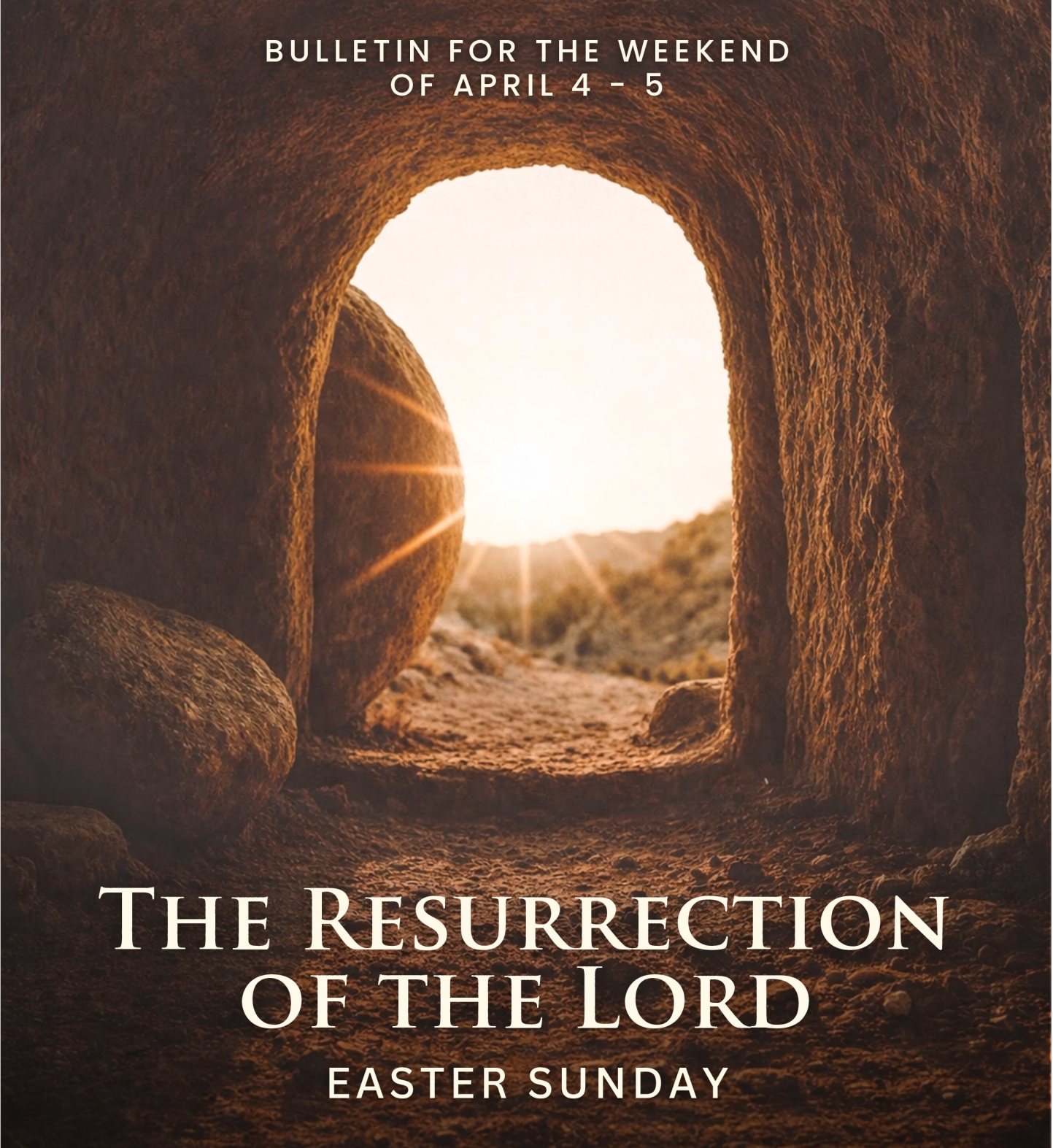


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Old St. Mary's welcomes and accompanies everyone on their faith journey. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, our diverse community encourages people to grow their relationship with Jesus Christ and one another through Eucharist, worship, prayer, education, and service.

