

January 4, 2026
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**OUR LADY
STAR OF THE SEA PARISH**

The
Epiphany
of the Lord

Come, let us adore Him.



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 Smetanka

Happy Epiphany!

Our celebration of the Magi coming to see the newborn King should also remind us of our own need to come before the Lord to offer homage and praise. We each come before the Lord with the many gifts God has bestowed upon us. We might not have gold, frankincense

and myrrh, but we have faith, a free will, and the love of God. We might also have a sense of humor, intelligence, compassion, a listening ear and heart, insight, wisdom, physical skills, athletic skills, musical ability, etc., etc., etc.. We all have many God given gifts that we first must offer thanks to God and then use in the service of others for the sake and good of others.

There is a custom of blessing homes on this day or during this week of Epiphany. Over your door frame, in chalk, you would put 20 + C + M + B + 26. This is the new year we are in with the first initials of the three traditional names of the three kings, Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar.

I pray that during this year we will continue to grow in our love of all people as sisters and brothers in the Lord. May this year bring all of us closer to the Lord and to each other. There are so many gifts from God that still need to be discovered and used for the sake of the Kingdom of God. May the Light of Christ continue to shine bright in the hearts of all Our Lady Star of the Sea Parishioners as we journey together to the Kingdom.

**** This Tuesday, in Rome, the Jubilee Year of Hope officially comes to an end with the closing of the Holy Door. While the year comes to a close, let us remember what is essential in our belief: "Hope does not disappoint" (Rom 5:5). As Pope Francis wrote in the declaration about the Jubilee Year of Hope, "Everyone knows what it is to hope. In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring. Even so, uncertainty about the future may at times give rise to conflicting feelings, ranging from confident trust to apprehensiveness, from serenity to anxiety, from firm conviction to hesitation and doubt. Often we come across people who are discouraged, pessimistic and cynical about the future, as if nothing could possibly bring them happiness. For all of us, may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope. God's word helps us find reasons for that hope. ... (1).**

**** The Christmas season may be over in stores and in society, but it is still going on in the Church for another week! Continue to enjoy the season in your home and celebrate the Light of Christ, the joy of the angels and shepherds, the treasures of the Magi!**

**** May the Peace and Love of the Holy Family and the wonder and awe of the Three Kings be yours!**

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

Physical Prayer cards are available in the gathering space for you to take

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 5

7:30 a.m. +Leslie Komlosan

Tuesday, January 6

7:30 a.m. +Connie Cracchiolo

Wednesday, January 7

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

Thursday, January 8

7:30 a.m. For all who are absent from their
Catholic life

Friday, January 9

8:30 a.m. OLSOS Students

Saturday, January 10

4:00 p.m. +Archdiocesan Priests, Bishops, &
Deacons

Sunday, January 11

8:00 a.m. OLSOS Parishioners

9:30 a.m.

+Catherine Jaboro
+Walt Bryzik
+Luciano Argel
Continue healing of the Wawrzoszak
Family Bond

11:30 a.m.

+Rex & Del Otey
+Elizabeth Licata
+Colleen Ciurlik

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



BASKETBALL HOME GAMES

Sat, January 17, 2026

8:30 am—56B vs St Thecla #1
9:30 am— 56G vs St Thecla
10:30 am—78G vs Guardian Angels #2
11:30 am—78B vs St Thecla
1:00 pm—34G vs St Thecla
2:00 pm—34B vs St Thecla (cheer team)

Wed, January 28, 2026

5:00 pm—34G vs St Joan of Arc Red
6:00 pm—56G Everest Academy #2
7:00 pm—78G vs St Mary, Royal Oak
(cheer team)

Wed, February 4, 2026

5:00 pm—34B vs St Joan of Arc Red
6:00 pm—56B vs St Isaac Jogues #1
7:00 pm—78B vs Holy Cross
(cheer team)

Wed, February 11, 2026

5:00 pm—34G vs St Joan of Arc White
6:00 pm—56G vs Shrine Catholic #3
(cheer team)
7:00 pm—78G vs Shrine Catholic #2

Thu, February 19, 2026

5:00 pm—34B vs St Joan of Arc White
6:00 pm—56B vs St Kieran (cheer team)
7:00 pm—78B vs St Augustine



THE KIDS' BULLETIN

<https://thekidsbulletin.com>
A fun way for Catholic kids
to learn about the Faith every week.
Available in the gathering space or
www.olsos.org

Please pray for:

In memoriam

the parishioners that have had their funerals at OLSOS.

1/5/1985	Cyrilla Reichling
1/5/1986	Peter Kaspari
1/5/1998	Kathleen Qualls
1/5/2007	Rosemary Elias
1/5/2016	John Reuter
1/5/2021	Mary Ann Leto
1/5/2022	Joseph Drader
1/6/1963	Celia Gardecki
1/6/1966	Adelaide Whiffler
1/6/1977	Sam Serra
1/6/1978	Lawrence McCormick
1/6/1983	Dominic Pacini
1/6/1988	Robert Graul
1/6/1993	Michael Verb
1/6/2008	Agnes Baratta
1/6/2009	Lillian Bogdanski
1/6/2012	Frederick Stone
1/6/2016	Ann Warren
1/6/2018	Inez Burke
1/6/2023	Lorraine Flynn
1/7/1960	Robert Brynes
1/7/1978	Bertha Rapley
1/7/1980	Margarite Salvaggio
1/7/1988	Edward Lewinski
1/7/1993	Eleanor Kiefer
1/7/2000	Joseph LaGrasso
1/7/2004	Oscar Secco
1/7/2004	Mary Mueller
1/7/2007	Aloysius Hrabovsky
1/7/2008	Vincent Meli
1/7/2014	Mary Reveley
1/8/1998	Stanley Shayer
1/8/2003	Carol Locke
1/8/2008	Tullio Alessi
1/8/2011	Angeline Baratta
1/8/2016	Frederick Burak
1/8/2024	Peter Wladmeir
1/9/1962	Vito Munaco
1/9/1969	John Zuliani
1/9/1974	Matilda Kosecki
1/9/1986	Jim Picard
1/9/1993	Jimmie Bloink, Sr.
1/9/1996	Dolores Kravez
1/9/2004	Carmen Francis
1/9/2019	Thomas Misuraca
1/9/2019	Werner Vethacke
1/10/1971	Robert P. Brennan

