August 31, 2025 OLSOS.ORG





Twenty–Second 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

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.



Happy Labor Day Holiday! We all know that this marks the "unofficial" end of the summer. How fast time has flown!! Hopefully everyone can take that additional break on Sunday and Monday and enjoy at least two days of rest and relaxation from the fruits of our labor.

I want to thank all those on staff at our parish and school. They all labor so hard for the good of the parish and the

school. They are very dedicated in what they do and strive to bring the best to the people of Our Lady Star of the Sea. There are also a host of super volunteers who labor and give their all through a wide variety of ministries and volunteer opportunities to enhance the parish and school, bring people closer to the Lord and help build a stronger community. There are many who go above and beyond the call of duty and give countless hours without counting the cost! To the staff and all these volunteers – a very grateful thanks for all you do, and I hope that on this Labor Day God will continue to bless you and reward you for your goodness!

As we celebrate Labor Day this weekend, we know we are blessed to take and enjoy such a holiday. Truly, work is a good thing, and we take the time to not only honor working men and women but to celebrate the meaning and value of work.

We find in our Hebrew scriptures the important relationship between people and the land and their work (Leviticus 25). We are also reminded that all these things come from God and we work the resources of the earth to benefit each member of society. In this way we share in the continued creation of God as we also direct our human work and activity toward God.

As we celebrate our work and rest from it this weekend, perhaps we might be a little more aware of some of the economic and work-related injustices that are present in our society and world. Our faith calls us to form economic policies that protect human dignity, promote strong families and create active, vibrant communities. One fundamental moral test in any society is how well the poor, the weak and the vulnerable are faring.

Labor Day is also a day to remember that a person is more valuable for what she or he *is* than for what they *have*. We all come together — workers and employers, entrepreneurs and union leaders, trades people and policy makers — to build a society that respects each person and their work. May we enjoy this Labor Day weekend as we rest from our labors and pray for an increase of respect for all people, no matter what they do, because they all created in God's image and love.

- \*\* Please join for Mass on **Labor Day**. We will celebrate the day at **St. Lucy Church at 9 a.m.** The usual first Monday of the month holy hour, which would be tonight, is cancelled.
- \*\* As students return to their classrooms, we pray also for their teachers and school staff. School can be challenging at times for the student, but it can also be fun with the increase of knowledge and accomplishments we enjoy. Certainly, great bonds of friendship are woven among students, thanks to the Good Lord!
- \*\*Thank you for your gifts and pledges to the CSA. We have reached our target so now every dollar pledged and paid is returned to the parish.
- \*\* There is a dire need for humanitarian and famine relief in Gaza. The US Bishops have requested a second collection if possible. We have encouraged, at the Sunday announcements and in this paper, to make your donation directly online. (That is

what I did.) Go to our archdiocesan website, AoD.org, and follow the directions, or see the notice and QR code on page 4. For those who are unable to do that, we will take up a second collection next weekend, **Sept. 6-7**. We are not providing envelopes so please use one of your own. Make checks payable to <u>Our Lady Star of the Sea</u> and we will forward all funds appropriately. Thank you for your generosity in this dreadful situation.

\*\*Looking ahead, **Fall Fest** is coming soon. In fact, it falls on our parish feast day, Saturday Sept.27. That is also the day of our **Catch a Lucky Star Raffle**. You will be getting your tickets very soon!

\*\* Have a good, safe and restful holiday weekend!

