



# The CROSSROADS

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

SUNDAY,  
JANUARY 22, 2023



## 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Come after me,  
and I will make you  
fishers of men.”  
- Mt 4:19

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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 (livestream),  
& 8 PM

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## This Week at OSP

<b>Sunday - January 22</b>	
Sunday Mass	7 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM, 5 PM & 8 PM Church
You Are Not Alone Divorce Support Group	10:30 AM 711 W. Monroe, Room 21
<b>Tuesday - January 24</b>	
Daily Mass	12:10 PM   Church
Encounter Women's Spirituality	6:30 PM 711 W. Monroe, 3rd floor
<b>Wednesday - January 25</b>	
Daily Mass	7 AM, 12:10 PM, & 5:30 PM   Church
Reconciliation	11:30 AM   Church
Taize	6:15 PM   Church
<b>Thursday - January 26</b>	
Daily Mass	12:10 PM   Church
<b>Sunday - January 29</b>	
Sunday Mass	7 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM, 5 PM & 8 PM Church
Pancake Breakfast	8 AM - 1 PM   Hughes Hall
OSP Men's Group Chili, Champs, and Cheers	4 PM - 7:30 PM 625 W. Adams

## 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/OSP happenings](https://bit.ly/OSP happenings)

## DAY OF PRAYER

*for the Protection  
of Unborn Children*



## Looking for your year-end giving statement?

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for instructions  
on how to  
download yours.



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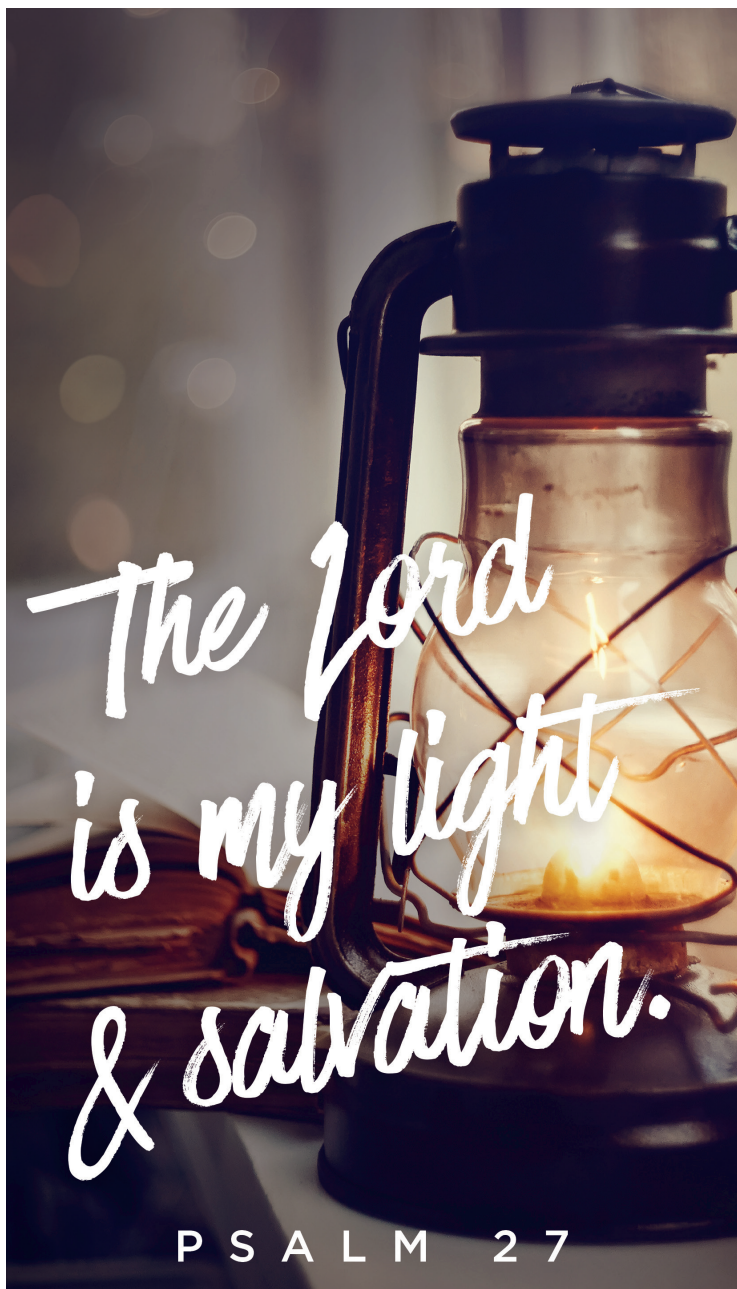


When Jesus called Simon and Andrew, they left "at once" to follow him; when he called James and John, they did likewise. St. Peter, St. Andrew, St. James, and St. John, pray for us, that God will grant us similar courage and clarity when called by Christ.

