

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

March 2, 2025

OLSOS.org

Ash Wednesday

Mass 7:30 am, 10:00 am, and 7:00 pm

Liturgy of the Word Service 12:15pm and 3:15pm

Ashes will be distributed after the Homily

Self Imposition of Ashes is ***not allowed.***

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday
are days of Fast & Abstinence.

Friday's of Lent are days of Abstinence.*

*The law of abstinence obliges those 14 years or age and older not to eat meat. The law of fast obliges all those 18-59 years old to refrain from eating between meals and to limit eating to one full meal and two lighter meals for the entire day.



EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 - 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

313-884-7407

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

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

Here it is already the month of March. I bet many have looked forward to this day. The major portion of our cold winter is behind us. Spring training is in session and that is a sign warmer weather is around the corner. We see already "the days are longer" with more sunlight in the evening. March usually marks the time that Easter is around the corner...except for this year! We have a late Easter this year, April 20.

Why is Easter "late" this year? How is the date of Easter determined? (We have gone through this before but let's review for those who have forgotten.) Easter is the first Sunday after the first full moon of Spring. Spring begins March 20. The first full moon this year begins the evening of April 12 and ends the morning of April 13. The first Sunday after April 13 this year is April 20. So that is the date for Easter! (Easter will fall anytime between March 22 and April 25.). So we are not celebrating Easter in March this year, but that only means we are celebrating Ash Wednesday in March. In fact Ash Wednesday is this coming Wednesday!

We certainly know lent as a season of fasting. (See the front cover of this publication for the rules of fasting and abstinence during Lent.). We probably think lent less as a time of feasting. Maybe we can consider both this lent.

Yes, there are the two days in lent that we officially "fast," ie., Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. However, many people do other fasting as part of their lenten sacrifice. They might fast from pizza, chocolate, alcohol, desserts, pop, etc. Other fast from other activities in their daily life, e.g., social media, texting, computer games, television, etc. These are those things we do that we know we do too much of! The ultimate goal is, after Lent is over, some of our fasting continues because we have come to realize that we don't all that stuff anyway!

While it is good for us to fast during lent, we can feast as well. There are some solemnities or high feast days, e.g., the Annunciation of the Lord on March 25. Particularly on these days we are exempt from our fasting in order to truly celebrate the feast! If "feasting" is engaging in more, there is some feasting that can be good for us every day during Lent! Like feasting (spending more time) on prayer or daily Mass. We can feast on praying the Rosary everyday. We can feast by simply spending time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, even just 15 minutes a day if we have never done that. We can feast by spending more time reading sacred scripture, performing works of charity, providing words of encouragement to others or acts of charity, etc. I think you get the point.

Very often people are asked or they say what they are giving up (fasting) for Lent,. Let's also ask ourselves how will we be feasting this lent? It is not just giving up but what can I do more of that will then become more of a habit in my life after Lent is over and we celebrate Easter and beyond? After all, if Lent is meant to rid ourselves of some of the bad stuff in our life, it is also a time to replace those things with good things that bring out the loving saint God created us to be!!

**** Please note that ashes are distributed after the homily at the Ash Wednesday Masses, not at the end of Mass. They are also distributed after the homily in the two Services we have in the afternoon, not at the end of the service. (Please don't make a dash for the ashes and then leave. Stay for the whole Mass or service!)**

**** This month is a special time for the Archdiocese of Detroit. Please pray for**

REMINDER PARISH OFFICE HOURS (as of July 1, 2024)

Monday—Thursday 8:00 am—4:00 pm

Friday—8:00 am—12:00 pm

Closed Saturday, Sundays and Holidays.

Archbishop Vigneron as he retires on March 18 after 16 years of service as Archbishop of Detroit. Please pray for Archbishop-elect Edward Weisenburger who will begin his ministry as Archbishop of Detroit on March 18! For the whole Archdiocese that we continue to be strong witnesses in unleashing the Gospel in Southeast Michigan!

Have a blessed Lent as we begin this holy season this week. May we come to realize the hope we have in God and Jesus as the compass in our life that will bring us into God's eternal kingdom.

