, and set men on fire with divine charity.
Grant them the courage to say yes to their vocation.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, Mother of priests,
comfort and protect your sons as they discern their call.
With Saint Joseph, may they know your love and compan-
ionship as they deepen their relationship with Jesus.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.
St. Anne, pray for us.
St. John Vianney, patron saint of priests, pray for us.



**Thank you for
your generous
support of the
giving tree.**

**We collected
approx 500 gifts
and over \$3000 in
gift cards.**

**You brought joy
to many families
this Christmas.**



**Yearly Goal of \$750,000
for 3 years**

Raise the Roof 2022 update as of December 5

Paid to date	\$ 237,203.47
% of goal	31%
Short	\$ 512,796.53



Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish

2022 Christmas Schedule

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays at 3pm until all have been heard

Monday December 12, 1:00pm—2:00pm

Thursday, December 22, 6:30pm-7:30pm

Christmas Eve

4:00pm (*Motor City Brass*)

4:15pm (*Gym—Children's Choir*)

6:00pm

11:00pm (*Motor City brass*)

Musical prelude begins at 10:30pm

Christmas Day

9:30 am and 11:30 am

Mary, Holy Mother of God

Saturday December 31, 4:00pm

Sunday, January 1, 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am

Please visit our website www.olsos.org

for the latest information please

call the parish office at 313-884-5554.

THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of December 11, 2022



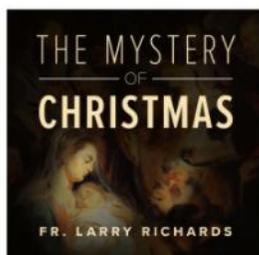
I Am Who I Am Lectio: God Episode 1

Who is God and what does he mean when he says "I Am Who I Am"? Join Dr. Elizabeth Klein in her latest Lectio series as she begins to unpack the mystery of who God is.



Saint Teresa of Ávila: A Study in Perseverance

Both St. John of the Cross and his dear friend St. Teresa of Avila lived heroic lives of prayer. In honor of these spiritual masters, enjoy this film depicting the Carmelite way of life and the virtue of perseverance.



The Mystery of Christmas by Fr. Larry Richards

In this talk, Fr. Larry Richards reminds us that in the mystery of Christmas, God gives humanity his greatest gift: his Son.

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Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

An offering from the  AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and  ignatius press

SAILOR'S CORNER

ADVENT AT STAR

As we enter into a third week of Advent, our students and staff are preparing by keeping our theme at the center of everything: Advent in the Heart of Mary. It has been a fruitful time as we pray together, bring Advent into our lessons, and draw closer together to Christmas.



ALMOST APPLICATION TIME

Applications for the 2023-2024 school year will be available the week following Open House (Jan. 29th)

COMING UP

December 14
Jet's Pizza Fundraiser

December 15
Christmas Concert

December 21- January 3
Christmas Break

www.starschoolgrossepointe.org

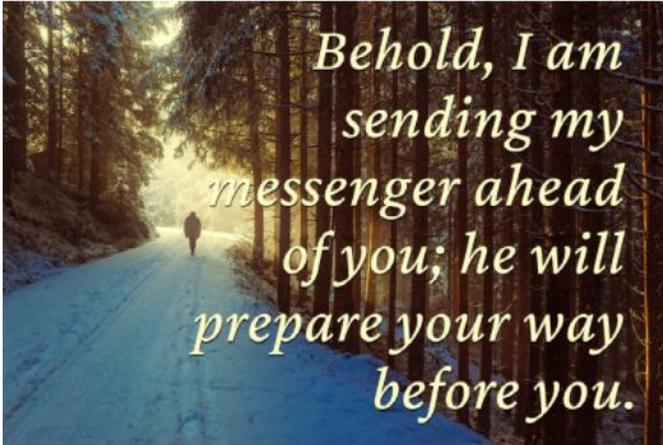


KROGER REWARDS

By signing up for Kroger community rewards, you are able to give back, just through your regular shopping. Sign up at kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards

Stewardship Thoughts

Today's Scripture readings clearly express the joy and healing that we, and the entire world, will undergo with the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. St. Matthew's Gospel emphasizes the wondrous deeds of Jesus' earthly ministry: the blind see, the crippled walk, lepers are made clean, the deaf hear, the dead are raised to new life, and the poor are made rich with the Good News. As Christian stewards, we are challenged to continue Christ's ministry through the Church and to the world. This Advent, in the spirit of evangelization, invite a neighbor or family member who has not been to church for a while to join you for the Eucharistic celebration of the Mass.



