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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.



Christ *the* King & First Sunday OF ADVENT

BULLETIN FOR THE WEEKENDS OF NOVEMBER 21-22 & 28-29

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

A New Year, A Renewed Call

The rhythm of the liturgical year is on full display as the **Solemnity of Christ the King** concludes one year and the **First Sunday of Advent** begins another. Year after year, the seasons repeat, but we do not return to them unchanged. The cycle of our liturgical life invites us into deeper understanding, spiritual growth, and renewed commitment. The Gospel readings of recent weeks have prepared us for this transition: the parables of the wise and foolish bridesmaids and the talents emphasized watchfulness, readiness, and faithful stewardship of our gifts.

In the Gospel for Christ the King (Matthew 25:31-46), Jesus identifies himself with those most in need, calling us to recognize him through compassion and service. Many of you responded to the call to serve at our ministry fairs earlier this fall, and I especially thank those who have entered liturgical ministry. This invitation to serve remains open to all. Our service in worship is a vital expression of the faith that also calls us to serve others beyond our church walls. Gathered in Christ's presence, we are strengthened and sent forth to be his hands and feet in the world.

On the First Sunday of Advent, we break open Mark's Gospel (13:33-37) which calls us again to watchfulness and readiness - not passive waiting, but faithful action. An important measure of our readiness is how we carry out the work entrusted to us, in liturgy and in life. In the second reading (1 Corinthians 1:3-9), St. Paul reminds us, that we are “enriched in every way” in Christ and “not lacking in any spiritual gift.” We each have something to contribute to the building of God's kingdom.

Building is a process. Signs of growth and renewal have been taking shape at Old St. Mary's, and there are a few things to watch for in the near future. Soon, I will introduce a new **Liturgy Committee** of six parishioners committed to the thoughtful planning and enrichment of our worship. A new **Advent wreath**, with its increasing light, will mark our anticipation of Christ's coming. Also, a new **Book of the Gospels**, featuring iconography inspired by Ethiopian Christian art, will help to reflect the beauty and diversity of our parish and the universal Church. Through the gifts of our people and the beauty of our sacred symbols, we continue to nurture a community of faith rooted in tradition and open to renewal.

So as one liturgical year gives way to another, may we remember that renewal is not simply about what changes around us, but how we allow God to change us from within. The coming weeks will offer many opportunities to open our hearts and minds, deepen our faith, and strengthen our connections with one another. May we remain attentive to Christ's presence, generous with our gifts, and ready to answer his call.

Ace Gangoso
Director of Liturgy and Music

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, we give thanks for all who make Old St. Mary's a community of faith, welcome, and generosity. Please know of our prayers for you and your loved ones this week.

Happy Thanksgiving

FROM ALL OF US AT OLD ST. MARY'S!

A Prayer for Thanksgiving

Loving and merciful God,
On this Thanksgiving Day, we give you thanks for the many blessings in our lives: for the food we share, the people we love, and the many ways you make your presence known to us.

As we gather with family and friends, fill our hearts with your Holy Spirit. Give us wisdom to listen, patience to understand, and kindness in our words. When conversations are difficult, help us to speak with love, and to know when silence might bring greater peace.

We remember those who are alone today, those who are hungry, and those who are struggling. Open our hearts to their needs, and help us share our blessings generously with others.

Watch over our families, our communities, our country, and our world. Protect those who are vulnerable, heal what divides us, and help us become instruments of your peace.

May our gratitude today inspire us to live with greater love, compassion, and generosity each day.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Join us for Mass on Thanksgiving Day, November 26, at 10:00 AM.

SAVE THE DATE

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2026

AT OLD ST. MARY'S

ADVENT EVENTS

Sundays of Advent
NOVEMBER 29, DECEMBER 6, 13, 20
SATURDAY VIGIL: 5:00 PM
SUNDAY: 8:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 4:00 PM

Fear Not, Angels Are Coming!
WEDNESDAYS, DECEMBER 2, 9 & 16
9:30–11:00 AM

Parol Making Event
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5
10:00 - 11:00 AM

Immaculate Conception
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8
8:30 AM & 6:30 PM MASSES

Our Lady of Guadalupe
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12
8:30 AM MASS, MAÑANITAS & RECEPTION

Advent Reconciliation Service
MONDAY, DECEMBER 14
6:30 PM

Taizé Prayer Service
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15
6:30 PM

Simbang Gabi
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18
6:30 PM MASS & RECEPTION

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Nativity of Our Lord (Christmas Eve)
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24
4:00 PM & 7:30 PM

Nativity of Our Lord (Christmas Day)
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25
8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Feast of The Holy Family
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26
5:00 PM VIGIL MASS
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27
8:30 AM · 11:00 AM · 4:00 PM

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31
5:00 PM VIGIL MASS
FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2027
10:00 AM MASS

LEARN MORE AND ADD TO YOUR CALENDAR BY SCANNING THE QR CODE



THE Giving Tree is Here!

