#WeAreOSP Moments in the past week...

Old St. Pat’s members and North Lawndale residents with Fr. Greg Boyle at the Global Homeboy Network Conference in Los Angeles on August 11.

Foundations teens from each of this summer’s six Worktours visiting the Mission Center to share their experiences and what they learned with OSP Staff on August 13.

Conversations at Trust the Process, the youth basketball camp in North Lawndale, on August 10. More on page 7!

OSP Members, volunteers, and friends at the Sox Game on August 13!
By Fr. Richard Rohr, OFM
Sunday, August 18, 2019

THE PERENNIAL TRADITION
An Uncreated Spark

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Under the guidance of Living School faculty member James Finley, our students study the brilliant sermons of the medieval Dominican priest and mystic Meister Eckhart. This excerpt is a wonderful example of perennial wisdom at work. A modern Indian scholar, translator, and spiritual teacher highlighting the words of a late-medieval Catholic priest and a mid-Renaissance married woman? It surely seems to me to be a spirit-led confluence of ideas.

Eknath Easwaran (1910–1999) was an Indian born spiritual teacher and author, as well as a translator and interpreter of early Hindu texts such as the Upanishads and the Bhagavad Gita. I was personally introduced to him during a visit from Henri Nouwen in the late 1980s. He encouraged me to spread his teaching, which I have not done enough until now. Easwaran writes:

We are made, the scriptures of all religions assure us, in the image of God. Nothing can change that original goodness. Whatever mistakes we have made in the past, whatever problems we may have in the present, in every one of us this “uncreated spark in the soul” remains untouched, ever pure, ever perfect. Even if we try with all our might to douse or hide it, it is always ready to set our personality ablaze with light.

What did [Meister Eckhart (1260–1328)] teach? Essentially, four principles that [Gottfried] Leibnitz would later call the Perennial Philosophy, because they have been taught from age to age in culture after culture:

• First, there is a “light in the soul that is uncreated and uncreatable”: unconditioned, universal, deathless; in religious language, a divine core of personality which cannot be separated from God. Eckhart is precise: this is not what the English language calls the “soul,” but some essence in the soul that lies at the very center of consciousness. As Saint Catherine of Genoa [1447–1510] put it, “My me is God: nor do I know my selfhood except in God.” In Indian mysticism this divine core is called simply atman, “the Self.”

• Second, this divine essence can be It is not an abstraction, and it need not—Eckhart would say must not—remain hidden under the covering of our everyday personality. It can and should be discovered, so that its presence becomes a reality in daily life.

• Third, this discovery is life’s real and highest goal. Our supreme purpose in life is not to make a fortune, nor to pursue pleasure, nor to write our name on history, but to discover this spark of the divine that is in our hearts.

• Last, when we realize this goal, we discover simultaneously that the divinity within ourselves is one and the same in all—all individuals, all creatures, all of life. . . .

A mystic is one who not only espouses these principles of the Perennial Philosophy but lives them, whose every action reflects the wisdom and selfless love that are the hallmark of one who has made this supreme discovery. Such a person has made the divine a reality in every moment of life, and that reality shines through whatever he or she may do or say—and that is the real test. . . . [A mystic is marked by] an unbroken awareness of the presence of God in all creatures. The signs are clear: unfailing compassion, fearlessness, equanimity, and the unshakable knowledge, based on direct, personal experience, that all the treasures and pleasures of this world together are worth nothing if one has not found the uncreated light at the center of the soul.

Image credit: A Moment of Prayer (detail), Frederick Arthur Bridgeman, 1877, Private Collection.

Inspiration for the image: In every historical epoch and in every cultural tradition, there are those who practice a form of contemplation that puts them in a position to receive the gift of an unfiltered divine encounter. — James Danahe
Mama Mia this week’s Gospel is a doozy! Jesus said to his disciples: “I have come to cast fire on the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already!” The fire is the fire of divine love, the fire of the Holy Spirit. No one could emerge unscathed, unchanged from such an immediate encounter with the living God. This fire is burning, purifying, transforming, overwhelming, thrilling, energizing, and at times terrible. The instinct of most of us is to avoid confrontation where possible; to promote reconciliation, harmony, dialogue, and mutual respect. Still, conflicts will arise, and it’s good for us to be reminded of this, to expect it, not to be overly alarmed by it when it comes. What we have to do above all is remain deeply united to Jesus, in Love. And at every holy Eucharist we have to ask the Lord to send down his fire into our hearts, into our lives; to transform us by his Holy Spirit: so that we truly become ablaze with His love.

