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OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

WITH MARY, WE BRING PEOPLE TO CHRIST TO LIVE THE LOVE OF GOD
FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

Mass times & information

SAT	4:00 p.m. (Vigil)
SUN	8:00 a.m.
	9:30 a.m.
	11:30 a.m.
MON - THU	7:30 a.m.
FRI	8:30 a.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MON - THU 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

FRI 8:00 a.m. — Noon

SAT Closed

SUN Closed

Holidays Closed

FAITH FORMATION

313-884-5554

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

ANOIDING 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

Must be a registered member, in good standing, of OLSOS.

Archdiocesan law requires advance notice of at least six months.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Newcomers to the parish may register in the Parish Office or online at OLSOS.org.

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

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe. Back in 1925 when this feast was first instituted by Pius XI, it was celebrated on the last Sunday of October, before the feast of All Saints. In 1969, Pope Paul VI gave the title we have today, was the former feast to a solemnity and moved it to the last Sunday of the liturgical year, the last Sunday before Advent begins.

When this feast was first instituted, it was to combat growing nationalism and secularism. There was fear back then of the rise of secularism, i.e., the exclusion of God from our way of life as if He did not exist. Hence, the feast was to remind people of the Lord's reign over their hearts, as individuals, and over all nations.

Does that time seem to resemble our present age? Many would say that today is worse than 100 years ago as secularism is getting to be more rampant. All we must do is look around and listen. Listen to our society and culture. Maybe even at times listen to ourselves! You see and hear more and more people who deny God's presence. More people place themselves in God's place. God is not the authority, but they make themselves the authority, despite their lack of study, reflection and knowledge. Authority is easily dismissed because of personal desires, selfishness, fear of sacrifice and maybe even for one's convenience. Thus, it is easy to rationalize for our convenience and use God or the Church as the excuse.

It seems today this Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe is needed more than ever. We need something to combat our secularism before the whole world is gone! We need another reminder of how precious our religious freedom is! We need to acknowledge and respect a sense of the sacred, not only in ourselves but in God's people, in our churches, in our activities, in all that we say and do once again. How can we truly claim that God does not exist? How can we claim that we can take the place of God??

May this great feast we celebrate today begin a renewal of knowing our relationship with the Lord and living it appropriately.

**** Various items are in the Gathering Space for your Advent devotions. Donations will assist our local St. Vincent de Paul Society. The Advent season this year is three full weeks and then two days.**

**** Thank you for your assistance and generosity with our "Giving Tree." Remember to return all gifts unwrapped by next **Sunday, Dec. 8** at 12:30 pm**

**** Please be attentive to the various activities and events that will be happening over the next month. Information can be found in this weekly paper, plus in our Saturday e-newsletter and on our website.**

**** Next Monday, Dec. 2, we will have a special Advent Holy Hour at 7 pm. The music will be more "praise and worship" and a bit more enhanced than our normal monthly holy hours. The Lord will be waiting for you!**

**** Next Tuesday, Dec. 3, is our annual parish Advent Night at 6:30 pm. This has been a wonderful way to start Advent with hospitality, a reflection and the lighting of our Star! Hope to see you there!!**

Open your heart. Let the Lord, the King, in to reign and rule. Do not be afraid but trust!

Msgr. Gary Smetanka

Please pray for:

In memoriam

11/25/1958 Jack Heitz
 11/25/1962 Mary Sarcona
 11/25/1973 Matthew Hudson
 11/25/1988 Agnes Mazzei
 11/25/1991 Gladys Summerhoff
 11/25/1996 Loretta Smith
 11/25/2006 Frank Duross
 11/25/2021 Ralph Lampar
 11/26/1969 Dorothy Boase
 11/26/1974 William Lavigne
 11/26/1979 June Burke
 11/26/1986 Mary Altese
 11/26/1991 Josephine Iacobell
 11/26/1992 George Shaway
 11/26/1994 Kathleen McCarthy
 11/26/1997 Evelyn M. Groff
 11/26/1997 Sam Ficarra
 11/26/2008 Donald Martin
 11/26/2008 Jimmie Bloink, Jr.
 11/26/2013 Richard Edgington
 11/26/2013 Winifred Tanney
 11/26/2014 Regina Lesinski
 11/26/2017 Irma Stevens
 11/27/1956 Albert DiPaola
 11/27/1958 Edward Weeks
 11/27/1972 Agnes Gardiner
 11/27/1974 Stephen Olesak
 11/27/1974 Robert Werner
 11/27/1988 Richard Broomham
 11/27/1988 Dorothy Mansfield
 11/27/1992 Joseph Malisse
 11/27/1995 Thomas LaHood
 11/27/2006 Josephine Kuzmicki
 11/27/2019 Rosemary Otlowski
 11/28/1970 Lynn M. Bartlett
 11/28/1984 Julia B. DeBaeke
 11/28/1984 Veronica Magielski
 11/28/1984 Emmett McNamara
 11/28/1998 Vincent Szymborski
 11/28/1998 Clarice Grob
 11/28/2004 Mark Schmidt
 11/28/2010 Rose Horne

