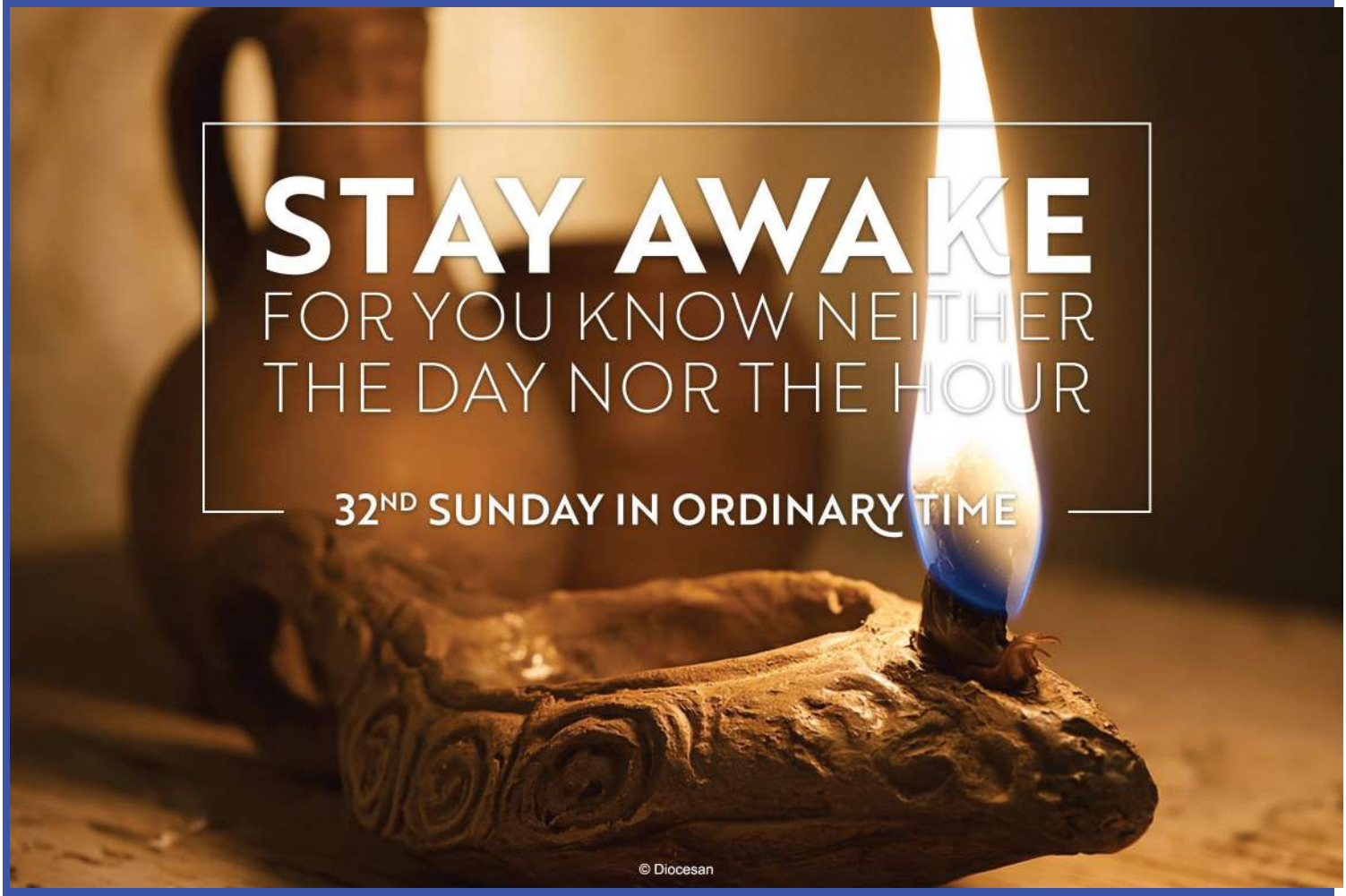
OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

NOVEMBER 8, 2026



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Half and Half from Msgr. Gary Smetanka

At this time of the year, it seems number of holidays and special events emerge upon us at a quicker pace. One significant holiday is this Wednesday, Veterans Day. On this day we honor all veterans who served during way or during peacetime.