“I have come to send fire on the earth.” There is a strange, unique abruptness in the utterance. We are compelled to assume a pause, a moment’s thought, as in one whose gaze looks out into the future, and who at once feels its terrors and yet accepts them.

Not a very cheerful passage, is it? Remember that Jesus and his disciples were on their final journey to Jerusalem. As Jesus moved closer and closer to his destination – his death – a sense of urgency must have been rising in him. There was so much his disciples still did not understand about the Kingdom he had been born to rule. They were still looking for a Messiah who would be a military champion, someone to bring down Rome in a great show of armed strength. They were looking for a king who would restore the throne of David. It must have been very frustrating for Jesus. Here he had been teaching with stories and parables about the way the Kingdom of God works, and they still didn’t get it. Once in a while, there would be a glimmer of understanding, but it would quickly fade, as the disciples who knew Jesus best kept trying to put him into the box of their own expectations. Can you hear the exasperation in his voice, as Jesus breaks out of his mild-mannered Clark Kent persona, and starts yelling – first at the twelve, and then at the crowds that were always gathering wherever he went?

The Jesus we see in this passage seems out of character with the Jesus who loves and heals and cares for the poor. This is not the sweet baby Jesus for whom the angels sang, “Peace on earth, goodwill to all” back in Luke 2. No, this Jesus announces division instead of peace. His rant sounds more like John the Baptist than the Beatitudes. On the other hand, Jesus has not come to validate human institutions and the values those institutions promote. Jesus has come to set into motion God’s radical will for the world. The stress Jesus is under is not anxiety, but a total absorption in his mission. That mission is to redeem a broken world. It’s as if Jesus is saying any division is war, and there can be no peace without complete unity. He is not satisfied with half measures.

I don’t know about you but I find it hard to stomach the news these days. My entire body clenches when I think of the division in our city, our country, and our world. Jesus holds division and peace in tension and asks us to interpret the times through God’s clock. What time is it? The same time it was 2000 years ago. Time to wake up! Time to take off the blinders and see what God sees. Time to repent of our complacency, our hypocrisy, our willingness to act one way in public and be something else in private, our willingness to maintain the status quo instead of moving radically into the demands of Kingdom living and caring for our neighbors in need. It’s time to take a good, hard look at who we are, and what we do, and see how far it is from what Jesus asks of us. It’s time to realize that the weather is shifting. In his second letter to the church at Corinth Paul writes, “See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation.” The time is now. The Kingdom of God is always at hand.

Bernadette Gibson is the director of Pastoral Care at Old St. Patrick’s Church.
**August at a glance**

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**WHO’S WHO IN MUSIC MINISTRY**

![Erin Kelly, Soprano](image)

**Name and Vocal Part:** Erin Kelly, Soprano

**Typical Masses You Sing:** 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am, and 5:00 pm

**How long have you been singing at OSP?** 2 years

**Primary profession(s) or position(s) held:** Recruiter at McKinsey & Company

**Favorite OSP piece of music:** Receive Who You Are, Ubi Caritas, Greater Glory of God

**What’s top on your personal playlist?** Currently a lot of broadway musicals

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**THEOLOGY ON TAP**

**Sunday, August 18 | 6 pm in Hughes Hall**

Join us for this **final summer gathering** to learn more about our Catholic faith over pizza, drinks, and great conversation!

**Speakers:** **Voices from The Boulevard**

*The Road to Health and Home: How The Boulevard helps people restore their health and rebuild their lives.*

The Boulevard is an organization that provides housing and care for homeless men and women who are discharged from the hospital. OSP Next serves and eats lunch with the residents several times a year. At the end of the evening, we will raffle off a few gift baskets to raise funds for some new kitchen items that will help them continue to feed their residents healthy meals as they recover from illness.
SILENCE, THE BODY AND THE MYSTERY OF WHOLENESS: 
A Contemplation Practice for Everyone 
Facilitated by Al Gustafson

Sunday, September 29 | 12:30 pm – 4:30 pm
Sundays, October 6, 13, 20 | 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
711 W. Monroe, Room 25A

Registration Fee: $50 | Please go to bit.ly/wholeness-contemplation to register.

