

OLD ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

October 8, 2023

1500 S MICHIGAN AVE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60605
CHICAGO'S FIRST CATHOLIC PARISH ESTABLISH IN 1833—THE PAULIST FATHERS SERVING OUR PARISH SINCE OCTOBER 12, 1903.



27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The stone that the builders rejected has become
the cornerstone.” - Mt 21:42ab

PASTOR'S WHITE BOARD**BISHOP BIRMINGHAM'S HOPE FOR RENEWAL**

Last December, our Parish's current 9th graders will recall Bishop Kevin Birmingham, who confirmed them and his very pointed homily about his conversation in the store with the older woman buying lots of cat food. The heart of the message being the opportunity to connect with people at any moment in any situation and discover God's presence and give them a sense of God's presence in their lives as well. He noticed her, helped her and discovered a God moment with her.

You may or may not know that Bishop Kevin recently became the Bishop for Vicariate VI. That is the new vicariate Old St. Mary's is part of. He has been making connections with us and many of our sister Parishes, and planning site visits and meetings. He hit the ground running, preparing to lead us further into the renewal we are part of. So, it is with heavy heart and great disappointment that I learned of his unexpected death Monday, in his sleep at the age of 51.

At the heart of all the sacraments in the Catholic Church is the understanding that we celebrate them freely. It is only by free choice they are truly valid. It is why we ask repeatedly in preparation for and in the rituals themselves, "Are you sure you want to do this? Are you ready? Do you understand what you are undertaking." The sacraments are examples of what happens in renewal. They hold us fast in our faith and see the reality Bishop Kevin pointed out with the elderly woman.

Being Catholic, Christian, faith filled people is not actually an easy task. Because cultures have been filled with the Church for so long, and cultures have appropriated various aspects of Christianity it seems too easy, or at least something we are used to. At least, we are used to Christianity until something challenges us to rethink how we believe. And things are always coming up, especially in our present day and age, that surprise us, that cause us to rethink how we are doing things.

Bishop Birmingham's early entry into God's Kingdom, leaving us (momentarily) without a pastoral leader in our Vicariate is such a moment. He reminds us that the Catholic Church is a hierarchical Church, but not in the way we usually think – not a pyramid with the Pope on top, but an inverted pyramid with the Pope at that base. His passing helps us relook at what we are called to do, and those who lead and guide.

The Pope, as shepherd of the universal Church, focuses us to serve Christ the Good Shepherd. As we mourn the loss of Bishop Kevin Birmingham, nothing has changed with regard to our call to renewal in the Church. Each of us has free will to be as involved in the Church as we want to be, but for those of us who lead and support you the constant reminder that we must actively choose to see our faith in action in all the activities we are part of, at work, at school, at play, in gatherings large and small is something we are charged to do. And we want to help you discover that, and discover God and Jesus at work guided by the Holy Spirit.

I'm sure Bishop Kevin's prayer for us in his passing is that we discover our call to be loved by Christ, and in that discovery act to be better instruments of sharing the message, and better and more conscious receivers of it. May Bishop Kevin Birmingham Rest in Peace. And may we discover anew Christ at work among us.

Fr. Brad

OUR PARISH MISSION

Founded in 1833, Old St. Mary's Parish is the first Catholic parish in the Chicago area. Guided for more than a century by the vision of the Paulist Fathers, we are a diverse and welcoming community dedicated to serving the spiritual needs of the Loop, South Loop and the greater Chicago area. As a unified Church and School community, Old St. Mary's Parish promotes the mission of the Paulist Fathers to welcome those who have been away from the church, to build bridges of respect and collaboration with people of diverse backgrounds and religions, and to promote justice and healing in our society.

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: What more was there to do for my vineyard that I had not done? Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes, did it bring forth wild grapes? (Is 5:4)

Psalm: The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel. (Is 5:7a)

Second Reading: Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you. (Phil 4:9)

Gospel: "What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?" They answered him, "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants." (Mt 21:41)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11; Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42

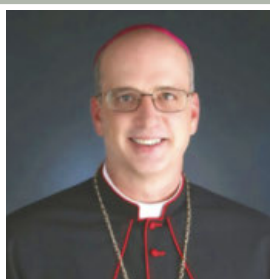
Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9; Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10



Rest in Peace

We regret to inform you of the death of
Bishop Kevin M. Birmingham.

The Most Reverend Kevin Birmingham passed away in his sleep on Sunday October 1. Bishop Birmingham, episcopal vicar of Vicariate VI (and most recently Vicariate IV) for the Archdiocese of Chicago, was ordained to the priesthood in 1997 and to the episcopacy in 2020. Details regarding his funeral arrangements will be shared in the coming days. In the meantime, please join in praying for the repose of his soul and for his family and friends who now mourn.



Our ***Just One Item Campaign*** is the third week-end each month (Oct 14/15).

