

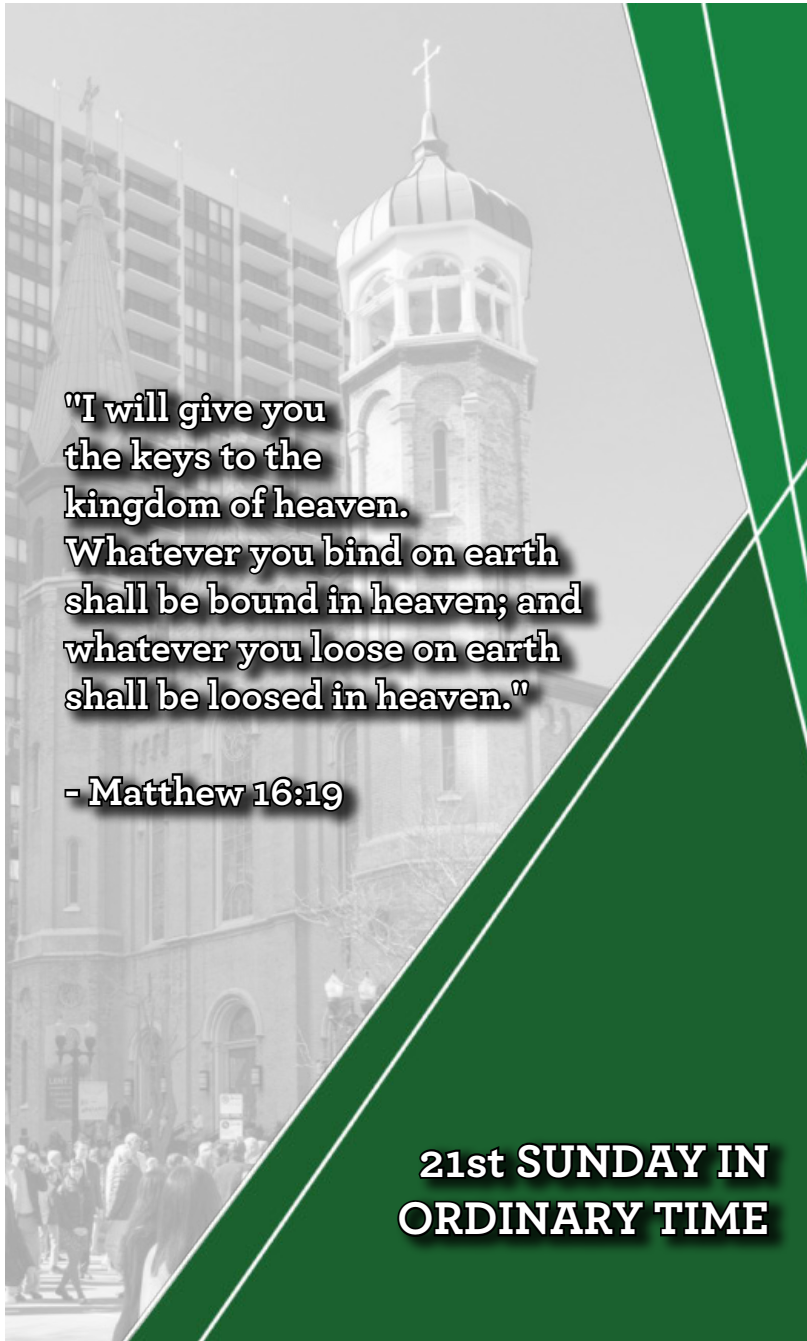


The CROSSROADS

Old St. Patrick's Bulletin

A Catholic Community in Chicago's West Loop

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023



**"I will give you
the keys to the
kingdom of heaven.
Whatever you bind on earth
shall be bound in heaven; and
whatever you loose on earth
shall be loosed in heaven."**

- Matthew 16:19

**21st SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 7 AM,
9 AM (livestream),
11 AM,
5 PM (livestream),
& 8 PM

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday: 12:10 PM
Tuesday: 12:10 PM
Wednesday: 12:10 PM (livestream)
Thursday: 12:10 PM
Friday: 12:10 PM

