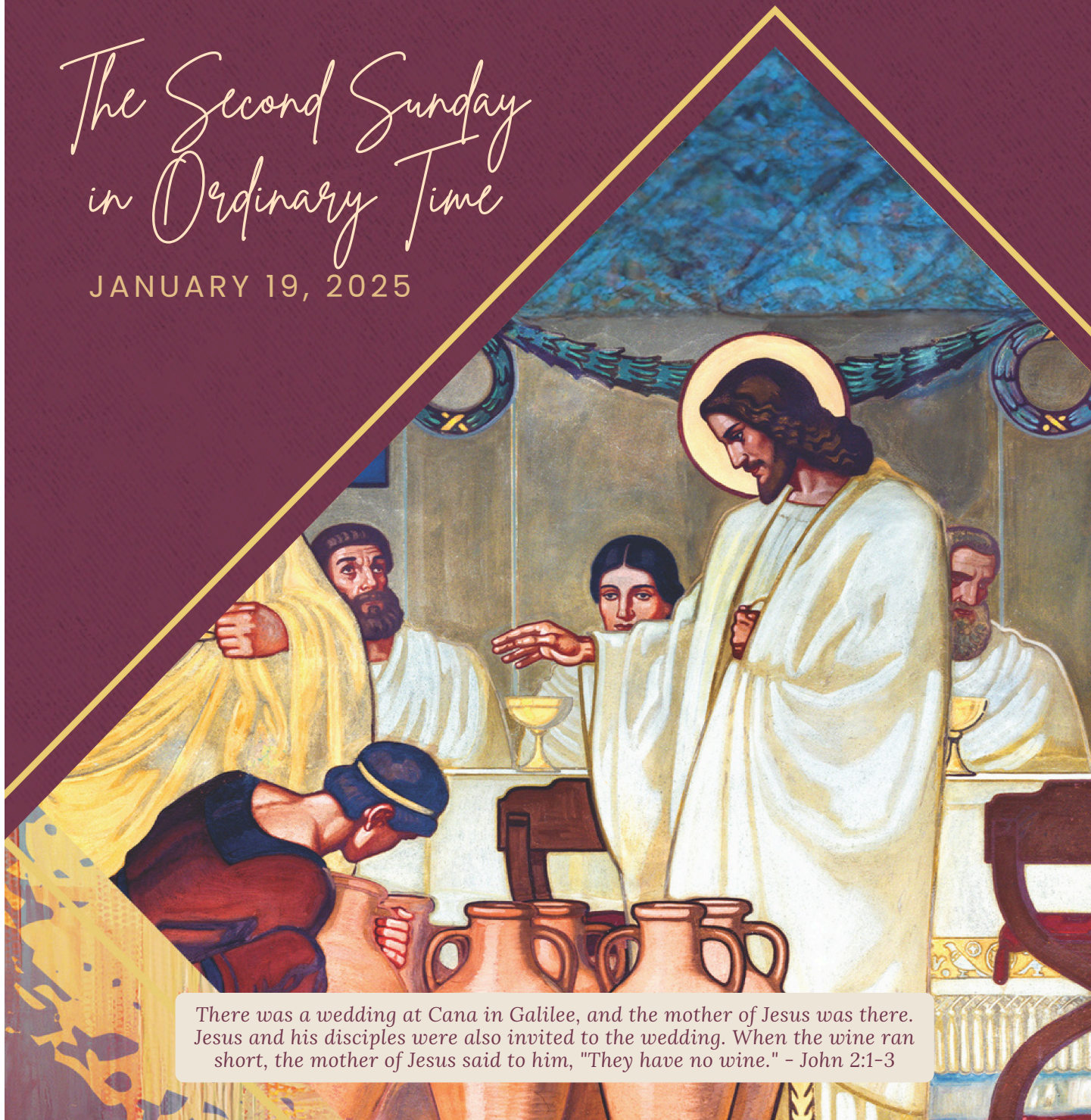


# ⊕ Old St. Mary's Catholic Church

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

## The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

JANUARY 19, 2025



*There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." - John 2:1-3*

Established as Chicago's first Catholic parish in 1833. Old St. Mary's Catholic School established in 2004. Served by the Paulist Fathers since 1903.

