

Our Lady Star of the Sea

August 17, 2025

OLSOS.ORG



Twentieth 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 - Fri	7:30 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

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

It is that time of the year again. Families are starting to wrap up most of their summer activities and vacations. Some of our students will be starting school this week or next. Others right after Labor Day. The present days can be filled with anxiety with new adventures and situations laden with the unknown. They can also be filled with excitement because of new adventures and situations laden with the unknown! We are all different in the way we approach and respond to life situations. The one constant we have is the Lord's love and abundant care for us. Our psalm response (Psalm 40) this Sunday is a good one to remember: "Lord, come to my aid...The Lord heard my cry. He drew me out of the pit of destruction...And he put a new song into my mouth...Many shall look on in awe and trust in the Lord...You are my help and my deliverer; O my God, hold not back!"

Our hope and trust in the Lord is something that should be a bedrock in our life. We trust in Him that He does provide for us...."give us this day our daily bread." Remembering though "thy will be done." I am sure we have all had our times when we think the Lord is not listening to us because we are not getting our way and what we are requesting of God. But when we remember "thy will be done" it gives us assurance that God does provide for us at the right time and exactly when we need.

Our faith and trust in God, and the understanding of His abiding presence in our life, can give us so much peace.

****** If you know family members, friends, neighbors or acquaintances who have inquired about the Catholic faith and want to know more, please invite them to come to Mass sometime or call the parish office to set up an appointment to talk more. Our next session of inquirers (those seeking entrance into the church through baptism or their remaining sacraments) will be gearing up soon!

Likewise, maybe you have not seen someone at Mass for some time. Invite them to return and become reacquainted with our community, the Church, and Jesus!

****** Next weekend we will welcome a priest who is here to tell us about the ministry, and the need, of the Diocese of Marthandam in India. This is our "Missionary Co-Op" weekend, an organized program of the Archdiocese of Detroit, in cooperation of the Propagation of the Faith Office, that gives us the opportunity to support the various religious orders or dioceses around the world who are spreading the Good News and faith to others. A second collection will be taken after communion. Please make any checks to Our Lady Star of the Sea and then we forward one check to the appropriate office. Thank you.

****** Let us continue to pray for one another, especially for a greater understanding and appreciation of the Eucharist in our life.

May the Lord bless you and your family this week and may Our Lady smile upon you and bring you to safe harbor in the Lord's peace!

Msgr. Gary Smetanka



**We warmly welcome the newly
baptized**

August 10, 2025
By: Msgr. Gary Smetanka

Amelia K. Meakin

Child of: Alex & Jessica (Zechmeister) Meakin
Godparent: Karen Taylor

Louis A. Meakin

Child of: Alex & Jessica (Zechmeister) Meakin
Godparent: Karen Taylor

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 18

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

Tuesday, August 19

7:30 a.m. +Michael Trudel
+ Ralph J. Mastay

Wednesday, August 20

7:30 a.m. +Stephen Mikolay

Thursday, August 21

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

Friday, August 22

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

Saturday, August 23

4:00 p.m. +Lucretia Vitale
+Bill Quinlan
+Carol Commins
+John Ventura
+Vilma Mocerì

Sunday, August 24

8:00 a.m. OLSOS Parishioners

9:30 a.m. +Catherine (Katy) Boyle
+Pamela Wilson

11:30 a.m. +Virginia Mushenski
+Bob Waldvogel
+Lillian Licata
+Catherine (Katy) Boyle

Help Us Preserve Our Parish History!

Do you have wedding, baptismal, school, or parish event photos tucked away in albums or drawers? We'd love to see them!

We're gathering photos from all decades—especially the early years (1950s, 60s, 70s)—for our archives and to use as parish stock photos in the future. Whether it's a cherished family moment or a snapshot from around

campus, your memories are an important part of our story.

If you have photos you'd be willing to share, please send scanned copies to Annie Schunior at a.schunior@stargp.org.

