

Hope



The First Week of Advent

Light the first purple candle on your Advent wreath

Read from Scripture: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined." (Isaiah 9:2)

Pray the Advent Wreath Prayer for Week 1: "Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas. Amen."

Reflect: Are you ready to discover the hope Jesus is inviting you to experience this Christmas?

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Advent

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

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

doing in our life!

When we open our heart and our mind, it is easier to prepare. It seems we are always preparing for something as we prepare for school, our jobs or ministries, our vacations, moving into a new home, etc. As we anticipate Christmas, there is a lot of preparations going on. You prepare for gift giving, for decorating the inside and outside of the house, for family gatherings, etc.

Advent is the time to *prepare* for Christmas. We see the days get shorter and the darkness of the night starts sooner. With Christmas, and the Light of Christ, the days get longer and brighter – just as the presence of Christ sheds light in our life. Even as we might put up the tree and decorations around the house, and as we light up the outside of our homes, let us be mindful of how we are preparing for the Christmas season that *begins*, not ends, on Dec. 25.

Our Advent focus this year is “Prepare Him room.” As you prepare space or a room in your house for an upcoming guest, what do you do? You probably think “what can I do to make this person feel welcome?” You clean, maybe purge some items, tidy up the area, etc. Sometimes preparing for a guest is very helpful to us because it gives us the opportunity for renewal. Advent is a time for a new beginning, another renewal, another chance to be intimately connected with Jesus. Feel like you have been missing something? Let Jesus enter and find the best home available! If you have been lax about participating in Sunday Mass, this is a perfect time to change that habit! It will be good for the soul!

As you prepare your soul, your heart, your home this Advent, pause from the rush throughout the day and spend time being with God. See in the “things” of the season the many expressions of God’s majesty and love. Experience the Sacraments and let the Grace of God flow through you!

**** This first week of Advent is packed with wonderful activities. Monday night: our **Advent Holy Hour** with the Blessed Sacrament, allowing yourself to be immersed in His loving presence. Tuesday night: our **Parish Advent night** for one and all, the family of Star of the Sea. A time to be social, to pray, to listen, to sing, and then to light up our Christmas Star! Next Sunday, our **Knights of Columbus** offer their **St. Nicholas Pancake Breakfast**.**

**** Thank you for your generosity with the Giving Tree. Please remember to return the **unwrapped gifts by next Sunday, Dec. 7**, at 12:30 pm. They will be sorted, and bagged, for distribution to the receiving agencies at that time.**

Have a blessed week letting the Lord enter more fully into your life and family!

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, December 1

7:30 a.m. +Edmund Ahee, Jr.
+Leslie Komlosan

Tuesday, December 2

7:30 a.m. +Georgette Zahar

Wednesday, December 3

7:30 a.m. +John C. Brooks

Thursday, December 4

7:30 a.m. +Adele VanDerWaerden
+Anthony Vitale

Friday, December 5

8:30 a.m. +Joseph Maciejewski

Saturday, December 6

4:00 p.m. +Thomas J. Youngblood
+David Graham
+George Fikany

Sunday, December 7

8:00 a.m. OLSOS Parishioners
Increase in Religious Vocations

9:30 a.m. +Walt Bryzik

11:30 a.m. +Virginia Mushenski
+John Ahee
+Aaron Blair
+Margaret "Peggy" Posch
+Martha Posch

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.

12/1/1958	Russell Cushing
12/1/1973	Bernard Ronan
12/1/2001	Serafina Evola
12/1/2020	Patrick Scoggin
12/1/2023	Catherine Pentis
12/2/1981	Adele Ahee
12/2/1990	Charles W. Moore
12/2/1996	William R.D'Arcy III
12/2/2007	Emeline Fikany
12/2/2022	Anne M. Scapini
12/3/1965	Roma Cracchiolo
12/3/1973	Gary Calcaterra
12/3/1987	Henry Martin
12/3/1992	Margaret Moody
12/3/2002	Alice Yaklin
12/3/2003	Therese Taylor
12/3/2004	Lois Martin
12/3/2012	Nancy Bordato
12/3/2015	Ralph Donald Newa
12/3/2021	Doris Trupiano
12/4/1964	Marge Birmingham
12/4/1967	James David Petz
12/4/1969	Noma Clapp
12/4/1977	Margaret DeFour
12/4/1978	Rosemary Linde
12/4/1984	Charles E. Beach
12/4/1984	Ralph Daigle
12/4/1985	Mary Ann Resmer
12/4/1993	Jessica M. Barthel
12/4/2002	Mary Hayes
12/4/2018	Marie Koueiter
12/4/2021	Karen Labadie
12/5/1959	Frank Donovan
12/5/1969	John Molloy
12/5/1972	Rose Diem
12/5/1992	Joyce Tuck
12/5/2001	Mary Elizabeth Brinkman
12/5/2004	James Thomas Pendy
12/5/2014	Ralph Hinz
12/5/2018	William Cosgrove, Sr.
12/5/2023	Thomas Neych
12/6/1968	Edward Ruth
12/6/1977	Charles Flemion
12/6/1979	Anna Poust
12/6/1986	Marie Connelly
12/6/2000	Catherine Viviano
12/6/2002	Tony Bufalino
12/6/2016	Robert Rahaim
12/7/1979	William Ulrich