God bless all our veterans, living and deceased, who sacrificed in so many ways in order to serve our country and fight for democracy, independence and freedom. Let us also remember our men and women who are presently serving in our military. We own them a debt of gratitude.

A Prayer for Veterans Day

God of mercy we ask for blessings on all those who have served their country in the armed forces.

We ask for healing for the veterans who have been wounded, in body and soul, in conflicts around the globe.

We pray especially for the young men and women, in the thousands, who are coming home from various wars or conflicts with injured bodies and traumatized spirits. Bring solace to them, O Lord. May we pray for them when they cannot pray.

Have mercy on all our veterans from World War II, conflicts in Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan and other locations. Bring peace to their hearts and peace to the regions they fought in.

Bless all the soldiers who served in non-combative posts. May their calling to serve continue in their lives in many positive ways.

Give us all here present today creative vision to see a world that, growing weary with fighting, moves to affirming the life of every human being and so moves beyond war.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

** Thanks to all of you who took one of the Operation Christmas Child boxes and returned it. They are now off at the processing center to ensure each box is safe to be nicely packed and shipped off to those children just waiting to open the box of surprises!

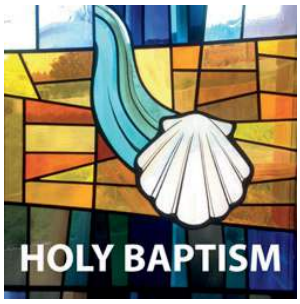
** Wednesday evening, at 7 pm, Dr. Agnes Ward, licensed psychologist and one of our parishioners, will be presenting some helpful hints and strategies for good and peaceful holidays. We know the next two months can be filled with expectations and stress, so we need some good practical mental health strategies to have good and peaceful holidays. Agnes will integrate Catholic faith and some good humor into her presentation. We all strive some peace and tranquility during these next months.

** Thanks to everyone who has offered some feedback on the second round of draft proposals for the AoD restructuring. I know there are many reactions to the fact that all priests, with few exceptions, will be getting new assignments, either as pastor or an associate in one of the new pastorates come July 1, 2027. Many dioceses, who have gone through similar restructuring, have had the same procedure of making, across the board, new assignments. This helps to eliminate any possible favoritism of a pastor staying in his present place with the addition of 2 or more parishes added to his pastoring. There is much good for everyone to start new and fresh in a new endeavor, creating a revitalized pastorate and way of becoming Church together. Fear not, the Holy Spirit will accompany all of us in this process!

** The Giving Trees will be going up shortly… a sure sign Advent is approaching!

May the Lord bless you and this parish in abundance this week!

Msgr. Gary Smetanka



We warmly Welcome
the newly Baptized
November 1, 2026
By: Fr. Brian Meldrum

James Brian Kelly, Jr

Child of: James & Angela (Theis) Kelly
Godparents: Fr. Brian Meldrun & Emily Theis

Kathryn Josephine McGowan

Child of: Nicholas & Jennifer (Rusch) McGowan
Godparents: Peter Kessel & Kelly Cullen

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.

Please Pray for:

In memoriam

Those buried from OLSOS

11/9/1956	Alfred Doll
11/9/1960	Bridget Murphy
11/9/1964	Pauline Wilson
11/9/1972	Lt. Kenneth Spencer
11/9/1977	Beatrice Godin
11/9/2007	Martin Daher
11/9/2008	Joseph Televicius
11/9/2012	Edmund Brady
11/9/2014	Leo Fitzpatrick
11/9/2021	Louise Mac Lachlan
11/10/1970	Florence Kleefuss
11/10/1972	Frances Maxon
11/10/1983	Anna Brosnan
11/10/1991	Serafina Valenti
11/10/1996	Annina Vulpetti
11/10/2003	Lina DeLorenzo
11/10/2006	Mary Yanik
11/11/1963	James McManus
11/11/1970	Anne Pasquinzo
11/11/1990	Ted Krupp
11/11/1997	Thomas Hamlin
11/11/2021	Marie Brady
11/12/1999	Cecelia LeRoy
11/12/2002	Mary Fox
11/13/1973	Lucille Kendall
11/13/1974	Victor Calcaterra
11/13/1984	Irwin Sattler
11/13/1985	Gloria Rutan
11/13/1989	Kurt Hartlieb
11/13/1995	Patricia Barker
11/13/2011	Frances Menard
11/13/2017	Matthew Maher
11/13/2017	Virginia Fazio
11/14/1960	Jean Byrwa
11/14/1991	Charles Brennecke
11/14/1992	Stanley J. Jursek
11/14/1992	Dolores Stoneback
11/14/2019	Sally Brownlee
11/14/2022	Nancy Bommarito
11/15/1959	Katherine Dubrul
11/15/1968	Charlotte Rodda
11/15/1987	Thomas Griffin
11/15/1989	JoAnn Thompson
11/15/1995	Elisabeth Boyd
11/15/2009	Barbara Ann Arjeski
11/15/2025	Linda Mammen