1/10/1978	Harriett Smith
1/10/1994	James DaDeppo
1/10/1994	Joan Schucker
1/10/2003	Maurice VanHulle
1/10/2003	Jack McGough
1/10/2014	Stephen Speak
1/10/2016	Marvin Ureel
1/10/2017	John Testori
1/10/2025	Patricia David
1/11/1976	Rose Aiuto
1/11/1977	Margaret Sears
1/11/1986	Agnes Kowalski
1/11/1999	Pauline Miller
1/11/2005	Mildred Neveux DeFour
1/11/2006	Alfreda Seymour
1/11/2009	Helen Fuga
1/11/2022	Lynda Bucciero

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 Szymborski
Peter Taormina, Sr.
Joyce Tranchida
Linda Vitale
Mike Walter

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

11:00 am—2:00 pm

In the parish office chapel

HOLY HOUR

January 5

7:00 pm

In the church

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- **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.

Scripture Readings

For the Week of January 4, 2026

Sunday	The Epiphany of the Lord Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 2:1-12
Monday	Memorial of St. John Neumann, Bishop 1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday	1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday	1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday	1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22
Friday	1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday	1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday	The Baptism of the Lord Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Mt 3:13-17



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

EUCHRE

Tournament

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31 JAN **START AT 6PM**

Food & beverages will be provided. There will also be cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers. Open to all!



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.

Mailing – 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!

STAR FAITH FORMAT ON



Help needed

We are still looking for a 5th grade
Catechist starting in January.
Ask a friend and co-teach!



**Vacation
Bible School**
August 10th-13th
More details
to follow!

**MISSION
TEXAS**
2026

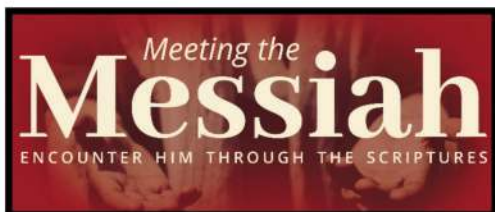
**This Mission Trip will be from June
15-30th and is designed for High
Schoolers. We will be joining
Strake Jesuit High School in
Houston for all service projects.
If you are interested, please
contact Jack Novak.**

**ST. CARLO ACUTIS
LEGO EXHIBIT**
FEBRUARY 7TH & 8TH AFTER MASS



**Coping with Depression
and Anxiety Talk**
Jan 14th - The Pointe - 7:00pm

Join Dr. Agnes Ward, Licensed Psychologist, as she explores signs and symptoms of depression and anxiety. Coping mechanisms to manage difficult feelings will be discussed, including managing distressing emotions during the holiday season. Ways to cope will be discussed and resources will be provided, Participants will receive a St. Dymphna medal, patron saint of mental health.



Adult Bible Study

Find more information about this bible study at:
olsos.org/ff/adults

Thursdays:

January 15th - February 19th

Morning Session: Evening Session:

9:30-11:00am

7:00-8:30pm

Ways to Sign Up:

Option 1: Scan the QR code

Option 2: Cut out and return slip



Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

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MORNING

EVENING

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Please return to parish office.

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

OLSO's 8th Grade Presents

Football Themed Trivia Night

21 years & older

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH 2026
STAR GYM
6:30 DOORS OPEN 7:00 TRIVIA BEGINS
\$25 per person OR \$175 for a Table of 8
BYO- Snacks, Desserts, Adult Beverages & Cans/Bottles, Coolers Welcome

Questions Contact Lindsey Davis l.davis@stargp.org
RSVP by completing and submitting payment to the school office
Payment by cash or check to Our Lady Star of the Sea

Main Contact Name and Email

Player 1	Player 2
Player 3	Player 4
Player 5	Player 6
Player 7	Player 8

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Sign up for the newsletters by visiting our website under get connected, scan the QR code or call the office.



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

CarePointe



carepointesupport.org
Email: info@carepointesupport.org



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!



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE

+ ART SHOW & MIDDLE SCHOOL
PRESENTATIONS

January 25, 2026

12:00 - 3:00 PM

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2026/2027



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January 2026

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313.423.9104

March 21, 2026
Grosse Pointe Yacht Club

SPOTLIGHT

An Evening Among the Stars



A New Year: The Year of the SPOTLIGHT As we begin the new year, excitement is building for SPOTLIGHT, our annual auction and one of our most impactful community traditions.

This signature event plays a vital role in supporting the programs, resources, and faith-filled experiences that shape our students each day. Proceeds from the auction benefit every classroom and help ensure our children continue to grow academically, socially, and spiritually. Whether you're a longtime supporter or new to the event, now is the perfect time to get involved.

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Sponsorship and advertising opportunities remain available. Supporting Spotlight is a meaningful way for families and businesses to show their commitment to Catholic education while promoting their business, throughout the event, in print, and online.

Help Set the Stage with an Auction Donation

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Daily: MWFS 8:30 a.m. T 7:00 p.m.

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Msgr. G. Michael Bugarin

Fr. Bob Voiland

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Sunday: 8:00, 10:00 a.m.

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

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 10:00 am

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

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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.

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

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