May we always say thank you to God, especially for His patience and mercy.

The Lord is knocking at the door of our hearts. Have we put a sign on the door saying: “Do not disturb”?

Dear young people, Jesus wants to be your friend, and wants you to spread the joy of this friendship everywhere.
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There have been some other follow up questions about a life of a priest, or really...what are some other aspects of living as a priest here at Star of the Sea? Well... I do many of the same things you do in your own homes. I do the grocery shopping, cooking of my meals, baking, laundry, cleaning of my rooms and the other parts of the rectory, take out the recyclables and garbage, do gardening, etc. This is what our discipleship is about! Living out our life in Christ through the normal activities of daily life.

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From the Deacon’s Desk

A theme we find in the book of Isaiah is that God’s love extends beyond the prophet’s Hebrew audience to all people. In prophesying today about Jesus, he writes that the Messiah will be “a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.” (49:6)

Those words aren’t meant only for Jesus. Living in union with Jesus, we all are to be “a light to the nations” wherever we go. Not only should we be a light to Catholics, but a light to all, including different cultures and races, other Christians and non-Christians, and those who don’t believe in God.

This weekend began the week of prayer for Christian unity. While praying for unity among Christians, we recall Our Lord’s words that “they all may be one.” (John 17:21) This week also can be a special time to pray for unity among all peoples, expanding the word “Ecumenism” beyond Christians and striving to be a light to the nations and working together for the good of all.

Consider interacting in the workplace or a social venue. Pope Francis writes in his Apostolic Exhortation Evangelii Gaudium (On the Joyful Proclamation of the Gospel): “We learn to accept others and their different ways of living, thinking and speaking.

We can join one another in taking up the duty of serving justice and peace, a basic principle of all our exchanges. A dialogue which seeks social peace and justice is an ethical commitment.... These efforts, therefore, can also express love for truth.” (paragraph 250)

This doesn’t mean we water down the truths of our faith. The Pope writes: “A diplomatic openness which says ‘yes’ to everything to avoid problems would be deceiving others and denying them the good which we have been given to share generously.” (paragraph 251)

In praying for Christian unity, non-Christians and striving to be a light to the nations, we remember the words of St. John the Apostle in his first epistle: “If anyone says, ‘I love God,’ but hates his brother, he is a liar; for whoever does not love a brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. This is the commandment we have from Him: Whoever loves God must also love his brother.” (4:20-21) Have a blessed week.

In Christ’s Peace,
Deacon Bill
January 22nd marks the 41st anniversary of Roe v. Wade. That decision remains a deep concern for many Americans, both Catholic and non-Catholic.

Every year since 1973, there has been a March for Life in Washington, D.C. It demonstrates the continuing importance of “respect life” issues by the presence of hundreds of thousands of marchers. It also provides opportunity for dialogue with Congressional offices in the hope of impacting elected officials.

The website of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) announces some of the related events held during the time the marchers are in Washington.

“The National Prayer Vigil for Life is an all-night pro-life prayer vigil held on the eve of the March for Life each January. Over 20,000 pilgrims from across the nation pray through the night for an end to abortion. At www.9daysforlife.com, there is a link at the bottom (in the Join Online section) that takes you to the Novena which can be downloaded or accessed each day.

Here is a sampling from those prayers:
“For the mother who awakens each morning with the memory of abortion fresh in her mind: that the Lord may still the terror in her heart and lead her gently to the well-spring of his love and mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.”

“One in the Spirit,
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Evangelization Commission

The vigil schedule includes the Opening Mass celebrated in the Great Upper Church. Prayer continues throughout the night with the National Rosary for Life, Night Prayer and Holy Hours for Life. The following morning, the prayer vigil concludes with Morning Prayer, Benediction and the Closing Mass.”

It is encouraging to hear that a lot of young people attend the prayer vigil.

Again this year, Catholic television network ETWN will provide coverage.

