

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA OCTOBER 11, 2026

GO OUT INTO THE MAIN ROADS
& invite to the *feast*
whomever you find.

MATTHEW 22:9



WITH MARY, WE BRING PEOPLE TO CHRIST
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-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**

We are now moving more into the busy time of the year with more activities and events. It is a good thing indeed! More events and activities also reveal some of the holes or needs that exist. Every group in the parish could use more help. Some take little time and some a bit more.

Please consider if you are being called to one of our liturgical ministries. That could be

exercising a special charism God has gifted you, like love of scripture and a good voice to proclaim the readings at Mass as a lector. Or being a extraordinary minister of Holy Communion at Mass. Or an usher to greet people and assist people as needed. Or sacristan who prepares a few items (chalice, lighting altar candles, hosts, etc.) before Mass begins and helps after Mass. Or you can help wash and iron our sacred linens periodically once a month or so. Or help with "the environment" as needed through the year, helping to "decorate" church and in the sanctuary, etc. As you see, many of these activities are at a time you are in church already or you just need to come 10 minutes sooner. Please pray on this request as most of these ministries do not demand lots of time each week or each month. If you are interested, call the parish office for more information or to express your interest. We provide the education or formation you need to exercise the ministry. That also includes our "prayer ministers" who make themselves available after some Masses. Finally, our music ministry is always open for new members, either singing or playing an instrument, for a special season, like Christmas, or for the liturgical year. The ministries are another way to encounter the Lord in our weekly celebrations as the body of the Church. Give it some time to think about this and listen to the Holy Spirit calling you!

**** Last Saturday, Archbishop Weisenburger ordained four men as permanent deacons. One of them, Deacon Ron Potempski, has been assigned to Star of the Sea. He will begin his ministry here later this month. More about him later!**

**** We will be taking "head counts" during the next 4 weeks at Mass. These counts will be used in future planning within our parish and the archdiocese.**

**** During the 9:30 Mass the next two Sundays we will celebrate the rite of enrollment for those intending to receive their First Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Confirmation. It is a simple rite but not to be dismissed lightly. It shows the real intention on the part of the person and the family. Please pray for these young people, and their parents, as they prepare during these important "sacramental years."**

**** If someone has a need for a wheelchair, please call the parish office. We have a few that are available.**

**** What a great turnout for the Blessing of Pets! Largest crowd ever. No snakes, thanks be to God! Tortellini, the tortoise, did make an appearance.**

**** We have three flat screen televisions available if someone can use them. I would say (I am guessing) they are about 45 inches. Call the parish office please to see them.**

**** As we announced last weekend, the company that sends out the Sunday Offering envelopes (we here in the parish office do not) is again in short supply, thus delaying getting new ones in the mail. I see from last weekend many of you know the routine....get any envelope and put your name and envelope number on it. Simple as that. Sorry for the inconvenience.**

Have a blessed week in the Lord's peace and joy.

Msgr. Gary Smetanka

Please Pray for:

In memoriam

Those buried from OLSOS

10/12/1975	Joseph A. Kramer
10/12/1976	Theresa Ann DeClercq
10/12/1980	Marie Maniere
10/12/1986	Dorthea Longhi
10/12/1989	Lillian Geis
10/12/2002	Lillian Gula
10/12/2015	Maria Cimini
10/12/2016	L. Elaine Kocian
10/13/1987	Ada Irvine
10/13/1987	Joseph Kleefuss
10/13/1988	Adele Drolshagen
10/13/2002	Anthony Alfonsi
10/13/2004	Julius Grossi
10/13/2013	Edward Nowak
10/14/1955	Michael Takach
10/14/1956	Hugh Gorey
10/14/1966	Frank M. Salmoni
10/14/1979	Nettie Promack
10/14/1980	Lucille Decoster
10/14/1996	Hazen Locke
10/14/2006	Teresa Kowalski
10/14/2012	George Cueter
10/14/2016	Ann Oleszko
10/14/2016	Agnes Sikorski
10/15/1957	Francis Brogan
10/15/1975	Thomas Hammond
10/15/1980	Edgar Kiefer
10/15/2006	Janet Lenhard
10/16/1961	Thomas G. McCormick
10/16/1999	Joseph Hayosh
10/17/1962	Stella Crowgeyer
10/17/1986	Violet Parayet
10/17/1990	John Huetteman, Jr.
10/17/2002	Dianne Allen
10/17/2019	Christine Kreuter
10/17/2021	Clara Kodan
10/18/1965	T. Emil Grob
10/18/1971	Anthony VerMeulen
10/18/1980	Eva Krus
10/18/1983	Ralph MacLelland
10/18/2002	Ethel Walsh
10/18/2003	Elizabeth Peters
10/18/2024	Robert Brooks
10/18/2025	James Clancy, Jr.



