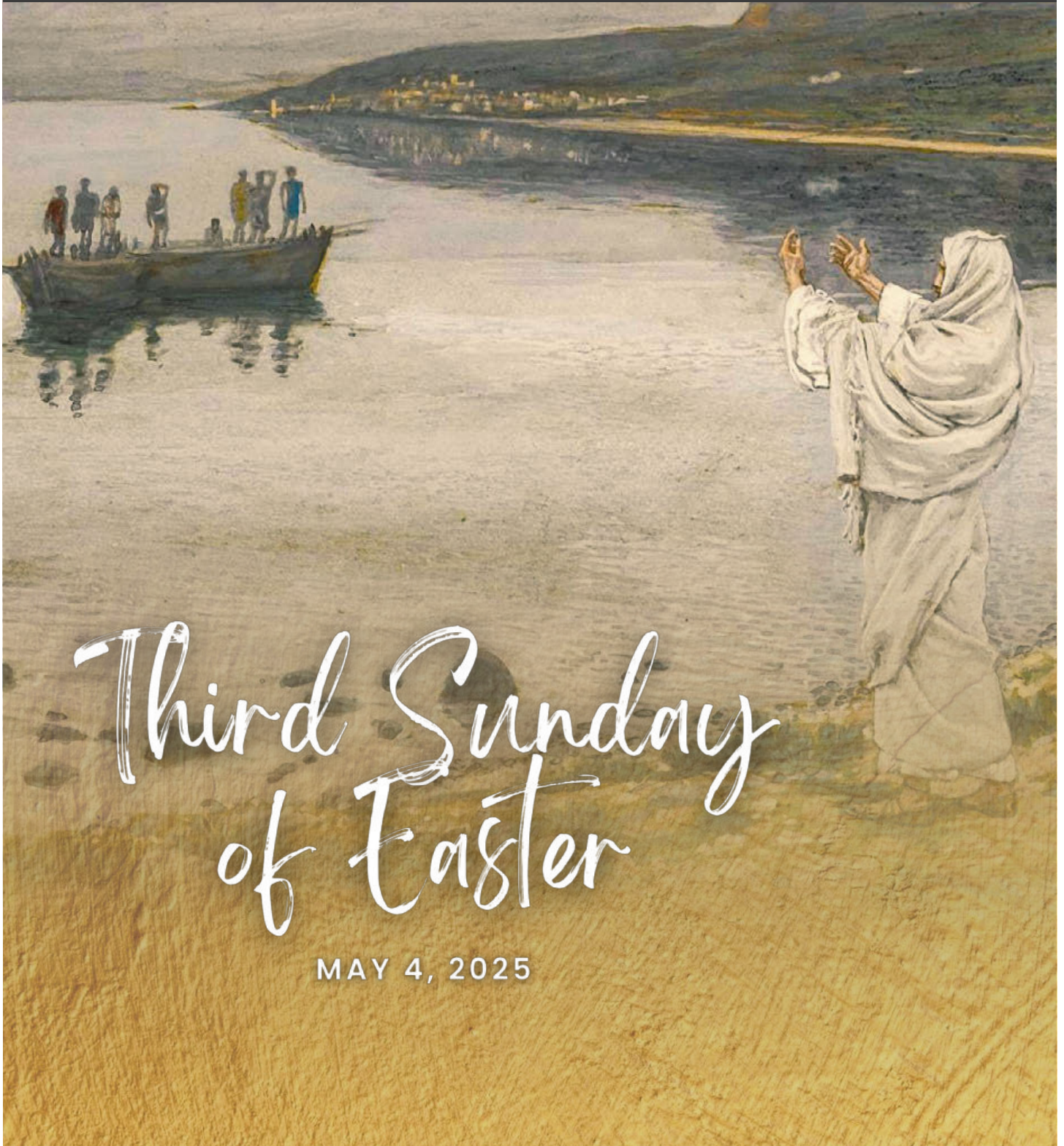


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Old St. Mary's welcomes and accompanies everyone on their faith journey. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, our diverse community encourages people to grow their relationship with Jesus Christ and one another through Eucharist, worship, prayer, education, and service.



Third Sunday of Easter

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PASTORAL MESSAGE

Worthy to Witness

As a parishioner for nearly twenty years and a catechist in the Sunday Faith Formation Program for the last ten (for various age groups), I consider it a great joy and responsibility to partner with Su-Min Kim and help prepare our young people for the Sacrament of Confirmation this past year. Each new group brings fresh energy and sincere questions about what it means to follow Christ in today's world, and each year, the Scriptures speak to us in new and powerful ways.

This Sunday's first reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 5:27–32, 40b–41) provides a moving example of faith in action. Peter and the apostles, standing before the Sanhedrin, are warned to stop preaching about Jesus. Yet they courageously respond: **"We must obey God rather than human beings."** They know the truth they have witnessed, and they refuse to remain silent.

We hope to nurture this kind of faith in our confirmation candidates both in Old St. Mary's Sunday faith Formation Program and in Old St. Mary's Catholic School — a faith rooted in knowledge, love, and conviction. Through prayer, service, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, these young people are learning what it means to be witnesses of Christ in their own lives.

