We are all sinners. We are all called to a conversion of heart.

A credible witness to truth and to the values of the Gospel is urgently needed.

True love does not pay attention to the evil it suffers. It rejoices in doing good.

Food for Thought.....

Papal Tweets
Pope Francis @Pontifex

- We are all sinners. We are all called to a conversion of heart.
- A credible witness to truth and to the values of the Gospel is urgently needed.
- True love does not pay attention to the evil it suffers. It rejoices in doing good.

Calendar of Events p. 7
Christian Service p. 12
The Cross and the Light p. 11
Discovering Christ p. 10
Following Christ p. 7
Ministry Schedules p. 4
This is the Year of the Family. The Holy Father has asked for our prayers that will lead up to an Extraordinary Synod of Bishops in October with its focus on the family. There will also be a world meeting of families in Philadelphia in September which Pope Francis is scheduled to attend. It is not a consequence that Pope Francis has been speaking about various aspects of family during his weekly General Audiences in Rome.

Two weeks ago he urged dads to spend time with their children. He began by mentioning how endearing the word “father” is to us, especially as Jesus taught us to call God our “father.” It shows our special relationship with God. Universally “father” denotes a special relationship. Unfortunately today there are many fathers absent in their children’s life. Some children don’t even know who their fathers are. On the other hand, some fathers have become real authoritarianists, fathers not helping their children live in freedom while helping them assume responsibility in creating their own future. He then said, “In our day, the problem no longer seems to be the invasive presence of the father so much as his absence, his inaction. Fathers are sometimes so concentrated on themselves and on their work and at times on their career that they even forget about the family. And they leave the little ones and the young ones to themselves.”

Pope Francis then states his concern about the children: “They are orphaned in the family, because the father is often absent, also physically, from the home, but above all because, when they are present, they do not behave like fathers. They do not converse with their children. They do not fulfill their role as educators. They do not set their children a good example with their words, principles, values, those rules of life which they need like bread. The educative quality of the time the father spends raising the child is all the more necessary when he is forced to stay away from home because of work. Sometimes it seems that fathers don’t know what their role in the family is or how to raise their children. So, in doubt, they abstain, they retreat and neglect their responsibilities, perhaps taking refuge in the unlikely relationship as ‘equals’ with their children. It’s true that you have to be a ‘companion’ to your child, but without forgetting that you are the father! If you behave only as a peer to your child, it will do him/her no good.” He concluded with the reminder of Jesus for both fathers and children, “I will not leave you an orphan. (cf. Jn. 14:18)"

Pope Francis admitted this teaching might seem a little negative but to have hope because he will next address the beauty of fatherhood.

I am sure our Holy Father will be giving many insights into family life during this year. (He has already given some insights about the significance of women passing on the faith in their families. “It is primarily women who pass on the faith.”)

** A reminder for those who are undergoing a serious sickness or anticipating serious surgery to ask for the Sacrament of the Sick. It is a beautiful sacrament to give us strength during illness. It can be repeated many times in life. It is also best to receive the sacrament at the start of a sickness and not waiting until the very hour of death. Please call the parish office to discuss the opportunities to receive the Sacrament of the Sick.

** Know of anyone who is seeking more from their faith? Seeking religion? Someone who wants to more about the Catholic faith? Call the parish office for more information on how we can be of assistance.

** This coming Saturday we thank God for our special couples celebrating special wedding anniversaries this year, beginning with 25 years and over. Please see this bulletin for more information.

Let the Lord’s peace and forgiveness reign. See you in church!

Msgr. Gary Smetanka
From the Parish Family

RJK - The Big Picture

Infinity—what is it? Since the human mind is imprisoned by finite limitations, it cannot comprehend infinity beyond knowing that it exists.

Viewing the converging sides of an empty, endless, straight road, one observes that they never meet, no matter how many feet or miles such lines extend. Also, most cameras have an infinite setting on its lens. So the infinite does exist.

A columnist in the Detroit Free Press (Feb. 1st, 1984) noted that the human mind does not readily (if at all) accept the mathematical fact that there are as many even numbers as there are even and odd numbers combined. Why? He puts it well: “The unwillingness or inability of the average person to accept the concept of infinity.”

One of the Greek philosophers (Aristotle, if this columnist’s recollection is accurate) went to his grave in utter frustration that his finite mind could not formulate the link to eternal (infinite) happiness. Christ made it possible for Christian philosophers (such as Thomas Aquinas) to point out the fact that the missing link is a gift of an infinite God.

