

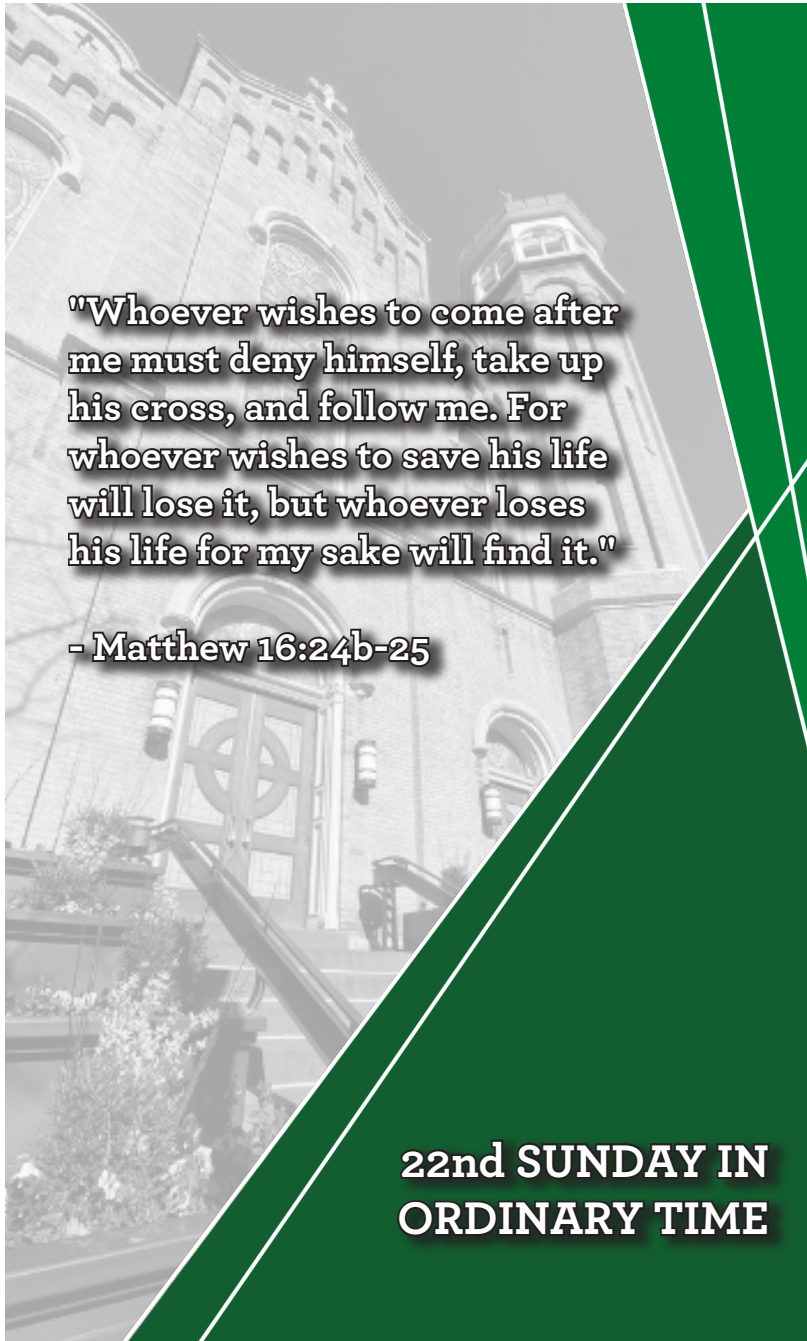


The CROSSROADS

Old St. Patrick's Bulletin

A Catholic Community in Chicago's West Loop

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2023



"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

- Matthew 16:24b-25

**22nd 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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EVENT

DATE | TIME | LOCATION

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<i>Encounter Young Adult Small Groups</i>	September 3 After 5:00 PM Mass OSP Rectory	Brenda Chavez brendac@oldstpats.org
<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>Violins of Hope</i>	September 6 7:30 PM OSP Church	Mark Scozzafave marks@oldstpats.org
<i>Encounter Young Adult Baseball Night</i>	September 7 6:30 PM Wrigley Field	Brenda Chavez brendac@oldstpats.org
<i>Member Appreciation Day</i>	September 10 10 AM - 7 PM OSP Courtyard	Sheila Greifhahn sheilag@oldstpats.org
<i>You Are Not Alone Divorce Support Group</i>	September 10 10:30 AM Zoom	Doreen Oleszczuk doreenoles@yahoo.com
<i>Monday Evening Rosary Prayer Group</i>	September 11 6:00 PM Zoom	Beth Marek elizabethm@oldstpats.org
<i>Pneuma LGBTQ+ Faith Sharing</i>	September 12 Contact for details	Brenda Chavez brendac@oldstpats.org
<i>OSP Men's Group Pig Roast</i>	September 14 6:00 PM OSP Courtyard	Ed St. Peter mensgroup@oldstpats.org
<i>My Brothers Kitchen (formerly Bread of Life Breakfast)</i>	September 16 8:00 AM 1241 S. Pulaski Rd.	Vincent Guider vincentg@oldstpats.org
<i>Special Friends Mass</i>	September 17 1:00PM OSP Courtyard	Bea Cunningham beac@oldstpats.org
<i>Encounter Young Adult Small Groups</i>	September 17 After 5:00 PM Mass OSP Rectory	Brenda Chavez brendac@oldstpats.org



HAPPY LABOR DAY!
Monday, September 4

There will be NO MASSES scheduled Labor Day, Monday, September 4th.

Old St. Patrick's offices will be closed for the day.



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 visit oldstpats.org/synod to find resources for this journey.





Why “synod?”

In its technical sense a synod is a gathering of church leaders to discuss matters of faith or church practice. There have been many such gatherings in the history of the Church. The word literally means “journeying together” (from the Greek word *synodía*), to indicate that this process should always be done in the company of others and never alone.

“The Church is exploring a new way of being Church to equip our local churches to live together in communion, achieve greater participation, and move forward more intentionally in our mission in and throughout the world. This Synod is an invitation to engage with those on the margins of our Church and society, an opportunity to encounter those who may disagree with us or think differently than us. Everyone’s voice and experience are vital to the path we are asked to walk together throughout this process.

This time of listening and dialogue is an invitation to adopt an orientation of welcome and understanding, to return to our mission, and build communion. As we do so we can both strengthen our faith and remain true to our teachings while deepening our relationships with all the People of God.

