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DECEMBER 17, 2023

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THE PAULIST FATHERS SERVING OUR PARISH SINCE OCTOBER 12, 1903.



3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A man named John was sent from God. He came
for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might
believe through him. - Jn 1:6-7

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.



On Sunday, December 10, 2023 at our 4 PM Mass, the following students received the gift of the Holy Spirit through the sacrament of Confirmation.

Most Rev. Bishop Robert J. Lombardo, CFR presiding.

Joy Akhigibe	Cate Crowley	William Kent	Emily Shebesta
Owen Allie	Thomas Del Guidice	Hazel Kirincic-Reyburn	Eddie Skolarus
Gisel Anderson	Fiona Dollear	Isla Lazzari	Dempsey Steinmetz
Jais Anderson	Matthew Fiore	Daniel Lewelling	Adam Stepniewski
Delilah Apel	Colin Flaherty	Serena Likavec	Lauren Tecson
Summer Barrett	Zuzanna Gorecka	Chinedu Madu	Vincent Thomas
Ellsie Berchman	Kamryn Javier	Sophie Marcus	Alexander Thurston
Mia Borgmeyer	William Johnigan	Abigail Marks	Adrianna Ursetta
Clancey Bowen	Caroline Karnezis	Paige Mattiello	Macello Ursetta
John Brown	Timothy Karnezis	Gabriel Morales	Eliana Vallejo
Marco Casanova	Alec Kelly	Antar Mosqueda	Sophie Zeimys
Ariana Clifford	Sloan Kelly	Brady Murphy	
Kian Connolly	Connor Kennelly	William Prado	

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul. (Is 61:10)

Psalms: My soul rejoices in my God. (Is 61:10b)

Second Reading: May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thes 5:23)

Gospel: "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." (Jn 1:23)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24

Monday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66

Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38



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

Oleksandr Mulyk and son Ioann

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 16 - 5:00 pm
Coachman Family

Sunday, December 17

8:00 am + Faustina Dyaucio Chua

11: 00 am Griffin Family

4:00 pm People of the Parish

Monday, December 18 - 8:30 am
+ Danilo Jose

Tuesday, December 19 - 8:30 am
+ Jaime Imbag

Wednesday, December 20 - 8:30 am
Smiley Family

Thursday, December 21

8:30 am + Thomas I. Sheerin

7:00 pm Immigrants

Friday, December 22 - 8:30 am
+ Jaime Imbag



FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

Remember your loved ones at Christmas with a gift of flowers for the altar. With a donation of \$25, we will publish the name(s) of the person(s) to be remembered in our *December 31* and *January 7* bulletins.

If you receive parish envelopes, there is an envelope in your packet which you can use for this purpose. There will also be envelopes in the Commons available for everyone's use.

You can also make a donation through Pushpay.
<https://ppay.co/LaXLLI5I5N4>.

Join us at Old St. Mary's Church to prepare our hearts for our Lord in the rich and diverse Filipino tradition of

Simbang Gabi

Thursday Dec. 21st @ 7pm

All are invited to unify our hearts and minds in the spirit and joy of Christmas.

Reception immediately following in the Gym

Old St. Mary's 1500 S. Michigan Ave. Chicago, IL



MASS TIMES FOR DECEMBER 24 AND 25

Christmas Eve Masses

Sunday, December 24

4 PM and 7:30 PM

There is caroling prior to each Mass

Christmas Day Masses

Monday, December 25

8:30 AM and 11 AM

PASTOR'S WHITE BOARD

Third Sunday of Advent

"Rejoice in the Lord, always. I shall say it again, Rejoice!" [Phil 4:4]

The pink candle, the pink vestments, the beginning of Advent's second season. The stunning imagery as we reach the third Sunday of Advent is complimented by an equally flamboyant John the Baptist whom people found both inspirational and curious. We have a simple question, "do these images and words of scripture move us?"

Last Sunday, Bishop Lombardo joined us and celebrated Confirmation for our candidates. Congratulations to them and their families for reaching this milestone of participation in the faith, and proclaiming your desire to continue to live it out.