the sick

Victor Bontomasi
Jeanne Collins
Leslie Derrick
Barbara Drader
Cheryl Fox
Joe Kramer
Christine Mathis
Marianne Parthum
Angie Rubino
Alexandra (Hathaway) Schwegler
Gary Snacker
Mary Spatt
JoAnne Spring
Alexis Suppanz
E. Noreen Szymborski
James Victor
Linda Vitale

those in the military

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

The faithful departed

Ronald Latiff, Sr.

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New Giving Site

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QR Code below

ParishSoft Giving is still Live- no need to make any changes



Scripture Readings

For the Week of November 8, 2026

Sunday	**Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time** Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 1 Thes 4:13-14; Mt 25:1-13
Monday	**Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome** Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Tuesday	**Memorial of Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church** Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29; Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday	**Memorial of Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop** Ti 3:1-7; Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6; Lk 17:11-19
Thursday	**Memorial of Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr** Phlm 7-20; Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Lk 17:20-25
Friday	**Memorial of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin** 2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday	3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 18:1-8
Sunday	**Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time** Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6, Mt 25:14-30 or Mt 25:14-15, 19-21



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



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



Mass Intentions

Monday, November 9
7:30 am +Judy Cooper
Tuesday, November 10
7:30 am +Catherine Jaboro
+Emilia Cusenza
Wednesday,November 11
7:30 am +Patrick Korth
Thursday, November 12
7:30 am +Deceased Members of the Spindler O'Malley Families
Friday,November 13
8:30 am +Maria Leo
Saturday, November 14
4:00 pm +Agnes Rupp
+Maria Alicia Oxholm
+Emilia Cusenza
+Judy DeStefano
Sunday, November 15
8:00 am OLSOS Parishioners
+Edward Thomas
+Emilia Cusenza
9:30 am +Catherine Jaboro
+Edmund Ahee, Sr.
+Edmund Ahee, Jr.
+John Ahee
+Bettejean Ahee
+Walt Bryzik
11:30 am +Donstud Ojinsoks
+Georgette Zahar
+Lillian Rogers

WYD 2027: SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA
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Making Room for Peace

Mental Health Through the Holidays

The holidays can bring joy—but also grief, stress, and pressure to make everything perfect. Join Dr. Agnes Ward, Licensed Psychologist, for a 90-minute talk blending practical mental health strategies, Catholic faith, and gentle humor. Discover ways to cope with loss, honor loved ones, manage family expectations, and recognize when our own perfectionism adds to the stress. Learn to plan ahead, set healthy boundaries, and make room for peace, meaningful connection, and Christ amid the busyness of the season.

Our Lady Star of the Sea, The Pointe

November 11, 2026 at 7:00 pm



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

Please sign up for Coffee & Donut Sunday Hospitality! We need your help!
Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:
1. **Click this link** to go to our invitation page on SignUp: https://signup.com/go/RzpSYrZ
2. **Enter your email address:** (You will NOT need to register an account on SignUp)
3. **Sign up!** Choose your spots - SignUp will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!

Note: SignUp does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually.
My prayer is that we have enough volunteers so that you will only need to commit to one Sunday per season so feel free to invite some friends to join you and share in meeting new people and those you may have not seen in a while.
God bless!
Judy Zedan

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Dear Star Readers,
The annual Book Fair is here! Great books and assorted extras will be available in the library November 2 -November 6. Parishioners and families may come after school from 3:10-3:45 and Thursday from 1:00-7:00pm during conferences. This is an excellent time to get books for birthdays and Christmas.

