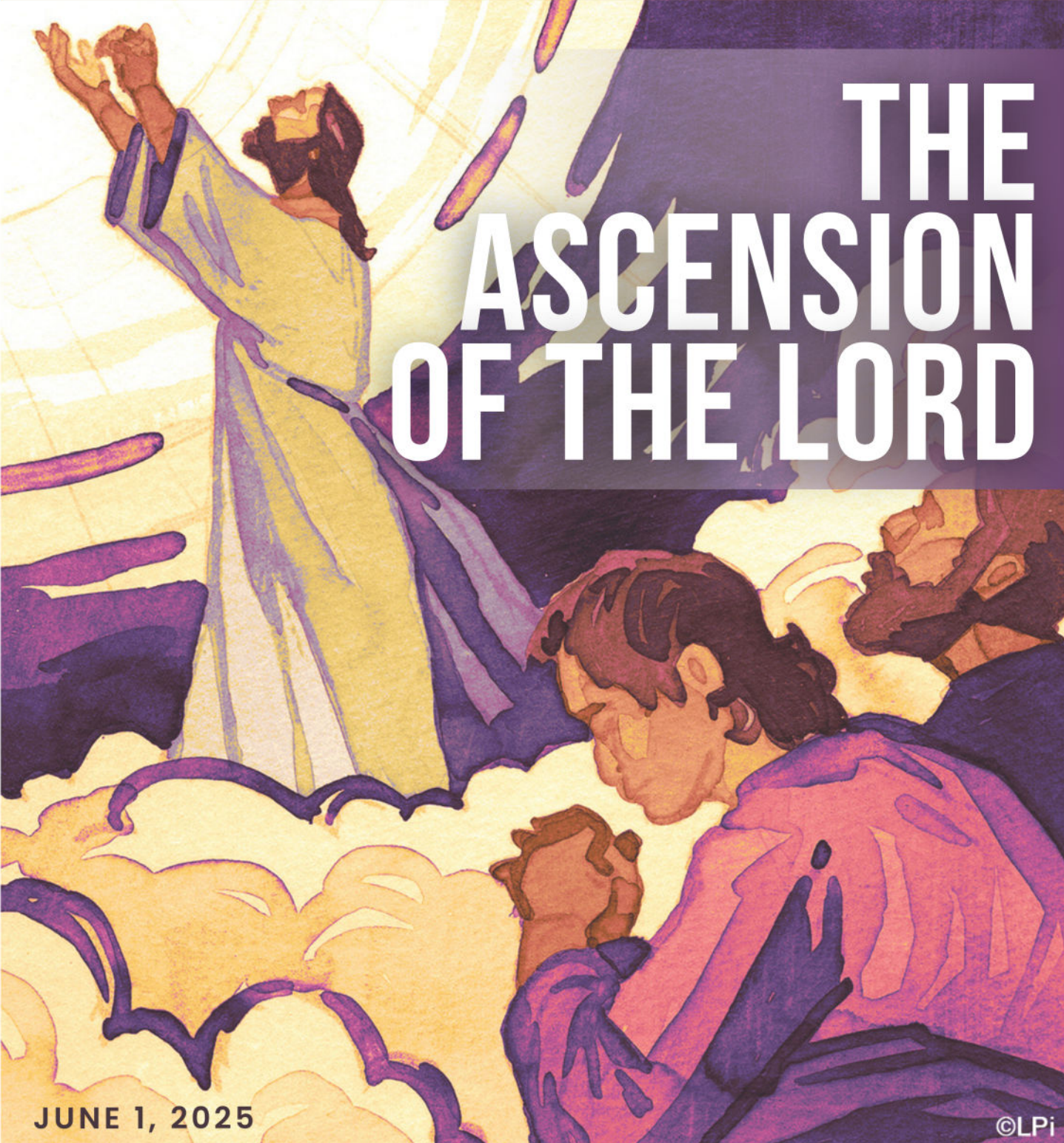


⌄ld St. Mary's Catholic Church

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.



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

JUNE 1, 2025

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PASTORAL MESSAGE

Celebrating the Changing Face of First Holy Communion

As I prepare to join the last of our 2nd graders for their First Communion, I am reflecting upon my own First Communion and the changing face of First Communion here at Old St. Mary's Catholic Church.

