

December 10, 2023
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Advent



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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—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.

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

This weekend is the annual appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious. As I think you are aware, our religious have, for so many years, served the Church at great sacrifice to themselves and their religious communities to the benefit of the institutions and people they served. Now, many religious orders have many more retired and in-firmed in their order than those "out in the field" of ministry. Most of us probably have been beneficiaries of their services in some way or another. Their service or ministry today is equally significant. They all need our help. In the midst of all the other charities asking, your generosity is very much appreciated by all the retired religious orders of sisters, brothers and priests. (Retired Diocesan priests are not included in this collection.)

** Please know that here at Star, as well as other parishes, extra times are being added for the opportunity for you to experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation (private confession) between now and Christmas. I have added this Wednesday afternoon from 1 – 2 pm for those who prefer not to go out at night.

** If you are reading this before Sunday midafternoon, the Grosse Pointe Symphony is presenting their holiday concert at 3 pm here at Star of the Sea. Our music minister will perform a wonderful organ and symphony piece that is quite powerful. I will once again narrate "Peter and the Wolf." (I guess they liked last year's performance, so they are doing it again this year!)

** Next weekend, our choir, together with the choir from St. Paul, will present Lessons and Carols. Saturday evening at St. Paul and Sunday afternoon here at Star. (More information elsewhere in this publication.)

** Thank you for your Giving Tree generosity. Many people, young and old, appreciate what you have done to make their life a bit warmer and happier.

** Registered parishioners should have received the Christmas Card by now. Please note that there is no 4:15 pm Christmas Eve Mass in the gym. If you plan on participating in the 4 pm Mass in the church, make sure your whole "party" is all together in church by 3:30 pm. After that time, ushers will seat people in any, and all, unoccupied seats. [There have been plenty of seats available in previous years at all the other Christmas Masses.] Thank you for your cooperation.

Have a blessed week. Draw close to the Lord. Seek His wisdom. Make good habits this Advent! Know His love. Come let us adore Him!!

Msgr. Gary Smetanka

A Prayer for the Second Week of Advent – a Prayer for Peace

Heavenly Father, Lord of All, come and fill this world with your peace. May there be an end to hatred and division among your people. Cease all the fighting and war in this world. Heal the bitterness and hurt in my own heart. In this season of Advent, prepare my heart for the coming of Jesus, our Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Fill my heart with your peace which passes all understanding. For of the greatness of his government and peace, there shall be no end. Amen.



2023 Christmas Schedule

Private Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays at 3:00 p.m.

Wed., December 13: 1:00 -2:00 p.m.

Mon., December 18: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Wed., December 20: 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

4th week of Advent

Saturday, December 23 - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 24 - 8:00 a.m.

(No 9:30 or 11:30 a.m. Masses)

Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24

4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. & 11:00 p.m.

(Please note there is **not** a 4:15 p.m. Mass in the Gym)

Christmas Day

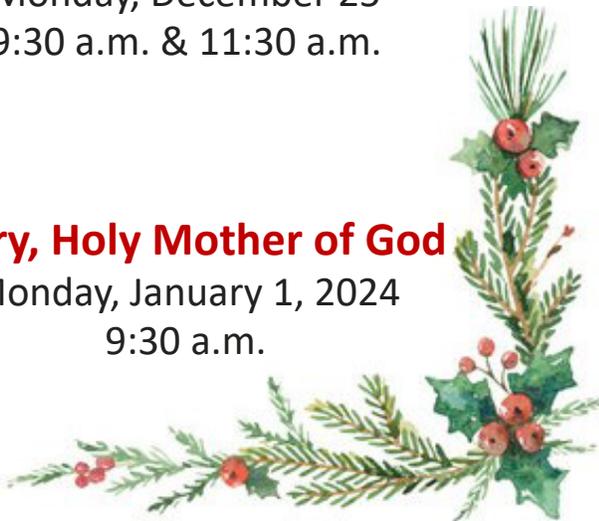
Monday, December 25

9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

Mary, Holy Mother of God

Monday, January 1, 2024

9:30 a.m.