This synod is an invitation to really listen to the lived experiences of the whole of the People of God and discern, together, where the Spirit is calling us as a Church. This may not always be a straightforward process and does not have any set outcomes or intended benchmarks.”

(Source: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

*For information and resources on the Synod,
please visit oldstpats.org/Synod*

Pope Francis' Speech to the Delegation for the Presentation of the 'E Giornalismo' Prize (8/26/23)

Last weekend, Pope Francis met with a group of Italian journalists and shared with them his hopes for the Church's Synod as hundreds of lay leaders, priests, religious, and bishops gather in Rome from around the world in October. In his comments, we find not only an explanation of what Pope Francis means by a synodal process, but we also see what the Pope believes are the origins and vision for this Synod on Synodality.

Synod (noun): making a way together, walking a path together
syn + hodos = 'with' + 'path'

"The hope is this: that today, in a time in which everyone seems to comment on everything, even regardless of the facts and often even before being informed, we rediscover and return to cultivating more the principle of reality - reality is superior to the idea, always -: the reality of facts, the dynamism of facts; which are never static and always evolve, towards good or evil, so as not to run the risk of the information society turning into the disinformation society.

To do this, however, we need to spread a culture of encounter, a culture of dialogue, a culture of listening to the other and his or her reasons. Digital culture has brought us so many new possibilities for exchange, but it also risks turning communication into slogans. No, communication is always back and forth. I speak, I listen, and I respond, but always dialogue. It is not a slogan. I am concerned, for example, about the manipulations of those who interestingly propagate fake news to steer public opinion. Please, let us not give in to the logic of opposition, let us not be influenced by the language of hatred.

And now I come to the request for help. Precisely at this time, when there is much talk and little listening, and when the sense of the common good is in danger of weakening, the Church as a whole has embarked on a journey to rediscover the word together. We must rediscover the word together. Walk together. Question together. Take responsibility together for community discernment, which for us is prayer, as the first Apostles did: this is synodality, which we would like to make a daily habit in all its expressions. Precisely for this purpose, in just over a month, bishops and lay people from all over the world will meet here in Rome for a Synod on synodality: listening together, discerning together, praying together. The word together is very important. We are in a culture of exclusion, which is a kind of communication capitalism.

