

Our Lady
Star of the Sea
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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• 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •

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OLSS SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00 AM
(except on Holy Saturday)
Sunday 10:00 AM

OLSS DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday Service
Tuesday 6:30 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 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
or by appointment

SFOA CONFESSIONS

30 minutes before Mass
or by appointment

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



Dear Parishioners

Beginning Monday, August 17, I will be away from the parish for a little over three weeks, traveling to Poland to visit my mother and spend some time with other members of my family.

During my absence, there will be no weekday Masses. Instead, our wonderful deacons - Deacon Henry, Deacon Tim, and Deacon Paul will offer Communion Services at the regular weekday Mass times.

Our Saturday and Sunday Mass schedule will remain unchanged, with Fr. Ernie Davis celebrating the weekend Masses.

Please note that during my absence, there will be no Wednesday evening services at St. Francis in Folkston.

In case of an emergency or urgent pastoral need, please contact the parish office, and our staff will be able to assist you and make the necessary arrangements.

I wish all of you a blessed few weeks, and I ask you to keep me in your prayers. Please know that I will remember you in mine as well.

Stay safe,

Fr. Mariusz Fuks

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 / SERVICE SCHEDULE

08/15/26 - Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM Mass

Shannon Brock

08/16/26 - XX SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 AM - (St. Francis Mission)

Pro Populo / For the People

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

John & Frances Morrissey

08/17/26 - Monday: NO MASS

08/18/26 - Tuesday: 5:00 PM - Adoration, Rosary,
Communion Service

08/19/26 - Wednesday:

8:00 AM Communion Service at OLSS

NO SERVICES AT SFOA

08/20/26 - Thursday: 8:00 AM Communion Service

08/21/26 - Friday: 8:00 AM Communion Service

08/23/26 - Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM Mass

Pro Populo / For the People

08/24/26 - XXI SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 AM (St. Francis Mission)

Birthday Blessing for Dolores Snowdon

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

+ *David Bliton*

IN THIS AGE OF OURS

There's never been a good time to be an outsider. Social systems are designed to benefit members, and the welfare of outlying parties is not a consideration normally, that is. Good governments make pacts with their citizens, clubs offer membership privileges, and most religions worth their salt promise salvation of some kind to constituents. Charity begins at home: The needs of those outside the spiritual home are not necessarily shouldered by those within.

That is why I would never knock on the door of the very fine Methodist church on my block when I need assistance of any kind; they don't owe me anything. In the same sense I would not hesitate to run across town to the church office of my parish for moral counsel or even a hot meal if I were in dire need of one. As a lifelong, dues-paying, churchgoing Catholic, I expect the church to "be there for me." Stories of alienated Catholics often begin, in fact, with the discovery that a representative of the local church did not share that ideal.

All of today's readings overturn our presumptions about the relationship between insiders and outsiders and show us God's perspective on the matter. Trito-Isaiah, writing after the return from exile, frowned on the dismissal of foreign wives and children embraced during captivity. Jewish identity couldn't be squeezed from the lemon of ethnic purity. He encouraged a broad view of social unity that transcended narrow-hearted nationalism. As a prophet, he dared to claim that God did, too. As apostle to the Gentiles, Saint Paul dedicated his life to the salvation of outsiders. He even refused to insist that Gentiles become de facto Jews in order to merit the rewards of Christianity. Christ was too big and salvation too precious to be stingy with the gospel, in his mind. We may never know what really happened at the Council of Jerusalem, but we do know that Paul was determined to pursue his established course and cast the net wide.

Jesus apparently reexamined his mission to the lost sheep of Israel when he encountered an outsider whose faith in him was stronger than the trust he got from his own disciples. This woman didn't know the doctrinal details of Judaism or whatever it was Jesus and his gang may have been selling. She clung to the basics: Her daughter was in torment, this man was a healer, and his God compelled him to show mercy. Perhaps it wasn't a matter of throwing the children's food to the dogs but recognizing previously overlooked children. At Vatican II the church proposed to do just that with the pioneering document *Nostra Aetate* ("In this age of ours"). All of us, it says, form one community in God's eyes.



YARD SALE

Saturday October 10th, 7:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**Father's Angels are accepting donations
for our annual yard sale!**

We are in need of gently used items:

**Furniture/ tools/ household items/ toys/ holiday items/
clothes in good condition/ electronics/ etc.**

**Drop Offs: Monday-Friday 9 am-2 pm
Call 912-322-6857 for large item pickup**

*Proceeds are used for senior center outreach,
kids movie nite, and special projects to benefit the parish.
Father's Angels thank you for your continued support!*



faith, hope, charity

2026 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Thank you to those who have made their gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal. If you have not yet made your contribution please consider doing it. The envelopes are available in the Narthex.

