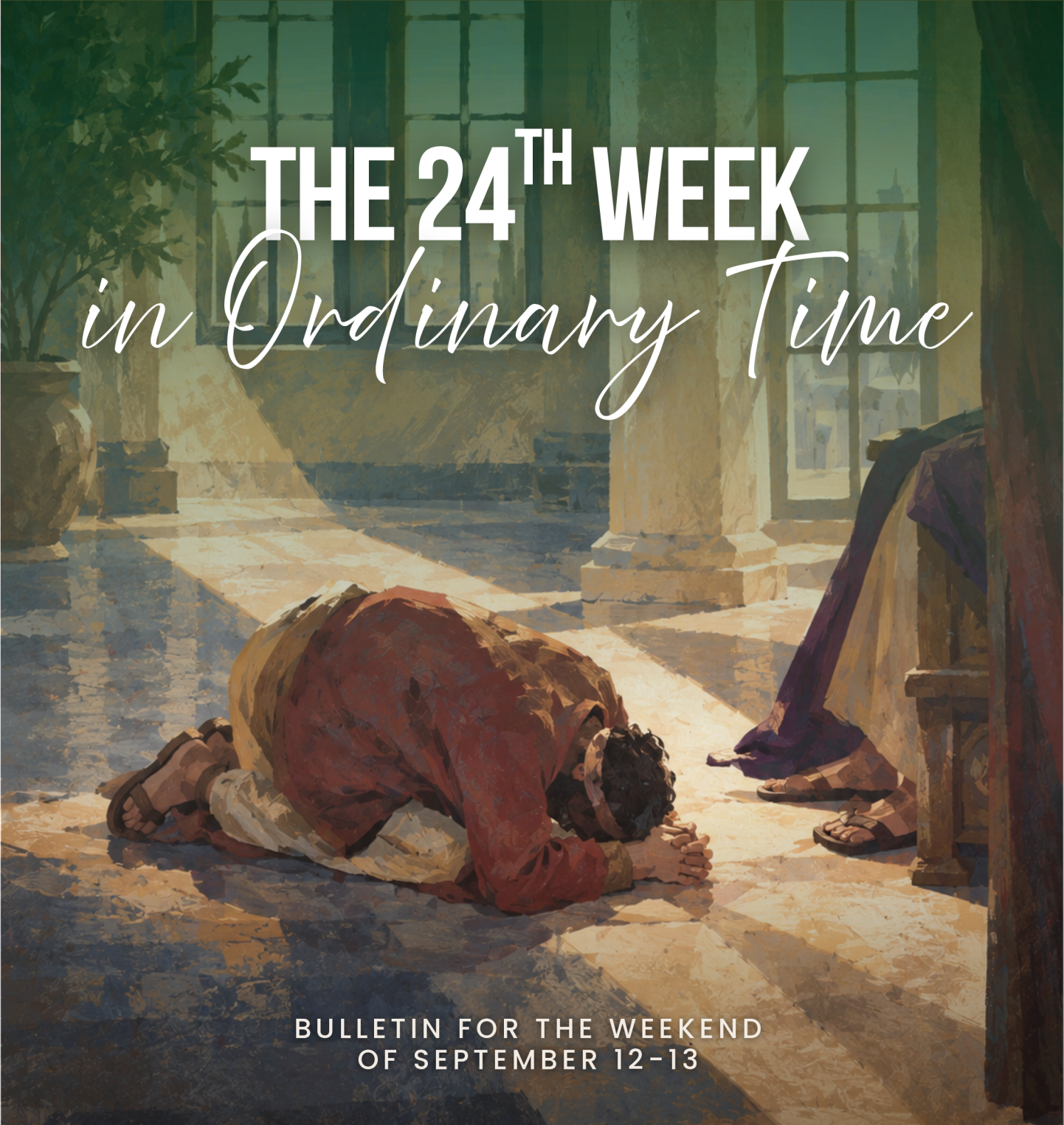


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Old St. Mary's welcomes and accompanies everyone on their faith journey. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, our diverse community encourages people to grow their relationship with Jesus Christ and one another through Eucharist, worship, prayer, education,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



THE 24TH WEEK *in Ordinary Time*

BULLETIN FOR THE WEEKEND
OF SEPTEMBER 12-13

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We Are Not Meant to Live Just For Ourselves

When I was thinking about what to write for my first reflection as the new parish counselor, I kept coming back to one verse from the second reading: *"None of us lives for oneself"* (Romans 14:7).