I am well aware that speaking of a "Synod on Synodality" may seem something abstruse, self-referential, excessively technical, of little interest to the general public. But what has happened over the past year, which will continue with the assembly next October and then with the second stage of Synod 2024, is something truly important for the Church. It is a journey that Saint Paul VI began at the end of the Council, when he created the Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops, because he had realized that in the Western Church synodality had disappeared, whereas in the Eastern Church they have this dimension. And this years-long journey - 60 years - is bearing great fruit. Please, let us get used to listening to each other, to talking, not cutting our heads off for a word. To listen, to discuss in a mature way. This is a grace we all need in order to move forward. And it is something the Church today offers the world, a world so often so incapable of making decisions, even when our very survival is at stake. We are trying to learn a new way of living relationships, listening to one another to hear and follow the voice of the Spirit. We have opened our doors, we have offered everyone the opportunity to participate, we have taken into account everyone's needs and suggestions. We want to contribute together to build the Church where everyone feels at home, where no-one is excluded. That word of the Gospel that is so important: everyone. Everyone, everyone: there are no first-, second- or third-class Catholics, no. All together. Everyone. It is the Lord's invitation."

The full English text translation of Pope Francis' Speech to the Delegation for the Presentation of the 'E Giornalismo' Prize (8/26/23) can be found at [Vatican.va](https://www.vatican.va).



SAVE THE DATE

MEMBER APPRECIATION DAY

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

Sunday,
September
10

ACTIVITIES:

- Music
- Kid's Zone, Ice Cream, Donuts, and Coffee
After 9 & 11 AM
- Pizza and Beverages
After 5 PM
- Banner for First Responders in Honor of 9/11
- myOSP Hub & Prizes - *quantity limited*

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



SPECIAL FRIENDS

It's no secret that the ways in which Old St. Pat's continues to manifest and grow its mission is through YOU. The success of Old St. Pat's mission these past many years has been through the goodness, energy, and creativity of its members and partners who stepped up and said: I got an idea. Church is always about new ideas and new ways of expressing the gospel of Jesus.



Back in 2010, Jonathan and Christina Shaver, approached then-Pastor Tom Hurley with an idea that we thought was really a good one. The Shavers had been blessed with two children and like all parents, their hands were full. Parenting is always hard work and after talking with Jonathan and Christina, Fr. Tom saw just how demanding and fulfilling it could be. Having a child with special needs, only intensifies the dedication of parents. It's truly a marvel. Parents are great heroes.

Knowing how challenging it can be on a Sunday morning for families, kids and especially those with special needs, the Shavers asked about the possibility of hosting an occasional Sunday mass for families who may need something a little different and perhaps a lot simpler. Specifically, we're talking about having a liturgy designed for kids and adults with special needs. We learned a lot from Jonathan and Christina about their little guy and how they would like to share the Sunday experience with him and if it could be done with less stimuli. We supported their request.

Now, thirteen years later, many Special Friends masses under our belts, we're still grateful for that conversation and the service we can provide for families.

Update from the Shavers in August of 2023:

Special Friends Mass allowed our immediate family and extended family members the opportunity to worship together. We also got to know other families and friends whose own individual situations made the Special Friends mass a good fit for them.

I do believe it helped Evan feel part of a broader community.

Evan is now 19 and attending a young adult transition program in CT, where he is learning life skills like budgeting and being a good roommate. He works part time at Petco and the grocery store with a job coach from the program who is teaching him job skills. Special Friends Mass was a wonderful foundation for him.

If you, or someone you know, would benefit from joining our Special Friends Masses, we welcome you! Please help us spread the word.

Those masses are being held on the following Sundays:

September 17	1:00 outside in the courtyard	February 18	12:00 FXW cafeteria
October 22	1:00 outside in the courtyard	March 10	12:00 FXW cafeteria
November 12	12:00 FXW cafeteria	April 14	1:00 outside in the courtyard
January 14	12:00 FXW cafeteria	May 19	1:00 outside in the courtyard





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.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



Couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary are invited to gather together for the Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass that will be celebrated by Cardinal Cupich on Sunday, September 17, 2023 at 2:30 p.m. at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago.

Email gwa@archchicago.org with any questions.
To register online, please visit pvm.archchicago.org/events/golden-wedding.



Adoption Connections



Please join us for an in person gathering of OSP Adoption Connections!

Adoption Connections is a forum for people on the adoption journey to connect, share stories, and support each other.

