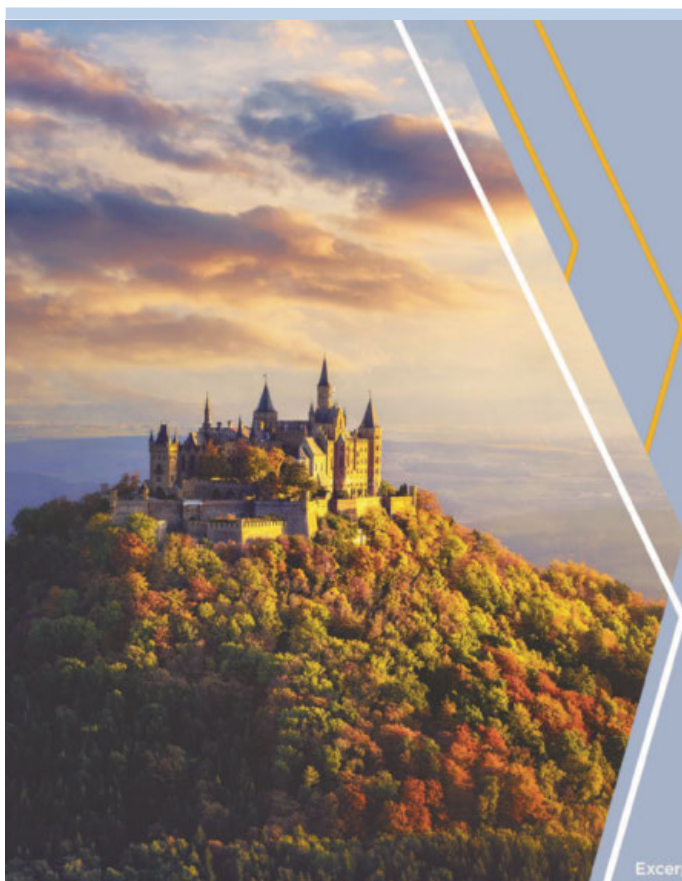


# OLD ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



## 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

After John had been arrested,  
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

### FEBRUARY 18, 2024

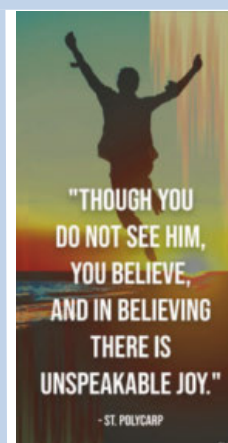
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### *Our Parish Mission*

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.

### FRIDAYS DURING LENT

- **EVENING EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** - preceding Stations of the Cross from 4 to 6 PM
- **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** - 6 PM
- **SOUP SUPPER** - following Stations of the Cross (except on Fish Fry Fridays)
- **FRIDAY FISH FRY** - Fridays, February 23 and March 8 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM  
watch for details on pricing.



## SUNDAY READINGS

**First Reading:** God said to Noah and to his sons with him: "See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you."  
(Gn 9:8-10)

**Psalm:** Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant. (Ps 25)

**Second Reading:** It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. (1 Pt 3:21)

**Gospel:** He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him. (Mk 1:13)

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15;  
Mt 25:31-46

**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17,  
18-19; Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;  
Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday:** 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6;  
Mt 16:13-19

**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8;  
Mt 5:20-26

**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8;  
Mt 5:43-48

**Next Sunday:** Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18;  
Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9);  
Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

## PRAYER FOR LENT

Dear Jesus,

This is the first Sunday of Lent, and I want to commit myself more deeply to you this season. Inspire me with the Lenten penances you most desire, the ones that help me to grow ever nearer to you. Amen.

## MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17 - 5:00 PM

RCIA Folk

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

8:00 AM

+ Jacinta Solis

11:00 AM

+ Georgia Dominski McQuade

4:00 PM

People of the Parish

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19 - 8:30 AM

+ Halcie Daly

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20 - 8:30 AM

+ Nora T. Posa

Wednesday, February 21 - 8:30 AM

Loredo Joson

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22 - 8:30 AM

+ Danilo Jose

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23 - 8:30 AM

+ John Slevin



Old St. Mary's is again participating in CRS Rice Bowl, Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program. If you are looking for a way to do almsgiving during Lent, the Rice Bowl provides the perfect method. You can pick up one after Mass in the Commons.