That line resonates with me because, throughout my life, some of the moments when I have felt most grounded, supported, and at home have been the moments when I have felt connected to other people.

I am the first in my family born in America, and I grew up on the East Coast before moving to Chicago for graduate school. Moving to a new city has been so exciting, but it has also reminded me that finding a sense of belonging doesn't always happen automatically. There were moments of loneliness, moments of rejection, and moments of feeling like this city would never be my home. I have leaned heavily on community throughout my life, and especially when I moved to Chicago. The Jewish community here became an important source of connection for me- a place where I could meet people, build relationships, and begin to feel at home in a new city.

That experience, along with my passion for people, has shaped the way I think about both faith and psychology. In my practice, I have become deeply interested in relationships, empathy, and human connection, and in the ways our relationships and communities shape how we experience our lives. We are influenced by the people around us, sometimes positively and sometimes not so much. They affect how we view ourselves, each other, and the world around us. But just as the people around shape us, we also shape the people around us. Sometimes a simple conversation, a welcoming gesture, a smile, or knowing that someone will notice when we are not there can make an enormous difference.

For me, being a person of faith is connected to that sense of relationship. Faith is not only something we experience privately; it can also be something that calls us into relationships with one another. It can remind us that we are part of something larger than ourselves and that none of us are meant to navigate life entirely on our own.

That is part of what I hope to bring to my work as a psychologist. Therapy can offer a space to slow down, reflect, and talk honestly about the things we may not always have space to talk about elsewhere. Whether someone is experiencing grief, relationship difficulties, anxiety or stress, a major life transition, questions about faith, or simply a difficult season of life- sometimes having another person sit with can help us feel a little less alone.

I think about that often when I return to the words, *"None of us lives for oneself."* To me, they are an invitation to pay attention to the people around us, to the ways we show up for one another, and to the moments when someone might need us to simply be present. We may never know how much a small act of kindness, a conversation, or simply noticing someone can mean to another person. And maybe that is part of what it means to live in a relationship with one another, to recognize that our lives are deeply connected, even in ways we may not always see.

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AN INVITATION FROM *the* Paulist Associates

**Come and learn about Paulist Charism,
Spirituality and Mission, and how it
relates to the Paulist Fathers and Paulist
Associates here at Old St. Mary's!**

Saturday September 19, 2026

12 - 4:30pm

2nd Fl. Parish Center

Refreshments will be served

All parishioners are welcome!



APPLY NOW!



WE'RE HIRING!

Our school is looking for several individuals to fill extended day employee positions for this school year!

1. Extended Day teacher for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade classes - Hours are 3pm-6pm. Pay is \$21/hour. Teachers not only supervise, but also help with homework, provide arts and crafts activities, supervise outdoor recess and dismiss students to parents.

2. Extended Day Front Desk Assistant - Hours are 3pm-6pm. Pay is \$22/hour. Assistant inputs names of students attending after school by grade, interacts with parents picking up students, calls down each student, then removes students from the after school computer system.

We are looking for individuals to fulfill these positions anywhere from 1 day to all 5 days.

If interested, please send an email with resume and contact info to:

Stephanie Hagerman (Extended Day Supervisor)
shagerman@osmschool.com; (312) 386-1560 (Ext. 100)



THE ORDER OF **CHRISTIAN INITIATION**

Whether you're curious about the Catholic faith, looking for a place to ask questions, or feeling drawn to take a next step, OCIA is a place to begin. The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is a welcoming journey for adults who are exploring Catholicism, seeking baptism, or considering becoming fully Catholic. Come with an open heart and a willingness to explore!

In practice, OCIA is a commitment: participants gather weekly for prayer, conversation, learning, and community. We'll start with going to Mass together, will be dismissed after the homily, and then learn together for an hour.

Our 2026-2027 Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) cohort begins Sunday, September 13. Interested adults should contact our OCIA Team Lead, Paula McQuade, at ocia@oldstmarys.com. Children and Teens should contact our Director of Lifelong Faith Formation, Elise Flick at elise@oldstmarys.com.



