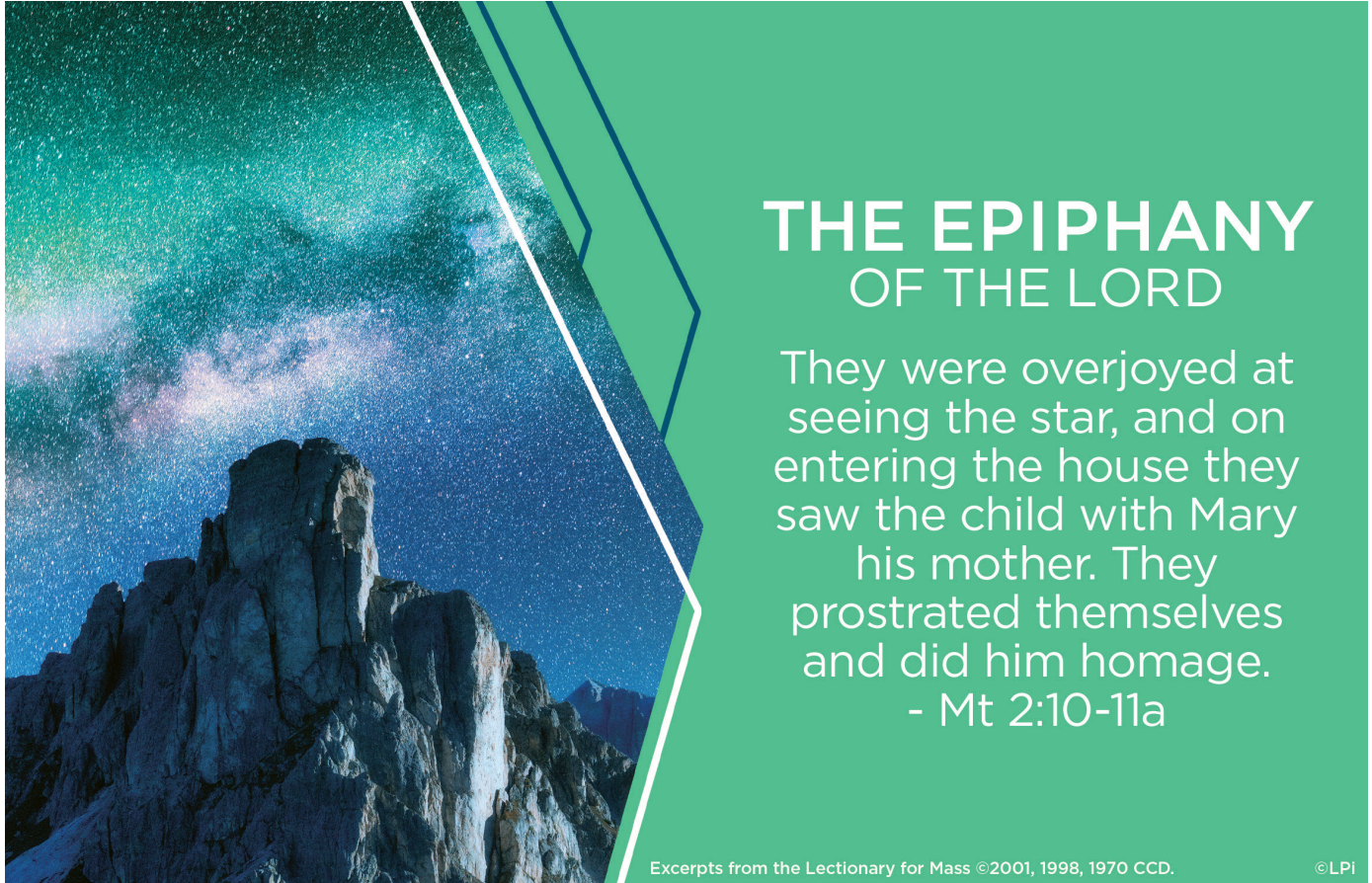




# The CROSSROADS

Old St. Patrick's Bulletin  
*A Catholic Community in Chicago's West Loop*

SUNDAY,  
JANUARY 8, 2023



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage.  
- Mt 2:10-11a

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### MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday: 12:10 PM  
Wednesday: 7AM,  
12:10 PM (livestream),  
& 5:30 PM  
Thursday: 12:10 PM  
Sunday: 7 AM,  
9 AM (livestream),  
11 AM,  
5 PM  
& 8 PM