Heady brew in an abstract world? Not at all. Consider any of the stories of Christ in the New Testament. For example, the words of Christ directed to the thief on the cross, “This day you shall be with me in Paradise.” Any normal, finite mind can comprehend the meaning of these words or those of the beatitude, “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

May we view this life as finite and transitory and direct our thoughts and deeds to the big picture, the infinite happiness of heaven which is the gift of God. See you in church.

RJK

(first published February 12th, 1984)

Go and Make Disciples

“Sharing your Faith Story” has often been mentioned in this column as one of the instruments of Evangelization. In this article, various aspects of faith sharing will be discussed.

The purpose of faith sharing is to help others in their relationship with God.

Pope Francis recently said that our faith is not something private, for us alone. We are part of various communities and need to encourage one another.

“But in order not to privatize salvation, I need to ask myself if I speak and communicate the faith, speak and communicate hope, speak, practice and communicate charity.” (Pope Francis)

Faith sharing can take a variety of forms. The most common is one-on-one which will be the focus of this article.

Faith is also shared in small groups. This has been occurring in our Discovering Christ and Following Christ sessions, as well as other parish groups. Other methods include sharing on websites and making large group presentations.

The subject matter for faith sharing is quite broad. Many think that it is about conversion to Catholicism or returning to the Church after being away. That’s true, but it’s not everything.

These are examples of questions to ask yourself as part of developing your faith story: Was there a time when your faith helped you through a difficult period in your life? Has your faith deepened or strengthened at some point? What made that happen?

As you develop and communicate your story, keep in mind that it’s not about you. It’s about God and what He has done for you in your life. Include how you asked for, were open to, or responded to Him.

To effectively communicate your story, attentiveness to the situation is critical. It is best if a relationship of trust has been established. It’s also important to speak to where the person is -- not where you think they should be.

Your goal is not to be persuasive. You are simply trying to make someone more open to hearing what God wants them to hear and do. This may happen immediately or much later – and you may never know what happened.

We only sow the seed. It is the Spirit that does the real work. Pray that the Spirit will guide you in your Evangelization efforts.

One in the Spirit,
Jean Wersching
Evangelization Commission

Praise the Lord, who heals the broken-hearted.
**Readings**

**Sunday, February 8**

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147;
1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

**Monday, February 9**

Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104; Mk 6:53-56

**Tuesday, February 10**

Gn 1:20—2:4a; Ps 8; Mk 7:1-13

**Wednesday, February 11**

Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104; Mk 7:14-23

**Thursday, February 12**

Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128; Mk 7:24-30

**Friday, February 13**

Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32; Mk 7:31-37

**Saturday, February 14**

Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90; Mk 8:1-10

**Sunday, February 15**

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32;
1 Cor 10:31—11:1; Mk 1:40-45

Please Note

Mass intentions may be arranged in the Parish Office. According to Archdiocesan Policy, the suggested donation is $10 per Mass. The (†) indicates deceased. Mass intentions must be received 14 days prior to publication to be published and read at Mass.
Spirituality and Worship

Please Pray for ...

THE SICK
Sylvia Bryzik
Robert Caldwell
Alma Cook
Tom Fahrner
Pat Golla
Mary Lee Graham
Sr. Mary King, IHM
Elizabeth Pindy
John Reuter
Angelina Russo
Jim Testori
Mary Trybus
John Trzeciak
Michelle Tubbs
Mark Wehner
Robert Wehner

THOSE IN THE MILITARY
James Patrick Carrier
Kyle Cone
Emily de Brun
Jason T. Erbecker
Kevin Hanley
Kaysey Harms
Matt Helm
Matt Hoffman
Matthew Johnston
Justin Kelly
Paul Koss
Matt Lacy
Kyle Lechner
Evan Marshall
Thomas Miller
Joseph Misuraca
Vincent Scalabrino
Meghan Servais
Dan Sheppard
Robert Skowronski
Michael Tronle
Nick Trybus
Michael Ullman
John Walker
Joseph Youngblood

