

Old St. Mary's

Catholic Church

NOVEMBER 10, 2024

32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury." - Mk 12:42-43

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St. James Fall Clothing Drive



**Donations needed by
Friday, November 15**

Our sharing parish, St. James, needs the following clothing for their low income and homeless clients: white athletic socks for men, cotton socks for women, knit or other warm winter hats, and winter gloves for men, women, and children. **Donations may be brought to the commons or to the parish office.**

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New Director of Liturgy and Music

We're thrilled to announce that we've hired **Ace Gangoso** as our new Director of Liturgy and Music! (He's helped us out a few times over the past 2 months as a cantor and an accompanist.) He will start working with us in January, after he finishes out the Christmas season as Director of Music Ministry at St. John XXIII Parish in Evanston.



Thanks For Staying Informed!

As more activities are happening at Old St. Mary's, it's important to keep up to date. Thanks for reading **the bulletin** every weekend; we now also recommend reading our **electronic newsletter**. (It used to come out every other Wednesday morning; now we publish it every Thursday at noon.) If you haven't seen the newsletter, check your spam folder. If it's not there, you probably haven't registered your email address with us. Fix that by visiting oldstmarys.com/join-2/.



We welcome the following new and/or newly registered parishioners
Elizabeth Green
Sandra Shelley
Monica Salamon & Johnny Ornelas
 and children **Mila and Ava**
 to the Old St. Mary's Parish Community.

Who the Heck is Father Isaac Hecker???

by Janet Starr



Isaac Hecker was born in 1819 in the US to immigrant German parents. Raised in the Methodist tradition he took his time to even become Catholic. But he was a seeker and spent his early years

looking for a purpose in his life, reconciling his understanding of a deep faith instilled by his mother. After trying out two communes, he became curious about the church as a channel for God's grace. He was able to spend time in study and prayer. In that time, he discerned that as a minister he could harmonize his need to serve God and his need to serve his fellow man. But he didn't know which church! By the grace of the Holy Spirit, he met other converts to Catholicism and that is what led to his ordination as a Redemptorist priest in 1849.



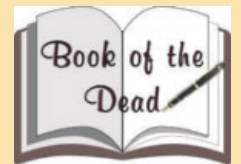
On Saturday, November 3, at the 5 PM Mass, we welcomed **Melissa Jade Solis** and **Evelyn Mary Sciamanda** into the community of the faithful through the sacrament of Baptism.



Child and Youth Safety and Protection

Annual Faith Formation Sessions for
 Children, Youth, and Parents

6th-8th Grade Youth
 Sunday, November 10
 9:30 am-10am for Youth
 10:00-10:30 am for Parents



During the month of November, our Book of the Dead will be available for us to inscribe the names of all deceased family and friends who have died in the past year.

Pastoral Message

One Nation, Indivisible

I am writing this on Monday, November 4. As much as I wanted to write about how things are going in the days before my official installation as pastor, or about the insights from the many meetings I attended this past week, the Holy Spirit told me that I needed to write about the election.

No matter what has happened since I wrote this column – whether one political party or another achieved a definitive win on November 5, whether the results were narrow but clear, or whether we've been plunged into a season of conspiracies, recounts, and litigation – I suspect that most of us probably woke up on November 6 with a sense that the divisions in our country are getting worse, not better.

The Church teaches that Catholics are obligated to participate in civic processes such as voting. We may not be of this world, but we are in this world, and we are called to build God's kingdom through our actions. We should be passionate about how government policies can support all aspects of [Catholic Social Teaching](#). (To learn more, search usccb.org for "7 Themes of Catholic Social Teaching").

The Bible is filled with stories of families and communities divided about what is the proper way to honor God and to live out God's precepts. Church history, too, is filled with communities divided about the proper ways of discipleship.

