

⊕ 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.



Palm Sunday

OF THE LORD'S PASSION

APRIL 13, 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

Welcome to Old St. Mary's this Palm Sunday weekend!

Whether you're a longtime parishioner, a returning visitor, or walking through these doors for the first time, we're glad you're here. Palm Sunday invites us into the heart of a mystery—one that can feel both unsettling and strangely familiar. We wave our palms and sing "Hosanna!" with joy... only to find ourselves, just moments later, walking with Jesus toward the cross.

It's a day of contradictions. A day where we celebrate Jesus as King, but also begin to see just what kind of king he is—one who enters not with spectacle or might, but with vulnerability, mercy, and quiet strength.

If your life feels a little like this too—pulled in different directions, full of beauty and brokenness, conviction and confusion—then you're in the right place. The story of this week doesn't ask us to have it all together. Instead, it invites us to be honest: to take stock of the ways we say "hosanna" with our words, yet sometimes fall short in our actions. To recognize how close we can feel to Jesus in one moment, and how far in the next.

But the good news is this: Jesus doesn't turn away from us in that tension. He meets us in it. The love of Christ embraces our contradictions, endures our failures, and transforms even the cross—the symbol of shame and defeat—into a sign of hope.

As we enter Holy Week, may we walk with open hearts. May we let ourselves be seen and loved by God who knows us completely. And may we trust that this story—the story of suffering love and redeeming grace—is for us, wherever we are on the path.

Here at Old St. Mary's, we hope to be a place where people can be honest about the tension, sit with it, and still experience the grace of God breaking through. You are welcome here—not because you've got it all figured out, but because you come with a heart open to the possibility that God is still at work. Open to being surprised. Open to being transformed. We're in this together, and Christ walks with us.

We invite you to join us for the **Easter Triduum**—the heart of our liturgical year—as we walk together from the Last Supper to the cross and into the light of the Resurrection. Details can be found on **page 3 of this bulletin**.

With every good wish,



Fr. Dan Macalinao, CSP
Associate Pastor

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 17

Mass of the Lord's Supper | 7:00 PM

Adoration following until 10:30 PM

Note: No 8:30 AM Mass

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 18

Stations of the Cross | 12:00 PM

Confessions | After Stations until 2:30 PM

Good Friday Service | 3:00 PM and 7:00 PM

Note: No 8:30 AM Mass

THE EASTER VIGIL

Saturday, April 19 | 8:00 PM

Note: No 4:00 PM Confessions or 5:00 PM Mass

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 20 | 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM

Note: No 4:00 PM Mass

CALLED BY NAME

TESTIMONIES OF FAITH
FROM OUR ELECT



RYAN WILK

Faith has always been a part of my life, though I had stepped away from the church for many years. I'm so grateful for my wife's encouragement to make church a priority and maintain that as part of our family foundation. As I learned more about Catholicism, the ecumenical process, the meaning behind the structure of Mass, and the closeness to God that comes with consistent, intentional practice, I reached out to the OCIA team at Old St Mary's. I've enjoyed learning more over the past 6+ months and am excited to participate fully in holy communion. I'm also excited to have a consistent religious belief system at home as we welcome our first child this summer.

ALEX KHONG

Coming into OCIA, I was reminded how the Catholic Church has led myself to be open and honest on how I want to settle down for my future family. The teachings of Catholicism is what's important for my belief to become a part of the community. I made this decision to attend OCIA and to really listen and learn from my peers. After every week, the discussions we had, it taught me to become more open with my faith and let God show me how to walk in his path. Although, each day I am still learning, I have a sense of purpose to progress as time goes on.



**Please join us as we welcome our elect and candidates to the
Catholic Church during the Easter Vigil
on Saturday, April 19, at 8:00 PM.**

Interested in learning more about becoming a Catholic?
Inquire at lff@oldstmarys.com

Save the Date - Support the Annual Paulist Appeal

Each year, the Paulist Fathers invite us to support their mission of evangelization, reconciliation, and reaching out to those on the margins. On the weekend of April 26-27, parishioner Maryann Cushing will share a few words about the appeal and how you can be part of this important work. To learn more or make a gift online, visit paulist.org/apa.

Communion to the Homebound

Our Ministers of Care will be soon available to bring the Eucharist to those who cannot attend Mass in person. To request a visit, please fill the form at bit.ly/osm-communionvisit or scan the QR code.

