

OLD ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

OCTOBER 29, 2023

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



30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart,
with all your soul, and with all your mind." - Mt 22:37

PASTOR'S WHITE BOARD**"The Money Talk"**

Sometimes, in some places, the Pastor's Money Talk is infamous. People dread it. "He's asking for money – again?" "I give as much as I can." "Why don't others give more?" I'm sure you can fill in other responses, and the spectrum of those responses run from basic to elaborate and may at times include colorful language.

There is also the opinion that the Church should be run more like the best of businesses. And while it is true that we rely on people with business and financial acumen to serve on our Finance Council and to advise us in the parish, and that the Archdiocese also uses best business practices and advises parishes in those same methods (with oversight), there is a difference between businesses and churches.

Many businesses exist to raise money (especially non-profits) where it is used for the cause of the organization. Other businesses exist to make money (the for-profit range of institutions). But Church is not business. Church is community. What is most valuable to any Church are the people.

Churches, for years, have relied on the generosity of people who show up for regular services volunteering for the different tasks that need people to do them. Also, generosity of people sharing skills and time for activities and ministries. Not every parish has a paid music minister, or business manager, faith formation director or receptionist/secretary. And yet, people have volunteered and stepped forward because they want the parish missions of worship, outreach, education, and conversion to succeed.

We at Old St. Mary's, like many parishes throughout Chicagoland, are lucky, thanks to your generosity, to afford paid staff at some critical positions. Although our ability to keep all those positions since covid has declined. But as a parish looking to the future and asking the question of how to grow our ministry and profile as a parish of service to the community, we can use more people to staff other positions as volunteers or paid professionals. Articulating those needs, planning for them, and determining whether a volunteer can occupy the position or we need to pay someone is a very important discussion for us in these complicated times.

Our Church is also not a business in terms of setting fees (outside of education programs or other particular programs), telling people what they should give, asking to see financial statements and so forth. We rely on donations. We try to be transparent about what we spend money on (our monthly financial updates, end of year statements, and your personal access to your giving), we let you know where we are in resources and what we would like to accomplish.

Other Churches (not so much Catholic Churches) do actually set fees and membership dues for their congregations, and even publish giving records. Years ago the Catholic Church used to have "pew fees" and yearly giving was published annually, showing each families' contributions, but not so much in recent times.

The biggest difference, in how we look at finances from a Christian perspective, is simply to ask a couple of questions. "Do you see the resources and assets you have as a gift from God? And do you see that the giftedness God gives is meant to be used for the good of all?"

The heart of the Gospel message – do you see you are blessed by God? Do you see that your generosity is itself a blessing and a reward by God to you? It is related to all the other special blessings each person has – talents, abilities, time, family, health and all the different resources that occupy human life.

A successful money talk by the pastor is one where you see your giftedness as blessings from God, and you frame and use those for the betterment of others and the progress of the Church. I hope your heart is open to all that God is giving you and calling you to do!

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: "You shall not wrong any widow or orphan. If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry. My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword; then your own wives will be widows, and your children orphans." (Ex 22:21-23)

PSALM: I love you, Lord, my strength. (Ps 18)

SECOND READING: For they themselves openly declare about us what sort of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God and to await his Son from heaven. (1 Thes 1:9-10)

GOSPEL: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." (Mt 22:37)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY: Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2); 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

MONDAY: Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21; Lk 13:10-17

TUESDAY: Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Lk 13:18-21

WEDNESDAY: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

THURSDAY: Wis 4:7-14; Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21; Rom 5:17-21; Mt 11:25-30

FRIDAY: Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6

SATURDAY: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18; Lk 14:1, 7-11

NEXT SUNDAY: Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10; Ps 131:1, 2, 3; 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 28 - 5:00 pm

+ Estela Tiongco

Sunday, October 29

8:00 am

+ Rosita Navarro

+ David E. Alcorn

11:00 am

Gianna Nelson

4:00 pm

People of the Parish

Monday, October 30 - 8:30 am

+ Ralph V. Fiore

Tuesday, October 31 - 8:30 am

+ Carol J. Sheerin

Wednesday, November 1 - All Saints Day

8:30 am

+ All Souls

7:00 pm

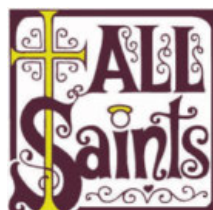
All the Baptized

Thursday, November 2 - 8:30 am

+ Margarita Manuel

Friday, November 3 - 8:30 am

+ Corritore & Volini Families



**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1 IS
ALL SAINTS DAY AND A
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.**

**MASSES ARE AT
8:30 AM AND 7 PM**

BUDGET SCORECARD - FY 2024

thru Sept 30

Weekly Budget Amount **19,158.00**

Fiscal YTD Budget \$ 229,896.00

Receipts

Sunday Collection	\$ 67,599.62
Special Donation	\$ 10,000.00
Online Giving	\$ 91,294.34
Faith Formation Tuition	\$ 15,478.00
Bank Acct Interest	\$ 131.47
Candle boxes, Mass	
Intentions, Baptism,	\$ 5,295.79
Wedding, etc	
Total Received	\$ 189,799.22
Surplus/Deficit	\$ (40,096.78)

Through Sept, our parish took in \$40,096.78 less than we needed to break even.



