

Old St. Mary's

Catholic Church

NOVEMBER 17, 2024

MY WORDS
WILL NOT
PASS AWAY.

— MARK 13:31 —

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Parish Offices will be closed Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29
for the Thanksgiving holiday.

There will be **Mass on Thanksgiving Day at 10 AM.**

There will be a collection taken up to support the Social Justice and Service Ministry.

A second collection will be taken up this weekend for the
Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD).

To learn more about the CCHD go to:

<https://www.usccb.org/committees/catholic-campaign-human-development>

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL REQUESTS YOUR FEEDBACK

The Parish Pastoral Council has tried to refresh and refine our parish's mission statement. Our mission statement should reflect our purpose and our values. We'll use the mission statement to guide our decisions, respond to changes, and build alignment across our community.

We now have a draft of the Mission Statement and want your feedback. What is missing that you would add? What would you remove?

On the weekend of Nov 23-24, we will have large posters in the Commons where you can share your thoughts. Here is a sneak peek of our working draft:

"Inspired by the Holy Spirit, Old St. Mary's welcomes and accompanies everyone on their faith journey. Guided by the Paulist Fathers, our diverse community encourages people to grow their relationship with Jesus Christ through Eucharist, worship, prayer, education, and service."

If you can't join us at Mass on November 23-24 please visit <https://tinyurl.com/MissionSurveyOSM> to share your feedback.



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.

Jim Werner will be speaking to about this endeavor at all the Masses on November 17 and at the 5 PM Mass on November 23.

Old St. Mary's School invites you to support the School's Blue Ribbon Fund so we can meet our goal of \$200,000 to achieve our strategic priorities. The vision for the Blue Ribbon Fund is to support our teachers through additional compensation to reward their personal commitment and to support the sustainability and financial vitality of our school, with a focus on campus safety and paying down the school's building debt.



Every donation matters and each dollar makes a difference. We ask you to prayerfully consider giving to the Blue Ribbon Fund through a one-time donation or pledged donation over time. Donations can be made online and your contribution is 100% tax deductible!

Visit www.osmschool.com/giving to make a donation. Or make a pledge to pray for our students, faculty and community during the annual appeal. Prayer pledges can be made online through the same link. Thank you!



Pastoral Message

Grief Is Love

During the month of November, we are called to think about endings as we prepare to celebrate Jesus's birth. These endings are often the death of loved ones and important people in our lives. While grief is a deeply personal and unique experience, there are some universal truths. The first truth is that grief is love, not loss.

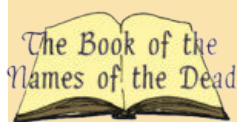
It does not matter whether our relationship was positive or negative with someone who has passed away. We grieve because our love, care and concern no longer have a physical destination. Jesus foresaw grief therapy when he said, "Do this in remembrance of me." The act of remembering is profoundly therapeutic because it bridges the gap between life and death as well as the past, present and future. Remembrance activities create new, Earthly destinations for our love, care and concern. They provide assurance that those who have passed away continue to be a part of, and influence, our lives. They also assure us that we still have power to achieve closure even after individuals have passed away. This is not only clinically proven, this was Jesus's intention. Remembrance activities can be as simple as planting flowers, displaying photos of the deceased, listening to their favorite music, or making time to share stories so they are remembered in future generations. They can also be as big as contributing to charities or scholarships that align with their interests and values to ensure a legacy.

Remembrance activities also give us the space to reflect on complicated relationships. It is okay to remember unpleasant facts about people who have passed away. Cleansing rituals are a positive way to achieve forgiveness and compassion while remembering the deceased. Disposing of triggering memorabilia, writing a letter to someone who has passed away, or conquering a physical activity can be effective ways of grieving a challenging relationship. Just know that you do not have to display select or stereotypical emotions to effectively grieve. Your emotions are yours, but challenge yourself to experience them as opposed to avoiding them.

Another truth is that when we see someone special to us grieving, the best thing to do is embrace their unique journey and join them, even if we cannot personally relate to their process. People may grieve the loss of the same person differently than you, and that is okay. Encouraging remembrance activities can help them find balance between sadness and celebration, or balance between confusion and closure. Grief is not about unloading a loss; it is about learning to carry a relationship with the deceased in a new way. That is a heavy weight that is can be carried with help and support from others if and when you are ready.