For urgent needs (Anointing of the Sick or Confession), please continue to call the parish office directly at 312-922-3444.



Easter Flowers

We are preparing our sanctuary for the joyful celebration of Easter! If you would like to help by making a donation toward the purchase of Easter flowers, special envelopes can be found in the church commons.

Gifts of \$25 or more will be gratefully acknowledged in a future parish bulletin. You're welcome to include the names of loved ones you wish to have remembered in the space provided on the envelope.

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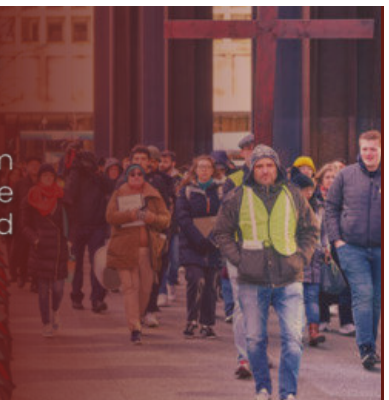
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Way of the Cross through Downtown Chicago GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18

Join a prayerful, ecumenical walk through Downtown Chicago from **9:00-11:30 AM**, beginning at Daley Plaza and ending at Holy Name Cathedral. Reflect on Christ's Passion with Scripture, music, and reflections at several downtown stations.

Hosted by Communion and Liberation.
Details at www.wayofthecrosschicago.org. All are welcome!



Social Justice and Services Group - Interest Meeting

We are looking to re-start our Social Justice & Services Group! This ministry used to organize a robust variety of drives for local charities each year, plus they engaged in service, education, and advocacy activities. We will hold an initial interest/planning meeting at **6:00 PM Monday, May 5** in Donovan Hall to discern what the Holy Spirit is calling us to do at this time. This meeting is intended for people who may be interested in contributing to the ministry on a monthly basis. An RSVP is not necessary, but encouraged. Please contact Lauren Huelster at lauren@oldstmarys.com.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 13

8 AM Jun & Oliva Lucero
11 AM The Greer Family
4 PM People of the Parish

Monday, April 14

8:30 AM Lydia Guillermo (+)

Tuesday, April 15

8:30 AM Christopher Firlit (+)

Wednesday, April 16

8:30 AM Jaime Imbag (+)

The Paschal Triduum

Thursday, April 17

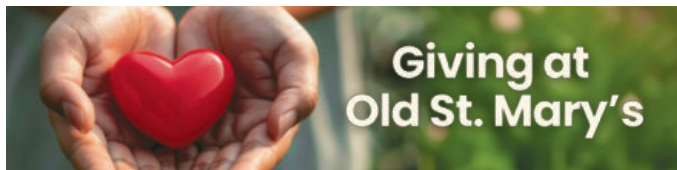
7:00 PM No Intentions

Friday, April 18

3:00 PM Solemn Intercessions of Good Friday
7:30 PM Solemn Intercessions of Good Friday

Saturday, April 19

8:00 PM No Intentions



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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or give online at

[https://oldstmarys.com/
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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



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. 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.

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We recently posted the Director of Lifelong Faith Formation job. Please feel free to share with anyone who might be interested in the position.

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SAVE THE DATE!

The 2025 OSM School Musical

The Wizard of Oz

May 16 & 17

7:00 PM

More details to follow



Devotions, Explained!

SEVEN CHURCHES PILGRIMAGE

The Seven Churches Pilgrimage is the practice of visiting seven different churches on Holy Thursday, in imitation of the journey of Christ on the eve of his crucifixion.

The devotion is thought to have originated in sixteenth-century Rome, where pilgrims — likely led by St. Philip Neri — would visit the seven major basilicas there: St. Peter's in the Vatican, St. John Lateran, St. Paul Outside the Walls, St. Mary Major, St. Sebastian Outside the Walls, St. Lawrence Outside the Walls and Santa Croce in Gerusalemme.

Pilgrims undertaking this journey anywhere in the world can visit any seven churches while adoring Christ in the Blessed Sacrament upon the Altar of Repose, fulfilling his request of his disciples to stay with him as he awaited his Passion. There are specific Scripture passages that pilgrims can meditate upon at each altar. ©LPi

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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 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/>

FUNERAL

Please contact Fr. Rich or Fr. Dan

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

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