Let's get to know each other over dinner, drinks, or just good conversation at Green Street Local, 130 S Green Street, after 5:00 PM Mass on Sunday, September 17. You can either meet us outside of OSP after Mass to walk over together as a group, or meet us at Green Street Local at 6:30PM. Kids are welcome.

So that we can make reservations, please RSVP to Rachele Lindo rachele.lindo@gmail.com by Wednesday, September 13.

The Adoption Creed

Not flesh of my flesh nor bone of my bone, but still miraculously my own. Never forget for a single minute, you didn't grow under my heart, but in it. ~ Author unknown





THE SEASON OF CREATION BEGINS: LET JUSTICE AND PEACE FLOW

The Season of Creation is a time when churches of many denominations focus on faith-based responses to the environmental crisis. The Season begins each year on September 1, the World Day of Prayer for creation, and ends on October 4, the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, beloved in many faiths as the patron saint of ecology. Each year, a Steering Committee composed of representatives of several religious groups creates a theme for the Season of Creation. This year's theme, "Let Justice and Peace Flow," recognizes the vital part water plays in sustaining life in all its forms on earth, and

acknowledges that the environmental crisis is also a crisis of justice, based on the unequal burden placed on some parts of the world.

Pope Francis writes movingly about these issues in his letter addressing the 2023 Season of Creation. Acknowledging the theme of this year's season, he calls for us to harmonize our own rhythms with those of creation, so that the heartbeat of Creation matches the heartbeat of God. He asks us to stand with the victims of environmental and climate justice, in opposition to predatory industries, like those involved with fracking, mega-mining projects, and intensive animal farming.

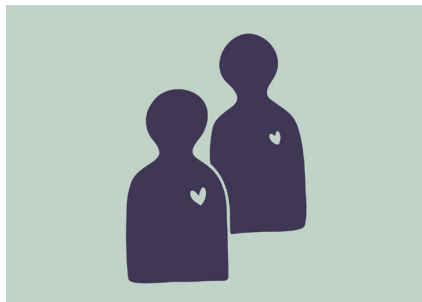
The Pope urges us to make three changes in response to the Season of Creation. First, to transform our hearts in four areas: in relation to God, other human beings, nature, and ourselves. Second, to transform our lifestyles, so we live with moderation and joyful sobriety, following practices like consistent recycling and making sustainable choices about the products and services we use. Third, to transform public policies, so we bring an end to the era of fossil fuels, and develop ways to pay back the ecological debt richer nations owe to the rest of the world.

Acting with urgency now means we will not miss our chance to create a more sustainable just world, as the United Nations has acknowledged. In doing so, we acknowledge our faith that nature is an inexhaustible gift, and our common home a great cathedral, worthy of our veneration and devotion.

To learn more about the Season of Creation visit: <https://seasonofcreation.org/>

To read the full text of Pope Francis' letter, see:

<https://laudatosimovement.org/news/message-of-pope-francis-for-creation-day-2023/>



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!

WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP - WESTERN SUBURBS

Join the Western Suburbs Women's Spirituality Group to share each other's spiritual journey. Each meeting is centered around a discussion of readings led by a member of the group. The group meets September through May, excluding December on the 3rd Thursday of the month, at 7 PM at the Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien, IL. The first meeting will be held on Thursday, September 21. If you are interested, please contact Sandie Vaisnoras at svaisnoras@gmail.com



World Youth Day

REFLECTIONS

A couple of weeks ago, 12 Young Adults from Old St. Pat's went to Lisbon, Portugal for World Youth Day. Thank you to those that donated their time, money, and prayers to help this pilgrimage become possible. It was an incredible spiritual experience and it was a blessing to represent Old St. Pat's at the global level.



"WYD made me understand that the Catholic Church is large and diverse; this family will always have a place for you wherever you go."
-Samuel Santillan

"Esta es la juventud del Papa!"
-Maggie Hasely



Coming back from Portugal...

"Most of my feelings about the trip can be gleaned from this single sentence: Our small but mighty crew was among 1.5 million pilgrims from every corner of the world!

1.5 million young people cared enough about their faith and our Church to travel to a foreign land and share their faith with strangers. It felt like the opposite of our online-focused world; everyone was genuinely trying to meet friends from distant lands and find connection. The sheer number of attendees and their warm, open disposition gave me immense hope for the future of our faith.