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## This Week at OSP

<b>Sunday</b>	
Sunday Mass * Children's Liturgy of the Word	7 AM, *9 AM, 11 AM, 5 PM & 8 PM Church
OSP Book Club	10:30 AM 711 W Monroe, 3rd floor library
You Are Not Alone Divorce Support Group	10:30 AM   Contact for Zoom Link doreenoles@yahoo.com
Collection of Household Goods for Refugee Resettlement	12:45 PM - 2:00 PM Hughes Hall (Below the Church)
<b>Tuesday</b>	
Daily Mass	12:10 PM   Church
Pneuma: LGBTQ+ Faith Sharing	6:30 PM   Contact for Location j.m.hoch21@gmail.com
<b>Wednesday</b>	
Daily Mass	7 AM, 12:10 PM, & 5:30 PM   Church
Reconciliation	11:30 AM   Church
<b>Thursday</b>	
Daily Mass	12:10 PM   Church
<b>Sunday</b>	
Sunday Mass	7 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM, 5 PM & 8 PM Church
Encounter After Five: Why Stay in Ukraine	6:15 PM Hughes Hall, Below the Church



## Join the OSP Community

Welcome to Old St. Patrick's Church! It is through your presence, Old St. Pat's is able to provide compelling educational programs, invaluable Outreach services, rewarding volunteer opportunities, and spiritual nourishment for all. We are gifted by your presence. Please scan the QR code to sign-up for our weekly newsletter.

To learn more about Membership or to check your membership status at Old St. Patrick's, please contact Polly Mulhearn at [pollym@oldstpats.org](mailto:pollym@oldstpats.org)



## Don't miss a thing!

Check out "What's Happening at OSP" on the Old St. Pat's website to stay up-to-date on all upcoming events.



Find registration forms and more information on offered programming easily by scanning the QR code.

[bit.ly/OSPPhappenings](https://bit.ly/OSPPhappenings)

January 9

## Baptism Lord

Almighty, eternal God, When the Spirit descended upon Jesus at His baptism in the Jordan, you revealed Him as your own beloved Son. Keep us, your children born of water and the Spirit, faithful to our calling. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

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The offerings of gold, frankincense, and myrrh were carried by the magi over many miles of hard travel to be laid at the feet of Jesus. What gifts do we bear through the journey of life to lay at the feet of the King? Do we protect them as we should?

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Let every  
nation  
adore you,  
**LORD**

PSALM 72

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A friend of mine is a young priest who teaches high school physics at a Catholic boys' prep school. Like many today, the boys often think science and religion are enemies. So, he delights in their raised eyebrows when he reminds them his first full-time job as a priest was to be an astrophysicist. He cataloged the size, shape, and matter of distant stars. He tells them, "Science gave me more love for God, not less."

The Magi were something like scientist-astronomers. Like today's scientists, they employed disciplined methods of discovering dependable patterns in the world. Their rigorous commitment to the truth led them to the joy of discovering Jesus. Their love for knowledge leads them to worship the Source of all knowledge. Luke says of them, "They were overjoyed at seeing the star."

We may see the universe as cold and empty and feel sad. But why should we do that? The Magi, like my priest-friend, show us there is another way to experience the world. We use our intelligence to discover the beautiful patterns in the world - in mathematics, physics, astronomy, biology, neuroscience, and so on - and allow this to lead us to greater love for God. So, my fellow Magi: the world needs us to be overjoyed at finding God in science and, finally and fully, in Jesus.

