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January 2, 2022



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The Epiphany OF THE LORD

*Magi from the east
arrived in Jerusalem, saying,
"Where is the newborn
king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising and
have come to do him homage."*

Matthew 2:1-2

OUR PARISH MISSION

Founded in 1833, Old St. Mary's Parish is the first Catholic parish in the Chicago area. Guided for more than a century by the vision of the Paulist Fathers, we are a diverse and welcoming community dedicated to serving the spiritual needs of the Loop, South Loop and the greater Chicago area.

As a unified Church and School community, Old St. Mary's Parish promotes the mission of the Paulist Fathers to welcome those who have been away from the church, to build religions, and to promote justice and healing in our society.

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, NEW YEARS DAY MASS

10:00 AM	World Peace
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Anticipation Mass for Sunday

5:00 PM	† Onelia Penedo
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

8:00 A.M.	† Ed Fury
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11:00 A.M.	† Todd Dixon
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MONDAY, JANUARY 3 - 8:30 A.M.

† All Souls

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4 - 8:30 A.M.

Ernest Zagadlo

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5 - 8:30 A.M.

Merrill Cronin

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6 - 8:30 A.M.

† Walen (1 year anniversary)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7 - 8:30 A.M.

Ernest Zagadlo

*Today well lived makes every
yesterday a dream of happiness
and tomorrow a vision of hope.*
—Kalidasa

MASS/SACRAMENTS

MASSES ARE LIVESTREAMED

SATURDAY:
5:00 pm

SUNDAY:
8 am & 11 am
No 6 pm Mass at this
time.

DAILY MASS:
8:30 am
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

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AND BY APPOINTMENT

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TODAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING - Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The LORD shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

PSALM - Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

SECOND READING - The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

GOSPEL - Magi from the east arrived, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" (Matthew 2:1-12).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

TUESDAY: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

WEDNESDAY: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

THURSDAY: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a

FRIDAY: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

SATURDAY: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

SUNDAY: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38

FREE VACCINE CLINIC

The IL Department of Public Health will host its second vaccine clinic at Old St. Mary's on Monday, January 3d. They will provide initial, second dose of the Pfizer vaccine for eligible children. For adults they will offer initial, follow-up and booster doses for Pfizer and Moderna vaccines and initial and booster vaccines J&J.

This is FREE event.

The Clinic is open from 11 am to 6 PM.

To register use the following link:

<https://events.juware.com/IL-IDPH/ooovn/1168381/>

We regret to inform you of the death of Deacon Tim Donovan, on December 16th.

Many of you will remember Deacon Tim Donovan and his wife Noreen. Tim served as Deacon here at Old St. Mary's for several years.

If you like to send a note of condolence to Noreen,

her address is:

Noreen Donovan
4324 E Patrick Court
Gilbert AZ 85295



Rest in Peace

We were also saddened to hear of the passing of parishioner Michael M. Murphy on December 12, 2021. Plans are to have a celebration of life for him in the spring.

Pastor's White Board

Epiphany 2022 Light in the Darkness

The way Christmas fell this year has been different. Advent seemed long, but Christmas season is flying by. Two weekends and we've celebrated Christmas/Holy Family and Mary Mother of God/Epiphany. The first Sunday in Ordinary time, the feast of the Baptism of the Lord is already next week.

We come to Epiphany with scripture directing foreigners to Israel. They came from the East because they followed the signs of the time - a star that would lead them to Bethlehem. A Church hymn has a line, "the Star of My Life is Jesus." That is what led the Magi and what we as Church are led to celebrate this week-end.

Everyone at Old St. Mary's needs to see that we are about to embark on the mission of parish renewal. Part of that mission is to look at being engaged parishioners, and part of it is to look at how we share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Along with our sister parishes in the Chicago Downtown grouping, we are taking up the call to "Renew My Church."

Renew My Church: What is it? Why are we doing it?

Our parish, like all parishes of the Archdiocese of Chicago, is participating in an effort of renewal. As we slowly find our new pace and exercise concern for people's well-being, we know the opportunity for renewal is ever-present and is perhaps more important now than ever.

