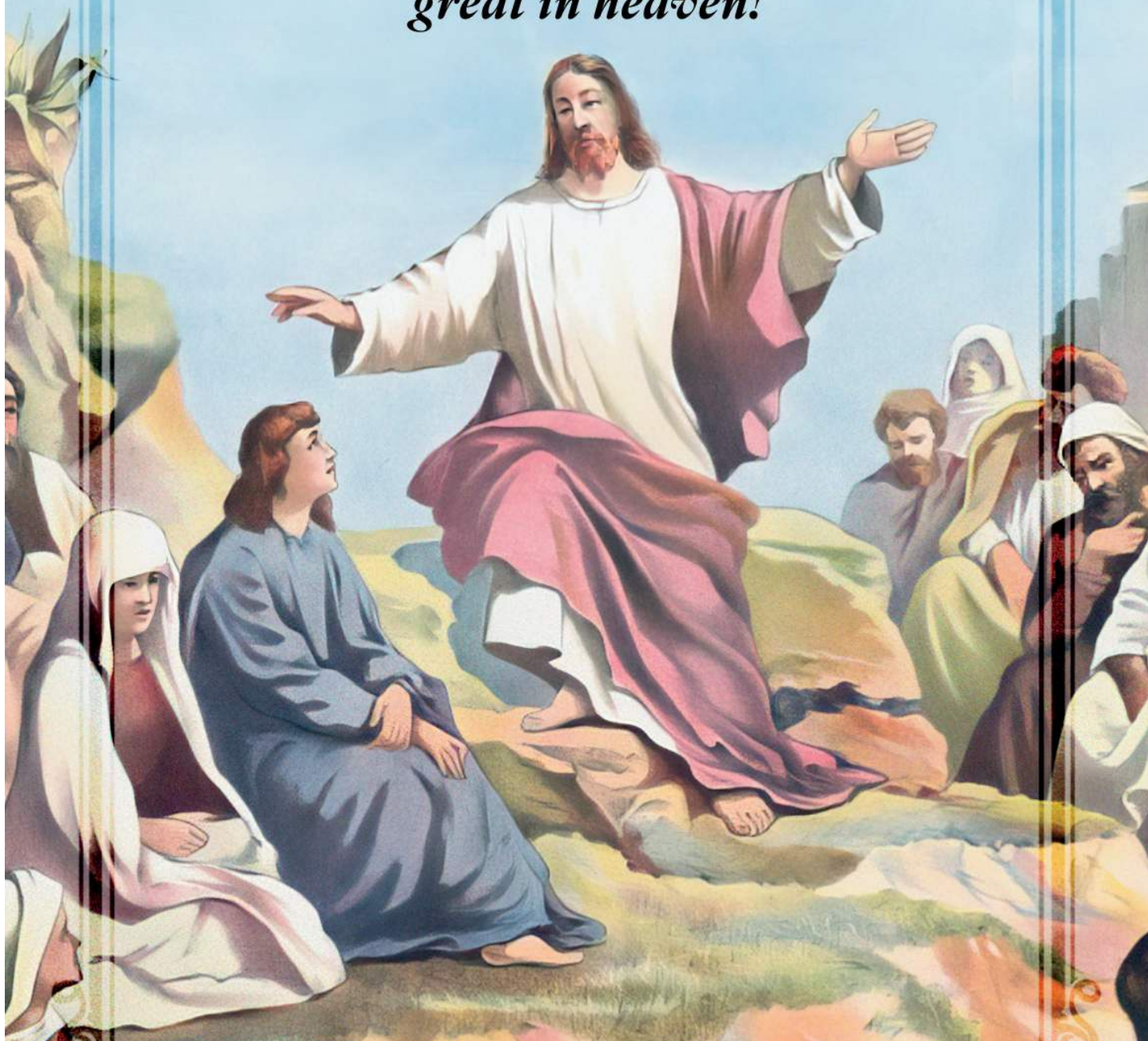


February 1, 2026
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4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward will be
great in heaven!*



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH
With Mary, we bring people to Christ to live the love of God

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

I don't know about you but I am amazed it is February already. Seems not too long ago we were celebrating Christmas!

Speaking of Christmas, February 2, is 40 days since Christmas! In some cultures, for many years, this day would officially bring to conclusion the Christmas season.

In many ways it makes sense since Jesus spent 40 days in the desert, the 40 days of Lent, and there are 40 days of Easter to the traditional Ascension Thursday. The Church likes 40!

