

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026



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

467 FAIRFORD RD. - GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MI 48236 - 313-884-5554- OLSOS.ORG

GENERAL INFORMATION

MASS TIMES

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

Requesting your sacrament

Certificates. 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

Happy Labor Day Holiday! We all know that this marks the "unofficial" end of the summer. How fast time has flown!! Hopefully everyone can take that additional break on Sunday and Monday and enjoy at least two days of rest and relaxation from the fruits of our labor.

I want to thank all those on staff at our parish and school. They all labor so hard for the good of the

parish and the school. They are very dedicated in what they do and strive to bring the best to the people of Our Lady Star of the Sea. There are also a host of super volunteers who labor and give their all through a wide variety of ministries and volunteer opportunities to enhance the parish and school, bring people closer to the Lord and help build a stronger community. There are many who go above and beyond the call of duty and give countless hours without counting the cost! To the staff and all these volunteers – a very grateful thanks for all you do, and I hope that on this Labor Day God will continue to bless you and reward you for your goodness!

As we celebrate Labor Day this weekend, we know we are blessed to take and enjoy such a holiday. Truly, work is a good thing, and we take the time to not only honor working men and women but to celebrate the meaning and value of work.

We find in our Hebrew scriptures the important relationship between people and the land and their work (Leviticus 25). We are also reminded that all these things come from God and we work the resources of the earth to benefit each member of society. In this way we share in the continued creation of God as we also direct our human work and activity toward God.

As we celebrate our work and rest from it this weekend, perhaps we might be a little more aware of some of the economic and work-related injustices that are present in our society and world. Our faith calls us to form economic policies that protect human dignity, promote strong families and create active, vibrant communities. One fundamental moral test in any society is how well the poor, the weak and the vulnerable are faring.

Labor Day is also a day to remember that a person is more valuable for what she or he *is* than for what they *have*. We all come together — workers and employers, entrepreneurs and union leaders, trades people and policy makers — to build a society that respects each person and their work. May we enjoy this Labor Day weekend as we rest from our labors and pray for an increase of respect for all people, no matter what they do, because they all are created in God's image and love.

**** Please join for Mass on Labor Day. We will celebrate Mass that day at St. Lucy Church at 9 a.m.**

**** The usual first Monday of the month holy hour is canceled on Labor Day.**

**** Looking ahead, Fall Fest is coming soon.** In fact, it falls on our parish feast day weekend, Saturday Sept. 26. That is the time for our **Catch a Lucky Star Raffle**. You received your tickets and more are available.

**** Continue to pray for the Archdiocesan restructuring.** Despite what you hear "out there," no decisions have been made about the pastorates or closures. Refinement of the models is now going on and more to follow. More than 17,000 responses from the listening sessions have been received and they are all being read by real live human beings! Thanks for your prayers and support in the process.

Have a good, safe and restful holiday weekend!

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

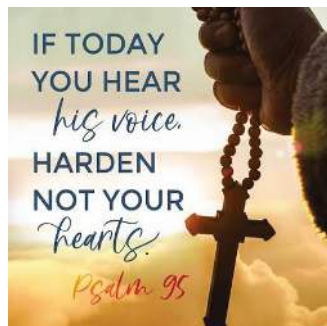
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9/7/1984	Rosemund Rahaim
9/7/1989	Henry Kafarski
9/7/2001	Louise Birmingham
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9/7/2018	Mary Bourget
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9/8/1980	Walter VanGoethem
9/8/1994	John Verbiest
9/8/1997	Vincent Ryszewski
9/8/2008	Ilene Sattler
9/8/2014	Marie Roberts
9/8/2017	James Daoust
9/9/1969	William Bogdanski
9/9/1971	Cordelia Kessler
9/9/2004	Arthur Baker
9/9/2007	Patricia Couvreur
9/10/1970	Agnes G. Benoit
9/10/1985	Geraldine Ansel
9/10/1994	Mark Kafarski
9/10/1995	Patricia Hancheruk
9/10/1998	Kathleen Zosel
9/10/1999	Katherine Steiner
9/10/2002	Charlotte Graul
9/10/2015	Frank Palazzolo
9/10/2016	Patrick Carron
9/11/1980	Anna McGraw
9/11/1983	Filippo Veneri
9/11/1985	Edmund Gallagher
9/11/1991	Irene Kaspari
9/11/2022	Hector Martinez
9/12/1975	Donald St. Armour
9/12/1977	Norbert Gorski
9/12/1989	Joseph A. Quasarano
9/12/1989	Nicholas J Ritter
9/12/2000	Edward Schmid
9/12/2008	Sam LaGrasso
9/12/2008	Don Endres
9/13/1977	Robert Bangert
9/13/1987	Elizabeth Jones
9/13/1990	Richard R. Huetter
9/13/1997	Lena Fontana
9/13/2020	Josephine Pugel

