

Ⓒld St. Mary's Catholic Church

JANUARY 7, 2024

1500 S MICHIGAN AVE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60605 — CHICAGO'S FIRST CATHOLIC PARISH ESTABLISH IN 1833
THE PAULIST FATHERS SERVING OUR PARISH SINCE OCTOBER 12, 1903.



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:1-2

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.

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

Psalms: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

Second Reading: It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 3:5-6)

Gospel: "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." (Mt 2:2)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3);
1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd;
Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2 and 5,
7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15,
24-25; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-17, 18-19;
Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-3,
4-5, 6-7; Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4 7-8,
8-9, 10 (8a, 9a); 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20;
Jn 1:35-42

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6 - 5:00 PM
+ Sarah Gomez Garcia

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

8:00 AM People of the Parish

11:00 AM + Jaime Imbag

4:00 PM People of the Parish

MONDAY, JANUARY 8 - 8:30 AM
+ Laverne & Lorraine Rohr

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9 - 8:30 AM
+ Joseph Corritore

Wednesday, January 10 - 8:30 AM
Marisa Alcorn

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11 - 8:30 AM
+ Honorata Tiongco

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12 - 8:30 AM
+ Cecilia Moran



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Fridays from 9 AM to Noon.

Parish Offices Closed

Monday, January 15
for Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

Mass at 8:30 AM



PASTOR'S WHITE BOARD

New Years News

As we start the New Year, you, me and many others often take the opportunity to change things up, make some new resolutions for action, and evaluate where we have been and where we are going. The great thing about being Catholic – we also get to do this during Lent. But let's not miss the January opportunity.

I'm wondering if you are seeing the pastor look more tired than usual these days? I certainly feel more tired than usual and wish to share with you some of the things I'm dealing with and invite you to join me in moving our parish forward.

Maryellen Harrington, our Director of Lifelong Faith Formation is taking on a new position working with the Augustinians in Chicago, and is stepping away from directorship. She is helping us out during the transition to a new person, but that also tells you I am busy searching for and interviewing candidates for us. Please pray for her, and pray for the Spirit's guidance as Old St. Mary's looks for its next Director of Lifelong Faith Formation.

Fr. Stu is now in California at the UCLA Newman Center. You can write to him at 10750 Ohio Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90024. With his departure, we are blessed to have various Paulists filling in for Sacramental duties – thanks to Frs. Ciccone, McGarry and Cary who served us in 2023. Upcoming, Fr. Bill Edens, CSP and Fr. Tom Holahan, CSP will help us out in January and February. All of these Paulists, and including Fr. PJ, are in senior ministry and serve the parish part time. Until a new appointee is a full-timer, I'm it for full time priest ministry.

But the blessings of being part of a parish is the understanding that the priests do not do it all – no matter how good they are or how much energy they have. Many of the parishes that closed in the Archdiocese had very capable priests, but the participation of the people was lacking. We as parish have very capable and talented people (YOU) but we need your involvement to help our parish to thrive and be creative in living the faith.

I am inviting you to our Parish Town Hall meeting on **January 22 at 6:00p.m. in the church**. You would probably expect we'll report on finances, and we'll talk about participation, but we need your voices to give us a clearer sense of abilities and interests and how we can create our parish anew in this post-covid era. In 1833 people in Chicago formed this parish. They gathered, talked and instigated a plan for moving forward. Here we are 190 years later, 22 years into our newest ministry site with the simple question? How are we as people of faith, joined together with each other, going to make a difference?

More news coming – it always is. I hope to see you on January 22 as we reimagine Old St. Mary's Church with your guidance.

Blessings!
Fr. Brad



Christmas Flower Offerings

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by Lourdes Imbag and Rhea Imbag

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In memory of Eleanor Hood-Wynn, Aaron Trotter and
Glenda Goode by Donor Unknown

In memory of Capodice & O'Malley Families
by Michael & Dorothy O' Malley

In memory of Bridget Shanahan and Sean Shanahan
by Kathleen Shanahan

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.

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

PARISH TOWN HALL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2024
AT 6:00 PM
YOUR PARTICIPATION REQUESTED.



Fr. James Martin Presents: *Come Forth*

Join a virtual discussion with Fr. James
Martin, on his new book, *Come Forth*.

