

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA
JULY 26, 2026

The Kingdom
of Heaven
is Like a Treasure
buried in a field

Matthew 13:44



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TO LIVE THE LOVE OF GOD

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GENERAL INFORMATION

MASS TIMES

SAT	4:00 PM
SUN	8:00 AM
	9:30 AM
	11:30 AM
MON-FRI	7:30 AM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MON - THU	8:00 AM - 4:00PM
FRI	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
SAT-SUN	CLOSED
HOLIDAYS	CLOSED

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

313-884-7407

BAPTISMS

Parents of the child to receive the sacrament, please call the Faith Formation office to arrange for a baptism class and to 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

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

Bride or Groom must be a registered member, in good standing, of OLSOS, for at least 3 months before prep can begin. Bride or Groom need to contact the parish to inquire about wedding prep. Archdiocesan law requires advance notice of at least six months prior to your wedding date to start preparations.

PARISH REGISTRATION

New to the parish?

Register at the Parish Office or online at OLSOS.org. Please keep your contact information up to date by notifying the office of any address changes. **Adults age 21 and over** must register individually to be considered a Catholic in Good Standing.

Hearing devices are available for use during Mass. Please ask an usher for assistance.

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Half and Half from Msgr. Gary Smetanka

Howdy!

Monsignor asked me to fill in this week to give you an overview of our Mission Texas Trip.

On June 15th, we started with a service project for Friends of Madison Heights, making goodie bags before packing up. On our first leg to Indianapolis, my car got 15 semis to honk at us!

The next morning, we headed toward Branson, Missouri, stopping first at Wheeler Mission to sort items for their thrift store. We then stopped at Effingham Library to drop off your donated supplies—they were so appreciative! After surprise stops at the St. Louis Arch and Buc-ee's, we reached Branson, where we visited Silver Dollar City and volunteered at Elevate Branson. This was a favorite for many; we made bagged lunches, hiked a waterfall trail, swam in the Ozarks, shopped downtown, and returned to distribute meals to low-income families. From there, we headed to Texas, stopping in Arkansas to deep clean a Ronald McDonald House and in Oklahoma to photograph graves for BillionGraves.

In Normangee, Texas, we met up with the group from Strake Jesuit. They welcomed us to their retreat center, where we helped clean the facility, attended a Rangers game, and went to a rodeo together. The highlight was Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton followed by our retreat session, where our groups really began to bond. Moving on to Houston, we worked at MAM Thrift Store cleaning and organizing, then helped Catholic Charities run a drive-through food distribution. Day two, we traveled to Galveston to paint and organize donations at a Ronald McDonald House and St. Vincent House—fitting in some shopping and beach time! Day three, we cleaned and painted at Reigning Strength Horse Therapy before returning to Strake for a closing session and final meal.

Next, we headed to New Orleans to walk Bourbon Street, eat at Café Du Monde, and deliver prayer bags to St. Louis Cathedral. Moving on to Mississippi, we completed three service projects in three states in one day: washing firetrucks in Mississippi, organizing donations at Waterfront Thrift Store in Florida, and serving food at Waterfront Mission in Alabama. The next day, we attended Mass at Biloxi Cathedral and spent the day at Ship Island beach. Heading north, we stopped at the Memphis Bass Pro Shop pyramid, walked Beale Street, and cleaned up the Mississippi riverfront with Living Lands and Waters. After taking more BillionGraves photos in Kentucky, we spent the night in Illinois. On our final leg home, we dropped off prayer bags at Legacy Living Defiance and ran a "youth-group-style" session at Oakleaf Village, sharing stories, laughter, and prayer with residents before making it home June 30th!

Looking back, it was incredible to watch our group grow closer and stay positive despite working so hard. We are deeply grateful to our church community for supporting us through donations and prayer—trips like this couldn't happen without you! We did service at a total of 20 different locations throughout 14 different states!

You can watch our recap video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KfmqKFt-CEk>

Thank you and God Bless,
Jack Novak



July 29th

We wish you a wonderful 70th birthday. May God give you the power, courage, knowledge and wisdom to continue to propagate His words to all



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

- **Kid's Club Aide** - Part time, 3:00 - 6:00 PM

Our Kid's Club Aides assist students with their homework, oversee play and free time, and aide students in checking in and out of of Kid's Club for the day.