the sick

Victor Bontomasi
Maria Buscemi
Jeanne Collins
Leslie Derrick
Barbara Drader
Andrea Drouillard
Ruth Flynn
Cheryl Fox
Christine Mathis
Marianne Parthum
Angie Rubino
Alexandra (Hathaway)
Schwegler
Mary Spatt
Cathy Spindler
JoAnne Spring
Alexis Suppanz
Noreen Szyborski
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



Monday September 7, 2026
Labor Day Mass

9:00 am
St Lucy Catholic Church

NO MASS at OLSOS
On Monday, September 7
Office Closed - Monday, September 7

Mass Intentions

Monday, September 7

7:30 a.m. NO MASS

9:00 a.m. at St Lucy

Tuesday, September 8

7:30 am +Kathy Lewis
Joan & Ray Kettel

Wednesday, September 9

7:30 a.m. +Judy Copper

Thursday, September 10

7:30 am Benefactors of OLSOS

Friday, September 11

8:30 am Tom Szpytman

Saturday, September 12

4:00 pm +John & Carmela Brucia
+Joseph Martis
+Peter Cracchiolo
+Pam Barthel
+Vivian A. Grima

Sunday, September 13

8:00 am OLSOS Parishioners

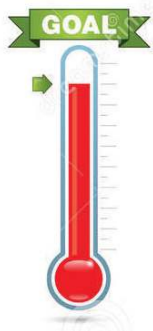
9:30 am +Edmund Ahee, Sr.
+Edmund Ahee, Jr.
+Bettejean Ahee
+John Ahee
+Jennie Joseph
+Jennie Barzotti
+Catherine Jaboro
+Mary Graziani
+Walter Pokladek
+Walt Bryzik

11:30 am +Robert Waldvogel
+Dean Tabin
+Pam Barthel



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 31, 2026



CSA 2026 Update	
Pledges / paid to date	\$154,751
% of Goal	94%
# of Families	270
Shortage/ net proceeds	\$25,249

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

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!



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA FALL FEST

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



FOOD
 PABLOS TACOS FLY BY HOT DOGS
 WILLYS WAGON MINI MELTS
 OWEN'S ABLE TABLE



ENTERTAINMENT

LIVE MUSIC BY MATT ESZES

FUN

KIDS BASKET RAFFLE
 INNER ARTIST STUDIO FRIENDSHIP FACTORY
 CHAMBERLIN PONY RIDE AND PETTING ZOO

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.



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

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!



What a blessing it is to begin another school year together at Our Lady Star of the Sea School! We are filled with excitement as we prepare to welcome our students back and begin another year of learning, faith, and growth.

At the heart of all we do is our mission: Building Strong Minds and Faithful Hearts Through Catholic Education. This year, we are also embracing the Archdiocese of Detroit's theme of Encounter – Grow – Witness, which beautifully complements our mission.

