WHAT TRUTH SOUNDS LIKE
WITH MICHAEL ERIC DYSON, PHD

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By Fr. Tom Hurley
Sunday, January 26

As I'm writing this article on this winter day, I'm looking out the window and watching the snow fall on Chicago. With the exception of early snow on Halloween, I think we'd all agree that, so far, we’ve escaped a harsh winter with lots of snow and frigid temps. Let’s hope it stays that way! I don't want to jinx us now!

One of the images that is tattooed in my memory from many years ago, especially when it comes to heavy snowfall, are events like the blizzard of ’79 or more recently in 2011 and 2015, to recall just a few. Like any big snow, especially in Chicago, digging out can be a real chore. I can recall many times during those big heavy snowfalls and living on a typical city street on the southwest side when it was “all hands on deck” to help each other on the block when it came to walkways, driveways, and those most coveted parking places in front of our houses.

Likewise, before the invention of front-wheel-drive, I can recall countless times as a kid when a neighbor’s car would be stuck in the snow, the rear wheels spinning furiously on a patch of ice and “the call to arms” was announced. “Let’s go!” someone would often yell to the rest of the neighbors on the block, “we have to give Mr. Altman’s car a push!” And without hesitation, six or seven guys would trudge through the snow and GET BEHIND the wheel-spinning-car and with shared energy, pushing with all force, set it free! With traction under his tires, off he went.

When I think about Old St. Pat’s and our “success” as a vibrant church in the 21st century, I recall that winter image of shared energy and giving each other a push. The reason Old St. Pat’s attracts a community from around the city, suburbs, and indeed around the nation is because we foster a common dream to “GET BEHIND” the mission and give it all we got!

Thirty-six years ago, a younger Fr. Jack Wall, my mentor and predecessor, came to Old St. Pat’s and brought an energy and a dream of what this church could be like. Having inherited an old, tired, worn down piece of “machinery” (buildings in disrepair, not a lot of people, and zero resources) Jack and others got together and said let’s GET BEHIND this church, dream of a new, exciting mission, and give it a push into the future. And so it happened.

With no financial resources to sustain the early mission of Old St. Pat’s, one of the first means of securing some funding was to throw the World’s Largest Block Party. If you grew up in Chicago, you were well familiar with a city block party: gather your neighbors, shut down the street, have some music and beer, and the rest is history. For the past 35 years, thousands of people have both enjoyed the Block Party and got behind its success. Had it not been for the early pioneers and the countless volunteers who kept pushing the World’s Largest Block Party into the successful event it has been as one of Chicago’s signature summer-time festivals, we as a church would never have benefitted from its financial success. We are so proud of the amazing run of the World’s Largest Block Party we have enjoyed for these past 35 years. Without those significant funds, much of what we do today at Old St. Pat’s would never have been realized.

Today, however, Old St. Pat’s is a much different place than it was 35 years ago and the city, its demographic landscape, and the summer event environment is much different and likewise much more difficult for us to navigate. There is more competition today than ever before during the summer months in Chicago. We are grateful for where we have been and we are excited as we look to the future and starting to plan events, experiences, and programs that reflect where we are going.

Because of the many people here at Old St. Pat’s who have committed so many years to the event, I wanted you to be the first to know that we will not be hosting the World’s Largest Block Party this coming year. As we get ready to embark on the 175th anniversary of Old St. Patrick’s Church, we feel it’s time for us to start imagining and creating events that will launch us into the next chapter of our community life.

For starters, I think we have a great opportunity with this year’s St. Patrick’s Day, 2020. I was humbled when the parade organizers asked me to serve as the Grand Marshal of this year’s parade. I see it not as a personal honor for me, but more importantly as a way to celebrate the life of Old St. Pat’s. Besides our participation in this historic city event, we would like to host a different kind of Block Party, calling it “Shamrock’n the Block” which we will host right here on Desplaines Street in the shadows of Chicago’s oldest church. More details will be forthcoming but PLEASE mark March 14th as a day to start something new for our future, which is filled with great Hope. Like those ancestors 175 years ago and those who gathered 35 years ago, let’s GET BEHIND IT and keep pushing our mission forward, making it strong and alive!

In anticipation of a Happy and Joyful St. Patrick’s Day,

Fr. Tom Hurley
Father Tom Hurley
THE LITTLE WAY

Most of us have heard of St. Therese of Lisieux, a French mystic who died at age 24 in 1897 and who is perhaps the most popular saint of the last two centuries. She’s famous for many things, not least for a spirituality she called her “little way”. What’s her “little way”?

Popular thought has often encrusted both Therese and her “little way” within a simple piety which doesn’t do justice to the depth of her person or her spirituality. Too often her “little way” is understood simply to mean that we do little, hidden, humble, acts of charity for others in the name of Jesus, without expecting anything in return. In this popular interpretation we do the laundry, peel potatoes, and smile at unpleasant people to please Jesus. In some ways, of course, this is true; however her “little way” merits a deeper understanding.