-- Father John Muir

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## Livestreaming Notice

Contrary to a statement found in our January 1st Crossroads, Old St. Patrick's will continue to offer Livestream for our 5pm Sunday liturgies, and we apologize for causing confusion. During these winter months, our staff and member-leaders will continue our work of reflecting on the best ways we can support every member's full, active, and conscious participation in the Sacramental life of the Church community.

## Taizé Prayer - ALL ARE WELCOME!



January 25th | 6:15 PM | Old St. Patrick's Church

On the 4th Wednesday of the month, members of Encounter, OSP's Young Adult Ministry, host Taizé Prayer, a meditative form of prayer filled with song, scripture, and silent meditation followed by a happy hour.

All are welcome!

## Wedding Music Fair



Come to the Old St. Pat's Wedding Music Fair to hear many of our amazing musicians who perform from our catalog of wedding music options at Old St. Pat's. Cantors, classical musicians, and Irish instrumentalists provide an entertaining "concert" in our beautiful space as you are guided through the wedding music process by our Director of Music, Mark Scozzafave.

For more information about Wedding Music at Old St. Patrick's visit: <https://www.oldstpats.org/wedding-music.html>

## Wedding Banns



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*May the winds of heaven dance between you.*

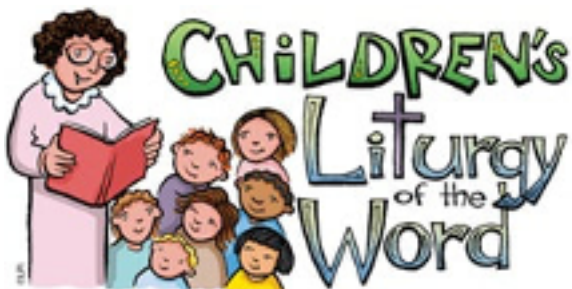
I. February 11, 2023  
Caroline Wilson & Michael Laughlin







# Children's Liturgy of the Word



"Children's Liturgy of the Word" (CLOW) Ministry is a special part of the family Sunday experience at Old St. Patrick's Church for children ages three through second grade. We will be in person, and Parent Volunteers will work with the children during the 9AM Mass on select dates for children to learn about the readings of the day in language and activities they'll easily understand.

Children will gather around the baptismal font at 8:55AM, and will process up with parent volunteers, receive a

blessing from the presider/congregation, and then go into the rectory. They will return after the homily to sit with their families for the remainder of the Mass.

The dates are: Jan 8 & 15  
Feb 5 & 12  
Mar 5 & 12



# HealingTogether@Home - January/February 2023



Support in dealing with the grief experience is a valuable way of helping yourself or someone you know. Support groups often provide an opportunity for grieving persons to better understand the wide range of feelings and behaviors associated with grief. More importantly, support groups offer a safe place where people can come together for mutual support, to learn that their feelings are normal, and that one need not be alone.

*HealingTogether@Home*, hosted using the Zoom platform, has been organized for those who are grieving the death of a loved one: parent, spouse, significant other, sibling, family member, extended family member, friend...

Our program is offered over the course of seven consecutive weeks. Our groups are small by design so that they are comfortable and informal. Our next group is scheduled to begin on *Thursday, January 26th*.

Please register in advance: [bit.ly/healingtogetherathome](http://bit.ly/healingtogetherathome)

