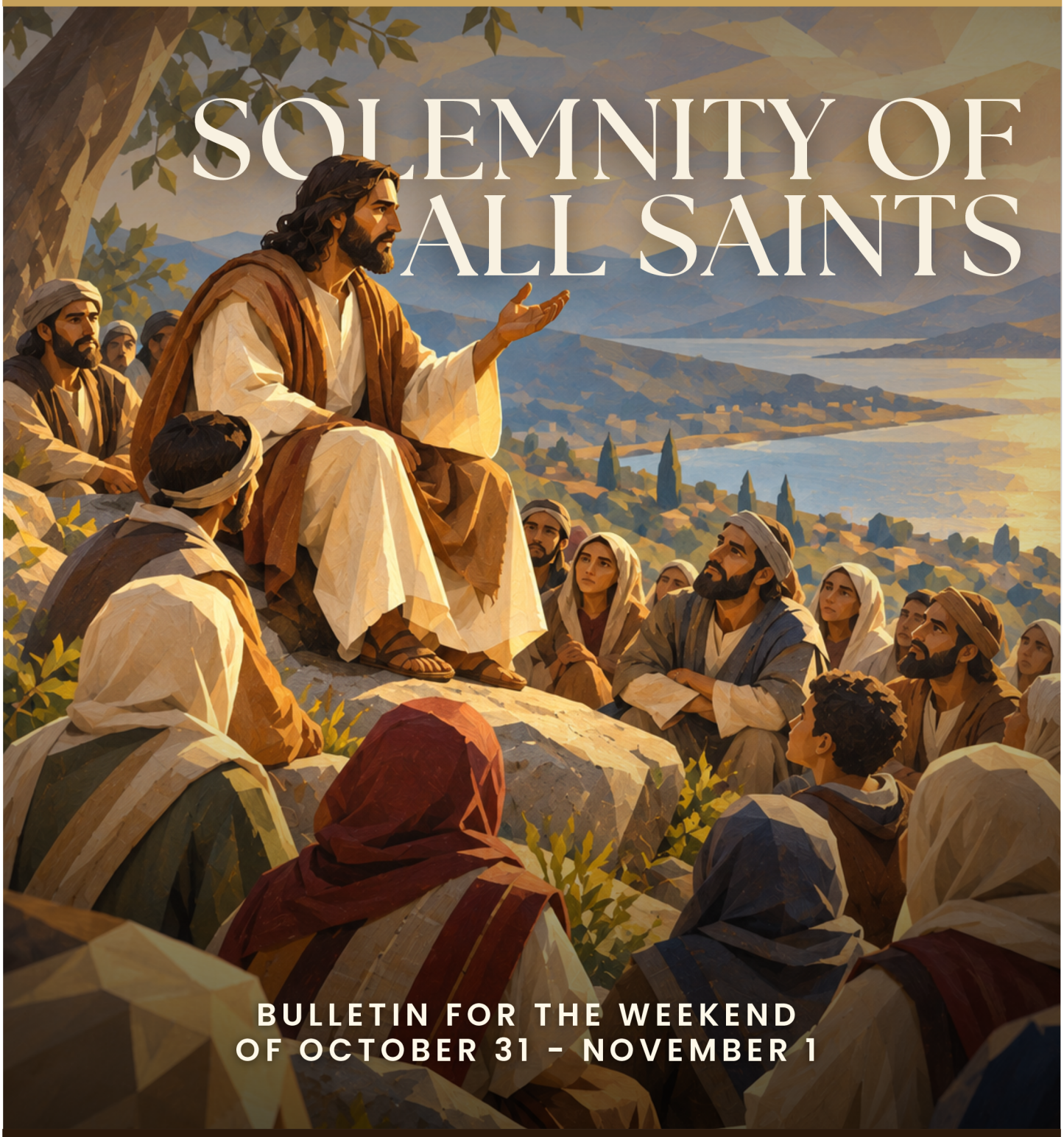
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A MINISTRY OF THE PAULIST FATHERS

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.



SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

BULLETIN FOR THE WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 31 - NOVEMBER 1

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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We Become Holy Together

In the Sunday Faith Formation program working with Kathleen Dragan, we often used the stories of the saints to teach five- and six-year-olds about God's love. We often found stories of saints to help illustrate the amazing ways that ordinary men and women became extraordinary. Some of our favorites, like St. Francis of Assisi, St. Patrick, St. Genevieve, and St. Teresa of Calcutta all provided fantastic stories — giving up all of your wealth to live simply, being captured by pirates and then spreading Christianity to an entire island, standing up to invaders in her city, and selflessly serving the poorest of the poor. I love these stories. They are beautiful and inspiring, and they can also feel very far removed from our everyday lives.

