

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 11, 2026

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MATTHEW 3:17



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

With Mary, we bring people to Christ to live the love of God



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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 OL SOS.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

As we celebrate today the Baptism of the Lord, we once again recognize that our faith is rooted in our own "baptism in the Lord." This is the core from which everything we are, do and say flows. We have died with Christ in the waters of baptism and have been called to take on his life of service and love in all that we do. Do we???

We are all called to a vocation in life. For some it is being married. For others it is being single. For still others it is through "religious life." No matter our vocation call, we are called to live that vocation out through our baptism. Do we??? Or do we somehow think or believe that all this religion is only to be lived out by the professional "religious" people? Once baptized, we are called to live out our faith through the practice of the faith, following the commandments and the teachings of the Church!

As I often explain at baptisms, everything goes back to our baptism and our place of baptism. Everything that we are called to be, by God, goes back to our incorporation into the family of God through our baptism, becoming his daughter or son. Everything we do as Christians flows from our baptism as we are called to be the Light of Christ to others and take on the image of Jesus and His dying and rising in our life. Many people also do not realize that, for Catholics, all our significant religious events are recorded at our place of baptism. Each parish has a big book to record every baptism. Each person has their own line that includes the names of the parents and God parents, date and city of birth, the date of baptism, the person baptizing, and then also the dates of First Communion, Confirmation as well as the sacraments of Matrimony and Holy Orders also get noted through the years.. Parishes are required to inform the church of baptism for all those sacraments a person receives. [Often people are asked to provide a newly issued baptismal certificate, e.g, before marriage in the Church, not one in the safety deposit box. This process helps to ensure the accuracy of statements of sacramental reception. It is a standard procedure but when you are asked to do such, please do so more than a few hours before you need it!]

Just a word of clarification about the role of Godparents. Often people think of them as those who will assume the legal responsibility of the child if something happens to the parents. That is NOT the role of Godparents. Godparents, being one male and one female by Canon Law, help the parents in providing the formation of the Catholic faith of the person being baptized. That is something that should be taken seriously and not just picking the next person in the family line. Hence, logically, you cannot pick a Jewish friend or a non-Catholic as "Godparents." When it comes to the Sacrament of Baptism, a person must have at least one person who is Catholic that will assume the role of a Godparent. (A person cannot have more than two Godparents or only one will be recorded in the Baptismal Register.) A Godparent must be at least 16 years of age and fully initiated into the Catholic Church. A person who is a non-Catholic Christian would be recorded as a "Christian witness." (For more information go to our website under the Sacrament of Baptism.) During the celebration of baptism, the Godparents themselves are asked three times if they are willing and able to assume the responsibilities of raising the child in the Catholic faith. Hence, it is an important lifetime responsibility regarding the faith!

This week let us reflect on the importance of our own baptism. If you do not know your baptismal date, maybe you can find out the date. Think of the significance of that baptism in your life as a Christian or disciple of Jesus. How is your life lived out so that others know, without a doubt, that you are a baptized Christian or Catholic?

** This week the Archdiocese takes a big step in its restructuring as the priests gather on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8 am until 6 pm. Please pray for us!! Therefore, we will not have our normal daily morning Mass this Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

** Please spread the word about our upcoming school Open House in two weeks! Word of mouth is our best means of invite and publicity!

Have a blessed week!

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

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



Mass Intentions

Monday, January 12

7:30 a.m. +Ken Koch

Tuesday, January 13

7:30 a.m. +Goergette Zahar
Leigh Lentine

Wednesday, January 14

7:30 a.m.. **NO MASS priests are attending an Archdiocese Meeting**

Thursday, January 15

7:30 a.m. **NO MASS priests are attending an Archdiocese Meeting**

Friday, January 16

8:30 a.m. **NO MASS priests are attending an Archdiocese Meeting**

Saturday, January 17

4:00 p.m. +Mary Lou LeFevre
+John and Carmela Brucia

Sunday, January 18

8:00 a.m. OLSOS Parishioners
+Gene Arjeski
+Philip Mannone

9:30 a.m. +Catherine Jaboro

Continued healing of the Wawrzaszek Family Bond

11:30 a.m. +Eileen Hatty

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



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.

