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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 30TH WEEK *in Ordinary Time*

**BULLETIN FOR THE WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 24-25**

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# PASTORAL MESSAGE

## *Domestic Abuse Is the Opposite of Loving Your Neighbor as Yourself*

**"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."** (from Matthew 22: 34-40)

Today's gospel is a favorite of mine because Jesus is teaching us how to live our lives in words that are easily remembered. I have spent time over the years pondering how to put into action the second commandment: how to love my neighbor as myself.

For me, this means treating myself and anyone I come across with respect because we all deserve it. Years ago, a priest gave a homily at a funeral at which he talked about the deceased as being a person loved by God, even as each one of us is. It immediately struck me that when I interact with someone, even as I may not like the person or what the person does, God loves that person and so I need to act accordingly. I also need to treat myself with respect. When I think about this, it does change my behavior and my feelings toward myself and others.

So, what does this all have to do with this being Domestic Violence Awareness Month? The root causes of domestic abuse are lack of respect for one's self and for the person who is on the receiving end of the abuse.

Over the years, I learned that **domestic abuse is a pattern of behavior that seeks power and control over a partner**. The abuse can take the form of physical abuse, emotional or verbal abuse (including belittling and isolating the partner from family and friends), economic abuse (including withholding money), and sexual abuse.

Acting out of a need to exert power over someone else reflects the abuser's own insecurities and ultimately a lack of self-worth. We should not have to belittle someone else so we can feel superior. Many abusers also have grown up seeing and even directly experiencing abusive behavior in their own homes. In other words, they have "learned" to act that way. But if you respect yourself and your partner, how can you act in an abusive way?

Sadly, domestic abuse occurs far too often and in all communities at nearly the same rate — regardless of religion, economic status, ethnicity, age, or education. It is estimated that one in three women will experience domestic violence. Men can also be on the receiving end of abuse.

So how can each of us help?

- Share the information about this all too hidden problem
- Contribute to shelters and services for those dealing with domestic violence issues
- Support and encourage efforts to help by both governments and private sectors
- If you have a friend experiencing abuse, believe, listen without judgement, encourage your friend to seek help, respect your friend's right to make decisions at their own pace, and assure your friend that they are not alone.

**Above all, we can pray. We can pray for those who have experienced abuse and for those who have abused, that they all may find the help they need.**



A good source for more information, including resources for help, is https://www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org/

Priscilla Mims

*Priscilla Mims is a Eucharistic Minister, member of the Finance Council, and a Baptism Hospitality Minister*

## 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!**

## 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.

## 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.

**Flu Shot Clinic** on Sunday, **October 25**
From **9:30 AM to 12:30 PM** in the **Parish Center**.

## Sleep In Next Sunday (Nov. 1)!

A quick note that Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 1. Be sure to turn your clocks backward!

## Catholic!? YOUTH MINISTRY at OSM

**Next Date: November 1, 2026 after the 4pm Sunday Mass**

CATCHING THE WAVE!

Ever had a time when it was hard to talk to God honestly? Or maybe there are things about the Mass, confession, or other Catholic practices that don't totally make sense to you. You're not the only one – faithful Christians have been asking and answering these questions for 2,000 years.

On All Saints' Day (Sunday, 11/1), join us in the Commons for a beach party with a purpose. All of us – even the Saints – get hit by a wave of doubt or dryness in our faith at some point. Just like in surfing, the key is learning to ride the wave instead of wiping out.

This Youth Night, we're going to get real about spiritual dryness, challenges in our life of faith, and why the sacraments are still worth showing up for. For the second part of the night, we have a panel of spiritual experts from our community lined up to take whatever questions you have to throw at them.

Come join us in the Commons on November 1 at 5:15 to ask the big questions and the small ones – we'll ride the waves together with good cheer and zero pressure to have things figured out.

**Remaining Dates in 2026**

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

## Please Note: Hot Chocolate Run on Nov. 1

Please note street closures on Sunday, November 1 for the 2026 Hot Chocolate Run! Parts of S. Michigan Ave., including in front of the church, will be closed to traffic.

# Winter Clothing Drive

Help keep our neighbors warm this winter! We are collecting new or gently used heavy winter coats and jackets, along with other cold-weather essentials, for adults, children, and youth. **Please note that we are specifically seeking warm, insulated winter outerwear, not sweaters or lightweight jackets.**

## ADULT WINTER CLOTHING

*South Loop Community Table*

We are collecting adult-sized men's and women's heavy winter coats and insulated jackets, hats, gloves, scarves, winter 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 Second Presbyterian Church, just down the street from OSM.

## CHILDREN & YOUTH WINTER CLOTHING

*Cradles to Crayons*

We are also collecting new or gently used heavy winter coats and insulated jackets for children and youth, along with hats, gloves, scarves, and winter boots. Please no sweaters, sweatshirts, or lightweight jackets.

Cradles to Crayons 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.



## Domestic Violence Awareness Month

With survivors. ALWAYS

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 3 Highlight: Resources from the Domestic Violence Awareness Project**

## An Update from Our Social Justice Committee

Over the past few months, parishioners from across our church and school communities have been gathering to reactivate Old St. Mary's Social Justice Committee, prayerfully discerning where the Spirit is inviting us to use our gifts in service of our neighbors in need.

