

December 17, 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

We are now in the final eight days of the Advent season. The days of Christmas will be here soon. Even in these challenging times, 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?

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

**** I know some are asking and thinking...do we have to go to church twice next weekend? Well, the answer is yes, i.e., Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent, either Saturday 4 pm or Sunday at 8 am, and then Mass for Christmas, i.e., after 4 pm Sunday afternoon or Monday morning. It is not easy for the priests and ministers either!! Seven Masses and two different celebrations to cover in 3 days! **Please note that there is no 9:30 and 11:30 am Masses next Sunday, Dec. 24.** Knowing the challenges of the weekend, we will do our best to make the Masses for the 4th Sunday of Advent a little bit simpler and shorter!**

**** Please remember that church will be crowded next Sunday afternoon. Despite the crowds, invite others to join us here at Star for our Christmas liturgies. It is wonderful to see so many people here who are friends or family of parishioners. Patience, consideration and hospitality are always good virtues to practice, especially as so many gather to celebrate these holy days.**

**** Please note: **after 3:30 pm people will no longer be able to save seats** in the church in consideration of the people who are coming in to the church. Also note there is **no 4:15 Mass in the gym.** The past few years has been a decrease in attendance and last year the people in the gym could have been accommodated in the church.**

**** Remember to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) this Advent. I have added an afternoon time (1-2 pm) for individual confession. May you be touched by the powerful presence of the Lord as we prepare and celebrate His coming!**

Msgr. Gary Smetanka

A Prayer for the Third Week of Advent – a Prayer for Joy

Heavenly Father, This third week of Advent, let us remember that the good news of Jesus' birth brings us great joy this Christmas season. Our joy isn't dependent on what is going on in our lives, in our world, or the people that we are with. It doesn't depend on the gifts we give or the gifts we find under the tree. No earthly thing can ever give us complete joy. Our joy comes from you. That joy that flooded the hearts of the shepherds, the angels, the wise men, the hosts of heaven, and Mary and Joseph is the joy that still has the power to overwhelm our hearts with rejoicing.



2023 Christmas Schedule

Private Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays at 3:00 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

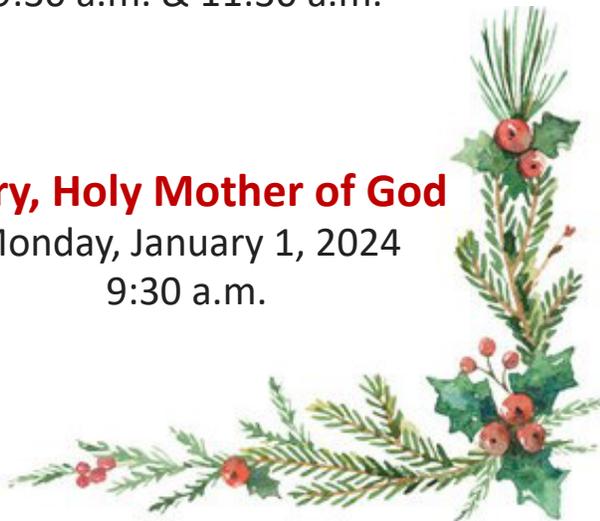
Monday, December 25

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 18

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

Tuesday, December 19

7:30 a.m. +Leonard, Ethel, & Helen Hart

Wednesday, December 20

7:30 a.m. Those who struggle during
the holiday season

Thursday, December 21

7:30 a.m. +Elsie & William Connors

Friday, December 22

8:30 a.m. +Dorothy Giodono
+Vincent Szymborski

Saturday, December 23

4:00 p.m. +Lynda Bucciero
+Doug Abood
+Dr. M. Roy Spezia

Sunday, December 24

8:00 a.m. OLSOS Parishioners
+Kristina Mulder

Sunday, December 24-Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. +John & Carmela Brucia
+Michael Bolton
+Henry & Mary Lou Wholihan
+Joan & Rudy Armbruster
+Edward Nowak
+Sally & Jacob Biernat
+Art Molitor
+Louis Mascia
+Kristina Mulder

6:00 p.m.