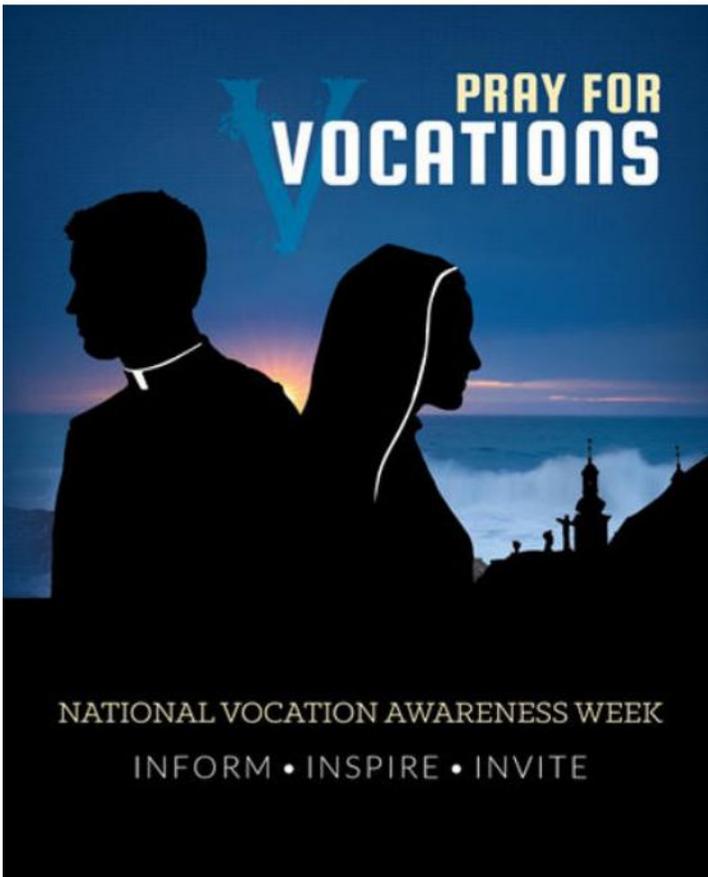
Our Lady Star of The Sea Prayer and Eucharistic Chapel

Open 6am - 11:30pm

“O Come Let Us Adore Him”

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament surpasses all other works of piety; it is the work of piety and source of all others. *St. Pius X.*

Spend an hour per week in the Eucharistic Presence of Our Lord by your own personal commitment of the day and the hour.



BOTTLE DRIVE

FUNDRAISING



Please donate your clean bottles and cans to the **Knights of Columbus**

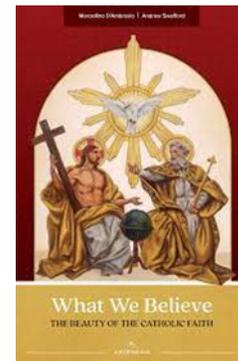
Money collected will be used to help numerous organizations.

Donations may be brought to the Mary's Garden Vestibule.

For more information, please contact:
Dennis Hyduk at 313.969.7650

Adult Faith Study Coming Soon to Our Lady Star of the Sea

What We Believe: The Beauty of the Catholic Faith



Discover the Amazing Riches of the Catholic Faith

What is the Catholic Church all about? What does it mean to be Catholic? What do Catholics actually believe?

Maybe you've been Catholic your entire life. Maybe you're just beginning to explore the Catholic Faith. Wherever you may be in your journey, you will be profoundly moved by the beauty and the richness of the Catholic Church.

Written and presented by Marcellino D'Ambrosio and Andrew and Sarah Swafford,

What We Believe: The Beauty of the Catholic Faith was filmed on location in Rome. In it you will discover:

- What Catholics truly believe
- Who Catholics truly are and how we are called to live
- The blessings of Creation, redemption, and newness of life in the Holy Spirit
- The profound gift of the sacraments, especially the Holy Eucharist, the source and summit of our Faith
- How to imitate Christ through prayer, through personal conversion, and through love for others

And more!

