

OLD ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

DECEMBER 3, 2023

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when
the time will come."
- Mk 13:33

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PASTOR'S WHITE BOARD**Paulist Fathers in Chicago**

As we begin Advent and a new liturgical year, it is often helpful to pause, reflect on where we are at and how we arrived here. The Paulist Fathers came to Chicago in 1903 at the request of Archbishop Quigley. This was only the 3rd foundation for the young American community, established in 1858. First is St. Paul the Apostle, the Paulist Mother Church in NYC. Second is Old St. Mary's-San Francisco [1894].

Archbishop Quigley invited the Paulists to Chicago in 1903, serving at Old St. Mary's, located at 9th and Wabash following the fire of 1871. The parish at the time was known as "the oddest assemblage of parishioners in the city," according to one Chicago Tribune article. The Paulists, missionaries in the ever-expanding United States, served a Chicago community comprised of "tourists, transients, people who worked at night" [from Centennial Yearbook], and an array of others with their own diversity. Eventually the church would be located at VanBuren and Wabash, and 1500 S. Michigan Ave. with ministries adapting to the community at each location.

As we've repeatedly said with Renew My Church, as mission and ministry have changed, the Paulist Fathers have served in different capacities. With the addition of Old St. Mary's Catholic School in 2004, the ministry continues to evolve, but the mission remains steadfast in its resolve to preach the unchanging truths of the Gospel in ways that adapt to communications methods and abilities of people today. And I would underscore, the preaching of the Gospel is not something Paulist's do in isolation, but with the help of many others – especially including yours.

When Fr. Rene Constanza, CSP and Fr. Dat Tran, CSP were here earlier in November, their purpose was to listen to how the Paulist Mission has taken root, how the parish is doing, and how the Paulists are doing. They were also here to share general Paulist news, and directions from our recent Paulist Assembly.

There is a rumor out there, after their visitation, that we're withdrawing from Chicago. That is a misrepresentation of what they said. They pointed out that the number of priests we have available for assignment is down, and that the community will be withdrawing from a couple of foundations in the next couple of years. But that discussion within the community, and the decisions following the discussion are still to come.

With our storied history in Chicago, and the Archdiocese of Chicago's own impact on the American Church, the combined ministries seem to be a good fit. Your involvement in Old St. Mary's Parish, and your understanding of mission through Renew My Church and Paulist outreach is crucial. Our leadership visitors want you to know this is a special place, and they are very encouraging of your efforts to make this "oldest parish in Chicago" the most dynamic parish as well.

The heart of Paulist Mission is to inspire all people in Christ. I hope you will continue to explore your call and how you can participate in making that happen, even as you join with us to make our ministry stronger.

Blessings!

Fr. Brad Schoeberle, CSP



The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas is on December 12th. Come visit the special altar to honor our Blessed Mother in the church from November 30th through December 13th.

On weekday mornings, starting November 30th, join us to pray the Novena for Our Lady of Guadalupe with the rosary at 8am in the church. The novena will conclude on December 12th with a special hospitality gathering in the commons after the 8:30am Mass

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.

Masses for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception a Holy Day of Obligation will be on Thursday, Dec 7 at 7 PM and Friday, Dec. 8 at 8:30 AM.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 2 - 5:00 pm

Mrs. Denise Poppi

Sunday, December 3

8:00 am Juanita Jones

11:00 am Ana Burian

4:00 pm People of the Parish

Monday, December 4 - 8:30 am

+ Georgia Dominski McQuade

Tuesday, December 5 - 8:30 am

+ Susan Marie Gavin Sinopoli

Wednesday, December 6 - 8:30 am

+ Ann Davis

Thursday, December 7

8:30 am + Mansueta Java, Sr.

7:00 pm People of the Parish

Friday, December 8 - 8:30 am

+ Francisca Rubio

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you. (Is 63:19)

Psalm: Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved. (Ps 80)

Second Reading: The testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor 1:6-7)

Gospel: "Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming." (Mk 13:35)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

**Baptism Announcement Correction**

We welcomed the following into the community of the faithful through the sacrament of Baptism.

