

## ⌄ 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.



MARCH 16, 2025

# SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



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

Dear friends,

Last Sunday, the scriptures invited us to head into the stillness of the desert. Walking with Jesus, we entered the desert as a place of solitude and testing—reminding us of our own deserts, our own times of struggle, temptation, and uncertainty. Yet last week's reminder was clear: the desert is also a place of transformation, where our reliance on God is renewed and deepened.

This week, we journey deeper into Lent, moving from the experience of the desert to the mountaintop. There, we join Peter, James, and John, who witness a moment of dazzling glory—the Transfiguration of Jesus. It is a glimpse of what awaits beyond the desert: the promise of resurrection, the hope of renewal, and the reality of Christ fully alive.

Lent invites each of us into a similar transformation, guiding us from the deserts of our struggles toward the joy of life's fullness—God's desire for us! How is Lent shaping you—transforming you—to experience greater peace, deeper trust, or renewed hope?

As we continue our Lenten practices—prayer, fasting, and giving—let us remain attentive to how God is shaping our hearts and transforming our lives.

May God's grace transfigure us to be more like Jesus!

In Christ,  
Fr. Dan

### Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper

Every Friday of Lent  
6:00 – 7:00 PM

**March 21, March 28  
April 4\*, April 11**

Each Friday during Lent, we invite you to walk the Way of the Cross with us as we reflect on Christ's passion, love, and sacrifice. The Stations of the Cross will take place every Friday at 6:00 PM. A simple soup supper follows after the Stations of the Cross.

\*We'll have a Fish Fry on April 4. Details on page 5!

### Family Reconciliation Services

**Tuesday, March 18  
7:00 – 8:00 PM**

We invite families in our school and faith formation program to take part in our Family Reconciliation Services — a special opportunity to experience God's mercy together. There will be opportunities for individual confession.

### Faith-Sharing Small Groups

Lenten Faith-Sharing Small Groups continue throughout Lent!

Learn more or sign up at  
[bit.ly/osm-lent-smallgroup-2025](https://bit.ly/osm-lent-smallgroup-2025)



# NAVIGATING POLARIZATION, GAINING INSIGHT:

## RESOURCES FROM OUR CATHOLIC TRADITION



**SUNDAY, MARCH 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)

# USING OUR MINDS TO REACH OUR HEARTS

## A WORKSHOP ON IGNATIAN PRAYER TECHNIQUES

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**Fr. Rich Andre, CSP**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 16**  
**9:30 - 10:30 AM | VAN BUREN ROOM**

Do you approach faith merely as an intellectual exercise? Do you find it tough to pray with your emotions? Are you looking for ways to "switch up" your prayer life? St. Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1556) was skilled at helping people take that difficult 18-inch journey from the mind to the heart. Join Fr. Rich for a workshop in which we'll explore the Conscious Examen (invented by Ignatius) and Simple Contemplation (popularized by Ignatius). We'll explain each prayer form, try it out as a group, and discuss our experience afterwards.

## Taizé Prayer Service

Join us for a Taizé Prayer Service on **Thursday, March 20, from 6:00–7:00 PM** in the church.

Taizé originated in France during World War II. It takes its name from the small town just southeast of Paris where Brother Roger Schutz, a Swiss Protestant, founded the community in the hopes of serving both Christian and Jewish refugees of the German-occupied country. In the years following World War II, Christian men from various traditions — Catholic and Protestant — came to live at Taizé and participate in Brother Roger's vision of ecumenism, social justice and peace, eventually forming a community of about 80 brothers from nearly 30 countries.

Today, Taizé continues to be a place of pilgrimage, particularly for young people, who visit the community in the tens of thousands each year.

Taizé has also become well-known for its style of music and prayer, which emphasizes silence, contemplation and stillness. Taizé devotees have carried its music and traditions to Catholic and Christian communities throughout the world. ©LPI

## SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19



## OSM Young Adults

for those in their 20s and 30s

### Eucharistic Adoration & Guided Meditation

Young adults are invited to a special evening of Eucharistic Adoration & Guided Meditation on **Wednesday, March 19, from 7:00–8:00 PM** in the church.

Come rest in God's presence through quiet prayer, reflective meditation, and the peace of Adoration. Whether you're seeking stillness, renewal, or simply a moment to pause, this is a space to encounter Christ in a deeper way.