This Study Set includes:

- **The Full-Color *What We Believe* Workbook** – Provides session overviews, home reading assignments, engaging study questions, responses, and talk notes for the video presentations.
- **The *What We Believe* Chart** – A visual overview of the life of Jesus plus a summary of Catholic beliefs concerning Christ.
- **The *What We Believe* Book** – Dives into the rich heritage of our Catholic faith.
- **Online Access for One Year** – Immediate access to the ten study videos and the online workbook.

WHEN/WHERE: This 10-week study will begin on January 18, 2023.

Morning session: 9:30 – 11:00 am in the Parish Office

Evening session 7:30 – 9:00 pm in The Pointe

COST: \$35 for the Study Set

Questions? Contact Judy Zedan @ jl.zedan@gmail.com

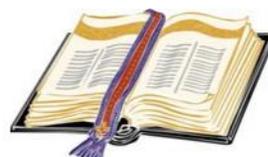


Our Sunday Coffee & Donut Ministry has returned!! VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

Plan to stop in on one of the following Sundays:

- January 29, February 26, March 26, April 23, May 21, June 25

We'd like to offer this fellowship on more Sundays but we need your help. If you can share 3 hours of your time on a scheduled Sunday morning, please contact **Judy Zedan @ jl.zedan@gmail.com -OR- 313-881-9662** for more information or to have any questions answered.



A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
 I believe that you are present
 in the Most Holy Sacrament.
 I love you above all things
 and I desire to receive you in my soul.
 Since I cannot at this moment
 receive you sacramentally,
 come at least spiritually into my heart.
 I embrace you as if
 you were already there
 and unite myself wholly to you.
 Never permit me to be
 separated from you.
 Amen.

An Invitation to Serve as a Lector

The Parish needs some new lectors to serve along with our existing team of dedicated lectors.

Do you read aloud well? We'd love for you to share your gift for reading aloud with us by proclaiming the Word during Mass.

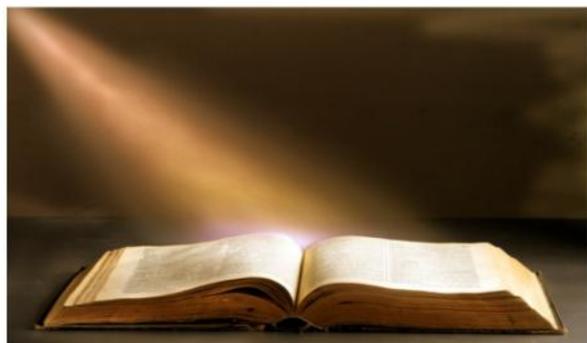
Our lectors find that participation in the Lector Ministry gives them an increased understanding of and appreciation for Sacred Scripture.

Lectors are normally scheduled to serve about once a month at the Mass they normally attend.

No experience is necessary. Anyone who has been Confirmed may serve as a lector. A single training session will be scheduled at your convenience.

Contact Terry Varani for additional information.
(313 492-8327 or terry.varani@gmail.com)

Thursday Morning Men's Fellowship



**Start your day with the Word of God
and the fellowship of other Catholic men**

Every Thursday morning at 6:30 a.m.
in The Pointe

We hope you'll join us.

- The AMen

CarePointe

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



WHEN

3rd 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

No Registration Required

For more information, visit us at CarePointeSupport.org

[Facebook](#) /CarePointeSupport Email: info@CarePointeSupport.org Phone: 313.884.5554

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Auction 2023
Over the Moon
an evening fit by the stars

Save the Date
Auction 2023
Saturday, March 4, 2023
Grosse Pointe War Memorial

Honorary Chairs
Linda Ascencio
Cathy (Saracino) Kirsch
Joette Liamini

OLSOS-Auction.org
313.423.9104

Bereavement Group



SEEING THE LIGHT OF DAY

A faith based group meeting

Our Lady Star of the Sea

467 Fairford Rd. Grosse Pointe Woods, MI

Monday, January 9, 2023

7:00 pm - In the Pointe

Contact the Parish office (313-884-5554) for more information



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All orders are due no later than Wednesday, December 14