11/28/2016 Patricia Golla
 11/29/1969 Alice Saniford
 11/29/1976 David Martin
 11/29/1981 Grace Quasarano
 11/29/1984 Anthony Cusmano
 11/29/1992 Vincent Dunne
 11/29/2002 Richard Pieronek
 11/30/1972 William A Petzold, Jr.
 11/30/1998 Alice Klein
 11/30/2002 Dorothy Littlely
 11/30/2015 Irene Masha
 12/1/1958 Russell Cushing
 12/1/1973 Bernard Ronan
 12/1/2001 Serafina Evola
 12/1/2020 Patrick Scoggin
 12/1/2023 Catherine Pentis

the sick

Jennie Barzotti
 Jeanne Collins
 Barbara Drader
 Kaynoa Dunn
 Mary Anne Gargaro
 Patricia Hanna
 Christine Mathis
 Tom Mocer
 Cathy Spindler
 Mary Surmont
 E. Noreen Szymborski
 Joyce Tranchida
 Suzanne Underwood
 Christopher Urban
 James Victor
 Martha Victor
 Elaine Westerman
 Pam Wilson
 Thomas J. Youngblood

those in the military

Connor Barthel
 James Patrick Carrier
 Josh Duffy
 Richard Shetler, III
 William Sottrel
 John Walker

Mass Intentions

Monday, November 25

7:30 a.m. Benefactors of OLSOS
 +Raymond Streberger

Tuesday, November 26

7:30 a.m. +Suzanne Zielinski
 +Vito Cusenza

Wednesday, November 27

7:30 a.m. +Maureen Blair
 +Raymond Streberger

Thursday, November 28

7:30 a.m. NO MASS
 9:00 a.m. Mass at St Joan of Arc

Friday, November 29

8:30 a.m. NO MASS

Saturday, November 30

4:00 p.m. +Joe Drader
 +Patrick Korth
 +George Fikany
 +Chelsea Seymour
 +Vivian Grima
 +Deceased Members of the
 Meldrum Family
 +Deceased Members of the
 Grubby Family
 +Deceased Members of the
 Borri Family
 +Deceased Members of the
 Polito Family
 +Deceased Members of the
 Parrott Family
 +Deceased Members of the
 Zimmerman Family

Sunday, December 1

8:00 a.m. OLSOS Parishioners
 Increase in Religious
 Vocations
 +Gil Pendolino

9:30 a.m. +Catherine Jaboro
 +Richard Burnham

11:30 a.m. +Virginia Mushenski
 +Edmund Ahee, Jr.
 +Aaron Blair
 +Jazzmin Spindler



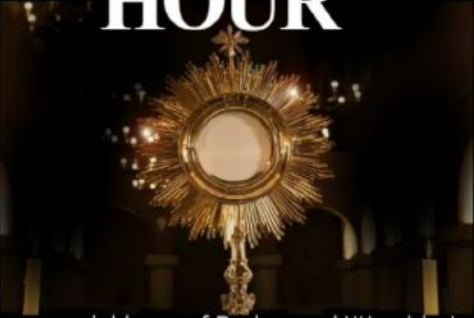
December 3

Advent Family Night

6:30—7:30 pm

ADVENT HOLY HOUR

Monday, December 2
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



Join us for a special hour of Praise and Worship type music
and bit more enhanced than our normal monthly holy hours.
The Lord will be waiting for you!

Our Lady Star of the Sea

Advent Reflection Morning

Pray, Reflection & Lunch

Saturday, December 7th
9:30 am - 12:00 pm
In the Pointe

Fill out the form below and return to the parish office
Questions? 313-884-5554 or d.veltri@stargp.org
\$5 per person

Name: _____
phone # or email _____
number attending _____
total amount enclosed \$ _____



Advent is a time to welcome Christ into
the heart of our lives,
our homes,
and our parish.