12/7/1982	Jennie Thieman
12/7/1984	Leo Doyle
12/7/1996	Robert Arthur
12/7/2000	Adeline O'Berski
12/7/2004	Mary Ellen Van Assche
12/7/2005	Marie Luber
12/7/2021	Lilian Rogers

the sick

Jennie Barzotti
Victor Bontomasi
Maria Buscemi
Jeanne Collins
Ruth Flynn
Cheryl Fox
Mary Francis
Barbara Drader
Mary Anne Gargaro
Christine Mathis
Tom Moceri
Angie Rubino
Alexandra (Hathaway) Schwegler
Rosalie Soosik
Cathy Spindler
JoAnne Spring
Alexis Suppanz
E. Noreen Szymborski
Peter Taormina, Sr.
Joyce Tranchida
Linda Vitale

those in the military

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



WITH MARY,
WE BRING PEOPLE TO CHRIST
TO LIVE THE LOVE OF GOD

HOLY HOUR

December 1 - Special Praise & Worship

Holy Hour

7:00 pm

In the church

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

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 **Giving**

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Christmas Flower and Decorations, Donations

As the holidays approach we are giving you an opportunity to remember your loved ones who have passed away by making a monetary donation for flowers or decorations. Please use your envelope that is included in with your weekly offering or place your donation in a plain envelope marked "holiday decoration donation" with the name of the person(s) you would like remembered.

All names will be listed in the Christmas bulletin.

Please return by **Sunday, December 7th**

Donation made in memory of:

In honor of:

Name: _____ Env # _____

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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!

Scripture Readings

For the Week of November 30, 2025

Sunday	First Sunday of Advent Is 2:1-5; Ps 122, 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Rm 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44
Monday	Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday	Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday	Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday	Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday	Second Sunday of Advent Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rm 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12



INFORMATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY, DEC. 7, 2025

5:00 PM

St. Jane Frances de Chantal

This Mission Trip will be from June 15-30th and is designed for High Schoolers. We will be joining Strake Jesuit High School in Houston for all service projects.

If you are interested, and unable attend the meeting, please contact Jack Novak.

Probable Trip Inclusions

**Service Projects
in 5+ States**

**Texas Rangers
Baseball Game**

**Silver Dollar City
Amusement Park**

**Galveston
Beach**

**Lifetime Memories
and Friendships**

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We are still looking for a 5th grade catechist beginning in January!
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2nd Grade Parents Only - Please fill out this form to
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<https://forms.gle/k7U28s1LyhYx2Mt17>



Advent Reflection Options

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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



Parish Giving Tree

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



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

Private Confessions

Saturdays at 3 pm until all have been heard.

Tuesday, Dec. 9: 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Monday, Dec 15: 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Tuesday, Dec 16: 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Thursday, Dec. 18: 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Concerts

**Please see the organizations
Website for ticket prices**

Grosse Pointe Symphony

Sunday, December 7-7:00 pm

Gpsymphony.org

One Voice

Sunday, December 14: 4:00 pm

Choironevoice.org

Judelaire

Thursday, Dec. 18: 7:30 pm

Christmas - 2025

Christmas Eve

4:00 pm, (Children's chorale)

6:00 pm, and 11:00 pm (Adult Choir)

Christmas Day

9:30 am and 11:30 am

Mary, Holy Mother of God A Holyday of Obligation

December 31, 2025 4:00 pm

January 1, 2026: 9:30 am

For more information
please call the parish office
313-884-5554 or visit olsos.org.



St. Nicholas Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, December 7
8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
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And return to the Parish office

Ham Pick up : Thursday, December 18th, 3 - 5 pm
Under the church canopy



Please donate your clean bottles
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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.



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information.





On Wednesday, November 19, our middle school students gathered for another meaningful session of our faith-filled *Rooted* program. The morning blended teamwork and spiritual reflection as students took part in a light-hearted game of “toss the marshmallow.” With each successful throw, partners stepped farther apart—a fun reminder that even when there is

physical or emotional distance between friends and family, we can grow closer by putting God first and intentionally sharing our faith.



This led into a discussion on evangelization: what it means, why it matters, and how it doesn't always require big actions. Students reflected on the simple, everyday ways they can witness to Christ—through kindness, encouragement, gratitude, and the example they set in their words and choices.

It was a wonderful blend of faith, fellowship, and formation, and we are grateful for the continued growth our students experience through the *Rooted*



Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of Our Lady Star of the Sea School, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your continued support. Your prayers, generosity, and belief in Catholic education allow our school to remain a flourishing and vibrant place where students grow in faith, knowledge, and character each day.

Because of you, our classrooms are filled with joy, curiosity, and the light of Christ. Your commitment strengthens our mission and ensures that our children experience a community rooted in love, learning, and discipleship.

Thank you for walking with us, supporting us, and believing in the bright future of our school. We are truly blessed by your partnership.

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



carepointesupport.org

Email: info@carepointesupport.org



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Thresholds of Hope

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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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date.

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