Msgr. Gary Smetanka



# We warmly welcome the newly baptized

August 23, 2025 By: Msgr. Gary Smetanka

## **Audrey Louise Kmiecik**

**Child of:** Anthony & Beth (Thomas) Kmiecik **Godparents:** Michael LaCroix & Sarah DesGupta



# September 1 HOLY HOUR IS CANCELLED



Monday,
September 1
Mass is at 9:00 a.m.
at St Lucy's

Parish Office will be closed Monday, September 1

## Mass Intentions

Monday, September 1

7:30 a.m. NO MASS 9:00 a.m. Mass at St Lucy

Tuesday, September 2

**7:30 a.m.** +Edmund Ahee, Jr

+Jennie Joseph Sam Divergilio Kimberly Bishler

Wednesday, September 3

**7:30 a.m.** +Leslie Komlason

Thursday, September 4

**7:30 a.m.** +Pamela Wilson

Friday, September 5

**8:30 a.m.** +Earl Welniak

Saturday, September 6

**4:00 p.m.** +William Gudenau

+Thomas J. Youngblood

+David Graham +Marie Michaels +Deneen Boulus

Sunday, September 7

**8:00 a.m.** OLSOS Parishioners

+Increase in Religious Vocations

9:30 a.m. +Pamela Wilson

**11:30 a.m.** +Virginia Mushenski

+John Ahee +Lillian Licata +Aaron Blair

#### **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

the parishioners that have had their funerals at OLSOS.

8/1/1967	Cornelius Diem
8/1/1980	Assunta Polizzi
8/1/2012	Robert Hamlin
8/1/2021	Wanda Ciesielski
8/1/2025	Pamela Wilson
8/2/1963	Joseph Domzalski
8/2/1965	Frank Moi
8/2/1975	Alice Halpin
8/2/1978	Woodrow Lamb
8/2/1988	George B. Morris
8/2/1993	Jules Buydens
8/2/2005	Delphine Dorgan
8/2/2006	Virginia Rohde
8/3/1967	Michael Gates
8/3/1969	Norman J. Parent
8/3/1975	Vera Lingemen
8/3/1996	Mary (Minnie) Martin
8/3/2004	Kathryn Sullivan
8/4/1967	Emery Gesell
8/4/1971	Mary Ellen Tapin
8/4/1984	Corinne Lenhard
8/4/1995	Jack Lucido
8/4/2002	Mary Gallotti
8/4/2014	Frances Kristufek
8/4/2014	Patricia Hendra
8/4/2021	Dolores Bradway
8/5/1968	Mary Kirk-Haggerty
8/5/1972	Richard Klein
8/5/1972	Joseph Kopitzki
8/5/1972	Clorinda Vigliotti
8/5/1998	Edward Gula
8/5/1999	Walter Kujawski
8/5/2009	Daniel Popovic
8/5/2011	Nunzio Ortisi
8/5/2013	Marian Gliniecki
8/6/1960	Eugene Kornmeier
8/6/1968	Mary Greer
8/6/1970	Paul C. Sloan
8/6/1972	Madeline Hall
8/6/1988	Albert Malooly
8/6/1992	Adeline Nowak
8/6/2002	R. Warren Adam
8/6/2018	Patrick McElmurry
8/7/1971	Irene Centeck
8/7/1972	Walter Lesinski
8/7/1976	Mark Schoenith
8/7/1980	Mildred Formaniak
8/7/1993	Clara DeYonker
8/7/1997	John Kennedy

## the sick

Jennie Barzotti Maria Buscemi Jeanne Collins John (Jack) Carolin Ruth Flynn Cheryl Fox **Greg DeMars** Barbara Drader Kavnoa Dunn Mary Anne Gargaro **Christine Mathis** Tom Moceri Angie Rubino Alexandra (Hathaway) Schwegler Cathy 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



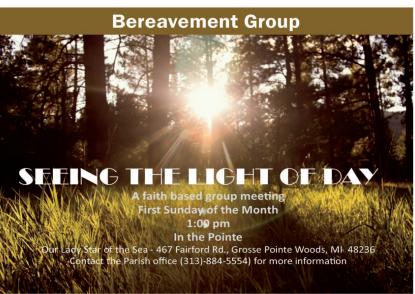
#### EMERGENCY COLLECTION FOR GAZA

Archbishop Weisenburger joins with his brother bishops across the United States in asking the faithful to be most generous in a critical collection for the people of Gaza sponsored by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

We mourn the terrible sufferings of Christians and other innocent victims of violence in Gaza who are struggling to survive, to protect their children, and to live humanely in tragic circumstances. Pope Leo continues to call for a cease fire and for aid to enter the territory, noting with great sorrow that "Gaza is starving."