When the Savior enters our world,
He filled it with his presence and light.

Join us and share in this annual tradition
of fellowship,
a renewed sense
of Christ's love,
and our Star lighting.

We look forward to
seeing you again.



<https://daily.formed.org/advent>

FORMED ADVENT CALENDAR 2024

WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5		
SUNDAY December 1	MONDAY December 2	TUESDAY December 3	WEDNESDAY December 4	THURSDAY December 5	FRIDAY December 6	SATURDAY December 7
Rooted Day 1	Rooted Day 2	Rooted Day 3	Rooted Day 4	Rooted Day 5	Rooted Day 6	Rooted Day 7
Week One Adore w/ Fr. John Burns	The Spirituality of Advent w/ Tim Gray	Week One Behold w. Sr. Miriam James, SOLT	Making Advent Great for Kids	Saint Nicholas: The Real Story	St. Nicholas Day	30 Minutes BC
CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN
Day 1 The Days of Advent	Day 2 The Days of Advent	Day 3 The Days of Advent	Day 4 The Days of Advent	Day 5 The Days of Advent	Day 6 The Days of Advent	Day 7 The Days of Advent
Light the First Advent Candle Marcam	Advent Wreath Drawing Closer to God	Francis Xavier and the Samurai's Lost Treasure	The Story of Christmas Benjamin Cello	Cozy Christmas Story Time w/ Marcam Marcam	St. Nicholas Brother Francis	Nicholas: The Boy Who Became Santa

ADVENT AT STAR

*Where Christ enters,
home begins*

First Sunday of Advent	Dec. 1
Praise & Worship Holy Hour	Dec. 2, 7:00 PM
Annual Advent Night	Dec. 3, 6:30 PM
Advent Reflection Morning	Dec. 7, 9:30 AM
Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra	Dec. 8, 7:00 PM
School Christmas Concert	Dec. 12, 6:30 PM
One Voice Concert	Dec. 14, 6:00 PM
Judelaire's Concert	Dec. 19, 7:30 PM

Confession Times: Dec. 10, 6:30 PM,
Dec. 16, 6:30 PM | Dec. 17, 2:00 PM
Dec. 19, 1:00 PM



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Bereavement Group



SEEING THE LIGHT OF DAY

A faith based group meeting
Our Lady Star of the Sea
FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
1:00 pm - in the Pointe
Questions? Contact the Parish office 313-884-5554

Scripture Readings

For the Week of November 24, 2024

Sunday	The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8; Mk 11:9, 10; Jn 18:33b-37
Monday	Memorial of Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday	Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday	Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday	Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 21:20-28
Friday	Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a; Lk 21:29-33
Saturday	Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 4:18-22
Sunday	First Sunday of Advent Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36



The OLSOS 7th Grade Class received a thank you letter from Mr. John Kosanke, the director of the Department of Public Safety for Grosse Pointe Woods. The class made pocket hugs for the first responders as part of St. Jude and St. Simon's feast day. Included with the pocket hugs was a short prayer asking for St. Jude and St. Simon's intercessions as well as expressing our heartfelt appreciation for their service. This is just one example of how our students at

OLSOS use their faith in practical ways by giving back to their community.



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**
in the Parish Office Chapel

Holy Hour

December 2nd
7:00 pm in the church



Parish Giving Tree

Unwrapped gifts are to be
returned by

December 8th no later than 12:30pm

ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVING OUR GIFT:

Fr Marko's— Holy Family Christmas Store: Tags will include—trucks, stuffed animals, baby dolls, cars, Sweatshirts, jogger pants, board games, and sport balls

St Aloysius—Neighborhood Services: Tags for adult size warm sleeping bags, girls & boys coats all sizes, adult sweatshirt hoodies, tube socks, hand warmers, & warm hats & gloves

Mary's Children: Gift Cards—Kroger or Costco

St Veronica Parish: Gift cards— Target, Kroger, Walmart

Our Lady Star of the Sea : Gift Cards—Kroger, Target, Meijer

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thanks you for your support*

**All orders are due no later than
Tuesday, December 10th**



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PICK UP

Wednesday, December 18th

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Under Church Canopy

St. Nicholas

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, December 8

8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Plus, a visit from St. Nick!

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

We are in need of help on 2 days you will be added to a rotating schedule.