We celebrate the Presentation of the Lord on Tuesday, when Jesus was presented in the temple to God. It commemorates the Jewish practice of the purification after childbirth of the mother, Mary, and the dedication of the child, Jesus, to God. It is also called Candlemas Day, acknowledging Jesus as the Light of the World. Traditionally on this day parishes would bless the candles used at Mass for the whole year.

Last year I read a simple reflection for this day:

"Life messages: 1) Every Holy Mass in which we participate is our presentation.

Although we were officially presented to God on the day of our Baptism, we present ourselves and our dear ones on the altar before God our Father through our Savior Jesus Christ at every Holy Mass. Hence, we need to live our daily lives with the awareness both that we are dedicated people consecrated to God and that we are obliged to lead holy lives.

2) We need the assistance of the Holy Spirit to recognize the presence of Jesus in ourselves and in others: All those who, like Simeon and Anna, persevere in piety and in the service of God, no matter how insignificant their lives seem in men's eyes, become instruments the Holy Spirit uses to make Christ known to others. In His plan of redemption, God makes use of these simple souls to do much good for all mankind. In other words, The Holy Spirit employs ordinary men and women with simple faith as His instruments to bear witness to Christ, His ideals and teachings, just as He used Simeon and Anna. The Holy Spirit reveals the presence of the Lord to us when we are receptive and eager to receive Him. Let us be open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit within us to recognize the indwelling presence of the Lord with us and in others." (Fr. Antony Kadavil, Vatican News)

**** Tuesday is the feast of St. Blaise with the tradition of the blessing of throats. St. Blaise was a 4th century bishop and doctor who saved a boy's life choking on a fish bone. I will bless throats with the traditional (unlit) candles but we will also include this this weekend's Masses a universal blessing of the throat for the whole assembly after the Prayers of the Faithful.**

**** Be forewarned: Lent begins in two and a half weeks! February 18 is Ash Wednesday. And what starts after Ash Wednesday??? Fish fry season! Yes, February 20 starts our wonderful fish fry dinners. Hope to see you there.**

Have a blessed week.

Msgr. Gary Smetanka



We warmly welcome the
newly baptized

January 25, 2026
By: Fr. Brian Meldrum

Antonia Marie Anderson

Child of: Bradly & Gina (Shermetaro) Anderson

Godparent: Dina Cammarata
Christian Witness: Matthew Cammarata

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 2

7:30 a.m. +Leslie Komlosan
+Pamela Wilson
+William Morandini

Tuesday, February 3

7:30 a.m. +Lillian Rogers

Wednesday, February 4

7:30 a.m.. +Lydia Eugenio

Thursday, February 5

7:30 a.m. Meghan Burke

Friday, February 6

8:30 a.m. Caretakers

Saturday, February 7

4:00 p.m. +David Graham
+Thomas J. Youngblood
+Estelle Gudenau

Sunday, February 8

8:00 a.m. OLSOS Parishioners

9:30 a.m. +Catherine Jaboro
+Edmund Ahee, Sr.
+Edmund Ahee, Jr.
+Bettejean Ahee
+John Ahee
+Dominic Graziani

11:30 a.m. +Ed Metry, Sr.

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.

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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: February 22, March 22, April 26, May 17

To volunteer:
please visit our sign up Genius
Link: www.signupgenius.com/go/5080544ADAD2FA1F49-58719949-coffee

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Please pray for:

In memoriam

the parishioners that have had their funerals at OLSOS.

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2/2/1989	Josephine Nash
2/2/1991	Anthony Joseph Quasarano
2/2/1992	Eleanore Gorka
2/2/2009	Victor Czerny
2/2/2012	Edwin Gaynor
2/3/1955	Thomas Michael Burke
2/3/1986	Anna Bogdanski
2/3/1989	Alfred Greulich
2/3/1990	Antonette Slubowski
2/3/1992	Mary Bartone
2/3/1993	Frank Kowalski
2/3/1994	Marie Louise Vier
2/3/2010	Joan Kaiser
2/4/1957	Hulda Maesenich
2/4/1963	Edith Woodfill
2/4/1972	Elizabeth Doll
2/4/1984	Cora Doetsch
2/4/1986	Cecilia Buyssee
2/4/2004	William Berry
2/4/2008	Joseph Baldyga
2/4/2011	Catherine Smetanka
2/4/2025	George Fresard
2/5/1971	John Clark
2/5/1977	Louis Casinelli
2/5/1994	Edna Schwartz
2/5/1995	Michael Slusarick
2/5/1995	Helena Monacelli
2/5/2009	Patricia Rahaim
2/5/2016	Marianna Tringale
2/5/2022	Elsie Surmont
2/6/1966	Gwendolyne Elsey
2/6/1968	John DeYonker
2/7/1958	Francis Wurling
2/7/1963	John Hill
2/7/1974	Eunice Makichuck
2/7/1977	Evelyn Chase
2/7/1977	James Nowak

