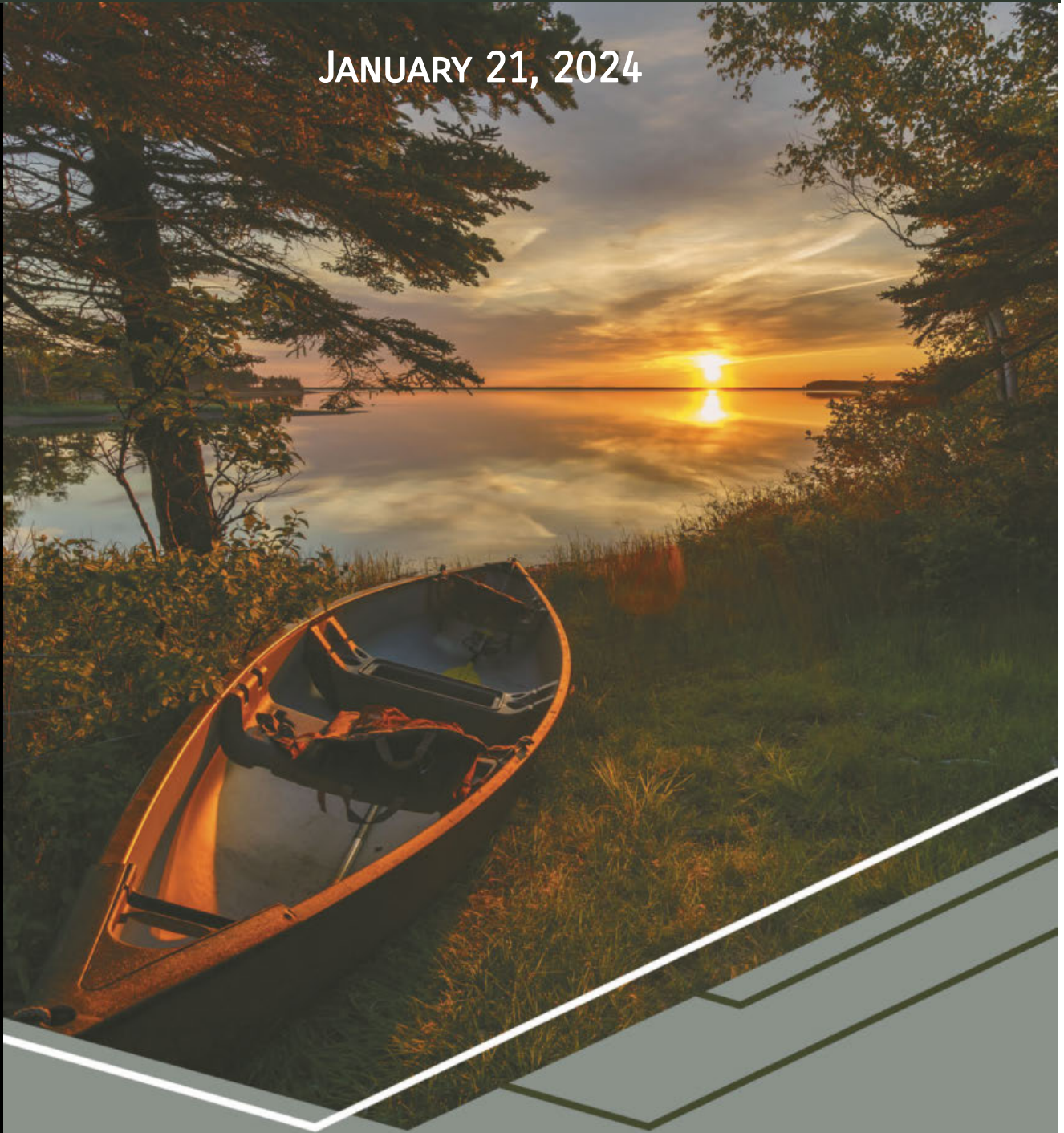


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JANUARY 21, 2024

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



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:19-20

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: When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out. (Jon 3:10)

Psalms: Teach me your ways, O Lord. (Ps 25)

Second Reading: For the world in its present form is passing away. (1 Cor 7:31)

Gospel: Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." (Mk 1:14-15)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8); 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20 - 5:00 PM
+ Barbara Cichon

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

8:00 AM + Bert Quizon

11:00 AM + Jaime Imbag

4:00 PM People of the Parish

MONDAY, JANUARY 22 - 8:30 AM
+ Timothy Ganze

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23 - 8:30 AM
Lucas Emmanuel Bulalacao

Wednesday, January 24 - 8:30 AM
Lucia Simone Bulalacao

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25 - 8:30 AM
+ Leonor B. Gliane

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26 - 8:30 AM
People of the Parish

Prayer of Discipleship

Dear Jesus,
When you call to me, help me to listen.
Give me the courage to respond bravely
and boldly to your invitation for my life.
Amen. ©LPI

**No Adult or OSM Parish/School Open Gym,
Sunday, January 21st.**

PASTOR'S WHITE BOARD

It Is Your Parish - What Do You Want to Do to Make us Thrive?

Monday night we have our latest parish town hall meeting. It is a night for talking about the future. A night for you to help us move into the future, using faith and companionship as tools.