# Greater Chicago Food Depository

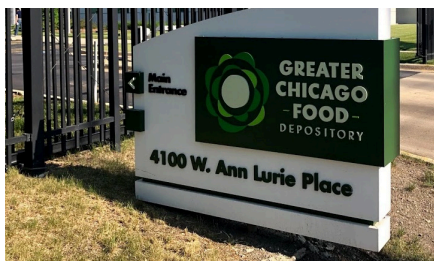


## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

*Second Tuesdays and Saturdays of every month*

**Tuesday 10 December from 9 AM to NOON**  
**Saturday 14 December from 8:30 AM to 11:15 AM**

For complete information, contact our coordinators. Please provide your email address and phone number(s)  
**Weekday:** Jim Holbrook 773.237.2625 or 312.450.4291  
[jamesjholbrookjr@yahoo.com](mailto:jamesjholbrookjr@yahoo.com)  
**Saturday:** Mary Beth Riley 630.460.7889  
[mbriley07@yahoo.com](mailto:mbriley07@yahoo.com)





## Foundations Pancake Breakfast



# FOUNDATIONS YOUTH MINISTRY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

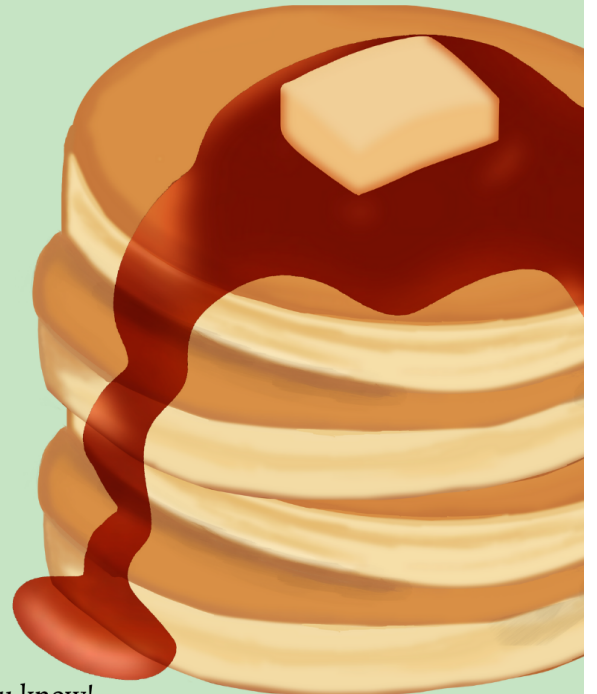
This event includes a delicious breakfast, hospitality, and a silent auction. All proceeds will go towards supporting the Foundations worktours over this coming summer.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and for your support of our youth ministry program here at Old St. Pat's!

**WHEN:** January 29th from 8 AM - 1 PM

**WHERE:** Old St. Patrick's Church  
700 W Adams, Hughes Hall

**COST:** \$10 for Adults  
\$5 for Children under 12



Tickets will be sold outside Masses starting early January, or you can buy a ticket from any Foundations teens that you know!

## Immigrant and Refugee Ministry Housewarming

### ***Parish-Wide Housewarming for 2023 Refugee Resettlement January 8, 2023***



Just as we did earlier this year, Immigrant & Refugee Ministry (IRM) will be collecting household goods needed to continue our work of helping to resettle the next five families of refugees or asylum seekers in the Chicago area in the coming year.

***TODAY!***  
***12:45 to 2 pm***

Visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f44aaae2ba7f5c16-irmhousewarming> to select household items that you are willing to purchase for them, then plan to bring your items to OSP's Hughes Hall below the church on Sunday, January 8 between 12:45 - 2pm.

Thank you for participating in another collection to welcome and embrace refugees.

***We will be helping 5 families settle in the area!***

*The Immigration & Refugee Ministry (IRM) is so grateful to Old St. Pat's members for their generous, ongoing support of our efforts—a sincere thanks to all. The need is great. Click on GIVE TO OSP (upper right-hand corner). Click on GIVE ONLINE and select IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE FUND from the drop-down menu. If you are interested in supporting our efforts as a volunteer or have any ideas or questions, please contact Kayla Jackson at [kaylaj@oldstpats.org](mailto:kaylaj@oldstpats.org)*

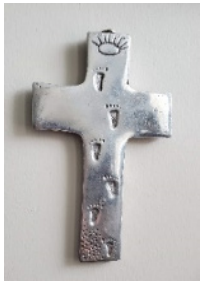






## JUST THE FACTS, MA'AM

If you are as old as I am, you would recognize a famous line from Sgt. Friday, a character in one of the earliest police shows on TV, and radio before that – Dragnet. What is implied here is that facts are important. So here are a few facts in the form of definitions that the Immigrant & Refugee Ministry Committee (IRM) of Old St. Pat's deals with every day.



