

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA FEAST DAY SEPTEMBER 27, 2026



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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 - 4:00 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.

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**

Today, Sept. 27, is the traditional feast day of Our Lady Star of the Sea. St. Bernard of Clairvaux is one who have written about Our Lady under this title.

Depend upon the star, call upon Mary Let us say a few words on this name, Stella Maris, which means star of the sea, and which is appropriately accorded to the Virgin Mother. Fittingly is she compared to the stars, since just as a star gives light

without burning itself out, so the virgin gave birth to her son without stain to herself. As a star's light does not lessen its own brightness so neither does the Son lessen the Virgin's wholeness. She is therefore that noble star rising from Jacob which casts light over the whole world; whose splendor shines to the heavens and reaches down into the deep; which crosses the earth, warming spirits rather than bodies; fostering goodness and purging sins.

And so I say that she is that bright and distinguished star to be raised above this vast ocean, sparkling with merit, shining with character. Whoever you may be, grasp that, as this age runs its course, you are tossed on the waves by gales and storms more than you walk upon dry land; do not turn your eyes from the beam of this star if you do not wish to be swamped by the storm! If the winds of temptation engulf you, if you are running onto the rocks of adversity, depend upon the star, call upon Mary. If you are thrown about on the waves of pride or ambition, speaking ill of others or jealousy, depend upon the star, call upon Mary. If anger or greed or the cares of the flesh batter your soul's boat, depend upon Mary. If you are unsettled by the hideousness of your sins, troubled by a bad conscience, terrified by the horror of the final judgment; if you are beginning to be dragged down into the pit of sadness, into the abyss of despair, reflect upon Mary. In danger; in distress, in doubt, reflect upon Mary, call upon Mary. Let her not leave your lips, let her not leave your heart and do not abandon your dealings with her if you wish to gain the object of your prayer.

Following her, you will not stray; praying to her, you will not despair; reflecting upon her, you will not go wrong. With her taking your hand, you will not fall down; with her protecting you, you will not fear; with her leading you, you will not grow weary; with her favor, you will accomplish; and thus you will learn for yourself how truly it is said: And the Virgin's name was Mary.

But now, having pause for a moment, let us all who are passing through this life gaze upon the brightness of such a light. For in the words of the Apostle, It is good for us to be here, and it is pleasing to contemplate in silence what which many words fail to explain. In the meantime, while contemplating devotedly the shining star, the debate will be rekindled in what follows.

Especially in these troubled and uncertain times, we turn to *Our Lady Star of the Sea* to bring calm to our life as She brings us closer to Christ!

**** Remember next Sunday I will have the Blessing of the Pets at 1 pm under the church canopy.**

**** Thank you for your generosity to the Archdiocese of Detroit Priest Pension fund this weekend.**

**** Hope you had a chance to come experience Fall Fest.** A great time to visit with new and existing parishioners, taste some great food, let the kids have fun, and win some prizes. Thanks for your support and prayers for Star of the Sea.

**** We have made our CSA target!** Now any additional money above the target amount is returned to the parish. Thank you for your gifts and pledges and supporting the many programs and ministries of the Archdiocese

Let us continue to pray for one another and as Our Lady, Star of the Sea, to keep us close to her!

Msgr. Gary Smetanka

Please Pray for:

In memoriam

Those buried from OLSOS

9/28/1962	Francis P. McDyer
9/28/2002	Douglas Amsden
9/28/2008	Kathleen Rieth
9/28/2010	Adele Reeves
9/28/2021	Dennis Dyl
9/29/1959	Julia Wiedyke
9/29/1961	Nettie Cramer
9/29/1973	Edmund Brady, Sr.
9/29/1974	Edmond Shiganey
9/29/1983	Thomas Kent
9/29/1983	Pauline Yesemofski
9/29/1985	Barbara Sumeracki
9/29/1992	Carol K. Platz
9/29/2005	Peter Palombit
9/29/2007	Hazel Metry
9/29/2016	Lloyd Marks
9/29/2016	Pamela DiCicco
9/30/1977	Antonio DaDeppo
9/30/2001	Chester Kaczmarek
9/30/2021	Donald Mattes
10/1/1965	Gordon Ryder
10/1/1990	Leonard T. Wall
10/1/1994	Martin Dulapa
10/1/1999	Richard Jantz
10/1/2003	Robert Surmont
10/1/2012	Loretta Ellis
10/2/1964	Helen Robinson
10/2/1974	Frederick Madel
10/2/1975	Margaret Clark
10/2/1982	Marie Gardner
10/2/1993	Velma Sagert
10/2/2000	Ellen Laney
10/2/2002	Evelyn McLuckie
10/2/2016	J. Shirley Conboy
10/3/1981	Harry Wokuluk
10/3/1985	Edwina Mahoney
10/3/2004	Jeffrey Simon
10/3/2005	Frances Rinke
10/3/2009	Barbara Yacenic
10/3/2012	Refka Simon
10/3/2013	Delphine Pericin
10/3/2019	Margaret Bingham
10/4/1966	Raymond Dailey
10/4/1969	Marie Schreier
10/4/1976	Rosemary Keenan
10/4/1989	Joseph Miller
10/4/1994	Jean Belanger
10/4/2005	Mary Ann Morrisette