RECONCILIATION

Wednesday: 11:30 AM

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Third Wednesday of each month
after the 12:10 PM Mass

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| <i>Monday Evening Rosary Prayer Group</i> | August 28 6:00 PM Zoom | Beth Marek elizabethm@oldstpats.org |
| <i>Northside Book Club (formerly Encounter Book Club)</i> | August 28 6:30 PM The Book Cellar 4736 N Lincoln Ave | Rachelle Lindo rachelle.lindo@gmail.com |
| <i>Immigrant and Refugee Ministry Monthly Meeting</i> | August 28 6:30 PM Zoom | Maureen Hellwig maureen.hellwig@gmail.com |
| <i>Individual Reconciliation</i> | August 30 11:30 AM OSP Church | Dominic Trumfio liturgy@oldstpats.org |

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| <i>Monday Evening Rosary Prayer Group</i> | September 4 6:00 PM Zoom | Beth Marek elizabethm@oldstpats.org |
| <i>Encounter Young Adult's Women Spirituality Faith Sharing</i> | September 5 7:30 PM 711 W Monroe | Brenda Chavez brendac@oldstpats.org |
| <i>Individual Reconciliation</i> | September 6 11:30 AM OSP Church | Dominic Trumfio liturgy@oldstpats.org |
| <i>Encounter Young Adult Baseball Night</i> | September 7 6:30 PM Wrigley Field | Brenda Chavez brendac@oldstpats.org |
| <i>Monday Evening Rosary Prayer Group</i> | September 11 6:00 PM Zoom | Beth Marek elizabethm@oldstpats.org |
| <i>Individual Reconciliation</i> | September 13 11:30 AM OSP Church | Dominic Trumfio liturgy@oldstpats.org |
| <i>OSP Men's Group Pig Roast</i> | September 14 6:00 PM OSP Courtyard | mensgroup@oldstpats.org |
| <i>Monday Evening Rosary Prayer Group</i> | September 18 6:00 PM Zoom | Beth Marek elizabethm@oldstpats.org |
| <i>Individual Reconciliation</i> | September 20 11:30 AM OSP Church | Dominic Trumfio liturgy@oldstpats.org |





WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?

By Michael Simone, S.J.

Associate Pastor

Old St. Patrick's Church

Every year around this time parishes throughout the United States begin their RCIA programs. These adult catechesis programs (RCIA stands for “Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults”) attract people from all walks of life who share one thing in common: a growing interest in following Jesus Christ. Many come to RCIA because they have married (or are going to marry) a Catholic and wish to share the same faith. Others, perhaps raised in a different religious tradition or no tradition at all, come to the program because of study and discernment. Still others come to RCIA for no reason they can articulate, but feel a deep intuition that it represents the next step on their spiritual journey.

Here at Old St. Patrick’s, our yearly RCIA program begins on Tuesday, September 12. My favorite part of the first few weeks of RCIA is listening to the faith journeys of the participants. Each journey represents a different response to the question Jesus poses in this Sunday’s Gospel: *Who do you say that I am?* I love these stories because they testify to the continuing presence of Christ, still alive and at work among his people. I also love these stories because they remind me of my own faith journey.

I was a cradle Catholic who got to live a robust version of cultural Catholicism in the late 1970s and early 1980s. My elementary school still had Sisters of Notre Dame in the classrooms, I was an altar server and a lector, we had CYO sports and dances, and becoming a priest or a nun probably crossed everyone’s mind for about five minutes. My spiritual life, however, did not begin until high school. Retreats, campus ministry, and some exceptional faith-filled teachers opened my mind to becoming a committed follower of Jesus. One day in religion class I came across Jesus’ description of what it meant to be his disciple: “Foxes have dens, birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head” (Mt 8:20). Following this wandering mystic/preacher was the adventure I was looking for. “Who do you say that I am?” Jesus asked me. “You’re basically Leonard Cohen,” responded my teen-aged heart, “and I’m all in.”

This Sunday’s Gospel reading invites all of us to respond to the question, “Who do you say that I am?” The twists and turns of life mean that we will answer that question differently at different points on our journey. At every point, though, our response will lead us deeper into the presence of Jesus Christ alive and still at work among us.



