

Our Lady Star of the Sea

October 19, 2025

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Twenty-Ninth 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

Congratulations to our second graders who participated in the Rite of Enrollment this Sunday to receive First Holy Communion in the spring of 2026. First Communion is such an exciting time for the child and the family. After many years of the young child seeing mom and dad, and siblings, go up to communion to receive Jesus and they can't, it is a BIG DAY for them to finally do what the adults have been doing. They know

the process of standing in line and then finally receiving the Host from the priest or minister is special, just by observing the way others go to receive the Host, together with the prayers they see people praying before and after.

Stop and think how often children want to imitate their parents. There was that tv commercial showing the little boy doing everything dad was doing, e.g., washing the car, cutting the grass, painting, napping. I see it so often when young children come up for communion and they want what mom or dad have. Remember that when it comes to the practice of the faith. Children tend to imitate what their parents do. Rightfully so that this is the case because parents are the first teachers of the faith. When parents practice the faith through their grace before meals, prayers in the morning and evening, participating in Sunday Mass every Sunday, going to the sacrament of confession, etc., they tend to pick up those practices in their life. When the parents fail to do that, the child will most likely follow suit until, with the Grace of God, they are formed, inspired, and encouraged to practice the faith later in life. [Studies have also shown that when the fathers especially take the lead in practicing the faith in the home, the children are more likely to do the same in their own life as adults.]

We pray for our young children who so much want to receive Jesus in Holy Communion. However their "first communion" is not something to check off a list of things to do or accomplish in life. Rather, it is only the beginning of a way of life, centered on the Eucharist, and our surrender to the Lord who gave himself in the Eucharist. We continue to pray for their parents, guardians, grandparents, and siblings who all need our prayers and encouragement to be strong witnesses in the faith. In addition, we pray for each other, to be renewed in the great gift of the Eucharist, our source of life and renewal each and every Sunday!

** If you see some ushers after the homily walking slowing and it looks like they are counting, that is exactly what they are doing. In October the parishes in the AoD take "head counts" during Mass. This information is useful to the parish, or family of parishes, to see if any changes need to be made. I can tell you that 500 fewer people are coming to our weekend Masses than 10 years ago. With the capacity of our church and the amount of people who regularly come to Sunday Mass, we can fit everyone into two weekend Masses, instead the four we have. I know that is not practical. But we certainly need only one Saturday vigil Mass and two Sunday morning Masses. No, we will not be making any changes to the Mass schedule now but it is something that we might have to think about in the very near future. It is very difficult to find available priests to celebrate Mass when need arises due to sickness, vacation, or other reasons. Ideally, scheduled weekend Masses should have at least 50% of the church capacity. That is why I say our Mass schedule should ideally be reduced. Of course, the other option is to have more people participate weekly at Sunday Mass and then there is no need to reduce the number of Masses a weekend!

Continue to love the Lord and spread the Good News!

Msgr. Gary Smetanka



Sacristan Needed for 11:30 AM Mass

We are in need of an additional sacristan for the Sunday 11:30 AM Mass. Sacristans arrive about a half hour before Mass to set out the bread and wine and sacred vessels used at Mass. After Mass, they are responsible for turning off the lights and locking up the church for the day.

The time commitment is minimal. Sacristans serve only once a month, and are able to switch days with other sacristans, as required, to accommodate travel or special events.

Training will be provided. This is an excellent way for an individual or a couple to become more involved in the parish. Please prayerfully consider this request; we could really use your help. For more information call Terry Varani (313-492-8327).



Mass of Remembrance

Monday, November 3

7:00 pm

The month of November has traditionally been set aside for the remembrance of those who have died.

Please join us for a special Mass as we remember those buried from our parish in the past year and all the dead.



Operation Christmas Child

Please return boxes
by November 2th

Mass Intentions

Monday, October 20

7:30 a.m. +Lionel Montagne
+Georgette Zahar
Margo Snyder

Tuesday, October 21

7:30 a.m. Derek Dorsch

Wednesday, October 22

7:30 a.m. +Leonard, Ethel & Helen Hart
+Bettejean Ahee
+Paul Olexa

Thursday, October 23

7:30 a.m. +Geraldine Korth
+Mary "Ruthie" Mestdagh
Michael Rilee

Friday, October 24

8:30 a.m. +Lionel Montagne

Saturday, October 25

4:00 p.m. +Richard Burnham
+Lionel Montagne
+Deceased Members of the
Rosary Altar Society
+Nadine Winiarski

Sunday, October 26

8:00 a.m. OLSOS Parishioners
+Charles Spindler

9:30 a.m. +Nadine Winiarski
+Michael Martin, Jr.
+Thomas Sullivan

11:30 a.m. +Virginia Mushenski
+Dick Flynn
+Timothy E. Reed

Scripture Readings

For the Week of October 19, 2025

Sunday	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Ex 17:8-13; Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; 2 Tm 3:14-4:2; Lk 18:1-8
Monday	Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday	Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17; Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday	Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8; Lk 12:39-48
Thursday	Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 12:49-53
Friday	Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94; Lk 12:54-59
Saturday	Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9
Sunday	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sir 35:12-14; 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

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.