You're invited to shop our Scholastic Book Fair online from **November 1-12, 2026.** All purchases benefit our school and connect kids with new books, favorite characters, complete series, and more. Cash, checks made out to Our Lady Star of the Sea, and E-Wallet are accepted.

If you have questions, please contact a.clor@stargp.org.
Visit our Book Fair Homepage and click "Shop Now" to get started:
https://www.scholastic.com/bf/ourladystarofseaschool1
Happy reading,
Mrs. Clor

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.

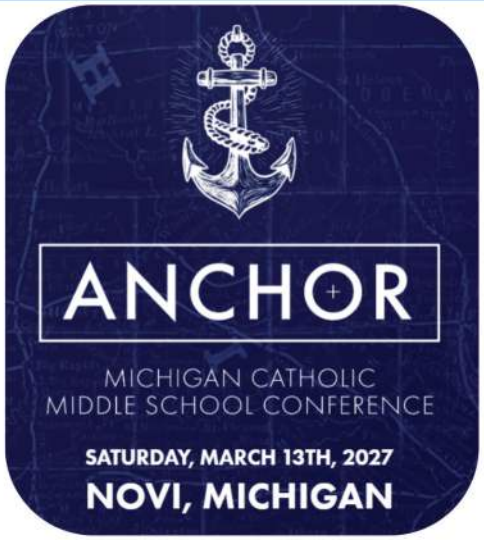
EXPLORING CATHOLICISM
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THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



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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Catholic Middle School Conference

Registration with Star will open shortly, if you are interested in attending or have questions, please contact Jack Novak.

For more info visit:
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WYD SEOUL 2027

WORLD YOUTH DAY
SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA
SUMMER 2027



This summer we have a group of 25 people going to World Youth Day in South Korea! Our group is made up of Our Lady Star of the Sea, St. Rene and St. Jane Frances.

In addition to World Youth Day, we are also attending Days in the Diocese the week before, and we have excitedly accepted to stay in Cheogju, South Korea.

Please keep our group in your prayers as we continue to prepare for this exciting trip! And stay tuned for more updates!

STAR FAITH FORMATION

QUESTIONS FOR ALL EVENTS CAN BE DIRECTED TO JACK NOVAK:
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- Learn from Others
- Find Support in a Welcoming Environment



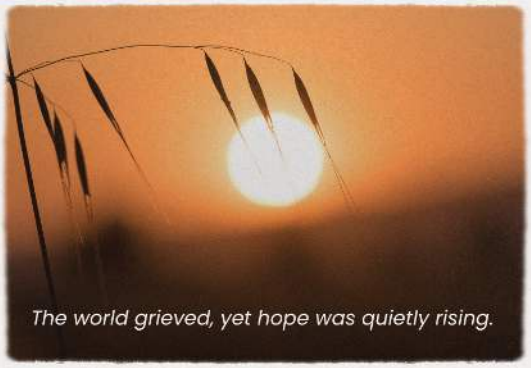
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SEEING THE LIGHT OF DAY
FAITH BASED
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First Sunday of the Month
1:00 pm In the Pointe

Our Lady Star of the Sea - 467 Fairford Rd., GPW 48236
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Auction 2027 · A Platinum Voyage

FROM THE BRIDGE

YOUR CAPTAIN'S LOG FOR THIS YEAR'S AUCTION · NOVEMBER 2026

As we chart our course toward March 20, excitement is building for the Platinum Voyage, our annual auction and one of Star's most impactful community traditions.
This signature event supports the programs, resources, and faith-filled experiences that shape our students every day. Proceeds benefit every classroom and help our children grow academically, socially, and spiritually. Whether you're a longtime supporter or new aboard, now is the perfect time to join the crew.

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Sponsorship and advertising opportunities are still available. Supporting the Platinum Voyage is a meaningful way for families and businesses to show their commitment to Catholic education while promoting their business throughout the event, in print, and online.

AUCTION DONATIONS

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