SAVE THE DATE

MEMBER APPRECIATION DAY

Old St. Patrick's Church
After the 9 am, 11 am, &
5 pm Masses

ACTIVITIES:

- Music
- Ice Cream, Donuts, and Coffee
After 9 & 11 AM
- Pizza and Beverages
After 5 PM
- Arts and Crafts Table
- Banner for First Responders in Honor of 9/11
- myOSP Hub & Prizes

Sunday,
September
10

We hope you will plan on joining us after Mass on
Sunday, September 10 for the Old St. Patrick's
Fall Member Appreciation Day.



For more information, please visit
oldstpats.org/memberappreciation





WALKING ON THE SAME ROAD... TOGETHER

By Keara Ette
Director of Ministries

I have been feeling excitement in the air. Well, I'm also feeling heat and humidity to levels we haven't otherwise seen this summer in Chicago. But in many areas of the world-wide Catholic Church, there seems to be a feeling of excitement. Admittedly, for some Catholics who are aware of things happening in the global church, the feeling might be more one of confusion, of apathy, or even fear and suspicion. But at least for this life-long Catholic, it feels very clear that *something* is happening, and that something feels energizing.

And it is doubtful that Pope Francis spent years laying the groundwork, launching a process to be undertaken by the Catholic church around the world, and finally calling forth ministers, teachers, and members of the Church to meet in Rome for a month-long *Synod* in October of this year, all so that I could feel re-energized, the truth is the same. But it is likely that most of us Catholics (including the bishops, cardinals, and lay and religious clerical leaders around the world) have many questions about exactly what this "Synod on Synodality" is and what will come from it.

So over the course of the next month, the staff and leaders of Old St. Pat's will prepare for and grow in understanding of this Synod (<https://www.synod.va/en.html>) by offering bulletin articles, podcasts, interviews, prayers, and conversations that will help us learn more about the concept, the objectives, and the structure of this important event and work in the Catholic Church. During the month of October, our community will pray for and with our siblings in Christ as they gather for the Synod, and we will also deepen our own practices of this *way* of being and doing church together.

Let's use as our launching point, the words of Pope Francis back in 2021 as he preached at the Mass which formally began the Synodal Process, the first stages of which took place in every diocese around the world.

A certain rich man came up to Jesus "as he was setting out on his journey" (Mk 10:17). The Gospels frequently show us Jesus "on a journey"; ... He shows us that God is not found in neat and orderly places, distant from reality, but walks ever at our side. He meets us where we are, on the often rocky roads of life.

Celebrating a Synod means walking on the same road, walking together. Let us look at Jesus. First, he *encounters* the rich man on the road; he then *listens* to his questions, and finally he helps him *discern* what he must do to inherit eternal life. *Encounter, listen and discern.*

This is the *synodal path*: the work of encountering, listening, and discerning so that the Holy Spirit might guide the church, at all of its levels and in all of its iterations, toward the path set out for us: a path that might contribute to mutual healing and transformation. Over the coming weeks, we will hear from teachers, leaders, and fellow Old St. Pat's members about the synodal path, what has already taken place at the parish, diocese, and national levels around the world, and the issues that the People of God have identified and held up as needing attention and prayerful conversation and discernment. We hope you will join us for this journey, and please look on September 1st at the Old St. Pat's Website to find resources for this journey.





RCIA

September 12

"COME AND SEE."

These are the words Jesus used when some of his earliest followers wanted to know who Jesus was and what he was doing. And so it is that the Old St. Pat's community invites people who are curious about Jesus, about Christianity, and about Catholicism to 'come and see' through our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. The RCIA (also known as the OCIA) is a community experience of learning, reflection, prayer, discussion, and discernment - all hosted by leaders and members of Old St. Pat's who are excited to accompany you on your journey, help host space for your questions, and support you as you listen for where the Holy Spirit is calling you.

If you are interested in joining us for our Introductory Session on Tuesday evening, **SEPTEMBER 12**, please visit bit.ly/OSP_RCIA or search "RCIA" on our website: oldstpats.org.