Plan to **Hang Out** After the Masses on **September 19 & 20!**



*Good
Conversation
Brighter
Community*

- Join us for hospitality in the commons after all 4 Masses next weekend! While you talk with friends and introduce yourself to newcomers, be sure to do the following:
 - check out the ministry fair to learn about many volunteer opportunities at OSM
 - purchase Chicago Shares
 - make a donation towards the Tootsie Roll Drive
- All Masses will feature a quick presentation from the Finance Council.
- 11 am Mass includes a blessing of catechists, including school staff.

**Sunday
Sept. 27**

Connection+ Celebration:

AGLOChicago's
2nd Annual Archdiocese

**Family Resource Reception
and LGBTQ+ Family Mass**



One Family. One Community. One Church.

Celebration

Following the resources reception, our 7:00 p.m. Sunday Mass will be dedicated to parents and family who have stood by us, honor family members who are no longer with us, and show appreciation for chosen families who have carried us. The Mass will end with a special blessing dedicated to our families, friends and those who accompany and support LGBTQ+ loved ones.

**A warm invitation to all our families
to join AGLO at our Sunday 7:00 pm Mass**

Sunday, September 27

LGBTQ+ Family Mass at 7:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

708 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago

Parking lots east of the church, next to the Sulzer Public Library branch and west of the church, next to the school.

To register for the reception, **scan this QR code.** For details, email Angelina: angelina@aglochicago.org.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Tootsie Roll Drive



The Knights of Columbus will be **"shaking the can"** for their Annual Tootsie Roll Drive after all Masses September 19–20. The drive supports programs serving individuals with developmental disabilities, with proceeds from Old St. Mary's going directly to the Ray Graham Training Center, located in our neighborhood at 2347 S. Wabash Ave.

Ray Graham is a Chicago Public Schools transition center serving young adults with disabilities, helping students build greater independence and prepare for fuller participation in their families and communities.

**Scan the QR Code
to Donate**



CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING

As we begin a new year of Confirmation preparation, we invite parents to join us for a Confirmation Parent Meeting on **Wednesday, September 16 at 6:00 PM in the Church.** This gathering is **required for parents of 7th grade students** who will be confirmed this year, and optional for 6th grade parents whose children begin the first year of preparation. We'll share important dates and expectations, and talk about how we can work together to support our young people as they continue to grow in faith and prepare for Confirmation.

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11 AM Mass at Old Saint Mary's Parish

2 PM Buddhism 101 Meetup at Chicago Buddhist Center



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Many volunteers are needed on Saturday morning, Sunday morning, and Sunday afternoon. OSM School families can sign up on Volgistics; OSM parishioners can email patti@oldstmarys.com.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 13

8:30 AM Paul Byrne (+)

11 AM Wilma Daclan

4 PM People of the Parish

Monday, September 14

8:30 AM Rosie Talentino

Tuesday, September 15

8:30 AM Victoria & Ramon Sanchez (+)

Wednesday, September 16

8:30 AM Melvin Lucero (+)

Thursday, September 17

8:30 AM Lilia Delos Reyes

Friday, September 18

8:30 AM Andy Melleski (+)

Saturday, September 19

5 PM Loretta Campbell (+)

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RENEWAL WORKSHOPS | FALL 2026

Telling your faith story

**Wednesday,
September 30**

12 – 2 p.m. or

7 – 9 p.m.

Online



For more information
and to register:

renewmychurch.org/renewal-workshops



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



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! Email Fr. Dan to have your email address reinstated.



Our Website Has Changed!

You may have noticed that our parish website has a new look!

www.oldstmarys.com

We welcome comments & suggestions to make the website more useful for our community.

Please send feedback to
parishoffice@oldstmarys.com

Save the Date *Looking Ahead*

Wednesday, September 30 (6:30 PM)
Christian Unity Prayer Service
(4th Presbyterian)

Saturday, October 3 (11:00 AM)
Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, October 3 (6:30 PM)
OSM School Oktoberfest

Sunday, October 18 (12:00 PM)
Count Me in - Chicago Bears Watch Party

November 6-8
Paulist Come & See Discernment Retreat
(Washington, DC)

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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

ANOIDTING 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



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