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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.

Corpus Christi & The Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time



**BULLETIN FOR THE WEEKENDS
OF JUNE 6-7 & 13-14**

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PASTORAL MESSAGE

Five Loaves, Two Fish, and a Kid from Belize

When I was younger, I never imagined that one day I would be spending a summer at Old St. Mary's in Chicago as a Paulist seminarian. I grew up in Belize, a small and beautiful country in Central America and the Caribbean, surrounded by family, faith, culture, and a strong sense of community. Later in life, I moved to Taiwan, where I spent many years studying business and eventually completed a PhD in Management. Along the way, I also worked as a teacher and became deeply involved in parish life. Looking back now, I can see that God was quietly guiding and feeding me long before I understood where He was leading me.

That is one reason why the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, the celebration of the Body and Blood of Christ, speaks to me so personally. Although this year's Gospel comes from John 6, where Jesus says, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven," I also find myself reflecting on the miracle of the feeding of the five thousand. In that story, the disciples immediately focus on what is lacking: not enough food, not enough money, not enough resources. In other words, they see limits. But Jesus sees possibility. He takes five loaves and two fish, something that seemed completely insufficient, and somehow transforms them into abundance.

I think many of us live our faith that way. We often feel like we do not have enough to offer. Not enough knowledge. Not enough holiness. Not enough confidence. Sometimes we think God only works through the strong, the perfect, or the fully prepared. But the Eucharist reminds us of something very different. God works through ordinary things: bread, wine, human hands, and human stories. And somehow, through grace, they become something much greater.

If I am honest, that has also been my own experience of vocation. I did not come from a theology background, nor did I grow up imagining myself as a seminarian or future priest. My life has taken unexpected turns across countries, languages, and cultures. Yet little by little, through parish communities, friendships, mentors, prayer, and moments of quiet grace, God kept calling me forward.

One of the things I have loved most about parish life is seeing how ordinary people live extraordinary faith. I have seen exhausted parents still bring their children to Mass. I have seen immigrants carry deep struggles while continuing to trust in God. I have seen parishioners quietly pray for one another, support one another, and continue showing up with faith even during difficult seasons. To me, that is also Corpus Christi.

The Body of Christ is not only something we receive. It is something we become together. Every Mass reminds us that Jesus does not simply feed us spiritually and send us away unchanged. He sends us out to become bread for others through kindness, presence, forgiveness, encouragement, and love.

Therefore, as I begin this summer at Old St. Mary's, I come not with all the answers, but simply with a desire to serve, learn, and walk with this community in faith. Like the disciples in the Gospel, I still sometimes focus too much on what seems small or insufficient. But Jesus continues to remind me: place what you have in my hands, and I will do the rest. Somehow, that is enough.

Please feel free to say hello after Mass or introduce yourself if we cross paths around the parish this summer. I look forward to getting to know the Old St. Mary's community and walking together in faith.

Marvin Ruano (mruano@paulist.org)

Marvin is a Paulist Seminarian serving at Old St. Mary's through August 11. He completed his first year of theology studies this past year at Catholic University of America in Washington, DC.

PART-TIME BUILDING ENGINEER

JOB DESCRIPTION

We are seeking a reliable and experienced Part-Time Building Engineer to assist with the overall maintenance and operation of our campus which includes the Church, School and Parish Center.

This position offers flexible days and hours, averaging approximately 40 hours per month. The ideal candidate will help oversee larger maintenance projects, coordinate repairs, and ensure major building systems remain in good working order. Would be perfect for somebody semi-retired. There is full-time maintenance staff to assist with daily activities and maintenance.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Monitor and maintain building systems including HVAC, plumbing, electrical, and general mechanical equipment
- Assist with planning and overseeing larger maintenance and repair projects
- Coordinate with outside contractors and vendors as needed
- Perform routine inspections to identify maintenance needs and safety concerns
- Help keep preventative maintenance schedules on track
- Troubleshoot building issues and perform minor repairs when necessary
- Maintain maintenance records and communicate project updates
- Ensure the property remains safe and operational

