

Our Lady
Star of the Sea
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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OCTOBER 4, 2026

• 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •

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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



THE MONTH OF OCTOBER IS DEDICATED TO THE HOLY ROSARY

The Legion of Mary invites all parishioners to join us in praying the rosary on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, October 7th, held in Mary's Grotto outside the main Church at 6:15 PM. We hope you will be able to attend to honor our Blessed Mother.



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

10/03/26 - Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM Mass

+ *Shawn Ewen*

10/04/26 - XXVII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

+ *Ludwika Glod*

5:00 PM MASS - (Saint Francis of Assisi)

Pro Populo / For the People

10/05/26 - Monday: NO MASS

10/06/26 - Tuesday: 5:00 PM - Adoration, Rosary & Mass

10/07/26 - Wednesday:

8:00 AM Mass at OLSS

+ *William Simms*

5:00 PM Mass at SFOA

+ *Ludwika Glod*

10/08/26 - Thursday: 8:00 AM Mass

+ *Moiria Connelly*

10/09/26 - Friday: 8:00 AM Mass

Walt & Janet Notheis' 47th Wedding Anniversary

10/10/26 - Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM Mass

Birthday Blessing for Judy Buchanan

10/11/26 - XXVIII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 AM MASS (Saint Francis of Assisi)

Pro Populo / For the People

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

+ *Andrew Whitlock & Joan Sandquist*

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.

Maria Klikuszowian, William Rissler

Ed Smeder

Leah Rae Semko

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

Respect Life Month

October 2026



When the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary to tell her that she would conceive and bear a son, Mary responded with her fiat, “May it be done to me according to your word” (Lk 1:38). Mary conceives Christ in her womb, becoming the mother of God, the mother of Jesus. Jesus himself tells us that he is “the way and the truth and the life” (Jn 14:6). In becoming the mother of Jesus, Mary becomes the *mother of life*. Mary’s acceptance in this unforeseen moment demonstrates how each of us must welcome the gift of new human life, even when that gift is unexpected or calls us to make sacrifices.

Eve was called the “mother of all the living” (Gen 3:20). Unfortunately, her disobedience brought sin into the world. In contrast Mary, through her obedience to God, gives birth to our Salvation. Mary becomes the New Eve—the new mother of all the living. Her fiat gives us an example of perfect docility and cooperation with the will of God.

At the Annunciation, when Mary learns that her elderly cousin Elizabeth is six months pregnant, she travels in haste to visit Elizabeth, spending the next three months at her side, even while pregnant herself. In her selfless service to Elizabeth, the Blessed Mother perfectly models how we are called to accompany expectant mothers as they prepare to welcome new life into the world.

Mary’s role as the Mother of Life extends from the Annunciation all the way to the Crucifixion. On

Oh Mary, “Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life.”

Evangelium vitae

Calvary, Mary stands at the foot of the Cross with Saint John. The Gospel tells us: “When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, ‘Woman, behold, your son.’ Then he said to the disciple, ‘Behold, your mother.’ And from that hour the disciple took her into his home” (Jn 19:26-27).

With his final breaths on the Cross, Jesus entrusts Mary and the Beloved Disciple to one another, and by extension establishes a maternal relationship between Mary and the Church. Jesus’ words are addressed not only to Saint John, but to each one of us. In this moment, the physical mother of Jesus becomes the spiritual mother of the Church and all the faithful. Saint John goes on to take Mary into his home and cares for her as she advances in age, demonstrating our responsibility to continue our care for human life, from conception to natural death. Mary, who taught us how to nurture human life, becomes the recipient of that same honor and care.

The life of the Blessed Mother teaches us to respect each human life in every stage and circumstance. Mary is our model for upholding the sanctity of all human life. O Mary, “Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life.”¹

¹ Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, 105.

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THE ENDANGERED VINEYARD

The past few decades have been hard on the People of God. Never mind inflation and nonstop war, environmental catastrophes and declining political civility: The sexual abuse of minors by church and civic leaders and the massive incompetency of the response in all quarters created a crisis of confidence in church leadership both broad and deep. It's the worst possible landscape in which to enact a transformation of the Mass - the one thing many Catholics cling to in times of uncertainty - but that is exactly what the church did a decade ago.

Why? The answer can be found in Psalm 80 from this Sunday's readings. While Isaiah blames the vineyard for producing a sour yield, and Jesus blames the vineyard's stewards for dishonorable conduct, Psalm 80 delivers the key to both readings and the answer to why we tinker with our rituals: We are the vineyard of the Lord endangered by assaults from within and without. The only remedy is to remember who we are and whose we are and continually strengthen and enrich our yield.

Christianity is not about putting our faith in Peter or betting on Paul. Our faith is not grounded in today's pastor, this building, or that policy. We're not here to preserve a particular version of it for ourselves whether it is the Latin Mass, or the present Mass, or some future perfect liturgy. We are the church, with Christ as our head. Our yield belongs to Christ, and this Eucharist, this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, is the culmination of that yield. It is the place where we bring the fruits of our labor back to their owner, receive the gift of Christ and think on all that is true, honorable, just, pure, lovely gracious, excellent, and worthy of praise, and then are sent again to cultivate the vineyard entrusted to us.