Yes, it does ask us to do humble chores and be nice to each other in the name of Jesus but there are deeper dimensions to it. Her “little way” is a path to sanctity based on three things: Littleness, Anonymity, and a Particular Motivation.

Littleness: For Therese “littleness” does not refer first of all to the littleness of the act that we are doing, like the humble tasks of doing the laundry, peeling potatoes, or giving a simple smile to someone who’s unpleasant. It refers to our own littleness, to our own radical poverty before God. Before God, we are little. To accept and act out of that constitutes humility. We move towards God and others in her “little way” when we do small acts of charity for others, not out of our strength and the virtue we feel at that moment, but rather out of a poverty, powerlessness, and emptiness that allows God’s grace to work through us so that in doing what we’re doing we’re drawing others to God and not to ourselves.

As well, our littleness makes us aware that, for the most part, we cannot do the big things that shape world history. But we can change the world more humbly, by sowing a hidden seed, by being a hidden antibiotic of health inside the soul of humanity, and by splitting the atom of love inside our own selves. And yes, too, the “little way” is about doing little, humble, hidden things.

Anonymity: Therese’s “little way” refers to what’s hidden, to what’s done in secret, so that what the Father sees in secret will be rewarded in secret. And what’s hidden is not our act of charity, but we, ourselves, who are doing the act. In Therese’s “little way” our little acts of charity will go mostly unnoticed, will seemingly have no real impact on world history, and won’t bring us any recognition. They’ll remain hidden and unnoticed; but inside the Body of Christ what’s hidden, selfless, unnoticed, self-effacing, and seemingly insignificant and unimportant is the most vital vehicle of all for grace at a deeper level. Just as Jesus did not save us through sensational miracles and headline-making deeds but through selfless obedience to his Father and quiet martyrdom, our deeds too can remain unknown so that our deaths and the spirit we leave behind can become our real fruitfulness.

Finally, her “little way” is predicated on a Particular Motivation. We are invited to act out of our littleness and anonymity and do small acts of love and service to others for a particular reason, that is, to, metaphorically, wipe the face of the suffering Christ. How so?

Therese of Lisieux was an extremely blessed and gifted person. Despite a lot of tragedy in her early life, she was (by her own admission and testimony of others) loved in a way that was so pure, so deep, and so wonderfully affectionate that it leaves most people in envy. She was also a very attractive child and was bathed in love and security inside an extended family within which her every smile and tear were noticed, honored, (and often photographed). But as she grew in maturity it didn’t take her long to notice that what was true in her life wasn’t true of most others. Their smiles and tears went mostly unnoticed and were not honored. Her “little way” is therefore predicated on this particular motivation. In her own words:

“One Sunday, looking at a picture of Our Lord on the Cross, I was struck by the blood flowing from one of his divine hands. I felt a pang of great sorrow when thinking this blood was falling on the ground without anyone’s hastening to gather it up. I was resolved to remain in spirit at the foot of the Cross and to receive its dew. … Oh, I don’t want this precious blood to be lost. I shall spend my life gathering it up for the good of souls. … To live from love is to dry Your Face.”

To live her “little way” is to notice and honor the unnoticed tears falling from the suffering faces of others.

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courtneym@oldstpats.org |
| Foundations | | | | |
| Rosary Prayer Group | Monday, Jan. 27 | 6:30 pm | 711 W. Monroe, Room 24 | Beth Marek
elizabethm@oldstpats.org |
| Broadway on Adams | January 30 - February 1 | | 625 W. Adams | Mark Scozzafave
marks@oldstpats.org |
| First Friday Club with Phillip J. Andrew | Friday, Feb. 7 | 12 - 1:15 pm | Union League Club | ffcc@firstfridayclubchicago.org |
| St. Valentine’s Day Mass | Saturday, Feb. 8 | 6 - 7:30 pm | Old St. Patrick's Church | info@oldstpats.org |
| Divorce Recovery Group New Session Begins | Monday, Feb. 10 | 6 - 7:30 | 711 W. Monroe St. | Sarah Thompson
sarah@oldstpats.org |
| At the Crossroads Lecture | Tuesday, Feb. 11 | 7 pm | Dominican University | Bob Kolatorowicz
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### 2019 GIVING STATEMENTS

Thank you for your wonderfully generous giving to Old St. Pat's in 2019! The development office is mailing giving statements by January 31 to all donors who contributed $250 or more to Old St. Pat's in 2019, as required by law. You may also access your statement by logging into your myOSP account and following these steps:

→ click on the involvement tab  
→ on the financial tab, click on the three dots in the top right corner  
→ select giving statement  
→ under “quick date range,” select last year  
→ select deductible  
→ click run

### GIVING TO OSP

Sunday Giving comprises 96% of Old St. Pat’s operating budget. Everything we do here – from liturgy and music to educating our youngest members to our Kinship Initiative in North Lawndale to Pastoral Care to our transformative RCIA experience to Encore, Gay+, the Men's Group, OSP Next, etc. – is made possible by your generous support of Sunday Giving. To make a one time gift or set up a recurring gift, please visit oldstpats.org/giving or scan the QR code below to pay through our secure payment processor on your smartphone.

