

# OLD ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

## 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it."  
- Mk 8:34-35

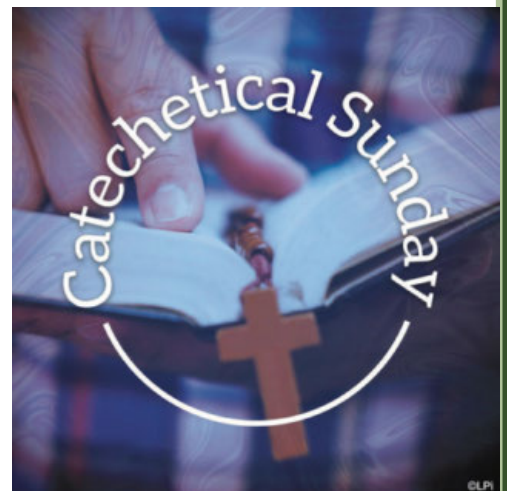
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This weekend is **Catechetical Sunday.**

We will bless all those involved in the instruction of the faith in our community: OSM School teachers, Sunday faith formation instructors, OCIA/OCIC leaders, and the Lifelong Faith Formation team.

**Thank you for your service!**



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## San José Sánchez del Río

This first weekend of Hispanic Heritage Month, we look at San José Sánchez del Río. He was a Mexican Cristero who lived in the early 1900s. He was put to death in 1928 by Mexican government officials for not renouncing his Catholic faith. He was 14 years old. His death was seen as a largely political venture on the part of government officials in their attempt to stamp out dissent and crush religious freedom in the area in his time. He was beatified in 2005 by Pope Benedict XVI and canonized in 2016 by Pope Francis. His feast day is February 10. He is the patron saint of persecuted Christians, children, adolescents, and Sahuayo in Michoacán, Mexico.

San José Sánchez del Río, ruega por nosotros.

## FINANCE COUNCIL PRESENTATION

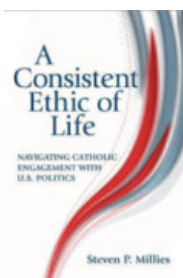
In a move towards greater financial transparency and stewardship, a member of the Finance Council will give a brief presentation at the end of each Mass on the weekend of Sept 21-22. It will be on the basics of the Parish and School budgets for FY2024 (ended June 30) and FY2025 (began July 1). For those who like to read ahead, there is an insert in this week's bulletin. If you're reading the bulletin online, you can find the insert at [www.oldstmarys.com/BudgetSept2024](http://www.oldstmarys.com/BudgetSept2024).



**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!



We welcome new  
parishioners

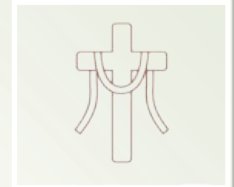
*Concepcion (Connie) Hizon*  
*as well as*

*Chanel Pearson and daughter*  
*Gabriella*

to the Old St. Mary's Parish  
Community.

## 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 started last 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](mailto:james@oldstmarys.com)

## Pastoral Message

### Together, We Can Do Great Things: Parish Advisory Councils

St. Paul wrote, "There are many gifts but one same Spirit." Plenty of talented people have stepped forward to serve on Old St. Mary's various advisory councils, but we have a few openings. Is the Spirit calling you to share your gifts?

The **Parish Pastoral Council** (formerly called the Parish Council) advises us on priorities and strategic planning. They also serve as the eyes and ears of the parish, so please share your concerns with them. Current members are Kurt Steib (chair), Sunny Akhigbe, Karrel Bernardo, James Gross, Dean Molitor, and Cathy Walz. We're looking to add 2-4 people, with a preference for people who represent at least 1 of the following groups: attend the 5 pm Saturday Mass, attend the 4 pm Sunday Mass, affiliated with the School, female, under the age of 30, and/or person of color. The PPC meets 7-9 pm one Monday each month, and members should be prepared to give 5 additional hours of service per month to *ad hoc* projects that may arise.

The **Finance Council** advises us on the stewardship of resources for both the School and the rest of the Parish. Its members are Joe Tyler (chair), Carol Clavadetscher, Liz Kolshak, Pris Mims, John Thurston, and Jim Walz. They meet quarterly, but we are looking to start three subcommittees that will meet in the off months: **Buildings and Grounds** (which will likely meet on a weekday morning with our facilities staff), **Mission Advancement**, and **Development**. Members of the subcommittees do not need to attend the quarterly Finance Council meetings. If you work with vendors in the building trades, raise money professionally, or have a background in communications or advertising, you may have the skills we need!

The **School Board** advises us on issues of academic excellence, financial sustainability, Catholic identity, and governance & leadership. Members are Kimberly Cook (chair), Mike Andrews, Eileen & Steve Dollear, Justin Funches, Nandita Manglavil, Dean Molitor, Sonjia Waxmonksy, but we're looking for 2 more people to join us. They should **not** have children in the School, but they should have some experience with other Catholic schools (especially ones with students coming from a variety of parishes, and with a significant percentage of non-Catholic students) and in school Catholic identity or school financial sustainability. School Board meetings are held 4:30-6:00 pm on a Wednesday each month, with the first 30 minutes open to the public.

The new **Parent Advisory Team** supports our Lifelong Faith Formation team. It is made up of 5 families each from our Sunday faith formation and School communities. The PAT is off to a great start, thanks to Monica Salamon (leader), Steven Balla, Sarah & Tom Cervini, Tracy Colwell, Tarrah DeClemente, Edmond Domingo, Michelle Favis, Jen Funches, LaTanya Fournillier, Kelley Harris, Abbey Molitor, Marisol Munoz, and Tony Smurlo!

