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FEBRUARY 4, 2024

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. - Mk 1:32-34

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

Jill Carrithers

Gabrielle Sturgell-Hodits

Tina Skahill

Nicholas Wawykow

John Scerpella

Mary Rose Varveris



Lent begins with **Ash Wednesday, February 14th**. Mass with the distribution of Ashes will be celebrated at 8:30 and 10 am, and at 7 pm.

Ashes will also be distributed in the Commons from 12 Noon until 1 pm.



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.)



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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.

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: I am filled with restlessness until the dawn. (Jb 7:4)

Psalm: Praise the Lord, who heals the broken-hearted. (Ps 147)

Second Reading: If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast, for an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it! (1 Cor 9:16)

Gospel: He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons. (Mk 1:34)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40; Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22; Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7); 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3 - 5:00 PM
+ Ann Williams

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

8:00 AM Frank Elia

11:00 AM + Gregoria Palma

4:00 PM + Josh Kennedy

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5 - 8:30 AM
+ Halcie Daly

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6 - 8:30 AM
+ Timothy Ganze

Wednesday, February 7 - 8:30 AM
Old St. Mary's School

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8 - 8:30 AM
+ Dr. Richard Longley

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9 - 8:30 AM
For the Environment

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus went from town to town, synagogue to synagogue, following the need. He follows it still, to this very day. Your life is the town he is visiting, your heart the synagogue where he preaches. Remember that for this purpose he has come.

PASTOR'S WHITE BOARD

Loving Lent and the Discipline of Lent

You already know that Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday are bedfellows this year. They don't often pair up (1923, 1924, 1945 the last century, this year and 2029 will complete the current century). The whole liturgical cycle is based on time and dates distilled from Easter, the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal (spring) equinox.

We love special dates. We love special occasions. They give us incentive at the times we need it. Special occasions inspire us to be creative or help us make connections we don't often make. What would chocolate makers, florists and jewelers do without Valentine's Day? We use those outside signs to help focus on something more basic – in the secular world Valentine's Day is the holiday of love. Not that love really needs a holiday, it is powerful in its own right and true lovers can make their own holidays.

It is not a stretch to say Ash Wednesday is a love holiday either. We have moved from the secular to the sacred world (and back again?), where the love of God is all about creating us and giving us partnership with one another, echoing God's own love. Further, the very dust we are made of and are returned to is deeply loved by God who calls us to see the whole cycle. "Remember you are dust, and to dust you will return." But with the ashes we are signed with the cross, the ultimate connection with God's love in Jesus – who became one of us so we can see him always with us.

If you are going to ask me about dispensations for Ash Wednesday, just let me say this. It is true the Church gives basic rules for fast and abstinence – which you see in a later bulletin – but because the choice of what we take on and give up is more about connecting to Christ's love and relying on it, the Lenten choices are disciplines. And like your own exercise discipline or dietary regimen it is under your control to know your need and limits – even as you connect to God.

A chocolate heart, or any kind of sweet is not particularly prohibited during Lent, but if you choose to refrain or indulge, the simple question, "how does this help you live life more fully and show the love of Christ better" is the best question. Think about it. Think about how these two celebrations work for us.

Lastly – if you have not figured out your "take on," or "give up," for Lent yet here are 3 thoughts.

1. **Give an extra hour a week to God.** Maybe: go to Mass, do a daily bible reading, set aside quiet time.
2. **Check in on someone** who needs help, needs a visit, or you just have not contacted in a while.
3. **Don't do the same thing, do something new.** Find your own blessing, give it a try!

Blessings on your Lent & Valentine Celebrations!

Fr. Brad

SAINT OF THE WEEK – EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH
St. Hyacinth

St. Hyacinth of Poland's devotion to the Christ in the Eucharist ignited a missionary fire that spread the Gospel across Central and Eastern Europe. He established Dominican communities all over Poland and is the patron saint of the pierogi!



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 this weekend, February 3-4, to answer questions and for pre-registration.

Prevention is the KEY to early detection.

Prayer for God's presence

Dear Jesus,

Reveal yourself to me! When I am alone and in darkness, fill me with your light. I want to know you, I want to experience your healing. Be with me, Lord. Amen.

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CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: Which modern legal structure is based on Christ and the twelve apostles?

Answer: A twelve-member jury and one judge.



ANNOUNCEMENT WEEKEND

The Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) is our opportunity each year to come together in solidarity with the archdiocese supporting low-income parishes and schools, religious education classes, and various other programs and

initiatives through our pledges and donations.

Old St. Mary's goal this year is \$52,873. If we meet that goal, we will receive a rebate of any funds received above the goal. If we do not meet our goal, we may be responsible for making up the difference.

Please review the ACA brochure describing how your gift is used. You can also find it on our parish website and the OSM Parish APP.

Then, please give prayerful consideration to how you will respond to the appeal on Commitment Weekend - February 10/11.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

February is Black History Month. At this time every year we call to mind African Americans who helped make America what it is today.

In the 4 bulletins this month we will provide some little known facts about Black History.



Did you know, politician, educator and Brooklyn native [Shirley Chisholm](#) survived three assassination attempts during her campaign for the 1972 Democratic nomination for president of the United States.?



has never been easier, and scholarship gifts are still tax-deductible. Please visit The Invest in Kids Act Tax Credit Scholarship previously raised \$138,016 supporting 16 students at Old St. Marys School, Chicago.

We need your help now more than ever so that we may retain these students.

With the sunset of the Invest in Kids Tax Credit Scholarship program, thousands of Catholic school families cannot keep their children in school. The need for scholarship funding is greater than ever. Your gift to the Catholic Schools Scholarship Program offers vital financial assistance to families who are committed to a Catholic school education but need help with tuition. Our schools continue to provide students with the academic and spiritual development necessary to live faithful and successful lives.

Thankfully, supporting scholarships archchicago.org/scholarships to make an online gift to any school in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Gifts can be made to a specific school or schools with the highest need.

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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.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK for REFLECTION

FIRST READING:

Job was overwhelmed with feelings of sadness and despair.
 How does your faith help you get through difficult times?

SECOND READING:

Paul sees his "gospel" (the good news of Jesus Christ) as the center of his life.
 What do you think is the focus of your life?

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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thru dec 31

Weekly Budget Amount	19,158.00
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Fiscal YTD Budget	\$ 498,108.00
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	Receipts
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,	\$ 15,172.75
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Baptism, Wedding, etc	
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Total Received	\$ 458,966.22
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Surplus/Deficit	\$ (39,141.78)
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Through December, our parish took in \$39,141.78 less than we
needed to break even.

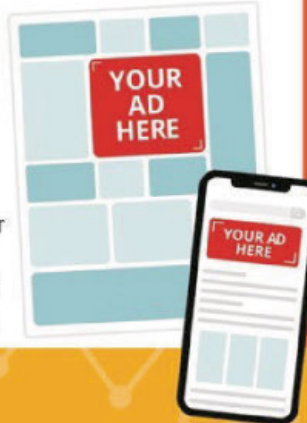


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