BULLETIN FOR THE WEEKEND
OF APRIL 4 - 5



THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

EASTER SUNDAY

Established as Chicago's first Catholic Parish in 1833. Old St. Mary's Catholic School established in 2004. Served by the Paulist Fathers since 1903.

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PASTORAL MESSAGE

Happy Easter! Whether you are a regular participant in our community, visiting for the very first time, or returning after a long absence, we hope your participation in this celebration is a welcome reminder of God's great love for you. Please know that your presence alone strengthens our community - we are truly blessed to have you with us today.

Old St. Mary's Catholic Church, a ministry of the Paulist Fathers since 1903, is a place that welcomes and accompanies everyone on their unique faith journey. We are a diverse community encouraging people to grow in their relationship with Jesus. We invite you to join us just as you are—next Sunday, or any Sunday. Come get to know us: a community with a welcoming spirit. We don't always have our act perfectly together, on Sunday or in the rest of our lives, but we are trying. We are deeply thankful for God's grace on the journey, and we would love to have you walk alongside us. My husband, Jim and I moved to the south loop 20 years ago. We attended Mass and participated in three parishes in the area, before making OSM our home. The warm welcome we received here and the diversity of people has helped us to connect with others and enrich our faith. We hope you will make OSM your home, too.

The Witness of Mary of Magdala

In today's Gospel, we encounter Mary of Magdala, a woman whose life was profoundly transformed by Christ. Once burdened by "seven demons," she became a loyal disciple, standing firm at the foot of the cross and present at the burial. I have always held Mary of Magdala in high regard; despite being misunderstood, labeled, and marginalized, she never allowed the judgement of others to hinder her relationship with Jesus. I deeply admire her strength and her unwavering confidence in God's unconditional love. I often reflect on the people in my own life who do not feel "enough" in the eyes of others. I reach out to support and encourage them as I can.

On that first Easter morning, Mary approached the tomb wanting to complete the anointing of Jesus' body. Her heart was heavy with grief, and her mind was occupied by a practical worry: who would help her roll back the large stone in front of the tomb? But when she arrived, the stone—the barrier—had already been removed. By rolling away the stone, God demonstrated His power to remove every obstacle that stands between us and His love. God does not choose based on power or status; rather, He empowers the broken, offering us hope that no one is beyond the God's grace. I remind myself of this so often when I feel I could have done something more, or something better. God accepts me with my weaknesses and gives me strength to try again.

Rolling Away Our Own "Stones"

No fear, addiction, or shame is too heavy for God to move. Like Mary, who brought her whole self to the empty tomb, we are invited to experience the risen Christ. As the first witness to the Resurrection, Mary proclaimed "I have seen the Lord!" to the disciples, a message that still rings true today. The risen Jesus invites everyone into a personal relationship with him.

After years of alcoholism, isolation, and deep shame, my brother, feeling like Mary of Magdala—finally entered AA with an open heart. Through persistent prayer and the program, he experienced God's love and compassion. Today, he is filled with joy and loves to share how God has made him whole.

Stay Connected with Us

We want to walk this journey of faith with you. If you are looking for a spiritual home or simply want to learn more about our community, please use the postcard located in your pew or in the commons. Fill it out to let us know how we can help you feel better connected or if there is any way we can support you in your faith.

Let's show up together, encounter the risen Christ, and support one another as we move toward the light of the Resurrection. Welcome home.

Cathy Walz

Cathy is a parishioner, member of our Parish Pastoral Council, and helps with our youth ministry.

