

November 23, 2025
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CHRIST THE KING



Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
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

ANOIDTING 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

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 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! 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. It is also another opportunity to focus on the essentials of our life, i.e., our relationship with the Lord and the practice of our faith.

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

**** I hope you read the Archbishop's letter in last week's paper (it is also available on-line). It sets forth for us a two year process of parish renewal. As we set our eyes and hearts on Christ the King, we seek his will at this time. We are not alone in this process. More than 30 dioceses across the country have undertaken such a process in order to renew our parishes and to be mission ready in our society. Many statistics support such time of renewal, with a decrease in people participating in weekly Sunday Masses, receiving the sacraments, a decrease in available priests in the very near future, etc. Parish renewal, in all of its aspects, is necessary if we want every parish to be vibrant, faith filled, mission focused communities of faith. Star is no exception. At the end of the process, we will see a refreshed dynamic Church. Yes there will be changes for parish communities as we respond and restructure according to the signs of the time. Without a doubt, however, the Lord will sustain us, and support us in our discipleship and mission to spread the Gospel.**

****Thursday, November 27th - Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated at St Joan of Arc at 9:00 am.**

**** Thank you for your assistance and generosity with our "Giving Tree." Remember to return all gifts unwrapped by Sunday, Dec. 7 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.1, we will have a special Advent Holy Hour at 7 pm. Next Tuesday, Dec. 2, 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



Prayer for Archdiocesan Restructuring

Come, Holy Spirit.

Make your presence known
as we restructure the parishes and ministries
of our archdiocese.

Be our light on the path we walk together.
Help us hear your voice
in the quiet of our own hearts,
in the wisdom of others,
and in the world around us.

We know you are with us
in every step of the process.
Give us clarity, understanding, and direction.
In all things, help us share the light of your love. Amen.

Ste. Anne, pray for us.
Blessed Solanus Casey, pray for us.
Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

RESTRUCTURING.AOD.ORG



We Could Use Your Helping Hands!

If you have a little time to spare, we'd love your help with any of the following:

Plant Care – Help keep the plants in the church and gathering space healthy and beautiful.

Wake Ministry – When a family requests a rosary or scripture service, we send a small team to assist.

Mailings – Sign up to be notified by email when the next mailing is scheduled. If you're available, we always appreciate the extra hands!

Funeral Luncheons - Help set up , serve and clean up after funeral luncheons. Typically set up night before and luncheon volunteer are here from 10:30 am- 1:30 pm.

Your time and kindness make a big difference—thank you for all you do to support our parish community!

Mass Intentions

Monday, November 24

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

Tuesday, November 25

7:30 a.m. +Deceased Members of the
O'Malley & Spindler Families

Wednesday, November 26

7:30 a.m. Benefactors of OLSOS
+Thomas Coyne
+Michael Bolton

Thursday, November 27

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

Friday, November 28

8:30 a.m. **NO MASS**

Saturday, November 29

4:00 p.m. +Maureen Blair
+Mary Lou Weber
+Cathlyn Terry

Sunday, November 30

8:00 a.m. OLSOS Parishioners

9:30 a.m. +Patrick Korth

11:30 a.m. +Virginia Mushenski
+Dick Flynn
+Charles Spindler

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

What does it mean to have a Mass "offered" for someone?

An individual may ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died.

It is worth noting, however, that the offering of the Mass for that intention does not depend on it being publicly voiced but on it being specified in the priest's personal prayers. Similarly, if a priest announces that "I am offering this Mass for [such and such an] intention" he does not thereby require the rest of the congregation to pray for that intention.

Please pray for:

In memoriam

the parishioners that have had their funerals at OLSOS.

11/24/1981 Fred LaFond
 11/24/1982 Leo Fitzpatrick
 11/24/1990 Elmer S. Gliniecki
 11/24/1997 Vito Salvaggio
 11/24/1997 Helene Kaplita
 11/24/1999 Monica Taylor
 11/24/2013 Rita DeSpirt
 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
 11/25/2024 Rosa Perez-Borja
 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 Littley
 11/30/2015 Irene Masha

the sick

Jennie Barzotti
 Victor Bontomasi
 Maria Buscemi
 Jeanne Collins
 Ruth Flynn
 Cheryl Fox
 Mary Francis
 Barbara Drader
 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

Scripture Readings

For the Week of November 23, 2025

Sunday Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5;
 Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

Monday Memorial of Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs
 Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday Dn 2: 31-45; Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74; Lk 21:20-28

Friday Dn 7:2-14, Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87; Lk 21:34-36

Sunday First Sunday of Advent
 Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44



The faithful departed

Linda Mammen



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).



