

# ⊕ 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.

## *Third Sunday*

OF LENT

MARCH 23, 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

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Old St. Mary's,

As we journey deeper into Lent, I find myself reflecting not just on the Liturgy of the Word, but on the very real uncertainty we all navigate in our lives. To be clear, I have experienced moments of doubt, times when the path ahead seemed cloudy. There have been many struggles that have tested my faith. It is in these moments that I have come to understand the true power of our community at OSM.

The readings this week, particularly the image of the fig tree, resonate deeply. The gardener's plea for another year, a chance for cultivation and growth, feels like a reflection of God's patience with us. The gardener tended to the soil, giving space and room for growth. In a similar manner, I have felt that space given at OSM, and out of that I have felt nothing but the rich soil of our community fostering deeper growth. Whenever I have felt lost, it has been the shared prayers, the listening ears, and the genuine compassion of you, my fellow parishioners, that have helped me find my footing.

This Lent, I aim to be more honest about my own struggles. I am learning that vulnerability is not a sign of weakness, but an invitation for God's grace to work through our shared humanity.

I have been particularly blessed this Lent to participate in our young adult group's Lenten sessions. I have witnessed the Holy Spirit move among us, and have seen the genuine faith and openness of each person at work in these sessions. It has been incredibly inspiring. It is a powerful reminder that the Holy Spirit is alive and active in our community, flowing through each of us. It has given me a renewed sense of hope and a deeper connection to our shared faith.

This is part of the synodal journey we are on as a Church together. Let us make sure to listen to one another attentively, and to recognize that each of us has a unique perspective to offer. In our community at OSM, this means creating spaces where we can share our stories, our doubts, and our hopes without fear of judgment.

This weekend, Dr. Craig Ford is at our parish to offer guidance and support on this very task. Let us aim to create a community where we can be honest about our struggles, where we can offer and receive support, and where we can truly embody the love of Christ. Let us remember that just as the fig tree needed tending, we too need the nurturing care of our community. Let us not forget what makes us special. Let us not forget what makes us one in the body of Christ.

As we move towards Easter, let us pray that we, as a community at OSM, can emerge from this Lenten season not just as individuals, but as a stronger, more compassionate community, guided and inspired by the Holy Spirit, ready to serve and love one another.

With prayers and blessings,

Brent Zey

*Brent is a Parish Pastoral Council Member, Eucharistic Minister, and member of Lifelong Faith Formation ministries.*

# PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE

MONDAY, APRIL 7  
7:00 PM - 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 7:00-8:30 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.

## Now Hiring | Director of Lifelong Faith Formation

We recently posted the Director of Lifelong Faith Formation job. Please feel free to share with anyone who might be interested in the position. Head to [bit.ly/OSM-DirectorLifelongFaith](https://bit.ly/OSM-DirectorLifelongFaith) or scan the QR code to learn more.



## American Red Cross

*Give blood.* Help save lives.



### Old St. Mary's Church Blood Drive Social Hall

1500 S. Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60605

Sunday, March 30, 2025  
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

For an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) and use the sponsor code: oldstmarys

Bring a photo ID or your blood donor card, or two other forms of ID

You can save up to 15 minutes when you donate blood by using RapidPass! Visit [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](https://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) for more information.

Give in March for a \$10 Gift Card by email & successful donations get A1C testing. [rcblood.org/March](https://rcblood.org/March)



Scan to schedule an appointment.

1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | [redcrossblood.org](https://redcrossblood.org) | Download the Blood Donor App

## 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

# STATIONS OF THE CROSS & SOUP SUPPER

EVERY FRIDAY OF LENT | 6:00 - 7:00 PM  
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.

## 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.

## ROSARY with the Knights of Columbus

Our Knights of Columbus Council 182 invites all parishioners to join them in the recitation of the Holy Rosary every **fourth Saturday of the month**, alternating between Holy Name Cathedral and Old St. Mary's. Our first gathering will be on **Saturday, March 22**, following the 5:00 PM Mass at Old St. Mary's. The next Rosary will take place on Saturday, April 26, after the 9:00 AM Mass at Holy Name Cathedral (735 N. State St.).

Let us come together in faith, seeking the Blessed Virgin Mary's intercession as we pray for our Church, families, and community. All are welcome!



