### OLD ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



### 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: "I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him." (Dt 18:18)

**Psalm:** If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

**Second Reading:** An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord, so that she may be holy in both body and spirit. (1 Cor 7:34)

**Gospel:** The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. (Mk 1:22)

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 5:1-20

**Tuesday:** 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk 6:1-6

**Thursday:** 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd; Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

**Saturday:** 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14; Mk 6:30-34

**Next Sunday:**\_Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (see 3a); 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

### MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27 - 5:00 PM + Doru Moraru

Sunday, January 28		
8:00 AM	+ Charles Young	
11:00 AM	+ Kariman Hantza	
4:00 PM	People of the Parish	

Monday, January 29 - 8:30 am + Keith Lamarr, Jr.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30 - 8:30 AM + Timothy Gance

Wednesday, January 31 - 8:30 AM + Josh Kennedy

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1 - 8:30 AM All Souls in Need

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2 - 8:30 AM + Amelia & Telesforo Pascual

#### PRAYER FOR THE YOUTH

Dear Lord,

Be with our young people this week and always — keep them in Your care. Help them to form godly friendships, speak the truth, and know You in the personal way that will challenge, shape, and guide them. Amen.

### PASTOR'S WHITE BOARD

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This past Monday 63 of your fellow parishioners joined me for a parish town hall. It was a good meeting for sharing parishioner thoughts and suggestions and giving insight into things we have not followed through on, and things we do well.

Once we've had a chance to process the meeting, we'll send you the summary along with some other Parish data.

We also asked for interest in particular Lent offerings - you'll see those sheets this weekend.

This weekend we launch into Catholic Schools Week. Congratulations to Old St. Mary's School as they move forward to the 20th anniversary of the school's opening this fall.

Expect as we enter the weekend an invitation to notice the school, and if you've never had the chance maybe go on the tour, with our principal, Ms. April as guide.

Schools are a lot of work, but the potential when faith and education come together creates a sure path for quality leadership. Join me in congratulating the accomplishments of the school and the hope the school provides for all is students.

God Bless you all!

Fr. Brad

### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

With one swift command, Jesus freed a man from the possession of evil spirits. He has that same power to banish the shadow of sin from our own lives. Let's invite him into our hearts, asking him to cleanse the darkness he finds there.

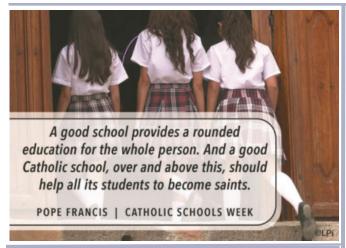
### SAINT OF THE WEEK — ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH

St. Ignatius of Antioch (35-108) was a bishop of Antioch in the first century which, at the time, was the capital of Syria. One of the earliest bishops, he was a disciple of the apostle John and was a prolific writer and teacher of the early faith.

Throughout his ministry, he emphasized the importance of the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine, considering the Eucharist as the "medicine of immortality" and "the flesh of our Savior Jesus Christ." His writings, particularly his seven epistles, passionately affirmed the significance of partaking in the Eucharistic celebration as a means to unite with Christ and fellow believers. He urged the faithful to hold fast to the teachings of the apostles and the sacraments passed down through the generations.

During the reign of Roman Emperor Trajan, St. Ignatius was arrested for his faith and condemned to be taken to Rome for execution. While in chains making the long journey with Roman soldiers from Syria to Rome, St. Ignatius was allowed to meet with many of the faithful and to write letters to neighboring Christian congregations. His seven epistles from this time and his conviction in the face of martyrdom served as an inspiration to many. His writings live on today as important teachings of the early Church, shedding a light into early Christian theology.

St. Ignatius was martyred in Rome's Colosseum when he was thrown to the lions and devoured. He's remembered as the patron saint of Church unity, and the Eucharist. St. Ignatius of Antioch, pray for us!





Stroke Scan Plus will be hosting a Stroke, Vascular & Abdominal Ultrasound Screening at Old St. Mary's Catholic Church on Saturday, February 17, 2024.

They will check the Carotid Arteries on both sides of the neck for fatty plaque build-up which accounts for 80% of all strokes. They check the Abdominal Aorta which is the main Artery off the Heart for Aneurysms, the Thyroid which controls the Metabolism for cyst, nodules and enlargements, the Liver, Gallbladder and both Kidney's for cyst, masses, fluid build-up and tumors.

These screenings are NOT typically performed at annual physicals, nor will insurance companies pay for them unless you are symptomatic. Collectively, these screenings cost thousands in a hospital. Stroke Scan will be offering them to you for \$169 for all 7 combined. Health/Flex Savings Accounts are accepted.

Please call 866-935-7226 to schedule an appointment today. A representative will be visiting the weekend of February 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> to answer questions and for pre-registration.

Prevention is the KEY to early detection.

BUDGET SCORE		RD - FY 2024 u dec 31	
Weekly Budget Amount			19,158.00
Fiscal YTD Budget			\$ 498,108.00
	Re	ceipts	
Sunday/Christmas Collection	\$	229,414.42	
Online Giving	\$	196,816.05	
Faith Formation Tuition	\$	17,304.00	
Bank Acct Interest	\$	259.00	
Candle boxes, Mass Intentions, Baptism, Wedding, etc	\$	15,172.75	
Total Received			\$ 458,966.22
Surplus/Deficit			\$ (39,141.78)

Through December, our parish took in \$39,141.78 less than we needed to break even.

### We are Celebrating!



Saturday, Feb. 3, at the 5 pm 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.

Parish Retreat on Penance before Lent, Saturday February 3. 8:30 am to Noon

### PERPETUAL NOVENA TO ST. RITA OF CASCIA

Join us for the monthly Perpetual Novena to St. Rita of Cascia on Thursday, February 1, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to the next monthly St. Rita of Cascia Novena Mass at the St. Rita of Cascia Shrine Chapel, 7740 S. Western Avenue, Chicago, IL. Confession is available at 6:00 p.m. Mass and novena prayers will begin at 7:00p.m. Stay after mass to enjoy a slice of the famous Racine Danish Kringle and socialize with new friends. Secure and ample parking is available. Visit our website at stritashrinechicago.com for more information.





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 <a href="mharrington@oldstmarys.com">mharrington@oldstmarys.com</a> 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

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



# Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s):

Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the Joseph and Mary Retreat House (formerly Cardinal Stritch Retreat House) in Mundelein, IL (in the northern suburbs), on Feb 23-25, 2024. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$285 for meals and a single room.

Visit, www.ReflectRetreat.com, e-mail reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com, or call (630) 222-8303 for details.



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 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.)



## 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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www.oldstmarys.com

**School Phone:** 312.386.1560

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#### **SACRAMENTS**

#### **BAPTISMS:**

PLEASE GO TO OUR
WEBSITE TO REGISTER
YOUR CHILD(REN) FOR
BAPTISM.

YOU WILL BE CONTACTED.

#### **CONFESSIONS:**

4 PM SATURDAY
AND BY APPOINTMENT



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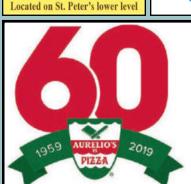
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