When we look at the signs of the time, what do we see? A culture more ambivalent toward religion; declining faith participation of younger generations; Mass attendance in our archdiocese that has decreased by 35% over the past 20 years; across the U.S., 2 in 5 children baptized are not confirmed; and 85% of children that are confirmed stop practicing their faith by age 23. In many quarters of our society, Christian morality, once the norm, is pushed aside. The consequences are all around us: breakdown of families, disregard for innocent life and human dignity, violence in our communities, addiction, depression, loneliness and despair. For many of us, we see this in our own families and neighborhoods, brokenness and separation from the life of Jesus Christ.

Let's consider the actual words, "renew my church."

What a wonderful gift we have as Jesus invites us to renew His Church. The Lord of the Universe speaks these words to us just as he spoke them to the saints before us. Finally, we have the

word Church. It seems like a tall order to renew the Church. Isn't that someone else's job? Our own parish, maybe. But the whole Church? Yes. And we will because renewal always begins within our own hearts.

To be clear, Renew My Church is much bigger than anything we've ever done in the Archdiocese of Chicago. It is a faithful response to Christ's call to renew His Church, a journey that is both spiritual (to re-encounter Jesus Christ as disciples and parish communities) and, in some cases, structural (to ensure our parishes have adequate resources for vitality).

Through Renew My Church initiatives, the Archdiocese will re-commit our local Church to our gospel commission to make disciples, build vital communities of faith and inspire witnesses to bring the light and hope of Christ to a world in need. These mission imperatives guide all that we do in and through the efforts of renewal.

One initiative of Renew My Church is focused on increasing the vitality of our local communities. Cardinal Cupich has asked our parish to come together with the other parishes in our grouping to start a process of reflection, discernment, and planning to consider how we can collaborate and combine resources so that we are better equipped to bring Jesus Christ to the world today.

Let's acknowledge up front that change is not always easy, and renewal can be stressful. For many parishes, this renewal means some form of structural change, such as uniting with another parish. For others, it will be painful with the closure of a church or school. Our parish will likely not experience significant structural change; however we are called to examine our parish strengths, challenges and opportunities in order to focus on spiritual renewal and build a culture of evangelization.

Something new is certainly needed. Despite the valiant and beautiful efforts of so many pastors, lay leaders and ministry leaders, fewer and fewer people are encountering Jesus and experiencing Him in a parish community. Change we must, and it will involve frank discussions and some hard decisions to help all of our parishes invest in new ways of spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Over the course of a few months, our parish is going to work with Holy Name Cathedral Parish, Assumption Parish, St. James Parish, Old St. Patrick's Parish and St. Peter's Parish as part of a group to discuss, share, pray, and discern the best forms of collaboration to create a sustainable, vibrant and vital Catholic presence in our area.

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2021 CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERINGS

In memory of Fely Bentrez Ang

In memory of Charles Young
by Mrs. Mattie Young

In memory of David Alcorn, Jackie Cole and
Rosita Navarro *by Marisa Alcorn*

In memory of O'Malley and Capodice Families
by Michael and Dorothy O'Malley

In memory of deceased members of Vergara
and Seliga Families
by Vanessa Vergara and Joe Seliga

In memory of Eleanor Hood-Wynn
by Janine Mitchell

Donations for Flowers were also received from:

Ms. Carolina Hernandez

**Thank you everyone for your donations to enhance the
beauty of our church this
Christmas season in expressed or silent memory of
your loved ones.**

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Renewal always begins within our own hearts. As we open our hearts to the renewal process, we will pray the special Prayer for Renewal (found on our website and our parish app) throughout the upcoming months. I invite you to reflect upon each line of this prayer slowly and deliberately. Thousands of people across our Archdiocese and beyond are praying these words on behalf of our local Church. Allow this to become your prayer, as well.

Please reach out with any questions and feel free to visit RenewMyChurch.org to learn more about the vision for renewal in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Rev. Brad Schoeberle, CSP
Pastor – Old St. Mary's Church

THANK YOU!

The Social Justice and Service Committee would like to send out a huge **Thank You** to all the Old St. Mary parishioners who donated so generously to this year's Giving Tree. Although we were not able to see the smiling faces of the gift recipients this year, we know they are grateful.