+Bill Quinlan
+Kay Abram
+Frank & Ella Fox
+Thomas Fox
+Marilyn Bourgoin
+Nunzio Ortisi

11:00 p.m.

OLSOS Parishioners

Monday, December 25 - Christmas

9:30 a.m. +Veronica Yuhase
+Catherine Jaboro

11:30 a.m.

+Virginia Mushenski
+Doug Abood

Living Under the Influence

Why are we always repenting? Haven't we said sorry enough? And what does repentance and adoring have to do with each other? Well, let's take a look.

The color purple during the Advent Season reminds us that this is a time of repentance. But it's not quite the same focus as we discern and practice during the Season of Lent. Repentance during this season, if understood clearly, can change the whole way you see your faith and grow as a child of God. The key is in the interpretation of the word *repent* in scripture. It has several meanings, the most significant is a love relationship – What? Ok, let's hear this from Dr. David Torkington, who is an expert in the spiritual life. Dr. Torkington reminds us that St. Peter on Pentecost Day while announcing the Good News and God's love told his listeners to:

"keep turning and opening themselves to God's love every moment of their lives. Speaking to them in languages they could understand, he used the word '**repent**'. In Hebrew there is no such word for someone who has repented, but only for someone who is repenting. It is a continuous ongoing process that pertains to the very essence of the Christian life. This repenting or this turning and opening oneself to receive the love of God has to be learnt, and the place where it is learnt has traditionally been called prayer. That is why there is nothing more important in our lives than prayer, because without it we cannot receive the only love that can make us sufficiently perfect to enter into the life of the Three in One to which we have been called. That is why St Teresa of Avila said, "There is only one way to perfection and that is to pray; if anyone points in another direction then they are deceiving you." There is nothing therefore more important than prayer." -Torkington, David. Prayer Made Simple.

The ongoing "repentance" is a way of being Christian because it is an ongoing turning of our heart to God, away from the trappings of the world and interior turmoil to the outpouring of God's love in us. This transformation takes time and must be practiced. This type

Living Under the Influence continued of praying is at the heart of adoration. See, repentance it's not necessarily about our sin as failure, but sin as an opportunity to aid in the training of our will and heart to always turn to our loving God until we are fully saturated in the love of God and become saints. So, repent, and come let us adore him!

How would distractions in prayer relate to this ongoing interior change and adoring? Well, I'll address that next week.

God bless,
Michael King
Mission and Vision



Our Lady Star of The Sea Prayer and Eucharistic Chapel

Open 6am - 11:30pm
"O Come Let Us Adore Him"

"We cannot be messengers of God's consolation if we do not experience first the joy of being consoled and loved by Him When we remain in prayerful silence in His presence, when we meet Him in the Eucharist or in the sacrament of Reconciliation. All this consoles us!" (Pope Francis, December 7, 2014, Angelus address)
Make a personal commitment of a day to pray in His Eucharistic presence.

Scripture Readings

For the Week of December 17, 2023

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
Monday	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Tuesday	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Wednesday	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Thursday	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Friday	1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Saturday	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66
Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Advent 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

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



Christmas Mass 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

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.
- Give dirty looks to people who do not know what to do in church or during Mass.



T'was the Night Before Christmas A different version

T'was the night before Christmas,
God glanced over the earth.
He looked to and fro,
All over it's girth.
They missed it again He said with a sigh,
A heavy heart and a tear in his eye.
I gave them my son,
So they could be free.
My greatest gift,
To them from me.
They traded me in,
For a man in red.
A little tree,
And horse drawn sled.
How do I save them,
And make them see.
My love is complete,
My grace is free.
How do I help them,
When all they know.
Is a talking snowman,
And a box with a bow.
Maybe next year,
they will stop and see.
The biggest gift of Christmas,
Is the little child from me.

author unknown

Ham Pick up—Reminder



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

Bereavement Group

NEW

SEEING THE LIGHT OF

A faith based group meeting
Our Lady Star of the Sea
First Sunday of the Month
1:00 pm - In the Pointe
Contact the Parish office (313-884-5554)
for more information