The PAT is at capacity, but as we mentioned above, we're looking for a few more people to serve on the PPC, the School Board, and the subcommittees of the Finance Council. (If you don't know any of the names above, that's a sign that we need to hear from you!) Please email me at [FrRich@oldstmarys.com](mailto:FrRich@oldstmarys.com) if you think that you may have the gifts we're looking for, or if you want to nominate someone else. In the words of St. Teresa of Kolkata, whose feast day was earlier this month, "Together, we can do great things."



Rev. Richard R. Andre, C. S. P.

Dear Faith Formation Families at Old St. Mary's,

Every year, the Archdiocese of Chicago, in collaboration with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), mandates that all parish faith formation programs and parish schools administer training to children on being proactive about safety. This session is a crucial part of our faith formation program because we want to empower our children to identify danger, know how to respond, and how to find support.

This year, the sessions will be held as follows:

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| <p><b>SUNDAY FAITH FORMATION</b><br/> <u>Sunday, October 6, 2024</u><br/>         Both sessions in the Gym<br/>         9:30 am-10:00 am for children<br/>         10:00-10:30 am for parents/caregivers</p> | <p><b>CONFIRMATION LEADERSHIP ACADEMY</b><br/> <u>Sunday, November 10, 2024</u><br/>         9:30 am-10:00 am for youth in Donovan Hall<br/>         10:00-10:30 am for parents/caregivers in the Gym</p> |
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The sessions will be facilitated by Mirka Gallo, MSW, LCSW, a trained and experienced clinical social worker who has vast experience working with children, youth, and families and has experience facilitating these sessions in other parishes.

These sessions are **mandatory** for all children and youth participants in our faith formation programs. **If for any reason a child or youth participant will not be able to attend their scheduled session, it will need to be made up via an online assessment within two weeks following the session.** If the assessment is not sent in within two weeks following the session for any child or youth participant who was not present, parents/caregivers of the child or youth participant will need to schedule an appointment with Oblate James Holzhauer-Chuckas, ObSB to discuss any questions or concerns before the participant returns to participating in the program.

We understand that these topics can be uncomfortable for parents/caregivers. We welcome and encourage parents/caregivers to be in attendance at their child's session if that provides a better sense of comfort and confidence.

Please let us know if you have any questions and concerns.

In Christ,

*Oblate James Holzhauer-Chuckas, ObSB*

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 Pastoral Associate/Director of Lifelong Faith Formation

*Rev. Rich Andre, C.S.P.*

Rev. Rich Andre, C.S.P.  
 Pastor



Adult Faith Formation will be showing The Chosen on Wednesdays at 9:30 AM (after 8:30 AM Mass). A discussion follows the movie.  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

### SEMINARIES SPECIAL COLLECTION

Special collection for the seminaries will be taken up this weekend. You can use any envelope in the pews. If it dropped in the second collection basket it will go to the seminaries.

## SUNDAY READINGS

**First Reading:** I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. (Is 50:6)

**Psalm:** I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living. (Ps 116)

**Second Reading:** So also faith of itself if it does not have works, is dead. (Jas 2:17)

**Gospel:** "But who do you say that I am?" Peter said to him in reply, "You are the Christ." (Mk 8:29)

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY:** 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17; Lk 7:1-10

**TUESDAY:** 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 7:11-17

**WEDNESDAY:** 1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22; Lk 7:31-35

**THURSDAY:** 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50

**FRIDAY:** 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20; Lk 8:1-3

**SATURDAY:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Mt 9:9-13

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 (6b); Jas 3:16-4:3; Mk 9:30-37

### 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](http://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](http://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 15

8:00 AM + Kevin Mack

11:00 AM + Themis Karnezis

4:00 PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 - 8:30 AM  
+ Joan Costello

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 - 8:30 AM  
Nenita Jhee

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 - 8:30 AM  
Reymond Serrano

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 - 8:30 AM  
Ruth Mendoza

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 - 8:30 AM  
+ Victor Fernandez

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 - 5:00 PM  
+ Rose M. Salinas

### 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](http://oldstmarys.com) or [osmschool.com](http://osmschool.com) addresses, and none of our priests use cell phone numbers with Illinois area codes.

**MASS TIMES**

**SATURDAY:**  
5:00 pm

**SUNDAY:**  
8:00 am, 11:00 am & 4:00 pm  
*8 am & 11 am are  
livestreamed.*

**DAILY MASS:**  
8:30 am  
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY  
DAILY MASSES ARE LIVESTREAMED.

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**SACRAMENTS**

**BAPTISMS:**  
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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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**Altar server  
training**

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[altarservers@oldstmarys.com](mailto:altarservers@oldstmarys.com) or contact Oblate James at 312-  
922-3444 x26. We will be training on a monthly basis.  
The next training is on Wednesday, October 2 at 6:00 pm.

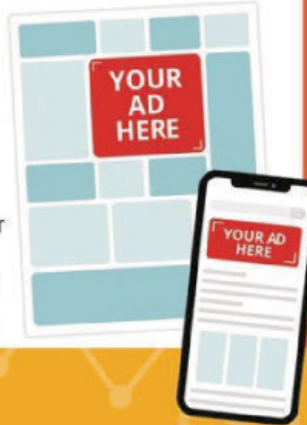


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