Throughout the month of October, every Wednesday at **St. Francis of Assisi**, we will have a Holy Hour beginning one hour before Mass, with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

During this time of Eucharistic Adoration, we will also pray the Holy Rosary, honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary in a special way during the month traditionally dedicated to the Rosary.

Please join us for this beautiful time of prayer before our Eucharistic Lord.

WHAT'S GOING ON ?

Mon 10/05	OLSS - Women's Book Club - 6:30 PM - Rm #5
Tue 10/06	SFOA - Ladies Cursillo - 9:30 AM - Social Hall OLSS - The Homily Continue - 6:00 PM - Double Room
Wed 10/07	SFOA - Men's Cursillo - 9:00 AM - Social Hall OLSS - Legion of Mary - 5:30 PM - Rm #8 OLSS - Hospitality - 6:00 PM - Rm #5 OLSS - Rosary at the Grotto - 6:15 PM OLSS - Men's Bible Study - 6:30 PM - Double Rm
Thu 10/08	OLSS - Ladies Auxiliary - 9:00 AM - Double Rm OLSS - Men's Cursillo - 5:00 PM - Rm#4 OLSS - Ladies Cursillo - 5:30 PM - Rm#5 OLSS - OCIA - 6:00 PM - Double Room OLSS - Knights of Columbus - Rm #8
Fri 10/09	OLSS - Women's Book Club - 9:00 AM - Double Rm OLSS - Eucharistic Adoration - 5:00 PM - Church
Sat 10/10	OLSS - Father's Angels Yard Sale - 7AM - 2PM OLSS - Baptism Class - 10:00 AM - RE Building

THERE WILL BE NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES ON OCTOBER 11. STAY SAFE !

PLEASE DO NOT PARK OR DRIVE ON THE GRASS !!!

We kindly ask everyone to avoid driving or parking vehicles on the church lawn. Vehicles can damage the grass and, more importantly, break the underground pipes and sprinkler heads of our irrigation system, resulting in costly repairs.

Thank you for helping us take care of our parish property!

SFOA LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday 10/04	Butch Crews Lewart Simmons
Sunday 10/11	Kathleen Rodgers Lawanda Jones

COUNTERS SCHEDULE

Sunday 10/04	Pauline Wentworth, Robert Capello, Roberto Garza, Larry White, Kathy White
Sunday 10/11	Teresa David, Julie McKeown, Patty Zawislek, Chrissy Bundrick, Renee Gentle



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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	\$ 32,017.29	\$ 11,950.71
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

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026	SEPTEMBER 28, 2025
COLLECTION - \$ 8,681.00 	COLLECTION - \$ 9,730.22
MAINTENANCE - \$ 745.00 	MAINTENANCE - \$ 446.00

SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026	SEPTEMBER 28, 2025
COLLECTION - \$ 1,088.00 	COLLECTION - \$ 933.00
MAINTENANCE - \$ 200.00 	MAINTENANCE - \$ 1,031.00

ORGAN FUND
NEED TO RAISE \$ 130.000
AS OF TODAY WE RAISED \$ 54,245.25



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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.

WHAT A SPLASH! OUR DUNK TANK WAS HEAVILY OCCUPIED

Thanks to everyone who donated and joined in the fun, we raised over \$600 for our new organ fund!



Thank you for your generosity, laughter, and wonderful parish spirit. What a fun day for our parish family!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who made our celebration of Our Lady Star of the Sea and our parish picnic such a beautiful success!

It was wonderful to see so many families gathered together and so many volunteers working side by side. Special thanks to our Father's Angels, Hospitality Group, Men of St. Joseph the Worker, Youth Group, and everyone who helped prepare, serve, and clean up.

I am truly grateful and blessed to be part of such a vibrant, loving, and faith-filled parish family.

Sincerely; Fr. Mariusz

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	Lectors	Altar Servers	Ushers
Saturday 10/03	1. Bonnie Carr 2. Gene Niksa	Bryant Shepard	Dennis Foster Caroline Neff Saulo Capulong Kenneth Sylvester
Sunday 10/04	1. Karen Cataldi 2. Karen Jenkins	Samuel Dominici Isaac Dominici John M Hopkins	Clyde Miller Robert Cappello David Bowman Saulo Capulong
Tuesday 10/06	Karen Hill		
Wednesday 10/07	Richard Foy		
Thursday 10/08	Gene Niksa		
Friday 10/09	Elisabeth Sepulveda		
Saturday 10/10	1. Lucia Feijo 2. Johanna Wyatt	Landon Wilkins Colton Wilkins Waylon Wilkins	David Costa Diane Costa Donald Petrine David Bowman
Sunday 10/11	1. Tommy Jenkins 2. Greg Lockhart	Samuel Dominici Isaac Dominici	Carl Boria John Nevins



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Saint Francis of Assisi

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WE ARE HAVING A



YARD SALE

Saturday, October 10, 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/ 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!

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builders rejected has
become the cornerstone."*

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