QUALIFICATIONS

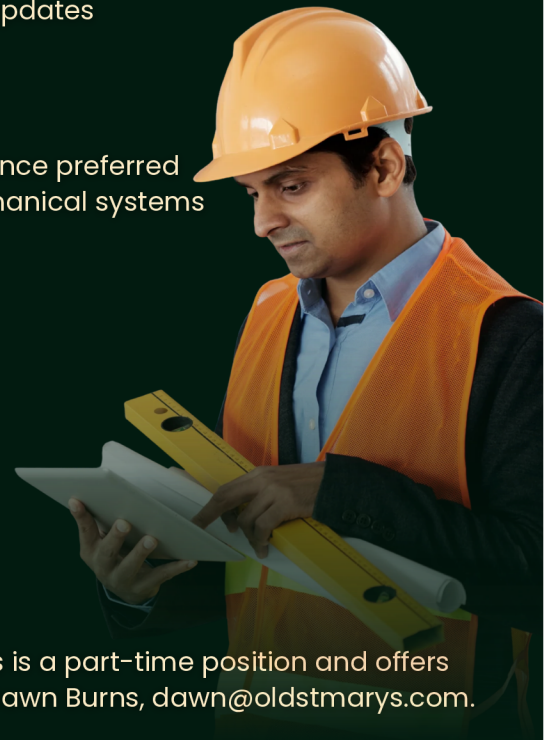
- Previous building maintenance or building engineer experience preferred
- General knowledge of HVAC, electrical, plumbing, and mechanical systems
- Strong problem-solving and organizational skills
- Ability to work independently and manage priorities
- Good communication and contractor coordination abilities
- Reliable, flexible, and responsive to maintenance needs

SCHEDULE

- Part-time position
- Flexible days and hours
- Approximately 40 hours per month

COMPENSATION

- Compensation based on experience and qualifications. This is a part-time position and offers no benefits. Salary range \$35 hr to \$55 hr. Send resume to Dawn Burns, dawn@oldstmarys.com.



BELOVED

Praying with LGBTQ+ Catholics

Thursday, June 25 | Mass at 7:00 pm

Old St. Patrick's Church | 700 W Adams St.

Join us in the church for a night to pray with LGBTQ+ Catholics. Through music, scripture, and reflection, we will offer a space for shared prayer during this special time. No matter where you are in your journey of faith, know that you are invited and welcome here as beloved children of God.

YOUNG Adults

For those 18-39!



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, June 21

Social after the 4:00 PM Mass

Wednesday, July 1 | 6:00 PM

Evening Mass followed by dinner

Thursday, July 23 | TBD

Outdoor gathering, possibly a concert at Grant Park

Friday, July 31 | 6:00 PM

Evening Social (location TBD)

Wednesday, August 5 | 6:00 PM

Evening Adoration and Talk

Scan the QR code to sign up for the Young Adult mailing list and stay in the loop. We hope to see you this summer!



Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus – June 11

On Thursday, June 11, the U.S. bishops will invite Catholics throughout the country to join in a prayer of consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. For Catholics, devotion to the Sacred Heart is a way of contemplating the love of Christ, a love that is merciful, patient, and poured out for the life of the world. We join this prayer in a spirit of humility and hope, asking Christ to shape our hearts more fully after his own, so that we may be people of peace, compassion, and care for one another. All are welcome to join in this prayer. Scan the QR code to learn more.



Free Legal Clinic at Old St. Mary's Hosted by Chicago Volunteer Legal Services (CVLS)

Next Clinic: June 20

9:30–11:30 AM | Church Lobby

Free legal services are available for individuals who meet CVLS's income eligibility requirements. Common legal matters include wills, powers of attorney, small estate affidavits, adult guardianship, and consumer issues.

Attorney Volunteers Needed!

CVLS is seeking Illinois-licensed attorneys to take on cases in the areas listed above. New volunteers attend a brief orientation and are covered by CVLS malpractice insurance. To volunteer or learn more, contact: Kathy Koester | (312) 332-7521 | kkoester@cvls.org

Knights of Columbus Hospitality, June 21



On Sunday, June 21, Knights of Columbus Council #182 will host hospitality after the 8:30 AM Mass. This will also coincide with the Knights' monthly meeting, which takes place on the third Sunday of each month at 9:45 AM. All parishioners are warmly encouraged to stop by and enjoy some hospitality.

Council #182 is the oldest Knights of Columbus council west of the Allegheny Mountains and is now in its 130th year, all right here at Old St. Mary's. Under the steady guidance of our chaplain and Brother Knight, Fr. Rich, the council continues to grow and welcomes new men who are interested in joining and serving the OSM community.

UPDATES ON FACILITIES AND FINANCE

Lighting, HVAC, and Building Fund (funded by Capital Campaign)

In the fall, Old St. Mary's participated in the Archdiocese of Chicago's Generation to Generation: Answer the Call capital campaign. Our continued thanks to everyone who has made pledges to G2G! We have received \$1.71M in 5-year pledges. The Archdiocese sends us our portion of what is collected quarterly. As of April, the Archdiocese had collected \$495K (29%) of the pledges, half of which (\$256K) is available for Old St. Mary's.

Our first priority is fixing the lighting in the church, which we have estimated could cost \$300K. We have been in discussion with a variety of vendors and consultants over the past several months, but we finally have enough money to comfortably begin paying for whatever the right course of action will be.

Our second priority is replacing the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system for the church. Because our 24-year-old HVAC does not appear to be in danger of imminent failure, the best approach is to finalize the design of the new lighting system first, so that the HVAC system can be designed in response to the electrical load for the lighting.

