

OLD ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



MARCH 10, 2024

4th SUNDAY OF LENT

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"
- Jn 9:35

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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.



At the 11 AM Mass on March 10, we will celebrate the second of three scrutinies, Rites for self-searching and strengthening for those preparing for Baptism at the Easter Vigil. The scrutinies are meant to uncover and then heal all that is weak in the hearts of the elect, and strengthen all that is upright, strong and good. Let us pray for Allison Commons, Zachary Queijo, Lucas Van Eck, Morgan Huestler, and Quintan Huestler as they continue their faith journey toward the Easter sacraments.

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

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Early and often did the LORD, the God of their fathers, send his messengers to them, for he had compassion on his people and his dwelling place. But they mocked the messengers of God, despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets, until the anger of the LORD against his people was so inflamed that there was no remedy. (2 Chr 36:15-16)

Psalms: Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Ps 137)

Second Reading: God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ. (Eph 2:4-5)

Gospel: For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. (Jn 3:16)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a); Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7); Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45



THE CHOSEN WATCH PARTY

WEDNESDAYS FROM
9:30 AM TO 11:30 AM

March 13, 20, and 27.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 9 - 5:00 PM
+ Joshua Kennedy

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

8:00 AM + Halcie B. Daly

11:00 AM + Jaime Imbag

4:00 PM People of the Parish

MONDAY, MARCH 11 - 8:30 AM
Judge Jovan Sheerin

TUESDAY, MARCH 12 - 8:30 AM
Fr. Brad - Successful Retreat

Wednesday, March 13 - 8:30 AM
+ Eugene O'Regen

THURSDAY, MARCH 14 - 8:30 AM
+ Jovita Montille

FRIDAY, MARCH 15 - 8:30 AM
+ Ana Lee
+ Ana Tran



On Saturday, March 2 at the 5 PM Mass, we welcomed **Eliana Isha Linga** into the community of the faithful through the sacrament of Baptism.

CHILI COOK-OFF
SATURDAY, MARCH 23,
11 AM TO 2 PM



We welcome the following new parishioners to the Old St. Mary's parish community.

Cheryl Dias

Jeffrey Schulte & Jessica Dy-Johnson and daughters Samantha and Daniela

PASTOR'S WHITE BOARD

Entering Retreat

I hope that your Lent is progressing well. There is certainly more than enough happening, and many different ways to approach God through Jesus guided by the Holy Spirit!

I am doing something very unusual for me during this Lent, I'm going on retreat. Lent is usually such a busy time for me I just can't imagine getting away. But this whole year has been one non-stop event after another and I need time with my Lord. Please pray for me. I'll be praying for you, and seeking God's guidance with so many directions in my life, the life of the Paulists, my family, the life of the parish (that includes the school). I'm taking you all with me as I head to Scottsdale, AZ, and present you to God for blessings on you all.

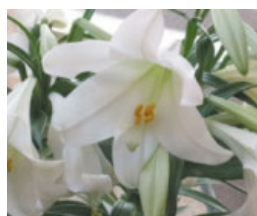
The place I am going is often called Le Casa – also the Franciscan Renewal Center – and I have been there on retreat before. Have you ever done a personal, spiritual retreat? I try to go on retreat at least once a year, for at least 8 days. The longest silent retreat I've done was 33 days and was the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius.

I mention my personal retreats to both underscore that any person can take a retreat for any length of time and to say that there are also many types – depending on personal need and choice. I usually choose a silent directed retreat, but there are plain silent retreats, conference retreats, specialized retreats, retreats for men and women, activity retreats and many more. These are with spiritual focus, but you probably know there are business types of retreats too. Every retreat is an opportunity to be renewed and gain perspective on our lives.

We are also called to remember that Lent itself is the retreat for the whole Church. The season began as the retreat for those people seeking entrance to the faith through the Easter Sacraments. The forty days leading up to the Easter Vigil was for those in final preparation for the sacraments, and was also a time when the whole community would help them prepare.

While I am away, the RCIA folk continue their journeys to the Easter Vigil. You'll see in the bulletin their names and some reflections about their journeys. Please do remember them in prayer. And especially with the second scrutiny at 11, this Sunday the 10th, join them in reflecting on the blindness that can prevent us from seeing each other, and seeing what is really important in our lives. It is what Jesus desires of each of us – that we see.

Blessings!
Fr. Brad



Remember your loved ones at Easter with a gift of flowers for the altar.

If you wish to make a donation of \$25, for a gift of flowers for the altar there is a special envelope in your parish envelope packet which you can use. If you do not receive parish envelopes, you can place your donation in a plain envelope with your name and the name(s) of those you wish to be remembered and drop it in the collection basket.

Prayer of for Laetare Sunday

Dear Jesus,

We've been in this season of Lent for a few weeks now. I want to re-commit myself in this time — renew and strengthen my resolve. Help me to use these last few weeks to grow closer to you. Amen. ©LPi

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

MEET IN THE PARISH COMMONS

- ♦ **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](#)



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*.

**LIVE THE LITURGY -
INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

Out of love for us, God sent His son into the world, to illuminate the truth that brings salvation. But light can be blinding to eyes that have only seen darkness.

Pray that God will teach us to walk bravely in the light.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: According to tradition, what symbol or sign is associated with Saint Jerome?

Answer: The lion.