**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
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**

Mass Intentions

Monday, October 12

7:30 a.m. +Rev. Lee Laige
+Deceased Members of the
O'Malley & Spindler Families

Tuesday, October 13

7:30 am +Jack Spytzman

Wednesday, October 14

7:30 a.m. +Edmund Ahee, Jr.

Thursday, October 15

7:30 am +Anthony Vitale

Friday, October 16

8:30 am +Deceased Members of the
Eugenio Family

Saturday, October 17

4:00 pm +Charles F. Parthum
+John and Carmela Brucia

Sunday, October 18

8:00 am OLSOS Parishioners
+Robert Oswald

9:30 am +Catherine Jaboro
+Dominic Graziani

11:30 am +Erna Kusch
+Dean Tabin
+Matt Zelond

Mass Intentions -

May be placed by calling the office, using the QR code below or by coming into the office.

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.

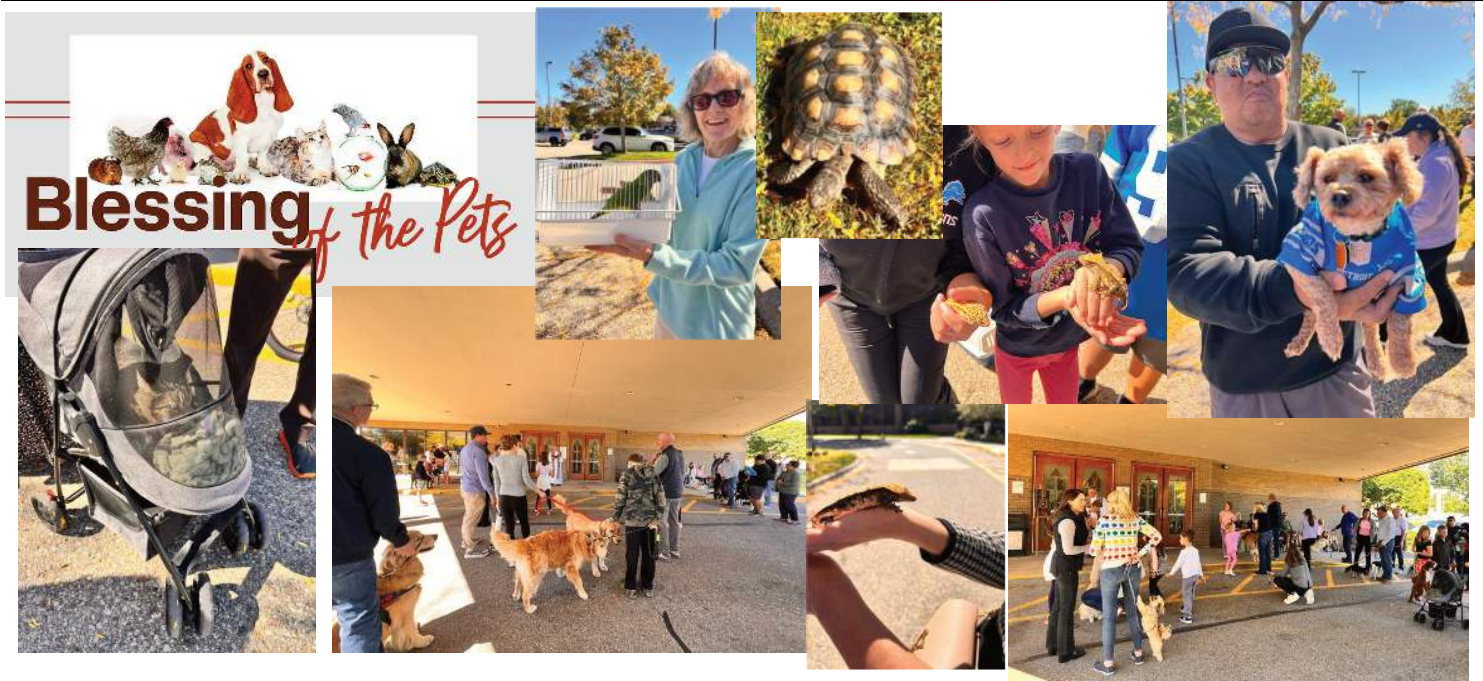


Remembrance Mass

Monday, November 2, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

The month of November has traditionally been set aside for remembrance of those who have died.

Please join us for a special liturgy Mass as we remember all who have died, especially our parishioners who have gone to their eternal rest in the past year.



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.

EXPLORING CATHOLICISM



THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

HALLOWEEN CANDY FUNDRAISER



Please drop off bags of candy at the parish to help seminarians provide a safe trick-or-treating experience for kids!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Please drop off No Later than October 25th



For more information contact Tom Pfaffenbach at pfaffenbach.tom@shms.edu

Scripture Readings

For the Week of October 11, 2026

Sunday	Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 or Mt 22:1-10
Monday	Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1; Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a, 6-7; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday	Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday	Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; Lk 11:42-46
Thursday	Memorial of Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Eph 1:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Lk 11:47-54
Friday	Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday	Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 12:8-12
Sunday	Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