Our Advent Giving Tree is back!
As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ, we invite you to help spread the joy and generosity of the Christmas season to our neighbors in need.

Please consider taking a tag from our Giving Tree in the Commons and purchasing the requested gift card. Many of our partner organizations have specifically requested **gift cards**, as they offer individuals and families the dignity and freedom to choose what they truly need or would enjoy. For parents, this also means the opportunity to select gifts for their own children and share in the joy of giving.

Thank you for helping us share the love of Christ with our neighbors this Advent season!

Sharing Hope This Advent with St. James Food Pantry

As we enter the Advent season, we are reminded of our call to share Christ's love through acts of generosity and care for our neighbors. Our friends at St. James Food Pantry continue to see a growing demand for their services, and we invite our parish community to help support their important work.

Throughout Advent, we invite you to help provide food, essential supplies, and other necessities for our neighbors in need. Every gift helps. Together, let's share the hope of this season with those who need it most.

Hygiene & Personal Care Items
- Deodorant
- Soap
- Shampoo (any size), Wipes
- Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Mouthwash

Food & Snacks
- Crackers
- Ramen noodles
- Hot chocolate packets
- Canned beef stew, chili
- Canned chicken, salmon, tuna
- Canned fruit

Winter Clothing (New)
- Adult hats and gloves



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!

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 You Can Make a Difference

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**.

Fear not, *Angels are Coming!*

An Advent Reflection Series with Fr. Bob Cary, CSP

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

Help Us Give Thanks for All of Our Volunteers!

The Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish & School Staff will host a Volunteer Appreciation Event 5:30-7:00 pm on Tuesday, June 1, 2027. We encourage everyone to fill out a volunteer note of gratitude and tell us about the gifts you appreciate in a specific person - or a specific group of people - at Old St. Mary's.

You can find slips of paper in the commons for submitting a statement of gratitude, or you can use this QR code. We will compile and share these notes with the community at our Volunteer Appreciation Event. Please consider filling out a note of gratitude every month or so.

give thanks

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ADVENT RETREAT
EMMANUEL
Hope in an Anxious Age

DEC 5, 2026 **9 AM - 3 PM**

Breakfast & Lunch provided.
MARK YOUR CALENDAR.
ALL ARE WELCOME!

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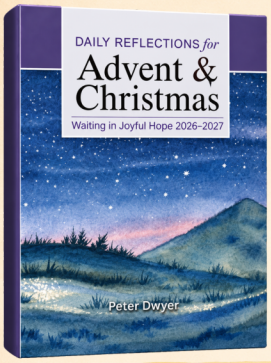
Waiting in Joyful Hope



Take home a copy of Waiting in Joyful Hope, a booklet of daily reflections to accompany you throughout the Advent season.

A suggested donation of $5 per copy will help us cover the cost of purchasing these booklets. Donations can be made through Pushpay, TipTap, or by placing cash in the designated box in the Commons.

May these reflections help you find moments of prayer, peace, and joyful anticipation throughout Advent!

Advent Reconciliation *Service*

Monday, Dec. 14 · 6:30 PM

Prepare your heart for the coming of Christ by joining us for our Advent Reconciliation Service. We will begin with a short communal liturgy, followed by opportunities for individual confession with our priests.

This is a beautiful way to enter the season with peace, renewal, and a spirit open to God's mercy. All are welcome.

ADD TO CALENDAR

Taizé Prayer Service

Tuesday, Dec. 15 · 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Join us for an hour of quiet, contemplative prayer in the spirit of Taizé.

Through simple chants, scripture, candlelight, and extended silence, we create a gentle space to rest in God's presence and open our hearts to peace.

ADD TO CALENDAR

OSM Young Adults Fall 2026

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

Thursday, December 10
Christmas Social @ 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!

Catholic! YOUTH MINISTRY at OSM

Sunday, December 6 after 4 PM Mass

"The Church on Trial"

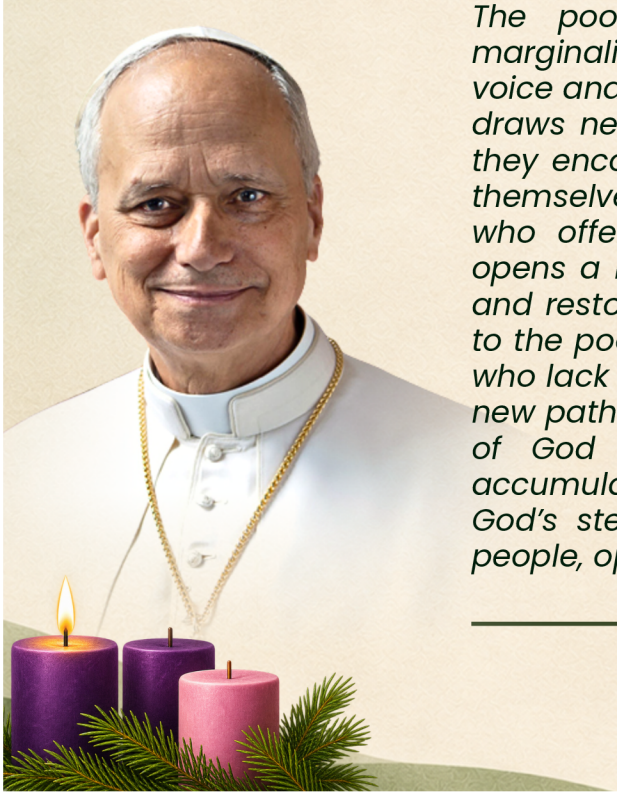
Ever noticed that the Church is run by hypocrites? That Christians preach one thing and do another? This Youth Night, we're taking the Church to court - and you're the jury. You'll hear from the prosecution, the defense, and three witnesses to the crime. Should the Church be held responsible for the actions of its members?
The decision is yours to make.

