

⌄ld St. Mary's Catholic Church

A MINISTRY OF THE PAULIST FATHERS 

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 25TH WEEK *in Ordinary Time*

BULLETIN FOR THE WEEKEND
OF SEPTEMBER 19-20

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

Stewardship: From Ledger to Ladder!

Hi! Jim Walz here, until recently a volunteer with a green eye-shade poring over the ledgers on the OSM Finance Committee, now wearing a hardhat and climbing the ladder on the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

My wife, Cathy, and I joined the parish in 2004 when the church building was nearly new – only 2 years old! But as it approaches its 25th birthday next year, major systems in the church are now beyond their useful life. You've seen reduced light levels in the church as the original high-temperature fixtures literally burn up inside. New, cool-running LED fixtures with new controls and dimmers will make it possible for everyone to read our worship aids, improve overall lighting for liturgies in the church and gatherings in the commons, and reduce utility costs for lighting—and air conditioning!

Buildings and Grounds is also exploring options for improvements in the church when the time is right. An exciting example to complement preaching and professionalize live-streaming of the Good News—a professional system for video viewing and recording, with improved audio. These communication platforms are now as essential in churches as air conditioning.

Today's readings have a simple, straightforward message for me. Jesus is looking me straight in the eye and saying, "You, too, go to work in my vineyard!" "Help me spread and strengthen the faith!" He's saying, "You're hired"—and just like the gospel, the reward is based entirely on His radical generosity, not on hours clocked. Each of us has received a full day's wage in the form of the unbounded love of our Father and the generous reward of eternal life, the same reward as Our Lady, St. Joseph, and all the great saints.

How do you respond to the blessing of this calling, of being hired to work in the vineyard—to share the Good News!? Some of us are able to roll up our sleeves. Some of us are able to increase our contributions to the parish to maintain and improve our facilities. Some of us can do both of these—and all of us can pray!

Drawing on my Finance Council experience, I am inviting each of us to prayerfully consider if an increase in offertory giving to strengthen the ledgers is possible. You'll read in the Community Impact Statement that there was an overall increase last year, much of which came from families who increased their giving. Thank you! And from Buildings and Grounds, know that your continuing or increased financial support will steady the ladder as we undertake projects to restore failed systems beyond ongoing maintenance of our church, school, parish center, and grounds.

I can assure you that the Finance Council and the Building and Grounds Committee have been and will continue to be good stewards of all that you have and will contribute in any form to our parish community here at Old St Mary's. With your response to this invitation, we will continue to spread the Word of God so others too, can learn about and experience the unbounded love of our Father.

To adjust your online giving or view our Community Impact Statement, please visit www.oldstmarys.com or scan the QR code in the bulletin.

Peace,

Jim Walz

SAVE THE DATE

COMING UP NEXT WEEK!

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WE SHINE**

**ROOTED &
RISING**

OLD SAINT MARY'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PRESENTS



FALL FESTIVAL

SUN

9.27.26

12 PM - 2 PM

**SGI-USA CHICAGO
BUDDHIST CENTER**

SOUTH PARKING LOT

1455 S. WABASH AVE CHICAGO, IL

Come and mingle with community members for exciting performances, food, games, and heartfelt connection. All SGI-USA & OSM members and friends are welcome!

Want to learn more about our neighbors? Join us!

11 AM Mass at Old Saint Mary's Parish

2 PM Buddhism 101 Meetup at Chicago Buddhist Center



SGI-USA
Soka Gakkai International-USA
Buddhist Association for Peace, Culture & Education

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We are in need of volunteers to help with the event! OSM School families can sign up on Volgistics; OSM parishioners can email patti@oldstmarys.com.

Saturday, September 26 (Day Before)

1:00 – 3:00 PM | Need help setting up for event

Sunday, September 27 (Day of Event)

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM | Help with Grilling Food
11:45 AM – 12:45 PM | Help with Welcome Table
11:30 AM – 2:30 PM | Help Serve Food at Buffet Line
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM | Help with Clean Up

Our 2026 Community Impact Statement IS NOW AVAILABLE!

We invite you to take a copy and spend some time reading about the many ways our Old St. Mary's community has grown, served, welcomed, and responded to God's call over the past year, as well as some of the hopes and priorities guiding us into the year ahead.



Please pick up a copy after Mass and join us in giving thanks for all that God is doing in and through Old St. Mary's. How might God be inviting each of us to share our gifts and talents for the building up of our OSM family?



**SAVE
THE DATE**

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



24th Annual Noche de Gala

Friday, October 2, 2026 | 6 p.m.
The Westin Chicago Northwest
400 Park Boulevard, Itasca, IL 60143

Registration is Now Open!