Holy Hour

September 1

HOLY HOUR IS CANCELLED



**OUR LADY
STAR OF THE SEA
SCHOOL**

**FIND YOUR PLACE
AT STAR**

www.starschoolgrossepointe.org

Mass Intentions -

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



Please pray for:

In memoriam

8/18/1999 Helen Marsh
8/18/2000 Mary Anne Doman
8/18/2004 Lena Catalfio
8/18/2020 John Trybus
8/19/1968 James Costello
8/19/1968 Kerry Costello
8/19/1968 Patrick Costello
8/19/1970 Onofrio Priccichi
8/19/1977 John McConaghy
8/19/1989 Mildred McPharlin
8/19/2008 Shirley Evanski
8/19/2015 Edwin Pniewski
8/19/2020 Thomas Michaels
8/19/2021 Robert Reaser
8/19/2022 Gregory Ignasiak
8/19/2022 Martin Wyrod
8/20/2008 Harold Polhamus
8/21/1990 Amelia Sattler
8/21/1995 Peter Tocco
8/21/2006 Frank Zyngier
8/21/2008 Leonard Ocelnik
8/21/2019 Bernadine Bauman
8/22/1973 Kenneth R. Fisher
8/22/1974 Louis Cameron
8/22/1999 Eleanor Camisa
8/22/2002 Deeb Attie
8/23/1959 Merrill Baker
8/23/1964 Joseph Selehowski
8/23/1969 Robert Jordan
8/23/1975 Angela Ferrari
8/23/1978 John Roberts
8/23/1990 John J. Audis
8/23/2015 Audrey Schmid
8/23/2019 Robert Rogers
8/23/2024 Carol Cummins
8/24/1965 Catherine LeFevre
8/24/1968 Ruby Belanger
8/24/1992 Mary Margaret
Touscany
8/24/2010 Eleanor Hammer
8/24/2022 William Quinlan

the sick

Jennie Barzotti
Maria Buscemi
Jeanne Collins
John (Jack) Carolin
Ruth Flynn
Cheryl Fox
Greg DeMars
Barbara Drader
Kaynoa Dunn
Mary Anne Gargaro
Christine Mathis
Tom Mocer
Angie Rubino
Cathy Spindler
Charles Spindler
JoAnne Spring
Alexis Suppanz
E. Noreen Szymborski
Joyce Tranchida
Linda Vitale

those in the military

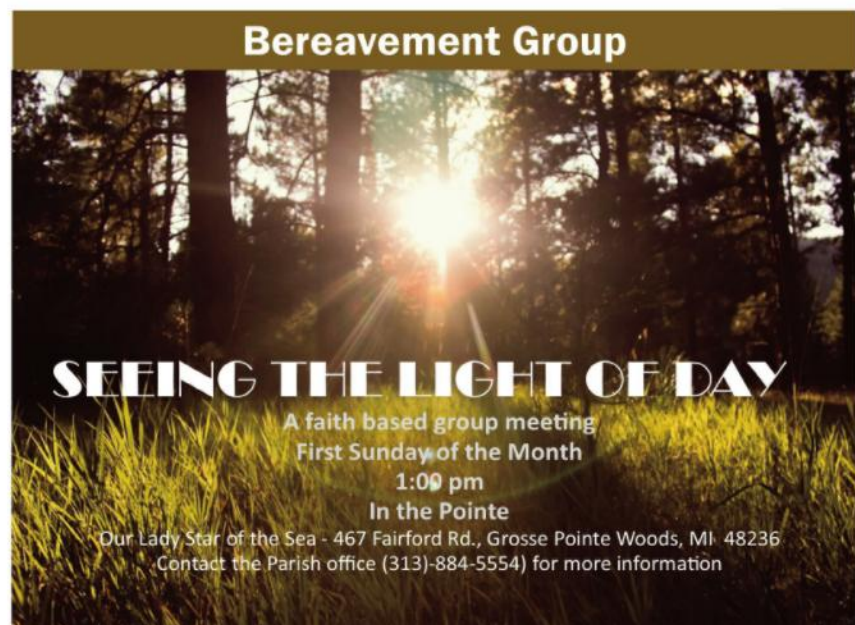
Connor Barthel
James Patrick Carrier
Josh Duffy
Richard Shetler, III
William F. Sottrel
John Walker



SJHelpers.org 800-303-5075

St. Joseph's Helpers is a nonprofit organization, founded on Christian values, and made up of dedicated men and women who volunteer their time and talents to help those in need feel safe and secure in their homes through basic home maintenance and repairs. Our ministry focuses on serving our seniors, people with disabilities, veterans, and those who simply need a helping hand. We are so grateful for the support we received from your parish during our last visit—your generosity and encouragement make our mission possible. St. Joseph's Helpers has assisted clients with essential home needs such as installing grab bars and handrails, repairing leaky faucets, or even just changing light bulbs. We have many volunteer opportunities available, and for as little as two hours a month, you can make a meaningful and lasting difference in someone's life.