As a child, I remember my grandmother waking me up early on Sundays to attend church. She enrolled me in CCD (that's what it was called back then) and now I was getting up early every day of the week! That didn't work for me, so it wasn't long before I dropped out of CCD.

Back then, the church didn't offer the option for a blessing, so if you were not receiving Communion, you remained in your pew while everyone else went up. After years of sitting in the pew and feeling awkward, I decided to go through the initiation process. My grandmother arranged for a nun, Sister Patrice, to give me individual classes to prepare me for my First Communion and Confirmation.

After weeks of preparation, I was ready. Sister Patrice informed me that I would receive my First Communion on Sunday, July 19, 1987 at the 9 am Mass. Father Gantley would know, I would know, and my family would know, but otherwise it would just be Mass as usual. Who would have thought that 34 years later I would be joining students as they celebrated Communion with their parish family?

I started at Old St. Mary's during the dreaded 2020-2021 school year. Everyone in masks, 6 feet apart, watching Wednesday Mass from our classroom, and signing up to go to Mass each week. As the end of the school year rolled around and my students started making their First Communions, COVID required that they do them individually or in very small groups at the weekly Masses.

In my 5 years here at Old St. Mary's, I've attended over 50 of these at-Mass communions, some with 1 or 2 kids, some with 15 kids, some at other churches. None of them have been any more or less special than the others. As I came to those 5 pm and 11 am Masses, I began to see the same familiar faces each week. Some were school students and families and others were parishioners, but they were all part of this wonderful community. The priests and parishioners have done an amazing job welcoming these young people week after week, year after year, and I feel blessed to have been able to be a part of so many of my students' special days, whether it was just them and their family, or them and all their friends.

I've been involved in many discussions about this new way of celebrating our young people and being the first to celebrate this way and participating in many more, I believe the changing face of First Holy Communion is wonderful.

There have been other changes in the church since I received my First Communion. (Does anyone remember "Father, Son and the Holy Ghost"? I still struggle to not say "seen and unseen.")

This is not the first change we have encountered in our faith journey (we have an American Pope!) and I'm sure it won't be the last. So as we welcome this next generation to our Eucharistic community, let us not forget what God said: "Do not cling to events of the past or dwell on what happened long ago. Watch for the new things I am going to do. It is happening already - you can see it now!" (Isaiah 43: 18-19)

Erin Martin

2nd Grade Teacher, Old St. Mary's School



Ecumenical Prayer Service

COMMEMORATION OF THE MYSTERY OF CREATION IN CHRIST

All are invited to an ecumenical prayer service on **Pentecost Sunday, June 8 at 3:00 p.m.** at the **Greek Orthodox Annunciation Cathedral** (1017 N. LaSalle Dr.).

The service will be led by **Greek Orthodox Metropolitan Nathanael, Bishop Larry Sullivan**, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Chicago, and other local Christian leaders. Together, they will celebrate the Triune God as Creator and reflect on the mystery of creation as the foundation of salvation history.

This prayer service also commemorates the **1700th anniversary of the First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea**, which affirmed the Christian belief in God's creative and saving work.

All are welcome. A reception will follow the service.



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FILIPINO MINISTRY AWARDS ARAW NG PARANGAL

Join us for Araw ng Parangal, a celebration of Filipino culture and faith in the Archdiocese of Chicago. This special event honors past and present leaders who have generously shared their gifts in service to the Church, especially through Filipino ministry in our parishes. As the first event of its kind, it will be a joyful tribute to the vibrant faith, heritage, and values of the Filipino community. We look forward to celebrating with you!

Honoring **Cleofe Garcia (Simeon & Ana Award)**
and **Rhea Imbag (Model of Faith Award)**
from Old St. Mary's Parish

Sunday, June 1, 2025 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

St. Cletus Parish 600 West 55th Street, La Grange, IL 60525



Saint Lorenzo Ruiz Artwork by Paul Balan, Sculptor and Painter

AN INVITATION TO SERVE IN LEADERSHIP

It has been an exciting year at Old St. Mary's! Thanks to everyone who has served on our key advisory boards. Each of them has openings in the upcoming year. Please email Fr. Rich at frich@oldstmarys.com if you are interested in serving — or if you would like to suggest someone else for us to invite to serve — on the Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Council, Buildings & Ground Committee, School Advisory Board, or Parent Advisory Team.





Welcome Paulist Student Andrew Ouma!