All Saints' Day, which we celebrate on November 1, reminds us that holiness is not reserved for a select few. Holiness, or acting saintly, can be about responding to God's love and helping others experience that love. We are all called to be saints because we are all children of God.

In the Gospel today, Jesus shares the Beatitudes, a call for us to be merciful, to be peacemakers, to be humble. Jesus is inviting us to live with love, compassion, humility, and hope. Jesus is telling us what holiness looks like to him. I don't have to look far to find people who live with those qualities. I think of the people who have welcomed me, encouraged me, and helped me grow in faith. People who offered kindness when I needed it or simply made space for me to belong. Some have been part of my life for years. Others may have crossed my path for only a moment. Yet each has helped me recognize something of God's presence in the world.

I suspect we all have people like this in our lives. People whose quiet acts of love and generosity have shaped who we are. At Old St. Mary's, we have the opportunity to be those people for one another. Our parish is a welcoming community of people at different places in our faith journeys. Some come with deep faith. Others arrive with questions, uncertainty, or a desire to reconnect. Some are just beginning to discover what faith means to them.

Perhaps this is one of the beautiful lessons of All Saints' Day: We don't become holy by ourselves. We grow through our relationships with God and with one another. And sometimes, without even realizing it, we become a small part of someone else's journey toward God.

As we celebrate All Saints' Day, I invite you to think of someone who has been a saint in your life. Someone who has helped you feel welcomed, loved, or closer to God. Give thanks for that person and then consider how you might offer that same gift to someone else. The saints are not only those who came before us. They are also the people who walk beside us, reminding us through their lives what God's love can look like in our world.

Katie Ellis

Katie Ellis is catechist with Sunday Faith Formation and a member of the Parish Pastoral Council. Katie is often at 8:30 Mass with her two kids and is grateful to the OSM parish community for introducing her to many saints in her life.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

QUARTER ONE (Q1) OF FY 2027

July 1 to September 30, 2026

The finances of Old St. Mary's are on the upswing due to your increased generosity in the past 2 years. Thank you! We want to continue the progress we've made in shoring up our ability to increase our ministries and maintain our buildings.

The Finance Council met on Tuesday, October 27. We reviewed the financials for Q1 of both the Parish and the School.

- Because School expenses are smallest in July and August but tuition is coming in predictably, we gave only a minimal review of the School budget; all appears fine.
- Parish income ran within 1% of what we projected for Q1. Our expenses were $40k less than anticipated, mostly due to not filling an open position.

	1st Qtr Total Actual	1st Qtr Projected Budget	Projected Annual Budget
Revenue			
Contributions	198,224.27	206,400.00	962,000.00
Faith Formation Tuition	11,245.00	12,000.00	17,260.00
Interest Earned/Misc	24,640.96	14,435.00	50,597.16
Total Revenue	**234,110.23**	**232,835.00**	**1,029,857.16**
Expenses			
Salaries/Insurance	161,857.61	194,678.00	748,709.00
Facilities/Utilities	62,724.32	69,750.86	374,850.00
Arch bills	33,255.69	33,460.55	133,842.00
Total Expenses	**257,837.62**	**297,889.41**	**1,257,401.00**
Net Ordinary Income	**-23,727.39**	**-65,054.41**	**-134,844.00**

**Due to giving history, we project Q1 revenue to be less than 25% of the total anual budget.*

The Parish projected a $135k deficit for FY2027 (July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027), mostly due to our plans to hire one full-time position and one part-time position. We now expect to fill one position soon, and thus we anticipate reducing the deficit for FY2027 to $100k.

You can help us reduce the deficit in three ways, all of which are explained in more detail at **oldstmarys.com/give:**

- Increase your regular offertory giving.
- Switch to electronic recurring giving. We can predict our budget better, and we still receive your contributions if circumstances prevent you from being at Mass on a given weekend.
- If your situation permits, please consider a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) from your IRA or donating appreciated stocks.

Catholic! YOUTH MINISTRY at OSM

This Sunday, November 1 (after 4PM Mass)
"Catching the Wave!"

Next Date: Sunday, November 15 (after 4PM Mass)
"Do Catholics believe that other religions are wrong?"

If a friend asked you that tomorrow, what would you say? On Sunday, November 15, our Youth Night is all about Catholicism and other religions: what we believe about the Church, why we believe it, and how that fits with the faith traditions of the people around us. We'll look at why the Catholic Church teaches that she holds the fullness of truth, and what that means for how we engage with our neighbors who are Jews, Muslims, Protestants, Hindus, Buddhists, and people who don't practice any religion at all.

Remaining Dates in 2026

December 6, 2026

Winter Clothing Drive

Help keep our neighbors warm this winter!

