

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

AUGUST 9, 2026



WITH MARY, WE BRING PEOPLE TO CHRIST
TO LIVE THE LOVE OF GOD

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.

View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com

Half and Half

from
**Msgr. Gary
Smetanka**

Next Saturday, August 15, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. "Normally," a Holy Day of Obligation. A few words about Holy Days of Obligations.

First, we have to understand that there are a number of Holy Days that the Church can celebrate around the world. Each country or a larger region of

bishops can decide which ones to celebrate and in which manner. For instance, in Italy and some parts of the world Corpus Christi is celebrated as a Holy Day of Obligation. Here in the US it is transferred and celebrated two Sundays after Pentecost. Here in the United States, our Holy Days are Mary, Mother of God (Jan. 1), the Ascension (in most dioceses transferred to a Sunday and not kept on Thursday), the Assumption of Mary (Aug. 15), All Saints (Nov. 1), Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8) and Christmas (Dec. 25). Most "Holy Days" we connect with "of obligation," meaning that on that days all Catholics are to participate in Mass just as on Sunday. Well, more than a two decades ago, the US bishops decided that if Aug. 15, Nov. 1 or Jan. 1 fell on a Saturday or a Monday, the "obligation" part of "Holy Day of Obligation" would be dispensed with. They did this because of the amount of Masses that would normally be celebrated in parishes in a two or three day period given the shortage of priests. They also considered the burden that would also be on all the liturgical ministers for these three celebrations. So...the bottom line is that this Saturday, Aug. 15, we will **not** be adding any additional Masses for the Holy Day this Saturday. Generally speaking, it is rather unfortunate but over the past 20 or 30 years less and less Catholics participate in Holy Day Masses, no matter when they are, but especially when it is not a "day of obligation" and they don't have to.

**** This weekend** is our "Missionary Co-Op" weekend, an organized program of the Archdiocese of Detroit, in cooperation of the Propagation of the Faith Office, that gives us the opportunity to support the various religious orders or dioceses around the world who are spreading the Good News and faith to others.

We will welcome Fr. Jude Tadeo Friday, here to tell us about the Archdiocese of Tororo, found in the Eastern part of Uganda has about 4 million people, of whom a little less than half are Catholics. It has 52 parishes, each of which has 20 mission churches on average, served by 130 priests. Therefore, each priest serves about 10,000 Catholics, and visits each village for Mass and the sacraments every couple of months.

Fr. Jude will undoubtedly tell us about their many needs in the archdiocese. There are many, many needs in this very low income population. If you take an envelope home to bring back next weekend, please make checks to *Our Lady Star of the Sea* and then we forward one check to the appropriate office which then passes it on to the Archdiocese of Tororo.

**** Fr. Jude** will be at Star all week as he will be preaching next weekend at St. Basil parish. If you would like to show some hospitality to Fr. Jude, e.g., take him to some local metro area sites, invite him for dinner, etc. please call the parish office for more information. Thank you.

**** Know anyone interested in becoming a baptized Catholic? Or become Catholic from a different denomination? Call the parish office for more information.**

Bless the Lord this week and pray for one another.

Msgr. Gary Smetanka



**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

8/10/1968	Paul Mobley	the sick
8/10/1984	John W. Baker	Victor Bontomasi
8/10/1995	Dorothy Bailer	Maria Buscemi
8/10/2014	Emma Fayad	Jeanne Collins
8/11/1969	Thomas Union	Leslie Derrick
8/11/1972	Rose Colangelo	Barbara Drader
8/11/1986	Frank Colker	Andrea Drouillard
8/11/2004	Shirley Ann Burgan	Ruth Flynn
8/11/2013	Ronald Garner	Cheryl Fox
8/11/2013	Ida Piecoro	Christine Mathis
8/12/1976	Joseph Grimaudo, Sr.	Carol Nowinski
8/12/1984	Carl Grewe	Angie Rubino
8/12/1984	Phylliss Kortas	Alexandra (Hathaway)
8/12/1991	Angus Redmond	Schwegler
8/12/2003	John Aley	Gary Snacker
8/12/2005	Anne Delsener	Mary Spatt
8/13/1991	Caroline Garavaglia	Cathy Spindler
8/13/1999	Gladys Touchton	JoAnne Spring
8/13/2009	Betty Lou Bergamo	Alexis Suppanz
8/14/1965	Dolores Bueker	E. Noreen Szyborski
8/14/1981	Frank Hill	Linda Vitale
8/14/1993	Otto Lenhard	
8/14/1997	Maxine Clements	those in the military
8/15/1967	Thomas J. Formella	Keenan Bakowski
8/15/1974	Edwin Monnig	Connor Barthel
8/15/1994	Sylvester Shea	James Patrick Carrier
8/15/2008	Joseph Prano	Josh Duffy
8/15/2009	Valentine Stano	Richard Shetler, III
8/15/2010	Frances Rustryzk	William F. Sottrel
8/15/2011	Helen Gaynor	John Walker
8/16/1974	Clarence J. Totte	
8/16/1985	Sam Frontera	
8/16/1997	Mary Ann Stanish	

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



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

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 10

7:30 a.m. +John Veltri

Tuesday, August 11

7:30 am +Mary Veltri
+Gail Bonucchi

Wednesday, August 12

7:30 am +Geraldine Korth

Thursday, August 13

7:30 am +Jean Ebner
+Edmund Ahee, Sr.