SAVE THE DATE

October 27

We hope you can join us for our 36th Emerald Ball - a fundraiser celebrating friendships, family and faith on Friday, October 27, 2023 at the Hilton Chicago. This year we are thrilled to be honoring Fr. Tom Hurley and Katie Nee Hobbs & Mike Hobbs! Tickets will go on sale at the end of August. For more information about the event or sponsorship, visit our website at oldstpats.org/emeraldball



Honoring
Fr. Tom Hurley

Heart of the Crossroads
Award Recipients
Katie Nee Hobbs
& Mike Hobbs

• **SAVE *the* DATE** •

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2023 • SIX-THIRTY IN THE EVENING

Hilton Chicago
Reception • Dinner • Dancing
Cocktail Chic Attire

Entertainment provided by Becca Kaufman Orchestra





“He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Mt 16:25

Last week's readings were about the 'strangers' in our world and in Jesus' circle. Today he challenges his closest followers to determine whether they know who HE is...really know him or is he a stranger to them as well. Good ol' Peter came through for Jesus. Imagine the relief when he found one close friend who 'gets me – Peter sees me! Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father." Mt 16:17

Our immigrants and refugees also yearn to find people who 'get' them. They want to be seen! Pause and reflect on how you view our migrant brothers and sisters. If we look at them with our brains – our flesh and blood – we see strangers who are in despair maybe? But who do we say they are if we look at them with our heart – with God's eyes?

Take some time this week to look at the immigrants and refugees in your midst. If there aren't any, go look for some. Last week there was a family sitting outside Target in Oak Park, right on Lake Street! Or reflect on experiences you already had either helping them here or traveling to the border. Or read their stories in this Time magazine link: [A Close Look at Migration and the People Risking Everything | Time](https://time.com/longform/migrants/)
<https://time.com/longform/migrants/>

After you have pondered the question "Who do you say that I am?" send an email to us at immigration@oldstpats.org. Tell us who you say they are, who God reveals them to be. But also let them know that you see them. Ask where they have come from. Ask their names. Don't speak Spanish? Our smart phones have a translation app on them! Ask what immediate needs you can help secure. Suggest they contact Catholic Charities to get more support (numbers listed below). Be the Church that Jesus built, beginning with Peter – the one who saw him.

Crisis Assistance Hotlines:

City of Chicago...(312) 744-5000

City of Chicago 24 Hour Hotline...311

Suburban Cook County...(877) 426-6515

Catholic Charities Regional Director: (773) 349-8835





THE CHICAGO AREA IS IN LOVE AGAIN WITH PIPING PLOVERS



An estimated 800 pairs of Great Lakes piping plovers once nested on beaches across all the Great Lakes. By the late 1980's that number was down to 13, and only Lake Michigan had piping plover nests. In 1986, these birds were declared endangered species. As ground nesters, they are threatened by nest disturbance and predation, and habitat deterioration both at their nesting and wintering grounds. With recovery efforts, by July 2023, there were 81 breeding piping plover pairs nesting again alongside the Great Lakes.

Chicago's love affair with piping plovers began in 2019, when male and female piping plovers choose to nest at Montrose Beach, on Chicago Park District land. A volunteer group Chicago Piping Plovers soon formed, and began watching the birds, keeping humans and dogs away from the nest. The Park District also cordoned off a part of the beach as a safe space for the birds. The plovers were given the names Monty for the male and Rose for the female, after their nesting spot. That year, the pair raised their first clutch. They spent their winters apart in Texas and Florida, but returned each spring to nest again at Montrose Beach, amazingly around the same date, in 2020 and 2021.

In April 2022, Monty returned to Montrose Beach, but Rose did not. In May Monty died of a fungal infection. In 2022 and 2023, Imani, the son of Monty and Rose, returned to the beach, but no female mate showed up for him, reflecting how few of these endangered birds there really are. In mid-July 2023, three captive raised plover chicks (named Searocket, Prickly Pear, and Wild Indigo after plants of the sandy dunes) were released at Montrose Beach, as part of a collaboration between the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, and the Chicago Park District. The hope is that one of these chicks will pair up with Imani, and or will attract another bird, so that in 2024, Montrose Beach will again host breeding Great Lakes Piping Plovers, and we can thrill to their speedy footwork as they hunt for food, and their parenting instincts as they shelter their chicks.