We are collecting (adult & youth) new or gently-used:

- **heavy winter coats and jackets**
- **hats**
- **boots**
- **gloves, and scarves.**

Please note that we are specifically seeking warm, insulated winter outerwear, not sweaters or lightweight jackets.



Drop off donations in the bins in the Commons from **October 17 through November 15**. Thank you for your generosity!

Benefitting *South Loop Community Table and Cradles-to-Crayons.*

From the **Social Justice Committee**

Help Stock St. James Food Pantry

Over the past few weeks, our Old St. Mary's School community has been collecting food donations to help stock the shelves of the St. James Food Pantry. We've been heartened to hear that their efforts are making a real difference, with food items that haven't been available in some time finally returning to pantry shelves!

We're renewing our call to our parish community to help by focusing on **two particular needs: hygiene essentials and canned fruit.** For hygiene items, please bring new, unopened, travel-sized or individually packaged items (rather than multipacks) so they can be distributed directly to those in need.

Most-needed hygiene items include:

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



Every donation, large or small, makes a huge difference for our neighbors experiencing food and housing insecurity. Thank you for your continued generosity!

Want to get more involved in Social Justice initiatives at Old St. Mary's? Scan the QR code to join our Social Justice mailing list and learn about upcoming opportunities to serve!

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

With survivors. ALWAYS

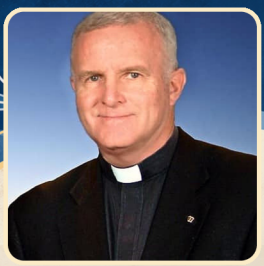
As people of faith, we are called to stand with those who are vulnerable. Domestic violence affects families in every community, including ours. This October, under the theme **"With Survivors, Always,"** we affirm that survivors deserve to be believed, supported, and never alone.

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 4 Highlight: Online Resources and Training Videos

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.

Please note that we are a **polling place** on **Tuesday, November 3.** Expect more foot traffic than usual at our church. The parish office will be open, and Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 AM. There will be no hospitality in the commons on that day.

Join us for our next

Lectio Divina group

on Thursday, November 12 at 9:15 AM in the Parish Center.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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.

Vicariate VI
Listening Session at Old St. Mary's
Saturday, November 21
9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

REGISTER HERE

As part of the Archdiocese of Chicago's ongoing synodal process, Old St. Mary's will be hosting a listening session to hear from members of our parish community. Synodality is about journeying together as a Church—listening to one another, sharing our experiences, and discerning where the Holy Spirit is leading us. All are invited to participate in this opportunity to share your hopes, concerns, and dreams for the future of our Church. Come, listen, and let your voice be heard!

2026-2027 Annual Appeal

Support Old St. Mary's School

We invite **YOU** to join us in supporting Old St. Mary's School Blue Ribbon Fund and meeting our goal of $300,000 to achieve our Strategic Priorities. Parents, grandparents, alumni, former families, parishioners, friends and supporters all contribute to our success. We need 100% participation of donations from our families!

How do I participate?

Donations can be made online. You can make a one-time online donation OR set up recurring payments via a pledge. Consider making a monthly payment of $25 or $100 a month! Other donation options can be found online - www.osmschool.com/giving.

OSM Young Adults Fall 2026

Sunday, November 8
after the 4:00 PM Mass
Coming Back to Myself – Mental Health, Well Being, & Emotional Healing

Sunday, November 22
after the 4:00 PM Mass
Thanksgiving Social & Talk

Sunday, December 6
after the 4:00 PM Mass
He Wants You to Live a Full Life - Emotional Health Through Faith

Sunday, December TBD
Advent Social @ Paulist Fathers Residence



Learn More!

Join our Mailing List!

Join Paulist Young Adults for World Youth Day 2027!
More info at:
wyd.paulist.org

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 1
8:30 AM Placida Ursua (+)
11 AM Melvin Lucero (+)
4 PM People of the Parish

Monday, November 2
8:30 AM Margarita Manuel (+)

Tuesday, November 3
8:30 AM Corritore & Volini Families (+)

Wednesday, November 4
8:30 AM Rosita Navarro & David Alcorn (+)

Thursday, November 5
8:30 AM Jaime Imbag (+) &
All deceased Paulist Fathers

Friday, November 6
8:30 AM Justinita Garcia (+)

Saturday, November 7
5 PM Lualhati Garcia (+)

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.

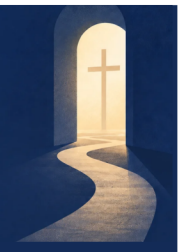
Register at **www.oldstmarys.com** or **scan the QR code -->**

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.

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.**

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 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

VOLUNTEER DONATE

QUESTIONS: OLG@OLDSTMARYS.COM

Simbang Gabi

sa Old St. Mary's

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

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

Scan to Donate

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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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