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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.

THE 32ND WEEK *in Ordinary Time*



BULLETIN FOR THE WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 7 - 8

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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PASTORAL MESSAGE

Making Room for Both Grief and Gratitude

November is a time when we are invited to remember those who have died and to reflect on the ways they continue to shape our lives. Through All Saints' Day, All Souls' Day, and traditions like the *ofrenda* and the Book of the Dead at Old St. Mary's, we are given opportunities to honor the people we carry with us, even after they are gone.

These traditions remind us that remembering those who have died can bring up many emotions. Alongside love and gratitude, we may experience sadness, longing, or a renewed awareness of someone's absence. As a mental health professional, I often think about how complicated grief can be, especially during the holidays. I also think about how grief and gratitude can exist side by side.

I remember the first Thanksgiving after my great-grandmother passed away. She had lived to be 100, and her absence was felt around the table. At the same time, we found ourselves reflecting on her life and the legacy she left behind. As we shared memories, I was reminded of how much of our family's story was connected to her and how the people gathered around that table had been shaped by her life. We missed her, but we could also feel grateful for all she had given us.

We sometimes treat grief and gratitude as opposites. We may feel that being grateful means focusing on the positive, or that experiencing joy somehow means we are moving on from someone we miss. But our emotions don't have to cancel one another out. We can feel the pain of someone's absence while appreciating the time we shared with them. We can miss someone deeply and still find moments of joy.

In many ways, grief exists because something mattered to us. The people we miss and the relationships that have shaped us leave their mark on who we are. Feeling sadness about their absence doesn't mean we aren't grateful for what they gave us. Sometimes, our grief and gratitude are connected by the same love.

As we take time this November to remember those who have died, perhaps we can give ourselves permission to make room for both. We don't have to push away sadness in order to feel grateful, or pretend everything is okay to recognize the goodness that remains.

As your parish counselor through Claret Center, I am here to support parishioners as they navigate grief, difficult transitions, and other challenges in life. If you find yourself needing support, I welcome you to reach out.

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SWEATSHIRT AND T-SHIRT PARISH FUNDRAISER



THE GUADALUPE COMMITTEE OF OLD ST. MARY'S IS HOSTING A SWEATSHIRT & T-SHIRT FUNDRAISER, OPEN TO PARISHIONERS AND SCHOOL FAMILIES. YOUR DONATION WILL SUPPORT THE 2026-27 GUADALUPE CELEBRATION ON DECEMBER 12.

FOR OUR OSM STUDENTS, BUY AND WEAR ON DECEMBER 11TH FOR AN OUT OF UNIFORM DAY!!

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HTTPS://WWW.OSMSCHOOL.COM/OLGFUNDRAISER

IF YOU ARE PURCHASING AS A PARISH COMMUNITY MEMBER OR SOMEONE OUTSIDE OF THE OSM SCHOOL COMMUNITY, PLEASE ENTER "N/A" IN THE STUDENT NAME FIELD.

DEADLINE TO ORDER: NOVEMBER 16TH

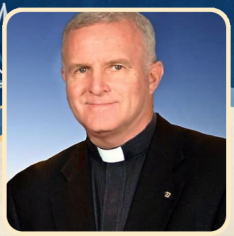


Join us for our next
***Lectio Divina* group**
on Thursday, November 12
at 9:15 AM in the Parish Center.

SCHEDULE CHANGE

Please note that our regularly scheduled confessions at 4:00 PM on Saturday, November 14, will **not be available**. We apologize for any inconvenience.

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.

FREE LEGAL CLINIC

Saturday, November 21 | 9:30 AM

by Chicago Volunteer Legal Services (CVLS)

Free legal services are available for individuals who meet CVLS's income eligibility requirements. Common legal matters include wills, powers of attorney, small estate affidavits, adult guardianship, and consumer issues. For more information or to make an appointment, call 312-332-1624.



Catholic! YOUTH MINISTRY at OSM



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 Date this Fall: 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!

Financial Stewardship at OSM



Old St. Mary's is evolving into a parish that is making longer-range stewardship plans. Please consider how you can invest in our future.

PARISH OFFERTORY

Our most urgent need. Day-to-day operations and ministries depend on it. We are projecting a $100k deficit on a $1M budget this year, as we hire additional staff to support our growing ministries. If you are able, please consider increasing your recurring gift by 5-15% at **oldstmarys.com/give**.

BLUE RIBBON FUND

Annual giving for Old St. Mary's School. Our goal this year is $300,000, which will be given as additional compensation to honor and retain our dedicated teachers. Give at **osmschool.com/giving**.

OTHER ANNUAL APPEALS

We have exceeded our goal for the 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal for the Archdiocese of Chicago; the 2027 appeal will begin in February 2027. Donations to the Annual Paulist Appeal at **paulist.org/apa** are credited towards the calendar year in which the donation is given.

Planned giving

Visit **oldstmarys.com/give** to learn more about legacy giving.

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.

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 parishioners in Vicariate VI. 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

OLD ST. MARY'S SCHOOL CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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!

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
Christmas Party @ Paulist Fathers Residence

Scan the QR code above to learn more about an event and to add to your calendar!

Visit Young Adult Website

Join our Mailing List!



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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 8
8:30 AM Dolores & Miguel Medija, Jr. (+)
11 AM All Souls in Need
4 PM People of the Parish

Monday, November 9
8:30 AM Voss Nguyen (+)

Tuesday, November 10
8:30 AM Bridget Shanahan (+)

Wednesday, November 11
8:30 AM Alexander & Alona Cadimas-Valdez (+)

Thursday, November 12
8:30 AM Lois & Lodell Crapia (+)

Friday, November 13
8:30 AM Ruth Stamm Sheerin (+)

Saturday, November 14
5 PM Chris Alcorn

New to Old St. Mary's?
Welcome! Learn more about us and register at **www.oldstmarys.com**





Wednesdays at 9:30 - 11:00 AM
December 2, 9, 16

Angels play an important role in the Christmas story, but what do their messages mean for us today? Join Fr. Bob for a three-part Advent series exploring the angels who announced God's extraordinary plans and invited ordinary people to respond with faith and trust.

Through presentations, prayerful reflection, discussion, and music videos, we'll explore three encounters with angels in the Christmas story:

The Angel Gabriel and Mary
The Angel and Joseph
The Angels and the Shepherds



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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.

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or give online at
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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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