What have the piping plovers at Montrose Beach taught us? That birds and other wildlife can buck the odds, and survive in an urban setting, even on the busiest of beaches. That land can be used, preserved, and even enhanced for other than human purposes, extending far into the future. That we can be charmed by and delight in the grace, resilience, and strength of other species. That the world is richer and more beautiful for the presence of a tiny bird with lightning-fast feet and strong wings that can carry it over 20,000 miles in its lifetime, to return to raise a family at a single spot it recognizes as home.

Check out this link to learn more about the July release of piping plover chicks in Chicago.

[**bit.ly/PipingPloversMontrose**](https://bit.ly/PipingPloversMontrose)

OSP Creation Care Team Welcomes You!

Are you inspired by the message of Laudato Si? Want to be a faithful steward of our common home, and the plants and animals that also call Earth home? OSP Green Team welcomes you and shares your goals. To learn more, contact Eileen Sutter at ehsutter@gmail.com





**THE INTERFAITH FAMILY SCHOOL
INVITES THE OSP COMMUNITY
TO A VERY SPECIAL EVENT,
CELEBRATING OUR 30TH ANNIVERSARY!**

September 6 | 7:30PM | Old St Patrick's Church

The Interfaith Family School invites the OSP community to a very special event, celebrating our 30th Anniversary Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at 7:30pm in Old St. Patrick's Church. Kathleen Brauer and Qing Hou (violins), Lawrence Neuman (viola), and Mark Brandfonbrener (cello), will perform works composed in the Terezin Concentration Camp on instruments rescued from the Holocaust. Reservations are \$5 each and will be available at 9am, Monday August 21 at www.oldstpats.org Sponsored by the Family School with appreciation for Old St. Patrick's hosting of our interfaith education program since 1993.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

JOIN US FOR

THE 6TH ANNUAL OSP MEN'S GROUP PIG ROAST



Thursday, Sept. 14th at 6 PM

OLD ST PAT'S COURTYARD
ADAMS AND DESPLAINES

\$35 PER PERSON

Includes Pork/Chicken Dinner & 3 Sides
Beer, wine, soda and water

(\$40.00 paid at the door)

ALL MEN WELCOME ... 21 & over

Questions? Email: mensgroup@oldstpats.org



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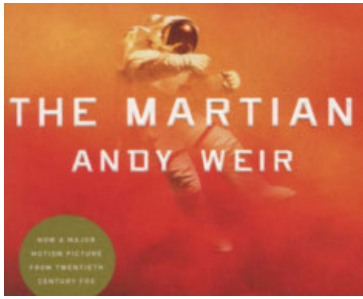
YOUNG ADULT SMALL GROUPS

September 3 and September 17
After 5:00 PM Mass | OSP Rectory

Young Adult Small Groups meet
the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

Join us after the 5 pm Mass
in the Rectory. Open to ages 18-39.





NORTHSIDE BOOK CLUB (FORMERLY ENCOUNTER BOOK CLUB)

August 28 | 6:30 PM | 4736 N Lincoln Ave

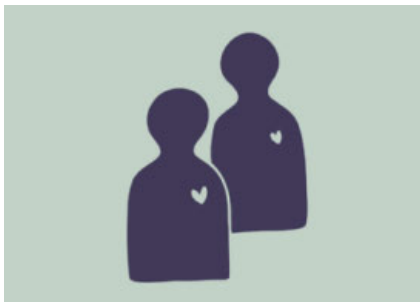
The Northside Book Club (formerly the Encounter Book Club) will be reading *The Martian* by Andy Weir. We will be meeting on August 28th at the Book Cellar in Lincoln Square, from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM.