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SAVE THE DATE!

# Knights Around the World

Sunday, January 26  
12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

We are excited to bring back OSM's  
**KNIGHTS AROUND THE WORLD**

If your young one is interested in participating in any way, scan the QR code below to complete the Google form. Opportunities include booths and posters, cultural performances, and bringing foods.



Come witness the showcase of colorful diversities from our student body! Travel with us around the world to learn about culture, taste exotic foods, and enjoy cultural performances.

Questions? Please email:

Jazel ([family Sugay@gmail.com](mailto:family Sugay@gmail.com))

Binisa ([binisa.shah@gmail.com](mailto:binisa.shah@gmail.com))

**OSM Kicks Off  
Catholic Schools Week  
Sunday, January 26**



Catholic Schools  
United in Faith and Community

9:30 AM – 10:45 AM: Open House (School)  
11:00 AM: Mass (Church)  
12:15 PM: Knights Around the World (Gym)

## GIVEAWAY

There are tables in the Commons filled with books and other items that the Chicago Paulists and the parish staff are giving away. Please take as much as you like, and consider making a financial donation, if possible. All proceeds will go towards the parish general offertory. **All must go by January 19!**

*Why is this happening?* The Chicago Paulists are downsizing their residence, which will provide significant savings for both Old St. Mary's Parish and the Paulist Fathers. On the parish side, we've found that we're no longer using some perfectly good books that have been left behind by former staff.

### Correction

We realized there was a mistake in one of the flower donation dedications last week, and we apologize for the error. The correct attribution should read:

**In memory of Patricia Lukacsek**  
by Carol Burgan

# PASTORAL MESSAGE

## The Power of Prayer & Service

Prayer and service are dynamic forces that transcend boundaries, touching hearts and transforming lives. Together, they form a powerful synergy, uniting the spiritual with the tangible to bring about meaningful change in individuals and communities.

Prayer is more than words; it is a connection with the divine, a source of refuge, guidance, and strength. In moments of uncertainty or hardship, prayer centers us, reminding us of a higher purpose and the enduring presence of hope. Through prayer, we gain clarity and courage, drawing closer to God while deepening our sense of compassion for others.

Service, on the other hand, is the active expression of love and faith. It takes the intentions of prayer and translates them into action, meeting the needs of those around us. Acts of service, whether large or small, demonstrate that we are called to be instruments of kindness and justice in the world. By helping others, we not only address their immediate needs but also uplift their spirits, affirming their dignity and worth.

The true power lies in the union of prayer and service. Prayer fuels our desire to serve, offering wisdom and encouragement, while service reinforces the faith and humility cultivated through prayer. Together, they create a ripple effect, inspiring others to follow suit and fostering a community rooted in empathy and love. In a world often marked by polarity and hardship, prayer and service remind us of our shared humanity and our responsibility to care for one another. They have the power to heal, to bridge gaps, and to illuminate the path toward a more compassionate and unified world. Let us embrace the call to pray passionately and serve selflessly, knowing that through these actions, we can transform lives, beginning with our own.

Pray for clarity and wisdom to recognize and embrace your spiritual gifts. We are all called to serve.

April Greer  
Principal, Old St. Mary's School

Brothers and sisters:

There are **different kinds of spiritual gifts** but the **same Spirit**;  
there are **different forms of service** but the **same Lord**;  
there are **different workings** but the **same God**  
who produces all of them in everyone.  
To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit  
is given for some benefit.

*1 Corinthians 12:4-11*

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, January 19

- 8 AM Patrick & Allison Reisch  
11 AM Amelia & Telesforo Pascual (+)  
4 PM For the people of the parish

### Monday, January 20

- 8:30 AM Stephan Oleszkiewicz (+)

### Tuesday, January 21

- 8:30 AM Amos (Red) Nelson, Jr. (+)

### Wednesday, January 22

- 8:30 AM Cynthia Ruth Smith

### Thursday, January 23

- 8:30 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory

### Friday, January 24

- 8:30 AM Marisa Alcorn

### Saturday, January 25

- 5:00 PM Lourdes & Miguel Medija, Sr. (+)