1/12/1970	Sophie Kowalski
1/12/1978	Toni Lynn
1/12/1978	Harry Schafer
1/12/1979	Mazie Peters
1/12/1980	Germaine Defever
1/12/1994	Elizabeth Licata
1/12/2003	Phil Lauri
1/12/2010	Janet Dansbury
1/12/2013	V. Lynn Pantano
1/12/2021	Kenneth Koch
1/13/1955	Hubert Brunner
1/13/1965	Alfred Bielman
1/13/1995	Frank Unti
1/13/2002	Patricia VanHove
1/13/2004	Dean Stuhlmueller
1/13/2007	Edwin Zemmin
1/13/2020	Sonia Renusch
1/14/1965	Violet Gibson
1/14/1986	Edythe Grob
1/14/2000	Virginia Huey
1/14/2011	Mary Louise Shannon
1/14/2012	Milton Hancheruk
1/14/2012	Joseph R. Haney
1/14/2015	Edmund Francone
1/14/2018	Valarie Zynda
1/14/2024	Ruth Goodman
1/15/1969	Nick Wagner
1/15/1974	Mary Dowd
1/15/1982	John Brown
1/15/1984	Rose Pankow
1/15/1996	Charles Bolton
1/15/2003	Marcelino Hernandez
1/15/2007	Eileen Hayes
1/15/2008	Joseph Michael Cosio
1/15/2022	John Brucia
1/15/2023	Carol Schulte
1/16/1967	Edwin C. LeZeure
1/16/1984	Anthony J. Ness
1/16/1991	Ralph J. Tobbe
1/16/1992	Margaret Rousseau
1/16/1995	Dolores Dalach
1/16/1998	Louise Otlowski
1/16/2005	Sharon Hammel
1/16/2005	Paul Jankowski
1/16/2007	Joann Crabb
1/16/2021	Harriet Olis
1/16/2021	Carlos Perez-Borja
1/16/2023	Marion Hartman
1/17/1975	Plores Ronan
1/17/1981	Cheryl Duquette

1/17/1982	Clifford Allor
1/17/1984	Charles Patteuw
1/17/1995	Margaret Michaels
1/17/1997	Anthony Baumann
1/17/1999	James Mansfield
1/17/2017	Philip Mannone
1/18/1961	Theodore Maas
1/18/1968	Frank Barker
1/18/1982	Marv Twadell
1/18/1983	Carolina Ruggioli
1/18/1985	George Kloka
1/18/1995	Stella Borawski
1/18/1995	Winifred Bossenberger
1/18/2001	Simon Schorer

the sick

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



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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 Schools' Front Office at (313) 884-1070.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

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Tournament

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31 JAN

START AT 6PM

REGISTER!

Scripture Readings

For the Week of January 11, 2026

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
Monday	1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday	1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sam 2:1, 4- 5, 6-7, 8abcd; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday	1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
Friday	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-17, 18-19; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7- 8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34



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!



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

Help needed

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



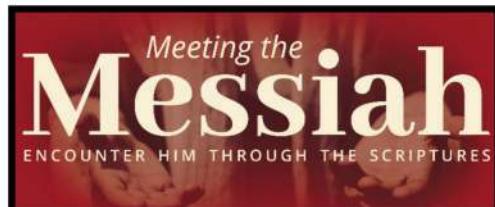
This Mission Trip will be from June
15-30th and is designed for High
Schoolers. We will be joining
Strake Jesuit High School in
Houston for all service projects.
If you are interested, please
contact Jack Novak.

**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.



Thursdays:
January 15th - February 19th
Morning Session: Evening Session:
9:30-11:00am 7:00-8:30pm

Adult Bible Study

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

Ways to Sign Up:

Option 1: Scan the QR code



Option 2: Cut out and return slip

Name: _____

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MORNING **EVENING**

Phone Number: _____

No Cost!