Saturday, November 11th

Carter Dean Beemsterboer and Eleanor Lillian Holm

Sunday November 19th

Rory Brian McDermott and Chimaobi Patrick Ngene



GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree is 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 Kolbe House and Our Lady of Sorrows

Kolbe House provides in-jail, family, and re-entry ministries as well as restorative justice. Priest, religious and lay volunteers from across the Archdiocese visit Cook and Lake County jails to provide prayer and communion services and one-on-one pastoral ministry. Kolbe House also provides pastoral accompaniment for families with a loved one in jail, emergency assistance when necessary, and resources like public aid, counseling, and community support. Just two blocks from Cook County jail, their location allows them to meet immediate needs of individuals when they are released, including food, CTA passes, clothing, and connections with housing and other support.

Our Lady of Sorrows (OLS) is a Catholic parish in the East Garfield neighborhood on the west side of Chicago. Its outreach program has been feeding and clothing the homeless and poor of the community since the great depression! During the holiday season they provide food and toys to over 400 families. The church has numerous family and friends from OSM that have been helping out for years by volunteering, donating coats, hats and gloves, and monetary funding.

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/dasz0OrqKsY>

Or you can scan the QR code to the right. *Thank you in advance for your generosity.*



We are Celebrating!

Next Week at the 4pm Mass we will celebrate Confirmation with Bishop Lombardo.

It is one thing to know the stories, values, and traditions of our family, but it is another thing to claim them as our own.

Sunday, Dec. 10th at 4 pm the young people of our parish will choose to confirm their Baptism as a sign of their maturing identity as a disciple.

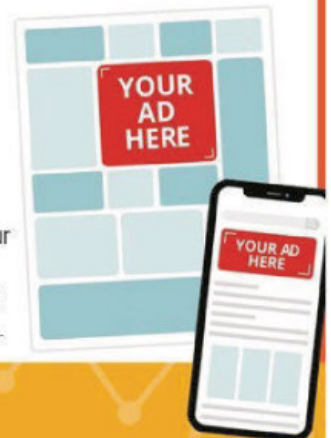
We hope you will join us in celebrating Confirmation with our candidates, parish/school staff, and Bishop Lombardo.



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NOTE: The invest in Kids Act Tax Credit Scholarship previously raised **\$138,016** supporting **16 students at Old St. Mary's School.**

We need your help now more than ever so that we may retain these students.



PERPETUAL NOVENA TO ST. RITA OF CASCIA

On Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., our December Novena Mass is a Healing Mass.

Are you in need of healing in your life? Join us as we implore the powerful intercession of St. Rita, Patroness of the Impossible. This Mass will include a blessing with Saint Rita Holy Oil, a recitation of the Novena Prayers to Saint Rita of Cascia, and the veneration of her relic.

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All are invited. St. Rita of Cascia Shrine Chapel, 7740 S. Western Avenue, Chicago, IL. **Confession is available at 6:00 p.m.** Mass and novena prayers will begin at 7:00p.m.



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](#).

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

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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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CONFESSIONS:

4 PM SATURDAY
AND BY APPOINTMENT

**CATHOLIC TRIVIA
– JUST FOR FUN**

Question: What is the title for the superior of a women's monastic religious community?

Answer: She is called an Abbess.

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

Advent is a time for waiting, for hoping, for praying. It is a time for reflecting on the special work to which God calls us all. Stay alert. Show Him you are listening.

Prayer for Advent 1

Dear Lord,

In this season of bustle, help us to stay watchful and alert to the spaces and places You are calling us to bring Your love and light.

Amen.

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DECEMBER 3, 2023**
Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. John Damascene,
Priest and Doctor of the
Church

Tuesday:**Wednesday:** St. Nicholas, Bishop

Thursday: St. Ambrose, Bishop
and Doctor of the Church

Friday: The Immaculate
Conception of the Blessed
Virgin Mary

Saturday: St. Juan Diego
Cuahtlatotzin

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of
Advent



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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.

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