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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 29TH WEEK *in Ordinary Time*

BULLETIN FOR THE WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 17-18

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PASTORAL MESSAGE

How Would Jesus Vote?

The question placed before Jesus this weekend is controversial: should Jews pay the census tax? The Pharisees weren't just opposed to the Roman tax; some said that the Roman **coins** themselves were idolatrous. The coins bore the image of the emperor Tiberius Caesar, who was widely worshipped as a god. That is why money changers were needed in the temple area – so that Jews who had Roman coins could change them into Hebrew shekels before paying the Temple tax. In the time of Jesus, however, the Roman Empire accommodated the Jews' religious concerns. They made some Roman coins without the image of Caesar on them.

I think Jesus' brilliance is not so much in what he **says** as it is in what he **shows**. These particular Pharisees – who claim to be so pious – are bringing coins into the Temple area that are not only Roman, but also imprinted with the idolatrous image on them.

Jesus seems to be endorsing that Jews need to pay the tax. Even these Pharisees – with serious objections about the Roman occupation of Jerusalem – had to use Roman coins to negotiate day-to-day living in Judea. I don't think that Jesus is saying that Church and state can or should be cleanly separated from one another. All things belong to God; however, some things belong to the state, too.

How do we determine our exact responsibility to the state? Jesus doesn't say.

This brings us to the contentious issue of political elections. How would Jesus vote? Elections are complicated. In most circumstances, our choices are between politicians who each hold a mixed bag of good and bad values. Sometimes we have to "hold our nose" and vote for the "least-bad" candidate. Nevertheless, the Church is clear: we citizens have the responsibility to inform ourselves and to vote. That takes work! Early voting has already begun, so let's get to it!

Let's keep in mind the seven main themes of Catholic Social Teaching:

1. Life and Dignity of the Human Person
2. Call to Family, Community, and Participation
3. Rights and Responsibilities
4. Option for the Poor and Vulnerable
5. The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers
6. Solidarity
7. Care for God's Creation

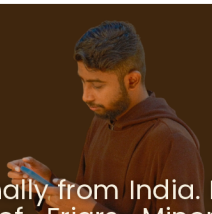
In light of the teachings of Jesus, the Church endorses an array of policy positions all over the political spectrum. Some Church positions are considered by the majority of Americans to be quite conservative, and others are judged to be quite liberal. As Catholics, we are **not** supposed to just choose the positions that agree with our preferred political party and ignore the rest.

What belongs to Caesar, or to the federal, state, or city government? That calls for constant discernment on our parts. Let's keep in mind that we each have a responsibility to build up the kingdom of God in all aspects of our lives.

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

WELCOME

Br. Praveen Gabriel, OFM Cap!



My name is Praveen, and I'm originally from India. I am a member of the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin and am in my ninth year of religious life. On June 5, I professed my solemn vows, making a lifelong commitment to the Capuchin Order. After completing seven years of formation in India, I moved to the United States in 2025.

My educational background includes studies in philosophy and a bachelor's degree in English. I am now pursuing a Master of Divinity (M.Div.) and an M.A. in Systematic Theology at Catholic Theological Union as I prepare for ordination, and this year I am serving as an intern. I'm grateful for the opportunity to be here, meet new people, and learn through hands-on experience as I prepare for my future ministry.

Help us welcome families celebrating baptism!

Baptism is a joyful occasion in the life of our parish, and we're looking for volunteers to help welcome and accompany families as they celebrate this special moment!

Our **Baptism Hospitality Ministry** is in need of volunteers at the **8:30 and 11:00 AM Sunday Masses**. Volunteers arrive about 30 minutes before Mass to help reserve pews, welcome families, walk them through what to expect, and assist the priest during the celebration.

If you regularly attend either of these Masses, this is a wonderful and easy way to share your time and help make an important moment in a family's faith journey even more special. Interested in helping? Contact Lauren at **lauren@oldstmarys.com**.



Help Us Keep Children's Liturgy of the Word Going!

Every time we offer Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW) at our 11:00 AM Sunday Mass, we are delighted to see so many children eager to participate! But we need your help to keep this wonderful ministry going.

We don't currently have enough volunteers to offer CLW consistently, and we would love to change that! No teaching experience is necessary, and all materials are provided! Please consider giving a little of your time to help make this ministry possible for our children. You don't have to commit to every Sunday, and your presence can make a real difference! Email **elise@oldstmarys.com** to sign up.

Congratulations Marathon Runners!

Congratulations to all the runners who took to the streets of Chicago this past Sunday! Several parishioners and friends of OSM ran the race. We were delighted to open our church doors to hundreds of visitors throughout the day. Some stopped in for a moment of prayer, many needed a restroom break, and others simply a chance to escape the sun.