Please visit our table when we visit on August 16/17 to learn more about our ministry. Whether you would like to volunteer, need our services, or can support our work with a donation, THANK YOU for helping us serve more clients in need.



Catholic Service Appeal 2025

It is time for us to run this race
with eyes fixed on Jesus



CSA 2025

Our Lady Star of the Sea 2025 goal:
\$163,000

PLEDGE CARD

Please use the envelope in the mailing, in your envelope packet or by filling out the form below and return in the collection basket or the office.

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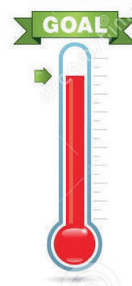


To make an online payment through Faith Direct visit www.faith.direct/MI1044



CSA 2025

Our Lady Star of the Sea
Goal: \$163,000



CSA Totals as of August 12, 2025

CSA 2025 UPDATE	
pledges to date	\$158,110.00
% of goal	97%
% of families	31%
Short	-4890.00

Thank you to all those who have already contributed.

**Livestreaming
needs your help!**

**CALL FOR
VOLUNTEERS**

Saturdays during the 4:00 pm Mass

Contact d.veltri@stargp.org to Volunteer

We will provide training.
Time commitment is approx 1 1/2 hours once a month



**Don't miss the latest
news from the Parish!**

Have you been getting our weekly newsletters via email?

Sign up for the newsletters by visiting our website under get connected, scan the QR code or call the office.

We don't want you to miss out on the latest news or events





Trust Jesus!

Vacation Bible School A HUGE SUCCESS!

Our True North VBS was an incredible week filled with faith, fun, and friendship! Over 100 children joined us to learn to Trust Jesus while exploring exciting Bible stories, songs, and activities. We are so grateful for the generous donations, the many volunteers, and the countless prayers that made this week possible. God truly blessed our parish through this amazing ministry!



SCHEDULE: 4:15PM - 5:30PM

September: 23rd | 30th
 October: 7th | 14th | 21st | 28th
 November: 4th | 11th | 18th | 25th
 December: 2nd | 9th | 16th
 January: 6th | 13th | 20th | 27th
 February: 3rd | 10th | 24th
 March: 3rd | 10th | 17th | 24th

PRICE:

1 Child: \$215
 2 Children: \$335
 3 Children: \$400
 4+ Children: \$445

ADDITIONAL FEES:

First Eucharist (2nd Grade): \$45
 Confirmation (8th Grade): \$45

**Catechists
Needed!**

Faith Formation Registration 2025-2026 School Year Grades 1-8

If you are interested in registering your child(ren) from Faith Formation, please scan the QR code or follow the link below.

This link will take you to the registration form, the payment link, and the Faith Formation Website.

Any questions can be directed to Jack Novak.



Questions for all events can be directed to:

Jack Novak: Email: j.novak@stargp.org | Phone: 313-558-7407

Visit our Website: olsos.org/ff



ON OUR 2025 WORLD YOUTH JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE, WE...

attended Mass at St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City
climbed the Holy Stairs on our knees
toured the St. Priscilla catacombs
had nightly sessions about our day, our lives, our faith
visited the Sistine Chapel and its museum
saw the artwork and remains of the Capuchin Crypts
attended the USCCB event featuring Eucharistic adoration
and keynote speaker Bishop Barron
visited the Pisa Cathedral and Baptistry
walked completely around an entire country in less than 90 minutes (we walked the entire exterior of The Vatican Wall)
saw the David statue and other artwork of Accademia gallery
had one of our pilgrims altar serve at a local church in Pisa
visited the Tower of Pisa at 3 AM and climbed it another day
went to reconciliation at Circus Maximus administered by hundreds of priests from all over the world
visited the Davinci Museum
prayed the Rosary in St. Peter's Square of The Vatican
toured the outside and inside of The Roman Colosseum
performed the "Church Clap" dance in Pisa, at The Vatican, in St. John's Fountain and after the Vigil with Pope Leo
passed through all 4 Holy Doors of Rome
attended the outdoor Vigil with Pope Leo at Tor Vergata
saw the Florence Cathedral
were part of 1 million who slept outside at the Jubilee slumber party
had 2 pilgrims meet the Bishop of Pisa
visited the Roman Forum, Pantheon, and Trevi Fountain
swam in the Tyrrhenian Sea and at Sperlonga Beach
attended the closing mass with Pope Leo and a million youth
were acknowledged, waved to, and smiled at by Pope Leo XIV twice!



