

OLD ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!" —that is, "Be opened!"
- Mk 7:32-34

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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.

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CHICAGO'S FIRST CATHOLIC PARISH ESTABLISHED IN 1833

THE PAULIST FATHERS SERVING OUR PARISH SINCE OCTOBER 12, 1903.



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

Jake & Jena Braun and children,
Alex & Cordelia



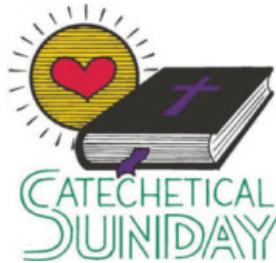
INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process of spiritual and educational formation designed for those who are considering following Christ in the Catholic Church. There is also a version for children over the age of seven who need to "catch up" on their sacraments.

Our gatherings for the 2024-25 OCIA process start this weekend, but we can accommodate those who join us later. To inquire for yourself or someone you might know, contact Oblate James Holzhauer-Chuckas, ObSB at james@oldstmarys.com

Catechetical Sunday

Next weekend is Catechetical Sunday. We will bless all those involved in the instruction of the faith in our community: OSM School teachers, Sunday faith formation instructions, OCIA leaders, and Lifelong Faith Formation team. Thanks for your service, catechists!



BE A HOSPITALITY MINISTER AT THE 8 AM OR 11 AM MASS.

Hospitality Ministers help with setup and breakdown. Cake, coffee, and lemonade is provided by the Parish.

How to Sign up:

- Sheet in the Commons kitchenette
- Online at <https://bit.ly/osm-hospitality>

- QR code



SPECIAL COLLECTION

There is a special collection next weekend, Sept. 14-15 for the Seminaries.



We at

Old St. Mary's support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, and subcommittee of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops that has provided "seed money" over 50 years for countless programs around the country that help low-income people break out of the cycle of poverty.

The purpose of this event is to create opportunities for friends of CCHD to make connections with local and national grantees.

Join us for the Archdiocese of Chicago's "Know Thy Neighbor" evening of conversation, appetizers and open bar here at Old St. Mary's 6-8 pm Friday, Sept 13. RSVP at bit.ly/CCHDneighbor.

Pastoral Message

"Ephphatha!" In today's Gospel, we see Jesus perform another miracle in healing a man who was both deaf and did not speak well. The word ephphatha is an Aramaic (or Syriac) word meaning "be opened!" Jesus looked at the man and told him to be opened. This, as much as it was a healing miracle, was also a sending, perhaps if Jesus himself didn't realize it. The man could not hear nor could he speak well because he could not hear. Sometimes, this is how we are as well. We might lose our sense of hearing God. We might even lose our sense of speaking in ways that reflect God because we cannot hear. Jesus always comes to us and says, "Ephphatha!" As a Benedictine Oblate, our Holy Father Benedict gives us the first sentence in the Rule, which is just the word, "Listen." In that, I also hear "Ephphatha!" because, in listening, we are challenged to be opened to those we encounter.

I have many intercessors in my life, but one to whom I pray a lot is someone who I have studied intently in my theological formation as a liberation theologian, which is St. Oscar Romero. When I hear this scripture, I liken this ephphatha moment to his own life and his awakening to the needs of his people in El Salvador. Romero, for much of his life, was hidden away in books and kept a lid on the promotion of justice by maintaining a neutral stance in the Church, especially in matters that he considered political in nature. After his awakening, his own *liberation*, he realized his duty and that of the church to always promote and *work* for justice. His ears were opened and he then spoke and acted, just like the man after this encounter with Jesus. The man went off and proclaimed, more and more joyfully even when he was asked not to.