**MIGRANT:** A person who moves from one place to another, especially in order to find work or better living conditions. *Example: African Americans who left the south for northern industrial cities after the Civil War*

**IMMIGRANT:** A person who comes to live permanently in a country foreign to them. *Example: Irish, Poles, Italians, Mexicans, Nigerians, etc., who came to the US to work and stayed*

**REFUGEE:** A person who has been forced to leave their country in order to escape war, persecution, or a natural disaster. *Example: Syrians, Afghans, Jews*

**ASYLUM-SEEKER:** A person who has left their home country as a result of political regime changes inimical to their point of view or safety and is seeking asylum (refuge) in another. They are subject to a ban on seeking employment in the US until their status is clarified. *Example: Some Cubans who left when Fidel Castro took over could have been called asylum-seekers, as are the Venezuelans arriving in the US today.*

**THE UNDOCUMENTED:** A status that could apply to any of the above and that became more commonly used in the late 20th and early 21st century in the US in the face of increases of non-European, non-white arrivals

**Note:** Refugees who enter the destination country, may do so with a kind of pre-approved status and as though they were expected. Whereas, asylum-seekers tend to arrive without pre-approval in their destination country, in the hope of an eventual welcome. Unfortunately, they generally experience a long period before they can get the more acceptable status of refugee, get a Social Security number, and can thus, legally work. Due to that length of time, the need to eat & put a roof over their heads, drives the need to seek work from whoever will hire them – off the books, under the table, or whatever of similar phrases might be used.

Maureen Hellwig, Chair

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## Encounter After Five

### Encounter After Five:

Why Stay in Ukraine: Stories from a young adult chasing life, love, and service to others in a war.



When: January 15th @ 6:15 PM

Where: Hughes Hall, Beneath the Church

Join us on Sunday evening (immediately after 5 pm Mass) on January 15 for a unique experience as Josh Goralski, OSP Member and young adult, interviews Marta Huretska, a Ukrainian still living in Ukraine amidst a war.

Marta and Josh have worked together to impact the lives of over 100,000 people in Ukraine since the invasion last winter.

Marta will share her stories of trying to find normalcy, continue her day job, and support her family and loved ones. There will also be time for discussion and questions. No registration necessary, and free food and drinks will be provided.



## Pneuma



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Pneuma: LGBTQ+ Faith Sharing  
January 10th | 6:30 PM | Contact for Location

Encounter, OSP's Young Adult Ministry, hosts an inclusive and affirming faith sharing group for LGBTQ+ members. The group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month.

## Book Club



January 23rd | 6:30 PM | The Book Cellar in Lincoln Square

Book: "Maus: A Survivor's Tale" by Art Spiegelman

When: January 23rd at 6:30 PM

Where: Book Cellar, Lincoln Square

Contact: Rachelle Lindo at [rachelle.lindo@gmail.com](mailto:rachelle.lindo@gmail.com)







## Make It Glow!



Family Dance Party  
Friday, February 17th | 6:30 PM  
625 W Adams

All are invited to the Old St. Pat's Family Advisory Board's Family Dance Party.

Enjoy a fun DJ with dancing, pizza, crafts, glow treats and more!