Upcoming Leadership Opportunities at Old St. Mary's (2026-2027)



We have great plans for the mission and ministries of Old St. Mary's in the upcoming year, and we invite you to consider sharing your gifts in leadership! We are looking for new members to begin serving on several boards and committees this fall:

We're looking for **6-8 volunteers to serve on a new Committee for Social Concerns** (this takes the place of the previous Social Justice Committee.) The CSC will meet monthly to coordinate all charity, advocacy, and justice activities supported by Old St. Mary's. The committee will serve as a central clearing house for all proposed social concerns activities for both the Parish and the School, organizing them in ways to enhance the service-learning opportunities for participants of all ages. Anyone interested in serving as an inaugural member of the CSC should check [this page](#) and then submit a statement of interest to FrRich@oldstmarys.com.

We're looking for **2-3 volunteers to begin serving 3-year terms on the Parish Pastoral Council in August**. PPC members meet on the second Monday of the month from 7-9 pm and assist in making strategic decisions. They also make an active effort to know the hopes, dreams, fears, and concerns of the full diversity of people in the Parish. Anyone interested should visit [this page](#) and then contact FrRich@oldstmarys.com. This year, we are especially interested in adding at least one person who regularly attends the 5 pm vigil Mass, as well as more people of color.

We're also looking for **1-3 volunteers to begin serving on the Finance Council in July**. Finance Council members meet on one Tuesday per quarter 6:30-8:00 pm to advise the Pastor about the stewardship, administration, and oversight of the temporal goods of the Parish. Anyone interested should visit [this page](#) and then contact FrRich@oldstmarys.com. Given the special skills needed to serve on the Finance Council, term limits are intended to be more flexible than our other councils/committees. This year, we hope to add at least one person who is familiar with standard accounting practices.

Lifelong Faith Formation Ministry Volunteers Needed!



As our parish faith formation programs continue to grow, we are in need of more volunteers to help support this work. It can feel daunting, but often it begins with a small stirring in the heart. If you feel even a gentle invitation to do more for the life of the parish, we encourage you to reach out.

Join our Sunday Faith Formation Team!

Volunteers are needed as catechists, assistants, substitutes, and admin helpers on Sundays from 9:45-10:45 AM. Not ready to lead? Assist an experienced catechist or help with simple classroom support.

Help with Faith Formation Events! Sacrament programs include retreats, parent meetings, and family sessions. Join our volunteer list to help as available with hospitality, check-in, and logistics, with opportunities to help lead.

Chat, Pray with, and Prepare Parents of an Infant Receiving Baptism. Greeters welcome families at Mass, and facilitators lead pre-baptism sessions using provided materials. Flexible commitment, about one evening every 1-2 months.

Join our Youth Ministry Team! Just bring a willingness to engage teens. Meets every other Sunday at 5 PM, with prepared Scripture and discussion questions.

Share Your Knowledge or Spirituality with Other Adults! Help us grow adult faith formation by offering a talk, discussion, or series. We'll support you in developing your ideas.

Read Scripture with Our Children (ages 3-8)!

During the 11 AM Mass, volunteers lead children in simplified Scripture and reflection before returning for Communion. Flexible, about once every 1-2 months.

Feel called to serve?

Contact Elise, our Director of Lifelong Faith Formation, at elise@oldstmarys.com



From the Pew to Participation Help with Our Liturgies!



Each week, our liturgies come to life through the prayer, presence, and generosity of so many in our community. The Mass is never something we simply watch, it is something we enter into together.

If you've ever felt a nudge to be more involved, this may be the moment to take a step! Whether you're drawn to music, hospitality, proclamation, or behind-the-scenes support, there's a place for you to serve and belong.

Old St. Mary's Choir

Love to sing? Join our choir, which leads music at the 11:00 AM Mass and rehearses beforehand. No professional experience needed, just a willingness to lend your voice.

Lector

Help proclaim the Word of God at Mass. Lectors prepare and prayerfully read the Scriptures, giving voice to the living Word in our midst.

Extraordinary Minister of Communion

Assist in the distribution of Holy Communion. This ministry offers a quiet but powerful way to serve at the heart of the liturgy.