Martin will provide insight on the interaction
between Jesus and Lazarus, Mary and Martha. There
are profound insights to some of the conflicting
factors surrounding the raising of Lazarus from the
dead. The online discussion will take place on
Thursday, January 18, 7 p.m. Register online at:
[https://holyname.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/495/
responses/new](https://holyname.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/495/responses/new)



Fr. James Martin, SJ is a Jesuit priest, editor-
at-large of America magazine and bestselling
author of *Jesus: A Pilgrimage*, *The Jesuit*
Guide to (Almost) Everything, and *Between*
Heaven and Mirth.



2023 TAX STATEMENTS

Tax statements for 2023 will
be generated the week of
January 15, 2024 using our
Pushpay giving platform.

The tax statements will be available
through the OSM 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.



We welcome the following
new parishioners to the
Old St. Mary's Parish
Community.

Brian Jutton & Erica Chan and sons
Riley and Trevor

Tony & Rachael Rivas and son Tomás

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Though the magi did not know where
the star of Bethlehem would lead,
they trusted that God would be with
them along the way. Let us all
embrace that same faith as we go
about the journey God has planned
for us this year.



Each candidate for RCIA needs a sponsor from the faith community to complete their journey to become Catholic, much like a child who needs a godparent to be baptized.

A sponsor is a person who accompanies individuals who are seeking to be fully initiated in the Catholic faith. We are in immediate need of 6-8 sponsors from the Old St. Mary's community.

Please give the gift of your presence to an RCIA candidate. Don't wait for someone else to sign up; **we need YOU.**

Please get in touch with Maryellen via phone or email at Mharrington@oldstmarys.com or 312-922-3444 ext. 26

We need adults and middle and high school-age youth to assist with RCIA. It is a great ministry for those needing service hours or simply want to encourage others on their faith journey. Contact Maryellen for more info.



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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SAINT OF THE WEEK – EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH — St. Tarcisus

St. Tarcisus (263-275) was a 12-year-old boy who lived in 3rd-century Rome. Although what is known of him is legend taken from a poem written by Pope Damasus (366-384), he is still considered an important Catholic martyr, remembered for protecting the Eucharist from desecration with his life.

According to legend, Tarcisus served as an acolyte. One of his duties was to aid in visiting the Christians imprisoned for their beliefs in Rome, bringing them the Eucharist.

One day, as Tarcisus was on his way to the prison, carrying the consecrated Host from a secret underground Mass to those in need, he was confronted by a group of boys who demanded to know what he was carrying. Realizing the sacredness of his mission, Tarcisus refused to reveal the contents of his pouch, even in the face of the boy's threats of violence. Subsequently, the boys beat him and stoned him to death, martyring him as he protected the Body of Christ.

St. Tarcisus' sacrifice serves as a powerful reminder of the immense value of the Eucharist and how important it is to serve those who desire to receive Christ. His story also speaks to the incredible value of the church's youth and God's special mission in each of their lives. He is the patron saint of altar servers and first communicants.

In 2010, at the end of a general audience dedicated to altar servers, Pope Benedict XVI blessed a 16-foot statue of Saint Tarcisus in St. Peter Square. The event was attended by some 50,000 altar servers from around the world. St. Tarcisus, pray for us!

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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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BAPTISMS:

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CONFESSIONS:

4 PM SATURDAY
AND BY APPOINTMENT

CATHOLIC TRIVIA JUST FOR FUN

Question: The word "Beatitude" is derived from the Latin word "beatus" meaning what?

Answer: Blessed or happy.

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Prayer for the New Year

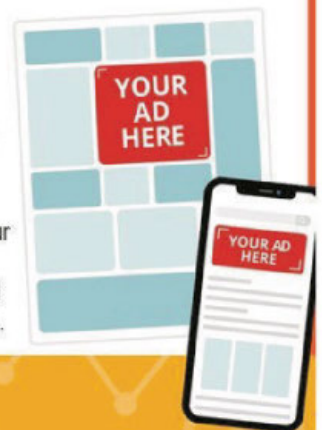
Dear Lord,
With thanksgiving
we entrust our
year to You:
whatever it holds,
whoever we
encounter,
wherever we
traverse. What
You supply is gift.
May our comings
and goings be
aligned with Your
will. Amen.

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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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