For more information visit [oldstpats.org](http://oldstpats.org)

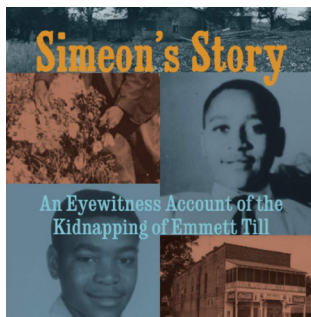
## Women's Spirituality Group



Encounter Women's Spirituality Group  
January 17th | 6:30 PM | 711 W. Monroe, 3rd Floor Library

Encounter, OSP's Young Adult Ministry, hosts a space for all women-identified folks to gather for prayer, faith sharing, and community building on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month. Together, we select books, podcasts, articles, and poems designed to explore and deepen our spirituality.

## Book Club



January 8th | 10:30 AM | 711 W Monroe, 3rd floor library

Please join us as we discuss Simeon's Story: An Eyewitness Account of the Kidnapping of Emmett Till by Simeon Wright.

For more information. please contact Eileen Sutter at [ehsutter@gmail.com](mailto:ehsutter@gmail.com).





## Kinship Initiative Volunteer Opportunities!



NORTH LAWNDALE  
COLLEGE PREP



### Volunteers Needed at North Lawndale College Prep

Old St. Pat's members have impactfully served North Lawndale College Prep High School for 11 years. Generous volunteers helped celebrate the educators, they cheered on the students and staff entering the building early in the morning, they served on advisory boards, mentored students and decorated hallways with colorful and inspiring art. Old St. Pat's kindred presence has been significant and appreciated.

Now, there are more ways you can make a difference at NLCP in 2023:

- Attend the Trivia Night Planning Committee Virtual Meeting - January 19, 2023
- Help plan Young Professionals Day - Scheduled for May 4, 2023
- Be a Senior Project mentor - Date TBD
- Host a Lunch and Learn Session for students - Dates and locations TBD

For more info, contact Kendra Fortenberry, NLCP Director of Operations and Volunteer Engagement, at: [kfortenberry@nlcphs.org](mailto:kfortenberry@nlcphs.org)

Learn more and register at: <https://www.nlcphs.org/volunteer>

When you volunteer, be sure to say, "I'm from Old St. Patrick's."

### Adult Literacy Volunteer Opportunity in North Lawndale

Give the gift of literacy to motivated adults at The Learning Center, House of Connections in North Lawndale in 2023. Volunteer tutors, advisory board members and financial donors are needed to help improve life outcomes for adult learners in the North Lawndale and Little Village communities. Volunteer, donate or learn more about this 35+ year old Kinship Initiative partner organization at <https://tlcchicago.org>



When you connect, be sure to mention you are from Old St. Pat's Church.

Looking for adults, with patience and skill to tutor adult learners, who'd go to The Learning Center, House of Connections in North Lawndale on a weekly basis. Spanish and English speaking tutors are needed.

*Through the Kinship Initiative, people of North Lawndale and Old St. Patrick's Church walk alongside one another in friendship, sharing our talents and resources to secure justice, opportunity, and the transformation of our communities.*







# North Lawndale Employment Network

*Creating a Community That Works*



## LEGACY BUILDERS IMPACT STORIES

**TYSHENA CAGE** is a North Lawndale native and Cafe Manager in our beelove café, where she supervises café staff, and serves café meals and beverages to guests. Ty has worked at our café since December 2021 and enjoys serving guests and engaging with the community.

On June 5th, 2022, Ty was relaxing at home in her apartment when she started smelling smoke and hearing popping noises. She opened the door to her back porch to see it engulfed in flames. Ty grabbed a bag and rushed down to the other levels of her duplex, and worked to evacuate everyone out of her apartment, including a children's birthday party and an older tenant who lived alone in a basement unit. Everything in the apartment was destroyed, and Ty was left with only her car, her purse with her wallet and phone, and the clothes on her back. She was supported by NLEN and the café, which ensured that she could return to work after she had taken time to get back on her feet and process what she had experienced.

Support from Old St. Pat's was critical in assisting Ty secure safe housing. OSP paid for the security deposit for her new apartment, and connected her to other organizations who could assist her as she furnished her new space. Ty is now back at work, settling into her new apartment, and is continuing to work on recovering from an intense summer.