In Memoriam
2/8/1980  Lou Veronica O'Keefe
2/8/1982  Lido Aldini
2/9/1959  Lucia Tabacchi
2/9/1963  Susan Shiels
2/9/1970  Richard Long
2/9/1973  Peter Jankowski
2/9/1975  Milton Boyd
2/9/1981  Marie Clancy
2/9/1983  Jeanne Couvreur
2/9/2004  Helen Yeager
2/9/2005  Roland Mueller
2/10/1977  John O'Malia
2/10/1992  Mary Strong
2/10/1998  William Curtis
2/10/2009  Ralph Klier
2/11/1967  Harry Van Wormer
2/11/1969  Sarah Poddon
2/11/1984  Thomas O'Keefe
2/11/1984  Loreto Pagliara
2/11/1988  Josephine Wilga
2/11/1991  Harold Cross
2/11/1997  Daniel Masouris, Sr.
2/11/1997  Barbara Rozar
2/11/2000  Orsola Taiatiol
2/12/2011  Barbara Nadeau
2/12/1961  Marie Rebidoux
2/12/1981  Muriel Holland
2/12/1997  Stuart Davidson
2/12/2005  Jean Trzeciak
2/12/2013  Mathilda Seski
2/13/1972  George Mahoney
2/13/1972  Joseph Mink
2/13/1973  Paul Oram
2/13/1976  Joseph Isca
2/13/1983  Virginia Quasarano
2/13/1991  Savoia M. Marino
2/13/2007  Leonard Renusch
2/13/2008  Anna Paglia
2/14/1955  Danaher Baby
2/14/1971  Frank J. Meter
2/15/1962  Cornelius Byrne
2/15/1967  Ella M. Krausmann
2/15/1992  James D. Molley
2/15/1999  Victor Fabian

Pray the Rosary

Please join us in praying the Rosary in church weekday mornings at 7:05 a.m. "The Rosary of the Seven Sorrows" is prayed following the Tuesday and Friday morning Masses.
Both the Rosary and the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy are usually recited in the chapel following the 7:30 a.m. Mass.

SERF Vicariate Website

Did you know that the SERF Vicariate website is available for your use to acquire information about surrounding parishes and their events.
The SERF Vicariate website link is http://serfvic.com/
The address to submit information for the website is goodnews@serfvic.com

Homebound Ministry

If you or someone you know are unable to attend Mass and would like to share in the Eucharist, please call the Parish Office at 884-5554 to schedule a volunteer to bring you Holy Communion.

Please Note

Names will remain on the sick list for one (1) month unless the parish is notified otherwise.
In Our Parish

Wedding Anniversary Mass

Saturday, February 14 at 4:00pm
for couples celebrating
a significant Wedding Anniversary in 2015
(25, 30, 35, 40, 45, or 50+ years)

All couples celebrating a significant Wedding Anniversary during 2015 are invited to join us for a special Mass and renewal of wedding vows.

Following Mass, there will be a wine and cheese reception from 5 pm to 6 pm in the Parish Center for the Anniversary Couples and their families/friends.

Please let us know if you would like to participate by completing the form below and returning it to the Parish Office no later than February 9.

Wedding Anniversary Mass Registration – Saturday, February 14 at 4:00pm

Last Name ___________________________ Husband’s First Name ___________________________

Date of Marriage ___________________________ Wife’s First Name ___________________________

Phone ___________________________ e-mail address ___________________________

Number of people who will attend the reception – including the anniversary couple __________

Return form to the Parish Office or register by phone (884-5554) or e-mail (parishinfo@starup.org) no later than February 9.

Holy Water Care

Thank you to all who signed up to assist with the holy water fonts. Your support of this important ministry is very much appreciated.

February 13.........................Charlotte Ellis
February 20.......................Janice Abdenour
February 27.......................Liz Abood
March 6..........................Marie Schwanitz
March 13.......................Janice Abdenour
March 20...........................Nancy Zink
March 27...........................Liz Abood

Welcome Our New Parishioners

Douglas Lindsay and Amy Kinner and sons, Grant and Brody

Michael and Courtney Seiler and daughter, Quinn

Word of Life

“It is not only a personal but a social concern which we must all foster: a concern to make unconditional respect for human life the foundation of a renewed society.”