The Bishops are asking us to pray with them for nine days (January 18-26) to end abortion. At www.9daysforlife.com, there is a link at the bottom (in the Join Online section) that takes you to the Novena which can be downloaded or accessed each day.

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No skipper, be he (or she) on the sea or in the air, is worth their salt, if they do not know their ship’s position at all times. There must be a fixed point of reference to do so. Intuition and dead reckoning are not only unreliable but can be fatal. The boatman must know the water depth as well as the surface; the pilot his altitude over the surface and location of air-borne obstructions. Both must also know the speed of the craft and distance to destination.

The sun in daytime and the North Star at night have guided skippers for centuries as fixed and reliable points of reference. Modern technology has aided radar, some so sophisticated as to steer the ship and warn of obstacles visually and audibly, but using reference points.

Parcels of land surface are also described in relation to points of reference, Baseline Rd. (Eight Mile Rd.), for instance, for distance north and south. Whatever the point of reference, it must be fixed and discernable to be reliable.

So much for navigation and land description. What about moral order? The same applies. The point of reference is God, always the same, constantly discernable by his works and absolutely reliable. We can always determine where we are in relation to him and whether or not we are on course for our destinations, here and hereafter.

The instruments of contact with God include knowledge of the Scriptures, use of the sacraments and prayer, study, practice and communication. May we use them always, lest we founder on a reef, strike an obstruction, or lose our way with aimless activity, or worse, none at all.

See you in church.

RJK
(first published January 15th, 1989)
Spirituality and Worship

Liturgy Schedule for January 25th and 26th, 2014

**Men’s Bible Study and Fellowship**
Join us Thursday mornings at 6:30 in the Parish Office Conference Room as we read and discuss the Scriptures of the day. You then can attend 7:30 a.m. Mass with the group if your time permits. We continue our fellowship by going to breakfast after Mass, again if you have the time.

For more information, contact Deacon Bill Jamieson, 313.884.5554, ext. 212, or b.jamieson@stargp.org.

**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.

**Readings**

**Sunday, January 19**
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

**Monday, January 20**
1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50; Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday, January 21**
1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89; Mk 2:23-28

**Wednesday, January 22**
1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144; Mk 3:1-6

**Thursday, January 23**
1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7; Ps 56; Mk 3:7-12

**Friday, January 24**
1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57; Mk 3:13-19

**Saturday, January 25**
Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117; Mk 16:15-18

**Sunday, January 26**
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 8:23–9:3; Ps 27; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

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.

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**Tuesdays**

**Monday, January 20**
7:30 a.m. No Servers Scheduled

**Tuesday, January 21**
7:30 a.m. H. Haney; J. Haney

**Wednesday, January 22**
7:30 a.m. H. Haney; J. Haney

**Thursday, January 23**
7:30 a.m. A. Wisniewski; J. Wisniewski

**Friday, January 24**
8:30 a.m. L. Nederhood; A. Wisniewski; J. Wisniewski

**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, January 20**
7:30 a.m. † Henry Wholihan; Pat Revell and Family; Judy Watta and Family; † Al Paglia

**Tuesday, January 21**
7:30 a.m. † Paul Tocco; Msgr. Gary Smetanka; † Alice and Ralph Kliber

**Wednesday, January 22**
7:30 a.m. † Elizabeth Orlowski; † Al Paglia

**Thursday, January 23**
7:30 a.m. † Leonard, Ethel and Helen Hart; † Alex McCullie; Bettejean Ahee; † Elsie and William Connors