Ty is grateful for all the support she has received and emphasizes the importance of acting in the moment to ensure others are safe, valuing lives over material possessions, and always reaching out to the community for support and assistance.





## Giving to Old Saint Patrick's Church

*"As Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord."  
- U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops*

Your generosity to Old St. Pat's is a resounding yes to God's call to faith-filled stewardship! Guided by the Holy Spirit, we continue to strive to lead a movement of change for good in our church and world. You are true collaborators in the work of sharing the loving mercy of Jesus.

Gifts to old St. Pat's help fund the myriad ministries and initiatives here at Old St. Pat's, from hosting Sunday masses to weddings and baptisms, to prayer and retreat experiences, to catechesis and sacramental preparation, to lectures, classes and workshops. Your support helps ensure we can continue to be the vibrant, welcoming, justice-minded Catholic community we strive to be.

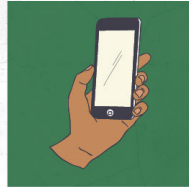


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**Old St. Pat's,  
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Drop a check in the Sunday collection basket



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mollyg@oldstpats.org**

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**Thank you for your generosity!**

## FIRST FRIDAY CLUB OF CHICAGO

Register Today & Join Us!

### A Wild Ride

How the Holy Spirit Propelled Me from Business School to the Boardroom to Battling Poverty

### SALLY BLOUNT

President & CEO of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago



First Friday Club of Chicago Welcomes

**Sally Blount**

**January 6, 2023**

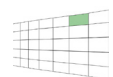
**12pm - Union League Club  
65 W. Jackson Blvd**

**Reserve Your Seat Today!**



**Scan the QR code to purchase your seat & to learn more about this event!**

**First Friday Club of Chicago's Mission**



Provide a forum for men and women to make connections between work, faith, values and issues that affect their daily lives.





They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.  
They prostrated themselves and did him homage. - Matthew 2:10-11a



## Sunday, January 8, 2023

Readings: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/  
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

### Mass Remembrances:

7am: William Donnelly (†), Beth Daniels Bello (†)  
9am: Matthew C. King, Jr. (†), Dave Sevensing (†)  
11am: Kenneth Monarrez, Diane Kresal (†)  
5pm: Hope Fairclough McGowan (†), Paul Killian (†)  
8pm: Jeanne Higgins Hughes (†), Marilyn Michela (†)

Book of Patrick: Odette Bicudo, Jason Borst,  
Aladino DiPasquale, Lucy DiPasquale, Mary Burns Lamb,  
Helen Douaire Igoe, W. Gregory Doolin,  
Leon & Peggy Dourlet, Lynn Crisler Shura

## Monday, January 9, 2023

Readings: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10  
(11b)/Mt 3:13-17

Book of Patrick: John Dowdle, Walter Kavanaugh,  
Catherine Lally, Jim Packee, June K. Polich, Rudolph Engler,  
Matthew C. King Jr., John McAndrews, Sarah Kane,  
Joseph, Sr and Mary B. Mulhern

## Tuesday, January 10, 2023

Readings: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:21 28 or  
Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28

Book of Patrick: John Flanagan, Janet Kenahan,  
Edward O'Donnell, Liam Jeremiah, Jane and Bill Sheehan,  
John J. Walsh, Mary Palella, Karen Moran, Thomas Erickson,  
Therese Wilson, Michael and Helen Igoe

## Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Readings: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9//Mk 1:29-39

### Mass Remembrances:

12:10pm: Adele Stile (†), Bobi Keenan

Book of Patrick: Elizabeth Naquin Borger,  
John Garrison Balester Jenkins, Edward Michael Kelly Sr.,  
Richard J. LeFevour, Ernest Musilek, John M. O'Meara,  
Michele A Nydegger