In our prayer, we want to experience God … an encounter with a Presence that is both greater than ourselves and at the same time, intimate and one with us. For many of us, however, prayer is little more than thinking thoughts about God. All our words and thinking can sometimes get in the way of the experience of God in our lives.

Join us for a three-week journey as we practice moving beyond thinking about God in our prayer, to explore silence and the body as pathways to experiencing the Presence of God. This is Christian contemplation and we will endeavor to make the practice simple and accessible.

Our lives can be noisy and fragmented, punctuated by obsessive thinking and to do lists. This is an invitation to experience territory that is untraveled by most of us: silence and an enhanced awareness of the bodies we inhabit. This risky terrain can lead us directly into the Mystery of Wholeness.

Our journey begins with a Saturday afternoon retreat followed by three Monday evening meetings. The journey includes spending some time each day with God throughout the three weeks … some structure for your time with God will be offered.

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You are summoned to court!

LAWNDALE CHRISTIAN LEGAL CENTER MOCK TRIAL
Tuesday, August 20 | 6:30 - 8 pm
Hughes Hall at Old St. Patrick’s Church

The Lawndale Christian Legal Center (LCLC), a Kinship Initiative partner organization under the direction of Attorney Cliff Nellis, sponsors this celebrated annual program for teens and young adults in North Lawndale to provide: a) exploration of law related and other careers; b) organizational, public speaking, marketing, research, and writing skills development; c) social and emotional growth opportunities, and d) summer employment.

The (mock) trial, based on a real life capital case features:
• An official presiding judge and bailiff from the Circuit Court of Chicago
• Old St. Patrick’s members and other guests serving as witnesses and jurors
• North Lawndale young people, having been coached and prepped by attorneys, serving as prosecuting and defending attorneys

• A short jury deliberation, final verdict and legal discussion about the case led by an LCLC attorney
• Opportunities to get involved at LCLC

Honorable Patricia Mendoza, Associate Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County will preside at the LCLC Mock Trial.

It’s free! No registration is required. Bring friends and family to witness the excellence of LCLC.

LCLC VISION - Raising up justly treated youth who are embraced by families and community, restored from trauma, empowered to lead, and free from the criminal justice system such that they are not disproportionately arrested, prosecuted, and incarcerated by virtue of their race, socioeconomic status, and geography and so they can enjoy productive and healthy lives.

Learn more about LCLC at lclc.net.
Foundations invites you to...

Worktour Sharing!

Come for the **coffee and donuts**, stay for the stories about our trips to Kansas City, Cincinnati, North Carolina, Chicago, and Texas! You’ve been so generous with your support and prayers and we are excited to share our experiences with you!

**Date:** Sunday, August 25th  
**Time:** 10:30am-11:30am (after 9:30 mass)  
**Location:** Hughes Hall

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COME AND PIG OUT!

JOIN US FOR  
**THE 3**\(^{RD}\) **ANNUAL**  
OSP MEN’S GROUP PIG ROAST

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 29\(^{TH}\) | 6PM**  
OLD ST PAT’S COURTYARD  
ADAMS AND DESPLAINES

$30 PER PERSON  
INCLUDES PORK/CHICKEN DINNER & 3 SIDES  
Beer, wine, soda and water  
($35 per person at the door)

ALL MEN WELCOME ... 21 and over  

Register and purchase tickets here:  
[bit.ly/MensGroupPigRoast](bit.ly/MensGroupPigRoast)

Questions? Email: mensgroup@oldstpats.org
TRUST THE PROCESS II

Thank You Old St. Patrick’s for Your Wonderful Support!

Trust the Process, the youth basketball camp in North Lawndale, is a huge success and entering into the final week on August 24. The following are testimonials from August 10.

“It means everything to these kids. They have never seen or been part of anything like this and they’ve never played organized sports. Just to see them out there, having fun, it’s all worth it.”

- James, North Lawndale parent

“I like the competition against other people. The coaches are good. I’m learning the jab step and working on my defense. It’s fun!”

- Tanila, North Lawndale participant

“It’s a fun camp. It helps me with my shooting and my dribbling. The coaches are helpful with teaching us new things like transitions. It also helps with body health.”