A MESSAGE OF ADVENT HOPE FROM

OUR HOLY FATHER, POPE LEO XIV

As we enter the season of Advent, we are invited to prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus Christ, not only by looking toward the manger in Bethlehem, but also by recognizing Christ in the people around us, especially those who are too often forgotten or overlooked.

In his message for this year's World Day of the Poor, celebrated on November 15, Pope Leo XIV reminds us that our call as Christians goes beyond meeting material needs. We are also called to offer friendship, restore dignity, and become signs of God's hope and love in the world. His words are a particularly meaningful invitation for us as a parish community this Advent:



The poor of our day are the forgotten and the marginalized: robbed not only of bread, but also of a voice and a face. May they encounter the Son of God, who draws near to everyone without neglecting anyone. May they encounter him, first and foremost, in those who call themselves Christians. In the Church, his Body, it is Jesus who offers bread and friendship; he brings light and opens a horizon of hope; he calls each person by name and restores dignity to all. Jesus of Nazareth is God's gift to the poor. In him, all promises become reality. For those who lack a home, a job, education, food or good health, a new path opens: sharing as an expression of the Kingdom of God (cf. Mt 5:3). The obsession of those who accumulate wealth only for themselves is opposed by God's steadfastness which, through the witness of real people, opens hearts and welcomes all into his love.

Read more from
Pope Leo's homily here:

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES

Remember your loved ones this Christmas season by making a donation toward the beautiful flowers that will decorate our church. It's a wonderful way to honor those who hold a special place in our hearts while helping make Old St. Mary's beautiful for Christmas!

Use an envelope and label for Christmas Flowers, or scan the QR code. Those honored will be published in a January 2027 issue of the bulletin.

YOU ARE INVITED

Celebration of the Feast of

Our Lady of Guadalupe



SATURDAY
DEC. 12, 2026 @ 8:30AM
OLD ST. MARY'S PARISH

Join us for Mass with mañanitas and reenactment of the apparitions, followed by a brunch reception with Cielito Lindo Family Music!

9-day Rosary Novena @ 8am
Weekdays Dec. 1-11

SIGN UP TO DONATE ITEMS OR HELP WITH HOSPITALITY:

DONATE TO FUND:

QUESTIONS: OLG@OLDSTMARYS.COM

Simbang Gabi
sa Old St. Mary's

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18
6:30 PM (MASS & FIESTA)

Parol-Making Event
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5
10 - 11 AM

SCAN TO DONATE

Volunteer at Simbang Gabi, and sign your child for the *Festival of Parols* -->

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 22
8:30 AM Patrick & Allison Reisch
11 AM Deceased Legionnaire
4 PM People of the Parish

Monday, November 23
8:30 AM Froilan Udarbe (+)

Tuesday, November 24
8:30 AM Medy Manuel

Wednesday, November 25
8:30 AM Patrick S. Sheerin, Jr.

Thursday, November 26
8:30 AM Jaime Imbag (+)

Friday, November 27
8:30 AM Deceased Legion of Mary

Saturday, November 28
5 PM Michael Beker (+)

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 29
8:30 AM Cal Smith (+)
11 AM Mildred Mina (+)
4 PM People of the Parish

Monday, November 30
8:30 AM Valerie Nguyen

Tuesday, December 1
8:30 AM Lillian Ruth Gay Smith (+)

Wednesday, December 2
8:30 AM Aurora Daclan

Thursday, December 3
8:30 AM All Souls in Need

Friday, December 4
8:30 AM Jaime Imbag (+)

Saturday, December 5
5 PM Robert J. Moody (+)

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.

The Gift of Self-Compassion

Tuesday, December 15, 2026, 9:30–10:30 AM

Join Elizabeth Milman, our Claret Center intern as we explore what it means to practice self-compassion, why it can sometimes be difficult to extend kindness and understanding toward ourselves, and how our inner dialogue affects our emotional well-being. Through reflection, discussion, and interactive activities, we'll consider ways to respond to ourselves with greater patience, acceptance, and kindness, especially during challenging moments.



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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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