2/7/1998	Helen Morray
2/7/2002	Susan Kodan
2/7/2003	Virginia Hirschfield
2/7/2012	Alice Mualem
2/7/2016	Tyrus Goodman
2/7/2023	Diana Labadie
2/8/1980	Lou Veronica O'Keefe
2/8/1982	Lido Aldini
2/8/2016	Barbara Clancy

the sick

Jennie Barzotti
Victor Bontomasi
Maria Buscemi
Jeanne Collins
Ruth Flynn
Cheryl Fox
Barbara Drader
Mary Anne Gargaro
Christine Mathis
Carol Nowinski
Francine Kramer Quasarano
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Mary Spatt
Cathy Spindler
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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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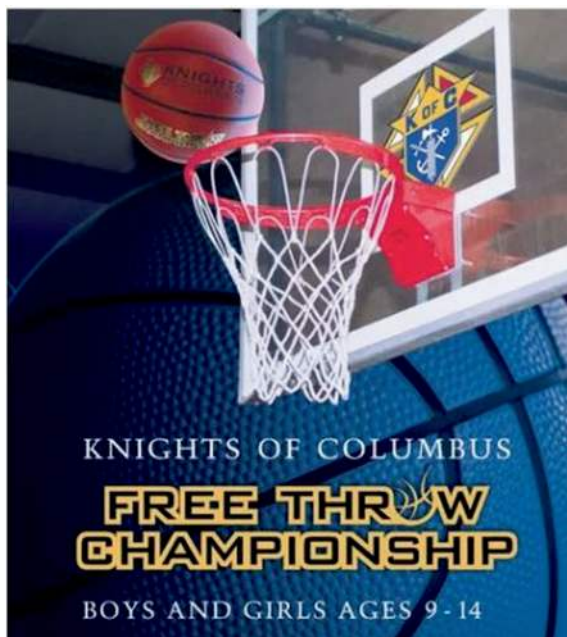
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**Tuesday, February 10th
7:30PM
Star of the Sea Gym
Sponsored by Council 7780
Contact Alex Franz
GK7780@mikofc.org**

Bereavement Group



FISH FRY Friday



FEBRUARY 20, 27 MARCH 6, 13, 20, 27

5:00 PM - 7:00PM

DINE IN OR CARRY OUT

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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

7:00 pm—78G vs Shrine Catholic #2
(cheer team)

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

**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.**

**Service Projects
in 5+ States**

**Texas Rangers
Baseball Game**

**Silver Dollar City
Amusement Park**

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Beach**

**Lifetime Memories
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August 10th-13th

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April 13th**

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FEBRUARY 7TH & 8TH AFTER MASS



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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 Frys

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.
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Scripture Readings

For the Week of February 1, 2026

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

Monday

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Tuesday

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30; 19:3; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday

Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd; Mk 6:7-13

Friday

Memorial of St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29
1 Kings 3:4-13; Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14;
Mk 6:30-34

Saturday

Sunday

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16



FIND YOUR PLACE AT STAR

Dear Our Lady Star of the Sea Parishioners,

In honor of Catholic Schools week we wanted to share an update on Our Lady Star of the Sea School from a parent's perspective.

While Our Lady Star of the Sea is often called a "hidden gem," the word has certainly spread. Over the past few years, enrollment has grown by more than 26 percent, with most elementary grades now offering two classrooms and an average class size of just 17 students. As we have seen during Mass this year, more young

families are returning to the Church and that growth is reflected in our school community.

Our preschool program, in particular, has become one of the most sought-after in the area and currently has a waitlist in 4 year old classes. It offers a faith-centered, play-based experience with ample outdoor time on our new preschool playground. Preschool 4's and Young 5's also enjoy enriching specials like the big kids such as gym, library, Spanish, computers, art, and music. Preschool Families also appreciate the flexibility to transition children from half-day to full-day programs, along with after-school care that supports working parents.

The Archdiocese of Detroit consistently recognizes Our Lady Star of the Sea as one of its top-performing schools in the diocese, thanks in large part to our exceptional teachers including our own Mrs. Kerry Vlahantones who was recognized as 2025 Amazing Catholic Educator by the Catholic Foundation. Star teachers' dedication, creativity, and faith-filled instruction nurture students who are not only academically strong, but who are also growing in character, compassion, and love of God.

