Old 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 27TH WEEK *in Ordinary Time*

BULLETIN FOR THE WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 3-4

United We Shine, Rooted and Rising
Fall Festival with SGI-USA Buddhist Center
September 27, 2026

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PASTORAL MESSAGE

An Autumn Invitation

Fall is another busy season for our parish! Whether you recently joined our ministry fairs, the fall fest with our welcoming Buddhist neighbors, or plan to attend Oktoberfest, you are invited to join together in community. The many opportunities for fellowship is one of the reasons I love OSM—but it took time to find it.

When I first moved here in 2007, I was looking for a new church. While anchored by a Catholic upbringing, my faith had evolved over the years. I wasn't sure what my adult faith journey would be in Chicago, but I was seeking a more engaging, spiritual experience of peace, hope and joy.

I took a leap of faith and attended Mass one Sunday at OSM. We didn't know anyone at the time, but we appreciated the warm, local, Paulist welcome. We registered as parishioners and watched the school build its current building from the ground up. Weekly Mass became an investment in my faith journey and community, one that made me feel more energized for the week ahead.

By 2017, Tom and I were parents starting to visit preschools. We visited several, but knew during our tour of OSM that we found the warm, welcoming environment we wanted for our children. We didn't know any other families when our oldest started, but that next leap of faith brought us the community we needed.

At a gathering in the church commons that summer, Father PJ introduced us to a new family so we didn't start the new year alone. That August, Dom walked bravely into the side gate at 3 years old with his new buddy (thank you Father PJ for the escort in!). During Back-to-School nights, Oktoberfests and school and church volunteer events, we met more incredible families who, over time, became an extended family—one that loves and supports through many challenges of life.

These moments of **community** are a way the Holy Spirit showed me examples of God's peace, hope and joy. I feel God present when we gather together, sing along to Ace's beautiful music arrangements, watch students grow in the Catholic faith, and mostly in the blessings that come back tenfold when I take time to serve. It all started with being open to the invitation.

Admittedly, accepting the invitation takes faith. When we're not sure of the path ahead, it's not always easy to "give it to God" —- but as St. Paul writes to the Philippians (and us): *Brothers and sisters: Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.*

Wherever you are in your faith journey, our church will meet you there. Check out this year's Community Impact Statement to read about all the ways OSM is making an impact, where the Holy Spirit is calling us next, and ways you can join the invitation: **https://oldstmarys.com**. There is much to celebrate as one community of faith in the South Loop. All are welcome!

Angie

Angie Campone is a current member of the Parish Pastoral Council. She and her husband Tom have been parishioners since 2007 and have a 7th and 4th grader at OSM school. Go Knights!

Catholic YOUTH MINISTRY at OSM



Begins October 4
after the 4pm Sunday Mass

8th-12th Graders are invited to join us for our kickoff meeting, where we will be voting on the activities and faith conversations our Youth Ministry will take part in for the rest of the semester.

Youth Ministry meets every two weeks on Sunday evenings, 5:15-6:45pm.
Short registration form required.
$25 for the whole year!

Dates for Fall 2026

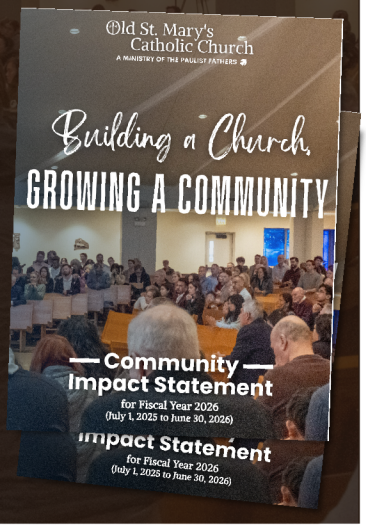
- October 18, 2026
- November 1, 2026
- November 15, 2026
- December 6, 2026

register here

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?



Lectio Divina Group

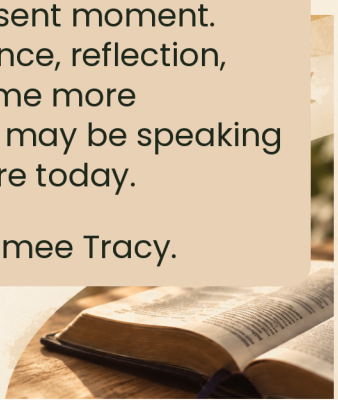
2nd & 4th Thursdays of the Month
9:15 - 10:00 AM

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.