We are delighted to welcome Paulist seminarian Andrew Ouma, CSP, to our parish community. Originally from Kenya, Andrew brings a rich tapestry of experiences and a deep commitment to the Paulist mission.

Andrew earned his Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, with a minor in Religious Studies, from the Catholic University of Eastern Africa in Nairobi. His journey led him to Brazil, where he taught English to middle school students. It was during this time that his calling to the priesthood became undeniable. A web search introduced him to the Paulist Fathers, whose charism of evangelization, reconciliation, and interfaith dialogue resonated deeply with him. He entered the Paulist Novitiate in Washington, D.C., in October 2023 and made his First Promises on August 31, 2024. Andrew will be with us to the end of July. Please extend a warm welcome when you see him!

Chicago Celebrates POPE LEO XIV

June 14, 2025 at Rate Field

Gates open: 12:30 p.m. Program: 2:30 p.m. Mass: 4 p.m.

Ticket information to come – watch this space!

ALL ARE INVITED

ticket information at <https://www.archchicago.org/popeleoxiv>



Book Club Opportunity!

CALLING ALL PARENTS, PARISHIONERS, TEACHERS, AND STAFF

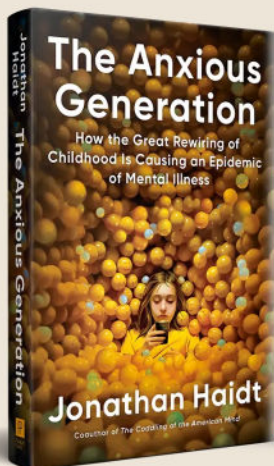
Old St. Mary's Parish School is organizing a book club to reflect on and discuss

The Anxious Generation by Jonathan Haidt (2024).

This book club is a great opportunity for anyone interested in conversations about **technology, mental health, and raising children in today's world.**

We're still finalizing the format and meeting schedule, and we'd love to hear from you!

If you're interested, please scan the QR code to complete our short interest survey.



Pentecost Sunday Blessing

JUNE 8 @ 11 AM MASS

As we celebrate the end of the school year and the feast of Pentecost, we'll offer a special blessing at the 11 AM Mass for all who have received a sacrament of initiation this past year—Baptism, Confirmation, or First Communion.

If you received one (or more!) of these sacraments, we'd love for you to join us! Feel free to wear what you wore on the day of your sacrament—or come dressed more casually. We look forward to celebrating with you!

Also join us in praying the Paulist Fathers' *Toward a More Perfect Union* Novena to the Holy Spirit beginning Friday, May 30, as we prepare our hearts for Pentecost: paulist.org/novena.



APOLLO CHORUS OPEN REHEARSAL AT OLD ST. MARY'S— JUNE 3



Join the Apollo Chorus of Chicago for an open rehearsal of Brahms' *Ein Deutsches Requiem* on Tuesday, June 3 from 7–10 PM here at Old St. Mary's. All are welcome to experience this beloved work of hope and consolation as the chorus prepares for their final performance.

Their encore concert on June 7 in Glenview will feature the Grace Chorale of Brooklyn, soprano Emily Birsan, baritone Evan Bravos, and organist David Jonies, conducted by Stephen Alltop and Jason Asbury.

Concert Details:

Saturday, June 7 @ 7:00pm

Glenview Community Church

1000 Elm St | Glenview, IL 60025

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit apollochorus.org.

Mass of Thanksgiving

WITH FR. CHRIS MALANO

Many of you may remember **Fr. Chris**, who spent a summer with us here at Old St. Mary's in 2022. We are delighted to welcome him back as he celebrates a **Mass of Thanksgiving** on **Thursday, June 5, at the 8:30 AM Daily Mass**. Please join us in prayer and celebration!



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, June 1

8 AM Rosita Navarro (+)
11 AM Marie Sherry Miller (+)
4 PM People of the Parish

Monday, June 2

8:30 AM Dora & Debbie Downey

Tuesday, June 3

8:30 AM All Souls in Need

Wednesday, June 4

8:30 AM Rodrigo Tubera, Jr (+)

Thursday, June 5

8:30 AM Roy Carrera (+)

Friday, June 6

8:30 AM Jordan Khoury (+)

Saturday, June 7

5 PM George Cengel (+)

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.



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

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!



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 lff@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*
10:40 – 11:00 AM | *Group Devotional Prayer*
11:00 AM | *Benediction & Regina Caeli*



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