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DECEMBER 24, 2023

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Behold, you will
conceive in your womb
and bear a son,
and you shall name
him Jesus.”
- Lk 1:31

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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.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES FOR DECEMBER 24 AND 25

Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24

4 PM and 7:30 PM

There is caroling prior to each Mass

Christmas Day

Monday, December 25

8:30 AM and 11 AM



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

Mia Cajita

John Thomas & Nancy Frank

SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING: "Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever." (2 Sm 28:16)

PSALM: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 89)

SECOND READING: The revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith. (Rom 16:25-26)

GOSPEL: "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus." (Lk 1:31)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

SUNDAY VIGIL: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25

MONDAY: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

TUESDAY: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17; Mt 10:17-22

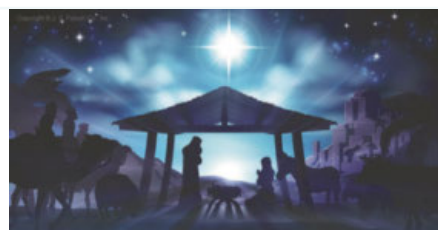
WEDNESDAY: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

THURSDAY: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

FRIDAY: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

SATURDAY: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40

NEXT SUNDAY: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:22-40



**THE PAULIST FATHERS AND
STAFF OF OLD ST. MARY'S
WISH EVERYONE A
BLESSED CHRISTMAS.**

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23 - 5:00 PM

People of the Parish

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

8:00 AM	+ Emelia Joson & Eugenio Josen
11:00 AM	+ Jaime Imbag
4:00 PM	+ Max Daclan
7:30 PM	Mr. & Mrs. Singleton

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

8:30 AM	+ Corritore & Volini Families
11:00 AM	+ Jaime Imbag

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26 - 8:30 AM

+ Miguel Medija, Sr.
+ Miguel Medija, Jr.

Wednesday, December 27 - 8:30 AM

+ Carmelita Lucente

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28 - 8:30 AM

+ ANGELICO TIONGCO

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29 - 8:30 AM

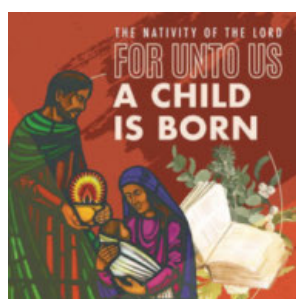
+ Lourdes Medija

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May the Light of Christmas Touch you and Fill you with God's Glory!

I pray the Blessings of this Holy Season of Christmas continue to fill you and all the special people in your life!

Welcome to Old St. Mary's Chicago! We will most certainly be celebrating Christmas – not just Christmas Eve and Day itself, but the entire season. As you come to the Masses between December 24 and January 7 (Christmas Eve until Epiphany), I hope you will come with wonder. I hope you will bring your home stories of Christmas, all those memories.



If we focus on Christmas as God coming into the world to actually become a human being (and the dizzying mystery of a person being fully human and fully divine), it can give our hearts a great boost. Jesus leads us to joy and fear in preparation for his birth. With his birth, the pains of motherhood and the rejoicing of the angelic hosts. With the newborn, the shock of ragamuffin guests from the locale and wonder of a star bringing the elite from such a distance.

When the Holy Family must move (to Egypt) we are mesmerized by a dream that would move a family, and appalled that a leader would kill children. Eventually Jesus will be called back to Israel and the veiled life he led until he was of age as a preacher remains a mystery.

What I'm saying in these paragraphs, for all of us, the range of our lives is there in Jesus' story. Not a simple cute story of a baby born in a manger, but the profound story of God who becomes one of us, so WE can experience that Jesus knows us. That is super good news.

And just because it is Christmas time – let us not forget that the newborn savior will take bread and wine, his body and blood that will die on the cross and give it to us. And in the darkness of that night and intimacy we will be absorbed by the shattering light of the resurrection that changes it all. Star to Resurrection – the world is changed! We are part of it.

Again, may the Blessings of Christmas be yours! And may Christ raise your hearts because you are his own. All of us are his own – Jesus, God's own Son and our Savior.