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When I was a young seminarian, I asked a wise old priest how to pray better. He said simply, "Don't lie when you pray." He helped me to see how much energy I waste in trying to appear acceptable to God when I pray. For me, prayer was showing off for God and hiding what was ugly.

It's stunning that the Gospel of Matthew tells us of Jesus, "**He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulon and Naphtali...**" This isn't just the Lord's relocation up north. It's his moving into places of shame and defeat. This region was where the enemy invasion of Israel began centuries before. Jesus left the comfortable confines of Nazareth and sought out a place of darkness, not to bring shame, but to announce the dawning of his light.

When we pray, we usually prefer Jesus to stay put in our little Nazareths — where we feel comfortable, successful, and in control. But he moves. He re-locates into the Zebulons and Naphtalis of our shame, embarrassment, fear, and sense of being defeated. The question for us is: will we allow him to take up residence in those places in our prayer time? Will we talk to him honestly about our places of darkness? If we do, we're no longer lying when we pray.

-- Father John Muir

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## Wedding Music Fair

February 6th | 7PM | Old St. Patrick's Church



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.*

III. February 11, 2023  
Caroline Wilson & Michael Laughlin

### Taizé Prayer: ALL ARE WELCOME!



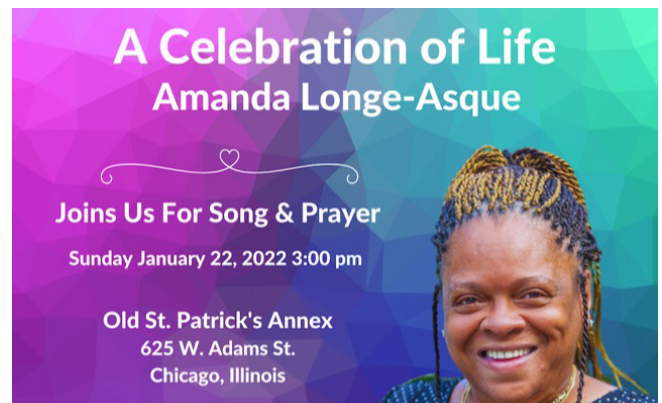
January 25th | 6:15 PM | Old St. Patrick's Church

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!

### Celebration of Life: Amanda Longe-Asque

Our Beloved Amanda from Harmony, Hope and Healing will be remembered today at 3PM in 625 Adams. There will be a prayer service & a celebration of her life followed by a reception.



## HealingTogether@Home - January/February 2023



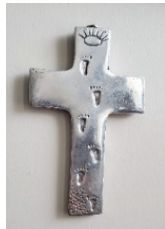
Support in dealing with the grief experience is a valuable way of helping yourself or someone you know. Support groups often provide an opportunity for grieving persons to better understand the wide range of feelings and behaviors associated with grief. More importantly, support groups offer a safe place 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](https://bit.ly/healingtogetherathome)

## Immigrant and Refugee Ministry



*"...upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing,"*

*- Isaiah 9:1-2*

Christ is the light for us, who leads us out of the land of gloom.

How can we be a light to others, especially migrants, refugees and asylum seekers? We are a nation that needs more workers to support our aging population and social security program. We are a nation built on the determination of immigrants, in need of determined workers. We are a nation that believes in the dignity of each human. We can be a light to immigrants. And yet, we have a backlog of refugees and asylum seekers yearning for safety and food and a door that refuses to open for more.

With a new Congress we can apply pressure to do more.

The following is a list of what our bishops are asking of Congress:

**[U.S. Citizenship Act of 2021 Key Points – Justice for Immigrants.](#)**

Some of it passed but with less pathways toward citizenship. Here is what did pass:

**[Updates on Biden's U.S. Citizenship Act of 2021 - Tancinco Law, P.C. - Trusted. Established. Dependable.](#)**

Write to the new Congress and urge them to fully support the bill and increase the numbers of applicants for refugee or asylum status.



Be a light and bring them abundant joy.