	GOAL	TOTAL GIVEN	AMOUNT NEEDED TO REACH THE GOAL
OLSS	\$ 43,968.00	\$ 29,331.29	\$ 14,636.71
SFOA	\$ 4,824.00	\$ 4,886.00	GOAL REACHED

"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."
2 Corinthians 9:7

OFFERTORY UPDATE

OLSS COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

AUGUST 9, 2026	AUGUST 10, 2025
COLLECTION - \$ 8,474.00	COLLECTION - \$ 11,781.22
MAINTENANCE - \$ 1,234.00	MAINTENANCE - \$ 1,259.00

SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

AUGUST 9, 2026	AUGUST 10, 2025
COLLECTION - \$ 1,600.00	COLLECTION - \$ 1,450.00
MAINTENANCE - \$ 1,080.00	MAINTENANCE - \$ 350.00

ORGAN FUND

NEED TO RAISE \$ 130.000

AS OF TODAY WE RAISED \$ 42,480



You can also make donation by scanning this QR Code

We need 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.

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.*****

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.

Clarence & Kimberly Thompson

Braeden Hormann, Joshua McLaughlin

Mike Perry

Margaret Norton

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

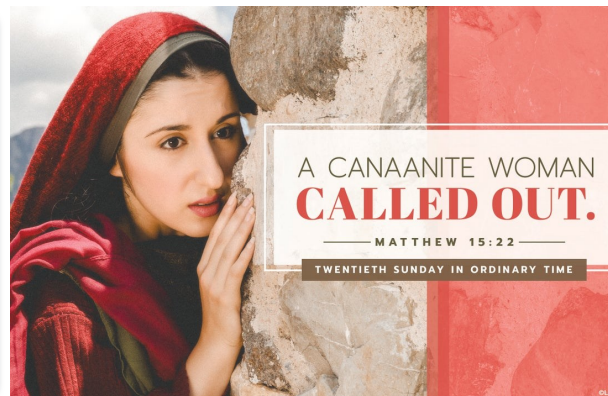
	Lectors	Altar Servers	Ushers
Sat 08/15	1. Bonnie Carr 2. Bryant Shepard	Bryant Shepard	Ken Sylvester James Pappas James Marcin David Bowman
Sun 08/16	1. Karen Jenkins 2. Tommy Jenkins	Samuel Dominici Evan Gomez Isaac Dominici John M Hopkins	Keith Danos Colleen Danos Robert Cappello Saulo Capulong
Tue 08/18	Karen Hill		
Wed 08/19	Richard Foy		
Thu 08/20	Gene Niksa		
Fri 08/21	Elisabeth Sepulveda		
Sat 08/22	1. Caroline Neff 2. Gene Niksa	Colton Wilkins Landon Wilkins Waylon Wilkins	David Costa Diane Costa Dennis Foster Dante Russo
Sun 08/23	1. Brian Benton 2. Lucia Feijo	Joaquin Gomez John M Hopkins Isaac Dominici Samuel Dominici	Clyde Miller Carl Boria John Nevins Mike Recore

SFOA LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday 08/16	Susan Price - LaSalla Jennifer Pfeffer
Sunday 08/23	Butch Crews Mary Fouraker

COUNTERS SCHEDULE

Sunday 08/16	Pauline Wentworth, Bill Tobias, Roberto Garza, Trish Jenkins, Kathy Brown
Monday 08/24	Jon Preble, John Nevins, Mary Jane May, Ron Logan



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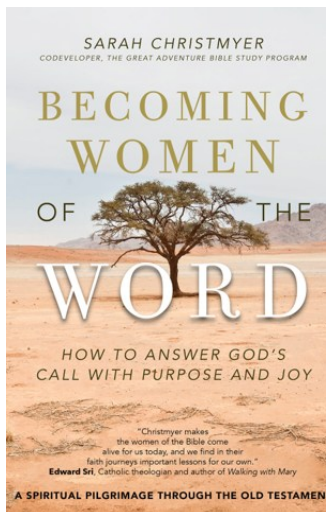
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WHAT'S GOING ON ?

Mon 08/17	SFOA - Ultreya - 6:00 PM - Social Hall
Tue 08/18	SFOA - Ladies Cursillo - 9:30 AM - Social Hall
Wed 08/19	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 08/20	SFOA - Hands in Hands - 1:00 PM - Folkston Park Nursing Home OLSS - Men's Cursillo - 5:00 PM - RE Room # 4 OLSS - Ladies Cursillo - 5:30 PM - Room # 5 OLSS - OCIA- 6:00 PM - Social Hall
Fri 08/21	OLSS - Eucharistic Adoration - 5:00 PM - Main Church
Sat. 08/22	OLSS - St. Joseph the Worker men's Group - 7:30 AM - Social Hall
Sun 08/23	OLSS - CYM - 8:00 AM - RE Building OLSS - RE Classes - 9:15 AM - RE Building



WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY

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
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732-489-1124. The deadline for sign
up is August 23rd to ensure we have
time to order
materials.

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