Msgr. Gary Smetanka

Please pray for:

In memoriam

3/3/1980	Jeffrey DeHayes
3/3/1989	Paul P. Garvey
3/3/1999	Frances Bono
3/3/2000	Barbara Zabinski
3/3/2000	Robert Luber
3/3/2001	Lillian Wieme
3/3/2006	Ronald Stanish
3/3/2011	Joe Paglino
3/3/2017	Elizabeth Bader
3/4/1961	Michael Cunningham
3/4/1963	Josephine Werthmann
3/4/1978	Carrie Rhodes
3/4/1982	Jennie Czerny
3/4/1995	Frank Gofrank
3/4/2000	Mamie Ficarra
3/4/2002	Therese Cairns
3/5/1981	John J. Wiggins
3/5/1990	Helen L. Hawkins
3/5/1994	Edna Schwartz
3/5/2017	Charles Pentis
3/6/1995	Doris Wright
3/6/1995	Marie Primo
3/6/1997	John Butler
3/6/2004	Bice Powers
3/6/2010	Andrew Stefani
3/6/2019	Michael Luberto
3/6/2021	Rita Miller
3/7/1970	Cecilia Rinke
3/7/1970	Vito Salvato
3/7/1982	Marilyn Guertler
3/7/1991	Barbara Allor
3/7/1996	Constance Costello
3/7/2002	Grace Zimmerman
3/7/2002	Jeanne Piggins
3/7/2009	Joseph Ciesielski
3/8/1961	Marjorie Primmer
3/8/1965	Maurice O'Brien
3/8/1972	Victor DeBaeke
3/8/1976	Anthony Munaco
3/8/1977	Margaret Hodgman
3/8/1982	Marian Artman
3/8/1999	Grace Meli
3/8/2005	Marilyn Kinkade
3/8/2017	Amelia Orley

3/8/2022	Paul Schulte
3/9/1962	Arthur DeClercq
3/9/1972	Frank Kasper
3/9/1974	Thomas Lynch
3/9/1983	Blanche Meier
3/9/1988	Beatrice Patek
3/9/1995	Annette Corrigan
3/9/2001	Paul Dionne
3/9/2007	Leonard Ulatowski
3/9/2017	Frances Goitz

the sick

Jennie Barzotti
 Maria Buscemi
 Jeanne Collins
 Ruth Flynn
 Greg DeMars
 Barbara Drader
 Kaynoa Dunn
 Mary Anne Gargaro
 Christine Mathis
 Tom Mocer
 Angie Rubino
 Cathy Spindler
 JoAnne Spring
 Alexis Suppanz
 Mary Surmont
 E. Noreen Szymborski
 Joyce Tranchida
 Suzanne Underwood
 Christopher Urban
 James Victor
 Martha Victor
 Pam Wilson

those in the military

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

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 3

7:30 a.m. +Anthony Vitale
 +Connie Denison

Tuesday, March 4

7:30 a.m. +Patricia David

Wednesday, March 5

7:30 a.m. +John Ahee
 10:00 a.m. For those being Baptized
 at Easter
 7:00 p.m. For people on the OLSOS
 Prayer list

Thursday, March 6

7:30 a.m. +Patricia David

Friday, March 7

8:30 a.m. OLSOS Staff

Saturday, March 8

4:00 p.m. +Patricia David
 +Lauri Pytel
 +Richard Gallagher

Sunday, March 9

8:00 a.m. OLSOS Parishioners

9:30 a.m. Increase in Religious
 Vocations

11:30 a.m. +Virginia Mushenski
 +Jazzmin Spindler
 +Bob Zink

Mass intentions may be requested online at
<https://www.olsos.org/mass-intentions>

Mass Intentions -

Please Note: Mass intentions may be arranged by coming into the parish office or online at www.olsos.org/mass-intentions. 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.

Holy Hour

March 3

7:00 pm in the church

*April Holy Hour is cancelled
 due to 8th grade Confirmation*

Stewardship Thoughts

Today's Scripture passages focus on "good fruit." In the reading from the Book of Sirach, the prophet states, The fruit of a tree shows the care it has had The evangelist St. Paul, in his First Letter to the Corinthians, encourages them: ... be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. Jesus, in St. Luke's Gospel, proclaims: A good tree does not bear rotten fruit ... for every tree is known by its own fruit. How do we prepare, as disciples in Christ, to bear good fruit for the Kingdom? As good stewards, are we making quiet time for daily prayer and Scripture study that draws us to a closer friendship in Jesus? Are we attending Mass every weekend in order to receive the true Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ in the Eucharist? As a result, in a spirit of evangelization, do we share our love, peace, and joy in Christ with those we encounter to help produce "good fruit" in them? To identify what gifts God has given you, access the St. Austin Spiritual Gifts Inventory online, at <https://staustin.org/spiritual-gifts-inventory>, and do a quick survey to discover your talents and gifts.

