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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 28TH WEEK *in Ordinary Time*

BULLETIN FOR THE WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 10-11

Annual Blessing of the Animals
October 3, 2026

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PASTORAL MESSAGE

A call to Consecrated Life by following in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi

You might have found yourself in a situation where you had to choose between what other people expected of you and what you believed God was asking of you. You might have wondered whether you were making the right choice or whether you deserved the path ahead. My own vocation began with that same struggle. My name is Praveen, and I was born and raised in India. I am a member of the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin. When I reflect on my vocation, the words of Jesus in John 15:16 come to mind: "You did not choose me, but I chose you." Through experience, I have learned that vocation does not begin with our plans for God but with the loving call God makes to us. Since childhood, I have wanted to become a priest. I still recall pretending to say Mass with my family and friends, thinking then that I was the pastor of a parish. I grew up among priests and religious sisters, and their lives often inspired me. My parents raised me in the Catholic faith, and I served as an altar boy until ninth grade.

However, my parents hoped I would become a doctor. After finishing the tenth grade, I became less interested in church activities and struggled to decide which vocation to pursue. To meet my parents' expectations, I sat for the NEET, the entrance exam for medical studies in India. With God's help, I passed. My parents and relatives were pleased, but I did not feel the joy I had anticipated. Rather, I began to ask myself whether I had made the right choice. At times, I resisted what I felt God was asking of me. Nevertheless, God did not leave me. Looking back, I realize that even though I was uncertain, He kept calling me gently. In the end, I decided firmly to become a priest. My parents were initially unhappy but later accepted my decision. I joined the Franciscan Capuchin Order. The decision did not settle every question. There have been periods when I have struggled to feel God's presence and love. Yet Jesus' words help me answer those questions. That He said, "I chose you," does not mean you have no weaknesses. Rather, it reminds you that God knows your weaknesses and has still called you.

Inspired by St. Francis of Assisi, I want to respond to that call by living a life of simplicity, humility, and service. I have come to realize that people can make mistakes in choosing their path, but God remains faithful. He can act through those who feel inadequate or unworthy, helping them become the servants He has called them to be. My story of vocation is still unfolding, and I do not have all the answers. I am different now because I no longer regard my uncertainty and weakness as excuses to withdraw from God's call; instead, I try to believe God can act through them. I keep responding to His call as a Capuchin friar by aiming to live a life of simplicity, humility, and service. Since God has already chosen you and loves you, how are you going to respond to Him today?

Blessings,

Br. Praveen Gabriel, OFM Cap.

Br. Praveen is a Capuchin student friar who is currently studying for his Masters of Divinity at Catholic Theological Union. He will be ministering at OSM this academic year as part of his formation for the priesthood. ***Welcome, Br. Praveen!***

Catholic YOUTH MINISTRY at OSM



Next Date: October 18, 2026 - "Body Builders!"

after the 4pm Sunday Mass

Warm up those muscles, because our next Youth Ministry Night will be "Body Builders"! We'll be running relays and exploring how the Church is led, from the Pope to the bishops and priests – and how every one of us has a role in building up the Body of Christ.Come with your questions, your curiosity, or just come hang out. All students in Grades 8–12 are welcome!

Youth Ministry meets every two weeks on Sunday evenings, 5:15-6:45pm.
All students in grades 8 - 12 are welcome!
Short registration form required. $25 for the whole year!

Dates for Fall 2026

- **November 1, 2026**
- **November 15, 2026**
- **December 6, 2026**

register here

Our 2026 Community Impact Statement IS NOW AVAILABLE!

Learn more by scanning the QR code or picking up a copy of the statement in the commons!





Thank You!

Thanks to everyone who made it to our Annual Blessing of Animals! Scan the QR code to view more photos, or head to www.oldstmarys.com

Oktoberfest Thank You!

A big thank you to Ogge and Nancy Scheiber for a fun and festive OSM School Oktoberfest! We're also grateful to the many volunteers who gave their time and energy to make the evening such a wonderful success.

Proceeds from Oktoberfest support the Blue Ribbon Fund, which helps empower exemplary teaching and learning at Old St. Mary's School.

Want to keep the celebration going?

Consider making a gift to the Blue Ribbon Fund by scanning the QR code or visiting osmschool.com/giving.

