

Our Lady Star of the Sea

CATHOLIC CHURCH

106 East Dillingham Street
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*Saint
Francis of Assisi
Catholic Mission*

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July 26, 2026

17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field,
which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells
all that he has and buys that field.” Mt. 13:44**

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OLSS SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday 5:00 PM
(except on Holy Saturday)
Sunday 11:00 AM

OLSS DAILY MASS SCHEDULE
Monday No Service
Tuesday 5:30 PM
Wednesday - Friday 8:00 AM

SFOA SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE
Sunday 8:30 AM

SFOA DAILY MASS SCHEDULE
Wednesday.....5:00 PM

OLSS CONFESSIONS
Saturdays 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
or by appointment

SFOA CONFESSIONS
30 minutes before Mass
or by appointment

Holy Rosary
30 minutes prior to Mass
First Fridays Mass
8:00 AM at Historic Chapel
Fridays Eucharistic Adoration
5:00 PM to 6:30 PM



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OFFERTORY UPDATE

OLSS COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR		<i>"Each one should give as much as he has decided on his own initiative, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."</i> <i>2 Corinthians 9:7</i>
JULY 19, 2026	JULY 20, 2025	
COLLECTION - \$ 15,534.00	COLLECTION - \$ 6,871.00	
MAINTENANCE - \$ 796.00	MAINTENANCE - \$ 365.00	
SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR		
JULY 19, 2026	JULY 20, 2025	
COLLECTION - \$ 915.00	COLLECTION - \$ 1,025.00	
MAINTENANCE - \$ 246.00	MAINTENANCE - \$ 662.00	



Dear Parishioners,

I would like to provide you with a brief update on our Organ Fund. As of today, thanks to the generosity of a few donors, we have received \$3,460 toward our goal. Thank you to everyone who has already contributed and supported this important project.

My hope is to raise at least 40 to 45% of the estimated \$130,000 cost before signing a contract with the company that will build our new organ. I humbly ask for your continued prayers and financial support. Every gift, no matter how small, brings us one step closer to making this project a reality.

I am also waiting to receive one final estimate for our new sound system. Once I have all the necessary information, I will make a decision regarding that project.

Thank you for your love, generosity, and faithful support of our parish. Your care for our parish family and its future is deeply appreciated. Together, with God's help, I know we can accomplish this goal.

Fr. Mariusz Fuks
Pastor



You can also make donation by scanning
this QR Code



**Have you ever felt that God may be calling you to proclaim
His Word at Mass?**

If so, we invite you to consider serving our parish as a lector.

**A New Lectors Training will be held on Thursday,
July 30, at 6:00 p.m. in the church. This training is open to
anyone who feels called to this beautiful and important
ministry.**

**If you believe the Lord may be inviting you to share His
Word with our parish community, we encourage you to
come and join us.**



WELCOME, VISITORS!

We extend a warm welcome to the individuals and families who are celebrating with us today. We invite you to register with our Parish Family. You can fill out a registration form online or find one in the narthex.

MASS INTENTIONS

Offering Mass for a special Intention is a long-standing tradition in the Catholic Church. It is usually considered that special graces are obtained for whom the Mass is said. Masses are offered for many reasons: for the souls in purgatory, in remembrance for someone who is deceased, or in honor of a birthday or anniversary. If you would like to have a Mass said for someone, go to the Parish Office to get on the schedule. Cards are then given to you so that you can mail them to whomever you choose to so they may also participate in the Mass. The stipend or offering given, **(\$10 or more)** signifies the sacrificial nature of giving of something of yourself to associate more intimately with Christ who offers himself in the Eucharist.

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

07/25/26 - Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM Mass

Pro Populo / For the People

07/26/26 - XVII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 AM - (St. Francis Mission)

+ *Jozef Klikuszowian*

11:00 AM - (Our Lady Star of the Sea)

+ *Tom Reichling*

07/27/26 - Monday: NO MASS

07/28/26 - Tuesday: 5:00 PM - Adoration, Rosary & Mass

+ *Karol & Antonina Fuks*

07/29/26 - Wednesday:

8:00 AM Mass at OLSS

Felicity Beck

5:00 PM Mass at SFOA

+ *Stanislaw & Aniela Klikuszowian*

07/30/26 - Thursday: 8:00 AM Mass

Felicity Beck

07/31/26 - Friday: 8:00 AM Mass

+ *Haze Buchanan*

08/01/26 - Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM Mass

+ *Andrew Whittlock & Joan Sandquist*

08/02/26 - XVIII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 AM (St. Francis Mission)

Pro Populo / For the People

11:00 AM (Our Lady Star of the Sea)

+ *Nancy Wood*

SEEKING AND FINDING THE TREASURE

There's something about buried treasure that stirs the imagination of children everywhere - children of all ages, I should say. Some years ago, an anchor from the 18th-century pirate Blackbeard's ship *Queen Anne's Revenge* was dredged up in the Atlantic Ocean off North Carolina. An old rusting hunk of metal, its apparent value not impressive, still the anchor dragged up with it dreams of sunken chests and wild adventures at the service of riches untold. Buried treasure has many facets: instant wealth, deliciously secretive, available only to those willing to delve under the surface to discover it.

