

⊕ 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.

# SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FEBRUARY 16, 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

As we spend February celebrating the season of love, I have been reflecting on some of the greatest love that God bestows: *the love of fellowship and community*.

I joined the Old St Mary's community back in 2021, and I was immediately struck by how welcoming it was and how much it felt like home. Over the past few years, I have had the great privilege of being a part of a community that invests in the education of its children, that celebrates the global community within their congregation, that pours into the surrounding neighborhood, and that cares deeply about every person who walks through the door. God calls us into fellowship with one another for a reason - it is one of the most tangible ways to feel God's love for us - and when we invest in church communities, we are investing in the abundance that God has to offer us through fellowship.

As the Enrollment Director at Old St. Mary's School, my primary focus is building community. When a family is touring our campus, they are not just looking for a school, they are trying to find a community for their children to be brought up in. Our students spend most of their time at school, and while we want them to grow academically, we ultimately want to aid our school families in raising well-rounded children who are connected to their communities and care deeply about the people around them. It is important for our new families to meet our administrators, our pastors, our teachers, and other students, as all of us work in tandem to create the unity that God calls us to. They meet middle school ambassadors who, often, have attended our school since Preschool and are preparing to move on to new communities in high school. They meet our administrators who devote their time to growing our community, getting to know every student, and providing families with what they need. They greet the parishioners who gather to eat together after mass every morning, the incredible women who keep our campus clean and tidy, the teachers who are thrilled to share with them all the exciting things happening in classrooms, and our pastors who welcome every visitor with a friendly hello and open arms.

We have the privilege of welcoming families of many different faith backgrounds at Old St. Mary's School, and they are all seeking the same thing: a place where the community will pour into their children's lives. Pope Francis has been quoted saying that "all religions are paths to God" and that they are all "like different languages that express the divine". Something that we all have in common is a desire to be a part of each other's lives. We all seek community, connection. One of God's greatest commands for us is to love God and to love our neighbor, and when we welcome everyone into our community, we live out that command. God loves us all, and invites us all to have a seat at the table. It is a unique joy to be a part of a community that wants everyone to sit down and partake in fellowship with us.

Psalm 133 reads, "Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell together in unity!" and it is truly a joy and a privilege to be a part of a community that lives out this creed daily. I hope that as we settle into this new year, we continue to devote ourselves to the bountiful joy to be found in our community and the fellowship that brings us ever closer to the love of God.

**Abbey Laird**  
*Enrollment Director*  
*Old St. Mary's School*

## 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](mailto:careministry@oldstmarys.com)

**VIRTUS Training Required** — Need to start or check your status? Contact Patti Murphy at [patti@oldstmarys.com](mailto: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

For details, contact **Ace Gangoso**,  
Director of Liturgy & Music at [ace@oldstmarys.com](mailto:ace@oldstmarys.com).

## NAVIGATING POLARIZATION, GAINING INSIGHT: RESOURCES FROM OUR CATHOLIC TRADITION

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23**  
9:30 AM | VAN BUREN ROOM



A talk by  
**Dr. Craig Ford**  
Assistant Professor, St. Norbert's  
College

For more information, contact:  
[parishoffice@oldstmarys.com](mailto:parishoffice@oldstmarys.com)

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## Together we bring hope

2025 Annual Catholic Appeal

Please consider supporting this year's Appeal. Your generous contribution will be a source of blessing for many people, for yourself and for your loved ones.

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**Together, We Bring Hope – Support the Annual Catholic Appeal!** Join us in answering the call to bring hope to those in need through the Annual Catholic Appeal! Your generosity directly supports vital parish ministries, including food pantries and soup kitchens, and provides Catholic education opportunities for students seeking a faith-filled learning experience.

This year, **our parish goal is \$56,275** — and we need your help to get there! The best part? **Every dollar raised beyond our goal comes back to Old St. Mary's as a rebate to support our own parish community.**

**Every gift, no matter the size, makes a difference.** You can contribute online at [www.annualcatholicappeal.com](http://www.annualcatholicappeal.com) or drop your Appeal envelope in the collection basket. **Be sure to credit your gift to Old St. Mary's Parish!** Thank you for your generosity and for being part of this mission of hope!

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, February 16

8 AM Margarita Manuel (+)

11 AM Meghan Kontos (+)

4 PM *People of the Parish*

### Monday, February 17

8:30 AM Maria Nelson Bennett Turner

### Tuesday, February 18

8:30 AM Brandi Collins-Dexter

### Wednesday, February 19

8:30 AM David & Paul Bishop (+)

### Thursday, February 20

8:30 AM Nora T. Posa (+)

### Friday, February 21

8:30 AM Patricia Fuller (+)

### Saturday, February 22

5:00 PM Diarra Family

## 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](mailto:dawn@oldstmarys.com). Thank you!

### 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://staustin.org/week-5-6).



### Servant of God Thea Bowman

As a child, Thea was exposed to the richness of her African-American culture and spirituality. She fell in love with the history, stories, songs, prayers, and traditions. As a nun, she gathered together people across the country for singing, gospel preaching, prayer and storytelling. Her programs were designed to foster communication and understanding, and to break down racial and cultural barriers.

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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

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### New to the Parish?

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[bit.ly/osm-registration](http://bit.ly/osm-registration)





The Paulists recently announced that **Fr. Brad Schoeberle** has been named the new pastor of St. Paul the Apostle Church in Horseshoe Bay, TX. Fr. Brad was pastor at Old St. Mary's from 2018 - 2024.

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church in Horseshoe Bay, Texas, was established by the Paulist Fathers in 1972 as an interdenominational house of worship. Initially, Masses were held in various locations until 1979, when land was donated for the chapel. The chapel was dedicated on December 5, 1982, featuring original artwork by Sister Mary Peter Tremonte of San Antonio. Today, the parish serves a growing community of over 200 registered families.

We keep Fr. Brad in our prayers, and wish him the best as he begins his new ministry to the people of God in Texas

## Young Adults at OSM

*For those in their 20s and 30s*

*Come learn about our events this season!*



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Questions? Contact [frdan@oldstmarys.com](mailto:frdan@oldstmarys.com)

## 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](https://bit.ly/osm-newsletter-signup)



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](http://www.osmschool.com/signature-event)



## 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.



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<https://oldstmarys.com/donate/>

The 6th Annual  
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<https://bit.ly/osm-chili-cookoff-2025>

QUESTIONS?  
[chili@oldstmarys.com](mailto:chili@oldstmarys.com)

FIND FULL EVENT DETAILS AT:  
[www.oldstmarys.com/chilicookoff](http://www.oldstmarys.com/chilicookoff)

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

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