10/20/1958 Camille VanDeuscheuran
 10/20/1962 Herman Schumacher
 10/20/1969 Delia Ellia
 10/20/1981 Christophe Verbiest
 10/20/1986 Klemence Cysarz
 10/20/1990 Helen Hornung
 10/20/1991 Thomas F. Brady, Jr.
 10/20/1992 Gloria Ward
 10/20/2001 Carolyn Totte
 10/20/2002 George Christie
 10/20/2017 Otis John Schroeder
 10/21/1975 Walter Hayes
 10/21/1977 Daniel Lynch
 10/21/1983 Ethel Hart
 10/21/1985 Geraldine White
 10/21/2003 Genevieve Rynkowski
 10/21/2005 Dorothy Alessi
 10/22/1960 Sylvia Bonahoom
 10/22/1970 Daniel Leithauser
 10/22/1994 Charles Licata
 10/22/2002 Ragheb Attie
 10/22/2003 Mark DeFour
 10/22/2007 Thomas P. Bronco, Jr.
 10/22/2011 Carole Skorupski
 10/22/2017 Daniel Evola
 10/22/2024 Jospeh Dillon
 10/23/1972 Ladislaus Bogusz
 10/23/1977 Cecil J. Jourdan
 10/23/1986 Carol DeBaeke
 10/23/1994 Philip Simon
 10/23/1999 Mariano Valenti
 10/23/2000 Irene Palombit
 10/23/2019 Geraldine Korth
 10/24/1975 Harriet Galarowicz
 10/24/1979 Frank Kaiser
 10/24/2000 Candace Tucker
 10/24/2005 Helen Hart
 10/24/2012 Telly Mascarin
 10/24/2014 EdwardWujek
 10/24/2014 Sidney Hirschfield

10/24/2020 Margaret Fleischmann
 10/24/2020 Grace Breen
 10/24/2023 Thomas McDonald
 10/25/1971 Clyde Neveux
 10/25/1981 Beata Snethkamp
 10/25/1985 Ellsworth Stay
 10/25/1987 MarthaRakowicz
 10/25/1995 Betty Barnett
 10/25/2005 Frank Zapala
 10/25/2007 Elaine Taylor
 10/26/1986 Kathryn Kidder
 10/26/2000 Rose Zoufal
 10/26/2004 John Enekes
 10/26/2010 Mary Ann Belanger
 10/26/2024 James Snyder

the sick

Jennie Barzotti
 Victor Bontomasi
 Maria Buscemi
 Jeanne Collins
 Ruth Flynn
 Cheryl Fox
 Mary Francis
 Greg DeMars
 Barbara Drader
 Kaynoa Dunn
 Mary Anne Gargaro
 Christine Mathis
 Tom Mocer
 Angie Rubino
 Alexandra (Hathaway) Schwegler
 Rosalie Soosik
 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



Save The Date
 Pancake Breakfast
 Sunday,
 October 26th
 8am - 11am

Sponsored by the 4th Degree
 Knights of Columbus
 Our Lady Star of the Sea -
 St Paul on the Lake Assembly
 2696



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)

Please drop off items in the
 gathering space.

Thank you for your
 continued generous support!



The faithful departed
 Anne Marie Sylvester
 Michael Martin, Jr.
 Ron Bogan



Please donate your clean bottles and cans to the
 Knights of Columbus

Money collected will be used to help numerous organizations.
 Donations may be brought to Mary's Garden Vestibule.
 For more information,
 please contact: Dennis Hyduk at 313.969.7650



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

6:00-7:30PM

STAR PARKING LOT

\$5/FAMILY

**Dance Party
with DJ MO**

Compliments of the Men's Club

Hot Dogs, Chips, & Drinks

Car Set-up, Food, & Lot Closed @ 6-6:30

DJ Announces Start @ 6:30

Lot Reopens @ 7:30

Return to school office by Monday the 21st

Last Name _____

kids _____ \$5 included ☐

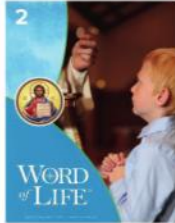
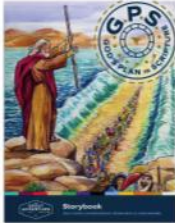
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THIS YEAR IN FAITH FORMATION!