YOU ARE NOT ALONE (YANA) DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP

September 10 | 10:30 AM | Zoom

Old St Pat's Divorce Support Group (YANA) is a networking group which gives one a chance to talk with other men and women who are separated or divorced which meets every 2nd Sunday of the month. Topics of importance are discussed for those seeking to heal during and after one of life's most difficult transitions. Peer facilitated by those who have been there and simply wish to listen and offer encouragement. Please contact Doreen Oleszczuk at doreenoles@yahoo.com for additional information and Zoom link.



SAVE THE DATE: NEXT COUPLES MINISTRY EVENTS

September 23 and November 11

Need an excuse for a date night? Want a little time to connect with your significant other? Looking for a chance to meet other fantastic OSP couples? Then mark your calendars for our upcoming Couples Ministry events taking place the evenings of Saturday, September 23 and Saturday, November 11. All long-term committed couples are invited! Registration info coming soon!



Worktour Sharing

Sunday, August 27th

10: 00am -11:15am

625 W Adams

**Family, friends, and OSP
community are welcome.
Hope to see you there!**



Are you interested in singing in the 30th annual
DECK THE HALL CONCERT?

*If you love to sing, have experience singing in a choir,
 and can learn your own vocal part, this may be a good fit!*

**Auditions are required for all—new and prior, novices and experts—and
 are held on September 5, 7, and 9. Sign up is required.**

*for more information or to schedule an audition, contact our Director of Music
 Mark Scozzafave at marks@oldstpats.org*



Giving to Old St. Patrick's Church

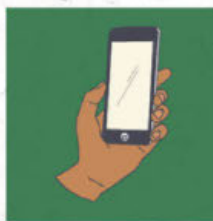


Mail a check, made payable to:

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 Chicago, IL 60661



Scan this QR code and follow the prompts



Text OLDSTPATS to (833) 245-7641, and follow the prompts



Drop a check in the Sunday collection basket



To make a gift of stock, please contact:

Ann McNamara at (312) 798-2355 or annm@oldstpats.org

Visit pushpay.com/g/oldstpats to give online.



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Thank you for your generosity!



Mass Schedule

Sunday

7 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m., and 8 p.m.

Weekday

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| Monday | 12:10 p.m. |
| Tuesday | 12:10 p.m. |
| Wednesday | 12:10 p.m. |
| Thursday | 12:10 p.m. |
| Friday | 12:10 p.m. |

Reconciliation

Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m., or upon request.

Liturgical Ministry

If you feel called to serve as a Hospitality Minister, Eucharistic Minister or Lector for one of our Sunday liturgies, please contact liturgy@oldstpats.org to learn more about training, scheduling, and serving.

Weddings

If you are engaged and would like to be married at Old St. Patrick's Church, please contact Jo Ann O'Brien, wedding scheduler/coordinator, at weddings@oldstpats.org or 312.831.9383

The Baptismal Program & Schedule

To schedule a baptism, please contact Tammy Roeder at baptisms@oldstpats.org or 312.798.2350

Low-gluten Host

Old St. Pat's has low-gluten hosts available for those members who, for health reasons, could not receive regular Communion hosts. If you would like to receive a low-gluten host, please contact Dominic Trumfio at dominict@oldstpats.org

Sign-Language Interpreter

As we seek to be more flexible to the various and shifting needs of the Deaf community of Old St. Patrick's, we are introducing a system of providing interpreters by request. As there will no longer be an interpreter on a regular basis at any one Mass, we welcome your requests for a sign language interpreter at the 10 AM or 5 PM Mass on Sundays, as well as for holidays and holy days of obligation. It would be most appreciative if you would give us 5 days of advance notice. To request access, please contact Dominic Trumfio at dominict@oldstpats.org

Old St. Patrick's Website

Be sure to visit our website, www.oldstpats.org, for the most up-to-date information.

Wedding Schedule

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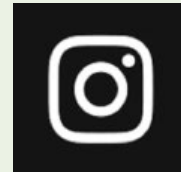
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Old St. Pat's Podcast

Tune-in to the Old St. Pat's Podcast!

Our podcast aims to welcome all into a Catholic experience like no other. Welcome to the Old St. Pat's Podcast hosted by Kate Anderson with music by Mark Scozzafave.