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

WE'RE HIRING!



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

- Young Fives Teacher
- Kid's Club Staff

The Young Fives teacher nurtures academic, social, and faith-based growth while preparing students for kindergarten and fostering confidence, independence, and a love of learning.

Kid's Club Staff manages students' homework and play while supporting routines in our after-care program.

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

Join Us for Monthly Fellowship and Refreshments!

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 jl.zedan@gmail.com for more details.

Dates: Oct. 25, Nov. 22, Dec. 6, Jan 31, 2027, Feb. 28, Mar. 21, Apr. 25, May. 23, Jun. 27

ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT

Archdiocesan Restructuring



Thank You!

We are deeply grateful to the lay faithful across the Archdiocese of Detroit for your generous participation during this important phase of the restructuring process. More than 40,000 parishioners attended 412 parish listening sessions, and over 17,000 individuals shared their feedback through the survey. Thank you for the time you have invested, the insights and experiences you have shared, and the spirit of faith with which you have engaged this process. Your continued prayers, participation, and commitment to the Church are helping us discern together how best to strengthen our parishes and advance the mission of Christ throughout southeast Michigan.

What Happens Next? Parish Modeling Refinement

Throughout August and September, all of the feedback and data received was reviewed, organized, and analyzed. The restructuring team, consultative bodies, and the Catholic Leadership Institute are now working together to evaluate that input and prepare for the next phase of the process: the refinement of the parish models.

Round 1: Faithful

APRIL-JULY 2026



Priests, faithful, volunteer facilitators, KPLs, PPOC, Curia, Parish Renewal & CLI

Round one draft models were developed during the Priests' Discernment Workshop in January and subsequently shared with the faithful through parish listening sessions and the restructuring website. Feedback was collected through the listening sessions, an online survey, and various consultative bodies, ensuring that the perspectives of clergy, parish leaders, and the lay faithful were incorporated into the refinement process.