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. Please go to [oldstpats.org](https://oldstpats.org). 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)





## Foundations 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!

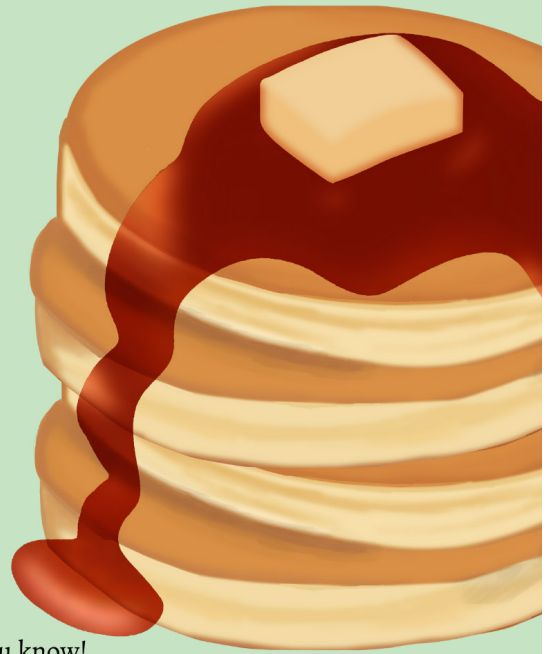
**WHEN:** January 29th from 8 AM - 1 PM

**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!



## Men's Group - Chili, Champs, and Cheers!



**Sunday, January 29th | 4 PM - 7:30 PM | 625 W. Adams**

OSP Men's Group is hosting their annual Chili, Champs, and Cheers!!

On Sunday, January 29th the Men's Group will come together for the AFC/NFC Championship and the Chili Chefs will battle it out for Best Men's Group Chili. You won't want to miss this!

Join us from 4 PM - 7:30 PM at 625 W Adams.

## Family Dance Party - Make It Glow!



**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) or visit [osp.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/704/responses/new](http://osp.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/704/responses/new)





**TICKETS GO ON SALE THIS THURSDAY, JANUARY 26**  
**March 11 | 11:30 am – 5:30 pm**

Come Rock The Block and join us for the 2nd annual Shamrock'n The Block on Saturday, March 11. Hundreds of friendly people will enjoy a beer and a brogue and toast to the Irish (remember everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's Day!) at the Old St. Pat's Pop-up Pub in a heated tent at Monroe & DesPlaines Street. This family-friendly event will include beverages, tasty pub fare, live entertainment, dancing, wee one's activities and more! All ages welcome!

Beginning Thursday, January 26 go to <https://www.oldstpats.org/shamrockntheblock> to purchase your tickets. You won't want to miss the fun so don't delay... this event sold out quickly last year! With questions contact Honor Lorenzini at [honorl@oldstpats.org](mailto:honorl@oldstpats.org)

### **Volunteers Needed for Shamrock'n The Block**



Join us for the festive celebration! Volunteers are needed to bartend, sell tickets, food stations and more. Volunteers receive a free t-shirt and entry into the event.

To register to volunteer go to: <https://osp.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/723/responses/new>

For questions on volunteering, contact [shamrocknvolunteers@oldstpats.org](mailto:shamrocknvolunteers@oldstpats.org)

### **May the Luck of the Irish Will Be With You** **Take a Chance at winning \$20,000 in the Pot O' Gold Raffle**



The Pot O' Gold raffle will offer a \$20,000 GRAND PRIZE! We're selling 750 tickets until Shamrock'n The Block on 3/11, for \$100 each. Be among the first to have the chance to be a POT O' GOLD EARLY BIRD DRAWING WINNER! Purchase your tickets now for a chance to win a bonus prizes:

#### ***Luck of the Irish Early Bird Drawings:***

\$500 cash. 2 VIP Tickets to Shamrock'n The Block on 3/11/23 & stylish Shamrock'n gear.  
\$500 cash. 2 Reserved Tickets to Old St. Pat's St. Patrick's Day Civic Mass on 3/11/23

Tuesday, February 14  
Sunday, March 5

(Bonus: winning tickets from the Pot O' Gold EARLY BIRD DRAWING will be placed back in the general pool!)

Purchasing a **Pot O' Gold** ticket is easy:  
Online at <https://bit.ly/OSPPotOGold2023>

Call 312.798.2348

Scan the QR code to the right



Thank you for your generous support! Funds raised through Pot O' Gold and Shamrock'n The Block go towards strengthening the mission and advancing the vision of Old St. Patrick's Church.



## Valentines



**Annual St. Valentine's Mass**  
**Saturday, February 11, 2023 | 6pm | Church**

We invite all couples in  
married or committed relationships  
to join us for this special liturgy  
celebrating their commitment of love.



