

OLD ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 12, 2023

My soul
is thirsting
for you,
O Lord.

PSALM 63



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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.

PASTOR'S WHITE BOARD**WITHIN OUR DARKEST NIGHT**

I wonder if you had an experience like mine last week around All Souls Day? I was thinking about my brother, Matt, my uncle Ray, two of my Paulist brothers, Fr. Don and Fr. Charlie, and others, when you start thinking of a few people it generally leads to a cavalcade of memories.... Then celebrities die, and we have them in our homes through their shows or games or all the other arenas of human interaction we are part of all the time. And we remember them, now gone, and the hole in our heart – that dark spot.

Of course Fr. Stu was here last week. He has been dealing with his own darkness, depression, mental illness, separation from ministry. And while I feel empathy for him, I also feel the emptiness of him not being here. And now, the separation of his moving on to a new Paulist ministry..., I'm guessing that may be impacting some of you too.

In recent years, during November we have had an All Souls service where we could read the names of the dead, especially those we've lost in the last year. We have also had our "Of Womb and Tomb" service for those who have lost children before birth, at birth, right after birth, or not been able to conceive or are struggling in any way. And in December we have had a "Longest Night" service for those people afflicted with depression for any reason, but especially those for whom the "holidays" are anything but joyful, and for whom the loud and copious trappings only weigh them down.

I don't think any of those reasons to pray have gone away. Are you missing any of those opportunities? As we have begun to reflect on them as staff, we are thinking this year that we might simplify the experience and bring them together as one service. What do you think?

Within our darkest nights of loss, depression, anxiety, sadness, self-doubt, anger, and all the rest, we are truly connected to each other. One of the best parts of being Catholic and Christian, is the empathy and range of emotions that we bond over. The Catholic experience of a wake service, filled with tears, laughter, silence, song, story and other emotions and reactions was always a space to deal with the complexities of our shared feelings in a safe place that said – it's okay, I am with you.

Within that darkest night, it is also the fire of love that brings us together for each other. And it brings us together with those who have gone on before, those who have not had the chance for life, and those who are in the midst of any crisis. It is also where the strength of Christ gathering us, just as we are, becomes most real. It is in that darkness that the light of someone who rose from the dead gives just the right amount of light to accompany, soothe and comfort us, and even prepare us for the rest of our life journey.

Please look for an announcement of our special "darkest night" service in the near future. In the meantime, don't forget you are not alone, and you are connected with all of us who are hurting in our own way.

Comfort and Blessing to you!

Fr. Brad



*On Saturday November 4th, we welcomed **Thomas Michael Przybysz**, **Hazel Ann Winter**, **Alexis Elia Mendez** and **Anna Maria Mendez** into the community of the faithful through the sacrament of Baptism.*

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Resplendent and unfading is wisdom, and she is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her. (Wis 6:12)

Psalm: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. (Ps 63)

Second Reading: For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep. (1 Thes 4:14)

Gospel: "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." (Mt 25:13)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, (2b); 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14; Mt 25:1-13

Monday: Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10; Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Wis 2:23-3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19; Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Wis 7:22b-8:1; Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25

Friday: Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1a); 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 11 - 5:00 pm
+ Michael Joseph Gilhooly

Sunday, November 12

8:00 am + Ray Schoeberle

11:00 am + Faustina Chua

4:00 pm People of the Parish

Monday, November 13 - 8:30 am
+ Ruth Stamm Sheerin

Tuesday, November 14 - 8:30 am
+ Rosita Navarro
+ David E. Alcorn

Wednesday, November 15 - 8:30 am
+ Ruth H. Sheerin

Thursday, November 16 - 8:30 am
+ Jose Alejo

Friday, November 17 - 8:30 am
+ Vene Randa Serrano

Our *Just One Item Campaign* is the third week-end each month (Nov 18/19 this month). 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, or one bar of soap, or one tube of toothpaste, or 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.*

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/>

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.

A Tax-Savvy Way to Support Old St. Mary's Parish

When you donate appreciated securities or mutual funds to our parish, you can reduce or even eliminate federal capital gains taxes on the transfer. You may also be entitled to a federal income tax charitable deduction based on the fair market value of the securities at the time of the transfer. For more information about donating stock or securities, please contact your financial advisor.

To make a stock donation to Old St. Mary's Parish, please visit archchicago.org/stockgiftform and complete the electronic Letter of Intention form. Once you have submitted the form, you will receive a confirmation email with detailed instructions for you to complete your gift. If you have any questions, please contact **Karen Whitehead, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312.534.7461 or kwhitehead@archchicago.org.**

We are Celebrating!

**On Sunday, Nov. 19 at the 11am Mass,
we will joyfully welcome
children new to the faith.**

**Baptisms are a celebration not just for the family but
our whole community.**

The assembly renews its baptismal vows, renouncing sin and affirming the faith of the Church. We commit to supporting the family in passing on the faith. It is also a sign of our Church and parish community growing as one parish family committed to on another.



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The Chosen is not to be missed

See the story of Jesus from those who knew and followed Him.

A charismatic fisherman struggling with debt. A troubled woman wrestling with demons. A gifted accountant ostracized from his family and people. These are just a few of the people that knew and were chosen by Jesus. Their stories help us to reflect on our own story of Jesus.

Join us as often as your schedule allows.



Chicago Shares will be available for purchase in the Commons on Sunday, November 19, the 3rd Sunday of the month after the

Masses. Vouchers come in

packets of 5 – \$1.00 coupons for a cost of \$5. You can learn more about the program at

www.chicagoshares.org.

Cash or personal check made payable to Old St. Mary's, (put SJ on the memo line) may be used to purchase the vouchers.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God knows that, sooner or later, we all face a night that is long and dark. He has given each of us exactly what we need to make it through. If we keep Him with us, the light will not go out.

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Prayer of Vigilance

Dear Lord,

Keep Your concerns in our hearts.

Help us to be aware of Your movement, big or small, in the day-to-day moments of our lives.

Amen

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Observances for the week of November 12, 2023

Sunday: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

Tuesday:
Wednesday: St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Thursday: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin

Friday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

Saturday: The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

Next Sunday: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading:

Wisdom is presented as a virtue seeking to be found. How might you search for wisdom this 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

PARISH WEBSITE:
www.oldstmarys.com
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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

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What is an official member of a church community or parish called?

Answer: A parishioner.



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

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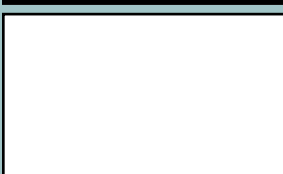
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