### OTHER WAYS TO GIVE:

- **Text to Give:**
  - Text “Give” to (312) 535-0118 or scan the QR code using your phone camera, then follow the prompts to make a secure gift.
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  - Select Old St. Patrick's Church as your organization.

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FOUNDATIONS PANCAKE BREAKFAST - TODAY!
Come down to the Hall for pancakes and support Foundations 2020 Worktours. Tickets are available at the door and we also have a raffle with lots of great prizes!

Foundations Youth Ministry

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, January 26
9:00 am - 1:00 pm
$10 for adults
$5 for children 12 & under
Old St. Patrick's
Hughes Hall
700 West Adams,
Chicago, IL

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARD THE OSP
FOUNDATIONS YOUTH MINISTRY 2020 WORKTOURS!

AT THE CROSSROADS LECTURE
Tuesday, February 11 | 7:00 pm | Admission: $10
Lund Auditorium, Dominican University
7900 W. Division St. River Forest, IL

Purchase your tickets online by visiting bit.ly/atc-michaelericdyson

When registering online, please click on the "How did you hear about the show?" question and select Old St. Pat's.

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The book explores an important meeting and conversation about race between Robert F. Kennedy and James Baldwin in 1963 that continues to impact us all today. Dr. Dyson argues that we have “the power to fix what ails us,” and that we must seize this challenge and reminds us that we are in “dire need of more talk, more insight, more wisdom, and yes, more productive conflict, if we are to learn from our past in order to move forward into the present.”

Dr. Michael Eric Dyson is a Georgetown University sociology professor, a New York Times contributing opinion writer, and a contributing editor of The New Republic, and of ESPN’s The Undefeated website.
This is Part 4 of a 10 part series of stories examining the complex socio-economic issue of poverty and unemployment in Chicago’s North Lawndale community. The aim of the series is to foster prayerful contemplation about this critical social justice issue and then rally the Old St. Patrick’s community to help eliminate barriers to employment for North Lawndale neighbors.

PART FOUR: EMPLOYMENT BARRIERS FOR REENTERING CITIZENS

By Martana Wilkins

I am a 30-year old African American ex-offender who has had a clean record for the last 8 years. I do not smoke, drink or do drugs. After my release from prison, I obtained my high school diploma in an accredited adult education program and am now taking online college classes. I have been struggling to find decent employment since I was released from prison. Let me tell you about one of my frequent experiences.

Last October 2019, I had a day I will never forget. It was my second interview with a janitorial service in Bensenville, Illinois. I did everything I could to prepare myself for this meeting because my wife and I were falling behind with our bills. We could not pay the rent, we were low on food, there were few options for transportation and to put it in a nutshell, we were broke. I worked on preparing myself for the interview and I did my research learning about the company because I was ready to work and provide for my family.

At that time, I was living on the west side of Chicago, so I estimated the commute to be at least an hour to travel to the 10:00 a.m. interview. A good friend of mine sent me money by Western Union so I could cover my transportation expenses. I got to the interview at 9:46 a.m. I asked God to please let this be my big break because I had previously been turned down for job after job after job. I looked at my phone and noticed I had a text from my wife expressing how she believed in her heart that I would get the job. Seeing how this was my second interview, I wanted to believe that this would be true. I adjusted my clothing and proudly walked through the door. Flashing a smile, I introduced myself to Mr. Jones.

The interview with Mr. Jones felt like it was going great. He gave me a quick tour of the company.
Mr. Jones introduced me to another employee saying I would be working closely with him on my assignments. We really connected as he spoke about the day to day responsibilities of the job. After we returned to his office, he looked at me and said, "I want to offer you this position if you will accept." Mr. Jones said, "I feel you are the guy for this job because you have charisma, skills, availability, and dedication to work for this company." I began shaking his hand and thanked him over and over again. I filled out and signed the paperwork. Mr. Jones said he would email me a start date. I was so excited.

After I got outside, I could not help but text my wife telling her I got the position. She was so happy and proud of me. In the days that followed I checked my emails regularly. Having no news, I emailed Mr. Jones asking him when would be a good time to discuss a start date. My wife had started to get concerned. A week later I received an email from Mr. Jones telling me, “Unfortunately we cannot bring you onboard due to a recent background check, but we will keep your resume on file.” I felt let down because I had qualified for the job but got rejected for making a bad choice way back when I was 19 years old. The background check blocked my chance for a job I really wanted and needed.

Since that interview, my constant rejections and the subsequent financial strain caused a separation between my wife and me. Legal barriers that limit employment opportunities for people with criminal records continue to prevent individuals like me from entering the labor force and they deprive us of chances to become tax-paying citizens with the ability to care for ourselves and our families.