**Valentine's Day of Reflection for Couples: Holding On**  
**(... Sometimes with Duct Tape, Chicken Wire, Smoke and Mirrors**  
**... and Mercy, Grace, Laughter, Joy, and Community)**

**Saturday, February 11, 2023 | 1pm - 5:30pm | Hughes Hall (700 W Adams)**

It does not take much research to affirm that holding a marriage or long-term committed relationship together is NOT an easy endeavor. And, more often than not, those of us involved in these relationships can get the impression that we are pretty much on our own to make it work. But what if there were spaces we could go to seek wisdom, affirmation, solidarity, support, grace, and being held as we live into the holy endeavor of Holding On?

Please join us for a Valentine's Afternoon of Reflection on Saturday, February 11 from 1:00-5:30 pm as Dr. Terry Nelson-Johnson and Old St. Pat's Marriage Ministry leaders gather to contemplate, celebrate, delight, and affirm the mystery and gift of marriage and long-term committed relationships. And then join us for our Valentine's Day Mass at 6pm in church.

Suggested contribution of \$40 per couple.

Please register before **February 9th** at:

<https://osp.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/717/responses/new>







## Encore Cafe



Sunday, February 19 | 10:15AM - 11:30AM | Fellowship Hall - 625 W. Adams

**"Chicago's West Loop, Then and Now:  
People, Businesses, and Buildings"  
with Connie Fairbanks**

More an experience than a place, the Encore Cafe seeks to bring people together for a good meal, great conversation, and the best fellowship! All are welcome.

Your morning at the Encore Cafe will begin with a catered breakfast buffet followed by a thought provoking presentation by an interesting guest speaker. And there's always time for that great conversation at tables!

It's \$20 to attend. Please register by **February 13th** at <https://osp.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/720/responses/new>

## Are You Struggling with Your Values?

I often meet clients struggling with a similar conundrum. In therapy, it's very common to hear folks describe living their life with values that feel at odds with the way they are living. For many, these values at one point made sense and even provided relief when they were achieved. And why is that? Put simply, we rely on our values. But as life changes so too do our beliefs about what is important for us, and why.

When our values change it can be really jarring. Our values play a major role in how we see ourselves personally, in relation to Spirit, socially, and as members of society as a whole. When we feel we are no longer or are unable to continue living up to our values we can experience feelings such as anxiety, depression, anger, guilt, sadness, and shame. It's in these moments where our values are no longer lining up with our current circumstances that we don't just need our values, but our values also need us.

Our values are learned from many sources throughout our lives. Our families, communities, and personal experiences all play a role. In therapy, we can take a look at our values and begin to notice where they may not be serving us anymore. By creating a space to look at what we find personally meaningful in living an authentic life, we will find places where our values clash, and are in need of updating, and perhaps, even replacing.

If you're someone who is finding it challenging to live a values-based life, just know that's common. Values shift across a lifetime just as we do, and require careful reflection and tending to. If these difficulties feel familiar to you, reach out. It is always a good time to get to know our values.

Michael Olan, Old St. Patrick Counselor Intern, is available to meet in person on Fridays at his office at the Jack Wall Mission Center, 711 W. Monroe, and via telehealth throughout the week. Michael can accept most BlueCross BlueShield PPO insurance plans through The Claret Center and also offers a sliding scale, so do not let finances be a deterrent. Contact Michael directly at [michaelo@oldst.pats.org](mailto:michaelo@oldst.pats.org) or at 872-212-6101.





## 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:

- 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*

North Lawndale



## LEGACY BUILDERS IMPACT STORIES

### Raveen Monroe— P2P Program Graduate

Raveen Monroe came to NLEN seeking to build her job skills and graduated from NLEN's Pathway to Prosperity program in December 2021. Raveen took the skills she learned in Pathway to Prosperity and decided to take the initiative to go back to school to obtain a culinary degree. Old St. Pat's supported Raveen's academic journey by paying her outstanding tuition balance and her books. Thanks to NLEN and Old St. Pat's, Raveen is enrolled in an Associates program for culinary arts and will graduate in 2024!

### Sean Johnson - READI

Sean Johnson is a READI participant whose prior history with the criminal legal system had impacted his employment and his ability to earn a living. Mr. Johnson has been working diligently to change the course of his life while in READI, and Old St. Pat's has supported Sean by paying for the substance use evaluation and the fees associated with reinstating a suspended and revoked driver's license.