- Aunyai and Alana, North Lawndale participants

“It’s a super fun camp to play basketball 5 hours in a day. And to be in a different environment definitely taught me multiple life lessons, like never take what you have for granted.”

- Kelley, Participant on the left

“This camp gives children of North Lawndale an opportunity to develop basketball skills in safe space to play during summer downtime. It is part of a broader North Lawndale Athletic and Recreation Association (NLARA.org), a collaboration that provides boys and girls with character development, venues to safely play and ultimately mature into productive young adults.”

- Conor, OSP member and Trust the Process Head Coach

You can take part too as a:

(a.) PLAYER - Join other incoming 5th - 8th grade boys and girls of all ability levels from North Lawndale and Old St. Pat’s on the court.

(b.) SPECTATOR - Come out and enjoy the fun along with parents and family members from Old St. Pat’s and North Lawndale.

(c.) DONOR - $2,000.00 more are needed to fund the program and give young people opportunities to participate for free. Go to osp.ccbchurch.com/goto/giving and select North Lawndale Kinship Initiative in the drop-down menu.

Contact: Vincent Guider, North Lawndale Kinship Initiative Director, at vincentg@oldstpats.org.
Old St. Pat’s is pleased to be a host site for the...

Chicago Catholic Scripture School

The Chicago Catholic Scripture School is a comprehensive program in Scripture study offered by Loyola University’s Institute of Pastoral Studies. Hosted at several parish locations throughout the Archdiocese, the Chicago Catholic Scripture School invites adult learners into an experience that:

- enriches your personal, spiritual and liturgical life
- opens your heart and mind to the Word of God speaking to us today,
- provides you with the tools to deepen your understanding of Scriptural texts,
- helps build up a community of faith.

How is the program structured?
The program meets weekly in ten-session modules with breaks between modules. The first two-year cycle focuses on study and prayer with the Bible in the Roman Catholic tradition, including a comprehensive study of some major books of the Old and New Testaments. For those who choose to go on, the program provides another two-year course of study that delves further into the Old and New Testaments, covering all the other books in the Bible.

Do I have to sign up for a two-year or four-year course of study?
No, each ten session module is self-contained and you can register for individual modules.

Is there (gasp!) homework?
The Chicago Catholic Scripture School offers both a Certificate Program and an audit option. Participants in the Certificate Program write weekly reflections on the readings, dialoguing with both their instructor and fellow participants. The audit option does not require any written work.

When does the next session begin?
Our next series of sessions at Old St. Pat’s is scheduled for Tuesday evenings, September 10 through November 12, from 7 - 9 pm.

How do I get started?
For more information about the Chicago Catholic Scripture School, locations, fees, and/or to register, please contact the Program Director, Kevin Pease at kpease@luc.edu, or (312) 915-7485.

More information can also be found at the Loyola University Chicago website: www.luc.edu/ips/continuing-education/chicagocatholicscriptureschool/

THE FAMILY SCHOOL

The Family School, a religious education program for children of Jewish and Catholic families hosted by Old St. Pat’s, is open for enrollment for families with children at all grade levels from K-8. Family School Classes and adult education meet in the Frances Xavier Warde school approximately twice a month from September through May, and nursery service for younger children is available. Dating, engaged and married interfaith couples, including those with preschoolers, are also welcome to join the Family School community.

If you are interested, please visit the website at www.the-family-school.org. We welcome your inquiries: please contact Alisa Herrera at 773-495-9492, or via e-mail at allisah@hotmail.com.
COME OUT AND PLAY!

Join the Parent's & Tot's Group to kick-off the 2019-2020 school year in the FXW Playground on Sunday, September 15 from 10:30 - 12 pm (120 S. Desplaines St., Chicago, IL 60661). Meet other OSP young families and enjoy some juice boxes and snacks.

Also, put these dates on your calendar to join us later this year and bring a friend - see you soon!