Dishwashing jobs that I could work did not pay enough for me to support my wife and son. These types of jobs that pay very low wages, provide few benefits and are physically draining offer few chances for dignity or upward mobility. They often turn ex-offenders like me back to bad choices or completely giving up. Even though we’ve already paid our debt to society, our punishment does not end when we’re released from prison. If only people would allow us to get past mistakes we made long ago and experience full redemption. We, like everyone else, want to experience the dignity of decent jobs that pay livable wages with benefits.

NORTH LAWNDALE WORKS is a campaign rallying the people of Old St. Patrick’s to help remove barriers to employment for North Lawndale residents who, like Martana, face constant rejection from employers because of their records. Here’s how you can help:

(a.) DONATE toward the daily expenses of job seekers like Martana Wilkins while they look for work and adjust to new jobs in the early weeks of employment.

(b.) NETWORK with background-friendly employers that will open up entry-level jobs for people with criminal backgrounds.

(c.) ENGAGE with social justice initiatives at Old St. Patrick’s that advocate to remove barriers to employment.

Visit www.oldstpats.org/nlw today to learn what you can do.
Old St. Pat’s is celebrating the Chicago St. Patrick’s Day Parade in style by hosting 'Shamrock’n The Block' at Tommy O’Hurley’s Pop-Up Pub on Saturday, March 14.

The "Pub" will be located in the heart of the city in a heated tent on Desplaines Avenue between Adams and Monroe (in front of Old St. Patrick’s Church). 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!). This family friendly event will include beverages, tasty pub fare, live entertainment, wee one’s zone and more! All ages welcome! Paid parking lots are available at Monroe & Desplaines.

With questions contact Honor Lorenzini at honorl@oldstpats.org or 312-798-2348.

St. Valentine’s Day Mass
Saturday, February 8 | 6 - 7:30 pm
Old St. Patrick’s Church

"We believe that where married people are living together in love, God is present, and good things happen, and lives are full.” ~ Jack Shea

Please join us for this annual tradition at Old St. Pat’s! The St. Valentine's Day Mass is a chance to carve out time to celebrate liturgy, community, and the mysterious and treacherous love called for and lived out in marriage.

All are welcome to celebrate with us, and all married couples are welcome to renew their vows during the liturgy.

Join us for a light reception afterward in Hughes Hall.
THE PRAYER OF CONSENT: 40 DAYS OF MEDITATION PRACTICE

In our prayer, we hope to experience God... an encounter with a Presence that is both greater than ourselves and at the same time, intimate and one with us. Christians throughout the world are encountering this Presence through the practice of Centering Prayer: The Prayer of Consent. This Lenten contemplative journey may be for you if you:

- Feel called to deeper experiences of silence
- Long to free yourself from the tyranny of your habitual thinking
- Already have a meditation practice you desire to deepen or if you wish to begin a practice
- Wish to be part of a community of like-minded practitioners

The cornerstone of our 40-day journey together will be a daily period of Centering Prayer and spiritual reading. A sustained contemplative practice frees us from simple reaction as we become more present and open to God, others and the world. The fruit of this practice is living a more grounded and loving life.

Whether you have been meditating for years or looking to start, you will be supported in your prayer practice with a half day retreat and four evenings for learning and sharing, a daily guide for your prayer and the opportunity to connect with others on the journey through video conferencing in an online meditation chapel.

Dates: Sunday, March 1 from 12:30 pm - 5 pm & Sundays: March 8, 15, 22, 29 from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Location: 711 W. Monroe, Room 25A

OSP ONLINE MEDITATION CHAPEL

Have you ever wanted to participate in a small faith community, but schedule and fighting traffic kept you from doing so? Have you found it difficult to stay faithful to a meditation practice or regular prayer? If so, you might find OSP's new online meditation chapel a helpful resource. You can learn all about it at www.contemplativecommunity.org.

Chapels are hosted by trained leaders Mondays – Thursdays and Saturdays each week. You can participate when you are able. We connect together in our online chapel through the video conferencing platform, Zoom. In order to participate in any of the online chapels, you will need to register. Once you have registered, an email will be sent to you with the URL and all the info you will need for participating in any of the chapels throughout the week.

The chapel experience is one hour long and takes place in two parts. You are welcome to stay for part or all of the experience. The first half of our time is spent together in silent prayer/meditation. To see, hear and join with others throughout our community can be a profoundly connecting, expansive and intimate experience. The second half of the chapel time is reserved for reflecting on scripture and simple faith sharing.

For many of us, this time in community binds us together in love. In order to foster a respectful and supportive community, we need to be especially sensitive to each other. We observe these guidelines for effective sharing. Know you are always welcome and can come and go as you are able.

GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY AND OUTREACH

Help Stamp Out Hunger in Chicago

While volunteering at GCFD, our Outreach Partners (Su Casa, The Boulevard, and House of Mary and Joseph Shelter) receive food credits for their programs.

These food credits help feed the residents while providing nutritional food items too.

We have been partnering with the Greater Chicago Food Depository here at OSP for over 25 years. By volunteering at GCFD, our Outreach Partners (Su Casa, The Boulevard, and House of Mary and Joseph Shelter) receive food credits for their programs.

