

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

November 5, 2023
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WITH MARY, WE BRING
PEOPLE TO CHRIST TO LIVE THE LOVE OF GOD
THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass times & information

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MON—FRI: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

SAT Closed

SUN Closed

Holidays - Closed

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE HOURS

MON-THU 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

BAPTISMS

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

ANOINTING 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

Archdiocesan law requires advance notice of at least six months.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Newcomers to the parish may register in the Parish Office during regular office hours. Others, 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.

Half and Half from Msgr. Gary Smetanka

Here we are in November, the time in the Church we traditionally pray for the faithful departed. We pray for their happy repose and allow our prayers and sacrifices to assist their purification in purgatory, preparing for the glory of heaven. As much as we might not like to think or talk about it, the topic of death will be frequent in our readings during November, when we hear more about the end of time and meeting the Lord. It is not a bad idea to think about our pending death (pending here does not have to mean very soon) because that is reality that will come true!

Last year Mitch Albom had an article in the Free Press about funerals. He mentioned the visits he would have to a cemetery to “visit” departed loved ones. (Do you still make such visits?) He knows he should arrange for his final resting place soon. He also spoke of a new trend, i.e., not burying or cremating our bodies for a final resting place but letting them become compost. Yes, you are reading that correctly. He described the process and then said “no thank you” as an option for him. (I am sure the Church will also agree!)

It also seems an appropriate time to provide some education or formation regarding funerals in the Catholic church. Our parish office very often gets questions about funerals so answering some of those can be informative. Here are just a few...

“Do we have to create and put together a funeral service?” No. The Church’s ritual, *The Order of Christian Funerals*, has it all done. It is a beautiful liturgy for all member of the Church, whether a person is a prince or pauper. The main elements are the Vigil, the Funeral Liturgy (either Mass or outside of Mass), and the Rite of Committal. It is important to remember the funeral liturgy is a prayer, entrusting the deceased to the Mercy of God, not a time to recall the accolades of a person’s life. Great reverence is given the body, made holy from the day of our Baptism. In this prayer, the body is sprinkled with holy water and incensed.

“Can a person be cremated?” Yes, the Church allows for cremation, but the first preference is for the body to be present for the funeral with cremation afterwards.

“What do we do with the cremated remains after?” The cremated remains are to be treated with the same utmost respect as the body. They are to be buried or entombed. The practice of scattering cremated remains in the sea, on the ground, dividing the remains, or keeping the remains in the home are not the reverent disposition that the church requires.

“Are eulogies permitted?” Eulogies, words that pay tribute to the deceased through stories or anecdotes, are not allowed during the funeral liturgy. God already knows the person’s life! Our task is to pray for the person. An appropriate place for eulogies offered by friends or family would be during the visitation at the funeral home, after the Committal, or certainly at a funeral luncheon.

“Can I make funeral plans ahead of time? My family are not church goers, but I would like to have a proper funeral.” Yes, you can pre-plan funerals with a funeral home and likewise have your wishes and selections for

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Half and Half continued... your funeral liturgy on file with the parish. You can also appoint a personal funeral representative, registered with the State of Michigan, that has the total authority to make decisions regarding your funeral arrangements and final resting place. This can guarantee that your funeral arrangement and wishes are fulfilled. (A funeral home can assist you with this process.)

**Please see page 4 regarding the in person Virtus training offered here at Star on November 11th.

** Thanks to all of you who participated in the Operation Christmas. All 100 boxes have been delivered and will be shipped off to the eventual recipients very soon!

Enjoy a blessed week with the Lord, listening to Him and then doing His will!

Msgr. Smetanka

Holy Hour

**Monday,
November 6, 2023
7:00 p.m.
In the Church**

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 Parish Office Chapel**



Mass Intentions

Monday, November 6

7:30 a.m. +Deceased Priests , Deacons, & Bishops

Tuesday, November 7

7:30 a.m. +Harriet David
+Connie Cracchiolo

Wednesday, November 8

7:30 a.m. Bolton Family
Paul Spindler

Thursday, November 9

7:30 a.m. +Irene & Richard Spryszak

Friday, November 10

8:30 a.m. +Catherine Jaboro

Saturday, November 11

4:00 p.m. +Lynda Bucciero
+Patrick Korth
+Mae Moeller

Sunday, November 12

8:00 a.m. OLSOS Parishioners
Joe Krehel Family
+Lilian Rogers

9:30 a.m. +Mary Lou Grevey
+Michael Shaheen
+Gerard Shaheen
+Anne Marie Shaheen
+Annabelle O'Connor
+Catherine Jaboro

11:30 a.m. +Virginia Mushenski
+Edmund Ahee, Sr.
+Robert LeFevre
+Esther & Fred Potvin
+Helen & Stanley Bogdanski
+Frances & Alfred Bogdanski

Mass Intentions - Please Note:

Mass intentions may be arranged by coming into the parish 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. Mass intentions must be received 14 days prior to publication to be published and read at Mass.