One beautiful example of this can be seen in our middle school science program, where seventh graders participate in an Invention Convention. Students are challenged to identify real-world problems and create meaningful solutions. Last year's winning project helped a family member who used a wheelchair—an inspiring example of how faith, empathy, and learning come together at Star. This spirit of service is not the exception here; it is part of who we are.

Our students also thrive beyond the classroom. Athletically, we offer basketball teams, girls volleyball, and cheerleading. Our cheerleaders and middle school football players brought tremendous energy to this year's big win in our Flag Football game against St. Paul. Through our Star Lights program, students also have opportunities to participate in dance, lacrosse, gymnastics, golf, and floor hockey.

Star Lights after-school enrichment program continues to offer innovative and engaging experiences that set us apart and highlights the school's commitment to a well-rounded Catholic education serving the whole student. Each year, Star Lights continues to grow and now offers a wide variety of enrichment opportunities, including cooking, sewing, art, chess, games, guitar, sign language, and more. These classes are extremely popular and often fill quickly, reflecting the enthusiasm and engagement of our students.

The arts are equally vibrant at Star. Our Youth Chorale and Schola enrich our liturgies and perform throughout the community. This weekend, 26 Star 5th through 8th graders will participate in the revitalized Cindy Pryor Memorial Catholic Forensics League competition. The students have been preparing to perform their pieces for many months, under the direction of Mrs. Theresa Blevins. Mrs. Blevins is a beloved preschool teacher at Star, who also graduated from Star AND participated in the league many years ago. It's just one more example of a Star "full-circle" experience. Many of our students are currently preparing for the school's production of *Annie Jr.*, which will take place on Thursday and Friday, March 12 and 13 at 7 pm. The students are so excited to present Little Orphan Annie's story of optimism and hope to another packed theatre! Tickets will be available after Mass next month.

While we could continue sharing all the wonderful opportunities available at Star, none of this would be possible without you—the parishioners of Our Lady Star of the Sea. On behalf of all our school families, thank you for your continued prayers, generosity, and support. Because of you, our students are able to grow academically, spiritually, and personally. You make it possible for fifth graders to attend STEM camp at Selfridge Air Base, for eighth graders to enter high school with advanced math preparation and high school credit, and for our enrichment resource room to meet the needs of every unique learner. Every contribution—whether of time, talent, or treasure—truly makes a difference.

We held our Open House and Student Art Show on Sunday, January 25, where families could see firsthand what makes Our Lady Star of the Sea such a special place. If you know a family who is searching for an education rooted in faith, academic excellence, and enrichment, we hope you will share our story with them and tell them to visit our website at www.stargrossepointe.org or call the school office at (313) 884-1070 to schedule a tour.

Thank you for your time, your support, and your continued commitment to our school community. May God bless you all.

Sincerely,

Ashley Bahr
Parishioner/Proud Parent
Former Star Kindergarten Teacher
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Lindsey Schorer
Parishioner/Proud Parent
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FROM THE PRODUCTION CREW

February 1, 2026

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The Spotlight Is Almost Here

Invitations for Spotlight: An Evening Among the Stars are officially in the mail! We hope you'll join us for an elegant evening celebrating community, generosity, and the mission of Our Lady Star of the Sea. From the red-carpet arrival to unforgettable auction moments, this is a night you won't want to miss.

Supporting Spotlight

There is still time to play a role in this year's production. A limited number of Sponsorships, Advertisements, and Family Photo Ads remain available. Family Ads are a cherished tradition and a meaningful way to celebrate your Star student or honor a special teacher. Grandparents, aunts, uncles, and all special people are invited to surprise your special Star student with an ad.

We are also gratefully accepting Patron donations and auction donations, including experiences, gift cards, tickets, and unique items for both the silent and live auctions. Each contribution helps strengthen programs that benefit every Star student.

For event details, participation opportunities, or to reserve your place in the Spotlight, visit www.OLSOSAuction.org or call 313.423.9104.

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Sunday: 10:00 am

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Fr. Stan Pachla

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OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

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Daily: MTWTH 7:30 a.m. F 8:30 a.m.



Hope Rises in Christ.

As we journey through Lent, we are reminded that even in seasons that feel bleak or lifeless, God is at work bringing new life. Through the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are given hope that sin and death never have the final word.

On July 22, 2026 Catholics from across the region are invited to gather at Huntington Place for the Rising from the Ashes Revival. Thousands will come together for powerful preaching, inspiring music, and a Eucharistic Procession that boldly proclaims our faith in Jesus Christ.

In a world weary and burdened, God is calling His Church to revival, to rise with hope and confidently witness to the truth that a new day is dawning.

Tickets are available at Risingrevival.org. Don't miss this incredible opportunity—reserve your tickets today!

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