• Halloween Event: Sunday, October 27, 10:30 -12 pm in a FXW Classroom
• Pictures with Santa: Sunday, December 8, 10:30 - 12 pm in the FXW Library
• Easter Event: Sunday, March 29, 10:30-12 pm in the FXW Cafeteria
• Mother’s Mass in OSP Church followed by Reception in the Rectory: Wednesday, May 13, 6:30 pm (Moms only)
• Children’s Mass in Hughes Hall followed by Playdate in the FXW Playground Sunday, May 31, 10:30 am

The Parent’s & Tot’s group is geared towards families with kids from 0-4 years old but everyone is welcome! Please request to join the official Parent’s & Tot’s group on myOSP and RSVP for events here: bit.ly/parentsandtots

Questions or Suggestions? Contact Kelly at kellydolyniuk@gmail.com or Tricia at triciarooney3@gmail.com.

MEET & GREET WITH HARMONY, HOPE & HEALING AT THE WELCOME TABLE

Visit Harmony, Hope & Healing at the Welcome Table on August 25! Meet & Greet with light refreshments following 11:15 am mass.

Harmony, Hope & Healing is so grateful to be a part of the Old St. Pat’s community. As we enter our 13th year of collaboration, we want to take this opportunity to get to know our neighbors! Harmony, Hope & Healing staff, board and choir members will be at the Welcome Table beginning at 8:00 am, ready to answer questions and share more about this uplifting and life-changing work.

We look forward to seeing you next week! For more information go to www.harmharmonyhopeandhealing.org

MARCIA GORETTI NETWORK

**Maria Teresa Goretti (October 16, 1890 - July 6, 1902) is the patron saint of youth, assault victims, and forgiveness.**

Announcing the Maria Goretti Network: Have you or a loved one ever been abused, harassed or bullied, but are still suffering long term effects, and not sure how to reconcile or heal in a Christian framework? Holy Name Cathedral is offering an opportunity for healing.

Please join us on Monday night, September 16 at 6:30 pm in the Club Room for an informational meeting about the Maria Goretti Network (MGN; website: www.mgoretti.org), a healing ministry for survivors of abuse of all types (sexual, physical, spiritual, verbal, and neglect).

Founded in Texas in 2004, MGN recognizes that any form of abuse is evil, believes in justice for abusers, believes Jesus Christ is the source of true healing and forgiveness, and is committed to work for healing of individuals who have suffered abuse. If you wish to learn more, come and learn from Miguel Prats, the founder and national president of MGN, and from Dr. Deborah Rodriguez, founder of the Seattle MGN Chapter. They will relate the story of Saint Maria Goretti, personal experiences, and their healing journeys through the MGN ministry.

Formal presentations will be followed by Q and A. To register go to: tinyurl.com/MGNchicago0916. Any questions, contact co-facilitators Mr. Mike Hoffman, cell 773-505-4405, email mike@mgoretti.org, or Dr. Christine Lawless, cell 312-972-1838, email Chicago@mgoretti.org
THE ENCORE CAFÉ
Sunday, September 8

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 will begin with a catered breakfast buffet followed by a thought provoking presentation by an inspiring guest speaker. And there’s always time for that great conversation at tables!

For our September Encore Café, we are delighted to host two special guests, Mr. Rick Kogan and Fr. John Cusick for a program titled:

"A Sunday Conversation with Two Chicago Characters: a Journalist and a Priest"

Fr. John Cusick formerly directed the Archdiocesan Office of Young Adult Ministry with residence at Old St. Pat’s. Now retired, but serving as an occasional presider at Old St. Pat’s, Fr. Cusick continues to inspire congregations with informative, relevant, and challenging preaching. Fr. Cusick’s new book, *Never Be Ordinary*, will be available for purchase.

Mr. Rick Kogan is a radio host, jazz aficionado, author, columnist for the *Chicago Tribune*, and “knower of all things Chicago.” Friends for many years, Fr. Cusick and Mr. Kogan have promised a “conversation that will not disappoint!” Please join us for what is sure to prove to be an unforgettable morning. All are welcome!

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

The Encore Café takes place in Hughes Hall (directly beneath the Church). Hughes Hall is accessible by elevator.

The program fee is $15 per person and includes the buffet breakfast. Reservations are required and can be made online at: bit.ly/encorecafesept8 or by calling Bob Kolatorowicz at 312-831-9379 no later than Tuesday, September 3.

Join us for a not so "ordinary" morning!

DISCOVER SPAIN IN 2020!

The Encore Travel Club invites you to tour Spain with Old St. Patrick’s Church members and friends. All are welcome.