**Friday, January 24**
8:30 a.m. † Edith Abessinio; † Al Palgia; † Deceased Members of the Groff/Gaynor Families

**Saturday, January 25**
4:00 p.m. † Roger Naeyaert; † Albert Paglia

**Sunday, January 26**
8:00 a.m. † Cecilia Malooly; Beth Kliber
9:30 a.m. † Robert Ellis; † Al Paglia; † Mary Reveley; OLSOS Parishioners
11:30 a.m. † Virginia Mushenski; † Wilfred and Elizabeth Whyte; † Victor and Jane Schaeffer; † Dick Flynn; † Raymond Kettel; † Gertrude Murray; † Barbara Martin; † Marie Berger; † Lance Corporal Scott Winter Ulrich
**Spirituality and Worship**

**Please Pray for ...**

**THE SICK**
- Sylvia Bryzik
- Marie Caldwell
- Robert Caldwell
- Dorothy Doeren
- Anthony Elibri
- Mary Lee Graham
- Dr. Ralph Hinz
- Virginia Hinz
- Sr. Carol Juhasz, I.H.M.
- Heidi Montroy
- Elizabeth Pendy
- Angelina Russo
- Carolyn Schram
- Denise Abood Sidlow
- Wendell Simmons
- Michelle Tubbs
- Carmela Veneri
- Mark Wehner
- Robert Wehner
- James Wouczyna

**THOSE IN THE MILITARY**
- James Patrick Carrier
- Kyle Cone
- Emily de Brun
- Kevin Dornan
- Jason T. Erbecker
- Adam Evanski
- Brian Evanski
- Kevin Hanley
- Kayse Harms
- Gordon Hay
- Matt Helm
- Matt Hoffman
- Matthew Johnston
- Justin Kelly
- Paul Koss
- Evan Marshall
- Joseph McDade
- David Miller
- Thomas Miller
- Joseph Misuraca
- Vincent Scalabrinio
- Meghan Servais
- Dan Sheppard
- Robert Skowronski
- Michael Tronde
- Nick Trybus
- Michael Ullman
- Justin Wines
- Joseph Youngblood

**In Memoriam**
- 1/19/1970 Edward Kugynski
- 1/19/1975 Edgar Kengel
- 1/19/1979 Steven Pellerito
- 1/19/1988 Maurice Hogan
- 1/19/1990 Edward Bernacki
- 1/20/1960 Richard Walsh
- 1/20/2003 Henry Wholihan
- 1/21/1980 William Walsh
- 1/21/1986 Amelia Fratti
- 1/21/1987 Margaret Seurynck
- 1/21/2007 Ronald Houle
- 1/12/1961 Albert Hahn
- 1/22/1986 Helen Cornell
- 1/22/1995 Eva Hinding
- 1/22/2001 Jeanette Bozick
- 1/22/2002 Robert Burman
- 1/23/1976 Genevieve Olesak
- 1/23/1982 Norma Schwantz
- 1/23/1984 Agnes Totz
- 1/23/1986 Ralph Brennecke
- 1/23/1987 James King
- 1/23/1999 Emma Wehby
- 1/23/2002 Joseph Gallotti
- 1/23/2008 Scott Ulrich
- 1/24/1963 Louis Reid
- 1/24/1964 William Mayer
- 1/24/1980 Joseph Lacavera
- 1/24/1981 Harold Groff
- 1/24/1986 Mary Jo Ferrar
- 1/24/1989 Catherine McBride
- 1/24/1991 Janet Gaynor
- 1/25/1965 Elizabeth Hammer
- 1/25/1967 Ruth Calcaterra
- 1/25/1978 Lydia Liamini
- 1/25/1981 Carrie Siewert
- 1/25/1987 Hazel Baker
- 1/25/1987 Harold Staats
- 1/25/1991 Stephen Campau
- 1/25/1998 John Gillis
- 1/25/2007 Elizabeth Scully
- 1/26/1982 Mary Patricia Ray
- 1/26/2011 Cecilia Malooy

**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.

**Word of Life**
“´You are called to stand up for life! To respect and defend the mystery of life always and everywhere, including the lives of unborn babies, giving real help and encouragement to mothers in difficult situations. You are called to work and pray against abortion.”