Every hour we encountered fellow pilgrims from all over the world. Everyone was so joyful - inviting anyone around them to sing and dance, regardless of language barrier. I felt like I got a glimpse of the true global church, and she was wildly beautiful!

We were all pilgrims! This was a word I hadn't really associated with myself, but yes, I went to Portugal really seeking the Holy Spirit, yearning for an encounter with God. This has felt like a particularly chaotic year for me, and OSP gave me the opportunity to take a forced pause. I had never been to a WYD before, had no idea what to expect, but went trusting the Spirit would bring me whatever I might need. I am so grateful for this gift.

Our crew was small but mighty - I barely knew anyone in our group beforehand, but we shared such a beautiful experience in one week together and really looked after one another during the process. Shoutout to Young Adult Minister Brenda Chavez for building and guiding such a great group!

The mantra I want to carry most and share from this trip is this: Amidst the chaos of life, remember to pause and look up - Jesus is always there. In Lisbon, He was everywhere. Thank you so much to everyone who helped make this trip possible. I'm supposed to be aged out of the next World Youth Day, but maybe I'll show up in Seoul, South Korea as a chaperone :)"

-Reflection by Xuan Nguyen





Today's second reading from Romans urges us, appropriately, to "not conform yourselves to this age, but be transformed by the renewal of your minds, so that you may judge what is God's will, what is good, pleasing and perfect." Often our media seem to invoke fear of "the other" but Jesus implores us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Complacency in the face of ongoing immigrant suffering is an outrage to all people of faith. Nothing less than a full commitment to both the love of God and the love of each other will suffice in a world of inequality and injustice. Matthew's gospel further adds that "right conduct will be repaid by the Son of Man."

We need to discern whether we are conforming to systems of injustice or working to transform them and ourselves. Read "Open Wide Our Hearts", the US Conference of Bishops 2018 pastoral letter against racism in light of today's ongoing immigrant crisis. (Simply Google "Open Wide Our Hearts" and it comes up.) Their letter has deep insights into the treatment of immigrants and ongoing racist attitudes. The following excerpts bring the Bishops' words to life in these trying times:

"As Christians, we are called to listen and know the stories of our brothers and sisters. We must create opportunities to hear, with an open heart, the tragic stories that are deeply imprinted on the lives of our brothers and sisters, if we are to be moved with empathy to promote justice."

"Extreme nationalistic ideologies are feeding the American public discourse with xenophobic rhetoric that instigates fear against foreigners, immigrants and refugees."

How does Old St. Pat's advocate for and accompany "the other" and, at the same time, help counteract these misguided viewpoints? One way is through continued support for the Immigrant and Refugee Ministry (IRM). We can express our assistance financially or by active involvement with IRM. Both forms of solidarity are vital and greatly appreciated. Your support means a great deal to everyone involved. We must do all we can to counteract viewpoints that are xenophobic, racist and also unchristian. The Old St. Pat's vision statement calls us to action. We must lead "change within the Catholic Church marked by radical inclusivity, exquisite worship, and transformative kinship." And to strive to reach these goals we, who are the Church, say amen!

Call to Action: It is so important for OSP parishioners to understand that *the U.S. currently requires that asylum seekers wait for UP TO A YEAR--OR FREQUENTLY LONGER--to obtain a work permit, enabling them to support themselves and their families.*

There are currently two bills pending—a House bill and another in the U.S. Senate—that would reduce that waiting period to 30 days. Click on the link below, which will describe these bills and their differences. Please contact your representative and urge them to take action to reduce the waiting period. You can reach the U.S. Capitol switchboard at 202-224-3121 and ask to be connected with the Senate or Representative office you request. If you don't have the name of your representative, and you can provide your 9-digit zip code, the switchboard will connect you to the correct HOR's office. bit.ly/AsylumSeekerWorkAct



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



bit.ly/2023MensGroupPigRoast



VIOLINS OF HOPE

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.



ENCOUNTER
YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY



YOUNG ADULT SMALL GROUPS

September 3 and September 17

After 5:00 PM Mass | OSP Rectory

Meet with Encounter every 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month to build community and deepen your faith. Everyone between the ages of 18 and 39 are welcome. Snacks & drinks are provided.



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PNEUMA LGBTQ+ FAITH SHARING

September 12 and September 26

Contact for details

Pneuma is an inclusive and affirming faith sharing group for LGBTQ+ members. The group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month. Contact Brenda Chavez at brenda@oldstpats.org for details.



visit us at oldstpats.org



September 30th | 9:00 AM | 3750 W Ogden Ave.

