

Joy



The Third Week of Advent:

The Third Week of Advent Represents: Joy

Candle Name: The Shepherd's Candle **Candle Color:** Pink

Light the first and second purple candles and the pink candle

Read from Scripture: "And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them." (Luke 2:20)

Pray the Advent Wreath Prayer for Week 3: "Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. Amen."

Reflect: On a scale from 1-10, how would you rate your joy this Advent? How might God be inviting you to open yourself up to the joy of the season?

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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

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



We are now in the final ten days of the Advent season. The days of Christmas will be here soon. Even in these sometimes challenging and certainly hectic times, we have probably done much during these past weeks to prepare for Christmas through our decorating, shopping, baking, cooking and much more. Now more than ever is the time

to focus on Jesus and the joy that we should have as the Word of God becomes flesh for us.

There are many little ways in which we can certainly keep the focus of Christ in this last half of the Advent season. For instance, if you have some gifts to wrap, say a little prayer for the person who will receive the gift. Think about their good qualities and characteristics. Think of little ways you might continue to help them throughout the year. Maybe a note or phone call every now and then. As you might receive gifts from others and place them under your tree, thank God for the gift of these people in your life. How in some way have they brought you closer to Jesus? How do they challenge you through their lives to be a bit more Christ-like in yours?

Our theme this Advent has been, "Prepare Him Room." Think of all the things you do around your house when you have to prepare a room for an incoming guest. We do all those things because we want the guest to come and feel they are a part of our family, ourself. Do we often restrict Jesus from coming into our life, our heart? When we prepare a special place for Jesus, he enters with peace, gentleness, and companionship because he feels welcome in our home, in our space. Isn't that how you feel when you are warmly invited into someone's house as a guest? There is a comfort when we know Christ is present. That fact gives us true deep joy and peace, especially when being challenged by life's issues.

**** Invite others to join us here at Star for our Christmas liturgies.** It is wonderful to see so many people who are friends or family of parishioners. Patience, consideration and hospitality are always good virtues to practice, especially as so many gather to celebrate these holy days. (Remember we no longer have the 4:15 overflow Mass.)

**** Remember to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) this Advent.** This is another important way to let Christ enter deeper into your heart and bask in the forgiveness and mercy he bestows upon us, the reason why he came to save us. This week I have added two afternoon times (2 -3 pm on Tuesday and 1-2 pm on Thursday) plus an evening (6:30-7:30 pm on Monday) for individual confession. May you be touched by the powerful presence of the Lord as we prepare and celebrate His coming!

***. If you play a musical instrument and would like to share your talent in our liturgies, please see, talk, or contact Aaron.** He is always happy to engage other musicians in our liturgies!

May your Advent journey continue to bring you surprises from the Lord and a closeness only He can give!

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

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 15

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

Tuesday, December 16

7:30 a.m. Fr. Billy Joseph Ryan
+Robert Molnar

Wednesday, December 17

7:30 a.m. Maria Bruno

Thursday, December 18

7:30 a.m. +Deceased Members of the
Ronzi Family
+Elsie & William Connors

Friday, December 19

8:30 a.m. Fran Maxey

Saturday, December 20

4:00 p.m. +Richard Burnham
+Adam Swider

Sunday, December 21

8:00 a.m. OLSOS Parishioners

9:30 a.m. +Catherine Jaboro
+John Patrick Luedtke

11:30 a.m. +Virginia Mushenski
+Gino Cavalieri
+Marilyn Schneider
+Peter Bologna
+Rex & Del Otey



We Could Use Your Helping Hands!

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

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 -

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.



Ham Pick up— Reminder

**Thursday,
December 18th
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Under Church Canopy**

Please pray for:

In memoriam

the parishioners that have had their funerals at OLSOS.

12/15/1982	William Hendricks
12/15/2002	Daniel Fricker
12/15/2012	Susan Amine
12/16/1963	Ada Salyers
12/16/1974	Edmund Tomaszewski
12/16/1977	Alice Major
12/16/1993	Thomas J. Zink
12/16/2004	Salvatore Russo
12/16/2007	Lucy Ponczocha
12/16/2024	Anna Marie Johnston
12/17/1955	Mary Gutowski
12/17/1972	John DeVos
12/17/1984	Dominic Marasco
12/17/1994	Ray Laethem, Sr.
12/17/2023	Cameron Piggott
12/17/2024	Thomas Youngblood
12/18/1963	Martin Hoffmann
12/18/1978	Cletus Welling
12/18/1997	(Pat) Donna Lee
12/18/2003	Terrance Hogan
12/18/2006	Joseph Quasarano
12/18/2008	Francis Blake
12/19/1980	Harold Stock
12/19/1985	Sondra Ayers
12/19/1988	Veronica A. Hourd
12/19/1997	Margery Long
12/19/2005	Vincent Simonelli
12/19/2009	Patricia Rauss
12/19/2011	Maria Consuelo Gorski
12/19/2015	Katherine Tazzia

12/20/1960	Helen Jaglowicz
12/20/1964	Abbie Westrick
12/20/1967	William S. Flowers
12/20/1985	Jane Fitzgerald
12/20/1986	Katherine Smith
12/20/1989	Raymond Lynch
12/20/2012	Roger Damman
12/20/2016	Mary Shammas
12/21/1999	Brian Smith
12/21/2002	George Touchton
12/21/2013	Barbara Martin
12/21/2016	Marcella Keisic
12/21/2019	Ann Chevalier

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
Carol Nowinski
Angie Rubino
Alexandra (Hathaway) Schwegler
Rosalie Soosik
Cathy Spindler
JoAnne Spring
Alexis Suppanz
E. Noreen Szyborski
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

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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Thank you for your continued support!