— Blessed John Paul II, Address at Central Park, New York, NY, 1995

For mothers considering abortion, we pray to the Lord that through the intercession of St. John the Baptist, who praised the Lord as an unborn infant, the Lord might give them courage to welcome the gift of their child.

**Please Pray for**

The Faithful Departed

† Barbara Doerr  
(mother of Carol Pokladek)

† Stephen Speak
Our Lady Star of the Sea

This Week

Sunday, January 19
Auction Raffle Tickets Sold After Masses

Monday, January 20
MLK - No School
3:30 p.m. Basketball Practice (G)

Tuesday, January 21
3:30 p.m. Basketball Practice (G)
6:30 p.m. Catechist Formation (ScLB)
7:30 p.m. Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy (CHP)

Wednesday, January 22
9:30 a.m. Bible Study (CR)
3:15 p.m. Gymnastics (CAF)
3:30 p.m. Basketball Practice (G)
7:00 p.m. GP Symphony Rehearsal (GS)
7:30 p.m. Bible Study (A)

Thursday, January 23
6:30 a.m. Men’s Fellowship Mtg. (CR)
3:30 p.m. Basketball Practice (G)
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice (B)

Friday, January 24
8:30 a.m. Mass (CH)
12:00 p.m. Funeral (Spezia) (CH)
3:30 p.m. Basketball Practice (G)

Saturday, January 25
SS Peter and Paul Soup Sales
Auction Raffle Tickets Sold After Mass
8:00 a.m. Basketball Games (G)
12:00 p.m. Funeral (Speak) (CH)
1:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal (CH)

Sunday, January 26
Catholic Schools Week
SS Peter and Paul Soup Sales
Auction Raffle Tickets Sold After Masses
9:15 a.m. Sunday Preschool (SC)
10:30 a.m. Spirit and Life (CAF)
10:30 a.m. V3 (Teen Ministries) (CR)
12:00 p.m. School Open House (SC)

Parish Garden Note Cards
Note Cards created with photos by Tom Kliber of the parish grounds in full bloom, are now available.

This beautiful assortment may be purchased in the parish office.

3 designs in a package of 12 cards $10 per package while supplies last!

2013 Contribution Statements
Statements for your 2013 contributions will be available by January 21st, 2014
Please notify the parish office 24 hours in advance, and we will have your document ready to pick up, mail or email to you.

Please note that contributions to CSA and Changing Lives Together will be sent to you directly from the AOD accounting office.

Stewardship Update
Sunday Offering budget: $21,675
Sunday Offering: January 12: $15,898
YTD Average: $20,767
YTD Over/Under: {-$26,331}

Holy Water Care
January 17..............Mary Lou LeFevre
January 24..............Liz Abood
January 31..............Mary Lou LeFevre
February 7..............Nancy Zink
February 14..............Nancy Zink

Thank You
Thank you to all who purchased Right to Life Christmas cards this year. Your support is truly appreciated.

The inserts in this week’s bulletin are compliments of your Right to Life group.

Sincerely,
Right to Life
- Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods

Email Address Form
In an effort to reach our parishioners with monthly electronic newsletters we ask that you submit / update your email address with the parish

Name __________________________________________
Address ________________________________________
Email __________________________________________

***Please send this form in the mail, or drop in the collection basket during Mass. You can also email your information to parishinfo@stargp.org

Thank you for your help!

KEY:
A = Room A; B = Room B; BC = Barton Center;
CAF = Cafeteria; CH = Church; CHP = Chapel;
CMR = Convent Mtg. Rm.; CR = Conference Room;
EC = Enrichment Center; G = Gym; GS = Gathering Space;
PC = Parish Center; SC = School; ScLB = School Library
In Our Parish

Athletic Contest Announcement

Knights of Columbus Youth Free Throw Championship

All boys and girls in our community ages 10 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2014 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. This local competition will be held on January 21, 2014 at the Our Lady Star of the Sea gymnasium commencing at 6:00 PM. One winner in each age group and gender will advance to a regional competition on February 24, 2014 at Everest Academy in Clarkston MI. There is no charge for this event.