Round 2: Parishes

SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER 2026



Priests, KPLs, deacons, Parish Renewal & CLI

Round one draft models will be refined with input from consultative bodies, priests, deacons, lay ministers, and the lay faithful. The refined Round two draft models will be released in October 2026 at **RESTRUCTURING.AOD.ORG**. Pastors and Key Parish Leaders will then be invited to give additional feedback. After further refinement, the final recommended models will be presented to the Archdiocesan Restructuring Commission and then to Archbishop Weisenburger for his discernment as he considers the future configuration of parishes across the Archdiocese.

Final Announcement

APRIL 17-18, 2027



Archbishop Weisenburger

Archbishop Weisenburger will enter a time of prayerful discernment, carefully considering the proposed parish models and the feedback received from clergy, parish leaders, and the lay faithful. After completing this discernment, he will announce the final restructuring models and priest assignments during the weekend of April 17-18, 2027.

Model Refinement FAQs

WHAT HAPPENS IN REFINEMENT?

Once all of the feedback has been read, the Modeling Team, together with a select group of priests and lay leaders from each planning area, will gather to review the feedback for their planning area and refine the models. The work done in the refinement workshops will result in a set of Round two draft models for each planning area. In some cases, one or both models may remain the same as the Round one draft models that were shared at parish listening sessions. In other cases, one or both models may be new or revised in some way.

At that time, Key Parish Leaders (KPLs) and priests at each parish will

gather to review the models and share their feedback. The Round two draft models will also be published to the restructuring website at this time. We anticipate that Round two draft models will be published in October 2026.

WHO IS PARTICIPATING?

We want to be transparent about how participants were selected and the perspectives represented, while also protecting the integrity of the working sessions. For that reason, we are not publishing individual participant names.

Detroit Catholic: www.detroitcatholic.com/subscribe

For additional information: restructuring.aod.org

This allows participants to engage candidly in the refinement process without being viewed as representatives of a particular parish or constituency or being contacted or lobbied outside the workshops. We believe this strikes the right balance between transparency about the process and creating an environment where participants can thoughtfully consider the parish feedback and make the difficult decisions needed to develop the Round draft 2 models.

HOW WERE PARTICIPANTS FOR MODEL REFINEMENT SELECTED?

Participants were selected based on their involvement in and exposure to the restructuring process to date. Most are members of the Modeling Team, restructuring commission, and/or project workstreams. The group includes priests, deacons, parish staff, and lay leaders who collectively bring a range of perspectives and familiarity with the pastoral and practical realities of the planning areas.

During the workshops, participants will review the feedback gathered through the parish listening sessions, evaluate the Round one draft models, and make decisions about how those models should be refined into the Round two draft models. The Round two draft models will then move forward as the next step in the broader discernment and restructuring process.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

MODELING TEAM

The Modeling Team includes priests, deacons, parish staff, and lay leaders who collectively bring a range of perspectives and familiarity with the pastoral and practical realities of the planning areas. This team acts as a consultative body that reviews feedback and refines the pastorate models in collaboration with additional participants from each planning area.

ARCHDIOCESAN RESTRUCTURING COMMISSION

Members of the Archdiocesan Restructuring Commission are priests, deacons, religious and laity from across the Archdiocese of Detroit who advise and consult on the restructuring process.

CURIA

The administrative “headquarters” of the Archdiocese of Detroit, which consists of departments, ministry leaders and officials who assist the Archbishop in his ministry as the chief shepherd and pastor of the local Church.

DEPARTMENT OF PARISH RENEWAL

A new department of the archdiocesan curia set up for the purpose of facilitating, administering and overseeing the archdiocesan restructuring process, as well as advising Archbishop Weisenburger. Fr. Mario Amore is the executive director of the Department of Parish Renewal.

WHY DOES MY PRIEST HAVE TO BE REASSIGNED EVEN IF MY PARISH IS HEALTHY?