[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.*

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

## A Lenten Memo from the Pastor for you.

This past Wednesday we launched into the Season of Lent with Ash Wednesday. It also coincided with Valentine's Day. An image that emerged for me around those two events happening at the same time is the **HEART OF CHRIST**. Our bulletin this week is chock-full of Lenten opportunities, and it would be easy to get bogged down doing too much. I invite us to reflect on how we enter the Heart of Christ, that will guide us in what our choices are and how we find the centerpiece of Lent – encountering Jesus himself.

Blessings on your Lent!

*Fr. Brad*

## HELP OUR SCHOOL TO GET FREE STUFF!



**OLD ST. MARY'S SCHOOL** has been nominated to receive free Tiny Saints charms of our patron saint for all the students and free custom t-shirts for all the staff! A prize valued up to \$10,000. I'd be honored if you'd take a moment to vote and try to help us win!

The school with the most votes will have the highest probability of winning this great gift to help their teachers and students grow in devotion to their patron saint. **The voting window closes on February 22nd at midnight**, and the winner will be announced on February 23rd.

Voting is only open to people 18 years of age and older - *students are not allowed to participate.*

Here is a link to the website to vote. [Cast Your Vote](#)

Here is a QR code that you can scan and use to vote



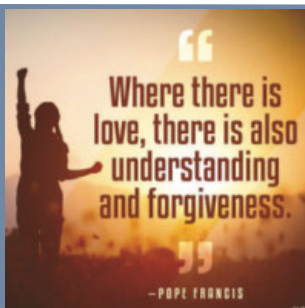
## SAINT OF THE WEEK – EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH—St. Pius X

St. Pius X's devotion to the Eucharist was truly inspiring! He lowered the age of First Communion to seven years old, encouraging young hearts to encounter Christ early-on. He also advocated that everyone, regardless of their social class, should have access to the Eucharist.

PARISH OFFICES  
CLOSED

Monday, February 19 for  
President's Day Holiday.

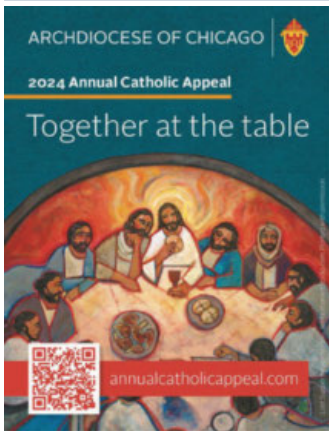
There will be Mass at 8:30 AM



Old St. Mary's

## OPEN GYM

No Adult or Parish/School Open Gym  
on Sunday, February 18



## FOLLOWUP WEEKEND

Our parish is conducting our campaign for the Annual Catholic Appeal. Please remember that the Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift payable in installments.

The new Annual Catholic Appeal theme, “Together at the table” is an important theme as we prayerfully consider our support for the Appeal but also important for embracing the life that the Lord wants us to live. Each pledge makes a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our parishes, schools, and ministries to deliver needed services.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response. To make your gift, you can complete the mail-in giving envelope available in the Commons or make a gift at [annualcatholicappeal.com](https://annualcatholicappeal.com). You can also scan the QR code in the photo.

**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.

## PAULISTS PRESENT – during Lent: Sundays 9:30am repeated on Mondays at 9:30am

MEET IN THE PARISH COMMONS



*Paulist Fr. Bill Edens is a senior priest based at the Cathedral of St. Andrew in Grand Rapids Michigan. He previously served as associate pastor at the Cathedral of St. Andrew and as associate pastor at St. Philip Neri Church in Portland, Oregon.*

- ♦ **Forgiven and Forgiving**, Part 1- February 18 & 19, Fr. Bill Edens, CSP - *Explore the GIFT of Being Forgiven*
- ♦ **Forgiven and Forgiving**, Part 2 - February 25 & 26, Fr. Bill Edens, CSP - *Explore the POWER of Forgiving*