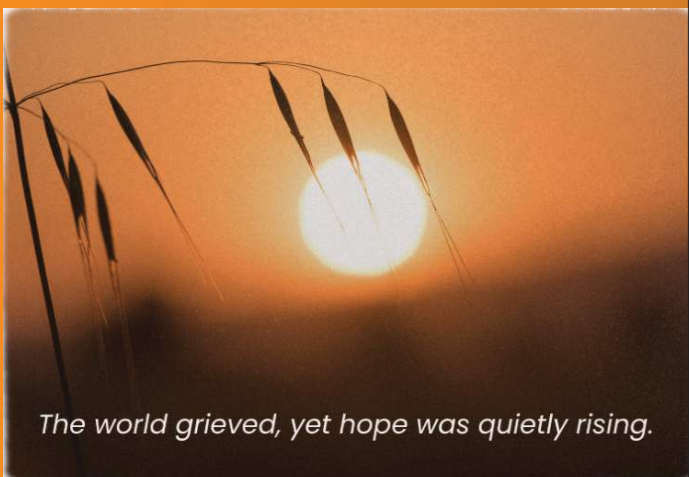
If interested, contact the School's Front Office at (313) 884-1070.

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



Seeing the Light of Day - Faith Based Bereavement Group

**First Sunday of the Month
1:00 p.m. in the Pointe**

**Our Lady Star of the Sea
467 Fairford Rd, GPW MI 48236
313-884-5554**

Olsos.org - parish@stargp.org

Faith Formation Registration 2026-27 Now Open!

Classes are on Tuesdays from 4:15-5:30pm

The full schedule will be released once GPPSS has released their schedule.

Scan the QR code to the right to register your students for the upcoming year.

Help Our Youth Grow in Their Journey with God!

We are looking for passionate volunteers to lead our 8th grade class for the upcoming Faith Formation year. We are also looking for a hall monitor / office helper.

Classes Start: Sept 22, 2026

Classes End: TBD



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SUPPLIES NEEDED - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



We could use your support for VBS. Please scan the QR code on the right to purchase items off of our Amazon wish list.

We could also use your prayers for a safe, fun and faith filled week for all the campers and volunteers!



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CATHOLIC NIGHT AT UWM FIELD JULY 31 - FIRST PITCH 7:05PM

Come celebrate Catholic Night at UWM Field!

Proceeds from ticket sales go towards Pilgrims attending WYD Korea in 2027!

Purchase tickets by scanning QR code!



olsos.org/ff/wyd

Tickets include:
Group Photo on Field
Meet and Greet with Team Mascot
Meet and Greet with the Bat Dog
Kids Run the Bases
Free Parking
Postgame Fireworks
Unlimited All American Buffet
Served From 6:00-7:30pm



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](https://olsos.org/ff)



**Every Wednesdays
at 3:00 pm**
Prayer & Eucharistic Chapel
off Morningside

Pray the Rosary & the Divine Mercy Chaplet
We pray for world peace and all the prayer intentions
of our parishioners and the prayers that have been
placed in the Pray vase by the Tabernacle and the
prayer box in the Chapel

Please Pray for:

In memoriam

list of funerals we have had at OLSOS

7/27/1970	Wendelin C. Schrage	7/31/1984	Arthur Dought
7/27/1973	Gerhard Zieger	7/31/1985	Edward Riss
7/27/1979	Marion Piana	7/31/1991	Carole A. Oehler
7/27/2000	Paul Marco	7/31/1996	Chester Bogan
7/27/2005	Alfred Schulte	7/31/2006	Albina Kuczynski
7/27/2008	Paul Youngblood	7/31/2019	Lawrence Rancilio
7/27/2021	Linda Majchrzak-Wagner	8/1/1967	Cornelius Diem
7/27/2021	Peter Hanna	8/1/1980	Assunta Polizzi
7/28/1962	Fred P. Koehler	8/1/2012	Robert Hamlin
7/28/1979	John Byrne	8/1/2021	Wanda Ciesielski
7/28/1987	John K. Busch	8/1/2025	Pamela Willson
7/28/1995	William Tuscany	8/2/1963	Joseph Domzalski
7/28/1998	Raymond Decraene	8/2/1965	Frank Moi
7/28/2000	Beverly Green	8/2/1975	Alice Halpin
7/28/2007	Judith Verlinden	8/2/1978	Woodrow Lamb
7/28/2013	Frank Scalise	8/2/1988	George B. Morris
7/28/2018	John Hayes	8/2/1993	Jules Buydens
7/29/1966	Caroline Colombo	8/2/2005	Delphine Dorgan
7/29/1996	Stephen Forish	8/2/2006	Virginia Rohde
7/29/2004	Frank Decker		
7/29/2004	Augustino Venditti	the sick	
7/29/2005	Adrienne Grabowski	Victor Bontomasi	
7/29/2008	Clarence Beshke	Maria Buscemi	
7/30/1975	Rita Zemmin	Jeanne Collins	
7/30/1981	Jessie Chariot	Leslie Derrick	
7/30/1986	Leo Drolshagen, Sr.	Barbara Drader	
7/30/1992	Joseph Posch, Sr.	Andrea Drouillard	
7/30/1997	Diane Lynn Kaye	Ruth Flynn	
7/30/1999	Bessie Allor	Cheryl Fox	
7/30/2001	Ruth Kocinski	Christine Mathis	
7/30/2002	Isabelle Janowski	Carol Nowinski	
7/30/2014	Joseph Barzotti	Angie Rubino	
7/30/2019	John Judge	Alexandra (Hathaway)	
7/30/2020	Mary Klobuchar	Schwegler	
7/30/2022	Brian Flaherty	Gary Snacker	
7/31/1958	Peter Kaplita	Mary Spatt	
7/31/1969	Alice Guyette	Cathy Spindler	
7/31/1970	William Stanton		
7/31/1975	Albert Kustrzyk		
7/31/1976	Peter Depalma		