We received over \$1,700 in gift cards, and nearly \$1,000 in cash donations, which was a tremendous response.

With your generous donations we were able to support 18 families from St. James Parish, that's over 50 children whose parents will now be able to buy them Christmas gifts. We were also able to sponsor a Christmas party for the residents of Envision.

With the creative help of OSM students, we decorated bags for the gift cards. Their artistic contribution made our gifts a little more festive for those at Zacchaeus House, Our Lady of Sorrows and Little Brothers, Friends of the Elderly.

Finally, we were able to donate 25 duffel bags to Kolbe House, to support their mission of helping those leaving the prison system to get a fresh start.

We are overwhelmed by the generosity of Old St. Mary's parishioners. Please know that your support has helped make Christmas a little brighter for many!

MASK REQUIREMENTS



The City of Chicago requires that face coverings be worn in all indoor public spaces for all individuals over the age of 2 regardless of vaccination status.

The Archdiocese of Chicago is aligning its guidelines with the current guidance of our public health authorities.

Therefore, when you enter the Old St. Mary's facilities (Church, School, Parish Center) for Mass or any other activities, you will need to wear a mask. The Greeting of Peace during Mass should be contactless outside immediate family or household members.

COVID-positive Parishioners

Since we are no longer requiring Mass registration, it is important to let us know if :

- you receive a COVID-positive diagnosis AND your symptoms started with 48 hours of attending Mass and/or a parish meeting, **OR**
- you receive a COVID-positive diagnosis and the date the test was administered was within 48 hours of attending Mass and/or a parish meeting.

Please send an email to dawn@oldstmarys.com or call the parish office, 312-922-3444, ext. 23.

We at Old St. Mary's are committed to keeping everyone safe and healthy.

Thank you for your care and compassionate help!
Fr. Brad Schoeberle, CSP, Pastor

TAX STATEMENTS



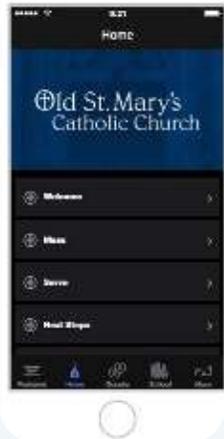
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The tax statements will be available through our parish app. If you have not downloaded the app as yet, please do so. You can find information regarding where to obtain the app below.

Emails advising you that your tax statement is ready will be generated from a Pushpay domain. Once generated, your statement remains available as part of your giving profile for 2 years.

For those of you for whom we do not have an email address, your statement will be mailed to you. Please make sure that we have your correct address. You can provide your current address information by calling the parish office, dropping a note in the collection basket or sending a note by mail.

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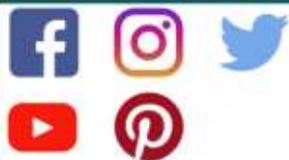
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Once in, you can upload a photo to your profile. This will be useful in the future if you belong to or join a group and interact with other members of that group.

Please direct questions to bulletin@oldstmarys.com.



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PLEASE NOTE

EVEN THOUGH MANY RESTRICTIONS ARE LIFTED AND WE ARE OPEN FOR FULL CAPACITY, THE **DISPENSATION FROM THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS ON SUNDAYS AND HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION IS STILL IN EFFECT.**
ALL OF OUR MASSES ARE LIVESTREAMED.

WAYS TO DONATE TO OLD ST. MARY'S

- 1. Pushpay - <https://pushpay.com/g/oldstmarys>
- 2. Zelle through your bank. Use email, give@oldstmarys.com
- 3. Text to Give - 1.833.245.6595 - text GIVEOSM (not case sensitive)

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Items submitted electronically are due by 5 PM on Mondays. The deadline is 11 AM on Monday, if you are unable send the item electronically.

Please Email items to bulletin@oldstmarys.com.

Thank You!

A NEW WAY TO GIVE

We have moved away from Give Central. Our new giving platform, is Pushpay.

It is different from Give Central and geared toward USER CONTROL. As such you will be able to keep track of your giving on your smartphone or computer as well as obtain your own giving statements. To begin using Pushpay as a way to share your treasure go to <https://pushpay.com/g/oldstmarys/> You can also access it from our website, our parish app or from this QR code.



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