Dates: Departing the U.S. on April 27, 2020 and returning on May 7, 2020.

Tour includes: Three days in Barcelona, Madrid and Seville, Nine nights’ accommodations in first class hotels with private facilities, Our own tour guide, Daily breakfast, one lunch and three dinners, Train tickets from Barcelona to Madrid and Madrid to Seville, Dinner and Flamenco show.

With tours to: Sagrada Familia Church, Prado Museum, Plaza de Espana, Cathedral St. Thome in Toledo, Gaudi’s genius of urban living, Cathedral in Seville and free time to explore and dine on your own

Contact: Judy Marshman or Faye Elbaz at 630-515-1551 or info@worldclasstravel91.com to download the full itinerary or receive a brochure.


Space is limited. Let’s travel and explore Spain together!
COME RIDE YOUR BIKE WITH ENCORE
Monday, August 26 | 9:45 am ...For Men and Women 50 and better!

Grab your bike, ride the FOX RIVER TRAIL, make new friends and enjoy a picnic lunch together. We will meet at the Police Station which is situated at 211 N. Riverside, in St. Charles. There is plenty of free parking in the area. From there, we will ride as a group along the east side of the river toward North Aurora and return on the west side as far as Batavia where there are some handsome wooden bridges. It’s a lovely ride along the river on an asphalt paved trail. Total round trip distance is approximately 22 miles. The pace will average 10-12 mph.

Helmets are required. Bring water and a lock for your bike. In case of rain check your phone for a text or email on the day of the ride. On our return to St. Charles, we will picnic along the river. There are a couple of benches we can enjoy but plan to bring a chair and/or blanket, and a dish to share. If anyone has a folding table for the food that would be great but please let me know.

To register or if you have questions please contact Trish Hinkes at 773-209-3746 or email Phinkes@aol.com

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, October 5

Get ready for trivia night!

**Question:** What is the title of the 2000 movie that was filmed almost entirely in Chicago, featuring scenes in Lincoln Park, Lincoln Park Zoo, Buckingham Fountain, and the famous Twin Anchors Pub?

(answer is on the bottom of the page if you flip it upside down)
AN OLD TESTAMENT BOOK CLUB?

It’s been said Catholics don’t read the Bible. Shatter the stereotype! We welcome you to join us for three new sessions of a slightly different approach to Scripture Study… think book club!

Participants are asked to pre-read the selection for each session. The readings are usually just a few pages and we’ll send an email reminder of what to read before each session. Then be ready to engage in lively discussion around some of the most familiar, and perhaps not so familiar, characters and stories from the Old Testament.

We Meet at the Ministry Center
718 W. Adams Street, 2nd floor conference room
6:15 p.m. Gathering and Refreshments 6:30 p.m. Session begins | 7:45 p.m. Session ends

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You are welcome to join us for all or any of our discussions! We ask that you please bring a Bible. The New American Bible, Revised Edition is recommended, but other translations are fine.

There is no fee for this program but please help us provide our best hospitality and to prepare the correct number of materials by letting us know when you plan to attend a session by signing up at bit.ly/oldtestamentbookclub or calling Bob Kolatorowicz at 312-831-9379 no later than the Thursday before the scheduled session. Thanks!

About our co-facilitators …
Lorraine Kulpa is a member of Old St. Patrick’s Church, an art and travel enthusiast, and a retired attorney with a Master’s degree in Biblical Spirituality from Catholic Theological Union in Chicago.

Bob Kolatorowicz directs the Adult Education/ Spirituality Ministries at Old St. Patrick’s and after twenty-some years is still trying to get the hang of it.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE Peer Led Divorce Support Group
Every other Sunday at 10:30 am | 703 W. Monroe, Great Room

This is a networking group for men and women who are separated or divorced. This group meets to discuss topics of importance to those seeking to heal during and after one of life’s most difficult transitions. This is not a group of professional counselors, but a group of your peers who have been there and simply wish to listen and offer encouragement.