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Every Wednesday - 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
In the Parish Office

JoAnne Spring
Alexis Suppanz
E. Noreen Szymborski
Linda Vitale

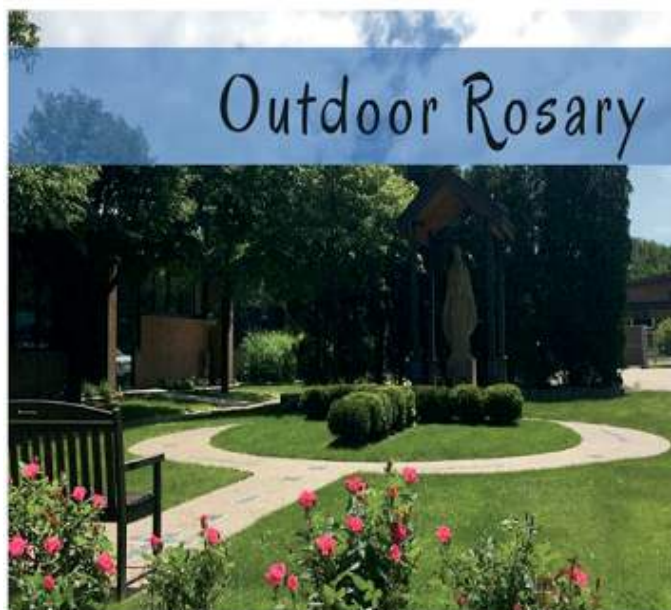
those in the military

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

the faithful departed

Jennie Barzotti
Joseph Martis
James Salciccioli





Thursdays, 7:00 pm
Rosary Garden on Morningside
Bring a chair
WEATHER PERMITTING

Scripture Readings

For the Week of July 26, 2026

Sunday	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 or Mt 13:44-46
Monday	Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21; Mt 13:31-25
Tuesday	Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday	Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Thursday	Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab; Mt 13:47-53
Friday	Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday	Memorial of Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:1-3; Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21



Mass Intentions

Monday, July 27 7:30 a.m.	+Joseph Wasik Pam Otten Tom Szytman
Tuesday, July 28 7:30 am	+Roy Goglio
Wednesday, July 29 7:30 am	+Hans Fraczak Msgr. Gary Smetanka
Thursday, July 30 7:30 am	+Mary Klobuchar +Elsie & William Connors
Friday, July 31 7:30 am	OLSOS Staff
Saturday, August 1 4:00 pm	+David Graham +Phyllis DeMars +Stella & Joe Piazza +Jerry Thorngate
Sunday, August 2 8:00 am	OLSOS Parishioners Increase in Religious Vocations +Edmund Ahee, Sr. +Edmund Ahee, Jr. +Bettejean Ahee +John Ahee
9:30 am	+Catherine Jaboro +Joyce Tranchida
11:30 am	+Aaron Blair +Dean Tabin +Mary Anne Gargaro

Mass Intentions -

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





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!**

CALLING ALL STAR OF THE SEA ALUMNI!

Join us in celebrating Our Lady Star of the Sea's
70th Anniversary this year!



Scan the QR Code to join our alumni database and get updates on the exciting events happening this school year.



Women and Men Socks and Underwear Collection

Let's help the less fortunate,
by donating socks and underwear.

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!



Have you recently moved, dropped your landline, or changed your phone number or email address? Please let us know so we can keep our parish records up to date!