This year, over 100 students are growing in faith together through our Faith Formation program! We are blessed to have 16 eighth graders and 8 seventh graders preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, and 23 second graders preparing for their First Reconciliation and First Communion.



Each grade is exploring the beauty of our Catholic faith through a variety of engaging programs:

- **1st Grade** – Using God's Plan in Scripture, students are beginning their sacrament preparation by learning foundational prayers.
- **2nd Grade** – Using Word of Life, students are preparing for their sacraments and have received personal Mass booklets to help them learn the parts of the Mass.
- **3rd–5th Grade** – Continuing with Word of Life as they deepen their understanding of faith and discipleship.
- **6th Grade** – Studying God's Plan in Scripture and receiving their own Bibles, which they'll personalize with handmade covers.
- **7th Grade** – Beginning their Confirmation journey through Alpha and Chosen.
- **8th Grade** – Continuing with Chosen and Confirmed in the Spirit as they prepare to complete their Sacraments of Initiation.

Please continue to pray for these students, their families, and catechists as they grow in faith and prepare for their sacraments.

**Help
Needed**

Catechist Needed!

We are looking for a 5th grade catechist to join our Faith Formation team beginning in January and serving through the end of the year.

If interested, please contact 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

Bereavement Group



Our Sunday Coffee & Donut Ministry

Join Us for Monthly Fellowship and Refreshments!

Enjoy fresh treats and hot coffee while catching up with familiar faces, meeting new friends, and sharing in the warmth of our parish community.

We're always happy to welcome new members to our Hospitality Team! It's a wonderful way to serve your parish and help create a welcoming atmosphere.

Interested? Contact Judy Zedan at jl.zedan@gmail.com for more details.

**Dates: November 23, January 25, February 22
March 29, April 26, May 17**

To volunteer, please visit our sign up Genius Link:

www.signupgenius.com/go/5080544ADAD2FA1F49-58719949-coffee

Or scan the qr code



SEEING THE LIGHT OF DAY

A faith based group meeting

First Sunday of the Month

1:00 pm

In the Pointe

Our Lady Star of the Sea - 467 Fairford Rd., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236

Contact the Parish office (313)-884-5554 for more information

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.

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Our Lady Star of the Sea School



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Calling All Singers

for Christmas

While the weather might not indicate it, the Star Music Ministry is starting

to focus on our wonderful Christmas Celebrations. As in years past, I'd like to invite anyone who would like to join the choir for Christmas to begin attending Wednesday evening rehearsals. We rehearse from 7-830pm In church. A portion of our rehearsal will be dedicated to Sunday Mass but we quickly shift into preparing music for Christmas - so if you'd like to sing with us, we'd love to have you. Please plan to attend rehearsals as soon as possible so that we can get started! There is a lot of fun and diverse music planned Christmas this year and as the saying goes - the more the merrier!!

SACRED HEART MAJOR SEMINARY

Halloween Candy Donation

Drop off bags of candy to the parish to help the seminarians provide a safe trick-or-treating experience for kids!

Thank You!!!



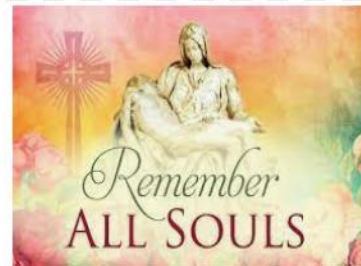

It's that time of the year again! Halloween is just around the corner, and Sacred Heart Major Seminary needs your help. Each year the seminary community opens their doors and their hearts to over 2000 children from the surrounding Detroit neighborhood so that the kids can have a fun and safe place to play games and trick-or-treat. But they need your help to make this year a success! They are asking for donations of Halloween candy that will then be passed out to the many kids. If you are willing to participate in this important ministry by donating bags of candy please bring them to gathering space and place in the white box by **October 26th**.

8TH GRADE FLAG FOOTBALL GAME

STAR VS. ST. PAUL

SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 2, 2 PM
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Come support our 8th Grade Class! All proceeds go to the class trip at the end of the year, with a 50/50 raffle, concession stand, and more!

All Souls Day:

In the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on All Souls Day, and through the month of November

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WHERE

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467 Fairford Rd.
Grosse Pointe Woods

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Meet Other Caregivers
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- Learn from Others
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Msgr. G. Michael Bugarin

Fr. Bob Voiland
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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

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Sunday: 10:00 am

Daily: MF 9:00 a.m. W 12:00 p.m.

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Fr. Stan Pachla
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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
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Mass Times

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

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

Deadline to
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Questions? Elaine Marshall qmarsh16@yahoo.com

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St. Clair Shores, MI 48081

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