Dear Old Saint Mary's Parish,

I am sending this heartfelt thank you note on behalf of the clients from St. James Food Pantry. Your donations of food, clothes, hygiene items, gift cards, toys, turkey, ham, time, talents, and treasure helped clients throughout the year. The enormous generosity displayed during Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter shows your unconditional love given to people as and where they are as Christ has asked.

Thank You!

As the Lenten season is here, you are not just telling others of God's love, but you are showing his love through your kind acts and donations (1 John 3:16-18). Because you gave, the homeless who often feel cold, not seen and worthless are being clothed and fed. Because you gave, homebound seniors who feel abandoned, forgotten and unloved are shown love. Because you gave, families who struggle to put food on the tables and make ends meet are clothed, loved and feed. More importantly, because of your example, some of these clients have and are attending Mass.

Jesus asks us to love. You, the Old St. Mary's family, live his message bringing hope and love to me and so many (1 John 4:20,21).

You have helped our clients see Christ through the Christ they see in you.

Thank you!
Cathy Moore

Food Pantry Director
St. James Catholic Church

**PIZZA
& A PEEK**

March 20th
5:30-7:00pm

Join us for an informational preview of our Pre-K and Kindergarten programs! Bring the whole family for pizza, games, and a tour!

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This week we begin the individual testimonies of our RCIA catechumens & candidates.
Please meet, welcome, get know and pray for them.

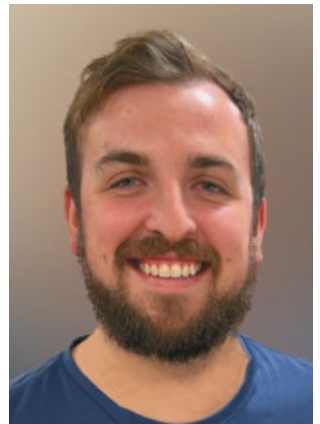


My conversion story started about two years ago when I heard in my mind these three words: "Pray the Rosary." It happened after I had spent long hours praying for a family member and I knew the thought did not come from me because up to that point, I never had any interest in Catholicism. A year later, I told my parents, "I think

Jesus is introducing me to His Holy Family and friends!" They said, "But we only need Jesus." Before I joined RCIA, they asked again, "You're already a Christian, why do you want to be a Catholic?" My answer is simple, "I need the help of Mary Mother of God and the Saints." The night before the Rite of Election, the thought of not showing up for the ceremony actually crossed my mind. Then I heard in my mind these words: "This is an invitation and it's totally up to you." I accepted the invitation to enter into full communion with the Church that was established when Jesus said to St. Peter, "And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my church and the gates of Hades will not overcome it." The Catholic faith is rich in history and traditions that connect us to the cloud of witnesses and help us run with endurance the race that is set before us.

Cordelia C, Feb 2024

I grew up in an Evangelical Church and had a great relationship with Christ. I was very devoted and was at the church at least 4 times a week. Over the last few years I kinda fell off and lost my consistent relationship and praying routine. That was until I met my fiancé, Anne, and she showed me what it meant to have a relationship with God and ask for guidance. I have been praying daily and have gotten closer and closer each day. Going through the process of moving schools, moving out of my home, and going through wedding planning has been a challenge to take on without support and so I have been leaning even more into my relationship with Christ and listening to all the things he has put in my path. My fiancé has been my support system and explains all the amazing revelations of the Catholic faith and what everything means. I can not wait to grow even closer with Christ the rest of my life.



Thank you,
Lukas Van Eck

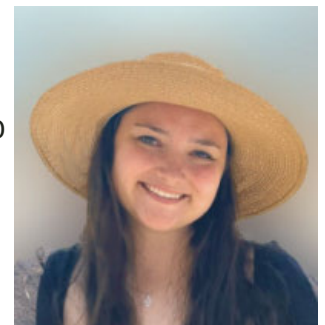


I am converting to Catholicism due to the influence of the philosopher G.K. Chesterton. Observing the chaos in a world without Jesus and upon encountering Chesterton's ideas, I reached the conclusion that both I and

the world had committed a significant error by abandoning the church. I have been gradually deepening my understanding of the faith ever since.

Mark Hutchinson

I grew up in a Christian community and always had faith in Jesus Christ, but never knew much about Catholicism. My fiancé and I will be having a Catholic wedding and will be fulfilling the promise to raise our children in the faith. I have decided to get baptized and come into full communion with the Church to play an active role in my marriage and future children's faith lives.



Alicia Commons

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 1/31/24

Weekly Budget Amount **19,158.00**

Fiscal YTD Budget \$ 555,582.00

Receipts

Sunday/Christmas Collecti \$ 247,947.13

Online Giving \$ 242,487.93

Faith Formation Tuition \$ 17,454.00

Bank Acct Interest \$ 301.72

Candle boxes, Mass

Intentions, Baptism, \$ 15,036.11

Wedding, etc

Total Received \$ 523,226.89

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Through January, our parish took in \$32,355.11 less than
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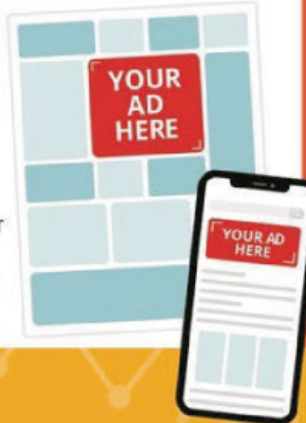


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