What should we do in this moment, when it seems as if we are hopelessly divided? I have four suggestions:

1. Let us pray for those who disagree with us. Scripture passages to meditate upon: Proverbs 24:17, Luke 6:27-36, John 17:20-24, Romans 12:14-18.
2. Even if the majority of people in this country desire peace and reconciliation, let us consider that powerful forces will attempt to continue stoking division. Political parties believe that they can raise more funds by heightening the hatred that their members hold for the other party. Social media algorithms feed on outrage. Heightened conflict helps media companies across the political spectrum sell more subscriptions.
3. Let us continue to ask the Holy Spirit for guidance. Perhaps we can pray with the 9-day prayer that the Paulist Fathers wrote 18 months ago: [Novena to the Holy Spirit: Towards a More Perfect Union](https://paulist.org/novena/) (<https://paulist.org/novena/>).
4. But most of all, let us take to heart what the angel Gabriel told Mary in Luke 1:37: nothing will be impossible for God!

In our gospel this past weekend (Mark 12:28b-34), Jesus held up two commandments as most important: (1) to love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength, and (2) to love our neighbors as ourselves. We don't get to choose. We're supposed to be able to carry out both commandments simultaneously. That's even if our neighbors insist that God is compelling them to vote for a different candidate than for whom we think God is compelling us to vote!



Fr. Rich



Seeking volunteers for the new Buildings and Grounds Committee

A new Buildings and Grounds Subcommittee of the Finance Council will begin meeting quarterly in January 2025. As the buildings on our campus age, our staff needs additional guidance on the best ways to maintain our facilities. We're looking for parishioners and school families with expertise in general contracting, mechanical/plumbing, electrical, IT/communications, as well as a professional engineer licensed in Chicago. Meetings will be held quarterly on weekday mornings, with the first meeting scheduled for the week of January 6. Anyone with interest should reach out to Dawn Burns at dawn@oldstmarys.com or 312-922-3444 x23 by Friday, Dec 13.

Using an IRA required minimum distribution (RMD) to make a charitable gift

At age 73, IRA owners are required to take an annual distribution from their retirement account. The required minimum distribution (RMD) is taxed at ordinary income rates, however it is possible to make a qualified charitable donations (QCDs) directly from an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) to a qualified charity. QCDs can be counted toward satisfying required minimum distributions (RMDs) for the year. The IRA assets go directly to the charity, so donors don't report QCDs as taxable income and don't owe any taxes on the QCD, **even if** they do not itemize deductions. A QCD allows for a transfer up to \$105,000 per individual or \$210,000 per couple to satisfy your RMD.

Some donors may also find that QCDs provide greater tax savings than cash donations for which charitable tax deductions are claimed. Your accountant can provide thorough advice on how to make this transaction and achieve the most tax savings benefits. It is good to start the process now so that it is completed before the end of the 2024 tax year. You can also find information about this on the Archdiocese of Chicago website <https://myimpact.archchicago.org/qcd/>



Chicago Shares

will be on sale next weekend, Nov. 16-17 in the Commons.

Vouchers come in packets of

5 - \$1.00 coupons

for \$5. Individuals who are given these coupons can purchase food at various local establishments. You can purchase the vouchers with cash or personal check. Please make the check payable to Old St. Mary's (Put SJ on the memo line.). You can learn more about the program at www.chicagoshares.org.

Youth Service Opportunity HYGIENE KIT PACKING

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15
6:00 - 7:00 PM
DONOVAN HALL

Help assemble hygiene packs for our migrant, refugee, and homeless communities. Our next youth service event is on Friday, November 15 from 6:00 - 7:00 PM. We are in need of donations for this service event! Drop them off at the parish office or contact LFF@oldstmarys.com.

Items Needed for this service event - (We encourage travel or small size with the exception of the Ziploc bags.)

Ziploc Bags	Toothpaste
Body wash	Deodorant
Bar of soap	Tampons/women's health products
Lotion	Small bottle of water
Razor and Shaving Cream	Snack (bag of chips, granola bar, etc.)
Hand sanitizer	
Hand Towel	
Toothbrush	

Stewardship: Can You Increase Your Offertory Gift?