Because of the generous support from Old St. Pat's, Mr. Johnson was able to get his job back at Chicago Chicken and Waffles, continue his participation in READI, and find additional employment within the field of conservation.



# FIRST FRIDAY CLUB OF CHICAGO

## Rooftop Pastor Works to Break Cycle of Violence, Poverty and Racism in Woodlawn

Pastor Corey Brooks of New Beginnings Church and founder of Project Hood is leading the Woodlawn neighborhood as they create a safer place and give their children the tools to reach for a brighter future.

**PASTOR COREY B. BROOKS**



First Friday Club of Chicago Welcomes  
**Pastor Brooks**  
**February 3, 2023**  
 12pm Union League Club  
 65 W. Jackson Blvd,  
 Chicago

**Reserve Your Seat Today!**  
**Scan the QR code to purchase your seat**



**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.



## 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.

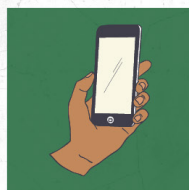


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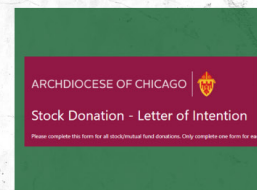
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Drop a check in the Sunday collection basket



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**(312) 798-2355 or**  
**mollyg@oldstpats.org**

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**Thank you for your generosity!**





### Sunday, January 22, 2023

Readings: Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1,4, 13-14 (1a)/1 Cor 1:10 13, 17/  
Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

Mass Remembrances:

7am: Bernie McNamara (†), Walter Morrissey (†)  
9am: J. Farina (†), Richard Charles Opher (†)  
11am: Kenneth Monarrez,  
Mary, Shannon  
5pm: Claudine Ward, Mary Lee Maloney (†)

Book of Patrick: John Finnerty, William Kiawitter,  
Steve Lombardo, Dr. George G. Moran Sr., Thaddeus Naquin,  
Michael Rosenberg, Olive Ryan Rodgers Schlitz,  
Florence & Frank Siuda, Helen Skaff, Katherine Smith,  
Patrick Casey Tierney, Kenneth Zygadlo,  
Eileen Kosinski Jones, Denise M. Stauder

### Monday, January 23, 2023

Readings: Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 Mk 3:22-30

Book of Patrick: Terence J. Harte, Judy Facinelli,  
Loretto Federation, Sophie Frasor, Michael Hage,  
David & Marie Patchin, Dr. Robert Watson, Patrick Harney

### Tuesday, January 24, 2023

Readings: Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 708a, 10, 11 Mk 3:31-35

Book of Patrick: Frank J. Tiano, Ryan M. Brady, John Devine,  
Robert Raymond Foley, Margaret Gaughan,  
James W. Higgins, Maureen F. Hughes, Ray LeFevour,  
Tom McCue, Father Robert McLaughlin,  
Robert M. McParland, Rev. Stephen J. O'Donnell, Pierce Quan,  
Quinn-Hill Family, Jack Squires, Hilde Hampi,  
Mary Mabel Gibbons Campbell, Meg Kelly Lauer

### Wednesday, January 25, 2023

Readings: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

Mass Remembrances:

12:10pm: JoAnne C Bayer (†), Sally Evers & Marian Cioe (†)

Book of Patrick: John A. Calteaux, Helen Brennan Simpson,  
Roger Benedict, Timothy J. Brennan, Mary Elizabeth Burke,  
Gerald T. Callahan, Hanna Lucas Cunningham,  
Catherine C. Fitzgerald, Catherine Marie Freedman,  
Eileen Holly, M.W."Bill" Hopkins, Margaret James,  
Georgia Kucharski, John V. Long, Sarah Lynch,  
Dr. James R. Kennedy, William T. Muckian, Kenneth Broton,  
John Garland, Phyllis Louise Gaulding

### Thursday, January 26, 2023

Readings: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Tit 1:1-5/12/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/  
Mk 4:21-25

12:10pm: Jim Ortman

Book of Patrick: James Bollin, Kathleen Buck,  
Winifred Connor, Alice Joelen Covalt,  
James LeClaire Dominik, Cecelia M. Guider, Richard Harris,  
Francis J. Wall, Joanne and Jim McGovern,  
Lucille "Harv" Marie Armstead

### Friday, January 27, 2023

Readings: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40/Mk 4:26-34

Book of Patrick: Angelina Pizzato, Mary T. Fallon,  
Judith Flynn Haggerty, John & Liz Keyser, Sharon R. Lewis,  
Yvonne Sanda Sor, Harry Ferguson Gracie, John laFramboise