Upcoming Outreach Dates:

**Saturday, February 8**
8:30 am - 11:15 am (Every second Saturday)
Contact: Mary Beth Riley mbriley07@yahoo.com or 630-655-9447

**Tuesday, February 11**
9 am - 12 pm (Every Second Tuesday)
Contact: Jim Holbrook jamesholbrookjr@yahoo.com or 773-237-2625

visit us at oldstpats.org
VOLUNTEERS TUTORS NEEDED FOR ADULT LEARNERS
A Little TLC Goes a Long Way on the road of Kinship.

Do you have the gift of giving and the love of working with others?
If so, The Learning Center, located in North Lawndale, needs you to be a tutor!

Volunteer tutors have been the caring, dedicated hearts of The Learning Center since 1983. Whether volunteering once a week or once a month, tutors work with adult from the North Lawndale and Little Village communities one-on-one and in small groups, Monday through Thursday from 9 AM to 1 PM, under the direction of Malcolm X College instructors. Your help is needed to improve reading, writing, math, and English language skills. No prior tutoring experience is necessary.

For more information or to join other Old St. Pat’s tutors at The Learning Center, please contact Angelica Saucedo, Executive Director, at asaucedo@tlcchicago.org or Marybeth Coleman, board member/tutor/Old St. Pat’s member, at marybethcolemansbcglobal.net

DIVORCE RECOVERY GROUP
Next Session Starts Monday, February 10 | 6 - 7:30 pm | 711 W. Monroe St.

What: The divorce process often brings about unexpected and unimaginable heartache, questions, and challenges. Divorce Recovery was created to bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. Structured sessions, led by a professional, licensed therapist, include education, discussion, and prayer. Each meeting focuses on a different aspect of the divorce healing process such as grief, stress, anger, blame, guilt, loneliness, family issues, forgiveness, and happiness.

Why: Our mission is to help get you started and keep you going on the path to rebuilding and renewal by providing information, resources, and encouragement while weaving together the strength that comes from our Catholic faith. It will help answer questions, restore hope, and begin authentic healing. More importantly, process groups offer a safe place where people can come together for mutual support and to learn their feelings are normal and they're not alone.

Who: Divorced men and women, Catholic or non-Catholic, are welcome to attend. It is for those recently divorced, as well as those divorced who are still struggling with issues many years later. You do not need to be a member of OSP to attend. The support group is facilitated by Sarah Thompson, a licensed professional therapist and our parish counselor.


Register: There is a suggested donation of $70, which includes 7 sessions and a workbook. Scholarships are available for those in need. Group is limited to 15 participants and fills quickly so register early. For more information please contact Old St. Pat’s Parish Counselor, Sarah Thompson at sarah@oldstpats.org or call 708-508-2705. To register, visit bit.ly/DRG-2020

OSP BOOK CLUB
Sunday, February 9 | 9:30 - 11 am | 711 W. Monroe, 3rd Floor

Join the OSP Book Club for our February meeting. We are reading The Clockmaker’s Daughter by Kate Morton. All are welcome! Just read the book and gather with us on the 9th.

Questions? Contact Eileen Sutter at ehsutter@gmail.com
More an experience than a place, the Encore Café seeks to bring together good people for a great meal, stimulating conversation, and the best fellowship! Your morning at the Encore Café begins with a catered breakfast buffet followed by a thought provoking presentation by inspiring guest speakers. And there’s always time for great conversation at tables!

We are thrilled to host television and classical crossover stars, Alfreda Burke and Rodrick Dixon. The couple and their remarkable gift of song have been a part of the Old St. Patrick’s Church family, featured in ‘Siamsa na nGael’ and ‘Deck the Hall’, for over 20 years. They’re celebrating 15 years of ‘Too Hot to Handel’ at the Auditorium Theatre and are currently livestreaming to prisons and correctional facilities including Louisiana Penitentiary at Angola. Their Prague PBS Special is ‘Hallelujah, Broadway!’ and they’ve sung in major venues throughout Chicago and internationally. Please join us for what is sure to be an unforgettable morning. All are welcome!

**Schedule:** 10:40 am Breakfast Buffet | 11:15 am Presentation | 12:15 pm Program Ends

**Location:** 625 W. Adams Street.

The program fee is $15 per person and includes the breakfast buffet.

Reservations are required and can be made online at: [bit.ly/Encorecafefeb23](bit.ly/Encorecafefeb23)

Thank you to all who came out to the Encore Ideas Fest last weekend. We had a wonderful turnout and a great time was had by all!
OLD ST. PATRICK’S ADOPTION CELEBRATION MASS
February 16, 2020 | 5 pm | Old St. Patrick's Church

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

A celebration of life and love for adoptive families, adoptees, birthparents, friends, and all whose lives have been impacted by the miracle of adoption.
Casual dinner reception follows the mass in the church hall.