Wednesdays

we distribute communion at the Rivers at 11:00 am

Fridays

we distribute communion to the homebound in their homes. We start around 9:00 am

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

All volunteers must have completed The Virtus Training



Thank you!!

Thank you to all who participated in Operation Christmas Child. The 186 boxes were dropped off at the collection site, located at CrossPointe Church in Grosse Pointe. They truly appreciated all the boxes and donations for the postage. The volunteers prayed over the boxes, and prayed for the Parishioners of OLSOS, and the children that will receive these boxes. Within the next few weeks they will be sent to children all over the world.



THE KIDS' BULLETIN

<https://thekidsbulletin.com>

A fun way for Catholic kids to learn about the Faith every week.

Available in the gathering space or at olsos.org



Parish Newsletter

Don't miss the latest news from the Parish!

Have you been getting our weekly newsletters via email?

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Raise the Roof - PLEDGE CARD

Please use the envelope in your bi-monthly packet or complete this form and return it through the collection basket or to the office.

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

Raise the Roof update as of November 14, 2024

Donations received to date	\$593,412.60
% of goal	23.74%
shortage for project	\$1,906,586.40





As parishioners of Star, you can be a part of the funeral ministry by:

- † Being part of the wake ministry team Praying a rosary or a scripture service at the funeral home
- † as adult altar servers
- † Cantor
- † Lector
- † Eucharistic Ministers
- † Being part of the choir

We pray, serve, and assist the family in praying their family member home to eternal life. It is a time to help those who are hurting to know the love and comfort of God through the care and support of the community. If interested, please contact Debby Veltri at D.veltri@stargp.org

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through **online giving**

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to 313-887-6612 or
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Stewardship Thoughts

For the Solemnity celebration of Christ the King, today's Scripture readings proclaim the Kingship of our Lord Jesus Christ. In St. John's Gospel, Jesus makes clear to Pilate that His kingdom does not belong to this world. In Revelation, the Lord God proclaims that He is the Alpha and the Omega — the "first and the last" — and will reign for eternity. The Prophet Daniel tells of his vision: one like a Son of man coming, on the clouds of heaven verifying Christ's dominion and glory. How should we venerate our Lord and King? As Christian stewards, we acknowledge Christ's true Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, present in the Most Holy Eucharist. During Mass, we strive to partake of Him in a prayerful, reverent, and respectful manner. The Eucharist is the "source and summit" of our faith. Through consumption of the Eucharist, we encounter Jesus in a personal way. He heals and strengthens us to do our His work, especially for our needy brothers and sisters. As we acknowledge our Lord and Savior as King of the universe, may His joy and peace reign in our hearts, and may that joy and peace overflow to everyone we meet. Please take time to attend the next Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction at your parish.

Faith Formation

Hello, Our Lady Star of the Sea Family!

I am thrilled to join you as the new Faith Formation Coordinator, and I can't wait to meet everyone! Youth ministry has been a part of my life since I can remember—growing up with a dad who was a youth minister inspired me early on to see the joy and purpose in guiding young people on their faith journeys. My own experiences in youth group are some of my most cherished memories, where I met lifelong friends and felt the profound impact of faith and fellowship.

In 2021, I joined St. Lawrence, where I have been blessed to build and grow their youth ministry program. Sharing my faith with the world is truly my passion, and I'm especially excited to bring that enthusiasm to Our Lady Star of the Sea! From organizing retreats, mission trips and service projects to experiencing unforgettable moments like performing at World Youth Day in Poland (pictured), my ministry journey has been filled with joy and inspiration. World Youth Day, especially, has always held a special place in my heart—a time when faith truly comes alive.

In addition to youth ministry, I have been aiding and teaching Faith Formation classes since I was in the sixth grade and have had the privilege of becoming a certified Catechist through the Archdiocese of Detroit. I look forward to using my

experience to help grow and expand the already vibrant Faith Formation program here at Our Lady Star of the Sea!

If you're interested in youth ministry or faith formation, want to get involved in events, or simply want to say hello, please stop by my office, I'd love to connect with you. Thank you for welcoming me into your parish family. Here's to a new chapter filled with faith, fellowship, and shared purpose!

Blessings,
Jack Novak



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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. Bob Voiland

586-777-3670

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and 12:00 p.m.

Daily: MTWTHF 7:00 a.m.

W 6:00 p.m.

ST LUCY

PRIEST IN SOLIDUM

Fr. Jim Commyn

586-771-8300

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Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 10:00 am

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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