

*After hearing the king, they went on their way; and behold, the star,
which they had seen in the east, went on ahead of them
until it came to a stop over the place where the Child was to be found.
When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. (Mt. 2:9-10)*



*Christmas blessings to you
and your family*

As we now enter the Christmas season, we rejoice in the fulfillment of God's promise: the birth of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Advent was a season of preparation and anticipation, and now, in this joyful season, we celebrate that Christ has come.

Our Advent theme, "Prepare Him Room," reminded us that we need to prepare and make room for Jesus. When we prepare a special place for Jesus, he enters with peace, gentleness, and companionship, transforming every heart, family, and community into a place of belonging, warmth, and peace.

There is certainly a comfort when we know Christ is present! His birth in Bethlehem was not just the start of His earthly journey but the beginning of a homecoming for all of humanity—a home rooted in His love and mercy.

Our parish is blessed to be a home for so many, a place where Christ dwells and welcomes all. As we gaze upon the manger this Christmas, let us reflect on how Jesus calls each of us to make our hearts His dwelling place, sharing His love with our families and neighbors.

May this Christmas season be filled with the hope, peace, and joy that only Christ can give. Thank you for being part of our parish family. Together, let us bring others to live the love of God in and through our faith.

Merry Christmas and blessings to you and your loved ones, now and always.

Msgr. Gary Smetanka



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

December 25, 2025

OLSOS.org

Mass times & information

SAT	4:00 p.m. (Vigil)
SUN	8:00 a.m.
	9:30 a.m.
	11:30 a.m.
MON - THU	7:30 a.m.
FRI	8:30 a.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MON - THU 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

FRI 8:00 a.m. — Noon

SAT Closed

SUN Closed

Holidays Closed

FAITH FORMATION

313-884-5554

BAPTISMS

Must be a Registered Parishioners.

Please call the Faith Formation Office (313-884-7407) during the last months of pregnancy to arrange for Baptism classes and 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

ANOIDING OF THE SICK/ MINISTRY TO 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

Must be a registered member, in good standing, of OLSOS.

Archdiocesan law requires advance notice of at least six months.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Newcomers to the parish may register in the Parish Office or online at OLSOS.org. Please notify the Parish Office of address changes.

Adults over 21 need to be registered as an individual member to be considered a Catholic in Good Standing.

Hearing devices are available for use during Mass. Please ask an usher for assistance.



Mary, Holy Mother of God A Holyday of Obligation

December 31, 2025: 4:00 pm

January 1, 2026: 9:30 am

For more information
please call the parish office
313-884-5554 or visit olsos.org.

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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!



During Advent, our school and parish community focused on making room for Jesus in our hearts and lives. As part of this reflection, students created a special "chair" in their classrooms—a symbol of welcome and openness. This chair reminded us to keep a space ready for Jesus and to extend that welcome to others in our community.



Prayer Group

every Wednesday at 3:00 pm in the O.L.S.O.S. prayer and Eucharistic chapel on Morningside, to pray the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

We pray for world peace and all the parish intentions

Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Wednesday - 11am - 2pm

in the Parish Office Chapel

Holy Hour

January 5th

7:00 pm in the church



**Your 2025
Contribution
Statements**

Contribution statements will be sent no later than January 31st. These statements summarize your contributions for the 2025 tax year.



Christmas Decoration Donations in Honor/Memory of...

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Catechist Needed!

We are still looking for a 5th grade catechist beginning in January!
If you love your faith and enjoy helping young people grow closer to God, we would love to have you join our team.

Help
Needed

All training and support are provided — a willing heart is all you need to make a lasting difference! You can even ask a friend to co-teach!

If interested, please contact Jack Novak



This Mission Trip will be from June 15-30th and is designed for High Schoolers. We will be joining Strake Jesuit High School in Houston for all service projects.

If you are interested, please contact Jack Novak.

Probable Trip Inclusions

Service Projects
in 5+ States

Texas Rangers
Baseball Game

Silver Dollar City
Amusement Park

Galveston
Beach

Lifetime Memories
and Friendships



Vacation Bible School

August 10th-13th

More details to follow!



Coping with Depression and Anxiety Talk

Jan 14th - The Pointe - 7:00pm

Join Dr. Agnes Ward, Licensed Psychologist, as she explores signs and symptoms of depression and anxiety. Coping mechanisms to manage difficult feelings will be discussed, including managing distressing emotions during the holiday season. Ways to cope will be discussed and resources will be provided. Participants will receive a St. Dymphna medal, patron saint of mental health.

Questions for all events can be directed to:

Jack Novak: Email: j.novak@stargp.org | Phone: 313-558-7407

Visit our Website: olsos.org/ff



ST. CARLO ACUTIS LEGO EXHIBIT

FEBRUARY 7TH & 8TH AFTER MASS

Come tour an exhibit dedicated to one of our newest saints. St. Carlo Acutis!