A lot has happened in just 4 months!

Fr. Dan, Oblate James, Principal April Greer and I are encouraged to hear feedback from current and returning parishioners about *“new energy in our liturgies,” “renewal in parish ministries,”* and *“improved coordination between the parish and school for sacramental preparation.”*

Also important is the greater number of volunteer liturgical ministers, faith formation catechists, altar servers, and more. Compared to October 2023, weekend Mass attendance is up 16%!

There’s more, lots more, to be accomplished, which leads me to this request. We know that many organizations ask for charitable donations at this time of year, but **please prayerfully consider increasing your recurring offertory giving to Old St. Mary's.** To learn a bit more about our budget, check out [Carol Clavadetscher's 5-minute presentation at the end of the 11 am Mass on Sept 22.](#) Salary & benefits costs and facilities maintenance expenses continue to increase.

We are so very grateful for everyone who has already increased their giving in recent months! However, if we maintain the rate of giving in the first quarter (July – Sept 2024), we still project ending the fiscal year on June 30, 2025 with a small deficit. **Our target is to erase our projected deficit and increase revenues** so that we can staff positions with experienced professionals for our current ministries and expand in important new areas.

Thanks again for your consideration, and please do not hesitate to reach out if you have questions, concerns, or suggestions.

Fr. Rich

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

8:00 AM	Merlyn Chua & Marilou Trinidad
11:00 AM	+ Kariman Hamza
4:00 PM	People of the Parish

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11 - 8:30 AM

+ Jackie Navarre

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12 - 8:30 AM

+ Benjamin Kurtzweg

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13 - 8:30 AM

+ Ruth Stamm Sheerin

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14 - 8:30 AM

Chris Alcorn

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15 - 8:30 AM

+ Ruth H. Sheerin

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS, NOVEMBER 16 - 5:00 PM

Patrick Anthony Quinn

Readings for Masses on every day of the year can be found at <https://bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar>.

You can also find them on the OSM Parish app in two locations, Home Tab, Mass, Daily Mass Readings or More Tab, Daily Mass Readings.

We are collecting a variety of hygiene products for the clients of St. James Food Pantry. These are our low-income neighbors and those experiencing homelessness. In addition to the usual toothbrush, deodorant, etc.,



they have requested the following this month: **feminine products, size 4 & 5 diapers, bar soap, and adult socks.**

These items may be dropped off at anytime in the baskets in the commons or at the front office.

Thank you for your generous support of the St. James Food Pantry! Learn more about St. James Food Pantry [here](#).

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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CONFESSIONS:
4 PM SATURDAY
AND BY APPOINTMENT

HOSPITALITY

We're always looking for parishioners to help with our Hospitality Ministry after the 8 AM and 11 AM Sunday Masses. Your warm welcome makes a big difference!
Ready to serve? Sign up here: <http://bit.ly/osm-hospitality>

A New and Contactless Way of Giving!


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And yes: you can tap an amount more than once. You can also tap a combination of amounts to reach the total that you wish to give.

Thank you for your continued support of OSM's mission!

Open gym for adults on Sundays at 6:30 PM.

If you are new and wish to join the group, download the OSM Parish App. Search OSM Parish in the Apple or Google Play store. Under the MORE tab, go to Adult Open Gym and complete the form to signup and follow the instructions to join the group.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Fridays from 9 AM to Noon.

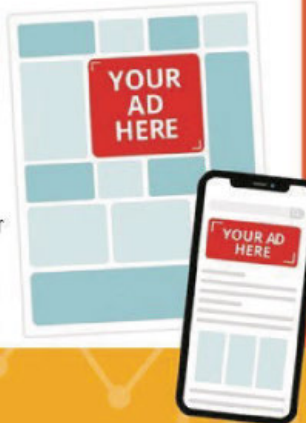


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