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

A flyer for a Football Themed Trivia Night. The background is blue with white stars and red footballs. At the top, it says "OLGOS. 8th Grade Presents..." in yellow. Below that is a red box with a yellow border containing the text "Football Themed Trivia Night" in white and yellow, with "21 years & older" in white at the bottom. A large yellow arrow points down from the red box. Below the arrow, the text "FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH 2026" and "STAR GYM" is in white. A horizontal line separates this from "6:30 DOORS OPEN 7:00 TRIVIA BEGINS" and the price "25 per person OR \$175 for a Table of 8". Another horizontal line separates this from "BYO- Snacks, Desserts, Adult Beverages" and "Cans/Bottles, Coolers Welcome". A third horizontal line separates this from "Questions Contact Lindsey Davis l.davis@stargp.org" and "RSVP by completing and submitting payment to the school office". A fourth horizontal line separates this from "Payment by cash or check to Our Lady Star of the Sea". A fifth horizontal line separates this from "Main Contact Name and Email". At the bottom, there are two columns of four dashed lines each for player names. The left column is labeled "Player 1", "Player 3", "Player 5", and "Player 7". The right column is labeled "Player 2", "Player 4", "Player 6", and "Player 8".



Please donate your
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Donations may be brought to
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313.969.7650



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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



Email: info@carepointesupport.org



An illustration of a brown cardboard box overflowing with various food items. Visible items include a box of cereal, a can of soup, a jar of peanut butter, a bottle of oil, and a carton of milk. The box is labeled "Food Pantry Needs".

Our food pantry needs the following items:

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!



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6th - 8th Grade

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W 6:00 p.m.

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Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 10:00 a.m.

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

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Fr. Stan Pachla

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Mass Times

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Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Daily: TWTH 7:45 a.m. (Convent)

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

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Msgr. Gary Smetanka

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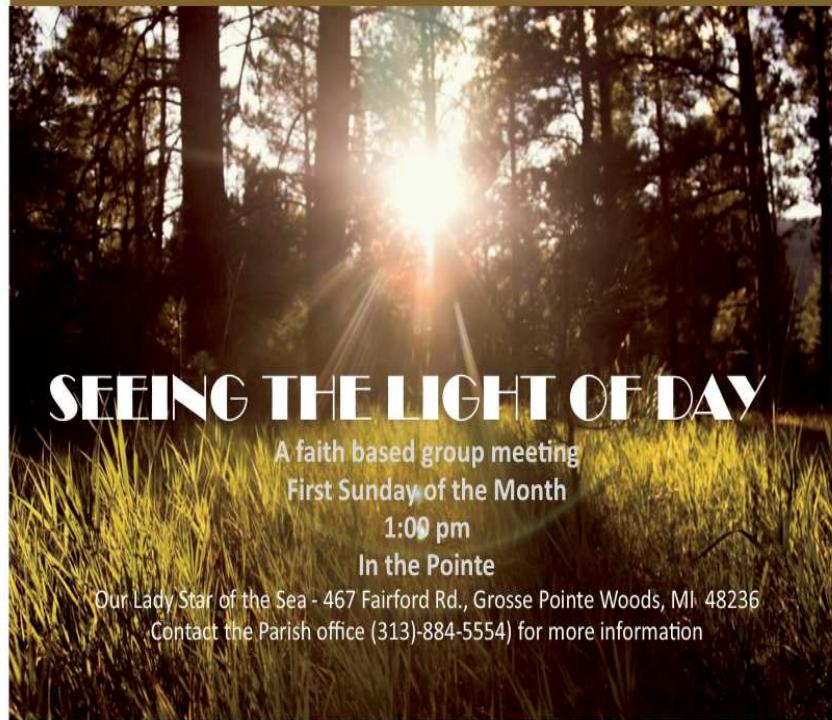
Mass Times

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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