This year is especially meaningful as we celebrate 70 years of Our Lady Star of the Sea School! For seven decades, generations of students, families, teachers, staff, and parishioners have helped make Star the special community it is today. We look forward to celebrating our history while also looking ahead to the bright future God has in store for our school.

I am deeply thankful to our parish family for your faithful support of our school through the years. Your prayers, encouragement, and generosity make it possible for us to continue forming disciples of Christ in both heart and mind.

With God's blessing and the intercession of Our Blessed Mother, I look forward to welcoming everyone back and sharing this very special year with you. Here's to a joyful year of learning, faith, celebration, and making memories together!

Mrs. Trudel, Principal

www.starschoolgrossepointe.org

September Service Project

Donate to Macomb Foster Closet



We provide much-needed clothing and other essential items free to children in foster care.

baby supplies including:

- diapers sizes 3, 4, 5, & 6
- baby wipes
- pull-ups
- diaper bags
- formula
- baby shampoo/wash
- lotion
- Desitin cream (diaper rash cream)
- baby monitors
- baby bottles
- new baby toys

OUR GREATEST NEED right now is:

- **Cantu** for Kids hair care products (available on Amazon)
- Blue IKEA Bags (available on Amazon)
- all-season athletic shoes, all sizes (boys and girls of all ages)
- boys and girls underwear
- men's boxers/women's underwear (size medium for both)
- Toddler socks (boys & girls)
- school supplies
- twin sheet sets

Currently, we cannot accept: suitcases, crocheted hats, used toys, baby bumpers, breast pumps, used stuffed animals, used blankets and sheets, dropside cribs, and used duffel bags/backpacks.

Contact Macomb Foster Child

586-422-0200 • macombfosterclinet.org • 158 S. Main St., Mt Clemens, MI 48043

SEEING THE LIGHT OF DAY FAITH BASED BEREAVEMENT GROUP



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

Our Lady Star of the Sea - 467 Fairford Rd., GPW 48236
313-884-5554 OLSOS.ORG

Scripture Readings

For the Week of September 6, 2026

Sunday	Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20
Monday	1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday	Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab, 6c; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or Mt 1:18-23
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday	1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38
Friday	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42
Saturday	1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49
Sunday	Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sir 27:30-28:7; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35



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!



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
24770 S. River Road, Mt. Clemens

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9:00 AM Check In & Continental Breakfast

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

4:00 PM Dinner, Open Bar & Tin Can Raffle w/prizes

Raffle Tickets Will Be For Sale, and Prizes Will Include:

50/50 Drawing with Cash

Prize Wine/Liquor Basket

Flat Screen TV

Jewelry Prize

Sponsorship Opportunities also available:

Platinum \$5,000 (8 golfers, 8 hole signs)

Gold \$2,500 (4 golfers, 4 hole signs)

Silver \$1,500 (4 golfers, 2 hole signs)

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 _____

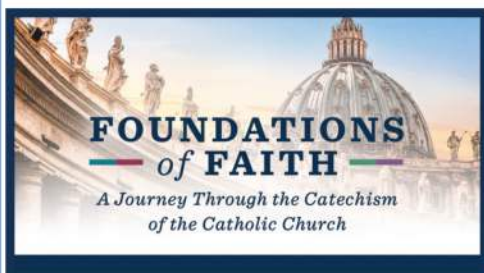
Golfer #4 _____

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

Adult Bible Study?



Thursdays

Part 1: Oct 8th - Dec 17th

Part 2: Jan 14th - Mar 18th

This will be a two part series that walks you through the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

All classes are on Thursdays with the choice of a morning or evening session.

\$50 covers all 20 classes October 8th through March 18th.