The faithful departed
Marjorie Goodman



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TO LIVE THE LOVE OF GOD



Join our mission-driven team and help shape hearts and minds in a joyful, faith-filled school community.

- **Preschool Aide**
- **Kid's Club Staff**

Our Aides assist teachers and students with daily routines, learning activities, and play.

Kid's Club Staff manage students homework and play while supporting routines in our after-care program.

If interested, contact the School's Front Office at (313) 884-1070.



T'was the Night Before Christmas

A different version

T'was the night before Christmas,
 God glanced over the earth.
 He looked to and fro,
 All over it's girth.
 They missed it again He said with a sigh,
 A heavy heart and a tear in his eye.
 I gave them my son,
 So they could be free.
 My greatest gift,
 To them from me.
 They traded me in,
 For a man in red.
 A little tree,
 And horse drawn sled.
 How do I save them,
 And make them see.
 My love is complete,
 My grace is free.
 How do I help them,
 When all they know.
 Is a talking snowman,
 And a box with a bow.
 Maybe next year,
 they will stop and see.
 The biggest gift of Christmas,
 Is the little child from me.

author unknown

Scripture Readings

For the Week of December 14, 2025

Sunday	Third Sunday of Advent Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11
Monday	Num 24: 2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab; 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday	Gen 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Thursday	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Friday	Jdg 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Saturday	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Advent Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rm 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24



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

Or scan the QR code



Advent Chair Challenge!

As a physical reminder to prepare room in our hearts for Jesus this Advent and beyond, we ask that everyone prepares a chair in their home for Jesus.

We want see your chairs, text them to
313-889-3099
BE CREATIVE!



PREPARE HIM ROOM

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! You can even ask a friend to co-teach! If interested, please contact Jack Novak

MISSION TEXAS 2026

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, 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

Advent Reflection Options

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on FIRE



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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



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

Private Confessions

Saturdays at 3 pm

until all have been heard.

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

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.

THRESHOLDS OF HOPE



FAMILY of
PARISHES

ADVENT PENANCE TIMES

ST. VERONICA

21440 Universal

Eastpointe — 48021

Saturdays December 20 3:30 p.m.

ST. BASIL

22851 Lexington

Eastpointe — 48021

Mondays December 15, 22 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, December 17 8:00 a.m.

Friday, December 19 8:00 a.m.

Monday, December 22 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 23 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 20 3:00 p.m.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

467 Fairford Rd

Grosse Pointe Woods— 48236

Monday, December 15 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 16 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 18 1:00 p.m.

Saturday December 20 3:00 p.m.

ST. JOAN OF ARC

22412 Overlake

Saint Clair Shores — 48080

Mondays December 15, 22 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 17 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 20 11:00 a.m.

ST. LUCY

23401 Jefferson

Saint Clair Shores — 48080

Monday, December 15 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 16 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, December 17 6:00 p.m.

Friday, December 19 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, December 20 3:00 p.m.



Thresholds of Hope Family of Parishes Christmas Mass Schedule

St Basil the Great

Christmas Eve:

4:00 pm

Christmas Day:

12:00 am (Midnight), 9:30 am

St Joan of Arc

Christmas Eve:

4:00 pm, 6:00 pm, 10:00 pm

Christmas Day:

8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm

St Lucy

Christmas Eve:

4:30 pm

Christmas Day:

10:00 am

St Veronica

Christmas Eve:

4:30 pm

Christmas Day:

9:00 am, 11:00 am



Women and Men Socks and Underwear Donations

Let's help the less fortunate,
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Women – all sizes needed

Socks - any color, any style
Underwear – any color any style

Men – all sizes needed

Socks – dress and casual any color
white athletic crew socks
Underwear – boxers, briefs, boxer

briefs

Please bring in new socks and underwear. Place in
the white box in the gathering space.

The donations will go to a different organization
each month.

We will continue to collect throughout the year

Thank you for your generosity!

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 Fairfield Rd.
Grosse Pointe Woods

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

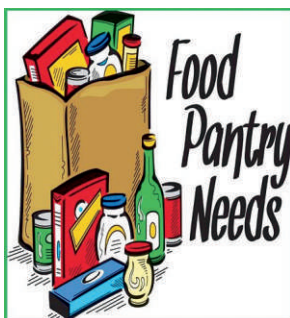
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**Our food pantry
needs
the following items:**

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)

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An offering from the  AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

Is Christmas a

PAGAN HOLIDAY?

WHAT CATHOLICS
believe



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Is Christmas Pagan? What Catholics Believe About Christmas

Dr. Michael Barber answers some of the Internet's most asked questions about Christmas. Is Christmas a pagan holiday? Why is Christmas celebrated on December 25? What happened at the "first Christmas"? Find out the answers to these and more!

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Bereavement Group



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

THE KIDS' BULLETIN

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visiting our website under get
connected,
scan the QR code or
call the office.



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.

St. Matthew Church presents

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS MUSIC EVENTS

Improvised Organ Meditations on the O Antiphons

Saturday, December 20,
after the 4:30PM choral Mass

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Sunday, January 4, 4PM
Festive reception to follow

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date.

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