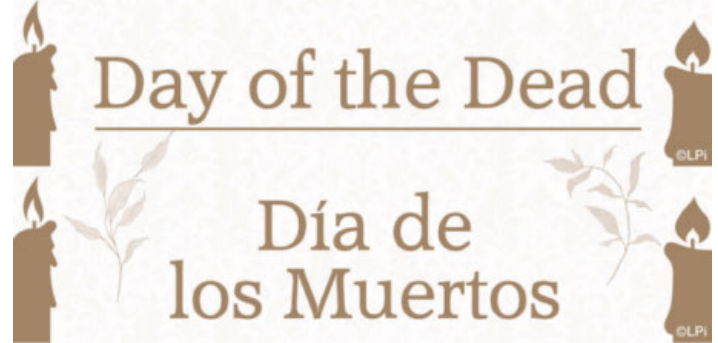
Help Extend the Kids Tax Credit Scholarship Program

The tax credit scholarship comes to a close at the end of this school year unless the Illinois General Assembly acts to extend the program.

Please follow the link below to read how the program has benefitted so many children and what you can do to help get it extended.

<https://oldstmarys.com/2023/10/help-to-continue-kids-tax-scholarship-credit-program/>

ALL SOULS



Old St. Mary's Altar of the Dead will be available October 15 to November 19th.

Join us by placing a framed picture of a loved one you have lost on the Old St. Mary's Altar of the Dead located in the parish commons.

Join us to pray for our deceased loved ones and to demonstrate that those loved ones are still very much a part of the communion of saints and remembered.

POPE FRANCIS ISSUES NEW STATEMENT ON CLIMATE CHANGE

On October 4th, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Pope Francis issued a follow-up letter to his 2015 encyclical concerning the environment, *Laudato Si*. Titled *Laudate Deum* (Praise God), the Pope says that with the passage of time since his encyclical regarding our "common home" he has "realized that our responses have not been adequate". It's important that all of us—the entire Church—read, reflect, and act on the Pope's short and very readable ten-page letter. You can find it here:

<https://oldstmarys.com/10/october/pope-francis-message-on-climate-change>



Are you, or someone you know, widowed?

If you have been recently widowed and are still struggling with the loss, or if you have been widowed for some time and need something to get you “over the hump” because you seem stuck in one spot, this program is designed to help you move on with life while still treasuring your past and its precious memories.

This unique retreat/workshop will be held at **Nazareth Retreat House, Batavia, Illinois.** The Joyful Again! program is for both men and women (all ages) who have been widowed and are still trying to find hope and new joy in life.

All are welcome.

What: Retreat/workshop for Widowed Men & Women

When: November 4 & 5 (2-day program – overnight only)

Where: NAZARETH Retreat House, Batavia, Illinois
For further information,

call: 708-354-7211. or e-mail us at

joyfulagain7211@gmail.com

website: www.joyfulagain.org

PERPETUAL NOVENA TO ST. RITA OF CASCIA

Thursday, November 2, 2023

7740 S Western Ave

Mass and novena prayers will
begin at 7:00 p.m.

This month the students of St. Rita High School will honor the fallen firefighters and police officers that have been laid to rest.

Confession is available at 6:00 pm.
Secure and ample parking is available.

ST. JAMES FALL CLOTHING DRIVE

Our sharing parish, St. James, needs the following clothing for their low income and homeless clients.



♦ White cotton athletic socks for men

♦ Cotton socks for women



♦ Knit or other warm winter hats

♦ Winter gloves for men



♦ Gloves or mittens for women and children

Donations may be dropped off in the Church Commons or brought to the Church Receptionist through Friday, November 17th.

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

Due to the Hot Chocolate Run on Sunday, November 5, street closures and parking restrictions will be in effect. You will be able to access parking via Wabash Avenue.



Daylight
saving time
ends, next
Sunday,
November 5.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God became human to show us that only love can change the world. Let's not just believe in that love – let's be that love, each and every day.

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PRAYER FOR OUR DECEASED

Dear Lord,

 Comfort us in our grief as we
mourn those no longer with us
on earth.

 Free those in purgatory quickly,
and guide us in Your will, so
that one day we may all be
united with You, for eternity.
Amen.

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CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What's the official name for
the Dominican Order?

Answer: The Order of Preachers

Observances for the week of October 29, 2023

Sunday: 30th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Monday
Tuesday: All Hallow's Eve

Wednesday: All Saints

Thursday: All Souls' Day

Friday: St. Martin de Porres,
Religious

Saturday: St. Charles Borromeo,
Bishop

Next Sunday: 31st Sunday in
Ordinary Time;
Daylight Saving Time Ends;
National Vocation
Awareness Week

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

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312.922.3444

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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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our website, our **parish app** or from this QR code.



You can also DONATE TO OLD ST. MARY'S with Zelle through your bank.
Use email address give@oldstmarys.com

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