Stewardship Thoughts

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (August 16/17, 2025)

Today's Scripture passages profess difficult messages. The leaders in Jeremiah's time wrongly accuse the prophet of ruining the people by encouraging them to transform their lives.

Instead, they want to punish Jeremiah. In St. Luke's Gospel, the evangelist proclaims Jesus' statement:

I have come to set the earth on fire and how I wish it were already blazing! Christ's message is not well received and produces tension and division among family members instead of peace and harmony. As faithful stewards, our strength to seek God's will against all resistance to His Word comes from sacramental grace. The Eucharist, notably, is the "source and summit" of our faith. As described in the Letter to the Hebrews, grace allows us to persevere in running the race ... while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus. Healing among family members begins with and through Christ's message of forgiveness found in the Sacrament of Reconciliation



Join Fr. Tim Birney on a
Pilgrimage to
Catholic England
April 8 -17, 2026
\$5,899
(per person/all inclusive)

I invite you to join me on a pilgrimage to the historically Catholic country of England.

We'll walk in the footsteps of
Sts. Thomas Beckett and Thomas More,
visit the towns of London, Stratford,
Canterbury, Rochester, Oxford and Bath.

Lastly, we'll grow in faith, friendship and
appreciation for merry old England!

Only 20 spots remain!

Please contact:

Fr. Tim Birney at: tbirney@qvdomine.org
or 313-486-3836 for more in
formation and registration.

Franciscan Ministry could use our help
to provide seniors with Household items

Small Acts of Kindness

- ☐ Laundry Detergent
- ☐ Dish Detergent
- ☐ Tilex Mildew Cleaner
- ☐ Shampoo
- ☐ Conditioner
- ☐ Bar Soap
- ☐ Mouthwash
- ☐ Shaving Cream
- ☐ Sun Block
- ☐ Deodorant: Men's & Women's
- ☐ Trash bags
- ☐ Paper towels
- ☐ Wash cloths
- ☐ Dryer Sheets
- ☐ Toilet Paper
- ☐ Toothpaste
- ☐ Toothbrush
- ☐ Hand lotion
- ☐ Feminine supplies
- ☐ Razors
- ☐ White socks (Tube or crew)
- ☐ T-shirts: L - XXX Large



Bless the one who receives them,
and they bless you, the giver.

Select an item or more to help the Seniors in our Neighborhood

Our Lady Star of the Sea 8th Grade Graduating

of
1975
50th REUNION

Saturday, November 29, 2025

Lochmoor Club, Grosse Pointe Woods

5PM - 9PM

Please RSVP Yes or No by August 31, 2025
to: sailors50year@gmail.com

Questions or comments, please feel free to text or call anyone on the committee:

Mike LeFevre:	(586) 944-7584
Mike Lesha:	(313) 207-5432
Cindy Adam Gabbana:	(313) 529-8835
Julie Eugenio Ahee:	(313) 300-9524
John Quinlan:	(586) 524-7980

\$50/person in advance by **October 1** covers food, tax, and gratuities. **Cash bar available.** Instructions for electronic payment will be forthcoming.

Looking forward to seeing you, sharing memories,
and having a GREAT TIME!





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Scripture Readings

For the Week of August 17, 2025

Sunday	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53
Monday	Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday	Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday	Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mt 22:1-14
Friday	Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday	Ru 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Mt 23:1-12
Sunday	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2; Heb 12: 5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30



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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Every Wednesday 11am - 2pm
in the Parish Office Chapel

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 & the
Divine Mercy Chaplet.

We pray for world peace and
all the parish intentions

ST BASIL THE GREAT
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.

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Msgr. G. Michael Bugarin
Fr. Bob Voiland
586-777-3670

Mass Times

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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.

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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.

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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.
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Daily: MTWTHF 7:30 a.m.

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National day of Remembrance

**FOR
ABORTED
CHILDREN**

September 13, 2025

Saturday, September 13th

11:00 am

Assumption Grotto Cemetery
13770 Gratiot
Detroit, MI 48205

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that our unborn brothers and sisters will not be forgotten.

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