

January 25, 2026

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"I AM NOT CAPABLE OF
DOING BIG THINGS, BUT I
WANT TO DO EVERYTHING,
EVEN THE SMALLEST
THINGS, FOR THE GREATER
GLORY OF GOD."

~SAINT DOMINIC SAVIO



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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 there was a softening of hearts and an openness of understanding what needed to be done...so we don't go through this again in 5 or 7 years.

What was this all about? It was the first big step of restructuring the pastorates in the Archdiocese. (The "downtown" offices, or the Curia, will also be undergoing their own evaluation and restructuring in the months ahead."). We dealt with the facts: declining Catholics in the AoD, declining Sunday Mass participation, fewer priests in the next five and ten years, and the burden of many buildings and structures. We look forward to restructure our parishes to have more vibrant and healthier parishes, being good stewards of all of the resources provided us, and for healthier and more vibrant priests in our parishes!

The priests were divided up into 15 planning areas, being a part of the area of one's present assignment. Ultimately, each planning group was to come up with 2 or 3 proposed pastorates, focused on mission and the pastoral care of the people and less on buildings. A pastorate might be one parish and one worship site. It might be one parish with maybe two or three worship sites. It might be one parish with more than three worship sites. A future pastorate might include five "parishes" that we presently know but only two or three of those sites will have Sunday Mass(es). We were given parameters of how many total number of priests would be available to the planning area and how many Sunday Masses (Saturday vigil and Sunday morning) would be allowed. A pastorate might have 3 or 4 priests to take care of the needs of those churches. We also looked at the seating capacity of the area church buildings and the current "head counts" from last October as well as five years ago. As expected, a church could reduce their Sunday Masses by one or two Masses given the total Sunday Mass participants. For example, if a church can hold 400 people and a total of 700 people presently attend Sunday Mass, the church only needs two Masses and not the four they presently have. It is also considering the canon law restriction that a priest can not say more than three Masses per Sunday. As you can see, it was a challenging task, having to admit future limitations and restrictions.

So what was decided? Nothing was decided!! Various pastorate models, with how many priests and Masses per weekend, were proposed for each area. Those will then be looked at, and tweaked, by a few more groups of people over the course of the next months. Parishioners will have their two listening sessions with these proposed models in May and June. Ultimately, final pastorates will be announced in January or February next year with the implementation for July 1, 2027. What we proposed will probably be changed between 25%-40%. That is all a good thing! More eyes and more insights from more people!

So when you hear other people talking that things have already been decided, that is not true and you can tell them that! When people say they know...they don't know. When they say this place or another will close, it might be true only because of the challenges the parish is experiencing now and really can't exist as a

vibrant parish in the future. But that has not been decided now! Will there be plenty of changes? Yes. Might some churches that presently have Sunday Masses now might not have them in the future? Yes, but we don't know who. Will today's parishes lose their present pastor come July 2027? Certainly! All of us priests have been told to expect a change (with some exceptions) come July 2027. Has anything been decided...**NO!!**

The three days were long, tiring, and challenging, but also filled with hope for the good things to come! So many dioceses have gone through similar restructuring with renewed, stronger, more vibrant parish life and Sunday Masses. Let us continue to pray for an openness to the Holy Spirit for the good of the Church in Southeast Michigan.
** Today we begin Catholic Schools Week. It is still a source of excellent education and formation. This is certainly true at our school. We have some of the highest scores in the whole Archdiocese. Come check us out!

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.

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

RESTRUCTURING.AOD.ORG

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 26

7:30 a.m. +Deceased Member of the
O'Malley & Spindler Families
+Ray Kettel, Sr.

Tuesday, January 27

7:30 a.m. +Nelson Rupp

Wednesday, January 28

7:30 a.m.. +Connie Denison
Victoria Trader

Thursday, January 29

7:30 a.m. +Neil Salter
+Kathleen Kettel
Fran Bauer

Friday, January 30

8:30 a.m. +Georgette Zahar

Saturday, January 31

4:00 p.m. Virginia Molitor

Sunday, February 1

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

9:30 a.m. +Catherine Jaboro
+Alan Gerlach
+Cecelia Forinosh
Kyle Alan Brown

11:30 a.m. +Aaron Blair
+Dean Tabin

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



Please pray for: In memoriam

the parishioners that have had their funerals at OLSOS.

1/26/1982	Mary Patricia Ray
1/26/2011	Cecilia Malooly
1/27/1962	Henry Petrucci
1/27/1980	Marjorie Hall
1/27/1984	Cross Moceri
1/27/1986	Joan McCarron
1/27/1990	Dorothy DeForest
1/27/1997	John H. Walsh
1/27/2025	E. Philip Adamaszek
1/28/1970	Marie Bisschop
1/28/1988	Frank Colombo
1/28/1990	Josephine Bartlett
1/28/1997	Thomas Sine
1/28/2008	Ilene Barron
1/29/2004	Virginia Polhamus
1/29/2007	Robert Howe
1/29/2007	Chester Kasiborski
1/30/1958	Ernest LaJoie
1/30/1969	James Monahan
1/30/1969	George Shoensee
1/30/1981	Robert Haney
1/30/1987	Roy Schucker
1/30/1993	Evania Bossuyt
1/30/1998	Guardelyn Ayres
1/30/2007	Elizabeth Hammel
1/30/2014	Mildred Kasiborski
1/30/2016	George Katros
1/30/2023	Patty Stumb
1/31/1976	Ann Marie Peters
1/31/1983	William Arpino
1/31/1986	Frank Ryan
1/31/2001	Philomene Moran
2/1/1978	James Bretz
2/1/1979	Richard Bruneau
2/1/1981	John Bennett
2/1/1987	Walter Wyrod
2/1/1991	Adele Giuliani
2/1/1997	Alice DeSmet
2/1/1999	Carl Scott