We pray to the Lord: For the elderly and those who are sick: that their lives may be protected by those surrounding them, including their families, nurses and doctors.
In Our Parish

This Week

Sunday, February 8
Baby Bottle Drive
9:15 a.m.-----------------------------Sunday School (SC)
9:15 a.m.-----------------------------ASK (EC)
10:30 a.m.-----------------------------Spirit and Life (CAF)
4:00 p.m.-----------------------------Basketball Practice (G)

Monday, February 9
3:30 p.m.-----------------------------Basketball Practice (G)
6:30 p.m.-----------------------------Middle School Parent Orientation (A,B)
7:30 p.m.-----------------------------SVdP Mtg. (MR)

Tuesday, February 10
3:30 p.m.-----------------------------Basketball Practice (G)
4:05 p.m.-----------------------------Rel. Ed. (1-5) (SC)
6:30 p.m.-----------------------------Rel. Ed. (1-6) (SC)
6:30 p.m.-----------------------------Spirit and Life (A,B)
7:30 p.m.-----------------------------Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy (CHP)

Wednesday, February 11
8:00 a.m.-----------------------------Discovering Christ (BR)
9:30 a.m.-----------------------------Bible Study (C)
3:00 p.m.-----------------------------Gymnastics (CAF)
3:30 p.m.-----------------------------Basketball Practice (G)
7:00 p.m.-----------------------------GPS Strings Rehearsal (GS)
7:30 p.m.-----------------------------Choir Rehearsal (F)
7:30 p.m.-----------------------------Bible Study (ScLB)
7:30 p.m.-----------------------------Teen Ministries Bible Study (P)

Thursday, February 12
6:30 a.m.-----------------------------Men's Fellowship (CR)
3:20 p.m.-----------------------------Middle School Ministries (BR)
3:30 p.m.-----------------------------Basketball Practice (G)
5:00 p.m.-----------------------------Basketball Trainer Session (CAF)
6:30 p.m.-----------------------------Following Christ (A,B,CH)

Friday, February 13
7:00 p.m.-----------------------------Texas Hold-Em / Euchre Party (G)

Saturday, February 14
Baby Bottle Drive
8:00 a.m.-----------------------------Basketball Games (G)
4:00 p.m.-----------------------------Anniversary Mass (CH)
Reception to Follow in Parish Center

Sunday, February 15
Baby Bottle Drive
9:15 a.m.-----------------------------ASK (EC)
10:30 a.m.-----------------------------Pre-Marriage Counseling (E)
4:00 p.m.-----------------------------Basketball Practice (G)

KEY:

A = Room A; B = Room B; C = Room C; D = Room D; E = Room E; F = Room F
G = Room G; CHP = Church Chapel; BR = Barton Room; CAF = Cafeteria; CH = Church; CR = Conference Room; EC = Enrichment Center; GS = Gathering Space; G = Gym; MR = Monroe Room; P = Parlor; SC = School; ScLB = School Library

In Our Parish

following CHRIST
A seven-week journey of Catholic discipleship

Who is this program for?
“Following Christ” is part two of the three part “Christ Life” series which began with “Discovering Christ” in late 2014. “Following Christ” is intended for Christians who have attended programs like Alpha or Discovering Christ, or who confidently know Jesus, are committed to living their baptismal promise and are ready to follow Christ more fully.

7 Thursday evening sessions:
January 8 - February 19 in the Parish Center
6:30 p.m. Light Dinner (optional), 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Program

Retreat:
Saturday, February 7
9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
St. Hubert’s Catholic Church

“The Spirit-Empowered Life” was the topic of focus on Thursday night. After a light dinner, the group gathered to pray, sing and listen to the teaching. Afterwards, they discussed what they learned in small groups.

On Saturday, the retreat at St. Hubert’s Catholic Church focused on “The World, The Flesh and the Devil”. More about the retreat next week. Remaining sessions include “Advancing the Mission of the Church” and “Celebration”.

Michael King Discusses Retreat Plans
Small Groups Bond Over Discussion
In Our Parish

Join us on a Journey of “33 Days to Morning Glory”

What is this?
It is a method of preparing for consecration to Jesus through Mary. What is Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary? Consecration to Jesus through Mary is a way to draw closer to Jesus and be better able to serve him. Jesus came into the world through Mary, so we can be closer to him by going through Mary. It is spirituality promoted by several saints, including St Louis de Montfort, St. Maximillan Kolby, Blessed Mother Theresa, and St. John Paul II. A wonderful way to learn more about this beautiful spirituality and to prepare for this consecration is a program called “33 Days to Morning Glory”.