Fr. Brad Schoeberle, CSP
Pastor – Old St. Mary's



PARISH TOWN HALL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2024
AT 6:00 PM
DETAILS TO COME.

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, 2024

Mass at 8:30 AM

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago

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To get help, call (312) 655-7700 (Cook) and (847) 782-4000 (Lake), or email gethelp@catholiccharities.net.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God's plans are not always what we imagined. Sometimes they make us hesitate. Be like Mary. Say "Yes, Lord" — and God will show you that His imagination is better than yours.

CATHOLIC HOUSEHOLD BLESSING

There is a long-standing Catholic tradition of the blessing of homes on the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord—January 7th. If you would like to observe this tradition in your household, please pick up an *Epiphany of the Lord: Catholic Household Blessing* leaflet from the tables in the Commons.

You can also download a copy using the following link:

<https://oldstmarys.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Epiphany-Household-Blessing-CHICAGO-2024.pdf>



Domestic Violence and the Holidays

During the holiday season, a stressful time for many couples, domestic violence increases dramatically. Let us pray for all victims of domestic violence and their children. May they find peace and safety during the holidays and new year. May all perpetrators realize the harm they cause and seek help to abandon their violent ways. May we continue to work diligently to assist them in finding peace.

For free assistance or referrals, call the Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-877-863-6338

Imminent Danger CALL 911.

**No Adult or Parish/School Open
Gym, on Sundays
December 24 & December 31.**

NOTE : The parking lots will be closed after the 11 a.m. on December 24 due to the Bears Game at 3:25 p.m. There will be gatekeepers only allowing entry for those attending the 4 p.m. Mass. Please plan accordingly.

DONATE YOUR IRA REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION

You cannot keep money in your employer-sponsored retirement plan(s) indefinitely. Once you reach retirement, you will need to withdraw money from these funds annually. This is a great opportunity to begin or grow your philanthropic giving. *If you are the account owner of one of these types of accounts and you have reached age 72 (73 if you reach age 72 after Dec. 31, 2022), you have a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD).*

The RMD is the smallest amount account holders must withdraw from employer-sponsored retirement plans each year once they reach retirement. **If you fail to meet your RMD, the amount not withdrawn will be taxed at 50%.** 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.**

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.



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 St. Mary's Retreat House, Lemont, 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: April 13 & 14, Sept. 20 & 21, 2024
(2-day program-overnight encouraged)

Where: St. Mary's Retreat House, Lemont, Illinois 60439 (Commute or stay overnight.)

For further information, call: 708-354-7211.

e-mail us at joyfulagain7211@gmail.com

website: www.joyfulagain.org

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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CONFESSIONS:

4 PM SATURDAY
AND BY APPOINTMENT

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: : What is the name of
the popular Christmas song
about a boy playing his drum for
Jesus?

Answer: The Little Drummer Boy

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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursdays from 9 AM to Noon.

PRAYER FOR ADVENT 4

Dear Lord,
Visit our homes!
Visit our families!
Bring your goodness
and light to every
broken heart we've
met on this journey
of life.

Your presence
brings healing and
rebirth.

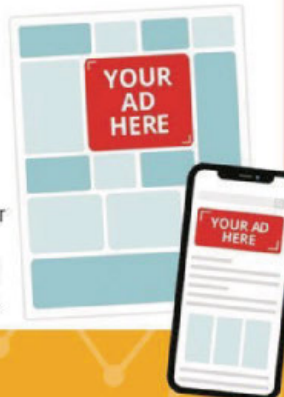
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Amen.

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Thru Nov 30

Weekly Budget Amount **19,158.00**

Fiscal YTD Budget \$ 383,160.00

Receipts

Sunday Collection	\$ 124,769.29
Online Giving	\$ 161,252.17
Faith Formation Tuition	\$ 17,054.00
Bank Acct Interest	\$ 215.78
Candle boxes, Mass Intentions, Baptism, Wedding, etc	\$ 10,659.82
Total Received	\$ 313,951.06
Surplus/Deficit	\$ (69,208.94)

Through November, our parish took in \$69,208.94 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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