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

the sick

Victor Bontomasi
Maria Buscemi
Jeanne Collins
Leslie Derrick
Barbara Drader
Andrea Drouillard
Cheryl Fox
Joe Kramer
Christine Mathis
Marianne Parthum
Angie Rubino
Alexandra (Hathaway)
Schwegler

Gary Snacker
Mary Spatt
Cathy Spindler
JoAnne Spring
Alexis Suppanz
E. Noreen Szymborski
James Victor
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



We warmly welcome

the newly Baptized

September 19, 2026

By: Msgr Gary Smetanka

Jameson Ignatius Wila

Child of: Casey & Madeleine (Kaiser) Wila

Godparents: Charles Kaiser & Dana Wila

Mass Intentions

Monday, September 28

7:30 a.m. OLSOS Benefactors

Tuesday, September 29

7:30 am +Lillian Rogers
+Georgette Zahar
Anne DeChavez

Wednesday, September 30

7:30 a.m. +Edmund S. Brady

Thursday, October 1

7:30 am +Jeff Faubert

Friday, October 2

8:30 am +Alexander Grimm

Saturday, October 3

4:00 pm +John M. Powers
+Refka Simon
+David Graham
+Francis Buckley

Sunday, October 4

8:00 am OLSOS Parishioners
Increase in Religious Vocations
Fran Maxey

9:30 am +Catherine Jaboro
+Geraldine Korth
+Mary Graziani
John Briles

11:30 am +Aaron Blair
+Dean Tabin
+Richard Mancini


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**SUNDAY
OCTOBER 4**
1:00 PM

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EXPLORING CATHOLICISM



THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

What is the OCIA?

Are you or anyone you know interested in learning more about the Catholic Church?

The OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process through which a person becomes a fully initiated member of the Catholic Faith. It is for:

- Adults and children of catechetical age (over 7 years) who have not been baptized
- Those who have been baptized in another Christian denomination who want to become Catholic
- Those who were baptized as infants in the Catholic Church but have not completed the Sacraments of Initiation (First Eucharist and/or Confirmation) and who have had no faith formation

How long does it take?

Each person is on a personal journey in his/her relationship with God. Time varies depending on the individual. We walk with you in this process.

Do I have to commit to becoming Catholic if I enter the OCIA process?

No, the OCIA process is marked by opportunities for discernment along the way, and ultimately it is about one's readiness and desire to be received into the Church.

Please contact the Parish office if you or someone you know is interested.

WHICH MYSTERY ARE YOU LIVING?

A PSYCHOLOGICAL AND SPIRITUAL JOURNEY THROUGH THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY



Join Dr. Agnes Ward, Licensed Psychologist, on this three-part journey as she discusses the history of the rosary and describes psychological themes hidden in the mysteries such as family stress, emotional pain, difficult decisions, unanswered prayers, and fear about the future. Explore how the Rosary helps us survive suffering, adapt to change, receive strength, and trust that God is still working when we cannot see the outcome.

SEP. 30TH • OCT. 7TH • OCT. 14TH

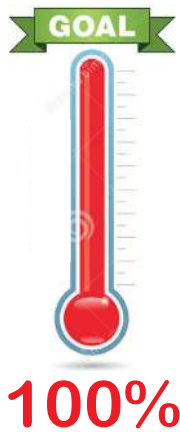
7:00-8:30 PM

The Pointe at Our Lady Star of the Sea

Contact the parish office with questions, (313) 884-5554



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\$165,000!!!!!!!