## Join our Altar Server Ministry!



Next Training Date:

**Wednesday, January 22**  
**after the school mass**

Please RSVP at  
[altarservers@oldstmarys.com](mailto:altarservers@oldstmarys.com)

## Interested in being Catholic?

The Order of Christian Initiation (OCI) is a process for those discerning becoming Catholic outside the typical timeline of initiation. At Old St. Mary's, we offer three tracks: one for children, one for teens, and one for adults. Contact: Oblate James Holzhauer-Chuckas, ObSB [obl.james@oldstmarys.com](mailto:obl.james@oldstmarys.com).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

The readings for the week can be found on the US Catholic Bishops Conference website at: <https://bible.usccb.org/>

## LEARN MORE ABOUT THE BIBLE

St. Austin Catholic Church, with Fr. Rich, has created an online guide to explore Bible readings from Mass.

Visit [staustin.org/lectionary-guide](https://staustin.org/lectionary-guide).

In the first four weeks of Ordinary Time, we hear from "The Letter of St. Paul to the Hebrews." Though not a letter or authored by Paul, it's a profound treatise in refined Greek, explaining Christ as our high priest to those familiar with Jewish rituals. Learn more at [staustin.org/weeks-1-4-in-ordinary-time-year-i](https://staustin.org/weeks-1-4-in-ordinary-time-year-i).

## 2024 TAX STATEMENTS

Tax statements for 2024 were released on January 13, 2025 via the OSM Parish App. Download the app by searching "OSM Parish" in the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. You'll receive an email from Pushpay when your statement is ready. If we don't have your email, a statement will be mailed. To update your address, contact the parish office, use the collection basket, or mail your information.

## MLK Day Holiday

**Monday, January 20**



In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Old St. Mary's Church and School will be closed on Monday, January 20, except for the 8:30 AM daily Mass.



*"Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that."*

**Martin Luther King, Jr.**

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## SACRAMENTS

### MASS TIMES

Monday – Friday 8:30 AM  
*Wednesday School Mass during School Year*

Saturday 5:00 PM Vigil

Sunday 8:00 AM, 11:00 AM  
4:00 PM

Holy Days *contact parish office*

### BAPTISM

Register at <http://oldstmarys.com/baptism/>

- To request a copy of your baptismal certificate, email [fr.dan@oldstmarys.com](mailto:fr.dan@oldstmarys.com)

### MATRIMONY

<https://oldstmarys.com/weddings/>  
Please contact Fr. Rich or Fr. Dan

### RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday from 4:00 – 4:30 PM,  
or contact Fr. Rich or Fr. Dan

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Every First Friday during the 8:30 AM Mass,  
or contact Fr. Rich or Fr. Dan

### CONFIRMATION

Inquire at  
<https://oldstmarys.com/confirmation/>

### FUNERAL

Please contact Fr. Rich or Fr. Dan

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Friday after the 8:30 AM Mass  
(9:00 AM – 11:30 AM)

### Low Gluten Hosts at Mass

Low Gluten Hosts are available at mass for those with a gluten sensitivity. For a low-gluten host, arrive at least 5 minutes before Mass, visit the sacristy to request one, and receive it from the presider during Communion.



### OLD ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 8  
A National Blue Ribbon School

[www.osmschool.com](http://www.osmschool.com)  
312-386-1560  
1474 S. Michigan Ave.

### New to the Parish?

Welcome! Register at  
[bit.ly/osm-registration](http://bit.ly/osm-registration)  
or scan the QR code



## First Communion Parent Meeting

Wednesday, January 22  
6:30 PM | Church



Parents of children preparing for First Communion are invited to attend this important meeting. For any questions, please contact Oblate James at [obl.james@oldstmarys.com](mailto:obl.james@oldstmarys.com).



## Calling all young people in High School to join our new Parish Youth Council!

We want to hear from YOU about what the Youth Council can look like at OSM! Bring your ideas for FUN, faith, and fellowship on **January 31 @ 7:00 PM** to help shape our community's next steps! There will be food!