Contact the Parish Office at **313-884-5554**, parish@stargp.org, update your information through our Portal at <https://www.olsos.org/parishsoft> or fill out the form below and return to the parish office with any updates.

Thank you for helping us stay connected!

Name: _____

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City: _____

Zip: _____

Phone: _____

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- Give Online: Visit our website at giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/FD-1044 to make a one-time or recurring gift.

Your generosity sustains our parish mission and outreach.

Thank you for your continued Support!



YOUR FAITH. YOUR HEART. HIS MISSION

A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Each year, the Church calls us back to the heart of our identity as disciples—inviting us to reflect on the gifts God has entrusted to us and how we are called to place them at the service of His people. As I prayed about this year's Catholic Services Appeal, one verse continually rose to the surface: "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be" (Matthew 6:21).

These words remind us that our mission flows from what we love most. When our hearts are rooted in Christ, His mission becomes our own—to proclaim the Gospel, form disciples, accompany those who suffer, and bring the light of His love throughout southeast Michigan.

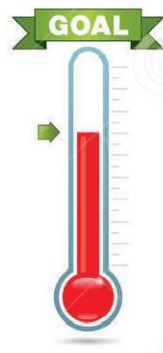
God has blessed each of us with time, talents, and resources meant not to be held back, but shared generously. Through faithful stewardship, we participate directly in the Church's work of evangelization.

The Catholic Services Appeal is an expression of this shared mission, sustaining ministries that form clergy, strengthen families, serve the poor, and renew our parishes. I invite you to prayerfully consider how God is calling you to take part. I am deeply grateful for your faith, generosity, and commitment to Christ's mission.

Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus,
Most Reverend Edward J. Weisenburger
Archbishop of Detroit

Catholic Service Appeal 2026

*This campaign year will end
December 31, 2026*



Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Goal
\$165,000

As of July 20, 2026

CSA 2026 Update	
Pledges / paid to date	\$101,610
% of Goal	62%
# of Families	212
Shortage/ net proceeds	(\$63,390)

Catholic Service Appeal 2026 Our Lady Star of the Sea

If you did not receive a pledge card, please use this form to complete your gift.

Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone or email: _____

_____ please accept my one time gift of: \$250 \$500 \$750 \$1000 Other \$ _____

_____ please accept my pledge of \$ _____

I have enclosed an initial payment of \$ _____ and would like to make

☐ monthly or ☐ quarterly payments on the remainder of my pledge

- Save time by donating online using your phone, computer, or tablet:
<https://www.givecsa.org/our-lady-star-of-the-sea>
- If you need help or have questions, call 313-596-7400 or email csa@aod.org.
- You can also donate through our online giving portal: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/FD-1044>
- If you're interested in leaving a legacy gift, matching a donation, or giving stock, please contact AOD Donor Services at 313-237-5768.



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WHAT TO EXPECT

- ◆ Meet Other Caregivers
- ◆ Share Your Experiences
- ◆ Learn from Others
- ◆ Find Support in a Welcoming Environment



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For more information, visit us at CarePointeSupport.org

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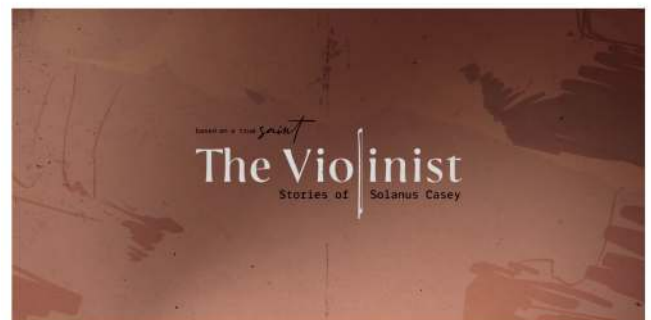
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313.969.7650



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Thresholds of Hope

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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.

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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: |

Deo Gratias was founded by two Felician sisters in 2018 and deals primarily with food insecurity in northeast Detroit and Harper Woods – and even supports some guests living in 48236. Our mission is to provide Christ-like hospitality to our guests in both our daily Café and Food Pantry.

In 2025, Deo Gratias served over 30,000 meals in the Café and distributed over 170,000 pounds of food via our Pantry. We also have a social worker that provides referrals for our guest needing additional help, a tutoring program for elementary and middle school students, an art room and a community garden!

We are looking to grow support for our mission. That support could take any number of forms, including:

- donations of cash
- gift cards (for stores like Kroger, Meijer, etc.)
- non-perishable food items
- Volunteering:
 - in our Café
 - Pantry
 - Community Garden
 - a tutor

Bob Sadler

Executive Director

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