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Important information on Envelope numbers

We are updating parish systems and improving the way we manage parish records. As part of these changes, envelope numbers will be changing. We understand that many parishioners and families have had the same envelope number for many years, and that these numbers may feel familiar or meaningful. Please be assured that this change does not affect your parish membership, giving history, or our gratitude for your faithful support. Please continue using the envelopes you receive from the parish. When you receive your next batch of envelopes, your number will likely be different. No action is needed from you at this time.

Stella Maris Prayer St John Paul II

Mary, Star of the Sea,
light of every ocean,
guide seafarers across
all dark and stormy seas
that they may reach t
the haven of peace and light
prepared in Him who calmed the sea.

As we set forth upon
the oceans of the world and
cross the deserts of our time,
show us, O Mary,
the fruit of your womb,
for without your Son we are lost.

Pray that we will never fail
on life's journey,
that in heart and mind,
word and deed,
in days of turmoil and in days of calm,
we will always look to Christ and say,
'Who is this that even wind and sea obey him?'

Bright Star of the Sea, guide us!



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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.



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.

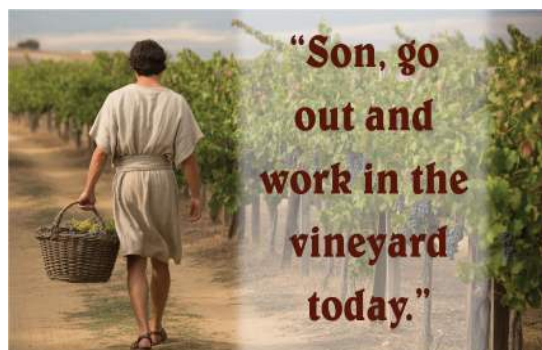
Contact Macomb Foster Child

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

Scripture Readings

For the Week of September 27, 2026

Sunday	Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Phil 2:1-11 or Phil 2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32
Monday	Job 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday	Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rev 12:7-12ab; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5; Jn 1:47-51
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of Church Job 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15; Lk 9:57-62
Thursday	Memorial of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Job 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14; Lk 10:1-12
Friday	Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab; Mt 18:1-5, 10
Saturday	Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24
Sunday	Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43



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!**



Knights of Columbus

**Tootsie Roll
Fundraising Drive
Weekend of
October 10-11
Before and after
every Mass**



Mah Jong Ladies Night Fundraiser

Nov 12th | 6:00-9:00pm | The Pointe

This event is a fundraiser for the pilgrims going to South Korea next summer for World Youth Day.

To Learn More Visit: <https://olsos.org/ff/wyd>



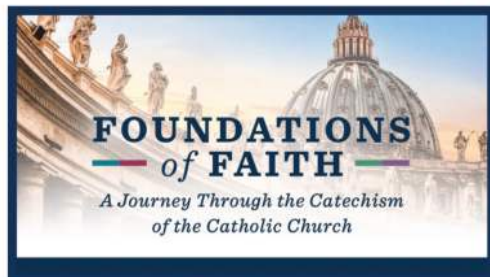
1 Billion Decades

World Youth Day Seoul has a goal to reach 1 billion decades of the rosary prayed before the pilgrims arrive next August. If you pray a rosary, please track the amount of decades prayed and fill out this form!



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Adult Bible Study?



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

Thursdays
Part 1: Oct 8th - Dec 17th
Part 2: Jan 14th - Mar 18th

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

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



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VISIT OUR WEBSITE: [OLSOS.ORG/FF](https://olsos.org/ff)





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Enjoy fresh treats and hot coffee while catching up with familiar faces, meeting new friends, and sharing in the warmth of our parish community.

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 jil.zedan@gmail.com for more details.

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Apr. 25, May. 23, Jun. 27



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WHAT TO EXPECT

- 7th / 8th Grade Flag Football
- In between quarters:
 - 1st Grade vs. 2nd Grade Field Games
 - 3rd Grade vs. 4th Grade Field Games
 - 5th Grade vs. 6th Grade Field Games
 - Alumni Field Games
- PLUS our Cheerleaders will perform!

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grades will
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Fr. Eric Fedewa

586-777-5610

Mass Times

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Msgr. G. Michael Bugarin

Fr. Bob Voiland

586-777-3670

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Daily: MTWTHF 7:00 a.m.
W 6:00 p.m.

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Fr. Jim Commyn

586-771-8300

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

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Fr. Stan Pachla

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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

PRIEST IN SOLIDUM (Moderator)

Msgr. Gary Smetanka

313-884-5554

Mass Times

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

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

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Call the parish office

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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
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Catholic High Schools including

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