Young King Solomon aims for such treasure when he prays for wisdom to rule and judge. Many a leader in his position might have asked for more superficial riches: heaps of gold, powerful armies, or dominion over his subjects. Digging deeper, Solomon acquires a prize that will make him one of the most celebrated monarchs in history.

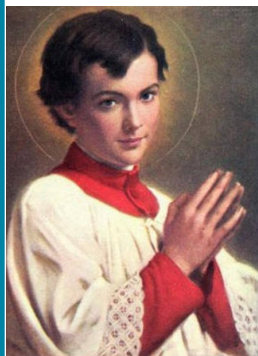
Saint Paul, too, might have settled for the learning he received from the best school in Jerusalem. He knew the Law of Moses backwards and forwards and could have enjoyed an esteemed rabbinic career. But when a revelation shattered his plans, he stepped into a realm of understanding far more penetrating than what can be taught by mortals. It made him a poorer man by worldly standards - but a prince among the communion of saints.

Jesus invites us to go on a quest for buried treasure in pursuit of a kingdom hidden from our eyes. We'll find it buried under the surface of things, lost in the marketplace, waiting to be found at the bottom of the sea of human experience. It will take some doing to discover this kingdom and will cost everything in our possession to acquire it. To those who appreciate its value, nothing could be as important as this quest. To those who see with worldly eyes, unwilling to look deeper, this treasure may remain forever buried, right under their feet.

Today our nation is celebrating Parents' Day, honoring those who have made the commitment to family above all other values. In a society that lures us with material prizes and personal freedoms, it's more difficult than ever to dig deeper and find the treasure buried in family life.

Those who dedicate themselves to the nurture of children will sacrifice decades of time, most of their resources, and all of their love to this labor. They will surrender personal goals for family-centered ones.

They will feel at times that they have delivered themselves entirely into the service of their children. Like the merchant seeking the best pearls, those who make the investment will come to recognize the pearl of great price in family life. When you buy the field, the buried treasure comes with it.



Attention Parents!

You are warmly invited to the New Altar Server Parent Meeting on Sunday, August 2, immediately after the 11:00 a.m. Mass in the 8th grade classroom. If your son is interested in becoming an altar server, join us to discover the sacred responsibilities, faith formation, and careful safety measures that prepare our newly called boys to assist the priest in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. For enrollment or any questions, please contact Jason Dominici at olssaltarserver@weareolss.org. May this meeting inspire a deeper devotion to serving God's Holy Church.

Parents,
Religious Education starts soon!!!



There are a few changes/reminders that you need to be aware of.

- * RE begins AUGUST 23.
- * RE classes are for Kindergarten through 8th grade.
- * CYM is for high school students who have already made their Confirmation.

ALL REGISTRATIONS WILL BE COMPLETED ONLINE (www.weareolss.org)
Ministries Tab - Religious Ed

***BEGINNING THE 26/27 RE SCHOOL YEAR, ALL SACRAMENTAL
CLASSES (FIRST COMMUNION AND
CONFIRMATION WILL REQUIRE TWO CONCURRENT YEARS OF RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION.
REQUIRED CLASS ATTENDANCE WILL BE DISCUSSED AT PARENT MEETINGS.***

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN
INITIATION OF
ADULTS - OCIA

*Are you feeling called to learn more about the
Catholic faith?*



We warmly welcome
non-Catholics seeking a deeper understanding of the
Church's teachings and a closer relationship with
Jesus Christ to join our OCIA
formation program

**PLEASE REGISTER FOR THE OCIA
2026-2027 SESSION BY
AUGUST 1, 2026**



THE FIRST CLASS BEGINS ON AUGUST 6, at 6:00 PM



We are excited to introduce the Altar Servers to our community. These dedicated young men work tirelessly and faithfully, serving our Lord at the Altar. Over the next few months, we will be showcasing one every week.

Why do you like altar serving, and what about altar serving makes you closer to Christ?

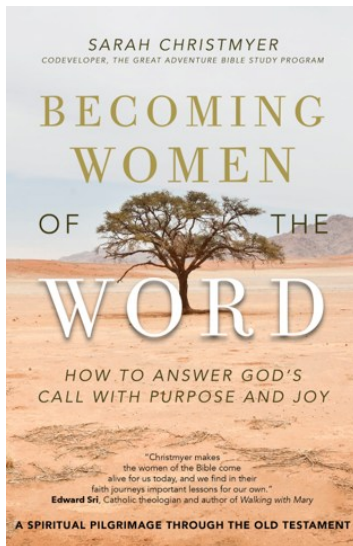
"I like altar serving because it helps me get more involved in my faith more than the average Catholic and it allows me to help my community even more. "

What hobbies do you have and what does the future look like for you?

"My favorite saint is San Pascal, because he is the patron saint of cooks and the kitchen which helps me with one of the jobs I'm looking at."

Who is your favorite Saint and why?

"My hobbies include reading, gaming, playing outside, and collecting Pokemon cards. The future, to me, looks like being more involved in my faith and being a productive member of society."



WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY

The women God called to bring his chosen people into the world were ordinary women who struggled with emptiness, oppression, infertility, and loss- yet who found strength and hope in God.

Each Chapter of Becoming Women of the Word highlights the spiritual legacy of one or more women in the Old Testament. Their world was vastly different from ours, yet they faced the same questions we do: when we can't feel God's presence, where do we find help? When our world is collapsing, where is God? Why should we trust him? How can we trust him? The Author simply and clearly draws from the lives of these women important principles that help us to trust-even as we struggle with doubt.

For Example:

- Through Eve, we learn to hold on to God's promise even when we fail.
- Sarah reminds us to wait on God's timing to make us fruitful.
- Miriam, the sister of Moses, shows how to lead by example.
- Ruth and Esther challenge us to see womanhood as a gift.
- Hannah and Judith inspire us to trust God even in matters of life and death.

These unforgettable portraits create a colorful mosaic of faith, encouraging us to mine God's Word for spiritual treasure and to pass on the gift.

When: Beginning September 7th & 11th

Time: Monday evenings (6:30 – 8:00 pm) and again on Friday mornings (9:00 – 10:30 am)

Where: in the OLSS Religious Education Building.

To sign up and for more information, contact Eileen Lang via email Elang8484@gmail.com or call 732-489-1124. The deadline for sign up is August 23rd to ensure we have time to order materials.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM IN OLSS

A newborn child should be baptized within the first few months of life. A child who has reached the age of kindergarten should receive some basic instruction/preparation before reception of the Sacrament. In order to have a child baptized at Our Lady Star of the Sea, at least one parent must be a practicing Catholic, and registered in the OLSS Parish for at least four months. A child to be baptized should normally have two Godparents, a male and a female. In order to serve as a Godparent, a person must be a practicing Roman Catholic, fully initiated, and at least sixteen years of age. A Godparent must supply a letter from his/her proper pastor indicating suitability to serve as a Godparent for Baptism. Parents are asked to attend a Baptism Preparation Class which lasts approximately one hour.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE IN OLSS

Those preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage need to contact the church office for a list of instructions at least six months in advance of the anticipated wedding date. Definite plans for a particular date should not be made until such contact has been completed. Only when a priest or deacon has decided that he will officiate at the marriage, will a definite date be set. There is a requirement for marriage preparation classes. Options for these will be discussed when you meet with the priest or deacon you have chosen as your celebrant

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

All the names of the sick we receive will be entered on the prayer list for one month, and then removed. If you would like your loved one to remain on the prayer list longer, please let us know, and we will happily oblige.

Margaret Norton

John Morrisey

Ludwika Glod, Maria Klikuszowian

God our Father, your Son accepted our sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness. Hear the prayers we offer for our sick brothers and sisters. May all who suffer pain, illness, or disease realize that they have been chosen to be saints and know that they are joined to Christ in his suffering for the salvation of the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	Lectors	Altar Servers	Ushers
Sat 07/25	1. Bryant Shepard 2. Caroline Neff	Waylon Wilkins Issac Dominici Samuel Dominici	Dennis Foster Dante Russo James Marcin Saulo Capulong
Sun 07/26	1. Hunt Thornhill 2. Judy Buchanan	Evanisto Gomez Joaquin Gomez Landon Wilkins Dean Sjostedt	Clyde Miller Carl Boria David Bowman Mike Recore
Tue 07/28	Karen Hill		
Wed 07/29	Richard Foy		
Thu 07/30	Gene Niksa		
Fri 07/31	Richard Foy		
Sat 08/01	1. Mary Ann Moore 2. Bryant Shepard	Waylon Wilkins Colton Wilkins Landon Wilkins	Ronald Logan Darlene Logan James Marcin David Bowman
Sun 08/02	1. Judy Buchanan 2. Greg Lockhart	Isaac Dominici Evanisto Gomez Joaquin Gomez Dean Sjostedt	Keith Danos Collen Danos Saulo Capulong Clyde Miller

WHAT'S GOING ON ?

Mon 07/27	OLSS - Knights of Columbus - 6:00 PM - RE Double Room
Tue 07/28	SFoA - Ladies Cursillo - 9:30 AM - Social Hall
Wed 07/29	SFoA Men's Cursillo - 9:00 AM - Social Hall OLSS - Legion of Mary - 5:30 PM - RE Room #8 OLSS - Men's Bible Study - 6:30 PM - RE Double Room
Thu 07/30	OLSS - Men's Cursillo - 5:00 PM - RE Room # 4 OLSS - Ladies Cursillo - 5:30 PM - Room # 5 OLSS - Lector's Training - 6:00 PM - Church
Fri 07/31	OLSS - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Main Church
Sat. 07/26	

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- Mt 13:44

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COUNTERS SCHEDULE

Sunday 07/26	Pauline Wentworth, Julie McKeown, Robert Capello, Chrissy Bundrick, Richard Foy
Sunday 08/02	Dennis Conlon Ginger Foster Dennis Foster Patty Zawislak Pauline Wentworth

SFOA LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday 07/26	Butch Crews Lawanda Jones
Sunday 08/02	Art Fouraker Lynn Crews

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