

OLD ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

APRIL 14, 2024

1500 S MICHIGAN AVE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60605 — CHICAGO'S FIRST CATHOLIC PARISH ESTABLISH IN 1833
THE PAULIST FATHERS SERVING OUR PARISH SINCE OCTOBER 12, 1903.



3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

He said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled ... You are witnesses of these things.” - Lk 24:44, 48

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

8:00 AM	+ Dr. Anthony Sua & Luisito Sua
11:00 AM	+ Jovita Montille
4:00 PM	People of the Parish

MONDAY, APRIL 15 - 8:30 AM

Paulist Fathers

TUESDAY, APRIL 16 - 8:30 AM

Amalia Dacensia

Wednesday, April 17 - 8:30 AM

All Baptized at Easter

THURSDAY, APRIL 18 - 8:30 AM

+ Fr. Charles Brunick, CSP

FRIDAY, APRIL 19 - 8:30 AM

+ Dr. Saed Choundey

SATURDAY, APRIL 20 - 5:00 PM

+ Fr. Charles Brunick, CSP

Prayer in Times of Darkness

Dear Jesus,
When I feel troubled, alone, frightened, be with me. Be a flicker of flame in this darkness. Help me to know you in the stark seasons as I do in times of elation. You are the light I seek.
Amen.

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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses. (Acts 3:15)

Psalm: Lord, let your face shine on us. (Ps 4)

Second Reading: He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world. (1 Jn 2:2)

Gospel: "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day." (Lk 24:46)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22); Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18



We thank Mr. & Mrs. Sorin Matei and Arlene Daggs for their donation toward Easter Flowers for the altar.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

First Holy Communion is a Very Big Deal – and Every other One Too!

At the Easter Vigil, when 10 folks of all ages came to the table of Communion and received Eucharist for the first time, our Holy Communion season at the parish began. And it won't surprise you that at the Vigil, before Communion, I said that, when someone comes to the table of the Lord and receives their First Eucharist (first of many we hope), "this is a very big deal."

It is not just a big deal because they are getting the Body and Blood of the Lord for the very first time (each communion is equally special), but they are being recognized for their participation and they are inspired by all of our participation. We become what we eat and drink that we might be Christ for one another. Truly a time of Blessing. This week, we will begin to see our youngsters receive at Mass: 11am on April 14, we have 1 new communicant, at 11am May 5, we expect 16, other Masses will have different numbers.

Because of this, let me offer you a series of reflections in the next few weeks about Eucharist (especially in this year of Eucharistic Revival). Here are four thoughts. You may know these, but it never hurts to be reminded and given the opportunity for each of us to explain it further.

1. We believe that bread really becomes the body of Jesus the Risen Christ, not the fleshy remains of the human Jesus but the true body, blood, soul and divinity of Christ. I've heard some people try to dismiss this, saying it is only a symbol or it's only important to gather and remember Jesus, but as a Church, we believe it is more, Jesus changes the elements and us. And because we are changed, we are called to be more loving toward each other.
2. We believe that wine really becomes the blood of Jesus the Risen Christ, not the blood running through the veins of the human Jesus but the true blood, body, soul and divinity of Christ. The wine is complete in the same way I just mentioned that the bread is. And because we are changed, we are called to know that we can be healed, helped and forgiven by each other. (The bonus secret here: if you receive the cup you receive the body too and if you receive bread you receive the blood too – we always receive the whole Christ.)
3. When the bread and wine are changed into Christ's body and blood, it is a permanent change. All of it is eaten or drunk. All comes from the table and the actions and prayers we do and say together. From the table we are all fed as we gather at Mass. From the table we take Eucharist to the sick and dying to connect them with us and connect us all in Christ. What is left in the tabernacle will be adored and reflected on but will also be eaten as it is taken by ministers to those in need.
4. A tabernacle is either placed in its own chapel, or its own special place in the sanctuary of the Church. You find it by looking for the "sanctuary lamp" – a candle that is always lit when the Blessed Sacrament is present. It is often red. You can usually find the Blessed Sacrament and genuflect toward it by spotting the candle. Then you are invited to kneel, sit or stand to pray and reflect on this reminder of what we have done at Mass.

Blessings on your third week of Easter!

Fr. Brad

Dear Old St. Mary's Community,

Happy Easter! May the joy and call to action of our Risen Lord be with you.

On behalf of Lauren Huelster (Lifelong Faith Formation Administrator) and me, I would like to say thank you for being so welcoming to and supportive of us as we have taken the helm of lifelong faith formation. We have been hard at work on reshaping the structure and ministerial strategy of lifelong faith formation for all ages in our parish and school as well as forming a truly united program between the parish and school. We are grateful to the teachers, catechists, and other groups we have asked to meet with and who have taken the time to meet with us.