Stewardship Thoughts

The theme of "Rejoicing in the Lord" links today's Scripture passages. In Isaiah's prophecy he declares, *The spirit of the Lord is upon me ... I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul.* In today's Gospel from St. John, John the Baptist witnesses to the Light that is Jesus; that through Christ, all people may believe. The evangelist St. Paul, in his First Letter to the Thessalonians, encourages them, and us, to *rejoice always, never cease praying, render constant thanks; such is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.* How do we, as the Lord's disciples, respond in thanksgiving for this tremendous gift: our life in Christ Jesus? Before retiring to sleep each night, take a few moments to acknowledge in prayerful gratitude to the Lord five blessings bestowed upon you this day.



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

Raise the Roof update

Donations received to date	\$441,616.57
% of goal	21%
shortage for project	\$2,058,383.43

Thank you to those who have already given!

The Night of Cards
January 19th
6-11 pm - In the Pointe

**Euchre, Food,
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\$50 per person

Please register at
Nightofcards@gmail.com

Prizes vary based on participation
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**Job
Opening**



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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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usher, please let me or any of the ushers know and we'll be
happy to answer any questions you may have.

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

Greg Bourgoin
President, OLSOS Ushers
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Parish Office will close at
3pm on Wednesday, December 20th
and
noon on Friday, December 22



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In memoriam

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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
12/21/2019 Ann Chevalier
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
12/22/2022 Stephen Coates
12/23/1980 Laura Evans
12/23/1982 Robert Burchett
12/23/1993 John Addison
12/23/1996 Marvin Brinkman
12/23/2014 William Rogers
12/23/2016 Larry Fleischmann
12/23/2020 Hubert Montpetit
12/24/1958 Elizabeth Weiler
12/24/1965 Christina Nolan
12/24/1967 Christopher Rollins
12/24/1974 Russell Sears
12/24/1977 Catherine Cernick
12/24/1980 Cecilia Frost

12/24/1986 Francis Breen
12/24/1989 John R. DiLorenzo
12/24/1993 Louise Wilt
12/24/1998 George Jennings
12/24/2005 Eva Kleefuss
12/24/2007 Angela Cafagna
12/24/2019 Michael Bolton

the sick

Harrison Ahee
Jennie Barzotti
Jeanne Collins
Rose DiCicco
Aurora Goetz
Patricia Hanna
Christine Mathis
Virginia Merchant
Carol Nowinski
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

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.



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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PRIEST *IN SOLIDUM*

Fr. Eric Fedewa

586-777-5610

Mass Times

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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. Adam Nowak

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: MTWTHF 7:00 a.m.

W 6:00 p.m.

ST LUCY

PRIEST *IN SOLIDUM* (Moderator)

Fr. Jim Commyn

586-771-8300

Mass Times

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

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

586-777-0331

Mass Times

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

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

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

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Daily: MTWTH 7:30 a.m. F 8:30 a.m.



First Friday Evening Vigil of Reparation

You are invited to participate in a 5-hour night vigil of reparation modeled after the vigils at Fatima to console the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

When: January 5, 2024 from 7 pm to 12 midnight

Where: Saint Basil the Great Church, 22800 Schroeder, Eastpointe, 48021

7 pm-Sorrowful mysteries of rosary and confession

7:30 pm- Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

8:30 pm- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by procession of the Most Blessed Sacrament inside church w/hymns; additional confession time following procession if needed.

9 pm-Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

9:30 pm- quiet adoration and staggered 10-minute break

10:00 pm – Joyful mysteries

10:30 pm -Prayers of Reparation and prayer for the entrustment of the family

11pm- Glorious mysteries

Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Consecration to the Immaculate heart of Mary

11:30 pm- Procession of the statue of Our Lady of Fatima inside church w/ hymns

11:45 pm -Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Vigil concludes with prayers for intentions of the Holy Father, one our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory be

We welcome you to join us even if you are not able to stay for the full 5 hours.

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