Please RSVP: bit.ly/adoptionmass2020

OSP Adoption Group
Cynthia and Ed St. Peter, Co-chairs

Please contact us with any questions/comments or to be placed into our Adoption Group database for future communication and activities. We’re looking forward to meeting you all!!!
cstpeter@att.net estpeter@att.net

THE NEXT CHAPTER

Our Sunday, February 9 “Gung Hey Fat Choy” dim sum excursion will be held at Tang’s Garden, 1826 S. Canal St. from 11:15 am until we are full! Please RSVP with Judy at JMarshman@att.net

Let us know if you have any questions by contacting Linda Eng at LBENG49@gmail.com We hope to see you there!

We are a group of Widows and Widowers creating new friendships to live, laugh and experience life through social interaction with friends from OSP living in and around the city and suburbs.

WEDDING MUSIC FAIR
Monday, February 10 | 7 pm | Old St. Patrick's Church

We offer Wedding Music Fairs THREE times a year on the first Monday of February, June, and October from 7- 8:45 pm in the church. Arrive by 6:45 pm for prelude music! (This February there was a one-time date change to the second Monday.)

Brides, grooms, wedding party members, and extended family members are all encouraged to attend. Attendees will hear a wide selection of music in a broad range of styles. All selections are appropriate for a wedding celebration and will be performed by a number of different instrumentalists and singers. The program features strings, piano, trumpet, oboe, traditional Irish instrumentalists, and six to eight singers. Instrumentalists such as bagpipers and flutists also perform on occasion.

Brides and grooms planning a wedding at Old St. Patrick’s (or elsewhere); mothers and fathers planning their child’s wedding; and happy couples planning an anniversary celebration will all benefit by attending a Wedding Music Fair. By the same token, these beautiful events have become so popular that folks who enjoy an evening of great music have been known to join in the festivities! So come to what some refer to as: “The cheapest and best concert on a Monday night in downtown Chicago.”

There is a $5 donation per person at the door.

For more information on planning music for your Old St Patrick’s wedding, please visit our “Wedding Music at OSP” site, weddingmusic.oldstpats.org, for full information on our wedding guidelines, music choices, and planning process.
The Intersection of Migration and Climate Crisis originally appeared in the Fall 2019 publication of Resolutions to Action. Resolutions to Action (RTA) is a quarterly two-page resource on a current justice issue, distributed electronically by LCWR—the Leadership Conference of Women Religious. Published by the LCWR Global Concerns Committee, this resource provides theological reflection, social analysis and suggested actions.

For the last three years I’ve been ministering with the School Sisters of St. Francis in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. When I began the sisters were just completing their negotiations with Lutheran Social Services to house refugees. Three years later the sisters have had four families living in the duplex known as the “Refugee Home.”

In June we invited two of the families to the motherhouse to greet them after their initial few months of adaptation. Both families are from Myanmar. Due to religious and ethnic persecution they became refugees. The younger family, a family sought refuge in Thailand for seven years. The other family came from a refugee camp in Bangladesh with three children ages seven to sixteen.

Since they have arrived the children have enrolled in school, the moms are taking English as a Second Language (ESL) classes and the dads are fully employed. These refugees are a testimony that migrants can make it here and they can make a difference as they become more fully integrated into society.

While these families fled persecution, others are on the move because of climate change.

Eleanor Ainge Roy wrote a moving story in the May 16, 2019 issue of the Guardian about the people on one of the nine archipelagos islands known as Tuvalu. She interviewed Leitu Frank 32, who said she felt like she couldn’t breathe anymore because the rising sea threatens to strangle her family.

Leitu, said, “The sea is eating all the sand. Before, the sand used to stretch out far, and when we swam, we could see the sea floor, and the coral. Now, it is cloudy all the time, and the coral is dead. Tuvalu is sinking.” Tuvalu is sinking due to the effects of climate change on this tiny island on the frontline of global warming.

Roy interviewed Frank’s aunt, Nuasaletua Setani. Setani says, “I have been learning the things that are happening are the result of man (sic), especially from other countries. It makes me sad. But I understand other countries do what is best for their people. I am from a small country. All I want is for the bigger countries to respect us and think of our lives.”

Their island nation is the fourth smallest in the world. Only 11,000 people live here. Tuvalu’s total land area is less than 26 sq. kilometers. Most of the islands sit barely three meters above sea level. Two of Tuvalu’s nine islands are on the verge of being swallowed by the sea.

Central America’s dry corridor presents another example of climate-caused forced migration. Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras are experiencing environmental stress that is forcing rural to urban migration. A April 2019 report from the Center for Climate and Security, Central America: Climate, Drought Migration and the Border noted the decline in small-scale farming. “The peasants are leaving the countryside for capital cities.” There many find only limited opportunity and are forced by poverty and violence to migrate once again often joining one of the caravans headed north.

Pope Francis understands that “everything is closely related” and that “today’s problems call for a vision that takes into account every aspect of the global crisis.” The key concept Pope Francis talks about in chapter four of Laudato Si is integral ecology.