We, too, are called to listen and to speak; to advocate as Romero did. As someone who has spent a fair amount of his life advocating for justice, I used to think that Romero's quote, "Those who have a voice must speak for those who are voiceless" meant that I must be the one to always speak because those whom I was advocating for had no means. That was a heavy mistake on my part because to first know what I need to advocate for, I must listen. Sometimes, listening is hearing, but it is also seeing. It is listening to the stories of the poor and marginalized around us and then, with their consent and collaboration, standing up to the injustices that they experience and standing with them, which means promoting their voice in the process. We hear the word "privilege" thrown around a lot in the work for justice because people think privilege is inherently bad. On the contrary, in the broken systems that exist in our country and in our world that we have created, it was important that I, as I am sure many of you have, became aware of the privilege I hold in my life. More important was to then invite people who have been given platforms to join with us and use that influence, their resources, and voice to promote and act for justice.

This was what Jesus did. He did so by healing, teaching, and creating spaces for all to encounter him. We are offered the same opportunities today because the needs have only become greater. We need to ask ourselves if we are open to hearing the call and when we need a moment of ephphatha. We need to pray to God to be opened through healing, teaching, and encountering Jesus in the Word, the Eucharist and each other as equal members of the Body of Christ, and especially to our poor and marginalized sisters and brothers.

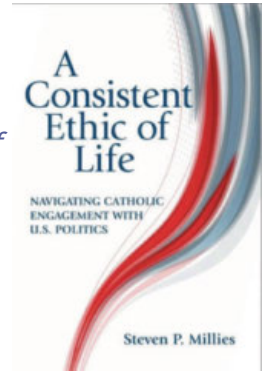
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Dr. Steven P. Millies, Director of The Bernardin Center and friend of Old St. Mary's, has written a new book with Paulist Press called *[A Consistent Ethic of Life: Navigating Catholic Engagement with U.S. Politics](#)*. Just as election season is heating up, we've invited him to give a talk on the book – and signing copies – for us at **7 pm Thursday,**

Sept 26. Please join us!



NOW IN YOUR INBOX, UNFORTUNATELY: SPEARPHISHING SCAMS.

As we had predicted would happen, people in our community are receiving emails purporting to be from Fr. Rich, with messages such as: *"Hello [Name], Let me know when you're available, I need your assistance with something."* **[Do not reply to these messages unless it comes from an email address or cell phone number that you recognize.](#)** Scammers often impersonate clergy, since most people trust religious leaders. OSM staff will almost always communicate with you through our [oldstmarys.com](#) or [osmschool.com](#) addresses, and none of our priests use cell phone numbers with Illinois area codes.

All School Families: Turn in the Pastoral Intake Form Now!

It is important that all parish school families, not only those that will have children in sacramental years, submit the pastoral intake form.

The parish needs to receive sacramental information for every child as soon as they are enrolled. We also want to get a snapshot of the religious diversity of our parish school so that we can discern how to best serve pastorally the students and families.

Please fill it out and return it via email to the Office of Lifelong Faith Formation at LFF@oldstmarys.com or you can drop off a hard copy at the parish school office or parish office. You can also access the form using the QR code.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW EVENING RECEPTIONIST



We welcome Steven Torres our new evening receptionist.

Steven is excited to be at Old St. Mary's. With experience in Catholic non-profits and schools that primarily serve low-income families, their administration and collaborative leadership skills have effectively advanced the mission of each organization he has been a part of. Steven has had the opportunity to work in various capacities, gaining a deep understanding of curriculum dynamics, human resources, mission integration, fundraising, and the development of students, faculty, and staff. Originally from Phoenix, AZ, he most recently relocated from Los Angeles, CA, as he completes his doctorate in Educational Leadership, focusing on diversity in Catholic education from Lewis University in Romeoville, IL. Steven also currently serves as a project manager for a non-profit in Chicago.

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing. (Is 35:5-6)

Psalm: Praise the Lord, my soul! (Ps 146)

Second Reading: Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him? (Jas 2:5)

Gospel: "He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak." (Mk 7:37)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12; Lk 6:6-11

TUESDAY: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Lk 6:12-19

WEDNESDAY: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17; Lk 6:20-26

THURSDAY: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38

FRIDAY: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42

SATURDAY: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

NEXT SUNDAY: Is 50:4c-9a; Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (9); Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

Do you want to learn more about the readings at Mass?