We invite you to join the Old St. Patrick's Community for the Lawndale 5k on Saturday, September 30th to raise funds for the Lawndale Christian Fitness Center.

There will be prizes, food, and kinship with our neighbors!
For race information and to sign up visit: bit.ly/Lawndale5K

NORTHSIDE BOOK CLUB (FORMERLY ENCOUNTER BOOK CLUB)

September 25 | 6:30 PM | 4736 N Lincoln Ave

"The Irregulars: Roald Dahl and the British Spy Ring in Wartime Washington" by Jenet Conant is the book for September 25. Our book for October 23 is "The People We Keep" by Allison Larkin. Both meetings will be at the Book Cellar in Lincoln Square, from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM. We'll start our actual book discussion at 7:00 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 to talk with other men and women who are separated or divorced. YANA meets every 2nd Sunday of the month. 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.

EMERALD BALL - SAVE THE DATE

October 27




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

Emerald Ball
OLD ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

Join us for our 36th Emerald Ball - a fundraiser celebrating friendships, family and faith on Friday, October 27, 2023 at the Hilton Chicago. 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





Franciscan Outreach Gala

Honoring Fr Ed Shea, OFM, for his extraordinary commitment to the community we serve!

SEPTEMBER
THURSDAY **28** AT 6:30 PM
2023

The Drake
140 E Walton Pl, Chicago, IL 60611



Join us for an evening of song and reflection in the Taize tradition

Taize Prayer

Tuesday, September 12, at 7pm
Free and open to all

St. James on Wabash
21 East 29th Street

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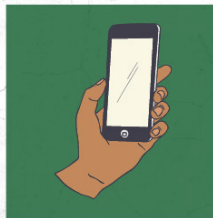


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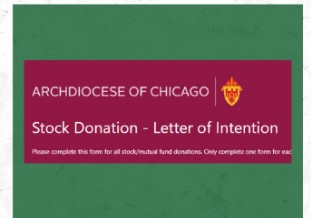
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Drop a check in the Sunday collection basket



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Mass Schedule

Sunday

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

Weekday

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

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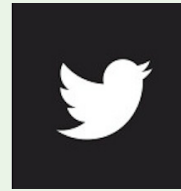
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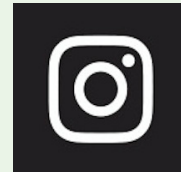
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"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.
For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." - Matthew 16:24b-25

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 (†), Brittian 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 Caulfield, Louis A. Radelet,
Robert Gietl, Joseph E. Morahan Jr.

Monday, September 4, 2023

Readings: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 Lk 4:16-30

Book of Patrick: Rev. John Sullivan, Hannah Dykehouse,
Anne Brokenshire, Dante Sayre and Leonardo Sayre,
Irene H. Bechina, Mary Ogonowski,
Terrence Joseph Costello, Peter Conway

Tuesday, September 5, 2023

Readings: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37

Mass Remembrances:

12:10pm: Sue Ann Zylstra

Book of Patrick: William Bradford, William S. Bradford Jr,
Maude Pollock, Caitlin Josephs, Margaret Fitzgerald,
Richard Criswell, Brian Shannon, William E. Giralain,
Colleen Burns, Trudy and Michael Kelly, Jerry Ryan,
Maureen P. Riley, Hayes and Mary Louise Kennedy,
John and Margaret Finneran, Donald and Margaret Wise,
Steven Fran Considine, Tom and Liz Borger,
Michael F. Wynne, Mary Elizabeth Hevener

Wednesday, September 6, 2023

Readings: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44

Mass Remembrances:

12:10pm: Mary Jo Keane (†), Joseph Martin Canero (†)

Book of Patrick: Rudolph Budach, Mary Louise Doermer,
James J. Holbrook Jr., Susan E. Burton & Thomas O'Donnell,
Fr. Paul Novak & DeLaSalle Institute,
Sharon and George Moudry, Geraldine "DOLLY" Meccia,
John Francis Smith, The Family of Jim Dee, Willa B White,
Joanne C Smith, MD

