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PSALM 23



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PASTOR'S WHITE BOARD**Financial Stewardship and Parish Life 2023**

We are just releasing the annual parish financial report for the fiscal year (2022-2023). It has not been a good year for finances. The school financial report looks good – the school, of course, is fee based in its financial structure, and we budget pretty close to need. The School does receive some donations, especially through the Blue-Ribbon Fund annual appeal (which started November 1), but it is more structured around fees to supply staff, benefits, resources and material needs of the school.

The Church, however, is almost completely cared for by donations. It is why we say Thank You so often at Mass and in other ways. Recently I've highlighted in different articles that Stewardship is about knowing what we each have, reflecting on it before God, and then being aware of the different needs and how we can help. I want to reaffirm that there is always need around us – so many worthy needs, but we have a choice as to who we give to and how much.

As we enter the months of November–February, which are months that are known as a special time for giving for many churches, charities and non-profits, I want to give you a glimpse of the various upcoming special collections. I am not including the Christmas and Thanksgiving special items like gift cards, food, clothing, those are still happening, as is our Sharing Parish (St. James), Chicago Shares and Just One More collections, but are not “in Mass” collections. Of course unknown needs can make an appearance too. Here are the special collections we anticipate and invite you to be ready for.

- November 18/19 was the annual Catholic Campaign for Human Development which helps people out of poverty
- November 23 – our Thanksgiving Day collection for parish outreach, you can still contribute to this fund that helps the parish help people directly
- December 10 – Retirement fund for Religious Sisters, Brothers, Priests, annual
- December 25 – Christmas collection – your gifts this Christmas can really help – Thank You!
- January 21 – Paulist Appeal, Annual opportunity to sustain the Paulists in ministry
- January 28 – Collection for the Church in Latin America
- February 3/4 – beginning of Archdiocesan Catholic Appeal (several weeks), annual
- February 14, Ash Wednesday, Special collection for aid in Central and Eastern Europe
- Lent – Rice Bowl & Catholic Relief Services Collection

Please note, your regular gifts to the parish (you can set up recurring gifts at oldstmarys.com/donate/) or regular weekly and monthly donations by check help sustain the parish, create new ministries, and cover regular maintenance costs. We know the above special collections are a bit extra, so the combination of regular and special donations is a solid one-two punch of sustaining parish ministry, as well as help you feel good about the generosity you share.

Thanks for all you are able to do. God Bless you!

Fr. Brad Schoeberle, CSP
Pastor



We welcome the following new parishioners to the Old St. Mary's parish community.

Elizabeth Kostelny and William Falotico

Venkataramaro Linga and Lorena Martinez and daughter Eliana

Ryan & Janine Cournoyer and son Charles

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 25 - 5:00 pm
Thanksgiving of Quinn Family

Sunday, November 26

8:00 am + Catherine Hefferman

11: 00 am Patrick Sheerin, Jr.

4:00 pm Thank you for Parishioners

Monday, November 27 - 8:30 am
+ Legionary Deceased

Tuesday, November 28 - 8:30 am
+ Ruth Corrigan

Wednesday, November 29 - 8:30 am
+ Lorraine Hartnett

Thursday, November 30 - 8:30 am
People of the Parish

Friday, December 1 - 8:30 am
+ All Souls

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: As for you, my sheep, says the Lord GOD, I will judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats. (Ez 34:17)

Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)

Second Reading: When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all. (1 Cor 15:28)

Gospel: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats." (Mt 25:31-32)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 4:18-22

Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87; Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4); 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37



On Saturday, November 11th, we welcomed **Carter Dean Beemsterboer and Rory Brian McDermott** into the community of the faithful through the sacrament of Baptism.



GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree is now up in the Commons! Each ornament on the tree has a gift that may be purchased for an adult or child at one of the parishes, or agencies, being helped by Old St. Mary's. We are highlighting these charitable partners so you can learn a little more about how your generous gift will make a difference.

This week we are highlighting **Zacchaeus House** and **Envision Unlimited**.

Zacchaeus House is a not-for-profit, non-treatment home for men, providing a safe, supportive and spiritual home to those in transition and in need of healing and God's grace and mercy. They emphasize spiritual development and acceptance of the fundamental dignity and self-respect of all people. Zacchaeus House is run by the Black Catholic Initiative at the Archdiocese of Chicago, and is self funded by donations only. The Old St. Mary's community has been helping Zacchaeus House for over 10 years with Christmas gifts and monetary funding.

Envision Unlimited - For over 70 years, Envision Unlimited has served people with disabilities across all ages, abilities, and backgrounds. Today, their wide array of home and community-based programs benefit over 2,000 individuals across the state of Illinois. Envision provides day programs, community living services, employment services, a foster care program, and mental health services.