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"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." - Matthew 16:19

Sunday, August 27, 2023

Readings: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/Rom 11:33-36/
Mt 16:13-20

Mass Remembrances:

7am: Derrick Echols (†), Kathy Kane (†)
9am: Richard McAvoy (†), Brian Lisula (†)
11am: Anthony Joseph Zack (†), Robert Beh (†)
5pm: Perry Petrich (†), John Brennan (†)
8pm: Robert Donatelli (†), Vicente Almeda (†)

Book of Patrick: Francis Xavier Brogan, Grace Price, Judge Frank & Mary D. Crowe, Vita & Eugene Marchlewski, Carl & Dorothy Moe, The Catholic Community of St. Monica, Marlene Myers, Jim and Mary Finnegan, Margaret C. Basile, Michael & Eileen Nolan

Monday, August 28, 2023

Readings: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/
Mt 23:13-22

Book of Patrick: Kailin Schaal, Evelyn Melin, Robert & Joan Jenkins, Dorothy Frances Haske Holbrook, Martin Joseph Joyce, Terrence Michael Lynch, Julie & Pat Mulchrone, James W. Durkin Sr., Helen Ann Welsh, Rafael Munoz, Madeline Grace Mullooly, Caroline Riley Costello, Marie Riley Camerota, Betty A. Zurek

Tuesday, August 29, 2023

Readings: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mk 6:17-29

Book of Patrick: Guy Duble & Margie Guerrieri, Baby Angel Weaver, Robert W. Swain, Mary O'Donovan, Ed & Eleanor Garvey, George Alexi, Louis J. Pfeleger, Royce and Kathy Bedward

Wednesday, August 30, 2023

Readings: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32

Mass Remembrances:

12:10pm: John Leo Murphy (†), Erica Sukay

Book of Patrick: Joseph M. Sommers, Joy Marie Holbrook, Jan Elizabeth Gross, Lorraine Janek, Donald McCarthy, Leroy Sea, Judith McMahon Swibes, The George Family, Madeline Mullooly, Michael Donald Hines, Patti Breslin Uridel

Thursday, August 31, 2023

Readings: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 Mt 24:42-51

Mass Remembrances:

12:10pm: Michael Sheeran, William Frieder (†)

Book of Patrick: Mary & John Coyle, James W. Black, Robert J. Collins, Gerald Tully, Betty Zurek, Nancy Wiedemann, Mary Dee, Tom Zimmerman

Friday, September 1, 2023

Readings: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 Mt 25:1-13

Book of Patrick: Mae Paulick, Patrick L. Haney, Barbara Heidkamp, Paul S. Dabrowski, Kevin Patrick McSweeney, Bertram N. Hinkes, Frank & Nancy Hogan, Brian Gavin McKeaney, Kathleen Russell, George Henry Cretors, Thomas C. Naquin, Patricia A. Brennan, Kathy Holmes, Sidney Mench, Frank and Mary Alice Boarini, Poppy Steingraber, Michael Joseph, Luis Santos

(†) = Deceased

Saturday, September 2, 2023

Readings: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30

Book of Patrick: Ellen G. Barrett, Nora V. & Patrick Powell, Bunny Bernardino, Cyril & Geraldine O'Donnell, Dave & Deborah Smith, Catherine Sullivan, Janet Carroll, Joan A Ferrara

Sunday, September 3, 2023

Readings: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/Rom 12:1-2/
Mt 16:21-27

Mass Remembrances:

7am: Brendan Ward (†), Vicente Almeda (†)
9am: Jeffrey LaRue (†), Joseph McNally (†)
11am: James Henry (†), Brittan Anderson (†)
5pm: Tami King (†), Edith (Aida) Bonsonto (†)
8pm: Orville Maxwold (†), Doug Stone (†)

Book of Patrick: Tiscia & Stormy Bidwell, Sister Maureen Brogan, Eleanor Daley, Robert H. Groff Sr., MaryJo & Larry Martin, Vincent J. Sloma, Stauder, Clines, & Doyle Families, James N. West, Clare Caufield, Louis A. Radelet, Robert Gietl, Joseph E. Morahan Jr.