Mass Intentions

Monday, December 11

7:30 a.m. +Deceased Members of the Spindler Family

Tuesday, December 12

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

Wednesday, December 13

7:30 a.m. +Veronica Yuhase

Thursday, December 14

7:30 a.m. Health Care Workers

Friday, December 15

8:30 a.m. OLSOS Students & Staff

Saturday, December 16

4:00 p.m. +Rosalie Fix
+David Graham
+Gino Cavaliere
+Antonino Garrisi

Sunday, December 17

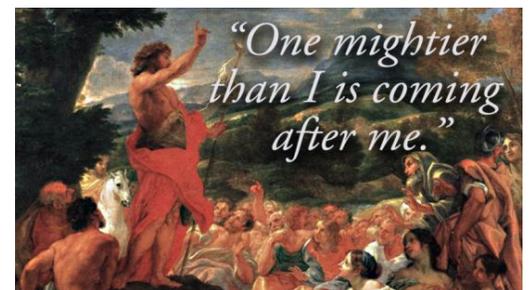
8:00 a.m. OLSOS Parishioners
+Georgette Zahar

9:30 a.m. +Catherine Jaboro
+Marilyn Bourgoin
+Nancy Fodell
+Walt Bryzik

11:30 a.m. +Virginia Mushenski
+Susan Amine

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.



Living Under the Influence

Adoring and the Real Presence

*“You, LORD, are our father,
our redeemer you are named forever.
Why do you let us wander, O LORD, from your ways,
and harden our hearts so that we fear you not?
Return for the sake of your servants,
the tribes of your heritage.”* (From this Sunday’s First Reading)

Only a loving God would give us the freedom to be pursued by his love.

Freedom is an invitation to enter the mystery of God and his awesome love/mercy. He allows us to wander away so that in freedom we run back into his arms. Watchfulness then can be seen, not based in fear of retribution or punishment, though this is true and just, but in the joy and anticipation of a long-awaited friend. To be a friend in which our hearts ache to see, we have to know him. This is where the Mass and the Eucharist are so vital and significant. Jesus chose to be with us in his incarnation (birth) and wished us to “remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” His real presence in the Eucharist allows us to join him in this deep mystery of human and divine friendship. Allow me to respond to two questions regarding the real presence:

The Real Presence in the Eucharist: What is it? Why does it matter?

What is it? the Eucharist is really Jesus – it is his real Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. It’s not just a symbol, but really him!

Why does it matter? Being human and divine, Jesus lived a real human life for our sake so that God can be intimately close to us in every aspect of our humanity – our intellect, emotions, psychology, body and in relationships. Not only has he lived life and perfected it, but he’s made his life simple and vulnerable, inviting us to approach him and join him no matter who we are, where we come from or what we have done. We can come to him, and in him become like him (die to our old selves and be made new). We know this because God has been communicating this for thousands of years (see Old Testament). He desires to be this close to you, today. This is why he sacrificed himself and founded his Church, so that his sacrifice would be real and present so that we could enter into it and join our life as a living sacrifice and sign

Living Under the Influence continued

of Love to the Father (true worship). He is truly real and present in the Eucharist because he said so and desired to be with us, and having the Eucharist as the center of our faith makes us Catholic, makes our prayer unique, full, complete, and powerful. As we adore Jesus in the Eucharist, we truly encounter him alive and, in our midst, – This is why it matters.

God Bless,
Michael King
Mission and Vision



Our Lady Star of The Sea Prayer and Eucharistic Chapel

Open 6am - 11:30pm
**St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr and
Patroness of Eye Patients,
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“O Come Let Us Adore Him”

St. Lucy, martyred for your love of Christ, intercede for us that we may have the light of faith in Jesus, Our Eucharistic Lord. Help all those who need sight in body, mind and spirit. Amen

Make a personal commitment of a day to pray in His Eucharistic presence.

Scripture Readings

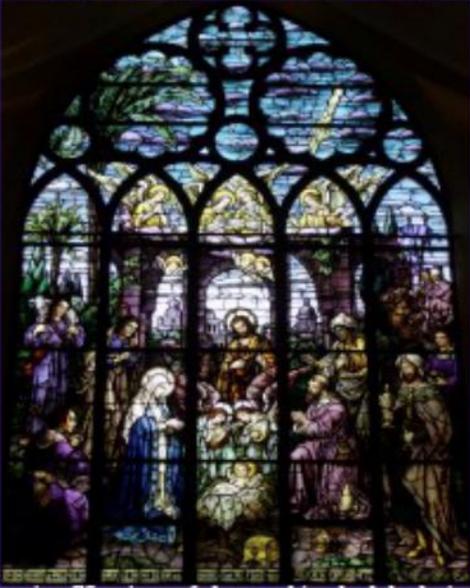
For the Week of December 10, 2023

Sunday	Second Sunday of Advent Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8
Monday	Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Zec 2:14-17; Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr Is 40:25-31; Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday	Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Friday	Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday	Third Sunday of Advent Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

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 Let her know they are for Star of the Sea

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 - 11am - 2pm Parish Office Chapel




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**All orders are due no later than
Tuesday, December 12th**