What does it involve?
Reading about a page per day and reflecting on a few questions. We would then meet for about an hour and a half a week for 5 weeks to further discuss and learn about this spirituality, the teachings of these saints, and watch a video.

When: Tuesdays from 7-8:30
Dates: Tuesday February 17 – March 17
Ends: With a consecration service with Deacon Bill on March 25
Cost: $30 for the book and workbook, $20 if you already have the book

Please contact Cheryl Mazzara with any questions or to register at cmazzaramd@yahoo.com or call 313-407-4958

DSO Performances at Star of the Sea!

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra kicks off its first season of residency at Our Lady Star of the Sea this January! The season will feature four performances and is part of the DSO’s William Davidson Neighborhood Concert Series. Audiences will see Music Director Leonard Slatkin on the podium, Principal Horn Karl Pituch performing Punto’s Horn Concerto 5 and Principal Clarinet Ralph Skiano performing Mozart’s Clarinet Concerto. Guest soloists include Nicolas Dautricourt, violin; and Andrés Cardenes, conductor and violin. Tickets are just $25 for adults and $10 for students.

Single tickets and four concert subscriptions are available now at dso.org/neighborhood or 313.576.5111.

- Sunday, March 15 at 3 p.m. ~ Mozart Clarinet Concerto
- Sunday, May 17 at 3 p.m. ~ Haydn & Bach
- Sunday, July 19 at 3 p.m. ~ Mozart & Vivaldi

School News

Teacher Feature

We had an exciting week here at Our Lady Star of the Sea School. The Catholic School’s Week Committee out did themselves this year. The children enjoyed a wonderful performance by the De La Salle Band. They were joined by many talented students from Regina. We also watched an exciting volleyball game between the two eighth grade classes.

During Catholic Schools week we collected over $1500 in the Penny Challenge to be donated to the food bank at St. Philomena Church. We also collected several items for the Services for Older People (S.O.C.). The students brought in more than 3500 box tops. Each box top raises ten cents for our school.

We held our first Family Game Night with over 100 people in attendance. The annual Science Extravaganza was a great success again this year! The Middle School students displayed and discussed their projects and inventions.

We ended the week with the First Communion Retreat. The Second Graders and their parents attended a meaningful and informative program to prepare the children for First Communion in the spring. The children rotated from station to station throughout the Church learning about the Tabernacle, Organ, Baptismal Font, Chapel. and Altar. They also wrote prayers and made keepsake plates. It was a memorable experience for all.

~Mary Lenhardt
Second Grade Teacher
OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA MEN’S CLUB PRESENTS:

TEXAS HOLD-EM & EUCHRE PARTY

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH, 2015

OLSOS GYM
467 Fairford, GPW - 313-884-1070
7:00 - 11:00 PM

POKER: $60.00 PER PERSON
EUCHRE: $30.00 PER PERSON*

*Euchre must register a minimum of 16 players

Don’t Play Cards? Come, Socialize, Eat & Drink
$20.00 Donation

CASH PRIZES

Ticket cost includes:
Gaming Chips, Food and Beer

Secure your seat by registering at www.olsos.org

Net income generated will be used to support Youth Athletic Programs at Our Lady Star of the Sea

Come Fly the Starry Skies

AUCTION 2015

The final weeks before auction are upon us, and we can’t wait for you to see all of what Auction 2015 has in store. If you haven’t received your invitation yet, please stop in or call the school or parish office. This year, online registration is also available at www.clickbidonline.com/olsos/tickets. Of course, you can still respond in the usual way by mail or by delivering your response card to the parish or school offices. Whichever method you choose, remember we will begin “boarding” on February 28th at 6:00 p.m. Don’t miss the flight!

Thank you to our Auction 2015 Patrons!