Thursday, September 7, 2023

Readings: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

Book of Patrick: James B. Walenta,
Frank, Bill, Cindy Scalise,
Stone/Geier Family, Sr. Hortense Marie,
Nathan Vrabel, Vito & Gerry Valella, John (Jack) Casurella,
John Stratton, Jeannie Carol Thompson, Robert J. Murray,
Danny Castillo, Maxine and John Difino, Steve H. Sea

Friday, September 8, 2023

Readings: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Book of Patrick: Maggie Daley, Patrick J. Conaghan,
Mary E. Dowd, John J. Fahey, Mary K. Maloney,
Phil & Penny McCarthy, William O'Shea, Clara McCarthy,
George W. Roat, Donald J. Zinn, William E. Coonan

Saturday, September 9, 2023

Readings: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5

Book of Patrick: Martin J. Carroll, Leo & Mary Josephs,
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Grennan, Alex & Marie Marini,
Ernest McCallick

Sunday, September 10, 2023

Readings: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 13:8-10
Mt 18:15-20

Mass Remembrances:

7am: Mary Jo Keane (†), Kathleen Needham (†)
9am: Mitzi Boyd (†), Jeffrey LaRue (†)
11am: Kenneth Monarrez, John Cella (†)
5pm: Rose D'Alexander (†),
Ramos, Jalasco, Chua grandparents
8pm: Kanwaljeet Kaur Prince (†), William Jason Bell Jr. (†)

Book of Patrick: Daniel R. Green,
Suzanne & Richard Beeman & Family,
Brad Williams, Peggy Murray Buruato, Shannon Berry,
Joseph & Hilda Coltellaro, Lawrence Joseph Hayes,
Stauder, Clines & Doyle Families,
Martha E. Piech, Susan Suliburk Driscoll,
Joseph E. Valenti Sr., Mary A. Hardiman,
Melkinee Edwards, Gerard "Buck" Grace,
Rodger E. Slater, Shannon Elizabeth Morrow

Prayer Requests

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Marianne Cyrnek, Linda Drennan, Gene Semmelhack,
Daniel Hoogewerf, DiMarkco Chandler, Baby Owen Rice,
Jean Casey, Nancy Rayhawk, Tyler Tate, Juan Rufino Romero

For Those Who Have Died

Joseph McCoy, Myriam Muñoz Navarrete, Ann Marie Casey,
Paulette Bolton, Fred Peltz, Officer Jeffrey Friedlieb

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*Creator God we thank you for offering us
the precious gift of work and stewardship.
Bless us so that we can do our work
with utmost sincerity and love.
God, you are the epitome of justice,
and we pray today that
all workers get fair remuneration for their labor.*

Women and Men of Faith



Image: Saint Gregory the Great | Jusepe de Ribera, also known as José de Ribera

Saint Gregory the Great Saint of the Day for September 3, 2023

Gregory was the prefect of Rome before he was 30. After five years in office he resigned, founded six monasteries on his Sicilian estate, and became a Benedictine monk in his own home at Rome.

Ordained a priest, Gregory became one of the pope's seven deacons, and also served six years in the East as papal representative in Constantinople. He was recalled to become abbot, but at the age of 50 was elected pope by the clergy and people of Rome.

Gregory was direct and firm. He removed unworthy priests from office, forbade taking money for many services, emptied the papal treasury to ransom prisoners of the Lombards and to care for persecuted Jews and the victims of plague and famine. He was very concerned about the conversion of England, sending 40 monks from his own monastery. He is known for his reform of the liturgy, and for strengthening respect for doctrine. Whether he was largely responsible for the revision of "Gregorian" chant is disputed.

Gregory lived in a time of perpetual strife with invading Lombards and difficult relations with the East. When Rome itself was under attack, he interviewed the Lombard king.

His book, Pastoral Care, on the duties and qualities of a bishop, was read for centuries after his death. He described bishops mainly as physicians whose main duties were preaching and the enforcement of discipline. In his own down-to-earth preaching, Gregory was skilled at applying the daily Gospel to the needs of his listeners. Called "the Great," Gregory has been given a place with Augustine, Ambrose, and Jerome, as one of the four key doctors of the Western Church.

An Anglican historian has written: "It is impossible to conceive what would have been the confusion, the lawlessness, the chaotic state of the Middle Ages without the medieval papacy; and of the medieval papacy, the real father is Gregory the Great."

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Parish Counselor: If you or someone you know is in need of counseling services, please contact Old St. Patrick's Parish Counselor, Sarah Thompson at saraht@oldstpats.org or 773-234-9630.

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