

⊕ 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.

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 9, 2025



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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PASTORAL MESSAGE

Let's Give It One More Try

I love the new beginning January brings. Filled with the joy of Christmas, I begin the year fresh with optimism and hope. The ideas flow; there are so many ways that 2025 is going to be great. My ambition and confidence are high.

And then February arrives.

By February, the novelty of a resolution has faded, the beginner's luck has worn out, and I have to renew my motivation to realize my goals. For me, this is when my doubts arrive. Am I going to reach this goal? Can I do this? Am I ready to change, or do I revert, like a rubber band that stretches and returns to its original shape? I can say, "No, thanks. I was uncomfortable trying something new; I prefer the comfort of the familiar."

In any change, we have to do two things: get started and make progress. To make a big change, I have to make small changes incrementally. Each step renews my spirit and my faith that I am growing. I tell myself, "Keep going. It is working; let's give it one more try."

What a gift! Faith gives us the strength and courage to move forward.

As Jesus preached at the Sea of Galilee, we read that he encouraged Simon Peter to cast his nets again. I can imagine Simon Peter, tired after the long day and doubtful that the effort would be worthwhile. In this case, he had just heard Jesus teach. Something in the lesson gave Simon Peter hope and a willingness to try again. He agrees to try again. Simon Peter had faith in Jesus, and Jesus rewarded him for his faith.

Similarly, our faith in Jesus rewards us. Jesus is the extra motivation we all need. Jesus reminds us that we can move through any challenge with his love and strength. When we want to give up, when our doubts creep in, Jesus looks at us and says, "Let's give it one more try."

May the love of God and the grace of the Holy Spirit be with all of us.

Katie Ellis
Vice Chair, Parish Pastoral Council
Catechist, K-1 Sunday Faith Formation

Ministry of Care Training

After five years, Old St. Mary's is re-launching its Ministry of Care! Ministers bring Communion to the sick and homebound, keeping them connected to our faith community.

Training Session:

Saturday, March 8 | 2:30–4:30 PM

Walk-ins welcome, but RSVP if possible:
careministry@oldstmarys.com

VIRTUS Training Required — Need to start or check your status? Contact Patti Murphy at patti@oldstmarys.com.

The Old St. Mary's Choir

We're excited to bring the Old St. Mary's Choir back to life! If you've sung with us before or want to try something new, all are welcome — no experience needed!

Every Sunday

Rehearsal: 9:20 AM

Mass: 11:00 AM

***Come lift your voice
in worship and community!***

For details, contact **Ace Gangoso**,
Director of Liturgy & Music at
ace@oldstmarys.com.

The 6th Annual
Old St. Mary's

CHILI COOK OFF



SATURDAY MARCH 01
12:00 - 3:00 PM

SHOW OFF YOUR CULINARY SKILLS IN THE CHILI CONTEST OR BROWNIE BAKE OFF, OR SIMPLY ENJOY FUN AND GAMES IN THE OPEN GYM!



SIGN UP YOUR CHILI OR BROWNIES:
<https://bit.ly/osm-chili-cookoff-2025>

QUESTIONS?
chili@oldstmarys.com

FIND FULL EVENT DETAILS AT:
www.oldstmarys.com/chilicookoff

Sign up to be a Lenten Small Group Facilitator

We are looking to offer a number of small group opportunities this Lent and need a number of parishioners to help facilitate some of these discussions.

If you feel called to lead/co-lead a Lenten Small Group this year, sign up at:

<https://bit.ly/osm-lent-smallgroup-facilitator-2025>

or scan the QR code.



Signup by **Monday, February 10.**

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 9

8 AM Patrick & Allison Reisch
11 AM Lloyd Jeremy Lincoln
4 PM *For the People of the Parish*

Monday, February 10

8:30 AM Lourdes Medija (+)

Tuesday, February 11

8:30 AM Dr. Connally

Wednesday, February 12

8:30 AM Thomas Avery

Thursday, February 13

8:30 AM Jewel McCinton

Friday, February 14

8:30 AM Brenda Ann Clarke

Saturday, February 15

5:00 PM Rosita Navarro (+)

Simon said in reply,
"Master, we have worked hard all night
and have caught nothing,
but at your command
I will lower the nets."

When they had done this,
they caught a great number of fish
and their nets were tearing.

Luke 5: 5-6



Word Among Us Subscription Ending

After thoughtful consideration, we are retiring our parish subscription to Word Among Us. If you've enjoyed this resource, you can continue receiving it directly at a lower cost than our bulk rate. **Subscribe online at wau.org**. Thank you for your understanding and for your commitment to daily prayer and reflection!

Bulletin Submissions

Looking to put something in the bulletin?
Email bulletin@oldstmarys.com

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

The readings for the week can be found on the US Catholic Bishops Conference website.

Scan the QR code or head to
<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.

For weeks 5 and 6 in Ordinary Time, we hear the "prehistory" of the Book of Genesis: the stories about the origins of the world and humanity. If you've ever wanted to read the Bible cover to cover, this is the best time to start! And don't worry if you get behind: we'll pick up with chapter 12 on June 23, so you have plenty of time to catch up! Learn more about Genesis 1-11 at staustin.org/week-5-6.



Venerable Augustus Tolton

Augustus Tolton was born a slave in Missouri in 1854. The Toltons escaped slavery during the Civil War, and moved to Quincy, Illinois. Their pastor welcomed Augustine into the parish school, and then helped him enter seminary in Rome. Newly-ordained Father Tolton, the first black American priest, was sent to establish a parish for African-American Catholics in Chicago. Beloved and hard-working, "Good Father Gus" died in 1897. Bishop Joseph Perry, retired Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, is the postulator for the cause for canonization of Augustus Tolton.

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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

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.



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Young Adults at OSM

For those in their 20s and 30s

Winter Kickoff Social

Sunday, February 9
after the 4:00 PM Mass

*Come learn about our events
this season!*



Scan the QR code to sign
up for our mailing list!

Questions? Contact
frdan@oldstmarys.com

St. James Food Pantry

Old St. Mary's is proud to support the St. James Food Pantry in providing essential hygiene items to those in need.

You can make a difference by donating toothbrushes, deodorant, feminine products, diapers, and more. Your generosity is always welcome! Simply drop off your donations in the baskets located in the commons or at the parish office anytime. Together, we can bring comfort and care to our neighbors in need!

Learn more at
www.stjameswabash.org/food-pantry/.

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.



Scan the QR code, or give online at
<https://oldstmarys.com/donate/>

OLD ST. MARY'S SCHOOL PRESENTS

THE 2025 SIGNATURE EVENT



SATURDAY, MARCH 8

7:00 - 10:00 PM

The Chicago Firehouse Restaurant

Learn more at
www.osmschool.com/signature-event



2024 Tax Statements

2024 end-of-year tax statements were sent out in January by email and regular mail. If you haven't received yours and would like a copy, please contact our business manager, Dawn Burns, at dawn@oldstmarys.com. Thank you!

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.

Scan the QR code, or signup
at bit.ly/osm-newsletter-signup





Scenes of Grace

MOMENTS FROM OUR PARISH LIFE



Altar Servers Family Celebration



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- English as primary language
- Live within 200 miles of Chicago

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