All funds from this special collection will be remitted to one of two charities: "Catholic Relief Services" who are on site and partnering with local Church entities to provide food, shelter, financial assistance, hygiene supplies, and trauma assistance; or "Catholic Near East Welfare Association" who are providing vital emergency humanitarian relief and medical care for the sick.

malnourished, and wounded. Your generosity is an opportunity to serve Christ Himself!



## **CarePointe**

A Community Support Group for Family and Friends of Loved Ones with Memory Loss



#### WHEN

3rd Saturday of Every Month from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m

#### WHERE

Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church 467 Fairford Rd.

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Meet Other Caregivers
- Share Your Experiences
- Learn from Others
- Find Support in a Welcoming Environment



## All Are Welcome

No Registration Required

For more information, visit us at CarePointeSupport.org

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payment will be forthcoming.

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Looking forward to seeing you, sharing memories,

and having a GREAT TIME!



## **CSA 2025**

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

## CSA Totals as of August 26, 2025

CSA 2025 UPDATE	
pledges to date	\$197,113.00
% of goal	120%
% of families	35%
Overage	\$34,113.00



Thank you to all who helped meet our Goal



3 year (2022 - 2026) goal is \$2,500,000.

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Raise the Roof update as of August 26, 2025

Donations received to date \$1,253,939,03

% of goal

50%

shortage for project

\$1,246,060.97



# PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

If you are planning on volunteering in any capacity here at Star and have not taken the

Protecting God's Children's workshop in the past 3 years you will need to complete a workshop BEFORE you can volunteer

To complete the workshop visit protect.aod.org/protectinggods-children Or www.virtusonline.org For questions or help logging in contact 1-888-847-8870



## 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.



## **CATECHIST NEEDED!**



We are looking for a catechist to teach 5th Grade Faith Formation this coming school year.

Classes meet every Tuesday from 4:15-5:30 PM, beginning September 23rd through March 24th (see full schedule below).

Whether you are brand new or an experienced catechist, we'd love to hear from you!

For more information or questions, please contact: **Jack Novak** j.novak@stargp.org | 313-558-7407



September: 23<sup>rd</sup> | 30<sup>th</sup> October: 7<sup>th</sup> | 14<sup>th</sup> | 21<sup>st</sup> | 28<sup>th</sup> November: 4th | 11th | 18th | 25th

December: 2<sup>nd</sup> | 9<sup>th</sup> | 16<sup>th</sup> January: 6<sup>th</sup> | 13<sup>th</sup> | 20<sup>th</sup> | 27<sup>th</sup> February: 3<sup>rd</sup> | 10<sup>th</sup> | 24<sup>th</sup> March: 3<sup>rd</sup> | 10<sup>th</sup> | 17<sup>th</sup> | 24<sup>th</sup>

## PRICE:

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

## **ADDITIONAL FEES:**

First Eucharist (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade): \$45 Confirmation (8<sup>th</sup> Grade): \$45

## **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

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atechists

Needed!



# **Jubilee Trip Recap**





I am super grateful for being able to go on this jubile trip. I had a great time there. Even if it was the little stuff like trying to catch crabs in Pisa or the big stuff like seeing the pope in person for the first time in person. Also thank you Mr. Novak for Inviting me on this trip and being my chaperone on the trip. I am so grateful. One of my favorite things we did is when we camped out all night for the Jubilee ending mass. I feel so blessed this was one of the best experiences I've had in my life.

-Patrick Dobija

We felt so blessed that Patrick was invited to be a part of the Metro Detroit United group on their Jubilee pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Rome. It was truly an amazing experience for him to have just on the brink of entering high school. I was blown away with the amount Patrick had grown physically, emotionally, and spiritually during this trip. He had once in a lifetime experiences such as crawling up the holy stairs, experiencing mass by the Pope and seeing much of the beauty, art and culture Italy had to offer. Patrick went into this trip not really knowing most of the people and came home having formed life long connections. We are so grateful that he was able to have this experience and he is looking forward to continuing to being a part of this wonderful group. - Dawn Dobija



This trip was so much more than a journey to a new place; it was a journey closer to each other and to God. Witnessing our group unite in faith and friendship has had a profound impact on my life. It reminded me that in fellowship, we find strength, and in service, we find a deeper connection to our Savior. -Andrew Sopek

This was the best youth trip I've ever been on—our group of strangers from four parishes quickly became family. Highlights like going through all four Holy Doors, climbing the Holy Stairs, and praying a rosary in St. Peter's Square made it unforgettable, and I'm already excited for World Youth Day in South Korea!