- For more on the gospel readings at Sunday Masses from September 1 through November 24, go to staustin.org/mark-the-enigmatic-gospel
- For more on the first readings at daily Masses from August 26 through September 21, check out staustin.org/a-journey-to-thessalonica-corinth.

These are 2 of 40 pages of a lectionary guide that a team of parishioners at St. Austin's Parish in Texas (including Fr. Rich) created during the early days of the pandemic.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

8:00 AM	Paulist Fathers
11:00 AM	New Pastoral Team
4:00 PM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 - 8:30 AM
+ Lionel Jeffers

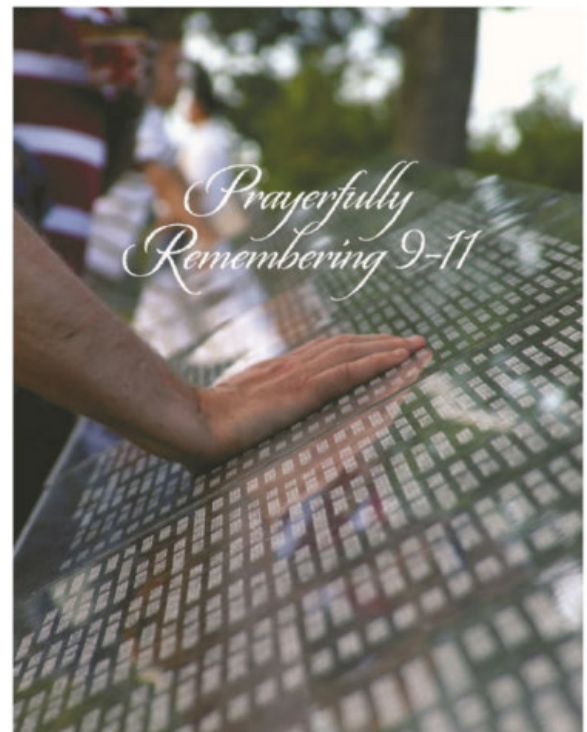
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 - 8:30 AM
Charles & Marina Sheerin

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 - 8:30 AM
+ Godo Fredo Spiritu

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 - 8:30 AM
+ Lionel Jeffers

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 - 8:30 AM
+ Jonathan Ho

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 - 5:00 PM
New Pastoral Team



MASS TIMES

8 AM & 11 AM MASSES ARE
LIVESTREAMED

SATURDAY:
5:00 pm

SUNDAY:
8:00 am, 11:00 am & 4:00 pm

DAILY MASS:
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MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

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PARKING!!!

We welcome all of you to Old St. Mary's and are excited to have you here, but you may have noticed that our parking is a bit lacking! We are asking for your help.

Please abide by the following rules:

- *Park in designated spaces – fitting between the yellow lines.*
- *If double parking for Mass in the lots, please make sure you move your car before attending hospitality or any gathering.*
- *Do not park in the alley. You risk being ticketed and towed by the city.*
- *Be patient. Arrive early if possible.*
- *Consider walking or carpooling.*
- *There is **No parking in either lot for Bears games** or other events not related to Old St. Mary's.*

Cars will be towed. If the car is towed it will be at the expense of the owner.

Thank you! The safety of our parishioners is our only goal!

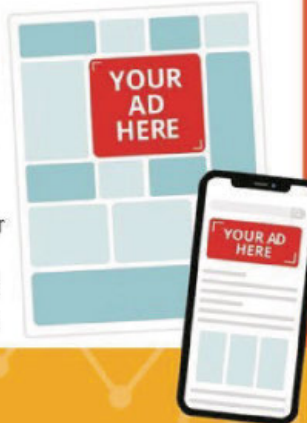


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