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PICK UP

Wednesday, December 21

3:00 pm –6:00 pm

Under Church Canopy

Please pray for:

In memoriam

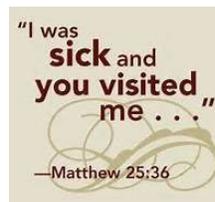
12/12/1962 Peter Zuliani
12/12/1980 Barbara DeYoung
12/12/1980 Jennie Mocerì
12/12/1982 William Miller
12/12/1982 Gregory Palmer
12/12/1987 Joseph Vulpetti
12/12/1992 Walter J. Verpoort
12/12/2002 Susan Walny
12/13/1977 Antionette
Schoenmakers
12/13/1978 Isabella Smith
12/13/1982 Florence MacLelland
12/13/1994 Barbara Boqusz
12/13/1995 Gloria DaDeppo
12/13/2000 Louis Polombit
12/13/2006 Cecelia Ellis
12/13/2016 Gordon Snow
12/13/2020 Jeff Kraus
12/14/1975 Josephine Niedeck
12/14/1983 Mary Karpinski
12/14/1989 Ralph Cadieux
12/14/2009 Mildred Maertens
12/14/2014 Marie Caldwell
12/14/2019 James Eckerman
12/15/1982 William Hendricks
12/15/2002 Daniel Fricker
12/15/2012 Susan Amine
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 Ponczocho
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

the sick

Angela Agrusa
Jeanne Collins
Patricia Hanna
Angela Harris
Virginia Merchant
Carol Nowinski
Catherine Pentis
Evelyn Pentis
Bill Scholtz
John Scholtz
Cathy Spindler
Jim Victor
Fr. Francis Weingartz
Barbara Weiss

those in the military

Joshua Bielak
James Patrick Carrier
Perry Carter
Josh Duffy
Michael Mott
Richard Shetler, III
John Walker



PLEASE NOTE

Names will remain on the sick list for one (1) month unless the parish is notified otherwise.

For those in Military, we would like to pray for those who are active, Please contact us to add names to our list.



FAITH DIRECT

Support Our Lady Star of the Sea through **online giving**

To enroll Text "ENROLL" to 313-887-6612 or visit faith.direct/M1044

Homebound Ministry

If you, or someone you know, are unable to attend Mass and would like to receive the Eucharist, please call the Parish Office at 884-5554

Communion to the Homebound Volunteers Needed

to help bring Holy Communion to the sick and the homebound of our parish.

Please consider even if you are not a Eucharistic Minister.

We visit our homebound on Friday mornings

- + You are schedule approx. one time per month
- + Time involved depends on how many homes we visit. (Currently we visit 5 homes)
- + Training will be done with a current volunteer on a Friday

Please contact the Parish Office (313-884-5554).

Our Homebound have requested that you wear a mask.

ST BASIL
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 Andrew Dawson
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: MTWTH 7:00 a.m.

ST LUCY
PRIEST *IN SOLIDUM* (Moderator)
Fr. Jim Commyn
586-771-8300

Mass Times

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 and 11:30 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: TWT 7:45 a.m. (Convent)

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Msgr. Gary Smetanka
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Sunday: 8:00, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.
Daily: MTWT 7:30 a.m.
F 830 a.m.

LIVE at the Basilica

Speaker Series

7pm in the Basilica



Each month we'll bring in a world-renowned speaker to inspire and reinvigorate us to live as missionary disciples in today's changing world.



Wednesday, December 14, 2022

**Angela Theis and Guest Pianist Timothy Cheek
A Holiday Recital**

Soprano Angela Theis has captivated the attention of audiences and critics alike, while remaining active in her hometown Detroit area. She is featured on the 2017 David DiChiera Letters & Fantasies album and continues to be an ambassador for Michigan Opera Theatre and the music of its late founder.



Timothy Cheek has performed recitals as a collaborative pianist in eighteen countries on four continents, and has been heard on radio and television programs around the world.

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Please visit shrinechurch.com for more information

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