All contestants on the local level will be recognized with a “Certificate of Participation”. Each participant will attempt 15 free throws and the winners in each age and gender group will receive engraved plaques as “Council Champion”. Parents must sign the contestant “Registration Forms”.

Contest Summary

Date: Tuesday – January 21, 2014
Location: OLSOS Gymnasium
Time: Registration – 6:00 PM – Parents Must Sign Form
      Contest – 6:30 PM
Next Level: Regional Championship – February 24, 2014
            Everest Academy – Clarkston MI

(Additionally, Knights of Columbus logo basketballs will be raffled at the end of the event at no charge.)

For Additional Information Contact
Dennis Janowski
313/884/2549
Knights of Columbus Activities Director

Used Eyeglasses Needed

Please donate eyeglasses, sunglasses, and hearing aids. They can be in any condition, new or used. Each pair that you donate is recycled or refurbished and given to someone who cannot afford to purchase new glasses or hearing aids. You are welcome to drop off any of these items at the school office.

Thank you, Joe and Alice Dandy

Low Gluten Hosts

We are pleased to be able to provide low-gluten hosts for parishioners who suffer from gluten intolerance. The hosts have been approved for use at Mass in the United States. The total gluten content of the hosts is about 0.01%, so parishioners are advised to check with their physicians in advance to ensure the hosts align with specific dietary restrictions. If you or a family member would like to receive low-gluten hosts, please contact the parish office (884-5554).

“[Christ] is present when the Church prays and sings”

(Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, 7)

Since the Second Vatican Council, parishioners have been encouraged to sing the texts of the liturgy. Much of the music of the liturgy is based on Scripture, and thus on the words and life of Christ. Music expresses the faith of the Church, but also builds unity and harmony. Singing and praying requires the use of our lungs, the breath that comes out of our being. Breath is an ancient word for the Spirit. When we pray and sing, the Spirit given to us in Baptism flows through us, empowering our words and music with Christ’s presence. When members of the Church pray and sing, their words are infused with Christ’s words. It is indeed Christ, present in the action of singing and prayer, who takes our prayers to God.

Teen Ministries is B.R.A.V.E

B.R.A.V.E is a combination of small groups making a big impact!

Bible Study: Did you know that if you come to Mass every Sunday for 3 years you have read more than 90% of the bible? Our Small Group focuses on upcoming Sunday readings on Wed. 7:30-8 pm in the Parish Center: Dec. 4th, 11th, & 18th, Jan. 8th & 29th.

Rejoice & Reflect: A half hour full of praise and worship music, traditional prayer, and listen to the Pope’s address to the world. Parents and teens gather in the prayer chapel 7:30-8pm Jan. 15th & Feb. 12th

Action: One Monday a month from 7-8:30 pm in the Barton Center teens learn more about the Church’s social justice teachings while striving to be Jesus to those in needs through various service projects. We will meet Jan: 6th & Feb. 3rd.

V3: Every other Sun. of the month 10:30-11:30 am in the Conference Room teens come to encounter Christ and move past the rules of faith to the meaning of love. We will meet Jan. 12th & Feb. 26th & Feb. 2nd & 23rd.

Engage: This is where the magic happens. Learn how to be a small groups leader. We will meet Feb. 2nd 11:30-12:30 in the Conference Room.

For more Information Contact Carolyn Mikula 313-884-7407 Ext 208

Spring Mission Trip

Want to make a difference in the lives of others? Now is your chance. Come on Teen Ministries Mission Trip.

What: Volunteer for the Special Dreams Farm

When: April 23rd-24th

Where: St. Clair Township

Why: To help special needs farmers with their tasks

Who: Teens 9th-12th grade

Cost: $60.00* per youth

What’s included: Transportation, hotel room, breakfast Wednesday and Thursday.