*Paulist Fr. Michael McGarry lived for eleven years in Jerusalem. He served as director of the Tantur Ecumenical Institute from 1999 to 2010. He studied at Hebrew University in Jerusalem and has been involved in Jewish-Christian relations for over forty years.*

*He is the author of Christology After Auschwitz.*

- ♦ **Israel and Gaza:** - March 3 & 4 - Fr. Michael McGarry, CSP - *Background and Current Prospects*
- ♦ **Jesus Through Middle Eastern Eyes** - March 10 & 11 - Fr. Michael McGarry, CSP

*We all know that Jesus was born in Palestine over two thousand years ago. Fully human, he grew up in an insignificant village (Nazareth), was baptized, began a ministry from the North working South, was crucified, buried, and rose. So our faith tells us. But how might knowing a bit more about Middle Eastern Culture help us with a more granular understanding of Jesus?*

- ♦ **The Stories about Jesus' Dying:** March 17 & 18 - Fr. Michael McGarry, CSP

*How are they the same and how are they different? [Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John](#)*

## LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

In the desert, Jesus endured forty days of hardship and temptation. But he did not endure it alone: “the angels ministered to him,” the Gospel tells us. Remember that you do not face Lent alone. God is beside you in your journey to the desert.





For First Communion Parents, and all parents and parishioners wanting to understand Holy Communion better.

**Tuesday, February 13, 7:00 pm - Commons**

**Repeats:**

Tuesday, February 20 at 11:30 am & 3:30 pm  
Thursday, February 22 at 7:45 am

*As we continue this year of Eucharistic revival, Fr. Brad is offering this series on understanding the Eucharist better. Whether your family is preparing for First Holy Communion this year, or any other, or you feel the need to know more, or whether you just want to be renewed in your belief - you are welcome to attend any one of the four times listed above.*



## THE CHOSEN WATCH PARTY

**WEDNESDAYS FROM 9:30 AM TO 11:30 AM**

February 21

February 28

March 13

March 20

March 27

## CHILDREN'S Stations of the Cross

**Tuesday, March 5—6:00 PM to 7:00 PM**



## Reconciliation Service

Parish Reconciliation Service, Tuesday, March 5  
following Children's Station of the Cross.

## BLACK HISTORY FACT

### Did you know?

#### Bessie Coleman, Aviator - 1892 to 1926

Bessie Coleman was the world's first licensed black aviator, making her a pioneering pilot as both an African-American and a woman. Bessie Coleman grew up in Texas, moved to Chicago, and got interested in flying after her brothers returned from World War I. Failing to find anyone in Chicago who would teach flying to a black woman, Coleman determined to go abroad to get training -- a daring idea for that era. She moved to Paris, was accepted to aviation school, and on June 15, 1921 she received her pilot's license from the Federation Aeronautique Internationale. The certificate made her the world's first licensed black aviator. Bessie Coleman returned to the United States and began a barnstorming career, appearing at airshows across the country. She died in 1926 while flight-testing an open-cockpit plane; her co-pilot lost control of the aircraft and in the ensuing dive, Coleman was tossed from the plane and plunged to her death.

Source: Infoplease.com

### CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

**Question:** Which Catholic order produces the famous blue Ermite cheese?

**Answer:** The Benedictine Order.

**MASS TIMES**

MASSES ARE LIVESTREAMED

**SATURDAY:**

5:00 pm

**SUNDAY:**

8:00 am, 11:00 am &amp; 4:00 pm

**DAILY MASS:**

8:30 am

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

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thru dec 31

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

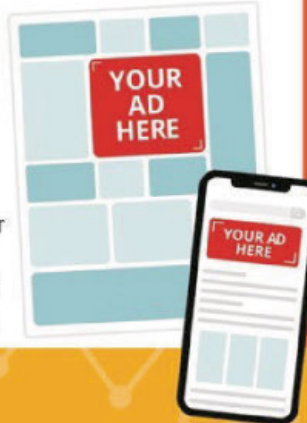


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