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

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QUESTIONS: OLG@OLDSTMARYS.COM

Save the Date:

Simbang Gabi

at Old St. Mary's

Friday, December 18
(Mass at 6:30 PM,
followed by *Filipino Fiesta)*

Please note that

Monday, October 12

is a Holiday (Indigenous Peoples' Day / Columbus Day). Parish offices and school will be closed.

We will celebrate Mass at 8:30 AM; doors will open at 7:55 AM.

Soul to Seoul

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027

PAULIST FATHERS

August 1 - 10, 2027 | Seoul, South Korea

The Paulists are taking young adults ages 18-39 to World Youth Day 2027. Join us for the pilgrimage of a lifetime!

ZOOM INFO SESSIONS TO LEARN MORE:

MONDAY OCT. 12	SUNDAY OCT. 18

5 PM PACIFIC · 7 PM CENTRAL · 8 PM EASTERN

We'll provide info on our exciting itinerary, trip costs, fundraising and scholarships. If you haven't yet, fill out our interest form to get Zoom details (bit.ly/paulists-wyd2027 or scan the QR code). NOTE: sessions will be recorded for those unable to attend live.

REGISTER HERE

QUESTIONS? contact pilgrimage chaplains:



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Domestic Violence Awareness Month

As people of faith, we are called to stand with those who are vulnerable. Domestic violence affects families in every community, including ours. This October, under the theme **"With Survivors, Always,"** we affirm that survivors deserve to be believed, supported, and never alone.



We'll be sharing resources in the bulletin and parish boards offering support, safety, and hope for anyone experiencing harm or walking with someone who is.

Need help? You are not alone. Call the 24/7 National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) or text "START" to 88788.

Week 1 Highlight: Resource for faith-based leaders and communities. Visit https://www.thehotline.org/faith-based-communities/ or scan the QR code.

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Save the Date - Some other events happening at OSM and elsewhere!

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

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

Thursday, October 22 (9:15 - 10:00 AM)
Lectio Divina Group

Wednesday, October 28 (9:30 - 10:30 AM)
"Finding Meaning" Workshop (w/ Elizabeth Milman)

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

Tuesday, November 10 (9:15 - 11:00 AM)
Care at the End of Life Seminar (w/ Fr. Bob Cary)

Winter Clothing Drive

Help keep our neighbors warm this winter! We are collecting **new or gently used winter clothing** for both adults and children.

ADULT WINTER CLOTHING

South Loop Community Table

We are collecting adult-sized men's and women's coats, hats, gloves, scarves, boots, and blankets, as well as sturdy suitcases and duffel bags.

South Loop Community Table, a ministry of Care for Friends, provides a weekly Sunday meal, hospitality, and resources to neighbors in need in our South Loop community at 2nd Presbyterian down the street from OSM.

CHILDREN & YOUTH WINTER CLOTHING

Cradles to Crayons

We are also collecting new or gently used winter clothing for children and youth to support Cradles to Crayons, which provides clothing and other essential items to children and families experiencing need throughout Chicagoland.

Drop off donations in the bins in the Commons from **October 17 through November 15**. Thank you for helping our neighbors stay warm this winter! Email **socialjustice@oldstmarys.com** for more information.



Thanks

to everyone who organized, volunteered, and made possible our first ever celebration with our neighbors at the SGI-USA Buddhist Center!



Scan the QR code to view more photos, or head to www.oldstmarys.com

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 11
8:30 AM Patrick & Allison Reisch
11 AM Bridget Burke (+)
4 PM People of the Parish

Monday, October 12
8:30 AM Peter Soldanha

Tuesday, October 13
8:30 AM Miron Gumanay (+)

Wednesday, October 14
8:30 AM Frank D'Souza (+)

Thursday, October 15
8:30 AM Lorraine Payton (+)

Friday, October 16
8:30 AM Cleofe Garcia & Nora Portugal

Saturday, October 17
5 PM Andy Melleski (+)

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 **www.oldstmarys.com** 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.

Flu Shot Clinic on Sunday, October 25

Walgreens will host a flu shot clinic at Old St. Mary's on Sunday, October 25, from **9:30 AM to 12:30 PM** in the **Parish Center**. Stop by and get your flu shot as we head into the colder months! No registration required - just walk in! Please bring your insurance card.



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")



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:



Sunday, October 25 after the 4PM Mass

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.

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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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