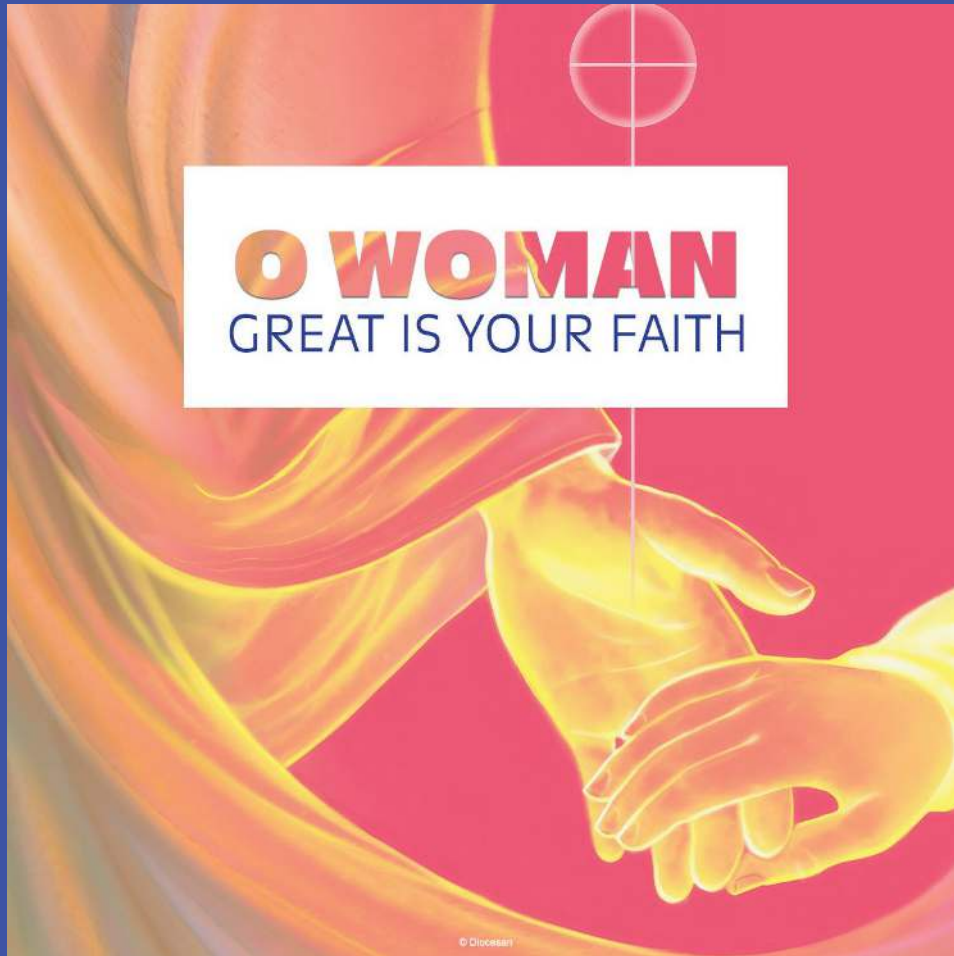


OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

AUGUST 16, 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 - 4:00 PM
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.

Half and Half

from
Msgr. Gary Smetanka

This coming Thursday is the feast day of St. Bernard. St. Bernard lived in the 12th century and when he was 20 years old he left home and entered a monastery in Citeaux, France. Over the next few years, joining him were two uncles, five brothers and about 30 friends. With the increase

of membership, he became the Abbot of a new "house" in a valley that what would eventually called Clairvaux ("Valley of Light"). He was known for his leadership abilities, helped to settle a schism, was a renown preacher in the Second Crusade throughout Europe.

We know St. Bernard because of his strong devotion to Our Blessed Mother, especially as he brought an ancient title of Our Lady Star of the Sea to the wider public. It was in the homily of St. Bernard that he implored the faithful to look to the star and call upon Mary in times of temptations and tribulation. When we are in the storms of life and tossed about the waves caused by pride or ambition, detraction of envy, look to the star. Through all the difficult times in our life and waves of doubt or despair, he always encouraged the faithful to turn to and think of Mary. "Let her be ever on thy lips, ever in thy heart; and the better to obtain the help of her prayers, imitate the example of her life."

