

Old St. Mary's

Catholic Church

DECEMBER 15, 2024



“HE WILL BAPTIZE
YOU WITH THE HOLY
SPIRIT AND FIRE.”
- LK 3:16

3RD SUNDAY
OF ADVENT

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Simbang Gabi
Thursday, December 19

A beloved tradition in our parish, join us for our yearly celebration of Simbang Gabi on Thursday, December 19.

Mass is at 7:00 PM with a parish fiesta afterwards.



Community Reconciliation Service

Our Community Reconciliation Service is

Monday, December 16, at 6:30 PM

The service begins with a brief Liturgy of the Word, followed by the opportunity for individual confessions with one of several priests. Please join us!

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Servant of God Isaac Hecker Birthday Celebration

Please join the Paulist Associates in the Commons, Sunday, December 15, following the 11 AM Mass for birthday cake and coffee as we celebrate Servant of God Isaac Hecker's 205th birthday.

The Paulist Associates hope you enjoyed the snippets on Father Hecker that have run in the bulletin over the past few weeks and now know why we are praying for him to become a Saint.

ADVENT

Young Adult wine & cheese social

For those in their 20s and 30s

Sunday, December 15
after the 4pm mass

contact
fr.dan@oldstmarys.com
for more info.



MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve
Tuesday, December 24
4 PM and 7:30 PM

Christmas Day Masses
Wednesday, December 25
8:30 AM and 11 AM

Adult Advent
Mini Retreat Series
continues reflecting on
the Themes of Advent



Saturday, December 21
3:00-5:00 PM
Love with Tina Carter

RSVP to LFF@oldstmarys.com

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR



Remember your loved ones at Christmas with a gift of flowers for the altar. With a donation of \$25, we will publish the name(s) of the person(s) to be

remembered in our *January 12* bulletin.

If you receive parish envelopes, there is an envelope in your packet which you can use for this purpose. There will also be envelopes in the Commons available for everyone's use.

You can also make a donation through Pushpay with this link

<https://ppay.co/LaXLLI5I5N4>

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Pastoral Message

"Joy and Anticipation, In a Year of Change"

My dear sisters and brothers, rejoice! Can you feel it? The anticipation, the excitement? This third week of Advent, we stand on the very doorstep of Christmas, our hearts brimming with joyful expectation as if we were children awaiting the dawn of Christmas morning.

This week, the Church invites us to delve into the profound joy surrounding Christ's birth. It is a genesis, a new beginning, made possible by the infinite love of God who bestowed upon us His only Son.

As we receive this extraordinary gift, we are reminded of the responsibility it carries. Just as Mary, our parish's namesake, offered herself as a vessel of God's love, we too are called to share this precious gift with the world.

This year, given travel and logistical issues, I experienced Advent a little differently. For the first time, I wasn't with my family for Thanksgiving. There was a part of me that felt a pang of sadness, longing for the familiar warmth of family tradition. But then, I took stock, looking around me at the community here at Old St. Mary's, and my heart swelled with gratitude.

The generosity, love, and unwavering support that flows through this community is a tangible reminder of the true spirit of Christmas. The hours I have seen parishioners dedicate to serving others, donating their gifts, and offering specialized expertise to enrich our parish and the lives of those in need, are a testament to the power of community, the power of love.

It reminds me that family isn't just about blood ties; it is about the bonds we forge with those who share our values, our faith, and our journey through life. How lucky am I, how lucky are we all, to call Old St. Mary's home, to have this caring and loving community to comfort us, not just during this holiday season, but throughout the year.

This, my friends, is the essence of sharing the gift of Christ. It's about extending a hand, a smile, a loving embrace to those around us, just as John the Baptist instructs us in today's Gospel: "... Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise." (Luke 3:10-18).

It is about embodying the joyful spirit of Isaiah, who proclaimed, "With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation. Give thanks to the Lord, acclaim his name; ¶ proclaim how exalted is his name" (Isaiah 12:3-4). A promise of healing, hope, and joy for all, as Isaiah describes: "Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy" (Isaiah 35:5-6).

May Advent be a season of profound joy, a time of sharing, and a time of opening our hearts to the transformative power of God's love. Let us carry this joy with us, not just this week, but every week of the year, as a testament to the eternal gift of Christ and the beautiful community we share here at Old St. Mary's.

Brent Zey

Brent Zey is a member of the Parish Pastoral Council and a Eucharistic Minister.



Chicago Shares will be on sale this weekend, December 14-15 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.



We continue to collect hygiene products for the clients of St. James Food Pantry. In addition to the usual toothbrush, deodorant, etc., they have requested the following: **feminine products, diapers size 4 and 5, 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](#)



Larry Steiner from our bulletin company, will be here the week of December 16. We are looking for leads on new ads

from local vendors to help defray the cost of the bulletin.

If you have a business and would like to place an ad, please contact Larry at 800.950.9952 x2102 or LSteiner@4lpi.com

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>

Please note there is no hospitality on Christmas.

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.

Please Note: There will **no Open Gym** on Sundays, December 22, December 29, and January 5.



SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, January 26, the start of Catholic Schools Week

We excited to once again host OSM's Knights Around the World (KATW). This event showcases the colorful diversity of the OSM school student body and our parish. Event will take place after the 11 AM Mass. More details will be forthcoming.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 15

8:00 AM - Sesenia Joson & Theresa Joson

11 AM - Alonso & Apollo Myrick

4 PM - People of the Parish

Monday, December 16 - 8:30 AM

+ Restituto Serrano

Tuesday, December 17 - 8:30 AM

+ Edwin Cadimas Laranang

Wednesday, December 18 - 8:30 AM

Marivic Serrano Paglinawan

Thursday, December 19

8:30 AM + Jaime Imbag

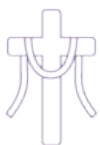
7:00 PM People of the Parish

Friday, December 20 - 8:30 AM

Lon Ryan Myrick & Evelyn Chua Myrick

Saturday, December 21 - 5:00 PM

+ Thomas I. Sheerin



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 Holzhauser-Chuckas, ObSB at james@oldstmarys.com

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6); Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Friday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4); Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-4

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

For more on the readings at Sunday Masses during Advent, go to staustin.org/sundays-of-advent. For more on the readings at daily Masses during Advent, check out staustin.org/advent-by-day

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.

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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312.386.1560

SCHOOL WEBSITE:www.osmschool.com**SACRAMENTS****BAPTISMS:**

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 WEBSITE TO REGISTER
 YOUR CHILD(REN) FOR
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CONFESSIONS:

4 PM SATURDAY
 AND BY APPOINTMENT


**Exposition of the
 Blessed Sacrament**

Fridays from
 9 AM to Noon.

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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/>



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Our new TipTap Contactless Giving Kiosk in the commons allows you to easily give with a chip-enabled credit card, Apple Pay, or Google Wallet. Simply tap your credit card or phone to the dollar donation of your choice (\$5, \$10, \$20) and wait for a beep. It's that simple! Tax receipts available upon request.

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!

Our giving platform is Pushpay.

To begin using Pushpay as a way to share your treasure go to

<https://pushpay.com/q/oldstmarys/>

You can also access it from our website, our parish app or from this QR code.



You can also DONATE TO OLD ST. MARY'S with Zelle through your bank.

Use email address give@oldstmarys.com

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