Confirmation is not the end of faith formation—it's the beginning of a deeper call. It is the moment when the Holy Spirit strengthens our young people to live their faith boldly, even when it is difficult. Like the apostles, they are sent out into a world that doesn't always understand or welcome the Gospel message. But also, like the apostles, they are called to rejoice when they are found **"worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name."**

As a parish community, let us continue to walk with them, pray for them, and encourage them. May we, too, be inspired by the apostles' example to live with the same joy, courage, and obedience to God. And may our lives, like theirs, bear witness to the love and truth of Jesus Christ.

In Christ,

Helen Ezenwa Olaoye

Catechist, Old St. Mary's Sunday faith Formation Program



Congratulations to all our Confirmandi!

May the Holy Spirit continue to guide you
on your faith journey!



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Are You in Your 20s or 30s?

Come connect with other young adults at Old St. Mary's! Our Young Adult Group gathers for faith, fellowship, and fun. We hope to provide a variety of programming to engage those in their 20s and 30s at OSM, whether it's small groups, service projects, or social events. Scan the QR code to sign up for your young adult mailing list! Contact frdan@oldstmarys.com for questions or to suggest a future young adult event!



Support Catholic Charities Today!

Your support today can create stability for generations.

Make your gift to the 2025 Mother's Day Appeal today to support mothers and children across Cook and Lake counties. Your generosity helps us serve more than 61,000 moms and families every year with supports that promote long-term growth and well-being.

Read about Dianne*, a recipient of Catholic Charities' Giving Hope Fund:

Dianne was working hard to maintain stable housing for her son, with support from Catholic Charities, when she experienced an unexpected personal tragedy and couldn't manage all her expenses. The Giving Hope Fund at Catholic Charities provided financial assistance for utilities needed to stay in their apartment. "I never had someone show me so much love and respect," Dianne says. Now she passes that love on, including to her son, whom she encourages to pursue his goals. "I want him to get something more out of life than what I had. My son is my pride and joy. I am forever grateful."

**Please support the Second Collection on Mother's Day,
May 11 or anytime at catholiccharities.net/mothers**

**Names have been changed to protect privacy*

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Social Justice & Service Group

**Interest Meeting: Monday, May 5
6:00 PM | Donovan Hall**

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.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT OLD ST. MARY'S

Want to make a difference in our parish community? We're always looking to involve more people! Here are just a few of our ministries at Old St. Mary's:

Join the Old St. Mary's Choir!

Come lift your voice in worship and community! 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.

Help Stream the Sunday Mass!

We're finally a bit more organized with the livestream, and looking for a few volunteers to assist. It's a simple but meaningful outreach to a number of folks in our parish unable to come physically to mass. Please contact Fr. Dan.

Catechists Needed!

Do you love sharing your faith and working with children? We're looking for catechists and volunteers for next school year's Children's Liturgy of the Word and Sunday Faith Formation programs. No teaching experience required, just a love for God and a willingness to help our young ones grow in faith. To express interest, please contact lff@oldstmarys.com.

Proclaim the Word at Mass

Do you feel called to share God's Word? We invite you to consider serving as a lector at Mass! Lectors play a vital role in our parish by proclaiming Scripture and helping bring God's message to life for the community.

Contact Ace Gangoso at
ace@oldstmarys.com.



Become a Eucharistic Minister



We invite you to consider serving as a Eucharistic Minister, helping to share the Body and Blood of Christ with our parish community at Mass. This ministry is a beautiful way to deepen your faith and participate more fully in the liturgy.

Contact Ace Gangoso at ace@oldstmarys.com.

Join the OCI Ministry Team!

Do you have a heart for welcoming others into the Catholic faith? Our **Order of Christian Initiation (OCI)** ministry team accompanies **children, teens, and adults** who are exploring baptism, confirmation, and full communion with the Church. If you feel called to walk with others on this path of faith, contact lff@oldstmarys.com.

*"The Church is a community of disciples
who take the initiative,
who are involved and supportive,
who bear fruit and rejoice."*

Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel

The 2025 OSM School Musical

The Wizard of Oz

May 16 & 17 | 7:00 PM

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 4

8 AM Patrick & Allison Reisch
11 AM Elsa Joligan (+)
4 PM People of the Parish

Monday, May 5

8:30 AM Elsa Joligan (+)

Tuesday, May 6

8:30 AM All Souls in Need

Wednesday, May 7

8:30 AM Elsa Joligan (+)

Thursday, May 8

8:30 AM Linda Henry O'Brien (+)

Friday, May 9

8:30 AM Dr. Anthony Frank D'Souza (+)

Saturday, May 10

5 PM Donna Leonardo (+)

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.

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 or scan the QR code to learn more.



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.



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/>

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

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Are you curious about the Catholic faith or considering becoming Catholic? Whether you're unbaptized, baptized in another Christian tradition, or simply exploring, we'd love to walk with you. Reach out to Iff@oldstmarys.com to learn more about the Order of Christian Initiation (OCI).

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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 – 9:40 AM | *Silent Prayer*
9:40 – 10:00 AM | *Group Devotional Prayer*
10:00 – 10:40 AM | *Silent Prayer*
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