Upcoming Dates: August 25 | September 8 | September 22

For more information, please contact Heather at heather.w.saylor@gmail.com
JustFaith

Phase I: Living Compassionately

JustFaith is a program that invites you to listen, learn, dialog, pray, and dive into how our faith calls us to respond to our world. Within a small group setting, we explore books, videos, prayer, and conversation about the most pressing injustices of the day, face-to-face encounters with our brothers and sisters experiencing poverty, and the history of the Christian tradition calling us to speak out against oppression in our world. We seek to be grounded in the realities of today while compassionately working to restore healing, kinship, and peace to those we meet. Old St. Patrick’s Church has offered the program for four years, and we are thrilled to begin a new JustFaith cohort in September 2019.

The full JustFaith program is available over three phases, allowing you to experience this transformational journey in a timeline that fits your life. In Phase I of JustFaith, Living Compassionately – Caring for the Poor, you will focus on poverty, consumerism, and the Gospel call to care for the poor. Each phase consists of eight sessions (Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm) and an immersion event.

Cost: $15 registration fee plus the price of books ($25 - $40)

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Contact Kayla Jackson, Social Justice Ministries Coordinator for more information | kaj@oldstpats.org or 312-798-2399.
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/eIWLG to access the OSPNext calendar and/or add it to your own personal calendar.

**AFTER FIVE**

Sunday, September 8
Hughes Hall

All young adults are invited to join us for our After Five on Sunday, September 8. This will be a chance to socialize and share dinner and drinks after the 5:00 Mass.

This month, we will be hosting a kick-off for our 2019-2020 programming year, and we will be celebrating with music, a taco bar, and special give-aways! Come and learn more about OSP Next! We’d love for you to share some ideas of what you’d like to see happen in this next year, too!

**AUGUST BOOK CLUB**

Mon. Aug 26 | 7 pm - 8:30 pm | The Book Cellar

Our August book is *Teacher Man* by Frank McCourt. This memoir, by the author of *Angela's Ashes*, describes McCourt’s teaching experiences in New York City’s high schools and colleges.

Newcomers are always welcome! Just read the book and show up.

**THEOLOGY ON TAP**

Sundays throughout the summer | 6 pm | Hughes Hall

Tonight is the final evening!

- Sunday, August 18 *The Road to Health and Home: How The Boulevard helps people restore their health and rebuild their lives*

**Speakers: Voices from The Boulevard**
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UPCOMING DATES:
Saturday, September 14  
8:30 am - 11:15 am  
8:30 am - 11:15 am  
(Every second Saturday)  
Contact:  
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630-655-9447

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9 am - 12 pm  
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September 28, 2019  
LAWNDALE 5K

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3. REFER 5 FRIENDS!  
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After ten referrals you will be refunded the full price of your ticket.

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Lawndale5k.org

Ride For The Phoenix

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

Friday, August 23  
4-7 pm  
2 mile bike ride at 5:30 pm

North Lawndale College Prep H.S. - Collins  
1313 S Sacramento Dr, Chicago

Premiere Event Sponsor

$25 donation to join the bike ride includes t-shirt  
proceeds to benefit NLCP

FOOD! MUSIC! RAFFLES!

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visit us at oldstpats.org
Jesus said to his disciples: “I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.” - Lk 12:49, 51

Sunday, August 18, 2019

Readings: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 [14b]/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

Mass Remembrances:
8:00 am Lillian M. Ryan (†)
Lisa Ryan
9:30 am Regine Brutus (†)
Stephen Courtney (†)
11:15 am Ashley & Robert Ritz (†)
Virginia Cinnick (†)
5:00 pm Ezra Meadors
Luke Tucker (†)

Book of Patrick: Maria Theresa Dungan, James Zembron, Sheila Kay Kelly, Patrick Lynch, John G. McCaffrey, Ellen Anne Benson, Annie & Michael Mahon, Annie Mahon, Mary & Ed Labuda, John J. Marron and Ina Marron, Roberta & Roger Hughes, John Flanagan, Philip T. McGinnis, Michelle Nydegger

Monday, August 19, 2019

Readings: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44 [4a]/Mt 19:16-22

Mass Remembrance: Kathleen M. Borman (†)


Tuesday, August 20, 2019

Readings: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/Mt 19:23-30


Wednesday, August 21, 2019

Mass Remembrance: Pastor Saycon (†), Cate Cristol-Freedman

Readings: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mt 20:1-16


(†) = Deceased

Thursday, August 22, 2019

Readings: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mt 22:1-14

Mass Remembrance: Mary Shannon

Book of Patrick: Richard & Bernice McKillip, Martha H. Butler, George Matheson, Mary Shea, James Woodrow Family, Florence Siuda