## OSM Young Adults

For those in their 20s and 30s

### Lenten Faith Sharing Small Group

Every Tuesday at 7:00 PM (Zoom)

### Next Event: Candelight Mass

Wednesday, April 9 at 7:00 PM (Church)



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

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

## SUNDAY FAITH FORMATION

Sunday Faith Formation and Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume on **Sunday, April 6**. Wishing safe travels to all who will be away during Spring Break!

## Adult Open Gym

SUNDAYS AFTER THE 4:00 PM MASS

Join us for Adult Open Gym on Sundays after the 4:00 PM Mass (5:00 - 6:30 PM).



# JUBILEE 2025 PILGRIMS OF HOPE

A **Jubilee Year** is a special time in the life of the Church, meant to help us reset our spiritual lives, renew our relationships, and rediscover God's mercy. The idea comes from the Old Testament (Leviticus 25), where every 50 years, debts were forgiven, enslaved people were freed, and land was returned to its original owners—symbolizing a fresh start for everyone.

Jesus takes up this theme in the Gospel of Luke (4:18-19), declaring a time of healing, freedom, and renewal—what he calls a "year acceptable to the Lord." The Church carries on this tradition by celebrating a **Holy Year**, or Jubilee, as a time of conversion and grace.

The first Christian Jubilee was declared by Pope Boniface VIII in 1300, and over the centuries, they have been held roughly **every 25 years** (with some special ones in between). A Jubilee is marked by **pilgrimage, prayer**, and receiving a special grace called a plenary indulgence, which expresses God's **boundless mercy**.

At the heart of the Jubilee is an invitation: to return to God with open hearts, seek reconciliation, and renew our commitment to love and justice. It's a reminder that God is always ready to give us a fresh start.



Pope Francis at the threshold of the opened Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica,  
© Vatican News

Here in the **Archdiocese of Chicago**, we join with the Universal Church in prayer and pilgrimage throughout the year. Cardinal Cupich opened the Jubilee Year locally by celebrating a special Mass at Holy Name Cathedral on December 29, 2024, at 12:30 p.m. Throughout the year, from December 29, 2024 through December 28, 2025, all are invited to participate in the Jubilee by visiting designated Pilgrimage Sites.

Scan the QR code  
to learn more about  
the celebration of the Jubilee  
in our Archdiocese



## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, March 23

8 AM Gianna Nelson  
11 AM Napoleon Batease  
4 PM People of the Parish

### Monday, March 24

8:30 AM Adria Higgins

### Tuesday, March 25

8:30 AM Ms. King

### Wednesday, March 26

8:30 AM Ramiro Rodriguez

### Thursday, March 27

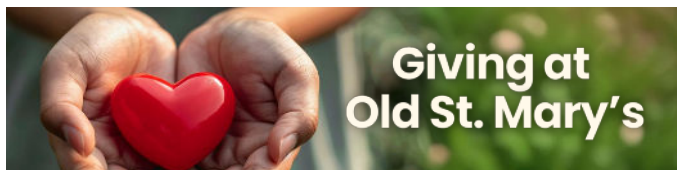
8:30 AM Julio & Susana Cadimas (+)

### Friday, March 28

8:30 AM Rosita Rizada (+) &  
Kris Samantha Barrios (+)

### Saturday, March 29

5 PM Margaret Langston (+)



## 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/](https://oldstmarys.com/donate/)

## 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://osm-newsletter-signup)



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

## 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)



## LOOKING AHEAD HOLY WEEK AT OSM



### PALM SUNDAY

**Saturday, April 12** | 5:00 PM Vigil  
**Sunday, April 13** | 8:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 4:00 PM

### HOLY THURSDAY

**Thursday, April 17**  
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM  
Adoration following until 10:30 PM  
*Note: No 8:30 AM Mass*

### GOOD FRIDAY

**Friday, April 18**  
Stations of the Cross at 12:00 PM  
Confessions after Stations of the Cross until 2:30 PM  
Good Friday Service at 3:00 PM and 7:00 PM  
*Note: No 8:30 AM Mass*

### THE EASTER VIGIL

**Saturday, April 19** | 8:00 PM

### EASTER SUNDAY

**Sunday, April 20** | 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM  
*Note: no 4:00 PM Mass*

## PARISH STAFF

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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*

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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)



## New to the Parish?

## Welcome!

Scan the QR code  
or register at

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



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