St Vincent de Paul
Help us Help more
People!

Thank you for your continued support of the OLSOS St Vincent de Paul Conference.

We appreciate all the food that we have received over the years.

We are now in major need of monetary donations to help support the needy in our neighborhood. These financial contributions will help pay rent, utilities, furniture, appliances, and clothes. In the past year 83% of all monetary donations have gone to helping people with their rent.

Please use the envelopes in your packet or place your contribution in a plain envelope marked SVdP.

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To complete the workshop visit www.virtusonline.org
 For questions or help logging in
 contact 1-888-847-8870

Our Lady Star of the Sea is hosting an
in-person Protecting God's Children
Virtus Awareness class

November 11, 2023 from 9am – 12pm in The Pointe

Coffee and doughnuts/bagels will be provided.
 Sign-in begins at 8am that morning

All participants must register in advance through VirtusOnline.org.
 If recent history is any guide, we expect this class to fill very quickly.

We strongly encourage all volunteers who have not yet completed Protecting God's Children training to come out and participate in this local training opportunity. As always, if anyone has any question or encounters any challenges registering, please contact Steve Carozza in the Parish Office for assistance.



Join us on Veterans Day -
Saturday Nov 11th at 6pm
for a Tribute Concert
for our Veterans.

The concert, featuring the Star music ministry, will include patriotic songs and hymns, a few short video presentations and an opportunity to recognize those who have served.

The concert is free and we hope you can join us and bring along any family or friend who served in our Arms Forces to be honored.



Our 3 year (2022 - 2025) goal is \$2,500,000.

Raise the Roof update

Donations received to date	\$402,860.51
% of goal	19%
shortage for project	\$2,097,139.49

Thank you to those who have already given!

CONNECTING POINTE



NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2023
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Star of the Sea community has many needs. As a communion people, we can share our gifts and talents with each other. Join us in participating in our many volunteer opportunities.

Hospitality

- Coffee & Donuts
- Weddings & Funerals
- Baptisms
- Advent Night 12/5

Liturgical

- Usher
- Altar Servers
- Eucharist/
Homebound Ministers
- Sacred Linen Service
- Christmas Season Choir
- Lector

Outreach

- Prayer Ministry
- Bereavement Group
- Knights of Columbus
- Giving Tree
- AMen - Men's Fellowship

Contact Information

Name

Phone Number

Email



Don't miss the latest news from the Parish!

Have you been getting our weekly newsletters via email?

If you haven't seen them in a while, check your spam/junk folder

Sign up for the newsletters by visiting our website under get connected or call the office.

We don't want you to miss out on the latest news or events.

If you unsubscribed to any of the newsletters, that unfortunately removed you from all newsletters.

If you would like to be reinstated please call the parish.



Dear Lovers of Books,

The annual Book Fair is here! Great books and assorted extras will be available in the library **November 6 -November 9**. Parishioners may come **Wednesday at 3:15 and Thursday from 12:00-7:00pm** 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 3-10, 2023**. 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 m.walter@stargp.org or lizkorte@gmail.com

Visit our Book Fair Homepage and click "Shop Now" to get started:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/olsos>

Happy reading,
Mrs. Melissa Walter Library/Computers



STAR SPOTLIGHT

Mrs. Mary Lynn Neer - 6th Grade



These days in 6th Grade...

In math, students are working with integers and rational numbers, solving equations with inverse operations, and graphing functions. Sixth graders visited Camp Storer earlier in October where they participated in team building activities and outdoor education classes. The sixth grade class chose the Latin word "caritas" as their class virtue, which is on their prayer stoles along with individually designed symbols of faith. Msgr. Gary has blessed the students' prayer stoles in a special ceremony.



Coming up...

Student Leadership Team is off to a great start! These middle school students lead morning announcements, host Mass each quarter, and provide service for our school in a variety of other ways. They are excited to bring back monthly bagel sales for students beginning in November!



A little bit about Mrs. Neer

Hobby: Reading and training my dogs.

Favorite season: Summer

Favorite subject when you were in school: Math

Favorite thing about teaching: Sharing my love of learning with my students.

Favorite Saint: Blessed Mother

Scripture Readings

For the Week of November 5, 2023

Sunday	Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10; Ps 131:1, 2, 3; 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12
Monday	Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday	Rom 12:5-16ab; Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday	Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2,4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday	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
Friday	Memorial of Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday	Memorial of Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11; Lk 16:9-15
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

FORMING OUR FAITH

Confirmation Rite of Enrollment

On Sunday, October 29, our Confirmation candidates participated in the Rite of Enrollment Mass indicating that they are ready to take the next step in preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and accept the responsibilities it entails. Please pray for the following candidates who will be confirmed this spring

Emma Barr
Benjamin Clor
Jade Crisman
Dean Drieborg
Hannah Drieborg
Hannah Haley
Liam Haney
Gavin Hickman
Benson Hilliker

