

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep." - Jn 10:14-15

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

EUCHARIST (Communion) is a Very Big Deal

I was doing a presentation a few years back to Christian, but not Catholic, students on a college campus. And I was talking about Eucharist – a very Catholic topic – and the Campus Pastor stopped me, spoke to the students and translated, "he's talking about communion."

That was an eye opener for me and parallels what I said in my homily last Sunday. We all have disciplines/areas that we know about and do not always realize other people do not have that basic knowledge. Do you know what a finial is? How about a tormentor? How about ghee? [The disciplines: decorating, theatre, cooking.]

One of the reasons that Eucharist is so important is the various levels of meaning it delves. That it comes from the Greek and means thanksgiving puts us into the loving hands of God who sent Jesus to free us from sin and give us new life. Every time you hear "paschal mystery" at Mass, it is talking about the body and blood of Jesus. Bread and wine become Body and Blood of Christ, Christ's Body and Blood shed upon the cross, us becoming his Body and Blood are all in that mystery. That is what we give thanks for - the Eucharist!

Eucharist is what we receive and become (object and transformation), but it is also what we celebrate. Mass is not about getting something. Mass is about becoming something, and it is about participating in something. Eucharist is us coming together, each individually part of the Body of Christ, and collectively the Body of Christ. The term Catholic means universal, but that sense of universality means we are freely drawn together and consent to what we believe in our uniqueness. Catholic is universality in our diversity, each being who we are as unique manifestations of Christ choosing to enter into the gift given us.

We give thanks that we are brought together by Christ in communion, we are transformed by receiving communion, and we draw strength from that communion to share the message of God's love with all the world.

Two reminders about Eucharist this week:

- Eucharist is the name of the sacrament. It is sacrament every time we celebrate it, not just on First Communion Day. It is known as the repeatable sacrament of initiation.
- Did you know there are two official times for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament? On Holy Thursday night, following the Mass of the Lord's Supper. And at every Mass in the silence following when everyone has received. When you pause to consider Eucharist in that time, are you conscious of both the mystery in which you participate and the people around you who are part of the mystery?

Blessings on your fourth week of Easter! Fr. Brad



MEMORIAL MASS

A memorial Mass for Fr. Charles Brunick, CSP will be celebrated on Monday, May 27 at 8:30 AM.

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: "There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved." (Acts 4:12)

Psalm: The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone. (Ps 118)

Second Reading: Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. (1 Jn 3:2)

Gospel: <u>Jesus said:</u> "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." (Jn 10:11)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10

TUESDAY: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 10:22-30

WEDNESDAY: Acts 12:24—13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8: Jn 12:44-50

THURSDAY: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20

FRIDAY: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

SATURDAY: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 14:7-14

NEXT SUNDAY: Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a); 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8



On Sunday, April 14 at the
11 AM Mass
we welcomed
Maximo Michael Orseno

to the Table of the Lord for the first time.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 21	
8:00 AM	+ Nathaniel Smith
11:00 AM	+ Jaime Imbag
4:00 PM	People of the Parish

Monday, April 22 - 8:30 am + Marion McFadden

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Tuesday, April 23 - 8:30 am + Nathaniel Smith

Wednesday, April 24 - 8:30 AM

+ Marion McFadden

Thursday, April 25 - 8:30 am

+ Nathaniel Smith

Friday, April 26 - 8:30 am

+ Charles Brunick, CSP

Saturday, April 27 - 5:00 pm

+ Marion McFadden



Annual Spirit of Hecker Awards Celebration Broadcast is Saturday, April 27, at 7:30 PM CDT

The theme this year is "Advancing God's Mission Through Our Charism and Community"

The Paulist Fathers'
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This year we will be celebrating Cleofe Garcia. Our celebration will begin
after the 5 PM Mass. Cleo is one of the stalwarts of Old St. Mary's Parish who
has always helped with ministry at Old St. Mary's when we were at Van Buren
and Wabash, as well as here. She helped with the transition and encouraging

all parishioners to be involved at the parish. Join us in the Commons on Saturday after Mass.

Congratulations Cleo!

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Reading the Bible

Question:

What is unique or different about the way Catholics read and are exposed to the Bible?

Answer:

Catholics are exposed to Scripture primarily through the Sunday readings from a book known as the *Lectionary*. The *Lectionary* is a book of selected passages from the Bible set in the context of a liturgical season, such as Advent, Lent, or ordinary time. There are four readings assigned to any Sunday: the first reading (usually from the Old Testament), the responsorial psalm, the second reading (usually from a New Testament letter), and the Gospel reading.

These readings together give them a new context. The selected readings relate to one another in a unique manner that is not present in the Bible text itself. In close proximity to each other, these readings now have the opportunity to converse with each other in a way that would have not been possible before. A homilist pays attention to all four readings, preparing a reflection that speaks of this conversation among the readings, enabling us to zero in on what this unique combination of God's word has to say to us this particular Sunday.

Next time you attend Sunday liturgy, try reading the Scripture ahead of time and see how this new relationship among the readings addresses and challenges you to be a better Christian here and now.

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

Danielle Smith and Ryan Christopher Wilk
Andrew Harmon & Tiara Peralta
Lukas Van Eck and Anne Thuot

Prayer of the Good Shepherd

Dear Lord,

You are my Shepherd, a Good Shepherd, who leads in ways beyond my understanding. Guide me in the paths You would have me go



50TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION
AFTER MASS
SATURDAY, MAY 4TH

We will be recognizing
Fr. Patrick Johnson's
50 years in the priesthood.
Come help us honor him and acknowledge his service as a priest.
Can't make Saturday, no worries, we'll still be celebrating on Sunday after the Masses.



Diapers can be brought to Old St. Mary's school or parish commons.

1474 or 1500 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago

Needed Sizes: Newborn, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

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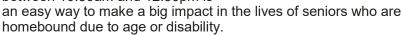


In a joint effort, the OSM parish-school will collect diapers to be distributed throughout the Chicagoland area.

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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES is in need of VOLUNTEER DRIVERS for the Meals on Wheels Program, especially in Lake County.

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CATHOLIC TRIVIA JUST FOR FUN

Question: What is the liturgical color used during Ordinary time?

Answer: Green. .

A Prayer to Mary our Mother

"The Heart of this Good Mother is all love and mercy; She desires only to see us happy. We only have to turn to Her to be heard." ~ St. Jean Vianney

Join us for the monthly Perpetual Novena to St. Rita of Cascia on Thursday, May 2, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to the next monthly St. Rita of Cascia Novena Mass at the St. Rita of Cascia Shrine Chapel, 7740 S. Western Avenue, Chicago, IL.

Confession is available at 6:00 p.m. Mass and novena prayers will begin at 7:00p.m. Stay after Mass to enjoy a slice of the famous Racine Danish Kringle and socialize with new friends. Secure and ample parking is available. Visit our website at stritashrinechicago.com for more information.



LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus the Good Shepherd knows that real love is an action, not an idea. His sacrifice is the proof of his love for his flock. Let us remember to love one another as the Good Shepherd loves us: not just in words but in actions, in choices, in deeds.

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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CONFESSIONS:

4 PM SATURDAY

AND BY APPOINTMENT



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Fridays from 9 AM to Noon.

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Weekly Budget Amount

18,500.00

\$ 684,500.00

Fiscal YTD Budget

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,

\$ 21,978.40

Wedding, etc

Total Received

\$ 679,673.83

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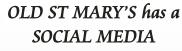
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