We hope to share regular updates, strengthen our parish's commitment to social justice, and rally our community where help is most needed.



Learn more at www.oldstmarys.com, and scan the QR code to join our Social Justice mailing list for updates and opportunities to get involved.

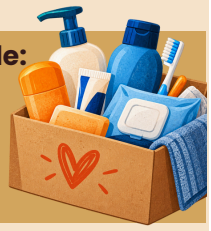
## *Help Stock the Shelves at St. James Food Pantry*

One of our longstanding social justice commitments has been supporting St. James Food Pantry, which serves thousands of neighbors experiencing food insecurity. With reductions in federal assistance placing increasing pressure on local food pantries, the need for community support is especially urgent.

Our school is already organizing a food drive, and we invite our church community to help by donating personal hygiene essentials, which are in particularly high demand.

**Most-needed hygiene items include:**

- Deodorant
- Bar soap and shampoo
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Mouthwash
- Personal wipes



**Please bring new, unopened items, preferably in travel or toiletry sizes, or individually packaged** (rather than multipacks) so they can be easily distributed to those in need.

Thank you for helping us put our faith into action!

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# All are invited to be part of the Synodal Process in the Archdiocese of Chicago

This is a time for the Church to pray, reflect and listen to one another.

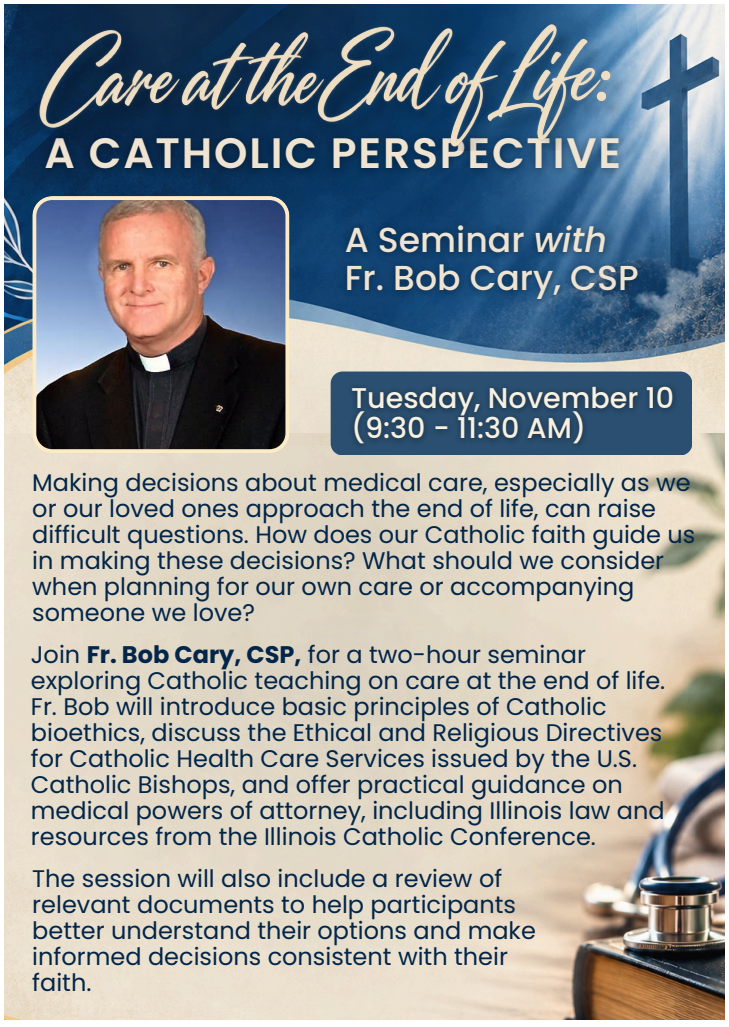
**Synodal listening sessions** will take place from:

**November 2026 through February 2027**, culminating in an ecclesial assembly on **June 12, 2027**.

For more information and to register for a session near you, please visit:
**archchicago.org/synodality**
or scan the QR code.

Check back often as listening sessions will be added throughout this process.






## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, October 25**
8:30 AM James DeCorrevont (+)
11 AM Mary Palumbo (+)
4 PM Ruth Fear (+)

**Monday, October 26**
8:30 AM Francisco (Paquito) Infante (+)

**Tuesday, October 27**
8:30 AM Iluminada Espiritu (+)

**Wednesday, October 28**
8:30 AM Estela Tiongco (+)

**Thursday, October 29**
8:30 AM Mike Alcorn

**Friday, October 30**
8:30 AM Lucila Cadimas & Felix Valdez (+)

**Saturday, October 31**
5 PM Carol J. Sheerin (+)

## 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.

## 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

## 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*

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## 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.**

## Simbang Gabi

sa Old St. Mary's

**Friday, December 18**
**6:30 PM (Mass & Fiesta)**

***Get involved!***
Contact Fr. Dan at frdan@oldstmarys.com

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## SACRAMENTS

**MASS TIMES**

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| 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**
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