Upcoming Dates:
10/08, 10/22, 11/12





ANNUAL BLESSING OF Chicago Marathon Runners

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10
@ 5:00 PM VIGIL MASS

Cheer on the Chicago Marathon!

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!

We are especially looking for hospitality help between 12:30 - 2:00 PM!

OSM School Families: Sign up through Volgistics.
OSM Parishioners: Email patti@oldstmarys.com to volunteer.

Go Chicago!



SAVE THE DATE

In Celebration of the Feast of

Our Lady of Guadalupe

SATURDAY, DEC. 12, 2026
OLD ST. MARY'S CHURCH | 8:30AM

Join us for Mass with mañanitas followed by a brunch reception with live music by Cielito Lindo Trio

VOLUNTEER

DONATE

QUESTIONS: OLG@OLDSTMARYS.COM

SAVE THE DATE

Some events happening at Old St. Mary's!

Sunday, October 4 (5:15 - 6:45 PM)
OSM Youth Ministry (Church Commons)

Thursday, October 8 (9:15 - 10:00 AM)
Lectio Divina Group (2nd Fl. Parish Center)

Saturday, October 10 (5:00 - 6:00 PM)
Blessing of Marathon Runners (during Vigil Mass)

Sunday, October 11 (9:30 AM - 2:00 PM)
Cheer Marathon Runners (S. Michigan)

Saturday, October 17 (9:30 AM)
CVLS Clinic (Commons)

Tuesday, October 20 (4:30 - 6:00 PM)
Catholic Charities Dinner (off-site)

November 6 - 8
Paulist Come and See Retreat (off-site)

Tuesday, November 10 (9:15 AM)
Care at the End of Life Seminar (2nd Fl. Parish Center)

Saturday, November 21 (9:30 AM)
CVLS Clinic (Commons)

Saturday, December 12 (8:30 AM)
Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

Friday, December 18 (6:30 PM)
Simbang Gabi Celebration

Remembering St. Francis of Assisi: 800 Years

On October 3, Franciscans traditionally celebrate the *Transitus* of St. Francis, prayerfully remembering his passage from this life into eternal life. This year's Transitus is especially significant, marking the 800th anniversary of St. Francis of Assisi's passing in 1226.

Pope Leo XIV, reflecting on this anniversary, reminds us that Francis' vision of peace embraced not only our relationships with one another, but all of God's creation:

> *"The Franciscan vision of peace is not limited to the relations between human beings, but also embraces the whole of creation. Francis, who calls the sun "brother" and the moon "sister", who recognizes in every creature a reflection of divine beauty, reminds us that peace must be extended to the entire family of Creation. This insight resonates with particular urgency in our time, when our common home is threatened and cries out under exploitation. Peace with God, peace among human beings and with creation are inseparable dimensions of a single call to universal reconciliation."*

Happy Feast Day of St. Francis!



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 4
8:30 AM Michael Dennis Daclan
11 AM Colin McKenna (+)
4 PM People of the Parish

Monday, October 5
8:30 AM Rustico Joson (+)

Tuesday, October 6
8:30 AM Generosa Cadimas & Severo Laranang (+)

Wednesday, October 7
8:30 AM Matthew & James Nguyen (+)

Thursday, October 8
8:30 AM Socorro Joson (+)

Friday, October 9
8:30 AM Nedy Jaxon

Saturday, October 10
5 PM Nick Suero (+)

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 mailing list!

Next Young Adult Event:



Fall Wine & Cheese Social

Sunday, October 25 after the 4PM Mass

Tuesday Night Supper at Catholic Charities



Next Dinner:
Tuesday, October 20 | 4:30 – 6:00 PM
Catholic Charities – 721 N LaSalle Drive

Join us in serving a warm meal to our neighbors at Catholic Charities' Tuesday Supper. Volunteers will help prepare and serve dinner for guests in need.

Children under 15 welcome with a parent or guardian.

Scan the QR code to register

We are gratefully accepting donations to help offset the cost of this and future dinners. Future opportunities to volunteer will be announced soon. To support this and future meals, donate via an offertory envelope ("Social Justice" in memo line) or online at pushpay.com/g/oldstmarys (use fund: "Social Justice")

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Every contribution at Old St. Mary's nurtures our faith community and supports those in need. Your generosity: through donations, volunteering, or outreach, makes a difference.

Scan the QR code,
or give online at
https://oldstmarys.com/donate/

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

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

FUNERAL
https://oldstmarys.com/funeral/

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Every Friday after the 8:30 AM Mass

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