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

FAITH DIRECT

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313-887-6612 or visit Faith.direct/M1044



Fish fry FRIDAY

MARCH 7, 14, 21, 28 APRIL 4, 11
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM - DINE IN OR CARRY OUT
PRICES: LARGE PLATE \$18.00 OR SMALL PLATE \$12.00
Grilled Cheese Dinner \$6.00
CHILDREN UNDER 4 YEARS OF AGE EAT FOR FREE

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FRIED FISH or COMBO (fried fish with fried shrimp)
FRIED SHRIMP
GRILLED CHEESE
MAC and CHEESE

choice of either: baked potato*, or french fries or mac and cheese
all dinners come with salad or cole slaw, and a roll
complimentary beverages - coffee, lemonade, iced tea (Dine in only)
soft drinks available for purchase
*limited supply

advanced orders can be placed by visiting our website or scanning the QR Code



QUESTIONS - 313-884-5554 or WWW.OLSOS.ORG

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Fish fry FRIDAYS

MARCH 7, 14, 21, 28, APRIL 4, 11

Volunteers needed.
Shifts 3:45 pm - 5:00 pm
4:45pm - 6:15 pm
6:00 pm - 7:15 pm

sign up: using qr code or visiting www.shorturlat/pmK1T



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MARCH SERVICE PROJECT



**BLESSING BAGS
FOR THE HOMELESS**
Please help us gather items
for our blessing bags

All donations need to be turned in by April 6th
Join us on Sunday, April 6th at 12:30 to assemble
the bags in The Pointe

- 2 - Bumble Bee Snack on the Run 3.5 oz Tuna Salad with Crackers & spoon
- 1 -Snack pack fruit cups (6)
- 1 - Snack pack applesauce (6)
- 1 -Box SOFT Nutri Grain Bars (8)
- 1 - Variety pack cheese/peanut butter with crackers
- 1 pkg - SMALL 8oz bottle water
- 1 – Box of individual single hand wipes
- 1 pkg - White socks or 2 pairs
- 1 – Box of Band Aids (1 size)

Items can be placed in the big white box

Thank you again for your continued generosity.



**We warmly welcome the
newly baptized**

February 23, 2025
Msgr. Gary Smetanka

Alexander Paul Ferguson

Child of: Adam & Emily (Coury) Ferguson
Godparents: Matthew Coury & Danielle Coury

George Oliver Ferguson

Child of: Adam & Emily (Coury) Ferguson
Godparents: Matthew Coury & Danielle Coury

Henry Michael Ferguson

Child of: Adam & Emily (Coury) Ferguson
Godparents: Matthew Coury & Danielle Coury

Benjamin Robert Gaddie

Child of: Robert & Jenell (Nadolski) Gaddie
Godparents: Jon Ciani & Megan Nadolski



Scripture Readings

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For the Week of March 2, 2025

Sunday	Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-14; 15-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45
Monday	Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5,6, 7; Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday	Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday	Ash Wednesday Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday	Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday	Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday	Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday	First Sunday of Lent Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13



Save The Date

**Pancake
Breakfast**

Sunday, March 23
8:00 - 11:00 am



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St Paul on the Lake
Assembly 2696

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

PARISH & SCHOOL

Lent 2025
God's Hope:
Our Lenten Compass

Check out www.olsos.org
for more resources.

EVENTS

FISH FRY

Every Friday during Lent (except Good Friday)
5:00 - 7:00 PM

Join us in The Pointe for our famous Fish Fry. Take-out & dine-in available! Check our website for details.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent | 7:00 PM

Stations of the Cross will take place in the Church.

LENTEN FAMILY HOUR

April 1 | 6:30 - 7:30 PM

We will gather in the Church to share God's Hope for our life through reflection, relaxation, and song. Children will be invited to the gym for their own personal encounter.

CONFESSION TIMES

These times plus the usual Saturday confession at 3:00 PM until all have been heard.