- Jack Novak



## **VIEW OUR RECAP VIDEOS!**

https://www.olsos.org/ff/jubilee

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# Stewardship Thoughts

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time The topic of humility is articulated in today's First Reading and St. Luke's Gospel. The Scripture passage from Sirach teaches that the humble person is loved, God-favored, and able to atone for sins through the giving of alms. In the Gospel, Jesus narrates a parable about humility to expose the arrogant Pharisees: ... everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted. Faithful stewards humbly recognize God as the source and giver of all gifts. We exhibit true humility when we discern and find His will instead of following our own. It is in unison with God's will that we find true joy, peace, and happiness in this world. Humility occurs when we serve other's needs before our own in Corporal Works of Mercy without the expectation of repayment. These acts of stewardship — sacrificing our time, talent, and treasure for others — help build God's Kingdom here and pave the way to eternal joy.





# Do you have time to help others in a very powerful pray-full way?

Matthew 18:19-20

"For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst." Source: <a href="https://bible.knowing-jesus.com/topics/">https://bible.knowing-jesus.com/topics/</a> <a href="Intercessory-Prayer">Intercessory-Prayer</a>

Has the Holy Spirit put a "nudge" on your heart or a calling to pray with others? Would you like to be part of this extraordinary experience that Matthew described? Please consider joining Our Lady Star of the Sea's Prayer Ministry Team, one of the many beautiful ministries in our parish. Working in teams of two, ministers meet with those requesting prayer immediately following weekend Masses. Prayer is individualized to the requestor's intentions, lasting only a few minutes. Requirements to enter this ministry are minimal. First, it is a compassionate heart and willingness to pray for others. Second, attend a training session (lasting no more than one hour), to be held at a convenient time for you covering specifics about intercessory prayer. Interested in learning more? Join our Fall meeting on Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> in The Pointe from 12:30pm – 1:30pm. Attending will provide an opportunity for you to meet the Prayer Ministry team and acquainting you with the ministry. Please contact Midge Culos at (313)623-7033 or Roberta Henrichs at (313)333-6637 if you would like to talk about this ministry before then. Thank you for your consideration regarding joining this ministry. Maythe Holy Spirit guide you.





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## Scripture Readings

For the Week of August 31, 2025

Sunday Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11;

Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13; Monday

Ik 4.16-30

Tuesday 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday Memorial of Saint Gregory the Great,

Pope and Doctor of the Church

Col 1: 1-8; Ps 52: 10, 11; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11 Friday Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 5:33-39 Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8; Lk 6:1-5 Saturday Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday

Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17;

Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

## **FAITH DIRECT/ParishSoft Giving**

Online donations through Faith Direct help sustain our parish ministries and keep our offertory consistent during the busy summer vacation months. If you make the switch today, you'll be giving steady, consistent support to the parish

ministries you care about most in the months ahead - even if you're out of town during summer weekends.

Sign up today by scanning the QR code.

Text "ENROLL" to

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

**Contribution** through the **Archdiocese of Detroit** online giving (Our Sunday Visitor) that program has ended and you will need to sign up with Faith Direct

## Adoration

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

## Calling New and Returning Star Singers!!!!

As we near the end of summer our Choir begins rehearsing for the fall season which (believe it or not) includes preparations for Christmas!

While the choir has been off over the summer, we did find time to get together for a picnic at the Grosse Pointe Woods Park and one of the things we all agreed would be nice is to have some new singers join us!

If you have any choir or singing experience - you might consider joining us this season.

Rehearsals begin on Wed, September 3rd at 7pm in Church and we begging singing at the 11:30am Mass that following Sunday - Sept 7th

If you have any questions, stop and see me after any of the weekend Masses.

Thanks Aaron Kaleniecki Director of Music





#### 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.

### 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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