### Saturday, January 28, 2023

Readings: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Mk 4:35-41

Book of Patrick: Reesa Amft, Louis A. Bacigalupo, John Cook,  
Charles W. Danis Sr., Robert N. Dillon, Margarita Gonzalez,  
John & Lenore Madden, Hazel Madden, John McGing,  
Anne Schauz, Dave & Deborah Smith, Dorothy C. Weinheimer,  
Rory Marshall Cronin, Julie Reyes Taubman,  
Louise & Frank Mitchell

### Sunday, January 29, 2023

Readings: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (Matthew 5:3)/  
1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

Mass Remembrances:

7am: Virgie Brown (†), Barbara Kelly (†)  
9am: Angela McNulty Ambrose (†),  
Susie Ambrose Dempsey (†)  
11am: Kenneth Monarrez, Paula Mazeski Moloney (†)  
5pm: Russ & Patty Jane Pelton (†)(†), Maureen McCormick  
8:00pm: Kathy Schmidt

Book of Patrick: Brian Francis Crowe, Henry P. Crowe,  
Mary Lou Fink, Walter A. Hess, Jane Kulpa,  
Mark Robert Mallon, Michael J. Martin, Philomena O'Shea,  
Karen Tackbary, Thomas J. Waldron, Philip J. Rock,  
Noreen Casey, John D. Carney, John J. "Jack" Hurley M.D

### Prayer Requests

**For Those Who Are Sick**

Judge James F. Henry, Barbara Bagnuolo, Vance Kauffold, Ed Nykaza, Lori Prinz, Tim Mojonnier, Ed Cogswell, Dave Larson, Rachel Gubbe, Denny Kearns, Mary Campbell

**For Those Who Have Died**

Ronald Lenzi, Sean O'Shea, Maurice Daniher, Amanda Longe-Asque

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

*Holy God. Today, we remember Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s struggle for equality, justice, and dignity for African Americans that inspired so many other reform movements that seek to highlight the plight of the oppressed in society.*

*We pray that all of those in civil and religious authority be reminded that we all have been created in your image, and that there is an intrinsic dignity in each of us that calls for uplifting every man and woman, young and old.*

*We pray that Your Holy Spirit remind us all that you show no partiality with regards to nationality, race, ethnicity, or gender, and to do so is to go against your great commandment of love toward one another.*

*We pray that the church will not be complicit of injustice by being silent, but that it can rise up with a prophetic voice that speaks truth to power and advances the values of your Kingdom.*

*We pray these things in the name of our blessed redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

### Women and Men of Faith



Image: Painting of Vicente de Zaragoza by Tomás Giner

### Saint Vincent of Zaragoza

Saint of the Day for January 22, 2023

#### Saint Vincent of Zaragoza's Story

Most of what we know about this saint comes from the poet Prudentius. His Acts have been rather freely colored by the imagination of their compiler. But Saint Augustine, in one of his sermons on Saint Vincent, speaks of having the Acts of his martyrdom before him. We are at least sure of his name, his being a deacon, the place of his death and burial.

According to the story we have, the unusual devotion he inspired must have had a basis in a very heroic life. Vincent was ordained deacon by his friend Saint Valerius of Zaragoza in Spain. The Roman emperors had published their edicts against the clergy in 303, and the following year against the laity. Vincent and his bishop were imprisoned in Valencia. Hunger and torture failed to break them. Like the youths in the fiery furnace, they seemed to thrive on suffering.

Valerius was sent into exile, and Dacian, the Roman governor, now turned the full force of his fury on Vincent. Tortures that sound very modern were tried. But their main effect was the progressive disintegration of Dacian himself. He had the torturers beaten because they failed.

Finally he suggested a compromise: Would Vincent at least give up the sacred books to be burned according to the emperor's edict? He would not. Torture on the gridiron continued, the prisoner remaining courageous, the torturer losing control of himself. Vincent was thrown into a filthy prison cell—and converted the jailer. Dacian wept with rage, but strangely enough, ordered the prisoner to be given some rest.

Friends among the faithful came to visit him, but he was to have no earthly rest. When they finally settled him on a comfortable bed, he went to his eternal rest.

#### Reflection

The martyrs are heroic examples of what God's power can do. It is humanly impossible, we realize, for someone to go through tortures such as Vincent had and remain faithful. But it is equally true that by human power alone no one can remain faithful even without torture or suffering. God does not come to our rescue at isolated, "special" moments. God is supporting the super-cruisers as well as children's toy boats.

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