The rationale behind what we anticipate will be a significant movement of priests has been discussed extensively with our clergy. We have also consulted with several dioceses that have undergone similar restructuring efforts, as well as priests currently serving in those dioceses. Consistently, their recommendation has been that all priests move as part of the transition.

There are several reasons for this approach. First, it allows us to look at the needs of the Archdiocese as a whole and match the gifts, talents, and experiences of our priests with the needs of the pastorates they will serve. Second, it provides both priests and parish communities with an opportunity for a fresh start as these new pastorates are formed.

Most pastorates will consist of multiple parish communities led by one pastor, with other priests serving as parochial vicars (commonly known as associate pastors). If priests were to remain in their current assignments and one of those priests was named pastor of the newly formed pastorate, it could create challenges for both clergy and parishioners. Parishioners might naturally continue to look to their longtime priest for leadership, and the pastor could be perceived as favoring the community from which he originally came. These dynamics can make it more difficult to build trust across the pastorate and to lead the newly formed community effectively.

We recognize that this aspect of the restructuring may be difficult to understand and accept, particularly given the strong bonds that often develop between priests and parish communities. Our goal is to position both our priests and our pastorates for long-term success as we seek to continue serving the People of God throughout southeast Michigan.

PASTORATE

A grouping of one or more parishes entrusted to the pastoral care of a single pastor and often sharing resources, ministries, and staff. A pastorate may include one pastor overseeing a single parish, or one pastor overseeing multiple parishes.

PRIMARY POINT OF CONTACT (PPOC)

A parish staff member appointed by his or her priest to help navigate the archdiocesan restructuring process and communicate with the larger parish community. PPOCs have three responsibilities: to receive, share, and submit information on behalf of their parish during the restructuring process.

KEY PARISH LEADERS (KPLS)

Individual members of each parish designated by their priest to serve as collaborators in the restructuring effort. Key Parish Leaders must be registered parishioners and may serve as members of the parish/finance council, key ministry leaders, or representatives of a key parish demographic group. Key Parish Leaders will help share, inform, participate and lead the discernment process at their parish.



Mah Jong Ladies Night Fundraiser

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

Don't know how to play? Great! Our Learn to Play package includes a complete lesson, game play, a light supper, beverages, a 2026 NMJL card, and a raffle ticket, for \$100. Our Open Play package includes game play, a light supper, beverages, and a raffle ticket, for \$50. Proceeds go to support our pilgrims going to World Youth Day. Space is limited, register today!



Register Here: olsos.org/ff/wyd



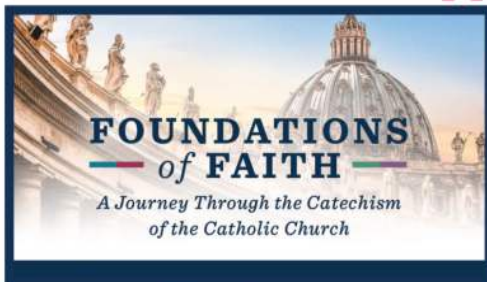
1 Billion Decades

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

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

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



Thursdays

Part 1: Oct 8th - Dec 17th

Part 2: Jan 14th - Mar 18th



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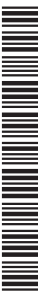
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Fr. Eric Fedewa

586-777-5610

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Msgr. G. Michael Bugarin

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586-777-3670

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Sunday: 8:00, 10:00 a.m.

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

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

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Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Daily: TWTH 7:45 a.m. (Convent)

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Msgr. Gary Smetanka

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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.



St Ambrose St Vincent de Paul Conference Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

October 16, 2026

From 5pm to 8pm St Ambrose ARK

It includes all-you-can-eat pasta with three choices of sauce, breadsticks, salad and dessert. There is free coffee and soda and a cash bar for wine. Prices are \$25 for adults, \$10 for children 8-14 years old, and free for children under 8. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

All proceeds will go towards helping the needy of our community.

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