Parish Giving Tree

Tags will be available on November 22nd

Unwrapped gifts are to be returned by

December 7th no later than 12:30pm

Volunteers are needed to help sort on Sunday
December 7 after the 11:30 Mass

If you are able to help deliver to the organizations
please contact Debby - d.veltri@stargp.org or 313-884-5554

Organizations who will be receiving our gifts and some of the items they have asked for:

Holy Family Christmas Store: Tags will include - trucks, stuffed animals, baby dolls, cars, Sweatshirts, jogger pants, board games, and sport balls

Franciscan Ministries: Tags for adult size warm sleeping bags, girls & boys coats all sizes, adult sweatshirt hoodies, tube socks, hand warmers, & warm hats & gloves

Macomb Foster Closet: Children Books, Craft Kits, hot wheels, lego, barbies, twin sheet sets, children Athletic Shoes

Mary's Children: Gift Cards - Meijer, Kroger or Costco

St Joseph Helpers: Gift Cards: Home Depot, Menards, Lowes

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

Please DO NOT wrap the gifts

CarePointe

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WHEN
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WHAT TO EXPECT

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- ◆ 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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For more information,
please contact: Dennis Hyduk at 313.969.7650



Catechist Needed!

**Help
Needed**

We are still looking for a 5th grade catechist beginning in January!
If you love your faith and enjoy helping young people grow closer to God, we would love to have you join our team.

All training and support are provided — a willing heart is all you need to make a lasting difference!

If interested, please contact Jack Novak



INFORMATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY, DEC. 7, 2025

5:00 PM

St. Jane Frances de Chantal

**The Mission Texas trip will take place
during the last two weeks of June, 2026 and is for
high school students.**

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



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

Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Every Wednesday
11am - 2pm**

in the Parish Office Chapel

***We will Not have Adoration
Wednesday, November 26***

SPOTLIGHT

An Evening Among the Stars



Save the Date
March 21, 2026
Grosse Pointe Yacht Club

For more information:
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👤 2026 Honorary Chairs

We are delighted to announce this year's Honorary Chairs, Joan and Jim Tobin. The Tobins have played many roles within our Star community—parishioners, proud parents of three Star graduates, and now even prouder grandparents of four current students! Throughout the years, Jim has been an active Men's Club member and remains a familiar face at their current events, while Joan could be found on the court as a beloved basketball coach through the years. Their continued dedication and shining Star spirit make them the perfect choice to lead this year's Spotlight: An Evening Among the Stars.



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: January 25,
February 22, March 22, April 26, May 17
To volunteer,**

please visit our sign up Genius Link:

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

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Your generosity sustains our parish mission and outreach. Thank you for your continued support!





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Sunday, December 7
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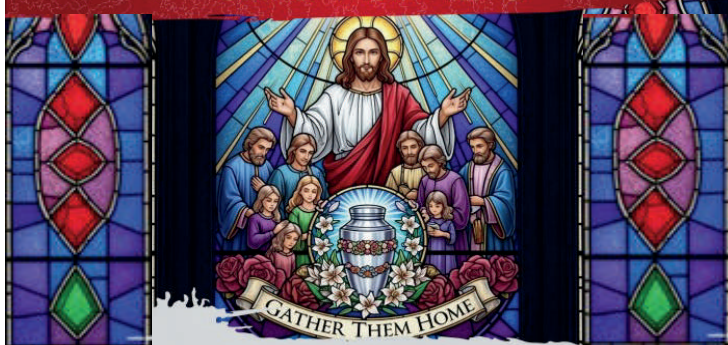
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And return to the Parish office

**All orders are due no later than
Tuesday, December 9th**

A FINAL ACT OF LOVE: Gather Them Home



Providing proper burial for cremated remains

If you, or someone you know, have remains that need a proper and respectful resting place, the Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services, a ministry of the Archdiocese of Detroit, will provide a final resting place at no cost.

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This prayer that Fr. Brian often uses at the end of the intercessions at Mass is a prayer of St. John Henry Newman (1801-1890):

May the Lord support us all the day long,
till the shades lengthen
and the evening comes,
and the busy world is hushed,
and the fever of life is over,
and our work is done.
Then in his mercy
may he give us a safe lodging,
and holy rest,
and peace at the last.
Christ our Lord. Amen.



FAMILY ADVENT NIGHT

PREPARE HIM ROOM

December 2 | 6:30 PM

An evening of carols, cocoa, treats,
preparing our hearts for a holy Advent,
and the lighting of our Christmas Star.

*The evening will be partially outside.
Please dress accordingly.*



Thresholds of Hope

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.

IS YOUR
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CURRENT?



Have you recently moved, dropped your landline, or changed your phone number or email address? Please let us know so we can keep our parish records up to date!

Contact the Parish Office at **313-884-5554**, parish@stargp.org, update your information through our Portal at <https://www.olsos.org/parishsoft> or fill out the form below and return to the parish office with any updates.

Thank you for helping us stay connected!

Name: _____

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