Ms. Kay Abram
Mr. and Mrs. David Barthel
Mr. and Mrs. John Berndsson
Ms. Lynda Bonacchi
Mr. and Mrs. John Carolin
Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Clark
Ms. Roxanne Cole
Dr. John Connors
Dr. and Mrs. William Cosgrove, Jr.
Dr. and Mrs. William Cosgrove, Sr.
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cracchiolo
The Cusenza Family
Mrs. Mary Ellen Dakmak
Ms. Pat De Foe
Mr. and Mrs. Greg De Mars
Sr. Helen Essa, OP
Dr. Natalia Filipof
Mr. Brian Geraghty &
Ms. Susan G. Charron
Ms. Susan Kenney
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kettel
Mrs. Mary Lou LaFever
Mr. and Mrs. John Lesha
Mr. and Mrs. Steven Lesha
Ms. Mary-Agnes MacDonald
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Michelelli
Mr. and Mrs. Matty Moroun
Ms. Joanne Mualem
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Paglino
Dr. and Mrs. John Roarty
Mrs. Elizabeth Schmidt
Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Schneider
Mrs. Serafina Schorer
Msgr. Gary Smetanka
Dr. and Mrs. Patrick Sweeney
Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Thomas
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Tranchida
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Varani
Mrs. Mary Lou Wholihan
Mr. and Dr. Donald Wisniewski
Mrs. Carolyn Wujek
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Zaccardelli
Ms. Georgette Zahar
Dr. and Mrs. Robert Zink

Patrons as of February 2nd. Patron contributions are gratefully accepted through February 28th.

www.OLSOS-Auction.org
Were you unable to attend the Fall evening sessions of Discovering Christ? Do you want to explore answers to important questions about God?

If yes, then please join us for

**DISCOVERING CHRIST—MORNING SESSIONS**

EAT, LISTEN, EXPLORE

Here is an opportunity to gather and share a light breakfast, listen to a dynamic teaching, and explore those answers to some of the most important questions worth asking about God and finding the ultimate purpose in life.

The program includes two components: seven Wednesday morning sessions and a Saturday retreat.

**Wednesday sessions:** February 4 to March 18
8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. in the new Parish Offices

**Saturday retreat:** March 7, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Our Lady Star of the Sea

Register in one of two ways:
- Fill out the form below. Drop it in the collection basket or return to the Parish Office.
- Register online at www.olsos.org

Questions? Call 313-884-7407 ext. 207 or visit the Discovering Christ section of our web site at www.olsos.org.

---

**Registration form**

**Discovering Christ**

Name(s): ____________________________________________________________

Address: _____________________________________________________________

Email: _______________________________________________________________

Phone #: __________________________________________________________________

Age: 20s – 30s – 40s – 50s+

*Return to Parish Office or in Sunday Collection by Wednesday, February 18*
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Faith Formation

SYMBOLON - New Updates in FEBRUARY!

- New website with new parishioner registration.
- Access to 20 amazing topical lessons, including video and guides.
- New Lighthouse Catholic media—Free CDs (mp3) and eBooks.
- New Marriage Ministry.

Register NOW online www.olsos.org

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle B
Mark 1:29-39

Jesus cures Simon’s mother-in-law and many others as well. We continue to read from Mark’s Gospel, learning more about the ministry of Jesus. Jesus cured Simon’s mother-in-law, and she immediately began to serve Jesus and his disciples. Jesus also cured many others who were brought to him, healing their illnesses and driving out demons. As we will see throughout Mark’s Gospel, Jesus did not permit the demons to speak because they knew his identity and would have revealed it to those who were present.

On the morning after this busy day, Jesus retreated in prayer, but was pursued by Simon and others who brought news that many people were looking for him. At this point in Mark’s Gospel, we begin to see a distinct role for the inner circle of Jesus’ disciples—they act as intermediaries between Jesus and the people. Jesus reports to his disciples that they need to leave Capernaum to preach in other places.

Today’s Gospel completes a picture of Jesus’ ministry: preaching, curing the sick, driving out demons, and then moving on to continue this work in another place. Mark’s Gospel tells us that Jesus did this throughout Galilee.

Jesus’ compassion and healing of the sick is a sign of the Kingdom of God. The Church continues to extend Christ’s healing presence to others in its ministry to the sick. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, the Church prays for spiritual and physical healing, forgiveness of sins, and comfort for those who are suffering from illness.

In today’s Gospel we also notice the importance of prayer in Jesus’ daily life. Jesus rose early in the morning, removed himself from the crowds, and went to a deserted place to pray. When the disciples found him, he told them that it was time to move on. We believe that in his prayers Jesus found guidance and direction from God. We also bring our decision-making to God in prayer, asking for his guidance and direction in our lives.