## Altar Server Family Celebration

Wednesday, January 29  
6:00 - 7:30 PM  
Donovan Hall



Calling all altar servers and their families! Join us for an evening celebrating our altar server ministry. There will be food, fellowship, and prayer. Pls. RSVP to [altarserver@oldstmarys.com](mailto:altarserver@oldstmarys.com)

## Young Adults at OSM

*For those in their 20s and 30s*



We're restarting our young adult ministry in 2025! Scan the QR code below and sign up to be included in our mailing list.

## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Jan. 18 - 25  
2025

Our Father, We seek you in so many ways and places in our life. We seek you for guidance and for comfort. But you have told us that when there is hunger, it is up to us to feed the hungry. We ask you to help us see you in other Christians and humbly ask you for strength in the search for what we have in common. Bless our eff-

orts to look at all the ways we are united in faith, and grant us courage to change our hearts and minds to realize your will. We ask all this through Christ our Lord and brother, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## Fires in Los Angeles

Our hearts go out to all those impacted by the devastating fires in Los Angeles—the families displaced, the first responders working tirelessly, and all facing uncertainty and loss. In times of trial, we turn to God, who is our refuge and strength. Let us keep them in our prayers, asking for protection, comfort, and hope. May we also be moved to offer support in whatever ways we can, standing in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in need. Please consider donating to the Wildfire Relief Fund of Catholic Charities USA: [www.catholiccharitiesusa.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org)

## St. James Food Pantry

Old St. Mary's proudly supports the St. James Food Pantry with ongoing donations of hygiene items like toothbrushes, deodorant, feminine products, and diapers. Donations are welcome anytime. To learn more, visit [www.stjameswabash.org/food-pantry/](http://www.stjameswabash.org/food-pantry/).

## Bulletin Submissions

Looking to put something in the bulletin? Email [bulletin@oldstmarys.com](mailto:bulletin@oldstmarys.com)

## YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

The **Sunday Faith Formation** program welcomes students from kindergarten through 5th grade and meets on Sundays from 9:30 to 10:30 AM. Second graders begin preparation for Reconciliation, followed by First Eucharist in 2025, with completion in third grade (2025 - 2026). For more information, contact [LFF@oldstmarys.com](mailto:LFF@oldstmarys.com).

Our **Confirmation program** is a three-year faith journey for youth in 6th-8th grade. Students in 6th and 7th grade prepare for the sacrament, receive Confirmation in 7th grade, and then engage in a pastoral year during 8th grade to live out the graces of the sacrament. To learn more about our Confirmation program and middle school youth ministry, contact us at [confirmation@oldstmarys.com](mailto:confirmation@oldstmarys.com).

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** is offered during most 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM Sunday Masses for young children and elementary students, helping them engage with God's Word in a meaningful way. To learn more or inquire about becoming a CLW catechist, contact Sonjia Waxmonsky at [CLW@oldstmarys.com](mailto:CLW@oldstmarys.com).

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

**Adult Faith Formation** offers opportunities for adults to deepen their faith through prayer, worship, classes, and discipleship. Our weekly group meets Wednesdays at 9:30 AM after the 8:30 AM Mass.

To learn more:  
Oblate James Holzhauser-Chuckas, ObSB  
[obl.james@oldstmarys.com](mailto:obl.james@oldstmarys.com).

## Adult Open Gym



Adults are invited to Open Gym Sundays at 6:30 PM. New participants can join by downloading the OSM Parish App, selecting "Adult Open Gym" under the MORE tab, and completing the signup form.

## Giving at Old St. Mary's

Every contribution at Old St. Mary's nurtures our faith community and supports those in need. Your generosity: through donations, volunteering, or outreach, makes a difference.

Give online at  
<https://oldstmarys.com/donate/>

We also have a contactless giving kiosk in the commons, which accepts any tap-enabled credit card or mobile device. Thank you for supporting OSM's mission!

OLD ST. MARY'S SCHOOL PRESENTS  
**THE 2025 SIGNATURE EVENT**

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SAVE THE DATE  
SATURDAY, MARCH 8

## Signup for Our Email Newsletter!

We publish an email newsletter every Thursday that covers events going on for the weekend and following week at Old St. Mary's. Sign up at [bit.ly/osm-newsletter-signup](https://bit.ly/osm-newsletter-signup) or scan the QR code below!