We held two town hall meetings in 2023. January 26 about 15 people came to a "State of the Parish" report with an Open Forum. We talked about why people were and were not coming, a bit about how the parish was formed, and asking what we can do to move forward. People also thought three of the questions in the overview handout that night were important, maybe put over the door to the worship space for Lent: "Do you realize your importance? What do you need? How can we help together?"

People gathered that night said they were finding hope by talking together and getting each other's insights. Other thoughts: creating easier access to be involved in the parish; creating pathways to bring people together around core values (something for Lent?); by getting to know each other, seeing one community with families in school and families out of school or in other schools.

The May 25 town hall saw about 30 folks present. Pastor Brad and Principal April addressed a series of pre-submitted questions, ranging from dates and style of First Eucharist and sacraments, to security and safe environment questions in the school, and particular administrative and curriculum issues. Some discussion and input was gleaned, but there were not many general questions from the floor, or people stepping forward to lead new opportunities.

This Monday (January 22), the 6p.m. meeting will have more openness to questions from the floor and opportunities for significant involvement. Generally, the leadership of the parish will give brief overviews of their areas, field some questions and facilitate discussion between you. We are certainly looking for new leaders and people with particular skill sets to help us move forward as a parish. The question every parish seeks an answer to is how are you going to move us forward? That is the question priests ask you (the laity). What do you want us as parish to put in place, and what commitment will you make to have that happen? You are that important!

True, a pastor is called to put forward a vision, but this is not done in a vacuum. It is done in prayer and collaboration. I receive a strange question from time to time, "why are you trying to force us to go to Mass on Sunday?" The simple answer is, we can't do Mass without you. And Mass on Sunday is the focal point for the community. Each Sunday is a little Easter, and the recognition that Christ calls us together. Our wide diversity and ability to see what we can become as a community is at the heart of our faith. The more we take that to heart, the more transformed we are as a parish and community.

This weekend you will hear about the Paulists on Saturday and Sunday. The understanding that the Paulists are bigger than the parish (that is, you are networked to this extraordinary group of priests across the country of many ages and styles who are striving to make America more holy) is helpful spiritually and practically. But that reality also offers us as a parish an added layer of faith development that no other parish in the Archdiocese has. We can talk about that on Monday too.

Blessings! See you Monday, if not before.

Fr. Brad



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

(alternate session:

January 24 at 11:30 a.m.)

The Eucharist is What We Do

Tuesday, February 13 at 7 p.m.

(alternate sessions:

February 20, at 11:30 a.m.,

February 20 at 3:30 p.m., and

February 22 at 7:45 a.m.)



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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The disciples were fishing
when Christ found them,
hard at work to support
their families, casting their
nets into the sea.

Sometimes when God calls
us, we are in the middle of
something else. Don't be
afraid to change your plans
to follow Him.

SAINT OF THE WEEK – EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH

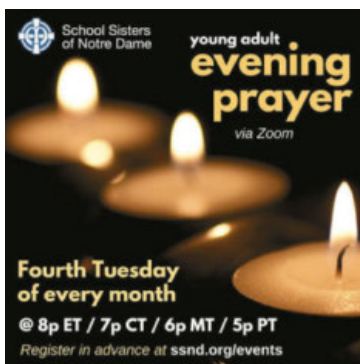
St. Juliana of Cornillon (1193-1258), also known as St. Juliana of Liège, was born near modern-day Liège, Belgium. When she was 5 years old, she and her twin sister became orphans. Following the deaths of their parents, the sisters were entrusted to the care of the Augustinian nuns at Mont-Cornillon. Growing up among the religious, Juliana's spiritual journey flourished. At age 13, she entered the order.

Juliana's profound love for Christ in the Eucharist was ignited during her time at the convent. She regularly participated in Mass and spent hours in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. In her prayers, she often experienced mystical visions, reinforcing her belief in the real presence of Jesus in the consecrated bread and wine.

Driven by her desire to see a dedicated feast to honor Christ in the Eucharist, St. Juliana took it upon herself to promote the idea fervently. She eventually became the Prioress of the canonry and frequently confided in her mentor, Canon John of Lausanne, telling him about her visions and her hope for the feast. He shared her experiences with his contemporaries, including Pope Urban IV.

Though Juliana died in 1258, her cause won over Pope Urban IV. In 1264 he issued the papal bill "*Transiturus de hoc mundo*" which instituted the Feast of Corpus Christi on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday. The feast aimed to celebrate and affirm the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, emphasizing the significance of the Blessed Sacrament in the life of the Church.

Juliana was canonized by Pope Pius IX in 1869 and is remembered not only for the pivotal role she played in establishing the Feast of Corpus Christi, but for her musical talents, teachings, and writings. St. Juliana of Cornillon, pray for us!



Online Evening Prayer with Young Adults

Young adults ages 18+ are invited to pray online together with other young adults and School Sisters of Notre Dame from across the U.S. and Canada on the fourth Tuesday of every month from January through June 2024. The next evening prayer is January 23 at 7 p.m. CT. Learn more and register for

the Zoom link at ssnd.org/events/1-23-24/

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



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 email or phone 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 wanting to encourage others on their faith journey. Questions? Please contact Maryellen for more information.



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.

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call (630) 222-8303 for details.



Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

Catholic Schools Week begins Sunday, January 28 and continues to Saturday, February 3.

Watch for various activities by Old St. Mary's School to celebrate this week and explore this year's Theme -
United in Faith and Community

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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Answer: John F. Kennedy

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Weekly Budget Amount **19,158.00**

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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.

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