Coming Soon
Symbolon and the Augustine Institute
Presents at Star of the Sea:
Beloved: The Mystery and Meaning of Marriage

Sneak Peak:
http://vimeo.com/112875158

Broadway-style Concert Experience
Star of the Sea

Performance dates
+ Thursday April 30 - 7:30 pm
+ Friday May 1 - 10:00 am (students) and 7:30 pm (all)
+ Saturday May 2 - 8:30 pm

Tickets and Information Coming Soon
www.olsos.org
Lenten Alms Tree
Starts February 18th

The three traditional pillars of Lenten observance are prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

During Lent, we are asked to focus more intently on "almsgiving," which means donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity. As one of the three pillars of Lenten practice, almsgiving is "a witness to fraternal charity" and "a work of justice pleasing to God." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2462).

Almsgiving: It is a sign of our care for those in need and an expression of our gratitude for all that God has given to us. Works of charity and the promotion of justice are integral elements of the Christian way of life we began when we were baptized.

The four organizations we are helping this year:

**Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan—Project Hope**
For Pregnant Mothers and Young Children The goal of Project Hope is to increase self-sufficiency for pregnant women and families of young children. Project Hope offers free supportive services to pregnant women and families of young children. Referrals and resources will be provided. A diaper and clothes closet is available. The program offers: Baby Clothes, Food, Diapers & Formula, MI Bridges Navigation Site, Family Budgeting Education, Information & Referrals to Community Resources, Employability Skills Teaching, Parenting, Child Development & Child Safety Education

**Dominican Literacy Center**
The Dominican Literacy provides a tutoring service and conducive learning environment to help adults improve their reading, speaking, listening, writing, mathematics, and basic computer skills.

**St. Patrick’s Senior Center**
St. Patrick’s Senior Center has been serving seniors for over 30 years. They provide hot and nutritious meals, an excellent health care clinic, and transportation assistance. They also offer fun and educational classes, exercise programs designed for healthy living, social activities and the spiritual enrichment.

**Kids on the Go**
a nonprofit summer therapy program, has been providing free therapy to children with special needs for the past fifteen years. Kids on the Go pairs children with professional therapists as they work with the latest and most reliable therapeutic tools. The therapy comes at no cost to already overburdened families, and it comes at a crucial time, after school provided therapy has ended. In the 2011-2012 school year, the number of students who qualified for special education services in the State of Michigan was 217,868. Kids on the Go bridges that gap and prevents children from losing valuable skills over the summer months. Your support will help these children see they are capable of achieving great things while they have fun doing it!

**It’s easy to help any of these organizations:**
- Take an envelope—by the tree on window in gathering space
- Put your donation inside the envelope (cash or check made payable to OLSOS or the organization(s))
- Return envelope during the Holy Thursday Service or on Palm Sunday

Any questions please contact Debby Veltri in the Parish office

---

**Monthly Service Projects**

Mother Teresa spoke about doing small things with great love.

If EVERY parishioner and family would participate once a month in our Christian Service projects, our small acts of kindness would become HUGE contributions to those who need us.

**February - Right To Life - Baby Bottle Drive**
for Imago Dei

**March - Lenten Alms Tree**

**April - Lenten Alms Tree**

**May - Baby Products,**

**June - Cleaning Supplies**

**July - Back Pack Drive**

**August - Sundries - sample size hygiene products**

**September - Sock and Underwear Drive**

**October - Laundry supplies**

**November - Fall Food Drive**

**December - Giving Tree**

Thank you for all of your support to these programs!

---

**Knights of Columbus**

February 22, 2014

9am - 2:45pm ● Parish Center

Feed the hungry • Give drink to the thirsty • Clothe the naked • Visit the imprisoned • Shelter the homeless
Follow the prompt and dial 333. When calling the parish office phone number, Emergencies also requires a change to your records.

Boundaries. A change in phone numbers moving, either within or out of the parish courtesy, please notify the office when an individual member to be considered a Catholic in Good Standing. As a mark of hours.

Newcomers to the parish may register Saturdays at 3:00 p.m. until all are heard. 

Sundays: 8:30 a.m.; Fri.: 8:30 a.m. (School Year) 

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturdays at 3:00 p.m. until all are heard.

Registration 

Newcomers to the parish may register in the Parish Office during regular office hours. Adults over 21 need to be registered as an individual member to be considered a Catholic in Good Standing. As a mark of courtesy, please notify the office when moving, either within or out of the parish boundaries. A change in phone numbers also requires a change to your records.

Emergencies 

When calling the parish office phone number, follow the prompt and dial 333.