How blessed we are to be in this parish under the patronage of Our Lady Star of the Sea. The devotion of Our Lady under this title was certainly promoted through the inspiration and preaching of St. Bernard. This week let's be ever more mindful of Our Lady's guidance, especially Thursday on the feast of St. Bernard. In these troubled and uncertain times we do well to turn to Mary, just as St. Bernard implored, and look for her guiding light and bring us into the safe harbor of Jesus Christ.

Thanks to all of you who have helped to create this parish the safe harbor to so many over our history. Through worship, service, hospitality and certainly our commitment to Catholic education, many have found comfort and support in Jesus and Our Blessed Mother. May the radiance of Our Lady continue to be a beacon drawing others to us, so that we may bring them to Christ and live the love of God.

Why not join us, weather permitting, Thursday night at 7 pm and pray the rosary at in Rosary Garden?

**** Thank you all for your support of Fr. Jude and the missionary work in his home Archdiocese of Tororo, Uganda. It was a nice visit and he is certainly an outstanding young priest in his archdiocese. Thank you to those who extended hospitality to him. It is a nice thing to do and enable him to see the Church alive and well in Detroit.**

Praising the Lord for all His goodness!

Msgr. Gary Smetanka



*September 7th
Holy Hour
Will be canceled due to the
Labor Day Holiday*



**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

8/17/1984	John Gallagher
8/17/2007	John DiSante
8/18/1999	Helen Marsh
8/18/2000	Mary Anne Doman
8/18/2004	Lena Catalfio
8/18/2020	John Trybus
8/19/1968	James Costello
8/19/1968	Kerry Costello
8/19/1968	Patrick Costello
8/19/1970	Onofrio Priccichi
8/19/1977	John McConaghy
8/19/1989	Mildred McPharlin
8/19/2008	Shirley Evanski
8/19/2015	Edwin Pniewski
8/19/2020	Thomas Michaels
8/19/2021	Robert Reaser
8/19/2022	Gregory Ignasiak
8/19/2022	Martin Wyrod
8/20/2008	Harold Polhamus
8/21/1990	Amelia Sattler
8/21/1995	Peter Tocco
8/21/2006	Frank Zyngier
8/21/2008	Leonard Ocelnik
8/21/2019	Bernadine Bauman
8/22/1973	Kenneth R. Fisher
8/22/1974	Louis Cameron
8/22/1999	Eleanor Camisa
8/22/2002	Deeb Attie
8/23/1959	Merill Baker
8/23/1964	Joseph Selehowski
8/23/1969	Robert Jordan
8/23/1975	Angela Ferrari
8/23/1978	John Roberts
8/23/1990	John J. Audis
8/23/2015	Audrey Schmid
8/23/2019	Robert Rogers
8/23/2024	Carol Cummins

the sick

Victor Bontomasi
Maria Buscemi
Jeanne Collins
Leslie Derrick
Barbara Drader
Andrea Drouillard
Ruth Flynn
Cheryl Fox
Christine Mathis
Carol Nowinski
Marianne Parthum
Angie Rubino
Alexandra (Hathaway)
Schwegler
Gary Snacker
Mary Spatt
Cathy Spindler
JoAnne Spring
Alexis Suppanz
E. Noreen Szymborski
Linda Vitale

those in the military

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Every Wednesday - 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

In the Parish Office

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 17

7:30 a.m.	Rochelle Avery
	Reinette Lampar
	Pam Otten

Tuesday, August 18

7:30 am	+Deceased Members of the Ronzi Family
	+Charles Attalla
	+Deceased Members of the Attalla, Hokayem & Johns Families
	+Josephine Bouharb

Wednesday, August 19

7:30 am	+Ralph Mastay
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Thursday, August 20

7:30 am	+Susie Dewan
	Kirk Kelly

Friday, August 21

7:30 am	+Lucretia Vitale
	+Elsie & William Connors
	Maria Oxholm Bruno
	Virginia Simon

Saturday, August 22

4:00 pm	+Charlotte Moeller
	+Carol Cummins
	+Henry Ritter
	+Gail Bonucchi

Sunday, August 23

8:00 am	OLSOS Parishioners
	+Robert Meldrum
	+Steve McVey
	+Augustine "Gus" Vanden Boom
	+Pete "Bud" Polito
	+Lillian Glowacki

9:30 am	+Catherine Jaboro
	+Jean Grubby

11:30 am	+Judy Cooper
	+Dean Tabin

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.

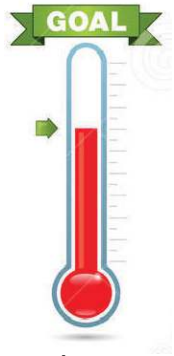
God has blessed each of us with time, talents, and resources meant not to be held back, but shared generously. Through faithful stewardship, we participate directly in the Church's work of evangelization.

