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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 26TH WEEK

— IN ORDINARY TIME —

BULLETIN FOR THE WEEKEND
OF SEPTEMBER 26-27

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

Embracing an Expanding Sense of Community

This weekend, we welcome the members of the Soka Gakkai International-USA Cultural Center, who have been invited to join us for Sunday Mass. To our neighbors from SGI, welcome — we're glad that you're here! Please feel free to let the people around you know that you've never been to Mass before, and they will gladly help you understand what's happening as we worship together.

Interestingly, the very first formal, major interfaith gathering in history — the First World Parliament of Religions, including Buddhists and Catholics — took place close to where SGI and Old St. Mary's are now located. It was held at what is now the Art Institute of Chicago during the 1893 World's Fair. Even though the Paulist Fathers were not yet serving as the Catholic priests at Old St. Mary's, they came to Chicago to participate in the Parliament. As the first community of Catholic priests founded in the United States, Paulists have long held that the Catholic Church has gifts for the United States, and vice versa. In 1965, the Second Vatican Council published its groundbreaking document on interfaith dialogue, *Nostra Aetate*, which was written primarily by Paulist Father Tom Stransky, and inspired in part by the religious diversity of the United States. The document declares:

In promoting unity and love among people, indeed among nations, the Church considers what people have in common and what draws them to fellowship.... Buddhism, in its various forms, realizes the radical insufficiency of this changeable world; it teaches a way by which people, in a devout and confident spirit, may be able either to acquire the state of perfect liberation, or attain, by their own efforts or through higher help, supreme illumination.... The Church exhorts its members, that through dialogue and collaboration with the followers of other religions, carried out with prudence and love and in witness to the Christian faith and life, they recognize, preserve and promote the good things, spiritual and moral, as well as the socio-cultural values found among these people.

In the spirit of this document, the Paulists have always been bridge builders. This is evident in Old St. Mary's 2nd annual **Community Impact Statement** published last weekend. If you did not have a chance to pick up a copy, please pick one up in the commons today. You can also find it online via the QR code on page 3 of the bulletin.

An important word shows up on almost every page of the document: **community**. In this post-pandemic period, during the pontificates of Popes Francis and Leo, the Holy Spirit invites us to consider new ideas about what it means to "belong" to our community. **Old St. Mary's excels at helping people understand that they belong.** Our community includes all sorts of people! Those who worship with us include Catholics who question their faith and non-Catholics who find meaning in joining us for worship. Our School includes Catholic families registered at other parishes and non-Catholic families. We're expanding our service and social partnerships with local organizations — including the SGI Buddhists — realizing that we can accomplish more as a united community.

As you peruse the many events promoted in this week's bulletin, consider how many of them are devoted to this expanded sense of community. Learn how to share your faith story; join us for ecumenical dialogue at Fourth Presbyterian Church; invite your neighbors — whether or not they are Christian — to come have their pets blessed; help us welcome visitors from around the globe in cheering on Marathon runners. As we say in the Community Impact Statement: **"A continued commitment to community will be the lifeblood that sustains the progress we have made in the past few years."**

Rev. Richard R. Andre, C. S. P.
Pastor

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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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Please note that because of the OSM/SGI-USA Fall Festival, there will be no hospitality at the 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM Masses on September 27.

**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.

**Building a Church
GROWING A COMMUNITY**

**Community
Impact Statement**
for Fiscal Year 2026
(July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026)

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?

**Blessing
of the
Animals**

**Saturday, October 3
11:00 AM**

NATURAL DISASTER COLLECTION

We will take up a second collection this weekend (**Sept 26-27**) for victims of environmental disasters in recent months: earthquakes in Venezuela & Colombia and landslides in Nepal & Tibet. Donations can also be made online through **October 4** using the QR code below (**fund: Natural Disaster Collection**).

We will send your donations through Catholic Relief Services to reach local organizations assisting in each location.

*Give
Hope
Today*



Oktoberfest

Old St. Mary's School

Saturday, October 3 | 6:30 PM

Calling all family and friends of OSM! You are cordially invited to attend our Annual OSM Oktoberfest, which brings our close-knit community together for fellowship, fun and connection at the beginning of the school year. This beloved tradition also helps raise funds for the **OSM Blue Ribbon Fund**, which supports and empowers exemplary teaching and learning in our school. Every family's involvement and contribution help us reach our goals and directly impact the quality of education and safety we provide our students.

Early Bird Tickets

\$100

Regular Tickets

\$125

Includes a commemorative OSM Oktoberfest glass stein or wine glass, all-you-can-eat German food and dessert buffet, all-you-can-drink beer, wine & cocktails, entertainment, games, and prizes.

Learn more and buy tickets using the QR code!





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
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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.



Help Our Children Hear God's Word!

We are in real need of volunteers to help with Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 11:00 AM Sunday Mass. This is a simple but powerful way to help the children of our parish hear and understand God's Word in a way that is accessible and meaningful to them. **No previous experience is necessary**, and all materials are provided. You can even prepare just a few minutes before Mass!

Interested in helping?

Contact Elise Flick at elise@oldstmarys.com or learn more at www.oldstmarys.com/childrens-liturgy-of-the-word.

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



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Join us on Sunday, **October 11**, as the Chicago Marathon comes right past Old St. Mary's! We expect plenty of spectators and visitors along S. Michigan Ave., and we're looking for volunteers to help us offer some OSM hospitality.

Come cheer on the runners and help us distribute water and treats to our neighbors and visitors!

OSM School Families: Sign up through Volgistics.

OSM Parishioners: Email patti@oldstmarys.com to volunteer.

Cheer on the
Chicago Marathon!

Go
Chicago!

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!

(please note that deadline has passed to buy group tickets through OSM. You may still buy tickets through the Archdiocese, but we cannot guarantee group seating).



Rosa Sanchez Castillo

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 27

8:30 AM David Alcorn (+)
11 AM Eleanore Ann Thole (+)
4 PM People of the Parish

Monday, September 28

8:30 AM Emilia Joson (+)

Tuesday, September 29

8:30 AM Colombiano Sanvi (+)

Wednesday, September 30

8:30 AM Eugenio Joson (+)

Thursday, October 1

8:30 AM Stephen Oleszkiewicz (+)

Friday, October 2

8:30 AM Solidat Jacot (+)

Saturday, October 3

5 PM Donald Ryan (+)

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 Sundays after the 11am Mass.



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

ANOIDTING 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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