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PICK UP

Wednesday, December 20th
3:00 pm – 5:30 pm
Under Church Canopy

Stewardship Thoughts

In our First Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, he announces, *A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the Lord!* In St. Mark's Gospel, the evangelist echoes these words through St. John the Baptist. Jesus' cousin announces, *a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins* in preparation of *One mightier than I is coming after me*. The Baptist goes on to state, *I have baptized you with water; He will baptize you with Holy Spirit*. What a tremendous gift! St. Peter further instructs us to prepare ourselves to meet the Lord. During this Advent season, are we being faith-filled stewards by asking the Holy Spirit to prepare our hearts, minds, and souls — to seek a closer union with God as we ready ourselves for Christmas? Then, in turn, share Christ's joy and peace with our family members. To learn more about evangelization through the work of the Holy Spirit, go to <https://www.unleashthegospel.org>.



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

Raise the Roof update

Donations received to date	\$439,656.57
% of goal	21%
shortage for project	\$2,060,343.43

Thank you to those who have already given!

**Job
Opening**



**OUR LADY
STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL**

Job opening: After School Latchkey Aide

Time involved is 3pm - 6pm Monday - Friday, follows the School Calendar
Job entails supervising students in K-8 grades

Please contact Cheryl Kanka (c.kanka@stargp.org) or Dawn Dobija (D.dobija@stargp.org)
For more information or if you are interested.

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The ushers thank you for your support and let you know it's a
pleasure to serve.

Greg Bourgoin
President, OLSOS Ushers
P 248-807-8362/P 313-617-3416
gregbourg@att.net



GIVING TREE THANK YOU!

Thank you for all the wonderful
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**We collected approx. \$4500 in gift cards
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Please pray for:

In memoriam

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12/11/1973 Ralph J. Seiloff
12/11/1974 Joseph Theis
12/11/1975 Theresa Koenig
12/11/2003 Clara Sumeracki
12/11/2013 Helen Krol
12/11/2019 Biagio Picoro
12/11/2022 Delores Otey
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
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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 Ponczocha
12/17/1955 Mary Gutowski
12/17/1972 John DeVos
12/17/1984 Dominic Marasco
12/17/1994 Ray Laethem, Sr.

the sick

Harrison Ahee
Jennie Barzotti
Jeanne Collins
Rose DiCicco
Aurora Goetz
Patricia Hanna
Christine Mathis
Virginia Merchant
Carol Nowinski
Evelyn Pentis
Charles Roehl
Marie Schulte
Delores Spezia
Cathy Spindler
Mary Surmont
James Victor
Linda Vitale
Fr. Francis Weingartz
Elaine Westerman
Thomas J. Youngblood

those in the military

James Patrick Carrier
Perry Carter
Josh Duffy
Richard Shetler, III
John Walker



Our food pantry needs the following items:

Cereal-pasta and sauce - Soup - mac and cheese - canned tuna - canned chicken - canned fruit - canned vegetables - canned pasta - peanut butter and jelly - crackers (Saltines, Ritz, Townhouse) personal care (soap, toothpaste, deodorant)

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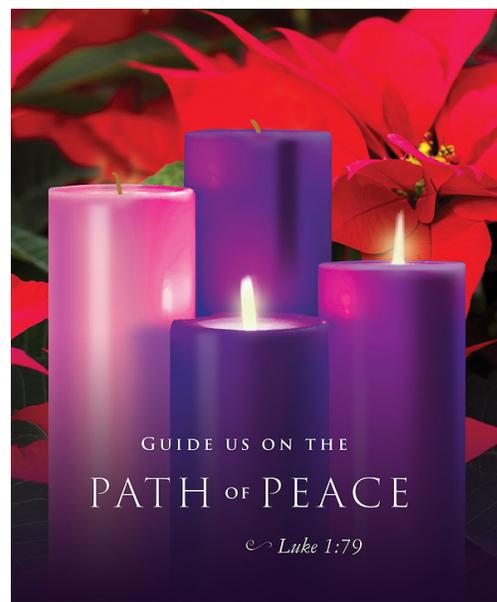
PLEASE NOTE

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.



The faithful departed
Catherine Pentis



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~ Luke 1:79

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Msgr. G. Michael Bugarin

Fr. Adam Nowak

586-777-3670

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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

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Fr. Jim Commyn

586-771-8300

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Sunday: 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Daily: MF 9:00 a.m. W 12:00 p.m.

ST VERONICA

PRIEST IN SOLIDUM

Fr. Stan Pachla

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Daily: TWTH 7:45 a.m. (Convent)

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Bereavement Group



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First Sunday of the Month

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for more information

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