Pope Francis refers to climate change as a climate crisis. We need to make the connection as to how the climate crisis is affecting global migration in all its aspects. Severe climate conditions are forcing the thousands of farmers in the poorest agricultural areas in Sub Saharan Africa and Central America to risk everything in the hope of finding sanctuary in Europe or the United States.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the United Nations body for assessing the science related to climate change, warns that the effects on climate will be catastrophic if the threshold of 1.5°C outlined in the Paris Agreement goal is crossed. Perhaps if we cannot totally mitigate the impacts of climate change, we can at least find ways to slow it down.

The phenomenon of climate migrants is not new, but it has been missing from much of the migration and climate debate. Recently, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) has been focused on bringing climatic and environmental factors to light to show how climate change affects human mobility, both directly and indirectly.

The Global Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC) has found that 17.2 million displacements were associated with natural disasters in 148 countries and territories in 2018. The IOM reported that approximately 760,000 people in Somalia, Afghanistan, and several other countries were displaced by drought. For many there is no returning home.

Alaskans are also victims of this climate crisis. There the thawing of the permafrost is causing buckled roads and damaged buildings and homes. The melting ice makes it harder to reach marine mammals that hunters rely on and imperils travel along roadways that were once frozen. Global warming touches everything from morning until night says Vivian Karthuis, president of the Association Village Council for 56 tribes, “Quinahgak is the tip of the iceberg.”

Finally, on August 26, 2019 the world learned about the catastrophic burning of the Amazon. The phrase “our house is burning” was repeated over and over again by French President Emmanuel Macron who reminded us all that the Amazon is a critical global resource whose forests are the source of 20% of the planet’s oxygen. Although, these fires may not be a directly linked to climate change, they will certainly affect the climate and health of other regions. Like the rising sea level, melting ice cap, and devastating droughts, the Amazonian fires contribute to the loss of habitats, the extinction of animals, the devastation of vegetation and forced migration.

Are you inspired by the message of Laudato Si? Want to be a faithful steward of our common home? OSP Green Team shares your inspiration. To learn more, contact Kayla Jackson at (312) 798-2399 or kaylaj@oldstpants.org

We would also love to hear the inspired New Year’s resolutions of parishioners at OSP. Tell us about them by visiting tinyurl.com/yyf34yc.
OSP Next is the community for Young Adults at Old St. Pat’s! There’s no “signing up” - if you’re here, you’re part of the community!

Simply join us anytime for one of the events or opportunities listed. Email OSPnext@oldstpats.org with any questions.

Want to stay up to date with OSPNext events? We’ve made it even easier for you!

Go to goo.gl/eiWLGA to access the OSPNext calendar and/or add it to your own personal calendar.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

If you have ever wanted to dive a little deeper into what’s going on in the scriptures and the context behind the words in our sacred texts, join this group of young adults for weekly sessions before the 5 p.m. Mass at Old St. Pat’s. To sign up, follow this link: bit.ly/YAbiblestudyOSP

BOARD GAME NIGHT - TODAY!
Sunday, January 26 | 6 pm - 9 pm
Ministry Center (Rectory) Dining Room

Join OSP Next young adults After the 5 p.m. Mass for food and board games. Bring your Yahtzee, Connect 4, or Pictionary skills - or even just your love for a lighthearted and fun evening - and we will bring the food, drinks and some of the games. Of course, if you have your own favorite game ... please feel free to bring it along!

We will meet by the Mary statue after Mass in the front of church, or you can simply come to the door of the Ministry Center at 718 W Adams.

FEBRUARY BOOK CLUB
Monday, February 24 | 7 - 8:30 pm | The Book Cellar

Our February book is Miracle Creek by Angie Kim. Miracle Creek is a courtroom drama that studies the sacrifices parents are prepared to make for their children. This book describes the events surrounding a fateful explosion and fire at a hyperbaric oxygenation chamber intended to treat people with medical issues.

Newcomers are always welcome! Just read the book and show up.
In May 1988, Phil Andrew, then a 20 year old college student, was shot in the chest in the aftermath of the Hubbard Woods elementary school shooting in Winnetka…a tragic event which would become one of the nation’s first modern mass school shootings.

Andrew survived his injuries, but the experience would ultimately shape his priorities and career. In the 31 years since the shooting, he has dedicated his life to fighting violence, serving as the executive director of the Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence and as an FBI agent and crisis negotiator. Since 2018, he has served as the first Director of Violence Prevention for the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Please join us as Phil Andrew shares his perspective on the social factors driving Chicago violence and reflects on the Archdiocese’s critically important mission to reduce gun violence and promote a culture of peace in Chicago.

Join Us For More Speakers at the Podium...

March 6, 2020
Lori Lightfoot, Mayor of Chicago

The First Friday Club of Chicago’s Mission is to provide a forum for men and women to make connections between work, faith, values and issues that affect their daily lives.
As Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.” - Mt 4:18-19

Saint Thomas Aquinas

Saint of the Day for January 28
(d. March 7, 1274)

By universal consent, Thomas Aquinas is the preeminent spokesman of the Catholic tradition of reason and of divine revelation. He is one of the great teachers of the medieval Catholic Church, honored with the titles Doctor of the Church and Angelic Doctor.