All of us, along with them, are on the trajectory of our last week before Christmas. Christmas, and its focus on Jesus (God) who becomes human in the flesh – the fancy name is incarnation – is overlooked in our times with too much focus on the baby in the manger, and all the trappings of the holiday. This week with the "Rejoice" part is meant to go to the deep roots of God's coming in our world that have inspired the trappings and the music we all take to heart in the season. Strangely, many of our Christmas trappings are layers we must peel away to get to the central mystery of Christmas, much like getting to the most inner figure of a Russian doll.

But the meaning of Jesus, becoming flesh, is what gets us to celebrate Confirmation and say we are strong enough to tell the story of God among us, God sharing his life with us, and God by the gift of his flesh and blood makes us Christ in the world. It is a mystery. It is a tough mystery.

A great compliment for our newly Confirmed, would be to ask them to tell the Christmas story. Not from a book, but from their hearts – with their own ruffles, and flourishes, because they are considered adult storytellers of the faith now. And for those of us who do not live with a newly confirmed, we must be the storytellers of how God's being human in Jesus makes a difference today.

So Rejoice! The Lord is practically here. We are testaments to the mystery as Christian disciples.

Fr. Brad

PS – Keep this in mind as you think about your attendance at Christmas Eve Masses. **On Christmas Eve – The parking lots will be closed after the morning Masses due to the Bears Game at 3:25 p.m.** You will be able to park for 4 p.m. There will be gatekeepers only allowing entry for those attending the 4 p.m. Mass. Please plan accordingly.



Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament

Thursdays from 9 AM
to Noon.

"It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope."

– Pope Benedict XVI

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED**MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, CHRISTMAS DAY**

Masses at 8:30 AM and 11 AM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26,

Mass at 8:30 AM

MONDAY, JANUARY 1, NEW YEAR'S DAY

Mass 10:00 AM

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, NEW YEAR'S DAY

Mass at 8:30 AM

TAX STATEMENTS

Tax statements for 2023 will be generated using our giving platform Pushpay.

The tax statements will be available through our parish app. If you have not downloaded the app as yet, please do so. Search for OSM Parish in the Apple and Google Play stores.

Emails advising you that your tax statement is ready will be generated from a Pushpay domain. For those of you for whom we do not have an email address, your statement will be mailed to you. Please make sure that we have your correct mailing address. You can provide your current address information by calling the parish office, dropping a note in the collection basket or sending a note by mail.

PRAYER FOR ADVENT 3

Dear Lord,
Give us boldness as we move through
the motions of the holiday season, to reflect and
remind those around us of Your deep and abiding love
for them. Allow them to encounter Your love, through
us. Amen.

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If you have an RMD on your own account or an inherited account and you do not need the funds, donating to charity (Old St. Mary's) is a great option. Your required withdrawal will be included in your taxable income and cannot be rolled into other tax-deferred accounts. However, donating your RMD is a qualified charitable distribution (QCD).

Up to \$100,000 of your distribution from an employer-sponsored retirement account (including but not limited to your RMD) is a QCD.

Make your donation by December 31 to qualify this year.

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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312.386.1560

SCHOOL WEBSITE:www.osmschool.com**SACRAMENTS****BAPTISMS:**

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YOUR CHILD(REN) FOR
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CONFESSIONS:

4 PM SATURDAY
AND BY APPOINTMENT

**CATHOLIC TRIVIA –
JUST FOR FUN**

Question: What are the only
materials acceptable for use as
an altar cloth?

Answer: Hemp or flax

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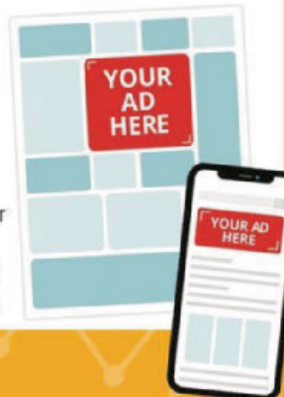
**LIVE THE LITURGY –
INSPIRATION FOR
THE WEEK**

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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

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You can also DONATE TO OLD ST. MARY'S with Zelle through your bank.

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