Please R.S.V.P. by March 30th to Carolyn Mikula: 313-884-7407 Ext 208

*Trip is non-refundable and price is subject to change if only one youth per room.
Religious Education Schedule

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“Did You Know?”
Symbolon Reflection
on today’s Second Reading
1 Corinthians 1:1–3

Again, as was the case in the second reading for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, we have an opening greeting, a salutation from one of St. Paul’s epistles or letters. That seems somehow appropriate to the beginning of Ordinary Time. And Paul’s reminder of what he is, “an apostle of Jesus Christ,” is a fit reminder of what we’re called to be. The word apostle in Greek, means, “one sent forth.” The Greek term is used in John 17:3, where Jesus declares his mission from the Father. And the same term is used throughout the New Testament literature in reference to those sent by the ancient churches to spread the Gospel. Paul describes the Corinthians to whom he writes as those “who have been consecrated in Christ Jesus and called to be a holy people.” As we begin that part of the liturgical cycle that we call ordinary time, we do well to remember that part of our vocation as God’s “holy people” is to be sent to “all those who, wherever they may be,” fall within the ambit of God’s loving, saving will. That, of course, includes the whole of the human family.

This reflection is brought to you by SYMBOLON.

Do you Symbolon?
If not, get started today and see what you’re missing. Opening the word has the power to change your life!

Michael King
Director of Religious Education

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Symbolon is here at Star of the Sea
This is for you! Please join the experience.

WHAT IS SYMBOLON
Symbolon is a beautiful and systematic presentation of the Faith, using state-of-the-art video with written user guides to proclaim the fullness of the Faith, bear witness to the beauty of the tradition, and engage our secular culture in a way that brings souls into the heart of the Church. All of which is yours to use in your home at anytime and to join small groups at the parish. It will be the primary teaching component for faith formation at Star of the Sea.

SYMBOLON HAS THREE PARTS:
1.) Opening the Word - App = videos, reflections for Sunday Mass readings. (Get this NOW)
2.) Adult Faith Formation and RCIA – Systematic faith formation sessions. Coming in February
3.) Leader Development.

HOW TO GET STARTED
January - Special in-parish sessions coming soon.
February - New level of access for you and your family! Stay tuned!

Opening the Word – Get the App. Here’s how:

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- Search for “Opening The Word”
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Christian Service

Christmas Update 2013
Abigayle Ministries would like to thank all of the parishioner’s for the gift cards. They will be able to by diapers, formula, and supplies to help the pregnant/new mothers that live in their home and also for the many pregnant/new moms that come in from the neighborhood. Besides the gift cards the Christian Service Commission went to their home and prepared the 6 women a nice Christmas luncheon and gave each Mom and their baby a new gift. They appreciated our thoughtfulness and we were the only organization to remember these ladies. Thank you!

Service Sundays for 2014

February 8th/9th: Diapers or Pull ups - all sizes - for Project HOPE
March/April: Lenten Alms - monetary donations to various organizations - tree will be in gathering space for you to take and envelope.
May: Household Cleaning items - rags, buckets, disinfectants, Windex, etc...
June/July: Backpacks for elementary and middle school children: more info to follow
August: Laundry item - detergent, fabric softener sheets, laundry baskets
September: Baby Care Items - Wipes, powder, lotion, etc...
October: Sock and underwear drive

Capuchin Soup Kitchen
Sign up sheets are in the Parish office for all 2014 dates. Only 6 spots are available for each date...so please stop by the office to reserve your spot. To car pool we meet in the Parish office by 10:15am.

Thank you!