Thursday, April 3: 6:30-7:30 PM

Thursday, April 10: 3:00 - 4:00 PM

***Tuesday, April 15: 7:00 PM, at St. Joan of Arc**

***Vicariate Services**

See future bulletins & the website for added dates.

ADORATION & HOLY HOUR

ADORATION

Parish Office Chapel: Every Wednesday (all year round)
11:00 AM and concludes at 2:00 PM.

Adoration Chapel

Visit our Adoration Chapel all Lent, open 6:00 AM - 11:30 PM.

HOLY HOUR

March 3 | 7:00 PM

Join us for our monthly Holy Hour. Bring the family to come worship with Christ for an hour this Lenten season.

****The April Holy Hour has been canceled for Confirmation.***

ALMSGIVING INFORMATION

The three traditional pillars of Lenten observance are prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Almsgiving: It is a sign of our care for those in need and an expression of our gratitude for all that God has given to us. Works of charity and the promotion of justice are fundamental components of the Christian way of life we began when we were baptized.

GIANNA HOUSE

Gianna House is a refuge for at-risk mothers, offering support during pregnancy and beyond. Through educational classes on parenting, personal growth, and wellness, as well as essential baby and maternity supplies, Gianna House empowers women with the resources they need to care for themselves and their children.
EASTPOINTE, MI | www.giannahouse.org

CENTER FOR THE WORKS OF MERCY

The Center for the Works of Mercy is a one-stop haven of help and hope, providing food, clothing, healthcare, and support services to those in need. Through programs like the Mercy Food Pantry, Malta Medical & Dental Clinic, and Mercy Clothing Closet, the center transforms lives with compassion and care.
DETROIT, MI | www.ccsem.org/CWM

HAVEN PLACE

Haven Place is a welcoming community hub where youth and families can connect and grow. With a Coffee House atmosphere for middle and high schoolers, after-school tutoring for all ages, Bible studies, a young adult ministry, and family-friendly events like outdoor movie nights and rummage sales, Haven Place offers a space for learning, fellowship, and fun.
NEW HAVEN, MI | www.havenplaceinc.weebly.com

LIGHTHOUSE YOUTH SANCTUARY

Lighthouse Youth Sanctuary is a beacon of hope, providing essential services like food, shelter, financial assistance, and crisis referrals to those in need. Through stability and housing programs, we help individuals and families achieve self-sufficiency, offering support when they need it most—often for the first time.
ROYAL OAK, MI | www.lighthousemi.org

Mark the organization(s) you would like to help on the envelopes found in the gathering space. Make checks payable to **OLSOS**.

Envelopes can be dropped off in the offertory boxes, parish office, or brought to the Holy Thursday Mass.



Tear these pages out of the bulletin and hang in your home as a reminder for our upcoming events!

OTHER RESOURCES



Come & You Will See - with Fr. Brian Meldrum

In this self-paced course, you will examine John's use of imagery throughout the Gospel as a way of inviting you to know Jesus better. Sign up at www.equip.shms.edu

Book Resources



Lenten Gospel Reflections

In this devotional booklet, Bishop Robert Barron invites readers to enter more deeply into the prayerful nature of the season.



Ascension Lenten Companion

This Lent, experience deeper peace by reflecting on Jesus' suffering and death, and inspiring you to celebrate in his resurrection.

RESOURCES FOR ADULTS



Loyola Press

Resources compiled for you in your Lenten walk towards Christ this season. www.loyolapress.com



Pray40 by Hallow

Drawing on the incredible writings of St. Josemaría Escrivá, author of *The Way*, we'll follow Jesus into deeper faith every day this Lent. www.hallow.com/pray40

RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES & CHILDREN



Catholic Sprouts Activities

These crafts are both faith building and fun. They are a great addition to your home.



Loyola Press for Kids

These Lenten activities are broken down by grade level, to help you go deeper into the faith with your family.

FORMING OUR FAITH



More resources can
be found at
www.olsos.org/lent





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Questions Directed To:

**Jack Novak:
j.novak@stargp.org
313-884-7407**



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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

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

Fr. Jim Commyn

586-771-8300

Mass Times

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)

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

PRIEST IN SOLIDUM (Moderator)

Msgr. Gary Smetanka

313-884-5554

Mass Times

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

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

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WHEN

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- ♦ Share Your Experiences
- ♦ Learn from Others
- ♦ Find Support in a Welcoming Environment



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For more information, visit us at CarePointeSupport.org

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