Friday, August 23, 2019

Readings: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mt 22:34-40

Mass Remembrance: John Sheu (†), Frances Ann Culve (†)

Book of Patrick: Margaret McNally, Robert W. Schoeffler, James Bowler, Jim & Chris Purinton, John M. Dullovan Family, Callista P. Wicklander, Milica Brkic, Edward Weinheimer, Frank & Helen Piwowar, Edward Hogarty

Saturday, August 24, 2019

Readings: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51

Mass Remembrance: Kathleen M. Borman (†)

Book of Patrick: Rudolph Melchiore, James E. Hayes, Tom Camden, Eileen McCarthy, Dorothy McHugh Meyers, Robert & Sarah O’Keefe, Terence Shea Family, Marc Guerino, Private First Class Julie Shanahan, Angelica Shanahan

Sunday, August 25, 2019


Prayer Requests

For Those Who Are Sick
Mark Ross, Alfred Ramel, Carolyn Duke, Patricia Ward

For Those Who Have Recently Died
Brian Granstrom, Geraldine Meccia

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

Saint Louis of Toulouse
(d. August 19, 1297)

Saint of the Day for August 18

When he died at the age of 23, Louis was already a Franciscan, a bishop, and a saint!

Louis’s parents were Charles II of Naples and Sicily, and Mary, daughter of the King of Hungary. Louis was related to Saint Louis IX on his father’s side and to Elizabeth of Hungary on his mother’s side.

Louis showed early signs of attachment to prayer and to the corporal works of mercy. As a child he used to take food from the castle to feed the poor. When he was 14, Louis and two of his brothers were taken as hostages to the king of Aragon’s court as part of a political deal involving Louis’s father. At the court, Louis was tutored by Franciscan friars under whom he made great progress both in his studies and in the spiritual life. Like Saint Francis he developed a special love for those afflicted with leprosy.

While he was still a hostage, Louis decided to renounce his royal title and become a priest. When he was 20, he was allowed to leave the king of Aragon’s court. He renounced his title in favor of his brother Robert and was ordained the next year. Very shortly after, he was appointed bishop of Toulouse, but the pope agreed to Louis’s request to become a Franciscan first.

The Franciscan spirit pervaded Louis. “Jesus Christ is all my riches; he alone is sufficient for me,” Louis kept repeating. Even as a bishop he wore the Franciscan habit and sometimes begged. He assigned a friar to offer him correction—in public if necessary—and the friar did his job.

Louis’s service to the Diocese of Toulouse was richly blessed. In no time he was considered a saint. Louis set aside 75 percent of his income as if necessary—and the friar did his job.

Louis was canonized in 1317 by Pope John XXII, one of his former teachers. His Liturgical Feast Day is August 19.
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 tinyurl.com/ospworshipaid 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

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May the winds of heaven dance between you.

I. AUGUST 17, 2019
Rosemary Swan & Richard Hanolt
Christine Schufreider & Stephen Conway Jr.
Kenzie Ann Unger & Thomas O'Neill
Katherine Donahue & Justin Lintz
Sharon M. Brown & Gregory R. Hiltz

II. AUGUST 24, 2019
Angelica Vargas & Justin Capadocia
Katherine Drolet & David Enzler
Maryl Behm & Jonathan Schroeder
Margaret Carlile & Timothy Smith

III. AUGUST 31, 2019
Yvette Huston & Brian McBee
Gabrielle Szwarzca & Roman Drewniak
Amanda Schuneman & Michael McNamara

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Parking Lot 2 & 3: Parking is available in these lots until 1:00 pm on Sundays.
Lot 5: All spaces are complimentary for OSP guests. Please pull a ticket from the OSP branded parking box upon entry and use this for validation upon exit. Please utilize this lot and then kindly free up space for those attending the next Mass.

WEEKNIGHTS (AFTER 5:30 PM)
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In Lot 5 there are 100 spaces open nightly from 6pm - 11:59pm; early arrival or extended time charged at posted rates.

SATURDAYS (Wedding Parking)
Lot 5 (Garage at 625 W. Adams): 200 spaces are open for Wedding guests. Please pull a complimentary 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.
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