Friday, August 14

7:30 am +Peter Ebner

Saturday, August 15

4:00 pm +John & Carmela Brucia
+Mary Graziani

Sunday, August 16

8:00 am OLSOS Parishioners
+Robert Oswald

9:30 am +Catherine Jaboro
+Kathryn Cieslak
+Helen Karpoff
+Doris Fleming

11:30 am +Frieda Patterson
+Louis E. Joseph

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.

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.

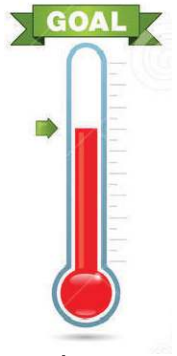
God has blessed each of us with time, talents, and resources meant not to be held back, but shared generously. Through faithful stewardship, we participate directly in the Church's work of evangelization.

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 August 3, 2026

CSA 2026 Update	
Pledges / paid to date	\$115,047
% of Goal	70%
# of Families	232
Shortage/ net proceeds	\$49,953

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: _____

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

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<https://www.givecsa.org/our-lady-star-of-the-sea>
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- 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.



Please make checks payable to **Archdiocese of Detroit (CSA)**

Please have all gifts submitted and paid by December 31, 2026

Thank you for your generosity!

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.

Classes Start: Sept 22, 2026

Classes End: TBD

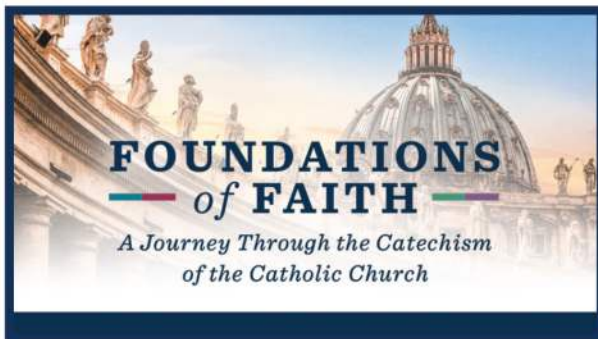


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HELP NEEDED

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.



Adult Bible Study

This will be a two part series in Fall and Spring.
More details to follow.

For more details visit: olsos.org/ff/adults



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS is this week!

Please pray for a safe, fun and faith filled week for all the campers and volunteers!

And good weather!



STAR
FAITH FORMATION

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)



Outdoor Rosary

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

**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.




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Scripture Readings

For the Week of August 9, 2026

Sunday	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Rm 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33
Monday	Feast of Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9; Jn 12:24-26
Tuesday	Memorial of Saint Clare, Virgin Ez 2:8-3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday	Ez 9:1-7; 10-18-22; Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; 2 Cor 5:19; Mt 18:15-20
Thursday	Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21-19:1
Friday	Memorial of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or Ez 16:59-63; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Mt 19:3-12
Saturday	Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28 Mass During the Day: Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Sunday	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

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



**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!**



Rain Poncho Drive



OLSOS Parishioners in conjunction with
Vacation Bible School
August Service Project

Help Keep Our Homeless Neighbors Dry

Our **Vacation Bible School** participants
are collecting new adult-sized rain ponchos
to be distributed to those
experiencing homelessness in our community



How You Can Help:

- Donate new, individually **packaged rain ponchos**
- Adult sizes preferred
- Any color is welcome



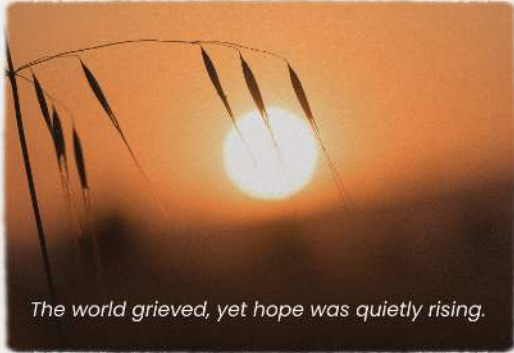
Every donation is a simple act of kindness that provides
comfort, dignity, and hope to someone in need.

Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and
sisters of mine, you did for me." — Matthew 25:40

Thank you for supporting our Vacation Bible School
mission of serving others!

Place items in the white box in the gathering space

SEEING THE LIGHT OF DAY FAITH BASED BEREAVEMENT GROUP



The world grieved, yet hope was quietly rising.

**First Sunday of the Month
1:00 pm In the Pointe**

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WHEN

3rd Saturday of Every Month
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WHERE

Our Lady Star of the Sea
Catholic Church
467 Fairford Rd.
Grosse Pointe Woods

WHAT TO EXPECT

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



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Fr. Eric Fedewa

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Msgr. G. Michael Bugarin

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586-777-3670

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W 6:00 p.m.

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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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Fr. Stan Pachla

586-777-0331

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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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: |



up to date!

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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: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

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Phone: _____

Email: _____

Parish Staff Directory

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313-884-5554

Parish@stargp.org

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