Juliette Laurenceau
Nathan Morency
Ava Morrison
Sophia Oneski
Michael Schorer
Alexander Steiger
Tony Smith
Ruby Tranchida
Helena Trudel

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth. O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

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faith.direct/MI1044

Bereavement Group

SEEING THE LIGHT OF DAY

A faith based group meeting
Our Lady Star of the Sea
First Sunday of the Month
1:30 pm - In the Pointe
Contact the Parish office (313-884-5554)
for more information

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PTO
HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER



RAY WEIGAND'S NURSERY
WREATHS~PORCH POTS~POINSETTIAS

Orders Must Be Returned By: Tuesday, November 7, 2023

Please return orders to the school office, the parish office or in the weekend collection basket. Make Checks Payable to: Our Lady Star of the Sea

Curb-Side Pick Up: Monday, December 4, 2023 3-5:00 p.m. ~ Under the Church Canopy

Name: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Item	Quantity	Price	Total
1 Stem Poinsettia Red w/Gold Pot		\$19.00	
1 Stem Poinsettia Red w/Silver Pot		\$19.00	
1 Stem Poinsettia Pink w/Gold Pot		\$19.00	
1 Stem Poinsettia Pink w/Silver Pot		\$19.00	
1 Stem Poinsettia White w/Gold Pot		\$19.00	
1 Stem Poinsettia White w/Silver Pot		\$19.00	
2 Stem Poinsettia Red w/Gold Pot		\$32.00	
2 Stem Poinsettia Red w/Silver Pot		\$32.00	
2 Stem Poinsettia Pink w/Gold Pot		\$32.00	
2 Stem Poinsettia Pink w/Silver Pot		\$32.00	
2 Stem Poinsettia White w/Gold Pot		\$32.00	
2 Stem Poinsettia White w/Silver Pot		\$32.00	
22" Holiday Splendor Wreath		\$46.00	
9" Holiday Splendor Porch Pot		\$45.00	
Grand Total		n/a	

Orders Must Be Returned By: Tuesday, November 7, 2023

Questions Please Call: Kari Kregel (313) 478-0570 or Chelsea Tindall (248) 320-0695



Please pray for:

In memoriam

11/6/1978 Ralph Bernardi
11/6/1982 Thomas Wolschon
11/6/1986 Genevieve Louisignau
11/6/1987 Philip Brykalski
11/6/2014 Laura Malicki
11/6/2014 Margaret Joan Bauser
11/6/2015 Margaret Chariot
11/6/2019 Rita Zemenick
11/7/1974 Eugene Winch
11/7/1975 Marie Herrington
11/7/1980 Bertha Van Osselaer
11/7/1981 Harriet Trayler
11/7/1985 Edgar Rinke
11/7/1998 Marianne Evatz
11/7/1999 Elmer O'Berski
11/7/2000 James Bologna
11/7/2001 Donald Keller
11/7/2009 Robert Hammer
11/7/2009 Bernadette Bourgoin
11/7/2012 Stella Becker
11/7/2018 Thomas Stephenson
11/7/2019 Elizabeth Beatty
11/8/1987 Mark Vermillion
11/8/1990 Clementine A.
D'Houstelaere
11/8/1993 Henry LaPonsey
11/8/2006 Constance Cracchiolo
11/8/2006 Thaddeus Bogdanski
11/8/2019 Virginia Hyduk
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 Televisius
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

the sick

Harrison Ahee
Jennie Barzotti
Jeanne Collins
Rose DiCicco
Aurora Goetz
Patricia Hanna
Christine Mathis
Virginia Merchant
Carol Nowinski
Catherine Pentis
Evelyn Pentis
Charles Roehl
Marie Schulte
Delores Spezia
Cathy Spindler
James Victor
Linda Vitale
Fr. Francis Weingartz
Thomas J. Youngblood

those in the military

James Patrick Carrier
Perry Carter
Josh Duffy
Richard Shetler, III
John Walker



Choir practice for the Advent and Christmas Season begins this week - on Wednesday at 7pm in Choir Room. Anyone who is interested in singing with the Choir whether it be on Sunday at the 1130am Mass, or if you wish to sing for the Christmas Season including any concerts, should see Aaron as soon as possible, Or you can email him at a.kalenniecki@stargp.org. The choir will be singing sections from Handel's Messiah as well as the ever popular Gospel Messiah "Too Hot to Handel". Hope you can join us. The adult choir is open to any confirmed adult. The ability to read music is a plus but not a requirement.



Please donate your clean bottles and cans to the

Knights of Columbus

Money collected will be used to help numerous organizations.

Donations may be brought to the Mary's Garden Vestibule.

For more information, please contact:
Dennis Hyduk at 313.969.7650

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.

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PRIEST IN SOLIDUM

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. Adam Nowak

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 (Moderator)

Fr. Jim Commyn

586-771-8300

Mass Times

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

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

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

ST VERONICA

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)

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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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