Katie Duxbury

Katie Duxbury is a psychotherapy counselor at the Claret Center who will confidently serve the needs of our community regardless of background and circumstances. She can be reached by Phone: 872-265-2670 or Email: kduxbury@claretcenter.org.



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.



Chicago Shares will be on sale this 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.



The Giving Tree
at Old St. Mary's

Please consider taking an ornament from our Giving Tree and purchasing the gift indicated on it. Many of our partner organizations request gift cards as a way to empower individuals to make their own shopping choices. This year your gifts will benefit:

Little Brothers—Friends of the Elderly - Since 1959, this non-profit organization has dedicated its mission to relieving isolation and loneliness among Chicago's elderly.

St. James Catholic Church Social Care Ministry - Offering a comprehensive range of services to support the community, including a food pantry, senior ministry, and various outreach programs.

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish - OLS is a Catholic parish in Chicago's East Garfield neighborhood on the West Side. Its outreach program has been feeding and clothing the homeless and those in need within the community since the Great Depression.

Envision Unlimited - For over 70 years, Envision Unlimited has served people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds with disabilities. Today, its diverse home and community-based programs support more than 2,000 individuals across Illinois.

Kolbe House - Dedicated to serving those affected by incarceration, providing spiritual support, accompaniment, and resources to individuals in jail, those recently released, and their families, promoting healing, justice and transformation in their lives and communities.

Please return gifts by Wednesday December 11.

If you wish to make a donation instead use this link <https://ppay.co/46leDxPAAg0> or scan the QR code.

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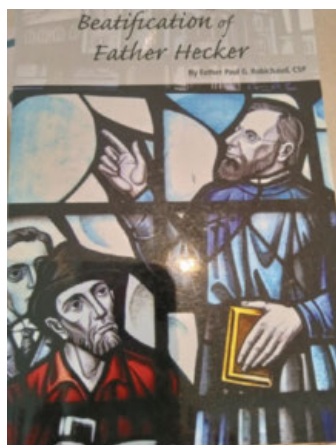


Using an IRA required minimum distribution (RMD) to make a charitable gift

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/>

Who the Heck is Father Isaac Hecker???

by Maryann Cushing



Isaac Thomas Hecker was a man thoroughly American and profoundly spiritual. In its most basic sense, spirituality refers to the personal relation of an individual with God. His spirituality became rooted in the conviction that God offers himself to each of us, and the Holy Spirit is the ultimate and best spiritual director. He believed human nature is basically good and free, the community has something to add to the individual search, and that the Holy Spirit will lead those who patiently take time to really listen. If one is in the right place at the right time, the Holy Spirit is responsible.

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 request the following this month: **feminine products,**

size 4 and 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 Intentions

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

8:00 AM	Gianna Nelson
11:00 AM	+ The Angoluan Family
4:00 PM	People of the Parish

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18 - 8:30 AM

+ Max & Carlito Daclan

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19 - 8:30 AM

+ Thomas I. Sheerin

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20- 8:30 AM

+Patrick Robert Quinn

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21 - 8:30 AM

Lloyd Lincoln

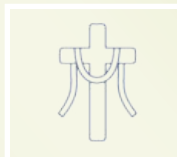
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22 – 8:30 AM

+ Edilberto Tankiang

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

NOVEMBER 23 - 5:00 PM

+ Lourdes & Miguel Medija, Sr.



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 have started, 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

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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AND BY APPOINTMENT

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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 ONLY 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.

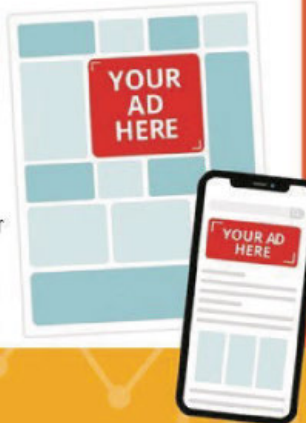


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