In collaboration with April Greer as Principal of our school and with Fr. Brad's affirmation as Pastor, we want to take this opportunity to share the changes we are making to the sacramental preparation and administration structure starting next year (2024-2025 school year). We strongly believe that these changes will help build stronger support for formation and accompaniment of parents/caregivers as catechists in the domestic church and give our students the opportunity to be accompanied in faith formation that is more developmentally appropriate in exploring the deep mysteries of our Catholic faith.

2024-2025 Sacramental Year Changes

Sacrament	Current	Change
Reconciliation	Prepared for and received in 2nd Grade.	Prepared for in 2nd Grade and received at readiness of child in 3rd Grade.
Eucharist	Prepared for and received at child's readiness in 2nd Grade.	Prepared for in 3rd Grade and received at readiness of child in 4th Grade.
Confirmation	Prepared for in 7th and 8th Grade and received in 8th Grade.	Prepared for in 6th and 7th Grade, received in 7th Grade, and practiced in 8th Grade.

Children who are currently in 1st Grade (2023-2024) will be "grandfathered" in and receive First Reconciliation and Communion in the 2024-2025 year.

Youth who are currently in 6th and 7th Grade (2023-2024) will be "grandfathered" in and receive the sacrament of Confirmation in May of 2025. 6th Grade is considered being "grandfathered" due to the fact they will have only completed one full year of sacramental preparation rather than the standard two years required by the Archdiocese. As this is a transitional year, an exception will be made.

These exceptions are only made for *enrolled* students in Sunday Faith Formation and Old St. Mary's School in the 2023-2024 school year. New students will be required to enroll in the appropriate year based on the new structure.

We want to thank you in advance for your support of this new structure. More information will be forthcoming as we look forward to next year and beginning a renewed lifelong faith formation program at Old St. Mary's.

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

In Christ,

Oblate James Holzhauser-Chuckas, OLSB

Oblate James Holzhauser-Chuckas, OLSB, Director of Lifelong Faith Formation

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In a joint effort, the OSM parish-school will collect diapers to be distributed throughout the Chicagoland area.

Ms. Peggy Johnson at Catholic Charities is overseeing the service project. If you want to volunteer to pack diapers for distribution to families, please contact at pjohnson@catholiccharities.net. Diaper Drop off will be at the school and the Parish Commons.



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BAPTISM

On Saturday, April 6, we welcomed *Imani Marcia Mandjo Ngu* into the community of the faithful through the sacrament of Baptism.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA JUST FOR FUN

Question: This term means giving 10% of one's income to the Church. What is this term?

Answer: To tithe, or tithing.

SAINT OF THE WEEK – EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH

St. Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, was the most prolific Christian missionary of all time. Due to a miraculous experience that he had on the road to Damascus, he went from persecuting early Christians to traveling all over the region preaching the Gospel of Jesus.

Paul's letters to the communities he served make up thirteen of the books of the New Testament today. His writings encourage new believers to learn about Jesus through Scripture and prayer, partaking in the Eucharist, and serving those in need. He was eventually beheaded as part of systematic executions of Christian leaders in Rome. St. Paul is known as the Apostle to the Gentiles, and the most prolific Christian missionary of all time.

St. Paul, pray for us!

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Sometimes when God appears in our path, we do not recognize him. In these moments, Jesus invites us to reach out and touch him. Remember that Christ is real, Christ is alive, and Christ stands before each one of us – so reach out. Touch him.

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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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



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Fridays from 9 AM to Noon.

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BUDGET SCORECARD - FY 2024

	thru 3/31/2024	
Weekly Budget Amount		18,500.00
Fiscal YTD Budget		\$ 684,500.00
	Receipts	
Sunday/Holiday Collection	\$ 334,999.72	
Online Giving	\$ 304,706.00	
Faith Formation Tuition	\$ 17,604.00	
Bank Acct Interest	\$ 385.71	
Candle boxes, Mass Intentions, Baptism, Wedding, etc	\$ 21,978.40	
Total Received		\$ 679,673.83
Surplus/Deficit		\$ (4,826.17)

Through March our parish took in \$4826.17 less than needed to balance to budget. Weekly budget amount updated for internal adjustments made.

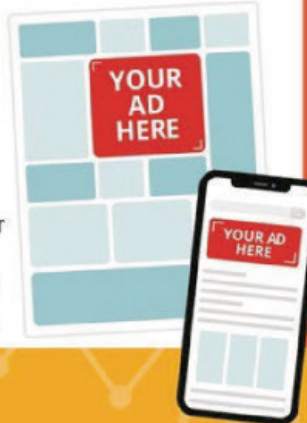


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