Baptism

If you are looking to have your child baptized at Our Lady Star of the Sea, we encourage you to visit our baptism page on our website.

olsos.org/sacraments/baptism



You can email any questions to:

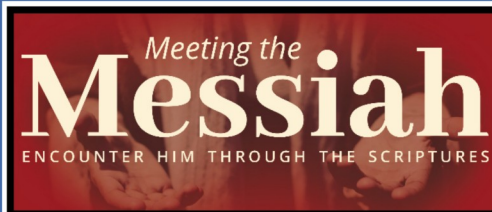
Baptism@stargp.org



Sacraments

We have over fifty 2nd Graders preparing for their First Reconciliation and First Communion and over thirty 8th Graders preparing for Confirmation.

Please keep these students in your prayers as they prepare to receive their sacraments!



Adult Bible Study

Many of us grew up believing that being a Christian simply meant going to church and saying grace before meals, but being a follower of Christ isn't about going through the motions. It's about having a deep, personal friendship with Jesus—a relationship that gives purpose and meaning to every part of your life. Meeting the Messiah will take you on a scriptural journey through the lives of men and women who met Jesus in person and whose lives were forever changed. Curtis Martin and Dr. Edward Sri invite you to encounter Jesus face-to-face through His word and hear the personal message He's been telling you all along: You are not alone. You are beloved. You are His.

Thursdays:

January 15th - February 19th

Morning Session: Evening Session:

9:30-11:00am

7:00-8:30pm

Ways to Sign Up:

Option 1: Scan the QR code

Option 2: Cut out and return slip



Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

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MORNING

EVENING

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OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL

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+ ART SHOW & MIDDLE SCHOOL
PRESENTATIONS

January 25, 2026

12:00 - 3:00 PM

467 Fairford Rd. Grosse Pointe Woods

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applications
for
2026/2027*



Preschool

3 Year - Young 5

- Aftercare available for all students
- Young 5 literacy curriculum aligns with our K-5 curriculum
- Play-based program + introduction to academics
- Builds independence, confidence, emotional regulation



Elementary

Kindergarten - 5th Grade

- 1:17 Teacher to Student ratio
- Differentiated, one-on-one instruction
- Special classes include Spanish, music, art, gym, and computers for all grades



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6th - 8th Grade

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- Unique leadership opportunities
- Resource Room offers academic support, K-8

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www.starschoolgrossepointe.org

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A Community Support Group for Family and Friends of
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WHEN

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

WHERE

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

WHAT TO EXPECT

- ◆ Meet Other Caregivers
- ◆ Share Your Experiences
- ◆ Learn from Others
- ◆ Find Support in a Welcoming Environment



All Are Welcome

No Registration Required

For more information, visit us at CarePointeSupport.org

[Facebook](#) /CarePointeSupport Email: info@CarePointeSupport.org Phone: 313.884.5554 Sponsored by AMen Fellowship

Bereavement Group



SEEING THE LIGHT OF DAY

A faith based group meeting
Our Lady Star of the Sea
FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
1:00 pm - in the Pointe
Questions? Contact the Parish office 313-884-5554

**Thank You for Supporting Our
St. Nick Breakfast – Tootsie Roll Drive
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OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

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Tournament

SPONSORED BY THE MEN'S CLUB

31
JAN

START AT
6PM

Food & beverages will be provided. There will also be cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers. Open to all!

SAVE THE DATE—MARCH 21, 2026 at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club

Step Into the Spotlight - Support Our Lady Star of the Sea!



As we celebrate the joy and generosity of the Christmas season, we invite you to join us in supporting one of Our Lady Star of the Sea's most cherished traditions: the annual Auction. Each year, this beloved event unites our parish and school community to uplift the programs, enrichment, and faith-centric experiences that help our children thrive. The support generated through Spotlight will directly impact every student and every classroom. Whether you've been part of the excitement for years or are discovering this event for the first time, there are many meaningful ways you can participate and make a lasting impact.

For more information:
www.OLSOSAuction.org
info@olsosauction.org **313.423.9104**

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Sponsorships and advertisements are now available. Your support puts your family or business in the spotlight while helping to make this event a success. Opportunities offer outstanding visibility in print, online, and at the event.

📦 Donate an Auction Item

Help us roll out the red carpet! We are seeking donations of unique experiences, gift cards, sports tickets, and one-of-a-kind items for our silent and live auctions. Contributions of all sizes, help support Our Lady Star of the Sea.

👤 Support by becoming a Patron

Stand alongside our Honorary Chairs, Jim & Joan Tobin, and join the Spotlight Patron Campaign. Every gift, in any amount, helps light the way for our students and is received with sincere gratitude.

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An Evening Among the Stars

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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.

ST JOAN OF ARC

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: MTWTF 7:00 a.m. W 6:00 p.m.

ST LUCY

Mass Times

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.
 Sunday: 10:00 am
 Daily: MF 9:00 a.m. W 12:00 p.m.

ST VERONICA

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

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.