Register Here: olsos.org/ff/adults

Morning Session: 9:30-11:00am Parish Office

Evening Session: 7:00-8:30pm The Pointe



REGISTER BY QR CODE
OR
RETURNING THIS SLIP
TO THE PARISH OFFICE

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

PLEASE
CIRCLE

MORNING

EVENING



Faith Formation Registration 2026-2027 School Year Grades 1-8

SCHEDULE: 4:15PM - 5:30PM

September: 22nd | 29th

October: 6th | 13th | 20th | 27th

November: 3rd | 10th | 17th | 24th

December: 1st | 8th | 15th

January: 5th | 12th | 19th | 26th

February: 2nd | 9th | 16th | 23rd

March: 2nd | 9th | 16th | 23rd

PRICE:

1 Child: \$215

2 Children: \$335

3 Children: \$400

4+ Children: \$445

ADDITIONAL FEES:

First Eucharist (2nd Grade): \$45

Confirmation (8th Grade): \$45

**Catechist
Needed!**

If you are interested in registering your child(ren) from Faith Formation, please scan the QR code or follow the link below.

This link will take you to the registration form, the payment link, and the Faith Formation Website.

Any questions can be directed to Jack Novak.



SCAN HERE

linktr.ee/StarFaithFormation



QUESTIONS FOR ALL EVENTS CAN BE DIRECTED TO JACK NOVAK:
EMAIL: J.NOYAK@STARGP.ORG | PHONE: 313-558-7407
VISIT OUR WEBSITE: [OLSOS.ORG/FF](https://olsos.org/ff)

SPOTLIGHT

An Evening Among the Stars



March 2026

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Dear Star Families,

As we look back on Spotlight: An Evening Among the Stars, there is one thing we want to say above all else: thank you!

Whether you attended the auction, donated an item, became a sponsor, purchased or sold raffle tickets, volunteered your time, or supported the event in any way, you helped make this year's auction an incredible success.

Together, we raised an amazing \$300,768 in support of Our Lady Star of the Sea!

Your generosity has a lasting impact on our students. Each year, proceeds from the auction help bridge the gap between tuition and the actual cost of educating every student, allowing Star to continue providing the exceptional faith-filled education our families have come to expect.

Of the \$300,768 raised, more than \$90,000 came directly from the incredible generosity shown during our Raise the Paddle appeal. These funds support the upgrade and installation of new classroom doors and locks—an important investment in the safety and security of our children and staff

This remarkable success was possible because of the generosity of so many. Along with the contributions from our school and parish families, we were blessed by the overwhelming support of local businesses, sponsors, donors, and community partners who believe in the mission of Star. We encourage you to support these businesses whenever you have the opportunity. They have truly invested in our school and our students, and we are deeply grateful for their partnership.

As Auction Chair, I have witnessed the generosity, enthusiasm, and heart of this amazing community. Seeing so many families, parishioners, alumni, friends, and local businesses come together for a common purpose is what makes Star so special.

Thank you for believing in our mission and for making Spotlight such a memorable and impactful evening.

You have made our students shine!

With Gratitude,
Danielle Brousseau
Spotlight Event Chair

CarePointe

A Community Support Group for Family and Friends of
Loved Ones with Memory Loss



Contact:
Kurt O'Keefe
Koklaw@gmail.com

WHEN

3rd Saturday of Every Month
from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

WHERE

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

Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish CATCH A LUCKY STAR

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Total of 12 Prizes = \$25,000

Tickets: \$25.00

DRAWING: SEPTEMBER 26, 2026 at 7:00 pm

visit our website www.olsos.org for more information.
To purchase tickets using a credit card, call the Parish office
313-884-5554



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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.

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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

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Mass Times

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

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

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

Catholic High School Information Night

Tuesday, October 13

6:00 - 8:00 pm

St. Paul School Canfield Center

Families of 7th and 8th Grade students, join us to
meet representatives from

Catholic High Schools including

Austin, Bishop Foley, Brother Rice, Chesterton,

De La Salle, Divine Child, Marian, Mercy,

Regina, and UofD Jesuit.

Details at stpaulonthelake.com



St. Paul Catholic School

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