If you would like to participate in The Giving Tree, please take an ornament from the tree, and purchase the gift shown on the ornament. Then please **follow the wrapping instructions on the ornament, attach the ornament to the outside of the gift, and return on or before Monday, December 11th.**

Alternatively, you can also donate using our online giving platform Pushpay. The following link will allow you to make a one-time donation to the Giving Tree. <https://ppay.co/dasz00OrgKsY>

Or you can scan the QR code to the right.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Apollo Chorus presents annual performance of Händel's Messiah



One of Chicago's greatest holiday traditions, audiences flock to hear the thrilling renditions of Händel's *Messiah*, including the "Hallelujah Chorus," by the Apollo Chorus of Chicago. This year we are proud to announce a quartet of internationally-acclaimed soloists, including soprano Katelyn Lee, mezzo-soprano Lindsey Adams, tenor Sam Krausz, and baritone Bill McMurray. The 2 ½ hour performance of all three parts of *Messiah* will also feature 110 members of the Apollo Chorus and a world-class Baroque Orchestra, all conducted by Stephen Alltop.

Two performances will be given this year: December 9 @7:30pm at **Holy Name Cathedral**, 735 N State St | Chicago, IL 60654 and December 10 @7:00pm at Alice Millar Chapel, 1870 Sheridan Rd | Evanston, IL 60208.

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit apollochorus.org or go directly to the ticket sale site at <https://www.apollochorus.org/event/handels-messiah-2023-1/>.

Please note, one of our cantors, Leslie, is a member of the Apollo Chorus.

ADVENT FAMILY WREATH MAKING!

Saturday, Dec. 2nd
2-4:30pm - Parish Commons

Please join us at the 5pm Mass to have your wreath blest.



SANTA'S WORKSHOP

Santa's Workshop on
December 9th from
12:00 - 2:00 pm in
the Old St. Mary's
Gym.

Come kick off the
Christmas Season
with a fun afternoon
of crafts, games,
snacks, and Santa.
Our annual tradition
continues with fun
and festive activities
to celebrate the
holidays.

If you'd like to
volunteer for the
event (set up, clean
up, or support an
activity station),
please contact
[Maria LaGiglio](#).

ADVENT FAMILY RETREAT

TUES. DEC. 12TH

6-7:30 PM IN CHURCH



THIS IS A SELF-PACED ENCOUNTER OF ADVENT.
JOIN US FOR AS LITTLE OR AS LONG
AS YOUR SCHEDULE ALLOWS.

IT IS A SCHOOL NIGHT, SO BREAK OUT
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AND SLIPPERS SO YOUR LITTLE ONES
CAN HEAD STRAIGHT
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Dec. 6
THROUGH
Dec. 8



8AM 5PM

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Join us for an Advent evening of song and
reflection in the Taizé tradition

Taizé Prayer

Wednesday, December 13
7:00 p.m.
Free and open to all

St. James on Wabash
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Taizé Prayer Service at St. James on Wabash

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MASS TIMES

MASSES ARE LIVESTREAMED

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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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 the name used
for a Mass where two
priests celebrate together?

Answer: A concelebrated Mass .

An Advent That Is...

Less Hectic More Holy

DEC. 4, 11, AND 18TH

MONDAY MORNINGS 9-10 AM

OR

TUESDAY EVENINGS ONLINE 6:30-7:30 PM

DEC. 5, 12, AND 19TH



Join us online: <https://bit.ly/3u5VEzg>

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God is always closer to us
than we suspect. He is in
every need we encounter
and every person we meet.
Never stop seeking His
face.

Prayer for Christ the King

Dear Lord,
May your name be
praised and blessed
forever,
you who are our shield
and comfort!
May your kingdom come!
Amen.

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BIBLE STUDY:

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT THE MASS?



Mondays

Dec. 4, Dec. 11 and Dec. 18, 2023

7:00-8:30PM

Zoom

The Bishops in the United States have asked Catholics to understand the Eucharist as the "sun and center" of our spiritual lives. This short course will examine how the Mass is rooted in the words and actions of Jesus and his followers.

Register in advance to receive the materials and Zoom link at <https://bit.ly/SJBIBLESTUDY>, or use the link under "Links for events" at www.stjameswabash.org. For more information contact Fr. John at jedmunds@stjameswabash.org or 312-842-1919.



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BUDGET SCORECARD - FY 2024

thru Oct 31

Weekly Budget Amount	\$ 19,158.00
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$ 306,528.00
	Receipts
Sunday Collection	\$ 98,115.00
Online Giving	\$ 132,046.29
Faith Formation Tuition	\$ 16,604.00
Bank Acct Interest	\$ 174.28
Candle boxes, Mass Intentions, Baptism, Wedding, etc	\$ 8,671.18
Total Received	\$ 255,610.75
Surplus/Deficit	\$ (50,917.25)

Through Oct, our parish took in \$50,917.25 less than we needed to break even.

Our giving platform is Pushpay.

To begin using Pushpay as a way to share your treasure go to

<https://pushpay.com/g/oldstmarys/>

You can also access it from 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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