The faithful departed
Theodore Zemenick

the sick

Jennie Barzotti
Victor Bontomaso
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
Mary Spatt
Cathy Spindler
JoAnne Spring
Alexis Suppanz
E. Noreen Szymborski
Peter Taormina, Sr.
Joyce Tranchida
Debby Veltri
Linda Vitale
Mike Walter

those in the military

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

February 2
7:00 pm
In the church

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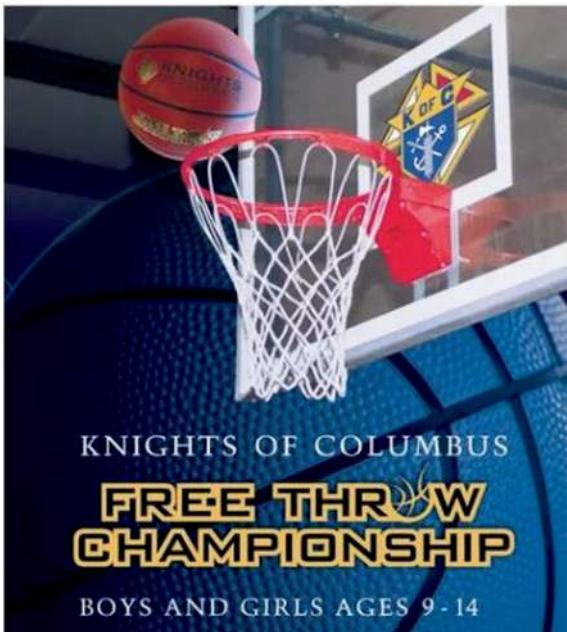
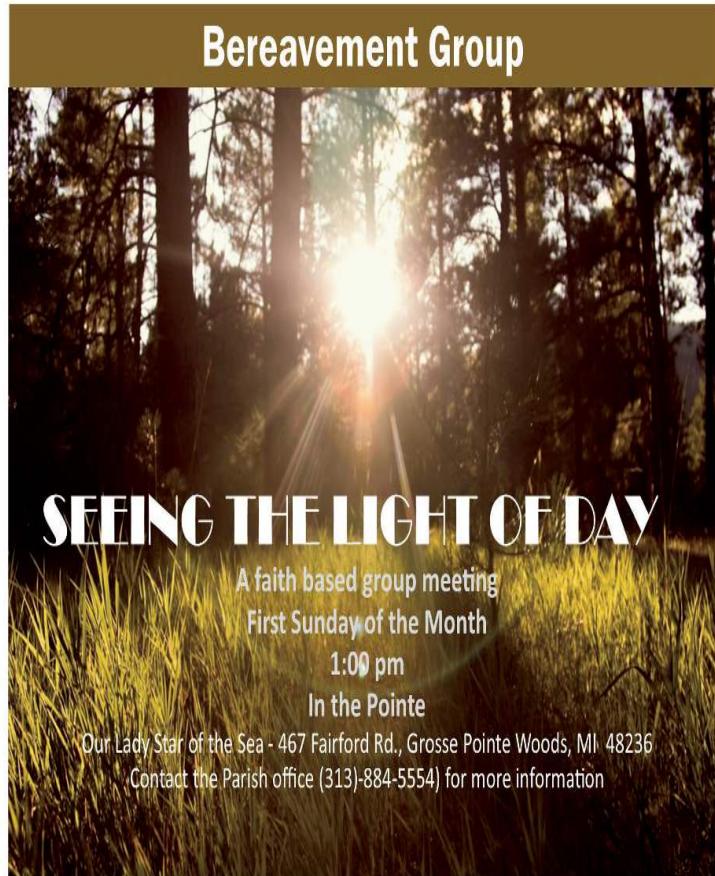
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Tuesday, February 10th
7:30PM
Star of the Sea Gym
Sponsored by Council 7780
Contact Alex Franz GK7780@mikofc.org



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.

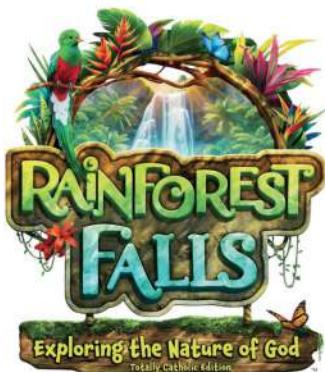
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April 13th



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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

Volunteers Needed

Friday Fish Fry's

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

The Pointe

February 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27

- We appreciate your willingness to help. If a spot is not available, please do not show up without prior approval.
- Come volunteer 1 or more weeks. Volunteer all night or just one shift.
- Volunteers are always needed to help with clean up starting at 7:30pm
- Volunteers need to have Protecting God's Children Certification

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WHEN

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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

/CarePointeSupport Email: info@CarePointeSupport.org Phone: 313-864-5954 Sponsored by AMEN Fellowship

Scripture Readings

For the Week of January 25, 2026

Sunday	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 8:23—9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17
Monday	Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday	2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday	2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13- 14; Mk 4:21-25
Friday	2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday	Memorial of Saint John Bosco, Priest 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; 1 Cor 1:26- 31; Mt 5:1-12a



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January 2026

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◆ Props & Featured Moments

Every great show is built with unforgettable details. We are currently accepting auction donations including experiences, gift cards, sports tickets, and unique items for both the silent and live auctions. Each contribution helps set the stage for a successful night and directly supports programs that benefit every Star student.

For more information



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Daily: MTWTHF 7:00 a.m.
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Fr. Jim Commyn
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Mass Times

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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)

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