Livestream Operator

Support our weekend livestreams by running cameras and software. A great opportunity for those comfortable with tech, or willing to learn.

Hospitality

Help us extend fellowship beyond the liturgy by bringing a simple food or beverage item to share after the 8:30 AM or 11:00 AM Mass.

Usher / Greeter

Offer a warm welcome at the doors, assist with seating and worship aids, and help with the collection. Often the first friendly face people encounter.

Interested? Contact Ace Gangoso, our Director of Liturgy and Music at ace@oldstmarys.com

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Are you curious about the Catholic faith or considering becoming Catholic? Whether you're unbaptized, baptized in another Christian tradition, or simply exploring, we'd love to walk with you. Reach out to Elise at elise@oldstmarys.com to learn more about the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA).

Are You in Your 20s or 30s?

Come connect with other young adults at Old St. Mary's! Our Young Adult Group gathers for faith, fellowship, and fun. We hope to provide a variety of programming to engage those in their 20s and 30s at OSM, whether it's small groups, service projects, or social events.

Scan the QR code to sign up for your young adult mailing list. Interested in organizing a young adult event? Email frdan@oldstmarys.com



Alleluia, Alleluia!

This Easter, we rejoice in a special way with those in our community who were baptized at the Easter Vigil, received into full communion with the Church, and those who completed their Sacraments of Initiation. We welcome you with great joy. Your "yes" to Christ is a gift to all of us, and your presence strengthens the life of our parish in ways you may not yet even realize. Thank you to Maryann Cushing and our OCIA Team, who so faithfully accompanied and prepared those who were received into the Church at the Easter Vigil.

Gianna Creanza, Sinai Robledo, Albert Zhang, Ian Cox, Amir Kenny, Abigail Laird, Jeff Owen, Sade Ragsdale, Brent Roberson, Jimmy Quinto, Richard Waller

We also extend our heartfelt thanks to all who made our Holy Week and Easter liturgies so meaningful. From those who helped prepare and decorate our church, to our lectors, ministers, musicians, livestream team, ushers, and hospitality volunteers, thank you for the care and generosity you offered. In so many ways, you helped make present the joy and hope of the Risen Christ through the life of this community.

In a particular way, we also offer our deep gratitude to Ace Gangoso, our Director of Liturgy and Music, for his dedication and leadership in coordinating the many liturgies of this sacred week.

Christ is risen, and we see that new life reflected in each of you. Thank you for helping make that visible here at Old St. Mary's!

The 2026 Spirit of Hecker Awards

SAVE THE DATE



Beth Toth 2026 OSM Recipient

• Saturday, April 25 •
after the 5:00 PM Mass

Join us for a buffet dinner on Saturday, **April 25**, after the 5 PM Mass as we honor **Beth Toth** for living out the charism of Fr Isaac Hecker, founder of the Paulist Fathers. Beth has been a parishioner, school parent, school nurse, and volunteer extraordinaire for the past 20 years. An RSVP is required (scan QR code).



New Paulist Productions film on Easter Sunday!

BASEBALL: BEYOND BELIEF

is the new documentary which explores the surprising similarities between baseball and religion in a way that helps viewers appreciate both more deeply and richly.

Featuring MLB celebrities Joe Torre, Curtis Granderson, Chip Carey, and Shawn Green, BASEBALL: BEYOND BELIEF is a feel good film in the best Paulist tradition of advancing the conversation between the sacred and the secular.

Easter Sunday, April 5
4 pm EST / 1 pm PST
on FOX SPORTS ONE.



BASEBALL

BEYOND BELIEF

Who We Are:

**The Paulist Fathers
at Old St. Mary's**



At Old St. Mary's, we are served by the Paulist Fathers, a community of Catholic priests founded in 1858 by Isaac Hecker. From the beginning, the Paulists have been a missionary society, dedicated to sharing the Gospel in ways that speak to the world we live in today.