After the lighting and HVAC costs are finalized, our hope is that we will have enough G2G funds left over to create a maintenance fund to address smaller repairs needed as our buildings begin to age. Meanwhile, we continue to address as many needs as we can. Pew kneelers are being repaired. The fire doors for the restrooms are being replaced. AT&T will no longer service our phone lines, so we will be switching to a new system this summer. Pavers are being replaced in the back parking lot. Plans for addressing the alley flooding are on hold while we await details on repaving plans from the City of Chicago. We have also begun assessing the audio/video capabilities in the church sanctuary, with particular attention to improving sound intelligibility and reinforcement throughout the space. This assessment will help us better understand what updates may be needed now and in the years ahead.

If we collect at least \$1.64M of the pledges, the parish will receive \$1.00M (that's 50% of the first \$1.05M collected, plus 80% of the next \$594K). If the parish receives \$1M, we will designate \$100K for school priorities. Please keep in mind that in these kinds of campaigns, it is typical that only 80-85% of the pledges are collected.

It's not too late to make a pledge to G2G! To learn more, see bit.ly/osm-gentogen from the fall. You can also email lauren@oldstmarys.com to request printed materials or an appointment with Fr. Rich. When you're ready to pledge, visit gentogen.archchicago.org, and make sure to select "Old St. Mary's Parish" under Parish Designation.

Organ Replacement (funded by the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal)

Thank you again for your generosity to the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal! We exceeded our goal by \$35K. Most of that was rebated back to the parish, which was nearly enough to cover the costs of replacing our organ. Originally purchased in the early 1980s for a church in Michigan, then installed at the previous location of Old St. Mary's (Van Buren & Wabash), moved to our current location in 2002, and using electronics from the 1950s, our analog digital organ has not been operational for the past 16 months. While it could be repaired inexpensively, that organ has many delicate parts that are no longer available. Rather than purchase a brand new digital electronic organ for \$80K, we were able to purchase a slightly used one from a Unitarian Universalist church in the suburbs. It is currently in storage and will be installed the week of June 22.

Not-So-Great-News about the 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal

Our goal for the 2026 ACA is \$60K, but as of May 19, we have only received pledges for \$50K and collected \$40K. Any shortfall will be taken out of the parish budget at the end of 2026. To make a pledge, please visit bit.ly/osm-apagive, and make sure to select "Old St. Mary's Parish" under Parish Designation.

Thanks for all that you do to support the community of Old St. Mary's!

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, June 7

8:30 AM Loretta Elia (+)
11 AM Inocencia Aiyedun (+)
4 PM People of the Parish

Monday, June 8

8:30 AM Voss Nguyen (+)

Tuesday, June 9

8:30 AM Sean Shanahan (+)

Wednesday, June 10

8:30 AM Mary Jane Oleszkiewicz (+)

Thursday, June 11

8:30 AM Marion McFadden (+)

Friday, June 12

8:30 AM Marion McFadden (+)

Saturday, June 13

5 PM Admitzi Daclan

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, June 14

8:30 AM Patrick & Allison Reisch
11 AM Marion McFadden (+)
4 PM People of the Parish

Monday, June 15

8:30 AM Joseph Pham & Martha Tran (+)

Tuesday, June 16

8:30 AM Franklin Joson (+)

Wednesday, June 17

8:30 AM Evans Cudgo (+)

Thursday, June 18

8:30 AM Marcos Fogata (+)

Friday, June 19

8:30 AM Apolonio Q. Agujo (+)

Saturday, June 20

5 PM Myrna Tiongco

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



Interested in the Catholic Faith?

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Are you looking to celebrate the sacraments of initiation, Baptism, Eucharist, or Confirmation? Old St. Mary's welcomes inquirers for our next cohort of OCIA, the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. OCIA is a safe and welcoming space to explore faith, ask questions, and discern how God may be inviting you to take the next step.



We would be happy to accompany you. To learn more, please email ocia@oldstmarys.com.

July
24-26
2026

The Paulist Fathers
Come & See
Discernment Retreat
at The Church
of Saint Paul the Apostle
in New York City

For more information and to register, contact:

Paulist Fr. Ed Nowak, C.S.P., Vocation Director

✉ vocations@paulist.org

📞 (917) 763-7899

🌐 beapaulist.org/comeandsee



The Chicago Paulists are happy to defray costs related to the come & see retreat for men seriously considering going. Please contact Fr. Rich or Fr. Dan!

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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!



COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

Our Ministers of Care are available to bring the Eucharist to those who cannot attend Mass in person. To request a visit, please fill the form at bit.ly/osm-communionvisit or scan the QR code.

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

Want to help with our Ministry of Care?
Email careministry@oldstmarys.com



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