Thank you to all our volunteers who made hospitality possible! Many were so grateful for us opening our doors. View some photos online by scanning the QR code

We're Hiring! Pastoral Associate for Communications & Outreach

Old St. Mary's seeks a Pastoral Associate for Communications & Outreach who will help connect people to the life and mission of the parish, both within our community and beyond it.

Old St. Mary's is a diverse community committed to welcoming and accompanying people wherever they may be on their journey of faith. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we seek to help people deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ and one another through worship, prayer, education, and service (Parish Mission Statement). As the oldest parish in the Archdiocese, now worshiping on its sixth site, the parish has continually adapted to meet the changing realities of the city, seeking to proclaim the Gospel in ways that meet the communities that we serve. We strive to be a community that goes forth, meeting people where they are and creating opportunities for encounter, belonging, and participation in the life of the Church.

The Pastoral Associate for Outreach & Communications helps foster this culture of encounter and connection. Through outreach, hospitality, communications, digital media, and storytelling, this person helps make the life of Old St. Mary's visible and accessible to newcomers, parishioners, school families, volunteers, and the wider South Loop community.

Working collaboratively with parish staff, school leadership, ministry leaders, volunteers, and parishioners, the Pastoral Associate helps ensure that parish life is communicated clearly and cohesively, that people can readily discover ways to participate, and that Old St. Mary's increasingly reflects one community gathered together and sent forth in mission. **Scan the QR code for more information!**

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.

Parish *Ofrenda* Altar

Remember your departed loved ones in our parish *ofrenda altar* in the Commons. Bring photos, preferably framed, to the ofrenda between **Oct. 21 to Nov. 1**.

Please label them with your name and phone number. The *ofrenda* will be in our commons throughout November.

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.

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



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

Finding Meaning Workshop

Wednesday, October 28 (9:30 - 10:30 AM)

Join our Claret Center intern, Elizabeth Milman, for a workshop on "Finding Meaning." We'll explore some of the different things that can give our lives a sense of meaning and purpose, including relationships, values, service, spirituality, faith, and personal growth.

It will be an interactive and reflective workshop with some discussion and activities, and people can engage with the topic from wherever they are in their own lives and beliefs.

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!

Dates for Fall 2026

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

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!

register here

Save the Date on Some Other Events!

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

November 7 (10:00 AM)
Memorial Mass for Scotty Baise

November 12 (9:15 AM)
Lectio Divina Group

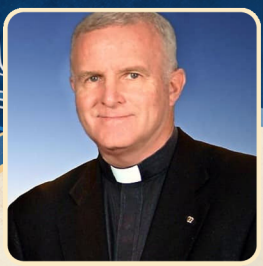
November 21
Archdiocesan Listening Session (hosted at OSM)

November 21
CVLS Legal Clinic

December 2, 9 & 16 (9:30 AM)
Fear Not Angels are Coming - Advent Program

December 18 (6:30 PM)
Simbang Gabi Mass & Celebration

Care at the End of Life: A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE



A Seminar *with* Fr. Bob Cary, CSP

Tuesday, November 10
(9:30 - 11:30 AM)

Making decisions about medical care, especially as we or our loved ones approach the end of life, can raise difficult questions. How does our Catholic faith guide us in making these decisions? What should we consider when planning for our own care or accompanying someone we love?

Join **Fr. Bob Cary, CSP,** for a two-hour seminar exploring Catholic teaching on care at the end of life. Fr. Bob will introduce basic principles of Catholic bioethics, discuss the Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services issued by the U.S. Catholic Bishops, and offer practical guidance on medical powers of attorney, including Illinois law and resources from the Illinois Catholic Conference.

The session will also include a review of relevant documents to help participants better understand their options and make informed decisions consistent with their faith.

Lectio Divina Group

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.

Our next group is on **Thursday, October 22** at **9:15 AM**.

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.

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 2 Highlight: Safety Planning for the Holidays (scan QR code)

with survivors, ALWAYS

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 18
8:30 AM Kim Herman (+)
11 AM Myrna Tiongco
4 PM People of the Parish

Monday, October 19
8:30 AM Pete Rodriguez (+)

Tuesday, October 20
8:30 AM The James Paul Gracey Family (+)

Wednesday, October 21
8:30 AM Felicitas Amarra (+)

Thursday, October 22
8:30 AM Timothy & Stacey Sheerin

Friday, October 23
8:30 AM Hermana Alban (+)

Saturday, October 24
5 PM Michelle Danielle Daclan

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.

Adult Open Gym

Join us for adult open gym (18+) on Sundays after the 4 PM Mass! Please note that open gym is available most Sundays, except during Holiday Weekends / conflicts with church/school events. Inquire at parishoffice@oldstmarys.com for latest information.

From Sloan Kelly, one of our young parishioners!







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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

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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