Life is a Gift Conference
Archdiocese of Detroit
Life Is A Gift Conference
‘Evangelizing With the Gospel of Life’
Saturday January 25, 2014
Sacred Heart Major Seminary

Featured Keynote Speaker: George Weigel
Renowned Theologian and Author of John Paul II’s Biography, Witness to Hope
Pre-conference Mass and Opening Talk: Bishop Arturo Cepeda
Director of Evangelization, Catechesis, and Schools, Archdiocese of Detroit
Plus other speakers giving personal witness and strategies for evangelizing with the Gospel of life.
Lunch and breakfast provided
Registration at: www.aod.org/lifeisagift

All Day High School Track is available

feed the hungry • give drink to the thirsty • clothe the naked • visit the imprisoned • shelter the homeless
School News

Open House
Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Elementary & Middle School

Sunday, January 26th
12:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Meet the Faculty and Tour the School
Preschool 3 & 4, Young 5’s, Kindergarten through 8th Grade

467 Fairford Rd, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, (313) 884-1070
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Seventh Grade Christmas Service Project

A thank you note from Services for Older Citizens

Dear Seventh Graders,

What thoughtful and useful gifts you sent for our SOC seniors! The blankets will keep them warm on the outside and the soup will keep them warm on the inside.

Thank you so much!
The Preppy Star ~ Auction 2014

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RAFFLES! RAFFLES! RAFFLES!

Have you seen the beautiful 2014 Lincoln MKZ (offered in cooperation with Bob Maxey Ford Lincoln) when you pull in to the Star parking lot? Purchase a “Your Choice! Raffle” ticket for a 1 in 499 chance to win it or choose the $10,000 in cash option! This year, there are two additional chances to win. Second prize is $1,000 and Third prize is $500. Only 499 tickets will be sold at $100 each. You can purchase them in the school and parish offices, after masses in the gathering space, or (if tickets remain) during auction night. Once 499 tickets are sold, there will not be any more offered, so get yours today! The winner will choose between the 2014 Lincoln MKZ (two-year lease) or $10,000 in cash!

The second raffle is “A Year of Dining Raffle.” The lucky winner will receive twelve $100 gift certificates to our area’s Premiere restaurants. Restaurants include: Andiamo—Trattoria, Café Nini, Capital Grille, Champs Rotisserie & Spirits, DaEdoardo, Foxtown Grille, The Hill Seafood and Chop House, The Lark, Mr. Paul’s Chop House, Slow’s Bar BQ, and the Town Tavern. These tickets are $25 each or five tickets for $100 and are also available in the school and parish offices, after masses in the gathering space, or during auction night.

Even if you are unable to join us for the Auction event, you can still help raise money for our school by participating in these raffle drawings. Remember, the more tickets you purchase - the better your chances!

Thank you to the Auction 2014 Patrons!

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~ Celebrity Star-Tender Night ~

Back by popular demand—the celebrity Star-Tender night will be held on Friday, February 7th at 7 pm. Auction 2014 will kick off with this fun celebrity bartender event at the Tin Fish in St. Clair Shores. You will see some familiar faces behind the bar mixing your favorite cocktails! All tips and cover charge will benefit Auction 2014. The evening will feature drink and appetizer specials, and entertainment. Make sure to save the date, so you don’t miss this fun night!

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Saturday, Sunday and Holidays: Closed

Mass Schedule
Saturday: 4:00 p.m. (Vigil)
Sunday: 8:00, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.
Monday - Friday: 7:30 a.m. (Summer)
Mon.-Thurs.: 7:30 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.

Emergencies and Records
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Session I: 4:05 - 5:35 p.m.
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Session I: Sun. 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Session II: Tues. 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Coordinator for Youth Ministry
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Guidelines

Baptism and Marriage
Please be advised that those who wish to celebrate the sacrament of Baptism or Marriage are required to be registered, active and contributing members of this parish community for at least (3) three months prior to the beginning of the preparation process.

Baptisms
Please call the parish office during the last months of pregnancy to arrange for dates of classes and Baptisms.

Marriages
Archdiocesan law requires advance notice of at least six months.