At five he was given to the Benedictine monastery at Monte Cassino in his parents’ hopes that he would choose that way of life and eventually became abbot. In 1239, he was sent to Naples to complete his studies. It was here that he was first attracted to Aristotle’s philosophy.

By 1243, Thomas abandoned his family’s plans for him and joined the Dominicans, much to his mother’s dismay. On her order, Thomas was captured by his brother and kept at home for over a year.

Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great. He held two professorships at Paris, lived at the court of Pope Urban IV, directed the Dominican schools at Rome and Viterbo, combated adversaries of the mendicants, as well as the Averroists, and argued with some Franciscans about Aristotelianism.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, pervades his writings. One might expect Thomas, as a man of the gospel, to be an ardent defender of revealed truth. But he was broad enough, deep enough, to see the whole natural order as coming from God the Creator, and to see reason as a divine gift to be highly cherished.

The Summa Theologiae, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology. He stopped work on it after celebrating Mass on December 6, 1273. When asked why he stopped writing, he replied, “I cannot go on…. All that I have written seems to me like so much straw compared to what I have seen and what has been revealed to me.” He died March 7, 1274.

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 sarah@oldstpats.org or 773-234-9630.
Mass Schedule

Sunday
7 am, 8 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am, 5 pm, and 8 pm
Monday – Friday (Daily Mass)
7 am and 12:10 pm
Church is open for Personal Prayer:
Monday – Friday: 7 am – 1 pm

Reconciliation
Fridays at 11:45 am, 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 Tom Micinski at tmicinski@oldstpats.org.

The Baptismal Program & Schedule
To schedule a baptism, please contact baptisms@oldstpats.org.

Nursery Service
Nursery service is available during the 9:30 am and 11:15 am Masses in the Frances Xavier Warde School building. Enter the school on Des Plaines Street.

Low-gluten Host
Old St. Pat’s has low-gluten hosts available for those members who, for health reasons, could not receive regular Communion hosts. If you would like to receive a low-gluten host, please contact Tom Micinski at tmicinski@oldstpats.org.

Sign-Language Interpreter
Upon request, a sign language interpreter can be available at the 11:15 am or 5 pm Mass on Sundays, as well as for holidays and holy days of obligation. It would be most appreciative if you would give us 5 days of advance notice. To request access to a sign language interpreter at Mass, please contact liturgy@oldstpats.org.

Old St. Patrick’s Website
Be sure to visit our website, www.oldstpats.org, for the most up-to-date information.

Livestream Services
Our 5 pm Mass is available LIVE online every Sunday. To join us, visit livestream.com/oldstpats. Questions? Contact Leanne Kelly at leannek@oldstpats.org.

Go to bit.ly/worshipaid to follow along with a worship aid PDF.

Feedback
A new opportunity for feedback is now online so you can quickly share thoughts about your experience of liturgy here at Old St. Pat’s. Go to oldstpats.org/feedback to contribute!

Wedding Schedule

If you are engaged and would like to inquire about a possible wedding date at Old St. Patrick’s, please complete the wedding inquiry form and send to weddings@oldstpats.org

For general wedding information, please refer to Sacraments/Marriage at www.oldstpats.org.

Wedding Banns

May the winds of heaven dance between you.

I. JANUARY 25, 2020
NO WEDDINGS

II. FEBRUARY 1, 2020
NO WEDDINGS

III. FEBRUARY 8, 2020
Helena Birdsell & Robert Orzechowski

Book of Patrick & Mass Intentions

For Book of Patrick or Mass Intentions requests, please visit www.oldstpats.org/book-of-patrick or www.oldstpats.org/mass-intentions

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For your convenience, we are providing information to make parking easily accessible for everyone who visits Old St. Pat’s. Please continue to check back on the parking availability in these lots. We will continue to have updated information for you. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

**SUNDAYS**

Parking structure at 625 W Adams: Free parking available from 12 am – 12 am on Sundays. Please be sure to pull a complimentary ticket from the OSP branded parking box as you pull in to the lot. There are 400 spots available.

Parking Lots 2 & 3: Free parking is available in these lots from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm on Sundays.

Parking Lot 1: Free parking is available in these lots from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm on Sundays.

**WEEKNIGHTS (AFTER 6 PM)**

Our parking structure at 625 W. Adams is available from 6 pm - 11:59 pm, early arrival or extended time charged at posted rates. There are 100 free spots available.

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All outdoor surface lots are paid parking only during the week.

**SATURDAYS (Wedding Parking)**

Parking structure at 625 W. Adams: 200 free spaces are open for Wedding guests. Please pull a ticket from the OSP branded box. Lot gates open for OSP guests during ceremonies; please be considerate of guests arriving for later ceremonies. The entrance for the garage is on Desplaines street.

Please refer to oldstpats.org/parking for more detailed parking information.