Prayer Requests

For Those Who Are Sick

Ann Casey, Marianne Cyrnek, Linda Drennan, Gene Semmelhack, Daniel Hoogewerf, DiMarkco Chandler

For Those Who Have Died

Jim Power, Fidelina Manaois, Marianne Vanek, Gerry Wawrzynek

Please contact Bernadette Moore Gibson at 312-798-2389 for Pastoral Care Services.

Loving Lord, your word reminds us how much you value and love children. We pray for the climate crisis and the devastating impact on lives and future generations. We thank you for young people and their passion and conviction to care for and protect your world for the common good.

Women and Men of Faith



Image: Detail | Stained glass window in the Church of Saint James the Greater in Bouxwiller | photo by GFRehalter

Saint Monica

Saint of the Day for August 27, 2023

The circumstances of St. Monica's life could have made her a nagging wife, a bitter daughter-in-law, and a despairing parent, yet she did not give way to any of these temptations. Although she was a Christian, her parents gave her in marriage to a pagan, Patricius, who lived in her hometown of Tagaste in North Africa. Patricius had some redeeming features, but he had a violent temper and was licentious. Monica also had to bear with a cantankerous mother-in-law who lived in her home. Patricius criticized his wife because of her charity and piety, but always respected her. Monica's prayers and example finally won her husband and mother-in-law to Christianity. Her husband died in 371, one year after his baptism.

Monica had at least three children who survived infancy. The oldest, Augustine, is the most famous. At the time of his father's death, Augustine was 17 and a rhetoric student in Carthage. Monica was distressed to learn that her son had accepted the Manichean heresy—"all flesh is evil"—and was living an immoral life. For a while, she refused to let him eat or sleep in her house. Then one night she had a vision that assured her Augustine would return to the faith. From that time on, she stayed close to her son, praying and fasting for him. In fact she often stayed much closer than Augustine wanted.

When he was 29, Augustine decided to go to Rome to teach rhetoric. Monica was determined to go along. One night he told his mother that he was going to the dock to say goodbye to a friend. Instead he set sail for Rome. Monica was heartbroken when she learned of Augustine's trick, but she still followed him. She arrived in Rome only to find that he had left for Milan. Although travel was difficult, Monica pursued him to Milan.

In Milan, Augustine came under the influence of the bishop, St. Ambrose, who also became Monica's spiritual director. She accepted his advice in everything and had the humility to give up some practices that had become second nature to her. Monica became a leader of the devout women in Milan as she had been in Tagaste.

She continued her prayers for Augustine during his years of instruction. At Easter 387, St. Ambrose baptized Augustine and several of his friends. Soon after, his party left for Africa. Although no one else was aware of it, Monica knew her life was near the end. She told Augustine, "Son, nothing in this world now affords me delight. I do not know what there is now left for me to do or why I am still here, all my hopes in this world being now fulfilled." She became ill shortly after and suffered severely for nine days before her death.

Almost all we know about St. Monica is in the writings of St. Augustine, especially his Confessions.

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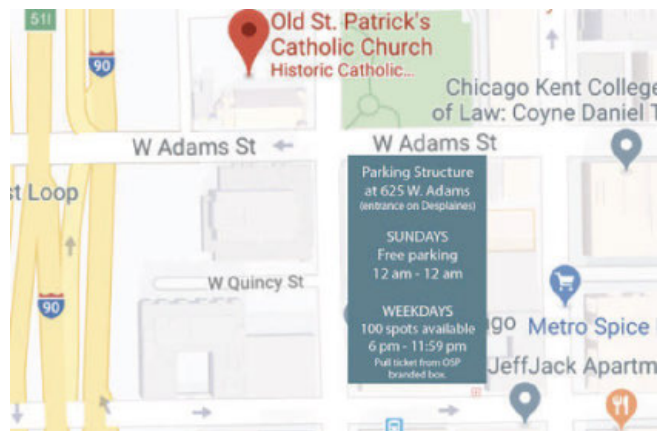
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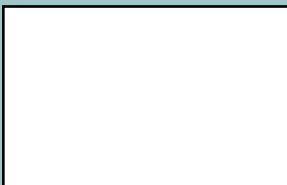

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