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 10, 2026

CSA 2026 Update	
Pledges / paid to date	\$123,633
% of Goal	75%
# of Families	245
Shortage/ net proceeds	\$41,367

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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_____ please accept my pledge of \$ _____

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

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- 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.



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 Start: Sept 22, 2026

Classes End: TBD

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.

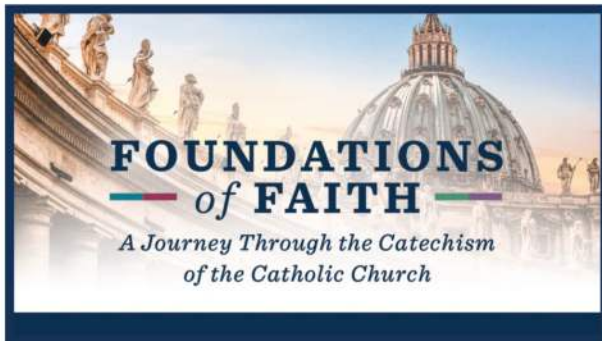


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HELP NEEDED

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



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VBS was a success!

Thank you for all the help and donations!

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OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA FALL FEST

FOOD TRUCKS & RAFFLE
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
5-7PM



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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.



Scripture Readings

For the Week of August 16, 2026

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
Monday	Ez 24:15-23; Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday	Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday	Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday	Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14
Friday	Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday	Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ez 43:1-7ab; Ps 85:9ab, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 23:1-12
Sunday	Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20



**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



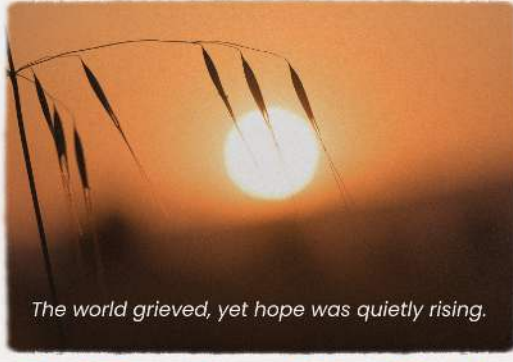
Every donation is a simple act of kindness that provides
comfort, dignity, and hope to someone in need.

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
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- **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 Kid's Club for the day.

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



NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ABORTED CHILDREN

**Saturday, September 12, 2026
10:30 AM—11:30 AM
ASSUMPTION GROTTO CHURCH
13770 Gratiot, Detroit, MI 48205**

Please join us to honor our unborn brothers and sisters at this short memorial service with prayer at the grave-sites of our precious forgotten children.

Hear witnesses profess the precious gift of life.

At this cemetery are buried 30 babies discovered in a dumpster and recovered to receive a proper burial.

On this day we will join other pro-life Americans across the country to honor the memory of 63 million preborn victims of abortion.



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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!





OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA 2026 GOLF OUTING

Hosted by the Men's Club to Benefit OLSOS Athletics



Monday, October 5, 2026 @ Gowanie Golf Club
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9:00 AM Check In & Continental Breakfast

10:00 AM Golf – Shotgun Start, 18-Hole Scramble, Lunch at the Turn

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Bronze \$500 (1 hole sign)

Open Bar / Bloody Mary Bar \$1,000 (2 golfers, 1 hole sign, bar sign)

Individual Golf, Lunch, Dinner, Open Bar & Raffle \$ 200

Foursome for Golf, Lunch, Dinner, Open Bar & Raffle..... \$ 800

Dinner Only..... \$ 60

Golfer #1 _____

Golfer #3 _____

Golfer #2 _____

Golfer #4 _____

Turn in Golf Registration to Greg DeMars - 313-268-8900 and demarsgm@yahoo.com

We encourage credit card payments or checks with your registration in advance of the event.

Alternatively , please mail checks payable to the OLSOS Men's Club to 467 Fairford Rd, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236. For more information or to make a credit/debit card payment contact the Parish Office at 313-884-5554

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and 12:00 p.m.

Daily: MTWTHF 7:00 a.m.

W 6:00 p.m.

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PRIEST IN SOLIDUM

Fr. Jim Commyn

586-771-8300

Mass Times

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Sunday: 10:00 am

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

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PRIEST IN SOLIDUM

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)

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

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Sunday: 8:00, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

Daily: |



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