When shopping, think about purchasing something "extra" for our neighbors at St. James. Look for sales at Walgreen's, Target, Osco, or the Dollar Store. **Instead of a few individuals donating three or four items each, just think if EVERYONE who worships at OSM brings one roll of toilet paper, one bar of soap, one tube of toothpaste, one container of deodorant, etc.** *If a hundred parishioners brought just one item . . . just one, think how far that will go.* **The need is great.** For the business travelers in our parish, you can ***always*** deposit toiletries you've collected in the basket under our table in the Commons.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 7 - 5:00 pm
+ Karen Ann Volante

Sunday, October 8

8:00 am + John Gaffke

11:00 am + Joseph Juneau

4:00 pm + Ray Schoeberle

Monday, October 9 - 8:30 am
+ Eva Francisco

Tuesday, October 10 - 8:30 am
+ Nick Suero

Wednesday, October 11 - 8:30 am
All the Homeless

Thursday, October 12 - 8:30 am
+ Merv Simms

Friday, October 13 - 8:30 am
+ James Kuczma

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Come and See
Discernment Retreat
at our new seminary
in Washington, DC.

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October 27 - 29 2023

Come & See Retreat

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For details on how to register, please contact:
Paulist Fr. Ed Nowak, our vocation director, at
vocations@paulist.org or scan the QR Code.





Extended Day Program

Old St. Mary's School is looking for individuals to staff the Extended Day Program.

The program meets Monday through Friday from 3pm to 6pm. Individuals can work 1 day or

more each week. The pay is \$20 per hour. Schedules are flexible.

If you are interested in this job opportunity please contact Stephanie Hagerman at shagerman@osmschool.com.

She will reply with the forms and other compliance documents needed for you to start as soon as possible.



NEED A LAWYER

Volunteer attorneys are available for advice and representation at Old St. Mary's Church every 3rd Saturday of the month at 9:30 a.m.

Generally, services are available to those whose income does not exceed 175% of federal poverty levels, so for a family of four the income for eligibility is about \$3400 per month.

Lawyers are available for matters such as guardianship, adoption, divorce, landlord/tenant, consumer problems, wills, and bankruptcy. Call 312-332-1624 for an appointment. Ask to be scheduled for the Old St. Mary's Clinic. Or just come in any 3rd Saturday at 9:30 a.m. The law clinic is located at Old St. Mary's, 1500 S. Michigan, enter under the blue awning just south of the church doors.

3rd Saturday this month is October 21.



OSM Music Ministry Open House

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS!

If you like to sing, play an instrument, or enjoy making music in any capacity, you're invited to join our OSM Music Ministry Open House over the next month, it's an opportunity to sit in on rehearsals and Masses and learn more about the music ministry community by participating.

Our OSM choir rehearses on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. All are welcome to join the rehearsal on 10/11 at 7 p.m.

The choir sings at the Sunday 11 a.m. Masses, feel free to sit in and join at the 11 a.m. Mass on 10/15.

All ages and skill/experience levels are encouraged to attend.

Contact Scott Williams at swilliams@oldstmarys.com with any thoughts/questions. Thanks!

BUDGET SCORECARD - FY 2024

Aug - 8 weeks

Weekly Budget Amount **19,158.00**

Fiscal YTD Budget **\$ 153,264.00**

Receipts

Sunday Collection	\$ 46,513.42
Online Giving	\$ 60,204.76
Faith Formation Tuition	\$ 13,303.00
Bank Acct Interest	\$ 90.09
Candle boxes, Mass Intentions, Baptism, Wedding, etc	\$ 3,663.04
Total Received	\$ 123,774.31
Surplus/Deficit	\$ (29,489.69)

Through August, our parish took in \$29,489.69 less than we needed to break even.

SHOES AND WARM OUTERWEAR NEEDED



Centro Comunitario Juan Diego (CCID)

is serving a growing influx of migrants to

Chicago arriving from warmer climates—many with only light jackets and flipflops.

As cooler Chicago temperatures set in, there's a need for warm coats and footwear.

The Old St. Mary's Church and School communities are collecting used winter coats, jackets, and sweaters for men, women, and children of all ages. **AND gently used shoes** for men (sizes 8-11), women (sizes 6-10), and children of all ages.



Donations may be brought to the School reception area, the Church Commons, or Church Receptionist through Monday, October 30th.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness to our brothers and sisters in need.



Parish Offices Closed
Monday, October 9
Mass will be celebrated
at 8:30 a.m.



We welcomed **Leonardo Delgado** into the community of the faithful through the sacrament of Baptism on Friday, September 29, 2023.

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Prayer when Persecuted

Dear Lord,

When we encounter those who disrespect our faith, at school, at work, in our communities, give to us Your grace. Root Your truth deeply into our hearts, so that we can speak and act and rest in You. Amen.

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CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What does an anchor symbolize in Catholicism?

Answer: An anchor symbolizes hope.

Observances for the week of October 8, 2023

Sunday: Columbus Day; St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest

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Tuesday:

Wednesday: St. John XXIII, Pope

Thursday:

Friday:

Saturday: St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr

MASS TIMES

MASSES ARE LIVESTREAMED

PARISH/SCHOOL

PHONE/WEBSITE INFO

SATURDAY:

5:00 pm

SUNDAY:

8:00 am, 11:00 am & 4:00 pm

DAILY MASS:

8:30 am

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

PARISH PHONE:

312.922.3444

PARISH WEBSITE:
www.oldstmarys.com
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312.386.1560

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SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS:

PLEASE GO TO OUR WEBSITE TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD(REN) FOR BAPTISM. YOU WILL BE CONTACTED.

CONFESSIONS:

4 PM SATURDAY
AND BY APPOINTMENT



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