Our mission is rooted in reaching out, especially to those who may feel distant from the Church, and creating spaces of welcome, conversation, and encounter. We believe that God is already at work in people's lives, and we seek to meet people there, walking with them as fellow pilgrims of faith.

Here at Old St. Mary's, that mission takes shape in simple but meaningful ways, in the way we gather for worship, in the relationships we build, in our openness to questions, and in our desire to be a parish where all can find a place to belong.

Whether you've been here for years or are just beginning to explore faith, know that you are part of this story! And we are glad you're here.

Learn more at www.paulist.org

SAVE THE DATE

Support the Annual Paulist Appeal

Each year, the Paulist Fathers invite us to support their mission of evangelization, reconciliation, and reaching out to those on the margins. On the weekend of April 18-19, parishioner **Cathy Walz** will share a few words about the appeal and how you can be part of this important work. To learn more or make a gift online, visit paulist.org/apr. Please make sure to credit your donation to Old St. Mary's!

Thank you for your support of
our Paulist mission!



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 5

8:30 AM Iluminada Espiritu (+)
10 AM Jaime Imbag (+)
4 PM Stephen Oleszkiewicz (+)

Monday, April 6

8:30 AM Mary Kay Quinn

Tuesday, April 7

8:30 AM Joseph Corritore (+)

Wednesday, April 8

8:30 AM Jennie Corritore (+)

Thursday, April 9

8:30 AM All Souls in Need

Friday, April 10

8:30 AM Voss Nguyen (+)

Saturday, April 11

5 PM Lorraine & Laverne Rohr (+)

OLD ST. MARY'S YOUTH MINISTRY

Grade 8-12

Snacks & Fellowship! Faith Discussions!
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NEXT MEETING

April 19

Sunday evenings,
every other week
5:00-6:30 PM, the commons

QUESTIONS? CONTACT
Elise Flick
elise@oldstmarys.com



New to Old St. Mary's?

Welcome! We're glad you're here. If you haven't yet registered as a parishioner, we invite you to do so—it's a great way to stay connected and get involved in our community.

Register at bit.ly/osm-registration or scan the QR Code



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Council #182 of Knights of Columbus invites all Catholic men over the age of 18 to join us in our monthly meetings.

Our next meeting is on Sunday, April 19 in the Van Buren Room (2nd Fl. Parish Center) at 9:45 AM.

Knights of Columbus is an International Charity Organization focused on helping out local parishes. Please come and meet with us as we help our OSM community in any way it needs. We are growing as a Council and are excited to see you at our next meeting!"



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SACRAMENTS

MASS TIMES

Monday – Friday 8:30 AM

Saturday 5:00 PM Vigil

Sunday 8:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 4:00 PM

Holy Days *contact parish office*

BAPTISM

<http://oldstmarys.com/baptism/>

- To request a copy of your baptismal certificate, email baptisms@oldstmarys.com

MATRIMONY

<https://oldstmarys.com/weddings/>
Please contact Fr. Rich or Fr. Dan

RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday from 4:00 – 4:30 PM,
or contact Fr. Rich or Fr. Dan

ANOIDING OF THE SICK

Every First Friday during the 8:30 AM Mass,
or contact Fr. Rich or Fr. Dan

CONFIRMATION

Inquire at <https://oldstmarys.com/confirmation/>

FUNERAL

Please contact Fr. Rich or Fr. Dan

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Friday after the 8:30 AM Mass

Signup for Our Email Newsletter!

We publish an email newsletter every Thursday that covers events going on for the weekend and following week at Old St. Mary's. Please note: if you've ever unsubscribed from our list, you'll have to give us your permission add you back!



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For urgent needs (Anointing of the Sick or Confession), please continue to call the parish office directly at 312-922-3444.



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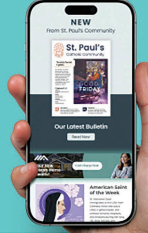
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