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



DECEMBER 31, 2023

THE HOLY FAMILY

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.
- Lk 2:40

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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.

**Happy
New Year!**

The Paulist Fathers and Staff of Old St. Mary's wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED
MONDAY, JANUARY 1, NEW YEAR'S DAY

Mass 10:00 AM

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024

Mass at 8:30 AM

SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING: "Your own issue shall be your heir." The Lord took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be." (Gn 3:4-5)

PSALM: The Lord remembers his covenant for ever. (Ps 105)

SECOND READING: By faith he received power to generate, even though he was past the normal age—and Sarah herself was sterile. (Heb 11:11)

Gospel: The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. (Lk 2:40)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a); Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1:35-42

Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Jn 1:43-51

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30 - 5:00 PM

+ Tranquilino Daclan, Sr
+ Tranquilino Daclan, Jr.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

8:00 AM + Liberty Rubio

11:00 AM + Kathleen Mary Hartigan

4:00 PM Lloyd Jeremy Lincoln

MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2024

10:00 am + Jaime Imbag

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2 - 8:30 AM

+ Lolita Gaerian Carrillo

Wednesday, January 3 - 8:30 AM

+ All Souls in Need

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4 - 8:30 AM

People of the Parish

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5 - 8:30 AM

+ Deceased Members of the Parish

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: : True or False: The Catholic Church teaches that those people who don't know and accept the Church will NOT be saved.

Answer: False

We are Celebrating!



Saturday, Jan. 6, at the 5pm Mass, we will joyfully welcome children new to the faith.
Baptisms are a celebration not just for the family but for 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 one another.



BAPTISM

On Sunday, December 17 at the 8 AM Mass, we welcomed Stephen Stanley Osial into the community of the faithful through the sacrament of Baptism.

PASTOR'S WHITE BOARD

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

Save the Date

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



Christmas Flower Offerings



In honor of Mary Leos *by Greg Leos*

In memory of Robert & Mary Zakoff, Richard M Zakoff,
Joseph & Margaret Mihula and Olga Seiler
by Julie Seiler

In memory of Carole *by Anne Madormo*

In memory of the deceased members of the
Dacumas-Garcia Family *by Cleofe Garcia*

In memory of Eduvigior & Anatolia Tuditud
by Sally Tuditud

In memory of Marilyn M. Hickey *by James K. Hickey*

In memory of Joseph & Virginia Ryan *by William Ryan*

In memory of Byron Slaughter *by Eunice Slaughter*

In memory of Loretta Campbell, Bridget Campbell,
Patrick Campbell, Noreen Ehms and Anne Byrne
by John Campbell

In memory of Marcos & Nena Fogata *by Grace Fogata*

In memory of Carol J. Sheerin, Margaret Sheerin,
Patricia Stamm, James L. & Ruth H. Sheerin, and
Vince & Helen Ganze *by Patrick Sheerin*

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Uselles, Mr. & Mrs.
Thomas Hughes, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Midula and
Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Midula *by Mr. & Mrs. John Hughes*

In memory of Ann Rice and Jeanne Ellis *by Katie Ellis*

In memory of Judy Pusser and James DeGregorio
by Leticia and Howard Kim

In memory of Eric Biegansky *by Sonya Yeadon*

In memory of Glenn Woodard and
Kevin Woodard *by Donna Woodard*

In memory of Pat and Bill Burnett *by Maria Thomas*

In memory of Norbert Winkowski
by Dr. & Mrs. Chester Buziak

In memory of Angelico Honorata and Estrela Tiongeo
by Myrna Tiongeo

In honor of Rosie Nguyen and Steve Voss
by Valerie Nguyen

In memory of Russell Tilmann and
Lawrence "Larry" Schuberg *by Lynda Bartlett*

In memory of Rodolfo A. Abrigo, Rosario L. Abrigo, and
Godofredo J. Taylo *by Rosalinda A. Taylo*

In memory of John and Emily White
by Cozette Buckney

In memory of Roger & Genevieve Olsen, Jim & Ellen
Hickey, and Walter & Dorothy Renneh *by Mary Olsen*

In memory of William J. Ryan, John C. Curtis, and
Ned Ryan *by Patricia Ryan*

In memory of Judy Wong, Jordan Wong, Dennis Wong,
Jack McDonald and Jan Resberg *by Patricia McDonald*

In memory of Colin McKenna *by Etta McKenna*

In memory of Sean and Bridget Shanahan
by Elizabeth Shanahan

In honor of Paul Carlos Martinez and In memory of
Lance Buckley, Coach Hart, and Father Alex
by Abigail Martinez

In memory of the deceased members of the
Gamble family *by Darneice Gamble*

Donations for Flowers also received from:

Annabelle Tadalán	Guillermo Velez	Mr. & Ms. John Fitzgerald
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		Mattie Young

Thank you everyone for your donations to enhance the beauty our church this
Christmas season in expressed or silent memory of your loved ones.
We have made every effort to record your names accurately, please forgive any typographical errors.

THANK YOU!

The Social Justice and Service Committee would like to send out a very big **Thank You** to all the Old St. Mary's parishioners who donated so generously to this year's Christmas Giving Tree. All of our partner organizations were incredibly happy, and very grateful. We received over \$2,200 in gift cards and cash donations which was a tremendous response.

With your generous support, we were able to support several families from our neighbor parish, St. James. We were also able to sponsor a Christmas party for the residents of Envision, an organization that for over 70 year that has served people with disabilities across all ages, abilities and backgrounds.

Your contributions also helped to support Zacchaeus House, a not-for-profit, non-treatment home for men, providing a safe, supportive and spiritual home to those in transition; Our Lady of Sorrows, a Catholic parish on the west side of Chicago whose outreach program has been feeding and clothing the homeless and poor of the community since the great depression; and Little Brothers, Friends of the Elderly, an organization which has been dedicated to relieving isolation and loneliness among Chicago's elders since 1959.

Finally, we were able to donate over 20 duffel bags and gift cards to Kolbe House, which supports its mission of helping those leaving the prison system to get a fresh start.

We are overwhelmed by the generosity of the Old St. Mary's community. Please know that your support helped make Christmas a little brighter for many!

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The Eucharistic Revival at Old St. Mary's Church

for those helping others understand the Eucharist, and
those growing in the Eucharist

The Eucharist is Who We Are

Wednesday, January 17 at 7p.m

[alternative sessions:

January 18 at 7:45a.m., January 18 at 3:30p.m. and January 24 at 11:30 a.m.]

The Eucharist is What We Do

Tuesday, February 13 at 7p.m.

[alternative sessions:

February 20 at 11:30a.m., February 20 at 3:30p.m. and February 22 at 7:45 a.m.



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2023 TAX STATEMENTS

Tax statements for 2023 will be generated the week of January 15, 2024 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.

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



The Holy Family
Illustration

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Prayer for the Family

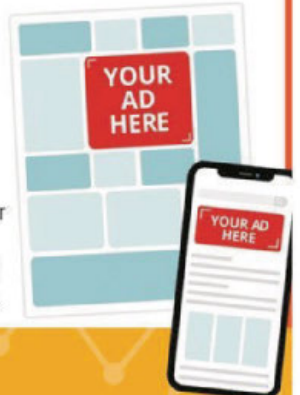
Dear Lord,
We lift our families to
you in prayer – every
generation!
Bind our wounds,
forgive our debts,
show your mercy!
Lead us to deeper
communion with
each other and You.
Help us, too, to be a
holy family.
Amen.

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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

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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.

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