### A Conversation with Dr. Craig Ford

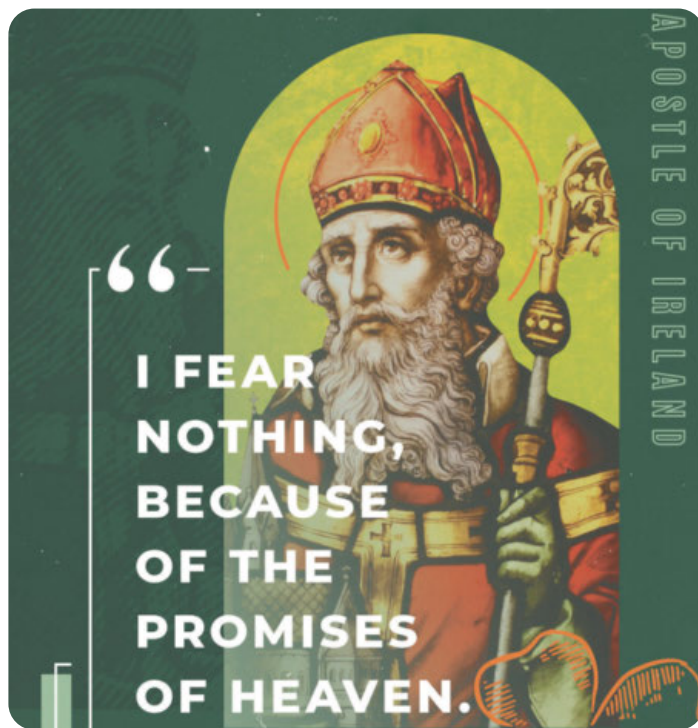
Join us for a conversation about Lent with Dr. Craig Ford on **Friday, March 21, from 7:00 – 8:00 PM** in the small chapel. This will take place after Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper.



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

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

## MEMORIAL OF ST. PATRICK MONDAY, MARCH 17



## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, March 16

8 AM Rose Taylo in Thanksgiving  
11 AM Virginia Joson Myrick  
4 PM Dennis Molitor (+)

### Monday, March 17

8:30 AM Junior Johnson (+)

### Tuesday, March 18

8:30 AM Ms. Johnson (+)

### Wednesday, March 19

8:30 AM Jose Benitez

### Thursday, March 20

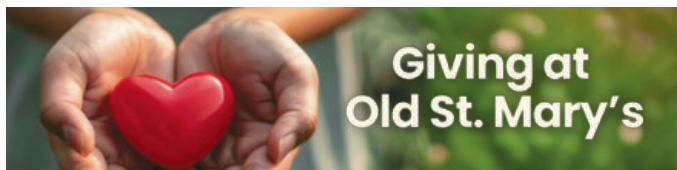
8:30 AM Lillian Gay Smith (+)

### Friday, March 21

8:30 AM Darryl R. Hickman

### Saturday, March 22

5 PM Patricia House & Family



### 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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### Bulletin Submissions

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

The readings for the week can be found on the US Catholic Bishops Conference website. Head to <https://bible.usccb.org/> or scan the QR code.



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).

## LOOKING AHEAD IN LENT

### Lenten Fish Fry

#### Friday, April 4 | After Stations of the Cross

Enjoy a delicious meal, connect with fellow parishioners, and support our parish community. Thank you to our Knights of Columbus for hosting this annual tradition! More details to follow.

### Parish Reconciliation Service

#### Monday, April 7 | 7:00 – 8:30 PM

As we prepare for Easter, take time to experience God's mercy and healing at our Parish Community Reconciliation Service on Monday, April 7, from 7:00–8:03 PM in the church. Through scripture, prayer, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we open our hearts to God's grace and renewal. Multiple priests will be available for individual confession.



Please pray for our catechumens and candidate in OCIA who were received in the Rite of Election last week at Holy Name Cathedral! (L-R), Maryann Cushing (OCIA Lead Catechist), Alex Khong, Ashley Jeffers, Jason Enriquez, and Ryan Wilk. They will receive their sacraments at the Easter Vigil on April 19.

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### 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*

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### BAPTISM

Register at <http://oldstmarys.com/baptism/>  
• To request a copy of your baptismal certificate, email [baptisms@oldstmarys.com](mailto:baptisms@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/>

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### FUNERAL

Please contact Fr. Rich or Fr. Dan

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



**Welcome!**

Scan the QR code  
or register at  
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## PHOTOS FROM RECENT EVENTS



### The 6th Annual Chili Cookoff!

more photos:



A special thanks  
to Eileen Dollear and Sonji Barnes  
for organizing this year's event!

### Care Ministry Training



#### Our Parish Pastoral Council

L-R (standing) Dean Molitor,  
Karrel Bernardo, James Gross,  
Cathy Walz, Sunny Akhigbe,  
(seated) Brent Zey, Katie Ellis, Kurt Steib

Reach out to our parish council!  
[councilparish@oldstmarys.com](mailto:councilparish@oldstmarys.com)

Have any photos of recent events at OSM? | Email [bulletin@oldstmarys.com](mailto:bulletin@oldstmarys.com)

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