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OLD ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. - Mk 1:44-45b

FEBRUARY 11, 2024

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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.



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES FEBRUARY 14

Mass with the distribution of Ashes will be celebrated at 8:30, 10 am, and 7 pm.

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

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: "As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself unclean, since he is in fact unclean. He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp." (Lv 13:8)

Psalm: I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation. (Ps 32)

Second Reading: Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. (1Cor 10:31)

Gospel: Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him,
"I do will it. Be made clean."

The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. (Mk 1:41-42)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2;
Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17;
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6;
Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19;
Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;
Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
(see 10); 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

Baptisms

On Saturday, February 3, at the 5 PM Mass, we welcomed **Henry Charles Hurley** into the community of the faithful through the sacrament of Baptism.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10 - 5:00 PM
+ Charlie Martin, CSP

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

8:00 AM	All the Sick
11:00 AM	Paulist Fathers
4:00 PM	People of the Parish

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12 - 8:30 AM
Vocations

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13 - 8:30 AM
All Engaged Couples

Ash Wednesday, February 14

8:30 AM	All Catechumens & Candidates
10:00 AM	Old St. Mary's Catholic School
7:00 PM	All Old St. Mary's Parishioners

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15 - 8:30 AM
+ Rosita Navarro

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16 - 8:30 AM
+ Margarita Manual

CATHOLIC TRIVIA - JUST FOR FUN

Question: Which Catholic order is recognized as the greatest promoter of the Rosary?

Answer: The Dominican Order.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

It was pity that moved the heart of Jesus to heal the leper. He worked this miracle because the leper, in his faith, boldly asked him to. Have that same courage in approaching God with your needs. Have that same faith in His power to heal.

PASTOR'S WHITE BOARD

Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving in a Year of Eucharistic Revival

As we continue our year of Eucharistic Revival and feel the love on Valentine's Day and the love of Ash Wednesday we have to realize that everything involved with loving comes through Jesus by the grace of the Holy Spirit and the power of the Father.

This reflection is an invitation to think about Lent, how we can find Jesus and make his love known.

Eucharist, Holy Communion is the reality of Jesus present with us in our day to day lives. If we look to Jesus as the source and summit of how we live our lives, we can readily see all kinds of possibilities for Lent. Let me suggest a few.

Almsgiving. It means giving to someone in need through an act of love. At Mass we should feel Jesus' love for us given unconditionally and lavishly – not because we deserve it, but because we need it. As we choose who we are helping this Lent, with acts or gifts of charity, we should examine what we have been given and decide how generous we are called to be to someone, or some group that is in need.

Fasting. One act of fasting overlooked these days is the fast before Holy Communion. Its purpose is to give us time to think about what we are fasting for – similar to any type of fast that helps our discipline and focus. Officially, the Church teaches “One who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain from any food or drink, with the exception only of water and medicine, for at least the period of one hour before Holy Communion. [CCL 919]. This also opens our hearts to those who hunger in the world, as well as those who cannot receive Eucharist, and pray and care for them.

Prayer. We all know the celebration of Mass is prayer. We all know there are prayers we can pray: familiar prayers, prayers we make up, prayers led by others. In the course of the Mass, there are several times a priest will say, “let us pray.” Maybe as we get ready for Mass during Lent, we can think about people and needs to pray for (people we were going to give alms to, or the hungry we were going help – from above), and be ready when we hear “let us pray” to raise those prayers in our hearts and be open to other prayers we are being invited to consider.

Besides prayer, fasting and almsgiving, please remember all those (of many ages) who are seeking to enter the Church during the Easter season: preparing for Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist (Holy Communion), praying that they can experience Christ more fully leads us to experience Christ more fully ourselves. In its origins, Lent was all about those becoming fully engaged Christian, and still is.

Have a blessed season of Lent!

Fr. Brad



Old St. Mary's is again participating in CRS Rice Bowl, Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program. After Mass you're invited to take a Rice Bowl. After Mass you're invited to take a Rice Bowl, and to use the easy and fun resources to deepen your Lenten experience. Your almsgiving will help **Catholic Relief Services** provide life-saving assistance in nearly 100 countries. Please plan to return the Rice Bowl on the Sunday AFTER Easter (April 7). *Because our bank doesn't accept coins, please plan to convert your donation to cash, or a check payable to Old St. Mary's and write Rice Bowl in the memo line.* Thank you.



LENTEN REGULATIONS

(from February 14, Ash Wednesday, to the Paschal Triduum)

ABSTINENCE from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent.

FASTING is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. The special Paschal fast, as well as abstinence, are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday.

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and individuals who are ill should not jeopardize their health further by fasting.



COMMITMENT WEEKEND

Please spend some time reflecting on the Annual Catholic Appeal materials that you received in the mail or here at church.

The Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledged

commitment to make a gift over time. Your pledge can be made payable in installments.

Each pledge makes a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services to answer the call of "Together at the table."

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back. This year everyone is encouraged to make their Annual Catholic Appeal gifts online at annualcatholicappeal.com.

You can also scan the QR code in the photo above.

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.



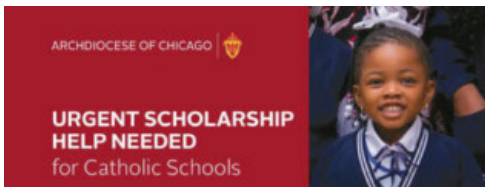
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A sponsor is a person who accompanies individuals who are seeking to be fully initiated in the Catholic faith. We are in im-

mediate 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.



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Act Tax Credit Scholarship previously raised \$138,016 supporting 16 students at Old St. Mary's 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.

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Help adult immigrants learn English at Aquinas Literacy Center!

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For more information, please contact Sabrina Poulin at sabrina@aquinasliteracycenter.org or (773) 927-0512. Aquinas Literacy Center is sponsored by the Adrian Dominican Sisters.



BLACK HISTORY FACT

Did you know?

1565: St. Augustine, Florida

Blacks, both slave and free, help to found this oldest town in the United States. In 1693 Spain offers freedom in Florida to slaves who convert to Catholicism. Until 1763, these freed slaves lived in a community northeast of St. Augustine. Gracia Real de Santa Teresa de Mose, or Fort Mose (pronounced "Moh-say"), established in 1738, thus becomes the first free black town in the United States.

Prayer for Healing

Dear Jesus,

If you wish it, you can heal these wounds from my past. If you wish it, you can make me well again. I believe that you do will it. Heal me, in your name. Amen.

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thru dec 31

Weekly Budget Amount 19,158.00**Fiscal YTD Budget \$ 498,108.00**

	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

Baptism, Wedding, etc

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.

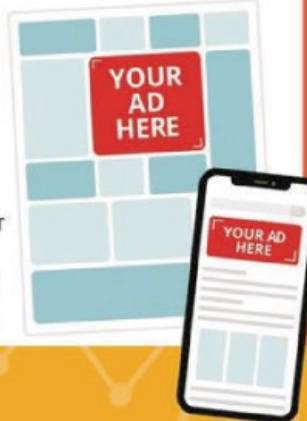


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