## Thursday, January 12, 2023

Readings: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/Mk 1:40-45

Book of Patrick: Richard Casey, Eileen Doyle, Frank Engles,  
Mary McGovern, Evelyn M. Pavlick, Thomas Rountree,  
John & Agnes Sharkey, Joe Tedesco, Paul Valuch

## Friday, January 13, 2023

Readings: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mk 2:1-12

Book of Patrick: Anne Veronica Cowhey,  
Anne Fernbach Cowhey, Bridie Marie Finkle, Doreen  
Lent, Stanley H. Mrozowski, Catherine O'Connor Newton,  
Marianne Roti, John Zordani, Thomas E. Cusack

## Saturday, January 14, 2023

Readings: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17

Book of Patrick: Dec'd Members Buckley-Coleman Families,  
Joseph Hambrite, Anne W. Grzeskiewicz,  
Joseph Patrick Courtney Jr.

## Sunday, January 15, 2023

Readings: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1 3/Jn  
1:29-34

### Mass Remembrances:

9am: J. Farina (†), Mrs. Fieder (†)  
11am: Kenneth Monarrez, Mary Burke Ryan (†)  
5pm: Ann and George Jerkowski (†) (†),  
Helen and Steven Ochs (†) (†)  
8pm: James Ganley (†), Joe Regan

Book of Patrick: Colleen Burns, John Francis Collins,  
Robert Sydney Jackson, William S. Johnson, Dennis Lynch,  
Katherine & Irving Mehigan, Heather A. Noonan,  
Nils Sproesser, Mary C. Sutton, Yocius Family

## Prayer Requests

### For Those Who Are Sick

Brendan Courmane, Catherine Brady, Ida Politano,  
Judge James F. Henry

### For Those Who Have Died

Peter Salvino, Ken Clare, Nicholas Waverley,  
Martin (Marty) Cox, Dan Fischer, Brad Palmer, Mary Wiedel,  
Mary Ann Valentino, Jack Connolly

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

*May God's blessings shower upon you and bestow  
upon each of you a bright, healthy and peaceful new year.  
God of all time, help us enter the New Year quietly,  
thoughtful of who we are to ourselves and to others,  
mindful that our steps make an impact and our words  
carry power.*

## Women and Men of Faith



Image: Statue of Saint Angela of Foligno

### Saint Angela of Foligno

Saint of the Day for January 8, 2023

#### Saint Angela of Foligno's story

Some saints show marks of holiness very early. Not Angela!  
Born of a leading family in Foligno, Italy, she became  
immersed in the quest for wealth and social position. As a wife  
and mother, she continued this life of distraction.

Around the age of 40, she recognized the emptiness of her  
life and sought God's help in the Sacrament of Penance. Her  
Franciscan confessor helped Angela to seek God's pardon  
for her previous life and to dedicate herself to prayer and the  
works of charity.

Shortly after her conversion, her husband and children died.  
Selling most of her possessions, she entered the Secular  
Franciscan Order. She was alternately absorbed by meditating  
on the crucified Christ and by serving the poor of Foligno as a  
nurse and beggar for their needs. Other women joined her in a  
religious community.

At her confessor's advice, Angela wrote her Book of Visions  
and Instructions. In it she recalls some of the temptations she  
suffered after her conversion; she also expresses her thanks to  
God for the Incarnation of Jesus. This book and her life earned  
for Angela the title "Teacher of Theologians." She was beatified  
in 1693, and canonized in 2013.

#### Reflection

People who live in the United States today can understand  
Saint Angela's temptation to increase her sense of self-worth  
by accumulating money, fame or power. Striving to possess  
more and more, she became more and more self-centered.  
When she realized she was priceless because she was created  
and loved by God, she became very penitential and very  
charitable to the poor. What had seemed foolish early in her  
life now became very important. The path of self-emptying  
she followed is the path all holy men and women must  
follow. The liturgical feast of Saint Angela of Foligno is  
celebrated on January 7.

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