Tickets \$100/seat

Deadline: Mon., Sept. 21

Pay via OSM Pushpay portal -
(use Noche de Gala Fund)



Rosa Sanchez Castillo

2026 Instrumentos de Paz y Justicia Award
for Old St. Mary's



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



**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.



A SPACE FOR CONNECTION & REFLECTION



THE CLARET CENTER
PSYCHOTHERAPY & RESOURCES
FOR THE HUMAN JOURNEY

September 30th, @ 9:30am
In the Wabash Room

A SMALL GROUP GATHERING FOR
CONVERSATION, SUPPORT, AND MEANINGFUL
CONNECTION WITH OTHERS- ALL ARE WELCOME!

**LED BY ELIZABETH:
PARISH COUNSELOR**

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Lectio Divina Group

2nd & 4th Thursdays of the Month

Join us for **Lectio Divina**, an ancient Christian practice of prayerfully reading and reflecting on Sacred Scripture. Lectio Divina invites us to slow down, listen, and allow God's Word to speak to our lives in the present moment. Through reading, silence, reflection, and prayer, we become more attentive to how God may be speaking to us through Scripture today. Our group is led by Aimee Tracy.

Fall Dates: 9/24, 10/8, 10/22, 11/12

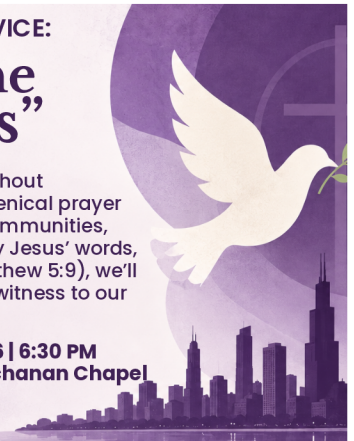


CHRISTIAN UNITY PRAYER SERVICE:

"Blessed Are the Peacemakers"

Join Christians from churches throughout Chicagoland for an evening of ecumenical prayer for peace in our world, nation, city, communities, families, and one another. Inspired by Jesus' words, "Blessed are the peacemakers" (Matthew 5:9), we'll pray across Christian traditions and witness to our unity in Christ. All are welcome.

- **Wednesday, September 30, 2026 | 6:30 PM**
- **Fourth Presbyterian Church, Buchanan Chapel**
115 E. Delaware Place, Chicago



Discounted evening parking is available for \$11 at the 900 North Michigan Shops Garage, 911 N. Rush Street. Pick up a validation card at the church welcome desk.

City of Welcome

A Teach-in on Catholic Solidarity and the Journey of Migration

What kind of neighbor will we be? In a time when migration and refugee issues can feel overwhelming and deeply personal, our faith calls us to greater compassion and action. Join ICSJ Parish, Old St. Pat's, and the Coalition for Spiritual and Public Leadership for **City of Welcome**—a day of education, advocacy, and communal prayer focused on migrant and refugee justice in Chicago.



Saturday, October 3 • 9am-4pm
Old St. Pat's Church & Fellowship Hall

Opening Mass with Cardinal Cupich • Panel Conversations • Practical Workshops • Volunteer Fair • Lunch



Registration is required and spaces are limited. Scan the code to register, or visit the City of Welcome webpage, below, to explore the schedule, speakers, workshops, and more.
icsjparish.com/city-of-welcome

City of Welcome
2026 Hosts



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 20

8:30 AM Ed Voss (+)
11 AM Andy Melleski (+)
4 PM People of the Parish

Monday, September 21

8:30 AM Jose Bullecer (+)

Tuesday, September 22

8:30 AM Choleng Abregana (+)

Wednesday, September 23

8:30 AM Nenita & Ceron Tiongson (+)

Thursday, September 24

8:30 AM Andy Melleski (+)

Friday, September 25

8:30 AM Marvin Lucero

Saturday, September 26

5 PM Nena Fogata (+)

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

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 **Paula McQuade** (ocia@oldstmarys.com) to learn more about the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA).

OCIA sessions meet every Sunday from 9:45 - 10:45 AM.



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 our young adult mailing list!



A PAULIST YOUNG ADULT PILGRIMAGE

TAKE COURAGE.

I have overcome the world.

John 16:33

World Youth Day 2027 Theme



**World Youth Day 2027
Seoul, South Korea
August 1 - 10, 2027**

Are you 18-39?

We're gauging interest in a Paulist Young Adult pilgrimage to World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul, bringing together young adults from the communities the Paulists serve!

Scan the QR code to express interest - we're in the middle of planning next steps! Join us in Seoul!



Scan to Express Interest
in WYD 2027!

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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/>

MARRIAGE

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

CONFIRMATION

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

RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday from 4:00 - 4:30 PM,
or by appointment with 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

FUNERAL

<https://oldstmarys.com/funeral/>

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Friday after the 8:30 AM Mass



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